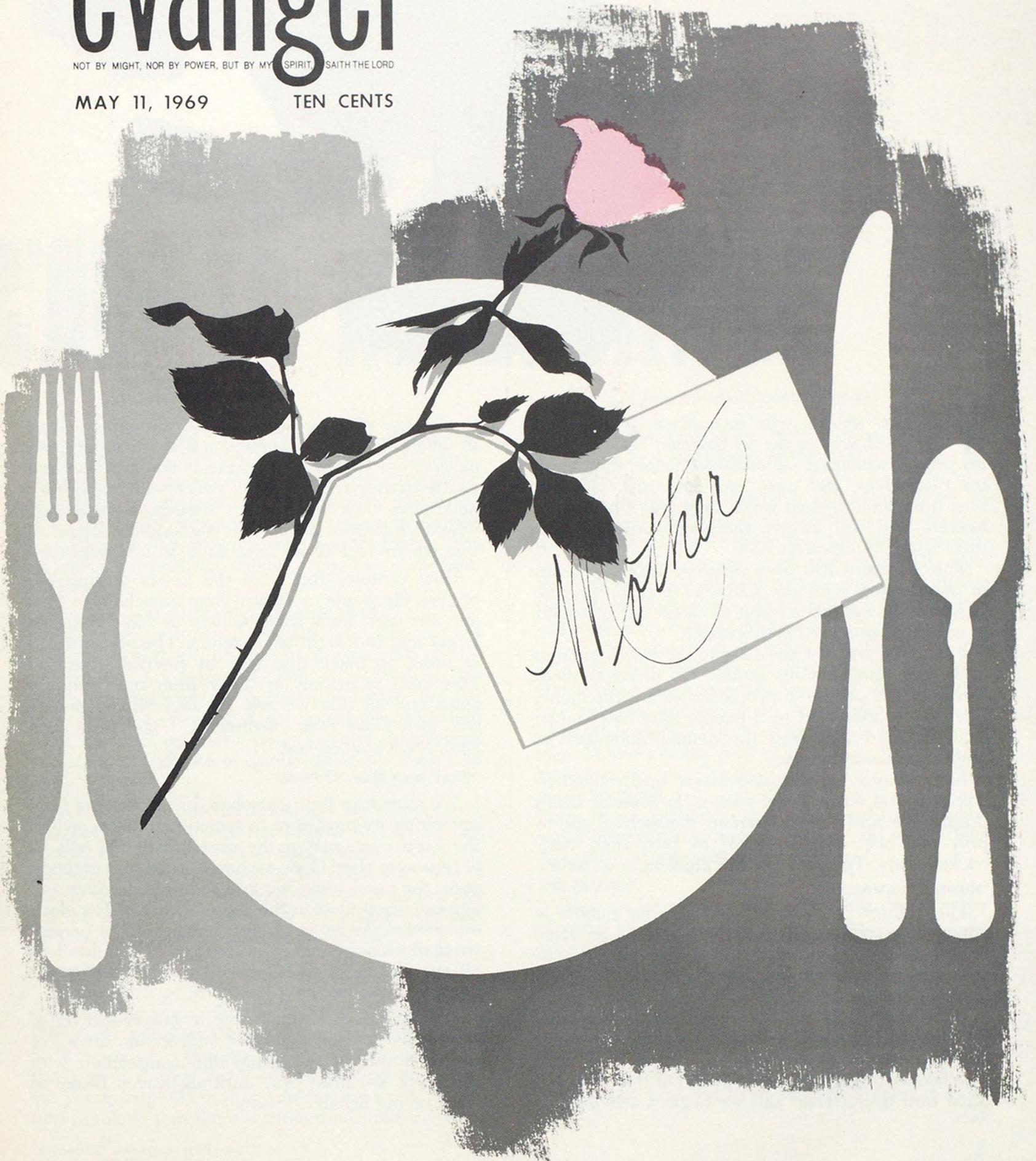


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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAITH THE LORD

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# GOD'S

**W**HEN GOD SPEAKS, wise men listen. It was God Himself who spoke to Solomon and said: "If my people, which 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" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

This scripture has been referred to many times in conjunction with the Church's cry for revival. It would be well once again to direct our attention to what God promised in this verse.

First, God was not speaking to the world at large or to the unregenerate sinner. He directed these words to His people—a people called by His name. They were addressed to a people who had known God and had witnessed the manifestation of His mighty power and glory.

After identifying the addressees, God related to Solomon His formula for success in revival. God's people are told (1) to humble themselves; (2) to pray and seek His face; (3) to turn from their wicked ways. This formula still challenges us today.

#### "HUMBLE THEMSELVES"

The Hebrew word translated here as humble is *kana* which contains the meaning "to bend the knee in subjection, to subdue." How enlightening this is. God said we must subdue ourselves. This call rings with familiarity.

Jesus stated, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

When we begin to cry for revival, our first thoughts often turn to ourselves and we begin a self-analysis

to discover what we need. We sift through our lives to determine our weaknesses and shortcomings; we observe our past accomplishments and mistakes and endeavor to learn from them. We recount our failures and relive their sting in an attempt to determine where we stepped out of line. We carefully screen all that we are and all we have done, to find ourselves.

How contrary this is to the Lord's formula for revival. He wants us to turn *from* ourselves; to turn our attention from what we are or have been; to forget and lose sight of ourselves. This we must do in order to make this Year of Revival a reality. The Lord is calling us away from our well-laid plans and all that we are. He says "If my people will turn away from themselves, I will heal their land; I will send revival!"

#### "PRAY, AND SEEK MY FACE"

We must turn from ourselves, but in turning *from* something we must turn *to* something. "Turn away," the Lord says, and in the next breath He tells us to turn *unto* Him! Once we have turned our attention upon the Lord Jesus, we lose sight of ourselves and become wholly lost in the magnificence of His glorious person. As we pray and *search out* His person, we shall become acutely aware that "in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9).

We must devote much time to prayer—prayer of repentance for sin, prayer of intercession for a lost world, prayer of fellowship and communion with our Lord. We must pray until all heaven is moved to act on our behalf.

# CALL TO REPENTANCE

By Evangelist L. VERN NEWMAN

Someone has said, "What the Church needs today is not more or better machinery, not new organizations or more novel methods; but men the Holy Ghost can use—men of faith, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men—men of prayer!"

We are also instructed to seek God's face. The avenue open to us as we seek His face is the written Word. It is in the Word that we discover the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is through this revelation that we come to know the Father and His precepts. It is here that we are confronted with what we shall be. Here sin is exposed, weaknesses revealed, and all the inadequacies of the flesh laid bare.

As we *search out* the Lord, the Holy Spirit, our Teacher, reveals to us the hidden secrets of our hearts. We see ourselves as God sees us. Under the revealing light of the Word we need not ask, "Where is our wickedness?" In *searching out* the Lord our wicked ways are revealed! "If my people pray and seek my face, I will send revival," God says.

## "TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS"

If the spirit of revival is withheld from us, then something is amiss; for the Word of God declares, "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly" (Psalm 84:11). Revival is one of those good things. Yet it seems the fires of revival are being withheld in many areas. One would therefore conclude that there is sin in the Christian camp.

There are Achans with hidden sins. There are Ananiases and Sapphiras to be dealt with by the Holy Spirit.

When we comply with the first two phases of God's formula for revival, it will be easy to comply with this third phase. Once we have humbled ourselves before God and prayed and sought His face, then we shall not attempt to hide our sin from the Holy Spirit. Rather we shall acknowledge our wicked ways and leave them at the foot of the Cross.

We may abstain from every appearance of evil and still fall under the condemnation of the Lord. Our wicked ways may not be what we *are* doing, but what we *are not* doing. In our hearts we may have *other gods* before Him, and only we can know what those idols are. Everything, small or great, that impedes our progress in Christ is an idol which must be dealt with, a *wicked way* to be turned from. "If my people . . . shall turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

## THE PROMISE

Once we have followed this formula, the promise of verse 15 will be ours: "Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place."

This is God's call to repentance. Let us turn to Him and away from ourselves; then surely this shall be a Year of Revival—perhaps even the year of His coming!

Only revival can heal the Church! Only a revived Church can heal our land! May God grant it to be so!



# The Most Unforgettable Sermon

IF YOU ASK Joseph DePasquale what was the most unforgettable sermon he ever heard, he will tell you it was one his mother preached a year ago but never finished.

Brother DePasquale's mother had been honored with an invitation from her pastor, Frederick H. Huber, to deliver the sermon that Mother's Day evening in 1968. Her husband, children, and grandchildren were in the audience at Evangel Church in Elizabeth, N. J., listening as she preached.

Earlier in the day there had been a family reunion. A new member had joined the family four days before—a little baby girl—and this added to the joyous excitement. "Mom was very happy over her sixth grandchild," Joseph says. "We all were overjoyed being together this Mother's Day, having such a good time of fellowship."

After supper they all went to church, as was their custom each Sunday. "Mom sat to the side of the platform during the preliminaries with her usual cheerful look and full participation in each song. A short time later she was at the pulpit, speaking with all her being on the subject of Faith. She dwelt on the birth and preservation of Moses, and was most emphatic in saying that the God of our salvation is also the God of providence who 'doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?' (Daniel 4:35). . . ."

"After preaching awhile she paused and looked up, a heavenly glow upon her face. Her spirit seemed to be lifted as she spoke to God in an unknown language. Her eyes never opened. She turned and fell sideways next to the pulpit. My mom had entered into her heavenly reward. . . ."

What a painful experience it must have been for the loved ones and friends who were watching. To lose a godly mother is a loss beyond calculation or compensation, and when it happens so suddenly the shock is indescribable. But grief gradually gives way to precious memories, and each of us whose mother is in heaven this Mother's Day can be blessed by recalling the lessons she taught us.

Each will testify, no doubt, that the most unforgettable sermon we ever heard was from Mother. She may never have stood in a pulpit, but the life she lived was a sermon more powerful than any preached in church. The example of her Christian conduct spoke to our hearts more eloquently than the greatest oration.

The psalms and hymns and spiritual songs she sang as she did her housework still echo in our hearts. The Bible stories she read to us remain more vivid in our minds than anything else we ever heard. The memory of her faith is like an anchor holding us secure when waves of temptation beat against our souls. We look at her picture when doubts arise and are strengthened by remembering her unfeigned faith.

We recall how God answered her prayers in times of trouble and we too are moved to call on Him for help. When our courage runs low we remember her words of encouragement and take new hope.

The Scripture says, "Forsake not the law of thy mother" (Proverbs 1:8). God be praised for a mother who taught us the laws of faith, love, and righteousness. Her life was the most unforgettable sermon we ever heard.

—T.C.C.

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WE MAY NOT HAVE THE ANSWER FOR PEACE IN VIETNAM  
OR EVEN FOR PEACE ON OUR OWN CITY STREETS,  
BUT WE DO HAVE THE ANSWER WHICH BRINGS PEACE  
TO MAN'S TROUBLED SOUL. WE ARE

# AMBASSADORS OF PEACE

By JOHN H. BURGESS

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UNITED STATES AMBASSADORS have spent long months in Paris conferring with North Vietnamese and other delegates seeking an end to the war in Vietnam.

These men are ambassadors of peace, and theirs is a great responsibility. They have a message from our government which they hope will end death and bloodshed and restore peace. We have a greater responsibility, however, for we are Christ's ambassadors of peace. This is our message for those who do not know Him: "We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20).

Having been a missionary for 25 years in the Orient, it was my privilege to meet foreign diplomatic agents or envoys, especially those representing the United States. I've noticed that the office of an ambassador is one of great dignity, and this dignity calls for rare choice. An ambassador is a special person, highly qualified to represent his country. To be faithful ambassadors of peace for Christ, we need to realize several things about our position as ambassadors.

*An ambassador is not self-chosen*; rather, he is chosen by his sovereign. Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit" (John 15:16). The Lord spoke to Ananias about Paul and said, "He is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel" (Acts 9:15). Peter expressed it this way: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

*An ambassador does not bear his own message*; he carries the message of his king. No higher task was ever allotted to mortal man than that of making Jesus known to lost and dying men, telling them how to be reconciled to God and have "peace by the blood of his cross" (Colossians 1:20). Ours is a challenging task; ours is a glorious message. God help us to be totally dedicated couriers and heralds of the King to carry the story of the living Christ to all those in darkness.

*An ambassador does not rely on his own wisdom to make important decisions*. He will turn to his library which contains the laws and statutes of his government. We too have our orders in book form, the Bible. That blessed Book has the answers to all our problems. Every communal problem—even national and international problems—is answered in this wonderful Book.

*An ambassador is a stranger in the land to which he is sent*, and he always retains his own identity in that

foreign land. Christian friend, are you daily reminded that your citizenship is in heaven? Yet the ambassador does not isolate himself, but does his utmost to obtain the favor of the people for his country and king. The task of the ambassador is to promote the interest of his country and its citizens in that foreign land. Follow the history of Joseph in Egypt and see how magnificently he retained his integrity and proved to the Egyptians the worth of serving the only true and living God.

*An ambassador is authorized by his country*. He has power to negotiate treaties. Paul stated, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). Jesus promised, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Our King thus commissions and empowers His disciples to be His representatives and witnesses to people high and low, at home and in lands beyond the seas.

*An ambassador's needs are always met*. In my various contacts with these envoys, particularly in India, I have noticed that their clothes are expertly tailored and they live in splendid homes. Our King has not promised us luxury in this world, but He has promised to supply all our needs "according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

*An ambassador is never personally insulted*. He receives it as an insult to his ruler and country. Jesus said, "He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me" (John 13:20). In other words, whoever does *not* receive Christ's ambassador for peace does not desire to receive Christ, and insults Him.

*An ambassador is recalled* before a declaration of war is issued against the country where he is located. Today war clouds, turmoil, and revolution hover over every land. Forces of evil are in control in many places. But one of these days our King will recall His ambassadors to their native land, the land where their citizenship is registered—heaven. What a hope!

May we never be "ambassadors of peace" who "weep bitterly" in defeat (Isaiah 33:7), but may God make us worthy representatives of the victorious Christ who was made "to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Then will the peace of God rule in our hearts and we will be found of Him in peace (Colossians 3:15 and 2 Peter 3:14).



# AN IRISH MOTHER'S PRAYERS

By RUTH COPELAND

THE SUNLIGHT STREAMED through the window of the little church in Northern Ireland and projected a multicolored pattern on the back of the intercessor bent over the altar. "Dear God," she sobbed, "I will come to this church and pray to You twice a day until You save my boy!"

Day after day she kept her word. Her prayers were not eloquent, but they were desperate—and believing. *And those earnest prayers moved the hand of God!*

The story had begun several years before in the fine gatelodge house which was part of a gentleman's estate. The father of the boy was head gardener, and life was happy and carefree. They had everything they needed and did well.

Then suddenly the father contracted a severe case of asthma. It was necessary for the family to move to Warrenpoint where they became custodians of the Methodist church. They lived in a tiny two-story house behind the church, and there a struggle for existence began.

Because the little mother was so burdened with cooking, baking, and washing, she did not have as much time for her children as she wished. Little Eddie, who came about midway in the family of 10 children, seemed the most neglected of all. At least, he was the most adventuresome.

After he was dressed and given a piece of bread, he would go out for the day. Since Warrenpoint was a seaside resort, he soon learned to swim. He knew where all the birds' nests were and, perched in the leafy bow of a tree, he watched many a bird family grow day by day from eggs to fledglings.

Everyone knew him, and he knew everyone. He knew where sweet scones could be bought for a "ha' penny" and how one could run a little errand to earn the needed "ha' penny." There were Sunday schools—empty of the gospel—all over town. Eddie went to them all, and attended all their Sunday school picnics too, never leaving until his pockets were stuffed with lollypops and sweet scones for little Evelyn, Madge, Dorothy, and Frank at home!

He also knew where all the saloons were—there were 12 in the small town! He often watched the drunks in bloody brawls being beaten into control by burly Irish

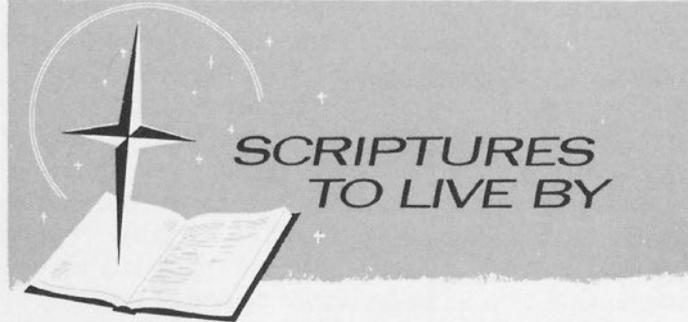
policemen armed with sticks. His young heart was saddened by such sights and he promised himself, "When I grow to be a man, I will never drink!"

But Satan has many ways to weave a web of sin around a human soul, and Eddie was no match for his schemes.

At the age of 12, Eddie had to leave school and get a job to help support the family. Later he became an expert driver of high-powered cars and got a job as a chauffeur for Mr. Ferris, owner of a big whiskey business. He liked the trim uniforms he wore, the fine cars he drove, the pay, and the sense of independence his job gave him.

He was only 17 when an English destroyer anchored in the harbor and the ship's captain made a date with Mr. Ferris to play golf. It was Eddie's job to drive their car. When they returned to the harbor, the captain invited the chauffeur to come aboard the destroyer and be shown around.

Once on board, the captain offered both of his guests a drink of whiskey. "No, thank you," Eddie declined; "I don't drink."



**SCRIPTURES TO LIVE BY**

**DAILY READINGS FOR MAY 12-18**  
Theme of the Week: **PATIENCE PAYS**

Mon. .... Psalm 40:1-17	Thurs. .... Luke 21:10-19
Tues. .... Job 1:1-22	Fri. .... Hebrews 6:13-20
Wed. .... Luke 2:25-35	Sat. .... James 5:7-12
Sun. .... 2 Peter 1:1-11	

"Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:8).

"My boy," boomed the captain, "it will do you no harm! We will put plenty of soda in it." Still Eddie refused.

After they had finished the tour of the ship, both of the men again pressed Eddie to drink. "Just a little," they urged, until he gave way before two older and superior men and took his first drink. They gave him another, and another—and he left the ship reeling in the throes of his first drunkenness.

It was not to be his last. Having reneged on his pledge of temperance, he seemed to have nothing to which he could anchor. He engaged in every excess of the day—dancing, gambling, carousing, and drinking—and associated with young men who practiced these things.

His mother saw what was happening to her son, and her heart ached. She had been converted as a young girl and, though she had drifted from God, she knew what real salvation was.

Hopefully, she wrote a letter to her son, disguising her handwriting. In it she pled with him, for his own sake and that of his family, to change his way of life. Eddie read the letter to his mother, then tore it to bits and tossed it into the fire. He did not know until years later that she had written it.

Seeing how confirmed in sin her son was, the mother realized that only God could change him. Thus began her siege at the Throne of Grace for his salvation. Her prayers were desperate. "Dear God," she prayed, "whatever You have to do to save him, do it! He is on Your altar."

God had to reach over seeming impossibilities to answer those prayers. The churches in Warrenpoint were spiritually dead and devoid of any gospel message. Not even one pastor had a personal experience of salvation or knew how to direct a soul to God. In fact, it was often Eddie's job to deliver whiskey to the pastors with compliments of his employer!

But our God has resources to match the most impossible circumstances. *In every time and every place He always has someone to speed the answer to importunate intercessory prayer!*

In this case He found two lady preachers, Miss Hunt and Miss Robinson, of the Faith Mission. Many little towns in Northern Ireland needed their ministry, but the one to which they came was where the little mother was keeping the flame of intercessory prayer burning on God's altar.

The ladies were confronted with hostility from all the churches; they were derided by the pastors and refused the use of any hall for gospel meetings. Finally, as a concession of an influential businessman in the Methodist church, they were allowed to use the lecture hall at the rear of the church. *It was not 20 steps from Eddie's home!*

No one was interested in a revival meeting, and no one came, at first.

Then an epidemic of flu hit the town. Marked for death was Eddie's lovely little sister Evelyn. While she lay a corpse next door, the evangelists decided to give themselves to prayer for the grief-stricken family and for a revival in the town.

In sorrow, Eddie vowed to change his way of life, but in two days he was back in the saloon. The revival meetings continued, but there were seemingly no results.

One night Eddie, trying to think of something un-

## MY KINGDOM

*I am queen of a beautiful kingdom;  
God gave it to me for my own.  
A rambling old house is my castle,  
And a low rocking chair my throne.  
My subjects are dear little children  
Who willingly come at my call;  
The king is the husband and father  
Who furnishes bread for us all.  
Sometimes when I mend little stockings,  
Or hear a short prayer at my knee,  
I marvel that God in His wisdom,  
Presented this kingdom to me.  
I often feel weak and unworthy  
To guide little footsteps that roam,  
To keep them all safe and contented,  
In our beautiful Kingdom of Home.*

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

usual to do, said to two of his buddies, "Let's go and hear the meeting in the lecture hall." At the hall they sat at the back, prepared to scoff. But the evangelists were ready; they did not make an uncertain sound. They preached of hell where all sinners must go, and of the great love that sent Christ to the cross. They sang:

*"How greatly Jesus must have loved me—  
To bear my sins, in His own body on the tree!"*

Conviction gripped Eddie's heart and stayed there. Though he made fun of the meetings and vowed not to go back, *he could not stay away*. For three weeks he suffered the pangs of conviction for sin.

Converted men from a neighboring town came to help the women in a street meeting. One of them, a former drunk, testified to God's redeeming power and joy. Young Eddie sought him out to ask the usual questions of a soul hesitating on the verge of the great decision. With wisdom and love the older man counseled him.

Satisfied with the answers, the young man said, "I know I am serving the devil, but from tonight on I am going to serve the Lord Jesus Christ!" They were the most wonderful words he ever said. He knelt, prayed the sinner's prayer, and was born into the family of God.

What a stir this created! His buddies attended the meeting just to see how different he was. One of them bet another a five-pound note that he would "not last two weeks." Mrs. Ferris, the boss's wife, said, "I'll give you six months, and remember, I am going to watch you too!"

The years have come and gone. Eddie never went back into sin, for God had moved in his life. He has been an Assemblies of God minister for many years. He was the firstfruits of a revival in which 75 souls were won for the kingdom of God, including all the family of the little Irish mother who would not let go until her prayer was answered!

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This is a true account. Not even names have been changed. The young Eddie of the story is my husband, Moses Edward Copeland. He was not called by his first name until he chose to have it so after his conversion.

FAMILY EXPERIENCES OF LIFE—  
AND DEATH—  
PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
FAITH TO FLOWER FORTH.



## *GREAT MOMENTS IN FAMILY LIFE*

By JOHN M. DRESCHER

**B**UT DADDY, WE DIDN'T PRAY." These words came from four-year-old Sandra in the back seat of the car.

I had decided, on the spur of the moment, to conduct an experiment. Instead of following our usual practice of bowing our heads for prayer before taking our trip, I started the car and began to back out of the driveway. I wondered if any of the children would notice the omission. They did. Sandra immediately voiced it.

One of the greatest opportunities parents possess, yet one most easily passed by, is to make great moments of family life deeply spiritual in character.

Take this matter of family trips. We began to take just a moment before starting on a trip to pray for God's guidance and blessing on our travel. It seems like a simple thing, yet it is a meaningful opportunity to teach not only that prayer is important but also that we can look to God for guidance and care in every situation.

So it is that many happenings and events of family life have great potential to instill spiritual insight and blessing. This does not mean that a prayer or sermon is inserted at every turn. Not at all. Rather we should seize those opportunities in a natural way to build our lives and homes for God.

Look, for instance, at what the birth of a baby in the home can mean for the entire family. This great moment can be made deeply spiritual in character. Each one in the family can share in the great miracle of life. To thank God together for a new member of the family and unitedly dedicate the child to God cannot help but leave an indelible impact upon the family.

"I know," said a young college girl, "that my family dedicated me to God before and after I was born. With each new brother or sister, I heard my parents offer prayers of dedication. I always knew each child in our family was looked upon as a blessing from God. God's blessing and guidance were daily prayed upon our lives."

Many times I am struck by a child's spontaneous expressions concerning God's creation. At every turn a child can see God's handiwork. A stroll by some stream or through the park poses new opportunities of learning both spiritual and natural. What parent can forget such questions as, "Daddy, how do the stars stay up in the sky?" "What makes some stones round and other stones sharp?" "How did God make the mountains so high?" What better questions are ever asked to lead into conversation concerning God's greatness and glory!

Few moments of family life are better for adding spiritual dimension than birthdays. Birthdays are impor-

tant milestones to a child. They can also be spiritual milestones when the emphasis is on belonging and sharing; and the feeling of belonging and sharing is not realized by giving gifts but by giving ourselves. Some children have received large gifts and all the time felt they were being hated.

Take the case of one child whose family provided a large cake, an abundance of new clothes and toys, along with a sizable gift of money for the occasion. But with all the gifts, the child keenly felt neglected by his parents. There was no sense of really belonging. As he recalls, he "seemed to sense inside that his parents were avoiding giving themselves by giving things."

Another young man speaks about the way his family celebrated his birthday when he was a child. They were too poor to purchase gifts; yet with the cake his mother made and the candles kept from former birthdays, combined with the love expressed, he had a deep sense of belonging. By the way the family shared in making this a great day and by the way they spoke about *their* boy and brother growing older and taller, he gained a sense of worth and well-being.

"I remember also," he said, "the prayer my father prayed at the birthday meal. I knew my family and God in heaven were interested in me and I belonged to all of them." How easy it is for a child's understanding to move from belonging to such a family to belonging to God's family.

Pausing for prayer before starting to church on Sunday morning makes churchgoing more than a routine or meaningless ritual. To pray for those who minister and teach, and to ask God for a fresh insight of His will, does not go unrewarded in building a love for God, His Church, and His Word.

When young people go away to school or service, it is a great moment in family life. If our homes are to be spiritual launching platforms from which we send our children step-by-step to serve a world, then these moments of launching should carry a spiritual impact. The sharing of some guiding words from Scripture and the prayer by the gathered family at such a time is an unforgettable experience.

A young man serving in one of the world's trouble spots was asked by a friend, "How is it possible for you

to stick it out in such a situation? Aren't the temptations terrific?"

"Yes," he answered, "the temptations are tremendous. But I can still hear my father's and mother's prayers when I was ready to leave home. They prayed God to keep me from wrong and to help me to be faithful to Him and to the teaching they sought to give me. I know my family is praying fervently for me as I serve here."

Marriage is a moment of spiritual significance. It should be a joyous experience, but too often even Christian young people can recall their wedding day only as a day of frills, food, and foolish stunts. Here we as Christian parents are challenged to add a spiritual dimension. It is not so much a time to preach to those getting married as a time for parents to teach younger children about their own love for each other and how God led them together.

"I remember when my cousin was married," said a happily married young wife. "my parents, on the way home from the wedding, shared something of the joy they experienced when they were married. When they told us that their love for each other and their happiness now was greater than ever, I felt a sense of well-being that has given me stability many times since. That experience has cast across my entire life a light that I feel I could not live without."

Even the death of a friend or of one in the family can be the occasion of a growing spiritual experience. Such an experience can be the means of instilling confidence in God far beyond and different from almost any other experience. Here, in the time of separation and what seems to be the end, the child can be taught by the spirit, attitude, and words of parents, those things which are eternal. Here, for the Christian, is the opportunity to share deeply in the sorrow which is normal, but also to show clearly that faith in God frees us from fatalism and hopelessness. Even in the face of death a family's faith can flower forth.

When I was growing up, it was the practice of our family to take all the children to the funeral of a relative or friend. The way in which my father and mother shed tears of sorrow and sympathy, the words of hope they spoke to the bereaved, and the Christian message preached on such occasions have helped much in giving me a blessed and living hope.

God tells us that the task of teaching and using available moments to teach is no hit-and-run method. "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:6, 7).

So it is that we as parents have precious opportunities to relate all life to God. But opportunities are passing things. They must be seized immediately or they are lost. We are called to make the most of every opportunity for God in the only family we will ever have. We are called to make our families demonstration centers of Christian living.

If, as Henry Drummond wrote, "the family circle is the supreme conductor of Christianity," then we must hallow the daily duties and delights of family living with the touch of the divine.

## PRAYER FOR NEW PARENTS

*O ever gracious Lord, instruct them well,  
That he may grow with wise and prudent care,  
Sturdy as pines upon a skyward hill,  
Faithful as early morning, sunrise fair.  
And help them teach him such a plenitude  
Of selfless love and ministry that he  
Shall set his feet on paths of brotherhood  
And feel the needs of all humanity.  
But stir them most, O Lord, to help him find  
The way to shining altars of belief,  
That undeterred by storm or driving wind  
Or any buffeting of pain or grief,  
He shall go on to missions glory bright,  
Companioned by the Everlasting Light.*

—GRACE V. WATKINS

# MEMORIES OF MOTHER

**S**OME OF OUR CHOICEST memories are of mother. Her dedication and love live on in us, in our children, in their children. . . .

Here are memories of three mothers, godly women now with the Lord, written by three daughters. Each of these mothers has children in full-gospel ministry, as well as children who are serving the Lord in a variety of ways—not the least of which includes training their children in the paths of the Lord.

These three represent millions of godly mothers around the world about whom similar tributes could be written, women of whom it can be said: "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her" (Proverbs 31:28).



Mr. and Mrs. Omar N. Buchwalter

## THE PLEASURE OF LOVE'S LABOR

By Verna B. Flower

**W**HILE VISITING in the home of one of my brothers, I spied a clear glass cake dish. "Where did you get this?" I queried.

"It was among your mother's things, one of the items we received when her dishes were divided among the family," my sister-in-law replied.

I do not recall ever seeing it before, but pressed around its edge was the motto Mother practiced: "It is a pleasure to labor for those we love."

My mother, Ada Ranck Buchwalter, was a quiet, industrious lady. I was the seventh of nine children, so my earliest recollections are of her full days of ministering to the needs of her large family.

She was always busy. Mending occupied her hands when she sat down to rest. It was a delight to her when she had a few moments to crochet or make a hooked rug from the "good" parts of wornout wool clothing.

Mother often sang as she worked. Snatches of melodies to the Lord accompanied her quick steps around the house—the singing of a happy woman occupied with her chores. But sometimes as she tended her cooking, she would burst out in a full song of praise and worship or a testimony of her faith. "The Solid Rock" was a favorite, and even today whenever I hear that declaration of hope I envision my mother singing by the kitchen stove.

But her ministry reached far beyond our large household. She labored for ministers of the gospel, whom she loved for Christ's sake. She was always ready to entertain the evangelist, missionary, or guest preacher who fre-

quently arrived at the church unannounced in those earlier days of our Fellowship.

Sometimes even our six-bedroom house was taxed to the limit. When we younger children went to bed, we never knew where we might awaken the next morning. Many times a sleepy child was led up or down a flight of stairs in the three-story dwelling to be tucked in a bed other than his own. Sometimes a pallet was quickly arranged on the living room floor for some of us younger ones.

Mother never mentioned the inconvenience unexpected company must sometimes have brought. She actually seemed happiest when the dining room table was stretched full length. And those guests added a dimension to our lives we would have gained in no other way. Missionaries and evangelists held us captive by stories of their experiences. Some endeared themselves to us by playing jackstraws, pic-up sticks, or marbles with us. They left a mark upon our lives. Small wonder that all of the family came to know Christ as Saviour and Baptizer, and later six entered full-time ministry.

I'm thankful for a godly mother who found great pleasure in serving the Lord. Hers was a practical, behind-the-scenes ministry. But a host of Assemblies of God ministers found a haven in our home as Mother and Dad shared their hospitality.

Mother has been with the Lord for almost 15 years, but her works follow her in the lives of her children and many others who benefited as she demonstrated the fact that it *is* a pleasure to labor for those we love.



Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Haas

# A FAITH TO LIVE AND DIE BY

By BETTY JANE GRAMS

**M**OTHER, MOTHER," I would call as I burst through the door after school was out. If there was no answer, I knew where to find her. I would tiptoe down the steps to the little room and find her on her knees. I often heard my name spoken in her prayers.

This is a memory I cherish today because it has kept me through the years in the face of many temptations and decisions.

My mother, Elizabeth Vaughn Haas, wasn't a minister, but she instilled her faith and love for the Word of God in each of our young lives.

Her faith was often evidenced in times of sickness. I remember when Daddy lay so sick in the upstairs bedroom. First he had chills, then fever, then he became so cold we thought he was dying. Mother gathered all six of us children around the bed, and we prayed. Though we were small, we had already learned to pray. God heard us that day, and Daddy got well.

I remember how, after we had finished cleaning the house on Saturday mornings, mother would take her big black Bible and the Sunday school quarterly and explain the lesson to us. We sat around her in a circle as she read the Word; then we listened closely as she applied it to our lives.

I can still smell the wonderful home-baked bread and cinnamon rolls that Mother prepared. And as she went about her duties, she was always praising the Lord and singing and quoting verses of Scripture. Great portions of the Psalms live in my heart today because I heard Mother repeat them so often. She never let a crisis or a decision pass without bringing in some pertinent passage about God's leading and blessing for our lives.

I remember hearing Mother pray for the family. "In the name of Jesus, I apply the blood of the Lamb to the doorpost of our home in protection for our family," she would say, so reverently yet so firmly.

One day God's protection over our lives was made very vivid to us. We had lighted the kerosene stove, and the gasoline that had been poured into it by mistake flamed up. But it didn't explode. We were unharmed—and for this we thanked the Lord.

And then there was the time when Daddy, who was

a gunsmith, accidentally shot a 12-gauge shell from a shotgun that by all rights absolutely couldn't fire. The shot penetrated the walls of several rooms of our home and could have been disastrous, but God and His protection were made real to us again.

I remember hearing Mom say, "Death has no sting, for the grave is swallowed up in victory." And this was so true for her. Even during the last months of her life when she was suffering with terminal cancer, she continued to go to Sunday school. Though just a shadow of her former self, she was still vibrant, caring, and sharing in her spirit. She told my brother Roger, who is a minister, that "death is a victory in the Christian family. There's nothing to fear in death. It is to go to sleep and wake up in the presence of our Lord."

This is exactly what she did! She went to sleep holding Daddy's hand. The nurses said there wasn't even a sigh—she simply slipped away into the arms of Jesus.

My brother Don, who flew home from Hawaii where he serves as vice-principal of a junior high school, sang in victory at her funeral:

*Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?  
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home—  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;  
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

Later at the grave site it seemed as if we were all ushered into the presence of our Lord as we sang together:

*Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold;  
Soon the pearly gates will open; we shall tread the streets of gold.*

We could sing, for her memory and the faith she had instilled in us lived on.

There have been many days and nights of decision during the 16 years we have served as missionaries in Bolivia. How often I have been lifted by the knowledge that Mother was praying for us, and that her faith was sincere.

Today I read again the scripture, "I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first . . . in thy mother Eunice" (2 Timothy 1:5). This unfeigned faith was in my mother too. She had a faith to live by and a faith to die by. And her faith lives on in her children.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nicholson

## THE DAY MY DOUBTS DISAPPEARED

By ADA NICHOLSON BROWNELL

**T**HE PHONE RANG. My sister's emotional voice quivered as she spoke. "The nurse said everyone had better get down to the hospital right away. Mom's dying."

My husband and I got in the car and rushed to the hospital. When we arrived, however, my father and other relatives were leaving the hospital. "She's already gone," they told me.

Grief came like a tidal wave. I cried—hard.

It was at my sister's home a few minutes later that my brother Everette—a minister—began talking to those of us gathered there. He quoted John 14:1-3:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Everette paused a minute. "Do you believe it?" he asked. "Now's the time to find out."

He didn't say any more. It seemed very strange to me that he would say such a thing. My father and all eight of us children professed to be born-again Christians. Yet I noticed Everette had a kind of peace about him that I didn't have.

Most of us had a difficult time eating. The law had been laid down by somebody—I don't know whom—that no matter how we felt we were not to display our grief in front of Dad.

It was while we were seated at the table and they told how my aunt who is a beautician went to the mortuary to fix Mother's hair, that I became unable to control myself. My aunt had fixed Mother's hair for years without charging her because, with a large family and a low in-

come, my parents couldn't afford any luxury. I knew how much Mother appreciated my Aunt Marge's generosity. This final act of love—so Mother's beautiful red hair would be fixed the way she always wore it—made me remember how much Mother appreciated each thing anyone did for her. But now she couldn't say thanks!

As soon as I burst into tears, I was led from the room and told to "get ahold of myself." After this gentle reprimand, I buried my grief deep inside me.

I didn't go when they picked out the casket. The evening we visited the mortuary, the muscles in my throat were so tight I could hardly swallow.

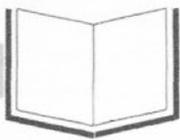
I remembered Everette's voice saying, "Do you believe it? Now's the time to find out."

I was almost to the casket, following the others as they filed by, when the sickening dread in my stomach changed to a stirring of joy. Suddenly I knew I believed it! As I looked upon the face of the shell my mother had used during her earthly stay, I knew she was not there—she was in heaven!

Sure I still loved those hands. And I still loved those lips. But those hands and those lips were not Mama. Mama was gone. She had already seen the Lord and was safely in heaven!

I stood there looking at her earthly body from a distance while the others walked by. I shed no tears. Yet my buried grief had vanished. All I could think of was what Mother probably was doing at that moment. I thought of her meeting Moses and Mary and the apostle Paul and renewing acquaintance with her friends who had preceded her to heaven.

Like a supersonic jet undergoing its first test flight, my faith had been tested. Sure, I've missed Mother. But I know she's in heaven. My doubts disappeared that day.



# THE REWARD OF OBEDIENCE

By STAR W. THOMAS

*"To obey is better than sacrifice" (1 Samuel 15:22).*

**A**S A SERVANT OF THE LORD my greatest desire is to be obedient to the moving of the Holy Spirit.



It was when the children of Israel marched around the walls of Jericho in obedience to God that their enemy was defeated. It was when the servants, in obedience to Christ's command, filled the waterpots that the first miracle was performed at Cana and the water turned into wine.

John wrote, "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:22).

Starland W. Thomas, Modesto, California, is a veteran evangelist widely known throughout the Assemblies of God fellowship.

Some years ago when my son was in high school, I went to the East Coast for meetings and while there bought a new car.

Before leaving California, I had given my son instructions to fix the yard. When I returned, he had not only fixed the yard, but had hauled in white rocks to border the terraces he had made. After showing me all the work he had done to keep my commandment, he asked, "Dad, may I use your new car?"

How could I say no when he had not only kept my commandment, but had gone beyond and done that which was pleasing in my sight. Then he asked if I would give him a little extra money so he could take his girl friend for a snack since she had helped him with the work. Again, I couldn't refuse his request.

Jesus said if an earthly father knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our Heavenly Father give good things to those that ask Him. When we are obedient, the good things of God come to us.



may have stood and try to visualize an old-fashioned homemaker sitting at it.

There is a palm-shaped scar on the surface of the machine, just here the left hand would rest when steadying the material being sewed. Sometimes I fit my hand into the imprint where perhaps my great-grandmother's hand often rested, and wish I knew more about her.

One thing I know. I must be like her in some small way. One's great-grandmother could not fail to have a measure of influence upon all her offspring. To some extent, at least, she left a handprint on my life.

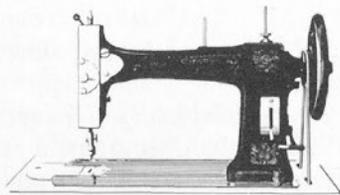
My own little mother, who went to be with Jesus at the age of 90, told me many things about Grandmother. She told me about the miles Grandmother walked to church with her children; and how she infused in her children a deep respect for God, the Bible, and church—a respect passed on by her to me, so that I never could show anything but reverence for the house of God.

Father was a minister of the gospel, and Mother worked hard by his side. She did many things for the church and the congregation, yet still had time to be a devoted wife and mother.

I owe so much to Mother, and to her mother, and those who were before her. From generation to generation a rich spiritual heritage has been handed down.

As an heirloom, I prize the sewing machine with its imprint very highly—but not nearly as much as the spiritual treasures bequeathed me by godly women from whom I came.

Oh, that my imprint too might be lovely in God's sight and in the eyes of my children.



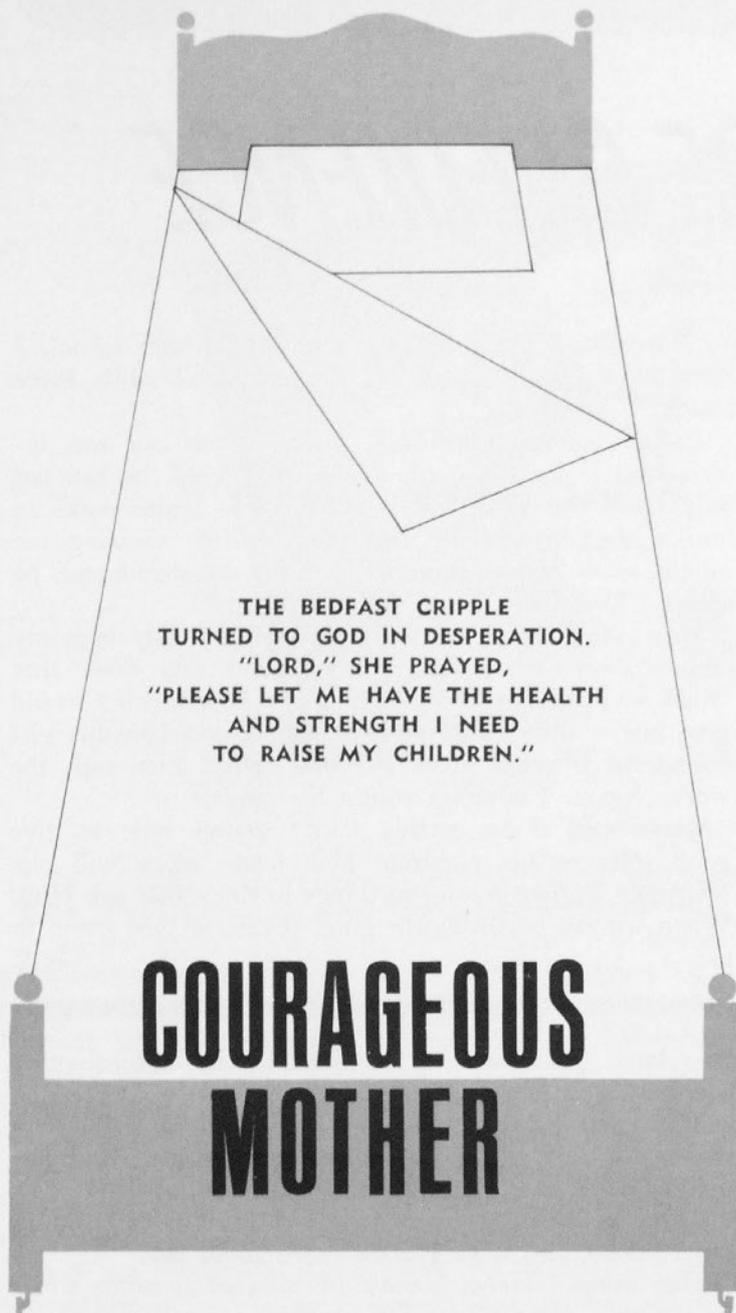
## SHE LEFT HER IMPRINT

By ESTHER B. HEINS

**T**HERE IS A SEWING MACHINE in my possession which I prize very highly. Both my grandmother and my great-grandmother sewed upon it.

I prize it as a link with the past—with ancestors I never saw. There are no photographs to tell me what my grandmother or great-grandmother were like. My only pictures are imaginary.

Often I open the deep, old-fashioned drawers and handle the bobbins and attachments which they once handled, and I wonder what kind of women they were. I try to visualize the old Moore place deep in Pennsylvania—what the surroundings were, and how the humble house was laid out. I wonder where the sewing machine



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TURNED TO GOD IN DESPERATION.  
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"PLEASE LET ME HAVE THE HEALTH  
AND STRENGTH I NEED  
TO RAISE MY CHILDREN."

## COURAGEOUS MOTHER

**G**ERALDINE GIBBS manages her household in Taylorville, Illinois, from a wheelchair—and three of her five children are preschoolers!

Struck down by polio at the age of four, Geraldine's legs were permanently crippled by the dread disease. But she successfully overcame each obstacle her handicap presented until February of 1967.

Agonizing pain forced the courageous young woman from her wheelchair into bed in the days following the birth of her fifth child, Maria. Saying there was no help he could offer, the local doctor arranged an appointment with a bone specialist.

Geraldine was then placed in the hospital for a series of tests and X rays of her lower back where the pain centered.

It was a sad day when the specialist talked to the crippled mother. Complications from childbirth had damaged one of the bones in her spine, he said. In some cases such a condition could be corrected by surgery—grafting a piece of bone from the patient's hip to the

damaged spine. But, the doctor added, it was unlikely that a polio victim's bones would successfully graft in such an operation. Nothing could be done for her.

They sent Geraldine home no better. The pain was excruciating. She tried not to complain, but sometimes she could not stifle the shrieks when shafts of pain pierced her body.

Her husband helped all he could, but his job as telegraph agent could not provide for a family and pay for full-time help in the home. Judith, the oldest daughter, was only 10, and Janice was 9. How could they cope with all the chores, in addition to caring for 2½-year-old Chris and his little sister Lauri—to say nothing of the newborn baby?

Geraldine's mother came to help, but this could only be a temporary solution.

The bedfast cripple turned to God in desperation. "Lord," she prayed, "please let me have the health and strength I need to raise my children."

Naming each child in prayer, she pleaded their cause before God's Throne. As a Spirit-filled Christian mother she willingly accepted her spiritual responsibility toward her family.

If only God would touch her tortured back! She promised Him she would train her children to serve the Lord. She would take them to church, even more faithfully than before.

Weeks passed by. The radio provided companionship, especially the religious programs she could tune in on Sundays. *Revivaltime* was the bright spot of her week.

Geraldine vividly remembers one *Revivaltime* broadcast above all others. She heard it on July 2, 1967.

The choir had just sung a beautiful arrangement of "God Is Still on the Throne." Then Narrator Lee Shultz introduced the sermon: "'Deep Depression' is C. M. Ward's theme for this service. His text is Psalm 42:6—'O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.'"

*Deep depression*—if any words described how Geraldine felt, these did. She listened intently as the radio evangelist preached:

"Why this mental depression? 'My soul is cast down within me.' How does it happen?

"Many times the source is *physical infirmity*. I cannot explain it, but it is true. The body and the soul are mysteriously united. The one affects the other. Every physician realizes this.

"The oppression and bitterness of soul of which Hezekiah complained were the effects of his affliction. Here is the account in your Bible: 'Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward: O Lord, I *am oppressed*; undertake for me. What shall I say? He hath spoken unto me, and himself hath done it: I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul' (Isaiah 38:14, 15)."

The truth of the words she heard riveted the bedfast woman's attention. Expectantly she listened for the solution to her mental anguish. She was not disappointed for she heard the *Revivaltime* speaker say:

"The answer to mental depression is in this text—'Therefore will I remember thee.' And the writer scans history, 'from the land of the Jordan [that is, Judea], and of the Hermonites [the great mountains to the north],

from the hill Mizar [the hill of Zion, little compared to Mount Hermon].'

"Suddenly there is strength. God's presence is established. You cannot get away from experience. The divine record cannot be erased. The soul is revived.

"Look at facts, dear neighbor! You are not abandoned. You never will be. God has not been driven out of any part of this globe. 'For in him we live, and move, and have our being' (Acts 17:28).

"Right now begin to praise God as your Benefactor."

Soon Evangelist Ward was calling his radio congregation to prayer:

"Is Satan telling you that there is no hope for you? First, and foremost, realize this. *Your adversary is a liar.* He has endeavored to deceive me for years. If I had listened to his falsehoods, I wouldn't be where I am at this moment, behind a Christian pulpit. Christ's sacrifice is as much for you as it is for me. *That middle cross was for humanity.* Open your Bible! Believe what God says, not what Satan says. God's word is written there for you in black and white. There can be no mistake.

## HE POINTED AT ME!

**A**S I WAS READING the story in Second Samuel, chapter 12, it seemed the prophet's bony finger was pointing straight at me as he declared, "Thou art the man!"

No, I had not committed adultery with Bathsheba, nor had I caused her husband to be placed at the front of the battle where he was killed. But I was like David in one respect, and it was this: I was not the dedicated man of God I once had been.

The accusation by the prophet Nathan caused King David to recoil. Was it a man who had discovered his sin and pointed the finger at him, or was it the Spirit of God! He could contradict a mere man, but he could not ignore the conviction of the Holy Ghost.

Inwardly David reeled under the blow as he suddenly realized how low, and from what heights, he had fallen. Once he had been the chosen of the Lord. Now he was a sinner, trying to hide his shortcomings from God's all-seeing eye. Once the power of the Spirit of Jehovah had rested upon him. Now he was so weak, so bereft of the divine blessing that he hardly dared to lift his eyes to

"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. . . . For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 8:34, 38, 39).

"Read those words in your New Testament. Repeat them as Satan whispers his falsehoods to you. *Then choose to believe the Word of God.*"

A faint smile lighted the cripple's wan face. She believed what she was hearing. *Jesus is praying for me! Nothing can separate me from God's love!*

Writing to *Revivaltime*, Geraldine testifies:

"God healed me that Sunday afternoon. The pain left. I began to get better day by day. I got stronger. Soon I was able to do my work. Now I can take care of my children, and drive my specially equipped car. I am so thankful. My desire is to serve and live for Him." 

heaven. What shame, what remorse swept over him as he reviewed his great failure.

I too can look back on revival blessings enjoyed in days gone by and recall the joys I knew when my life was more dedicated, when my heart was more tender, when the Lord had a greater place in my life.

David's memory ran like a hunted thing down the paths of past experiences. He recalled how, as a stripling shepherd boy, he had defied the Philistine army, faced their great Goliath by faith, and won.

Then there was the bear, and the lion. Even these beasts had been no match for the power he had known in those brighter days when he loved God with all his heart.

David seized those memories as trophies of faith. He clung to them, and in his heart there formed a great resolve. He would cry out to God for forgiveness. He would ask the Lord to restore the joy of his salvation, to make him again a man of a clean heart and a strong faith, and he would dare to believe that the God who had blessed him in the past would revive his soul and give him further victories.

Sin is no light thing. It is not easily erased; its consequences may remain to remind us again and again of our folly; but God is merciful and He loves to bestow His blessings on people who do not deserve them.

I have proved this, and no doubt you have too. God loves to revive His people. Though we, like David, may feel a great weight of guilt as we realize how far we have fallen, it is possible for us to arise and call upon God for renewal and even pray for greater blessings than we ever knew.

Every Christian has memories to which he can cling as trophies of faith. Let us make them stepping-stones to present spiritual renewal. If we have known the power of the Spirit in the past, we can know similar power—and greater power—in the present, for Christ said His power is made perfect in weakness, and it is for those who have no power that He delights to increase strength.

—D.A.C.



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# MISSIONETTES EXPERIENCE REVIVAL



Vonda Sams, Missionettes Honor Star from Oskaloosa, Iowa, says she wouldn't trade being a Missionette for anything in this world.

**D**URING THE PAST YEAR numerous reports of revival among Missionettes have reached the National WMC Department.

## IN TENNESSEE

One special effort is held each year in the Knoxville Section of the Tennessee District. The revival is usually scheduled for the last week in July or first week in August, and is held in one of the Knoxville Assemblies.

The Missionettes revival begins on Monday night and closes on Friday night. On Saturday the girls enjoy a weiner roast and bonfire service at a local park.

Last year Mrs. J. L. Schaffer, district WMC president, spoke at the campfire service. The sectional WMC representative, Mrs. Russell Bryant of Huntsville, has been the speaker for the revival the last two years.



Missionettes of First Assembly, Russellville, Ark., pose with their sponsor, Mrs. Geneva Booher, at the right.

Each night a different Missionettes club is responsible for the opening part of the service. This gives the girls experience that will help them in the future.

Patti Smith, wife of the pastor at Maryville, Tenn., writes, "On Friday night of the 1968 revival one of our Missionettes and two of our Prims received the in-filling of the Holy Spirit. Three of our Missionettes who had previously received were refilled. This sparked a real revival among our girls. Our Missionettes sponsor, who has three little boys and had to secure a baby-sitter for each night of the special meetings, feels that the results made all the traveling and inconvenience worthwhile.

"The girls entered into the services wholeheartedly, and there was a wonderful response during this week which had been set aside especially for them to seek the Lord. Very few adults were present besides the Missionettes



A mother-daughter tea was sponsored by the Missionettes of the Good Shepherd Indian Assembly, Mobridge, S. Dak. Many of these mothers do not attend the Assembly. Sponsor Mrs. Leo Bankson is in the center, back row.

sponsors, and this made it necessary for the girls to pray with each other. How they entered into the services and sought the Lord!

"One of our girls received the baptism last year who previously had shown very little interest in spiritual things. After this experience she was a different girl."

Pastor Jerry Smith of Maryville says, "We could tell an immediate difference in our local church services after the Missionettes revival. The girls had such a great desire to worship the Lord. Sometimes they prayed at the altar for more than an hour. It was especially thrilling to see them praying for others, both adults and children, who had not received the Holy Spirit."

## IN ARKANSAS

Another enthusiastic pastor, Tommy Parker of First Assembly in Russellville, Ark., has this to say about his Missionettes: "We are constantly endeavoring to find ways to involve the youth in the church. I am convinced that Missionettes clubs are the answer. The work of the Missionettes in First Assembly has resulted in many souls being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The clubs have increased our Sunday morning, CA, and mid-week prayer service attendance. Without reservation I



American Indian Missionettes choir from Mobridge, S. Dak., sings in a public service. These girls provide 100 tray favors each month for their local nursing home and hospital.

recommend the program of the Missionettes in the local church."

The Senior Missionettes club at First Assembly in Russellville has 15 active members. Twelve of these girls will soon complete the first step on the *Stairway to the Stars* Achievement Program. This club sponsored a pray-in at the church on March 7. As a result three girls

and one boy were filled with the Holy Spirit. The group sang, testified, and prayed until midnight when refreshments were served and the pastor led in a devotional period.

At a bunking party at the home of sponsor Mrs. Geneva Booher, 10 Senior Missionettes received the Holy Spirit. She writes, "This was the most precious experience of my 40 years of serving the Lord. Many of these girls come from homes where the parents are unsaved. The results of these efforts over the past few months are: four young people saved, three boys filled with the Holy Spirit, two mothers saved, one father saved, one grandfather saved, and 14 Missionettes filled with the Holy Spirit. This is all due to prayer—earnest, effectual prayer.

"One of these mothers received a wonderful healing as a direct result of the prayers of these girls and others. A cancer operation had left a damaging effect to the bone, but God healed her."

Becky Taylor, senior club president, writes, "When I go to Missionettes on Tuesday, it helps me to be a better



Missionettes of the Assembly of God in Bolivar, Mo., are shown working on items for the district WMC treasure chest. Sponsors are Mrs. Lillian Holland and Mrs. Thelma Newland.

Christian throughout the rest of the week. Missionettes helps me and gives me courage to witness to other people."

Karen Teeter, vice-president, says, "I go to Missionettes because I want to work for the Lord and serve Him the best way I can. I have received such a blessing from going to Missionettes, and it gives me the courage to witness and testify to other people."

Debbie Chapman, secretary-treasurer, says, "Missionettes has been a blessing to me ever since I started. Within this group I have grown closer to God. I feel that Missionettes is a great idea for girls of our age because it helps us grow spiritually."

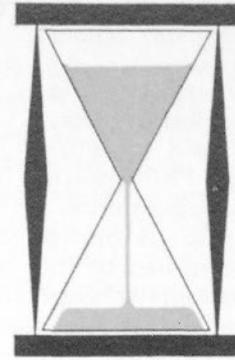
#### IN IOWA

For a girl to become a Missionettes honor star involves a lot of time and hard work. Is it worth it? Vonda Sams, an honor star from Oskaloosa, Iowa, thinks it is. She writes, "Becoming an honor star has been the most thrilling thing in my life! Each stairway step seemed a little more challenging. It takes a lot of time and hard work, but anything done for the Lord is worth the best of our time, money, and talents. I have read my Bible from cover to cover. Memorizing portions has helped me when I witness for Christ."

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Missionettes are very much aware that 1969 is the year of revival for the Assemblies of God. They want to have a part in this great forward thrust.

#### MISSIONETTES WEEK THEME—



## THE TIME IS NOW

**M**ISSIONETTES WEEK, MAY 11-17, is set aside to focus attention on the work and value of the Missionettes program. This is a time for the church to become better acquainted with Missionettes and their purpose for existing.

All activities for the week will center in the theme, "The Time Is Now." A poster and planning guide are included in the May issue of *Advance* magazine.

For any Assemblies of God girl from 7 through 15 years of age who is not a Missionette, now is the time to join a club. The more than 65,000 girls in over 5,800 clubs will testify to the fact that Missionettes is a worthwhile program.

Girls like to belong to a group, and Missionettes provides a challenging, exciting program designed to help girls become better Christians.

For the seven- and eight-year-old Prims there are Bible and character-building stories combined with interesting handwork projects. Girls doing satisfactory work receive colorful achievement badges to wear on their pink and white Prims beanie.

Older Missionettes may participate in the *Stairway to the Stars* Achievement Program which gives them training in God's Word and helps them develop a well-rounded Christian life. Badges may be earned for additional activities including citizenship, sewing, cooking, personal development, music, homemaking, nature, and campcraft.

A girl who is faithful in attending club meetings and enters into the activities provided for her is preparing herself to be a better Christian, a more efficient career girl, and a qualified homemaker.

Last year 859 new clubs were organized, testifying to the fact that Missionettes continues to be a growing and going program in this its 14th year of existence.

For any church not having at least one Prims club and one club for Junior and Senior Missionettes, the time to organize clubs is now. Time hastens on, and girls are soon grown and perhaps gone from Christian influence. The training they receive as Missionettes will help them remain true to the Lord and be faithful witnesses to others of His saving power.

# ASSEMBLIES OF GOD RELIEF FOR

# BIAFRA

LIKE ALL of our missionaries to Nigeria, Missionary Don Phillips—son of our field secretary for Africa, Everett L. Phillips—is perplexed over the developments in the break-away state of Biafra. The work of the Assemblies of God was largely centered in what is now the main vortex of the violent struggle between the Nigerian peoples.

In the following interview, Missionary Phillips asks his father about his recent visit to the Biafra war zone.

*What is the background of the civil war between Biafra and Federal Nigeria?*

First of all, there have been two serious massacres in the north in which many thousands of southern Nigerians, particularly those of the Ibo tribe, were killed. These southerners held important positions in business and in most departments of government. This fact was an increasing irritation to the peoples of the north, who themselves were becoming qualified for such positions.

Actually, the animosity between the Ibos of the south and the Hausas of the north goes back centuries in African history. Now that the colonizing powers have been removed, the old warfare has risen again. It is difficult to predict what the outcome will be.

*When did you go into Biafra?*

I entered on December 10, 1968, and remained in Biafra for 16 days.

*What was the purpose of the trip?*

We had received many reports from various pastors in Biafra telling of the situation there and begging for one or more of our missionaries to return to help them. It was my feeling that be-



**DON PHILLIPS, Missionary to Nigeria interviews his father EVERETT L. PHILLIPS, Field Secretary for Africa**

fore any of our missionaries go into Biafra, I, as field secretary for Africa, ought to survey the situation. I wanted to see if there would be any real benefit in having some of our missionary personnel return, and to discover if there would be enough food to sustain them. I also wanted to investigate what the danger factor would be within the war zone.

My primary purpose, of course, was

to investigate the state of our church in the troubled area and to see what could be done to relieve their condition of starvation.

*How did you get into Biafra?*

I flew into Biafra from Sao Tome, a Portuguese island off the coast of West Africa. There is only one airfield in Biafra, so it is one of the busiest in Africa with about 50 flights in and out every night. The flights,

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**I would say absolutely yes! We need a representative there.**



**How can we best help in the Biafra situation?**



bearing food and arms, must be made under cover of darkness.

*What are the conditions of the people?*

It is impossible to generalize, for some people do get sufficient food where there is enough farm land and the population is sparse. Inasmuch as most of Biafra is thickly populated, however, hunger is very apparent almost everywhere. The symptoms of malnutrition are especially noticeable among old people and children. The old die off very quickly, but the children still have enough vitality to live on while showing all the terrible signs of hunger. It is the children particularly who are to be thought of in this time of trouble for Biafra.

*I understand that the Assemblies of God here in America has raised some \$100,000 for Biafra relief.*

That is correct. One of my major tasks was to arrange for the use of this relief money in the best way possible to aid our African believers.

As I consulted with our leaders there, I found that the best way to help them is to use this money to purchase foods in farm areas where the population is not so concentrated and to carry this food by headloads into the population centers where it can be distributed to our people.

It should be remembered that transportation is a very real problem inasmuch as gasoline is very scarce. Bicycles, which used to carry the bulk of the freight of Nigeria, are now without tires or tubes. The Biafrans have had to return to the old way of carrying heavy loads on their heads.

*What are the general attitudes of the people of Biafra in this time of trouble?*

I would say they are absolutely optimistic over the civil war and over their becoming an independent nation. They

**First of all by continuing to pray for our people in Biafra.**



**I believe, following the example set by Paul and his followers, that we have a responsibility to the Biafran people.**

strongly feel they are going to win, though this does not seem remotely possible.

*What outside influences are being felt within Biafra?*

Major European and Asian countries are providing jet bombers and fighter planes, as well as all kinds of modern weaponry. With this equipment come technicians and directors so that the war effort now is largely financed and in some ways directed from outside Nigeria. This has brought a new complex to the whole civil war.

*How many churches and believers do we have in Biafra?*

At this time it is impossible to give an exact figure simply because of the fluctuation of the battle lines. In what is still held by the Biafrans, I would estimate there are approximately 350 churches and about 25,000 Assemblies of God believers. At the beginning of the war, Biafra covered considerably more area and included more of our congregations.

*Did you have an opportunity to preach while in Biafra?*

Yes, I preached every day and sometimes several times daily. Some of these services were in churches and some were out under the trees, wherever people could gather. I found the people bravely carrying on their services even in the face of the violence of war.

*What about the indigenous church in Biafra?*

I would say that Biafra is living proof of the correctness of our missionary policies in relation to establishing indigenous churches in every country. For nearly two years we have had no missionaries in Biafra, but our national leaders have carried on and are doing an exceptionally good job of supervising all of our work. They have been trained to do this in years gone by, so this is not a new thing. The only new factor is the war which completely surrounds them.

*Do we need missionaries in Biafra now?*

I would say absolutely yes! All of the other mission groups have at least one representative in Biafra, and I believe we also need a representative there to assist in the supervision of our churches and to help in the care of the people who are so desperately in need. I think the very fact that we have raised and are continuing to raise money for Biafra means that we have taken a deep interest in this troubled field. That interest should also be displayed with the presence of missionaries in Biafra.

*How can we best help in the Biafra situation?*

First of all by continuing to pray for our people in Biafra. We have a large following of very faithful Assemblies of God people in that land. Our church in Biafra was brought into existence by the presence and ministry of our missionaries. In a very special sense they are our responsibility now that they are in trouble.

Another way to help is to give for Biafran relief. At the present time we are spending some \$10,000 each month to assist in feeding our people there.

I have been impressed by how much the apostle Paul had to say concerning the raising of funds for relief for needy churches in his day. I believe, following the example set by Paul and his followers, that we have a responsibility to the Biafran people. Our gifts at this time will help to save the lives of thousands of Assemblies of God people, particularly children.

Whether or not Biafra is successful in its attempt to become an independent nation, our interest and responsibility in relation to our churches in Biafra will be the same. They will need our help and guidance in a very special way if they do not receive their independence, and they will need no less help and interest on our part if they do become an independent nation.

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ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



*When Christ blotted out the ordinances of the Law, did He blot out the law of marriage and divorce? (Ephesians 2:15, 16).*

According to the Scripture, Christ raised the standard for Christian marriage rather than destroying it. See Matthew 5:32; 19:9; Mark 10:11; Luke 16:18.

*I heard a veteran minister say he didn't want a heart transplant, since the heart received might be a wicked heart taken from a wicked person. Is this the Biblical "heart"? Does it mean the flesh heart or the intellect?*

I have no objection to the thought that the heart spoken of in the Bible includes the intellect, but the Scripture identifies it with the spirit. "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?" (1 Corinthians 2:11). "Heart" includes our affections. We are so wonderfully made that all our abilities work together.

*Since Jesus forgave the woman taken in adultery (John 8:3-11), does this mean we should fellowship anyone who makes Jesus his Saviour?*

When any sinner repents, turns from his sins, and accepts Jesus as his Saviour and Lord, he becomes a member in the family of God.

I think there are two lessons in Jesus' forgiveness of this woman. One was a demonstration of redeeming grace to the woman; the other was condemnation, through awakened consciences, of her accusers. They might not have committed adultery, but they had other sins which made them equally guilty (v. 9). Let us be careful that our hands are clean before we heap condemnation on others.

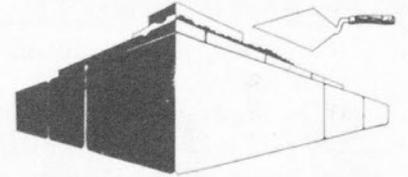
*The Psalmist says, "Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them" (Psalm 139:16). Does this mean our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life before we are born?*

David believed God knew all about his natural qualities before they were formed. Since God knows the end from the beginning, it is reasonable to believe He foreknows the qualities of every man. Believing this, David appreciated God's provision and care. "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me" (v. 17; see also v. 18).

The book in Psalm 139 is not the Book of Life. Our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life at the time of our conversion. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16). Then God begins dealing with our natural characteristics, seeking to conform them to the image of His Son. To do this He needs our cooperation. Some never become as Christlike as God desires because they will not yield their wills to the divine will.

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# ELIJAH REBUKES AHAB'S COVETOUSNESS



Sunday School Lesson for May 18, 1969

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

1 KINGS 21:14-19; 23-29

## AHAB'S DESIRE EXPRESSED (vv. 1, 2)

Ahab had everything his heart desired—except a certain tiny garden! And the lack of this particular little plot of earth robbed him of enjoying all he did possess. "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase" (Ecclesiastes 5:10).

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content" (1 Timothy 6:6-8). Since *things* cannot bring true satisfaction, and only God can, the man who loves God and enjoys God's love is the truly rich man!

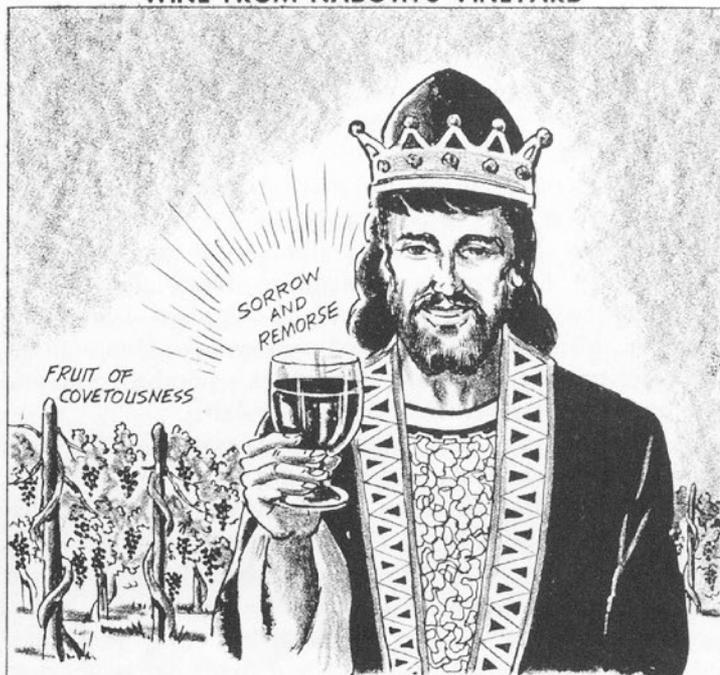
## AHAB'S DESIRE FRUSTRATED (v. 3)

Noble Naboth! His refusal to sell was not stubbornness but a matter of conscience. Unlike Esau, Naboth was not willing to sacrifice his inheritance, his principles, and his integrity toward God for mere material gain. (See Leviticus 25:23-28; Numbers 36:7; Ezekiel 46:18.)

## AHAB'S DESIRE INTENSIFIED (vv. 4, 5)

Ahab never dreamed Naboth would refuse him. He expected everyone to yield to his wishes, for he was king and did not think his subjects had any rights at all. Like many, he felt that *might* was *right*.

## WINE FROM NABOTH'S VINEYARD



LOOK NOT THOU UPON THE WINE WHEN IT IS RED, WHEN IT GIVETH HIS COLOR IN THE CUP, WHEN IT MOVETH ITSELF ARIGHT. AT THE LAST IT BITETH LIKE A SERPENT, AND STINGETH LIKE AN ADDER. PROVERBS 23:31, 32

*Ramsay*

Ahab pouted and sulked like a child—strange conduct for a king! (Frustrated desire is bitter to the natural heart.) Because he could not have the vineyard, he wanted it all the more—a very human tendency—and so much so that he made himself sick over the matter. (Modern medical science confirms the fact that many sicknesses are not organic but are caused by wrong desires!)

The fact that Ahab sulked proved he was at the mercy of his own inordinate appetites. And the fact that he was willing to listen to Jezebel's scheme to have Naboth murdered and sacrificed on the altar of his unholy passions shows the downward course of sin!

## AHAB'S DESIRE FULFILLED (vv. 7-16)

Ahab and Jezebel present quite a contrast. Ahab was weak and wicked; Jezebel was strong and wicked. But Ahab's weakness did not excuse him for yielding to his wife's fiendish plot. Consider some of the lessons suggested by these verses:

1. *The curse of covetousness.* Covetousness may be defined as "inordinate desire"; that is, either desire for something God expressly forbids, or too great a desire for what may be legitimate in itself when kept within bounds. Ahab was wrong in desiring Naboth's vineyard, for Naboth could not have sold it without violating his conscience.

It is not an evil thing to desire money to provide for life's necessities. But when a man so loves money that it becomes an end in itself, or the object of his life, then he is guilty of covetousness and greed. Though covetousness is commonly connected with money, the word has a much broader application. A man may covet popularity, praise, and power, as well as things money can buy.

The curse of covetousness is that it tends to blind one to all sense of honor, right principle, and propriety. As thick fog buries all objects within it, so evil desire draws a veil over one's standards of right and wrong, making righteous judgment and action impossible. Safety and happiness lie in keeping all desires in the channels cut by the Word of God! "Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness" (Psalm 119:36).

2. *The sin of slander.* Naboth, a godly man, was murdered by a slanderous tongue. More people have been killed this way than by all the wars in history! Not only so, but think of the hearts, homes, and churches damaged, hurt, and even ruined by tongues which Christians have surrendered to the devil to become his tools! The love of Christ in our hearts will constrain us to be slow to believe evil, to be eager to believe the best, and to refuse to expose the failures of others.

## AHAB'S SIN DENOUNCED (vv. 16-20)

Ahab thought Jezebel's plan had succeeded, but his sin found him out! The moment he saw Elijah, his conscience smote him, as his greeting to Elijah indicated. Sin deceives one as to who his true friends are. Jezebel, to whom Ahab was grateful, was really his worst enemy; while Elijah, who had come to rebuke him, was really his best friend.

# BUILDING CHURCHES

## Alaskan Style

By BILL ALSUP



**A**NOTHER BEACHHEAD had been established. Could we hold the ground gained? This was the vital question. We were not referring to the invasion of some enemy stronghold by military might, but rather to the advancement of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Missionary Eva Wright had caught the vision of going to the little village of Kake in Southeastern Alaska, arriving there in the fall of 1967. After itinerating in the South 48 she was able to bring an automobile and a mobile home. Without this equipment it would have been nearly impossible for her to succeed in ministering at Kake.

Miss Wright went to work; and by March 1968 she was ministering to a sizable group of youngsters in Bible club and Sunday school. Sometimes more than 60 boys and girls crowded into the living room of her mobile home to hear the good news.

District Council time came. As missionaries and pastors gathered, an impromptu action committee met to formulate a plan to present to the District Presbytery in session. Its goal? A church building in Kake before winter. The committee was composed of John Phillips, presbyter of the Southeastern Section at the time; Alver Lofdahl, pastor at Kodiak; Missionary Eva Wright; and me, pastor at Ketchikan.

Pastor Lofdahl, formerly of Ketchikan, was asked to draw a rough plan for a chapel. He and I worked on a materials list. The committee discussed a financial plan.

We requested and were granted a session with the Presbytery. Brother Lofdahl presented plans for a 40-by-24-foot chapel and a materials list totaling \$3,000.

Sister Wright already had \$2,000 in the building account. First Assembly in Ketchikan would borrow the other \$1,000. Volunteer labor would erect the building.

The Presbytery approved the plan, and the target dates for construction were set for September 16-21.

I was to handle the coordinating and publicity of the program as well as the purchasing of materials. Brother Lofdahl would finalize the plans; Sister Wright would see that the site was cleared; and all churches of the Southeastern Section would receive regular reports of the progress and be urged to help with construction.

The National Home Missions Department made available a \$1,000 loan for the project.

Bill Smith, an Alaskan minister logging in the Kake area, began to prepare the site for Sister Wright. Scott Dartt, a layman in the Ketchikan church, obtained the materials from a Seattle firm.

Letters flew back and forth. Arrangements were made to have the material shipped to Petersburg, the nearest port of call for the Alaska Steamship company. The new pastor there, Dale Parker, would receive the materials and arrange for their transportation into Kake.

D Day approached. There was a shipment delay, then another. All concerned worked furiously, making phone calls, writing letters. Soon difficulties smoothed out, and the materials arrived safely at Petersburg.

A crew of two, the pastor and Wayne Hendrickson, flew from Ketchikan to Petersburg on September 30. They joined the men there in getting the materials from the Alaska warehouse to the Petersburg Cannery dock, then onto a barge to be towed to Kake that night by Skipper Bell of Kake.

Bush pilot Norris Everson, a member of the Peters-

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burg church, then flew the two Ketchikan men and Mrs. Bessie Duncan of Petersburg to Kake.

The next morning arrangements had to be made to get the materials on site. The cannery made its dock and winch available, and the local logging company supplied a truck. The mayor agreed to get electricity on the site within a day or so.

In the afternoon, Brothers Lofdahl and Parker arrived by plane. Unloading began, and all materials were on site by nightfall.

The next morning, construction began. Two other men, Art Kienel from Ketchikan and Louis Ward of Petersburg, flew in. Local men lent a hand, and the outer shell was up in three days.

Much remained to be done after the building crew left. Wiring had to be installed. Insulation and interior needed to be fitted. B. P. Wilson, district superintendent, visited Kake and installed a stove. Local electricians completed the wiring.

Crew members returned to finish the project in December. The insulation, ceiling, and mahogany paneling went up rapidly. The crew had to leave many odds and ends of work undone. One man stayed over the weekend to take care of some of them.

As a result of the labors and sacrifices of many workers, there is a nice, warm chapel in Kake. It didn't come easily. But those who participated in the Kake church construction have a great sense of satisfaction. They are planning a similar project for 1969 in another of Alaska's needy villages. 

## Not For Time Alone

By GENE STEELE / *Window Rock, Arizona*

I STOOD QUIETLY beside the hospital bed. Ophelia had been out of surgery for some time now, but the pain in her body was still very evident.

As she opened her eyes and looked my way, huge tears trickled down her cheeks. In a language that is understood by all nations, she said with a smile, "I'm so glad you came."

Ophelia is a Navaho. She does not speak or understand English very well. Her humble little dwelling has no modern facilities. It is located about five miles from the Public Health Service Indian hospital, the distance she had walked when she came to be admitted as a patient.

It had been only a month since we had buried Ophelia's little baby girl. The day had been dreary, and to make matters worse there had been no flowers at the funeral.

I had prayed that God would open a way for me to witness to this young mother. Darkness filled her life, and in the depths of superstition and fear she had nowhere to turn. Deep despair floods the life of the person in sorrow when he has no hope beyond this life.

My time, my opportunity had come. Here I stood face to face with a soul I had asked God to give me. Silently I

prayed. As I began talking about Christ and how He died on the cross for our sins, Ophelia looked up. With tear-filled eyes she said, "I'm beginning to understand," and asked for prayer. As we prayed together and asked God to forgive her of her sins, it seemed as though the Master stood near and dispelled the darkness.

Often we missionaries spend hours standing beside the beds of precious Indian people, encouraging, praying, and just being near. Numbers have come to know the Lord as personal Saviour through this ministry. Many dear Indian people who have responded to the gospel can sing the soul-thrilling words:

*Now I belong to Jesus,  
Jesus belongs to me,  
Not for the years of time alone,  
But for eternity.*

The joy of salvation is not just today. It is forever.

## PASTOR HEALED OF MULTIPLE INJURIES; WIFE'S VISION IMPROVES

AFTER AN ACCIDENT on April 16, 1968, the doctors and nurses did all they could. And God did the rest!

It happened when I went to do some fishing. I parked my station wagon on a hill and the brakes gave way. The car rolled over me, catching me by the head. I was dragged 15 to 20 feet while crushed under the frame and gas tank of the car.

My lungs were ruptured; the cartilage between my ribs was torn loose; one side was crushed, damaging the intestines; my spine was broken in two places; a joint was crushed; and one eye was out of the socket and had swelled to the size of a hen's egg.

The doctors told me I would never walk again. They and the nurses faithfully ministered to me. God so wonderfully blessed me that after only three days I again had vision in the injured eye. Also, I could lift my legs and turn over.

For about eight days it felt like a needle was sticking in my back. After the prayer of faith, it never hurt anymore. Five months after the accident, I was again preaching.

Then on Thanksgiving Day 1968 I had a severe gallbladder attack. I thought I was dying. But the Lord Jesus gave me a vision of Himself and the crown of thorns dipped in His blood, and He restored me to health. I am 71 and I can eat anything I want, drive my car, and work for Jesus.

Last June my wife's eyesight began to fail. Even though her glasses were changed, there was no improvement. The eye doctor said she had glaucoma; her sight was almost gone.

Many people were praying for her. One day she went to the church at 5 a.m. to pray. While she was praying the Lord spoke to her to read the Bible. She did not have her glasses with her, but she read 20 verses in the Bible, something she had been unable to do without glasses for 20 years.

My wife still wears glasses but her vision is so much improved she had to have them changed to weaker lenses.

Thank God for His goodness—Thomas P. Carroll, pastor of East Milton Assembly, Milton, Fla.

# TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY, AND FOREVER (Hebrews 13:8)



## YOUNG MOTHER IS CALLED A LIVING MIRACLE

THE WAY THE LORD SUSTAINED ME through pregnancy and gave me a darling baby boy is a source of amazement to the medical people. My doctor said only about a hundred women in the whole world are known to have survived childbirth with a heart condition like mine.



I was born with a very serious heart condition; the doctors told my parents I would not live past my teens. But when I was 15 I became a born-again believer and was filled with the Holy Ghost. This was a wonderful experience, and the Lord changed my life completely.

I married a boy in the church and after two years of marriage we prayed that God would give us a child. The Lord heard our prayer, and I became pregnant.

But one day I started coughing up blood. The doctors said one of the smaller blood vessels in my lungs had burst.

When they learned I was pregnant, both the heart specialist and the obstetrician recommended an abortion. They said I had only a 40 percent chance to live through pregnancy and gave me a week to make a decision.

It was a trying experience for me. Many of my friends and relatives begged me to have the abortion; one individual related the experience of a friend with a similar case history who had died in pregnancy.

I wanted God to have His perfect will in my life. One day as I was praying I turned in my Bible to the passage God had for me, "Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety" (1 Timothy 2:15). I told my doctors I was going ahead with the pregnancy, that I had confidence that if the Lord didn't want me to have this baby He would take it from me.

About the middle of February 1968 when I woke up one morning I coughed up a mouthful of blood again. I was rushed back to the Keesler Air Force Base Hospital (where my husband was stationed). Another small vein

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication. This can encourage others who need healing to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Please make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it. Then mail it to: *The Pentecostal Evangel*, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

had broken. I was only halfway through my pregnancy but I had to remain at the hospital until delivery. The Lord helped me accept this and gave me great contentment during the long confinement.

The doctors told me I would have trouble from the 27th week to the 32nd week because the pressure in my lungs would be greatest during this time. But I had no trouble.

On June 28, 1968, I went into labor and 12 hours later gave birth to a 6 pound 13 ounce baby boy in perfect condition. The Lord kept me so calm and relaxed the doctor thought I was asleep. My blood pressure dropped momentarily only once.

The first five days after delivery I felt so good that I overdid and had to be put under oxygen for a day and a half. To me this was simply a testimony of what God had done. He had taken me through delivery with no problems. When I became weak afterward, He just wanted to tell me, "I am God. I have carried you through this and let you become weak to show you how strong I am."

Now as I look at my son, I often thank God that I listened to Him instead of people so that my life has been blessed by this miracle.—Mrs. Patricia Ward, Gulfport, Miss.

(Endorsed by Pastor Eugene H. Hassler, Assembly of God, Gulfport, Miss.)

## WALKS FIVE WEEKS AFTER MULTIPLE FRACTURES

THE DOCTORS TOLD the parents of Gilbert Sanchez he could not walk for two years because of severely broken bones. But in answer to prayer, he began walking without crutches in five weeks.

On the night of November 2, 1968, Gilbert was driving his truck near Pilar, New Mexico, when a horse appeared on the road. The frightened animal jumped through the windshield of the truck, and was killed instantly. The truck rolled over several times and was completely demolished. Gilbert was thrown 150 feet from the wreckage.

Examination at the hospital in Santa Fe revealed a broken pelvis and broken right hip; the thigh bone was split in two, the lower right leg broken in three places, the right ankle broken, and the left leg fractured.

Surgery took all day and most of the evening. Gilbert



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suffered intense pain, but the surgery proved successful. However, the doctors told Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez their son could not walk for two years. The bones were so badly broken and split, they said, that he would not dare put any pressure on his right leg, and, since the broken pelvis left him without support, he would have to exercise extreme care or the surgery might have to be done over. After 23 days, he returned home.

My husband and I have been friends of the Sanchez family for more than two years. I asked our pastor, Brother Manning, to help us make arrangements to see Gilbert so we could encourage him and pray with him. Arrangements were made and, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Martinez, we went to Pilar on Sunday, December 8.

We found Gilbert was pale, in constant pain, and had poor circulation. He had lost about 25 pounds since the accident. He had no feeling in his right leg on which there was a 10-pound cast from the knee to the ankle.

After visiting briefly we all joined in prayer with Gilbert. God's power was there. He moved his right leg, began trembling, and became very warm. His T-shirt was nearly wet with perspiration.

We had said good-bye to Gilbert and were talking outside the house. Suddenly he got up and walked from the bedroom to the living room door. He was calling for his mother. All of us ran into the house, praising God. Gilbert was walking around the living room without his crutches! His mother wept and his father stood motionless. Gilbert kept on walking about and said, "Daddy, don't you believe I can walk?"

Mrs. Sanchez phoned us six days later to say Gilbert was walking every day and was resting well at night. She said he had driven about five miles to his garage at Rio Granada and supervised a job. The cast was removed on January 9. Thank God for His miracle-working power.—Mrs. Julia W. Kloubec, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

(Endorsed by Pastor G. B. Manning, Central Assembly, Albuquerque, N. Mex.)

### PAINFUL EAR HEALED

I AM SO GLAD to be able to go to church again. Thanks be to God.

More than three years ago I began to have pains in my left ear. I went to several doctors without getting help; also to specialists, and X rays were made.

The Lord had healed me of other ailments in the past, so I hoped He would heal this. But although I was prayed for several times, I received no relief.

Then I went to Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. More X rays were taken but the trouble could not be identified. The doctors suggested an operation to determine the difficulty.

No one knows the pain I suffered. I could not stand the sound of children playing, or a door slamming. I was unable to attend church because the singing hurt my ear.

Then on January 12, 1969, the church had a special service to pray for the sick, and I went. God met me in a wonderful way and healed me. He also gave me a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit. Praise the precious name of Jesus.—Mrs. Eunice Means, Brockton, Mass.

(Endorsed by Pastor E. L. Sherrick, Assembly of God, Brockton, Mass.)

### SHORT LEG LENGTHENED

I'M GLAD AND THANKFUL I can say I'm walking with two *even* legs!

The Thayer Assembly of God was having wonderful healing services in the special meetings with Evangelist Al Hewison. While I was praying in one of the services, Brother Hewison asked me if I wanted a blessing. As he prayed, the Spirit of the Lord came down, and I began talking in other tongues.



Then he noticed my legs; I had had trouble with them, as one was shorter than the other. So he prayed for me again, and I felt a warmth flow over my legs. Now they are both the same length!—Debbie Mills, age 12, Couch, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor Harmon N. Furr, Assembly of God, Thayer, Mo.)

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READERS WRITE THE EDITORS

## Brings Repentance

I have just finished reading another issue of the *Evangel*. Many of the articles spoke to my heart and brought tears to my eyes as the overwhelming love of God once more became so precious and real to me.

God has spoken to me many times by means of this magazine. Time after time as I have read it God has touched my heart and caused me to go to my knees to ask forgiveness for my shortcomings and sins, and also to praise and thank Him for His love and goodness to me.

MRS. LEILA DAVIS  
Boring, Oreg.

## Canadian Church Encouraged

We were thrilled with a recent *Evangel* story on a California church expansion.

I read it during a Sunday evening service as an encouragement to our Canadian congregation to follow their example. I trust you

will continue to publish these faith-inspiring reports in detail.

JOHN W. LUCAS JR.  
Pastor, Immanuel A/G  
Calgary, Alberta, Can.

## Answer Reprinted

I was pleased to read the answer that Brother Williams gave in the December 8 *Evangel* to the person who asked about the changing standards and trends towards worldliness. We have reprinted both the question and answer in our church bulletin. Coming from a man of his caliber, we believe this will be a help towards the revival for which we are all praying.

JOHN BEDZYK, Pastor  
Pentecostal Tabernacle  
Elmira, N. Y.

## Maintaining Standards

How happy I was to see Brother E. S. Williams' answer to the question about modern trends in some quarters of the Assemblies of God (*Your Questions* column,

December 8, 1968). I am glad the *Evangel* still points to the standards set forth in God's Word in relation to matters of holiness and separation from the world.

We praise God for our Movement, but there are disturbing trends in some areas. We need statements like this from time to time to remind our people—pastors and laity alike—that we do have standards as a New Testament church.

VERNON BOYER  
Pastor, First Assembly  
Brookville, Pa.

## Wrong By-line

Thank you for running my article, "Witnessing to School-teachers," in the March 2 issue.

I would like to make a correction, however. I intended the by-line to read, "By Ellen Sandberg as told to Anne Sandberg," for I am not a teacher. My sister-in-law Ellen is a retired teacher and this was actually her story as she related it to me.

MRS. ANNE SANDBERG  
Blue Island, Ill.

## "O Lord, Send the Rain!"

Thank you for the excellent editorial in the December 29, 1968, issue of the *Evangel*.

F. D. EIDE  
District Superintendent  
Trenton, N. J.

## An Unusual Birthday Wish

I was recently inspired by the testimony of Julius Johanson. He moved to St. Cloud, Fla., from Zion, Ill., and united with Faith Assembly as an active member on his 95th birthday.

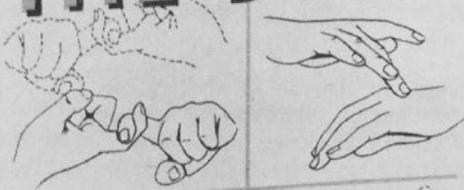
About 20 years ago Brother Johanson sold his large dairy business in Zion. There were some unpaid accounts at the time, and he asked God to help collect the money that was owed. On his 95th birthday he saw that the Lord had begun to answer his prayer.

One letter read: "Best wishes on your birthday. I found your address in the *Zion-Benton News*. . . . My conscience has bothered me for many years over the milk bill that I owed. . . . Please accept this \$6 as full payment on the account. Thank you for your patience and kindness."

Too many times we limit God. We fail to realize His omnipotence. He holds the affairs of the whole world in His hands, and that includes every circumstance in the lives of each of us. "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).

WILLIAM MAROON  
Pastor, Faith Assembly  
St. Cloud, Fla.

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NEWS OF OUR TIMES

EXPECT 8,000 FOR SEPTEMBER MEET

## Speakers, Topics Announced for U.S. Congress on Evangelism

### Senator Hatfield to Speak For Morning Session

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Senator Mark Hatfield will be heard by 8,000 delegates from more than 125 denominations who will gather here September 8-13 for the U.S. Congress on Evangelism.

The congress will be church-slanted in its emphasis and will challenge congregations to an all-out evangelism outreach.

Participation is by invitation only. There will be approximately 80 representatives from the Assemblies of God attending, including laymen, pastors, evangelists, and others.

Two of North America's best-known radio preachers are on the program. They are Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, speaker on "The Lutheran Hour," and Billy Graham of the "Hour of Decision." Dr.

Hoffmann will deliver the keynote message on Monday evening, and Dr. Graham will address the congress in the final session on Saturday noon.

In addition, five well-known church leaders will deliver position papers in the morning sessions. The topics and speakers are:

"The Church and Evangelism in a Day of Revolution" by Leighton Ford, associate evangelist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association; "The Church and the Journey Inward" by Paul Rees, vice-president of World Vision, Inc.; "Evangelism and Renewal in the Church," by Richard C. Halverson, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C.; "Evangelism and Coming World Peace" by Senator Mark Hatfield, an active Baptist layman from Oregon; and "Evangelism

and the Journey Outward" by Harold J. Ockenga, president-elect of Gordon College and Divinity School.

Following each presentation there will be a reaction period when a variety of responses—panels, seminars, speakers—will evaluate the study paper.

Bible hour speakers will be Archbishop Marcus L. Loane of Sydney, Australia, and Harold Lindsell, editor of *Christianity Today*.

Each afternoon there will be numerous workshops, seminars, and demonstrations with opportunities for group discussions.

In the call to prayer for this congress it was stated that "church leaders from all across America are urgently requesting that you pray during these months ahead with an overwhelming faith that there shall be a spiritual awakening in our time."

### Acceptance of God Necessary to Government, Social Order

## WALTER H. JUDD URGES RETURN TO "OLD ORDER"

### Scientific Answer Fails To Include Idea of God

GLENDALE, CALIF.—"What's needed today is a return to the 'old order' of the Ten Commandments, not a move to a 'new order,'" said Dr. Walter H. Judd at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in this city.

The medical doctor and 20-year veteran of Congress compared the problems of the Israelites escaping from Egyptian domination during Biblical times to those of the Chinese when they overthrew the Manchu dynasty in this century.

The former missionary to China said that because the Chinese were not prepared to make decisions for themselves, they were ripe for a Communist takeover.

Dr. Judd said communism in the early 20th century appealed to many people who were seeking a "scientific" answer to social prob-

lems. The answer they sought did not include such an "unscientific" idea as God, Judd said.

He stated that many people still are seeking to "create a new moral order," but no new moral order

can be created any more than Newton could "create" the laws of gravitation. God, he said, must be an accepted concept before we can have a functional and continuing government or social order.

## ... at a glance

- • • Protestant church groups in Italy now have 25 minutes each Sunday morning to broadcast over nationally owned radio. This is an increase of 10 minutes over the previously allotted time. The radio privilege is rotated among various denominations belonging to the Federation of Italian Evangelical Churches.
- • • The Hmar tribe in the northeast section of India has purchased the entire first printing of the Bible in their tribal language. Although the cost of a Bible represents about two days' salary for the head of a family, the 5,000 copies printed by the Bible Society in Calcutta sold quickly. The tribe numbers approximately 70,000, half of whom are Christians. A second printing of the Hmar Bible is anticipated in the near future.

### Rabbi Thinks So

## Era of Cooperation Ahead For Jews, Christians?

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A new and historic era of understanding and cooperation between Jews and Christians is ahead, according to the past president of the American Jewish Congress.

Dr. Joachim Prinz, now chairman of the congress' governing council and rabbi of Temple B'nai Abraham in Newark, said, "New voices can be heard in the churches which understand the unique relationship of Jews to Israel and which recognize that Judaism is not merely a religion but also a people."

In speaking at the national biennial convention of the Jewish congress' women's division here, he said that Jewish response to the events leading up to the six-day Arab-Israeli war had surprised many Christian churchmen into a "new examination and a new understanding of Judaism and Jewish peoplehood."

## Archaeologist Speaks for Opening of Post Office

QUMRAN, ISRAEL—A post office has been opened at this site, once an isolated desert area, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. The remote spot inhabited two millennia ago by the monastic Jewish sect which prepared the scrolls has now become a mecca for a growing number of scholars, pilgrims, and tourists.

At the opening ceremony for the new post office, a series of lectures was given on archaeological questions related to the site. Professor Yigael Yadin of Hebrew University, former chief of staff of the Israeli army and one of the country's best-known archaeologists, discussed the controversy surrounding his discovery of a group of skeletons at Massada, the site of the last heroic stand of Jews against the Roman Empire in A.D. 73.

The archaeologist said he was opposed to plans for the solemn reburial of the skeletons in a Jewish religious ceremony under the auspices of the Ministry of Religions and the Chief Rabbinate. The plan calls for the transfer of the bones to the ancient Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives.

# Library Exhibits Presidential Inaugural Bibles

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Rare Book Library of Washington Cathedral recently placed on exhibit 23 Bibles used by U.S. Presidents in taking their oath of office.

In the research stage for two years, the exhibit brought together for the first time all the known inaugural Bibles, except for a possible two, and "let us hope," states John Chalmers, the Cathedral's librarian for rare books, "that they will not remain forever lost."

The U.S. Constitution does not mention the use of a Bible in the Presidential oath-taking, but the custom was established at the very beginning by George Washington. No one had thought to provide a Bible for his first inauguration, which took place in 1789 at Federal Hall in New York City. But one was quickly secured from a nearby Masonic Lodge, and it has remained the most-prized possession of that lodge.

## Personal Bibles on Display

Eight personal Bibles are also included in the exhibit and were used by the second through the tenth Presidents. An entry in the diary of John Quincy Adams, the nation's sixth leader, "gives some support to the argument that none of these early Presidents, or at least those taking the oath under Chief Justice John Marshall, made use of an inaugural Bible. Adams noted under March 4, 1825, that he 'pronounced' the oath from 'a volume of the laws held up to me by John Marshall.'"

The personal Bible included for John Quincy Adams, (who was a

vice-president of the American Bible Society) was an ABS edition in red morocco dated 1818-19. It was presented to him by the Society in 1820 and contains notes in his hand.

Grover Cleveland, apparently the first President to supply his own Bible for the inaugural ceremony—a practice which has been followed since—used a Bible given to him by his mother in 1852. The little volume, bound in black calf, was used for both his inaugurations, as the 22nd President

in 1885 and as the 24th in 1893.

When the Presidential oath of office was administered to Calvin Coolidge by his father in the Coolidges' Vermont home in 1923, the 30th President used an ABS edition printed in 1861. However, for his second inauguration in 1925 he selected a different Bible which had been given to him by his mother many years before.

Warren G. Harding, 29th President, was sworn in on the Washington inaugural Bible, as was the 34th President, Dwight D. Eisen-

hower. Along with the historic volume, President Eisenhower used a Bible given him by his parents on his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy in 1915. At his second inauguration in 1957, he used only the West Point Bible.

## Oldest Bible Was FDR's

The oldest Bible in the group at the Cathedral is that used by Franklin D. Roosevelt for all four of his inaugurations. It is the only Bible in a foreign language: Dutch. The 1686 edition contains family records of the 32nd President dating from the early 18th century.

Another Bible of particular interest was that used by Harry S. Truman for his second inauguration. Presented to him for the occasion by his hometown of Independence, Mo., the 33rd President's Bible was a 1913 facsimile of the Gutenberg Bible printed before 1456—number 11 in an edition of only 300 copies.

All of the English inaugural Bibles are the King James Version except that used by John F. Kennedy in 1961. The 35th President's Bible was the Douay-Rheims Version, the authorized translation of the Roman Catholic Church. It was a family Bible.

These Bibles, the exhibition declared, "present a continuous record of each President's voluntarily declared need for God's guidance in the face of awesome and increasingly crucial responsibilities. Those responsibilities are today more terrible than they ever were in the past: God's support never was more needed."

## But Collegians See Christ as Answer

### Public Favors Tough Policy For Campus Lawbreakers

PITTSBURGH, PA.—According to the latest Gallup Poll, a majority of American adults, young and old, believe collegians who break the law while demonstrating on campus should be expelled and lose their federal education loans.

There was only a 10 percent difference in the views of those over 30 and those between 21 and 29, with the latter approving a tougher policy by a 7 to 2 ratio.

Meanwhile, students of the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie-Mellon University here are suggesting another solution that may prove far more effective to the problems of "race, sex, and drugs which are tearing the campuses apart."

Their solution is in the form of a pilot project to talk "point blank about Christ" at a series of forum

meetings and discussion groups.

Christian fellowship groups at both campuses have joined forces to "tell it like it is" about their faith in Christ. Their attempt is called Project Point Blank.

Saying they are "sick and tired of trying to find solutions through student disorders, sit-ins, confrontations with the chancellor, ad infinitum," the students plan a series of evangelistic, person-to-person thrusts to "uplift Christ."

A spokesman for the Pitt group said the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie-Mellon University are "racked with problems from all sides...and Christ is the answer."

"If all goes well," he said, "we will try Project Point Blank on other campuses of this area and then, hopefully, in other states."

## Youth Being Warned

### SOVIETS CONCERNED ABOUT SMOKING, DRINKING

MOSCOW—According to the Soviet Central Bureau of Statistics, the designation of males as the stronger sex is a misnomer. Life expectancy for Soviet men averages 66 years, compared to 74 for women.

The sharpest rise in the male death rate occurs in the 30-40 age group. In addition to fatal accidents on the street and in industry, drinking and smoking both con-

tribute to the higher male mortality, since these habits are more prevalent among men, Soviet sociologists point out.

They are especially alarmed by the extent of drinking and smoking among juveniles. There is now an educational campaign to teach schoolchildren to detest the "demon vodka" and to tell them of the link between smoking and cancer.

### MERGERS MAY CREATE DISCORD, NOT UNITY

SEATTLE, WASH.—Church mergers do not always create Christian unity but, in some cases, are having the opposite effect.

Arnold T. Olson, president of the National Association of Evangelicals and of the Evangelical Free Church, made the assessment at a luncheon of the Seattle Association of Evangelicals.

Eight church mergers in recent years were cited, after which Dr. Olson commented that in the same period the *Yearbook of American Churches* listed 23 new denominations!

"Great unions do not mean unity," Dr. Olson said. He stated that the fellowship of the evangelical churches suggested a pattern for Christian unity which does not weld all churches into a single denomination but sets only one standard: "Do we worship the same Lord?"

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### BIBLE CONTEST CLIMAXES ISRAEL'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

JERUSALEM—The culminating event of Israel's yearlong celebration of its 20th anniversary was the Fourth International Bible Contest held here in March.

Representatives from 20 countries competed for top honors, and each question was translated into nine languages including Maltese and Amharic.

Yaacov Homri, a 44-year-old Yemenite-born factory worker from Nathania, coastal town in Israel, won the world Bible championship, scoring 37 out of a possible 39 points.

Israeli President Salman Shazar honored the winners with medals, and all contenders were then taken on a tour of the country.



## A/G Colleges Announce Dates for Baccalaureates, Commencements

*Bethany Bible College*, Santa Cruz, Calif.—baccalaureate, May 23, 8 p.m.; commencement, May 24, 2 p.m.

*Central Bible College*, Springfield, Mo.—baccalaureate, May 21, 7 p.m.; commencement, May 22, 7 p.m.

*Evangel College*, Springfield, Mo.—baccalaureate, May 21, 8:30 a.m.; commencement, May 22, 10 a.m.

*North Central Bible College*, Minneapolis, Minn.—baccalaureate, May 23, 10:30 a.m.; commencement, May 23, 7:45 p.m.

*Northeast Bible Institute*, Green Lane, Pa.—baccalaureate, May 29,

8 p.m.; commencement, May 30, 2:30 p.m.

*Northwest College of the Assemblies of God*, Kirkland, Wash.—baccalaureate, June 7, 7:30 p.m.; commencement, June 8, 3 p.m.

*South-Eastern Bible College*, Lakeland, Fla.—baccalaureate, May 1; commencement, May 2.

*Southern California College*, Costa Mesa, Calif.—baccalaureate, May 31, 10:45 a.m.; commencement, May 31, 3 p.m.

*Southwestern Assemblies of God College*, Waxahachie, Tex.—baccalaureate, May 14, 7:30 p.m.; commencement, May 15, 9:30 a.m.

## WITH CHRIST

**Corbett J. Hartwick**, 61, of Poyen, Ark., went to his eternal reward on February 21, 1969. Ordained in 1936 by the Arkansas District, Brother Hartwick served the Lord as a pastor of several Arkansas churches including Morrilton, Bigelow, Malvern, and Poyen. He is survived by his wife Elma, one son, and one daughter.

**Donald L. Payne Sr.**, 55, of Kansas City, Mo., went to be with the Lord on February 10, 1969. Brother Payne, ordained by the West Central District in 1947, founded and built the Maple Park Assembly in Kansas City. He also served the Lord as an evangelist and as pastor in Albany, Orrick,

Harlem, and Grant City, Mo., and Pleasant Hill, Iowa. He is survived by his wife Lena and two sons.

**Pleas F. Ramsey**, 90, of Essex, Mo., went to be with Christ on February 9, 1969. Brother Ramsey was ordained in 1915 and evangelized in several states. He also held pastorates in Russellville, Malvern, Lepanto, and Fordyce, Ark., and Meridian and Conehatta, Miss. He is survived by his daughter, Mae Findley.

**James B. Allen**, 77, of Tolar, Tex., was called into the presence of the Lord on December 30, 1968. He was licensed in 1949 by the North Texas District.

## NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATIONS



### Kentucky Congregation Dedicates Church

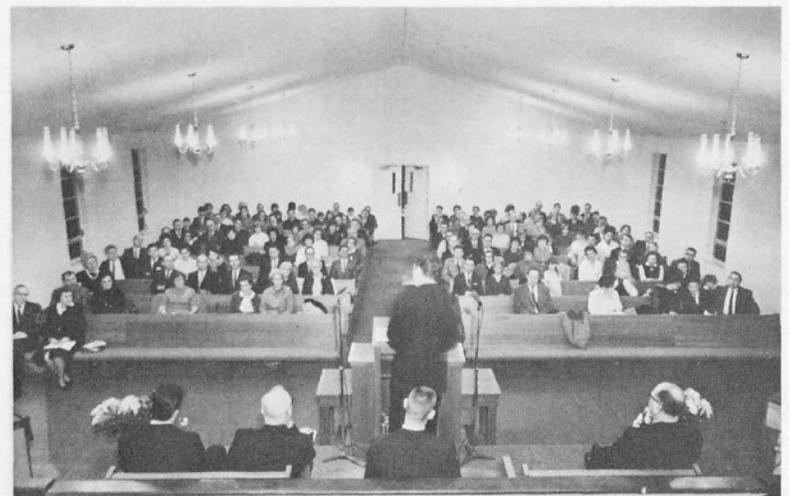
#### 30 Decisions for Christ in First Month in Building

LOUISVILLE, KY.—The congregation of Trinity Chapel here recently dedicated its new building to the Lord. Revivaltime Speaker C. M. Ward brought the dedicatory message and Wiley Hinecker, Ken-

tucky district superintendent, offered the prayer of dedication.

The new 43- by 90-foot structure contains 7,700 square feet of space. Located on the main floor is a sanctuary which will seat 225, the church office, pastor's study, and two nurseries.

The educational facilities, rest



Pastor Curt Davis (inset) and his congregation recently dedicated this lovely new church in Louisville, Ky. Above: This group was present for the dedication services.

rooms, and a large fellowship hall are located in the basement.

The church is constructed of white brick. A charcoal steeple and tinted windows give it a contemporary look.

A series of events enabled a small congregation to erect this lovely new building.

The work began on June 6, 1965, when Pastor Curt Davis announced that services would be held at a local elementary school. There were 18 in attendance that first Sunday.

In November Trinity Chapel was formed with 25 charter members. Since that time, there has been a steady attendance growth until at present between 75 and 100 regularly attend the services.

In 1966 the congregation purchased three acres in a suburban area but construction of the new building did not begin until 1968. The first services were held in the new building on December 22.

The structure is valued at \$135,000 but the total cost was only \$105,000. The landscaping is being done by the church men. A number of the church people purchased the furniture and other fixtures for the new edifice.

Pastor Davis reports that since moving into the new building, the size of the congregation has continued to increase with several first-time visitors present each Sunday. The first month in the new church was marked by 30 decisions for Christ.

"Trinity Chapel is the result of faith in God by a group of people dedicated to the dynamic New Testament concepts of evangelism and Spirit-filled worship. It is more than a building—it is a ministry . . . an exciting adventure based on the axiom that God's love is relevant to the needs of people today. Faith in God works, for we have seen the results."

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**ST. CHARLES, MO.**—A revival spirit prevails at First Assembly here after a meeting with Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo.

Thirty-one persons accepted Christ as Saviour, and 12 were reclaimed. Six were filled with the Holy Spirit, and nine were refilled.

Eight converts, including an 88-year-old woman, followed the Lord in water baptism on the last night of the meeting.

—A. W. Pettet, pastor

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**MOUNTAIN VIEW, MO.**—A revival spirit has been present during this past year here at First Assembly. Twenty-seven persons have accepted Christ as Saviour,

18 have been filled with the Holy Spirit, and 13 have followed the Lord in water baptism.

Church attendance has grown with an average of 97 in Sunday school in December.

The year was climaxed with a week of meetings held by Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo. In these services 10 were filled with the Holy Spirit, one was saved, and one reclaimed.

—Nolan Wilkins, pastor

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**CLEVELAND, TEX.**—Hi-Way Tabernacle here experienced a wonderful Pentecostal outpouring as a result of three weeks of prayer meetings, followed by two and one-half weeks of special ser-

VICES with Evangelist and Mrs. Charles McKnight.

Several people were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. One was delivered from the cigarette habit. Several were healed.

Members of other Assemblies of God churches visited the meetings. One of the highlights was the ministry of the choir from First Assembly in Highlands, Tex., where Burnis Davis is pastor.

—Travis Freeman, pastor

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

**CENTRAL BIBLE COLLEGE HOMECOMING**—May 20, 21, Springfield, Mo. Speaker: Murray W. McLees (class of '51), pastor in Eugene, Oregon.

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Eufaula	First	May 13-18	G. L. & Mrs. McKinney	Fred Bachman
Ariz.	Winslow	Indian Mission	May 4-11	L. Otis & Mrs. Triplett Sr.	Don Johnson
Ark.	N. Little Rock	Glad Tidings	May 11-25	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	Doyle Johnson
Calif.	Davis	A/G	May 13-25	George & Susie Holmes	John Blakeley
	El Sobrante	Central	May 11-25	Thomas Ming Sr.	Russell Griffin
	Felton	Valley	May 5-11	John & Robert Stephens	David English
	La Mesa	Faith Chapel	May 13-25	Linfield Crowder	George Gregg
	Livermore	Calvary	May 14-18	Robert & John Stephens	John Warren
	Palm Springs	A/G	May 11—	Barry & Nancy Weddle	Jack Enright
Colo.	Windsor	A/G	May 11-18	Richard & Rhonda Field	Rueben Drieth
Fla.	Palm City	A/G	May 13-25	Jerry & Ann Johnson	Harold Hilde
	Winter Haven	Northside	May 13-25	Edgar & Mrs. Davis	Charles Clary
Ga.	Macon	First	May 11-18	Nettie Parham	M. G. Barfield
	Riverdale	<sup>1</sup> A/G	May 13-18	Carl E. Gammel	W. H. Fisher
	Waycross	First	May 12-18	Randall Walker	L. G. Grice
Ill.	Atlanta	<sup>1</sup> A/G	May 11-16	Christian Hild	E. C. Cunningham
	Carrollton	A/G	May 13-25	Dan & Marty Womack	Richard Steinbach
	Morton	A/G	May 11-25	Glenna Byard	Dewayne Harris
	Rock Island	Bethel	May 13-18	Paul Hild	David Clark
Ind.	Gary	Black Oak	May 6-18	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Jeff D. Chambers
	Terre Haute	First	May 6-18	Keetah Jones	Loren Wooten
	Terre Haute	Hulman St.	May 11-18	Doug & Judy Maners	Clair Syler
Iowa	Ottumwa	Faith	May 13-25	Wayne & Vi Marshall	A. D. Kost
Kans.	Olathe	A/G	May 13-18	Roy Tregenza	E. E. Henley
	Phillipsburg	First	Apr. 28-May 11	Loyd Lowder	Jesse Shaw
La.	Bastrop	Bonita Road	May 11-25	DeGreef & Cooper Team	David Oliver
Mich.	Rapid City	A/G	May 13-25	Wesley Wibley	Richard F. McWatters
	Sturgis	A/G	May 8-18	Charles Struck	A. E. Vold
	Tecumseh	A/G	May 11-23	Victor Etienne	H. E. Speer
Minn.	Minneapolis	First Bloomington	May 14-25	Paul Sandgren	Arvid Kingsriter
	Morris	A/G	May 13—	Jerry & Mrs. Fischer	Orville Larson
Mo.	Herculaneum	First	May 5-18	Howard & Barbara Young	Herman E. Richardson
	Joplin	Faith	May 14-18	C. M. Ward	T. R. Shepherd
	Potosi	<sup>1</sup> A/G	May 11-16	Gene & Esther Fiddler	Roy Bennett
	St. Louis	Trinity Tab.	Apr. 30-May 11	E. A. Manley	J. A. Drysdale
	Wentzville	First	May 11-24	Joe McCutchen	Ruth Rosser
Nebr.	Aurora	A/G	May 11-16	Kathleen Jennings	Robert Nazarenus
	Theftord	Bethel	Apr. 30-May 11	Paul R. Sandgren	K. Melvin Johnson
N. Mex.	Carlsbad	Westside	May 11-25	R. I. & Pearl Wynkoop	J. W. Newton
N. C.	Wanchese	A/G	Apr. 30-May 11	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	Richard Beavers
Ohio	Ashtabula	First	May 12-25	F. R. McAdams Evang. Tm.	James Holtz
	Medina	Pentecostal	May 13-18	R. J. Pasquale	Gilbert S. Harris
Okla.	Okla. City	South West	May 4-11	Calvin & Beverly Durham	Cecil L. Brown
Oreg.	Eugene	First	May 11-25	Star W. Thomas	Murray W. McLees
	Medford	Bethel	May 13-25	Arne Vick	Lawrence D. Krause
	Prineville	First	May 13-25	Lloyd & Carol Portin	E. G. Slape
Pa.	Butler	A/G	May 4-11	F. R. McAdams Evang. Tm.	Hubert G. Bunney
	Clairton	Calvary	Apr. 30-May 11	R. S. & Vera Peterson	Jack P. Kaylor
	Mt. Pleasant	First	May 6-18	Charles S. Morris	Wilbur W. Hoak
	Mt. Union	A/G	May 14-25	George & Evelyn Butrin	Fleming Van Meter
	Peckville	A/G	Apr. 30-May 11	David Lewis & Family	Ernest Drost
	Philadelphia	Calvary	May 11-18	B. C. & Mrs. Heinze	James Gripp
Tex.	Athens	First	May 7-18	Darrell & Barbara Logue	J. W. Thomison
	Bascom	A/G	May 6-11	Fisher-Cheek Team	H. Travis Freeman
	Borger	First	May 14-25	Ervin Asiatico	H. D. Stockton
	Dayton	First	May 11—	Don & Iris Campbell	H. J. Weaver
	Flynn	A/G	May 14—	Fisher-Cheek Team	Clara W. Tumlinson
	Newton	First	May 13-18	Phil & David Hastie	A. G. Calaway
	Pearland	Bethany	May 11-18	Lloyd Bates & "Danny"	Jerry Laird
Utah	Ogden	First	May 11-25	Glenn & Helen Kelly	Kenneth Brethouwer
Va.	Manassas	A/G	May 14-25	David Lewis & Family	Gordon Young
	Roanoke	First	May 11-25	Fred Carrington	J. Vernon Cardiff
Wash.	Kettle Falls	A/G	May 13-25	Harry Blakkolb	William Papan
W. Va.	Patterson Creek	Bethel Tab.	May 13-25	H. B. Kelchner	Wilbur Elliott
Wis.	Kenosha	A/G	May 7-18	Sunshine Evang. Party	John Wilkerson
Canada	Hamilton, Ont.	Central Gosp. Tab.	May 15-25	R. S. Peterson	A. M. Mallory

<sup>1</sup>Children's Revival

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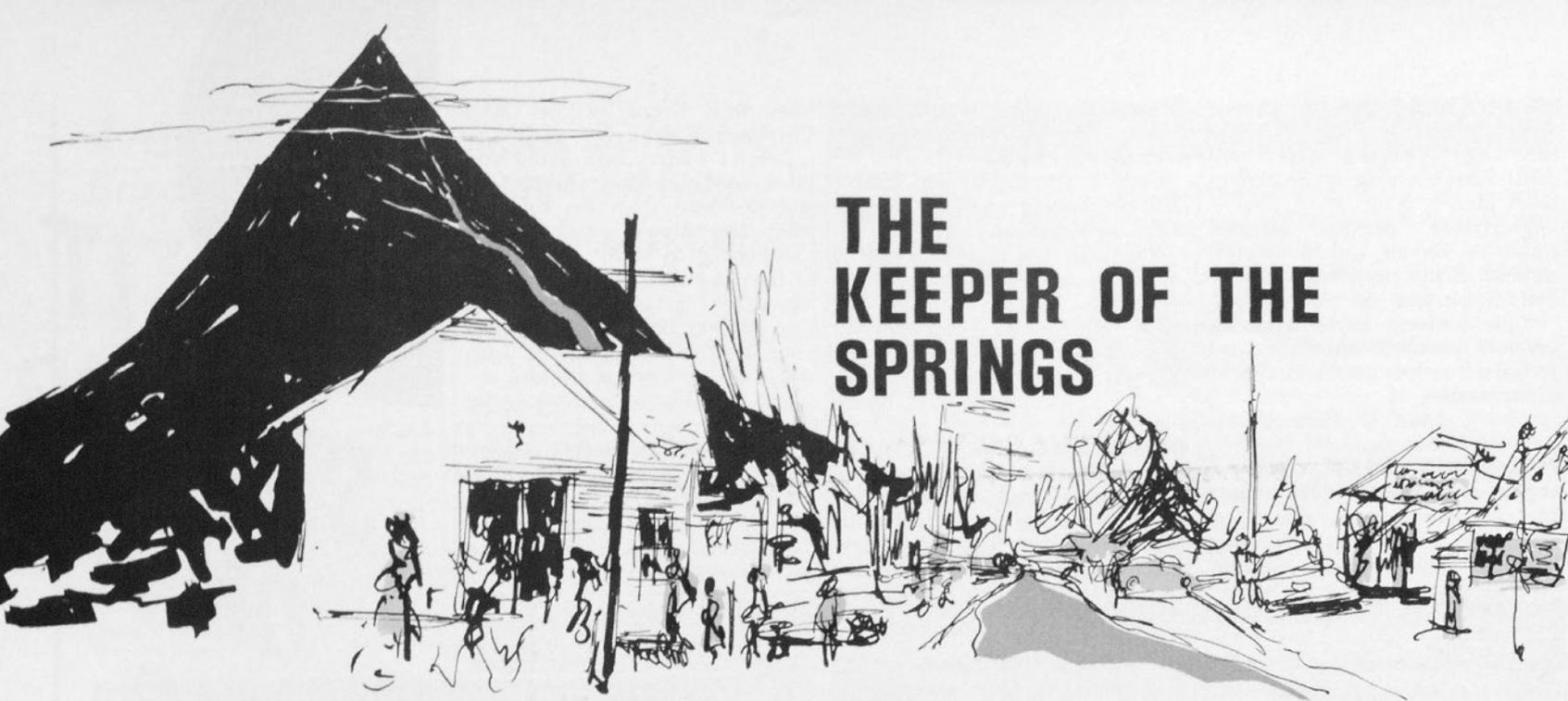
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# THE KEEPER OF THE SPRINGS

By HELEN WANNENMACHER

**H**AVE YOU HEARD THE STORY of "The Keeper of the Springs," which was told by the late Peter Marshall? It is the story of a thriving town which grew up at the foot of a mountain, and the springs above the town which provided the water supply.

High up in the mountain a strange and quiet forest-dweller had the job of minding the springs. He roamed the hills, and when he found a spring he would clean its pool of mold, of fallen leaves, and other debris so that the water ran down clear and pure; and, meeting other springs, it became a river of life to the busy town below. Mill wheels were turned by it; gardens were beautified; and little children played happily on its banks.

But the city fathers, being hardheaded businessmen, decided it was too much to pay the keeper of the springs for his labors, so they built a reservoir just above the town and dismissed the caretaker. No longer did he visit the springs and keep them clean.

When the reservoir was finished, it soon filled with water, but it did not seem the same. The water was not clear and pure as before. Soon a green scum covered its surface. At last an epidemic raged through the city, reaching into nearly every home.

The city council decided they were too hasty in dismissing the keeper of the springs and sorrowfully acknowledged their mistake. They sought him out in his hermit hut and begged him to return to his former task. Gladly he made his rounds; and soon the pure waters from the cleansed pools ran down to the city once more, bringing life and joy and health to all.

May not the keeper of the springs be likened to the mothers of our land, whose faithful love and tender care have kept us pure and sweet and strong? There can be no higher calling for any woman than to watch over her own home and children, keeping out the cheap, the filthy, the sinful—and training her sons and daughters to appreciate the things that are of God, the beautiful, the worthwhile, and the constructive things.

The vulgarities of modern life are a challenge to every Christian mother today. Never was there a greater need

for "keepers of the springs" than now. If the home fails, the country is doomed. A breakdown of authority and moral standards in the home will bring a breakdown of the nation.

Courageous mothers are needed who will cleanse the "springs" and lead the family and the nation back to God, back to old-fashioned morality, back to decency and purity.

But mothers cannot do it unless they themselves know God. Therefore every mother should dedicate herself afresh to this noble task of bringing up her children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

So many avenues must be guarded against the entrance of ungodly influences. Television with its subtle suggestiveness, as well as its bold portrayal of violence and crime, would teach the children how to steal, to kill, and to indulge in sinful habits. Obscene literature must be kept out. The mail must be screened for books and magazines that would bring spiritual harm. In their place we should fill our homes with fine Christian magazines and books—autobiographies of famous Christians, stories of missionary adventure, and other good literature.

The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." That training, to be effective, must be done in the home. No one has the same opportunity to mold a child's life as the mother. If she knows God in a personal way, walks daily in the light of His Word, and finds joy in her role as homemaker, she can be the means of bringing salvation and blessing to each member of the family.

What a responsibility—and what a privilege—to be "keeper of the springs," watching over growing boys and girls, working lovingly for their happiness, guarding them from evil, guiding their interests, keeping the home an inviting and desirable place for all who enter the doors; but most of all being watchful that the fragrance of the presence of Jesus be evident at all times. In such an atmosphere of happiness and love and peace, guarded by parents who "watch and pray," children will grow to be fine and strong and pure.