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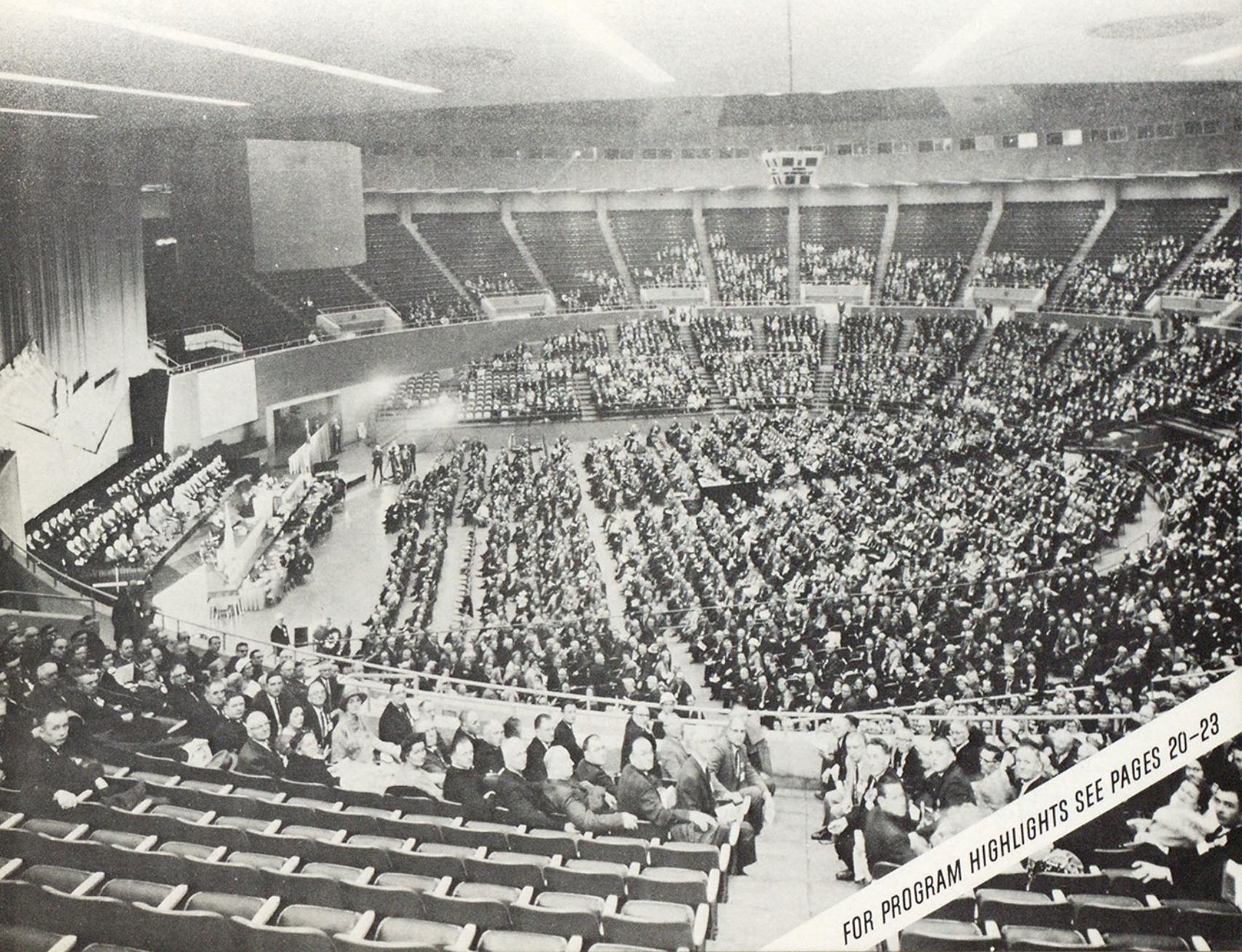
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There are three universal fears—and the living Christ has the antidote to each.

UNAFRAID

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CERTAIN SCHOOLS OF PSYCHOLOGY tell us there are three inborn emotions in man—love, rage, and fear—and the strongest of these is fear. We all have our fears, our phobias, our phobic reactions.

This was graphically illustrated for me a few years back when I took my father for his first airplane ride. He sat on the edge of the seat from takeoff to landing!

As we made our initial bank Dad leaned away over, as if to set the plane level again. I said, "Just put your hands on the controls, and follow through, and you'll enjoy it." Whereupon Dad answered in the squeakiest little voice I ever heard him use, "Son, just set her down as soon as you can!"

Dad was in the grip of mortal fear. Flying frightened him; and yet he had been a bronc buster in his early days—a real cowboy. He thought nothing of riding a wild mustang to a standstill. He made his living chasing wild steers at breakneck speed through the sagebrush. I didn't think he was afraid of anything!

I asked myself, "Why should anyone be afraid of something as safe as my airplane?" I enjoyed flying; why shouldn't my dad enjoy it too? And then I had a second thought. How would I feel if I were riding one of Dad's broncs? I would have been paralyzed with fear! So everyone has fears of one kind or another. What are your fears?

There are three great fears that touch all men sooner or later. John mentions them in Revelation 1:17, 18 and also furnishes an antidote to them in the words of the resurrected Christ. Let's look at these verses in the Amplified Bible. It reads:

"When I saw Him I fell at His feet as if dead. But He laid His right hand on me and said, Do not be afraid! I am the First and the Last, and the Everliving One—I am living in the eternity of the eternities. I died,

but see, I am alive for evermore; and I possess the keys of Death and Hades."

Note that this encompasses the *fear of life*, the *fear of death*, and the *fear of eternity*. To the *fear of life* Jesus says, "I am the Ever-living One." To the *fear of death* He says, "I died, but see, I am alive for evermore." And to the *fear of eternity* He says, "I am living in the eternity of the eternities." So where is there any need to fear?

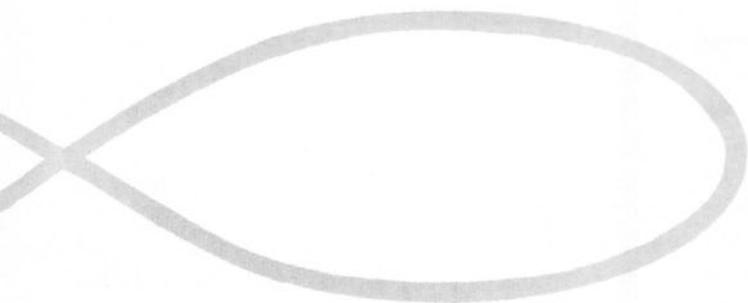
UNAFRAID OF LIFE

Christ said to John, "I am he that liveth," or as another version puts it, "The living one." He is the self-existent One. In Him life is inherent and underived. If we have Christ, He is our source of life, and we need not be afraid. But we have all seen men and women who feared life and who withdrew from it.

Some are afraid of life because of tragedy or evil. One of my college friends died suddenly with spinal meningitis leaving a lovely wife and a baby daughter. That tragedy so shook the young wife that several years later she was still withdrawn. Then one Sunday morning she gripped my hand and said, "Because of Don's death I have been afraid to let myself go—afraid to get involved in life again; but you have told me that the Living One is living within me through the Holy Spirit, and now I think I can live again!" How thankful I was!

Others fear life because of doubt or pessimism. A man of my acquaintance was well-to-do, but he began to worry about what might happen to his family if he should become ill. Eventually that which he feared came upon him. He became ill, and because of the pressures of his sickness his wife also became very ill. Before long they had spent the savings which, with sensible investment, would have kept them comfortably for a long lifetime; all was gone, spent on an illness which was definitely caused by a gloomy, pessimistic, doubt-filled spirit. Paul said, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power [*dunamis*], and of love, and of a sound mind."

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We need a purpose in life and a dynamic for living which are found through Christ. I am reminded of two boys who had dogs. One was a big, strong-looking dog, ugly and dirty; the other was just a little pooch. The owner of the big dog sicced it on the little dog, and they went round and round—teeth and claws flashing, dust and fur flying; but before long they were up and chasing down the road. When the dust cleared, to the surprise of many, the big dog was in the lead and the little pooch was nipping at his heels. Someone said to the master of the smaller one, "Your dog is bigger than he looks." To which the lad replied, "I guess it's not the amount of dog in the fight, but the amount of fight in the dog that counts." And so it is in human life. What really counts is the *faith*, and the *purpose*, and the *dynamic* that comes in having the Living One within us. Then and only then can we be unafraid of life.

UNAFRAID OF DEATH

In answer to this second universal fear, Jesus says, "I died, but see, I am alive." The New English Bible reads, "I was dead and now I am alive for evermore."

In the natural all men fear death. This was impressed upon me forcefully when I was in the Air Force. There was a pilot in our squadron (we'll just call him Captain) who had learned to fly in the R.A.F. He was a big, burly character who could always bluff his way through. We supposed he wasn't afraid of anything. But one day I was flying above the base with my radio tuned to the takeoff frequency as the Captain took off in an F86 interceptor. He had full military power. The afterburner belched a flame twice the length of the plane. Suddenly there was an engine explosion. The eyelids closed on the afterburner, containing the fire within the engine. The mighty Captain panicked.

A cool control tower operator said, "Man, get hold of yourself; eject your canopy and the smoke will clear away, and I'll talk you in for a belly landing!" But the brave Captain screamed until he became incoherent: "There's smoke in the cockpit; I can't see; I'm going

to die!" As I circled above the wreckage I realized that even the toughest men fear death.

But for Christians the worst is removed. Christ has taken the sting away, therefore they can die calmly. A physician in a large Tulsa hospital ran a personal survey over a long period and he said that in several hundred deaths he had witnessed, there was a definite correlation; those without faith died what he called a hard death, while those associated with the church died what he termed an easy death. Christ makes the difference.

UNAFRAID OF ETERNITY

To the *fear of eternity*, Jesus says, "I am living in the eternity of the eternities." Also, "I possess the keys of Death and Hades." Whether you are a young person in the prime of life, or an older person approaching the sunset, a certain anxiety about the unknown future is still there! Thus it is reassuring to know that Christ is the Lord of history. He is the Alpha and Omega, the A and Z, the First and the Last, and all in between.

Men have more reason today to be concerned about the future than ever before. The 17th century has been called the age of enlightenment, the 18th the age of reason, the 19th the age of progress, and our 20th century the age of anxiety. Wars, labor strife, racial disturbances, broken homes, moral deterioration, widespread crime, threat of destruction from thermonuclear weapons, nerve gas, bacteriological and psychological warfare—all of these further aggravate man's fears. We need to reaffirm that Christ is the Lord of history and Master of our immediate future.

I was returning from a speaking engagement near Houston at the time President Kennedy gave the ultimatum to Khrushchev to get the Russian missiles out of Cuba. As I flew along I caught myself unconsciously looking over my shoulder toward the great Texas metropolis. I knew that if the name of any American city was engraved upon those atomic warheads, it would be the great port of Houston. I almost expected to see a mushroom cloud arise before my eyes. I asked the Lord to take the fear away, and the words, "I hold the keys," came into my mind. I ended the flight literally singing, "He's got the whole world in His hand!" Yes, our Lord is the Lord of history. With Him in control we need not fear.

And Christ is also the Lord of Eternity. There is a craving in every man for eternal life, and yet the unknown quantity of eternity strikes fear in our hearts. We want it and we don't. We move toward it and we withdraw. A mist hangs over the future, veiling it from our eyes. As Paul said, "We see through a glass, darkly," and John said, "What we shall be has not yet been disclosed" (N.E.B.). But we have the revelation of God in Christ, and there is assurance in the Scriptures. The apostle who said, "Now we look through a glass, darkly," went on to say, "Then shall I know even as also I am known." And the one who said, "What we shall be has not yet been disclosed," also said, "When it is disclosed we shall be like him."

So it is good to know, that Christ holds the keys to life, death, and eternity. He has said, "I am he that openeth and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth" (Revelation 3:7).

Life with Christ is an endless hope. Life without Christ is a hopeless end! Do you have Him? 

Can We Have Revival?

IF ANYONE HAS DOUBTS as to whether we can have revival today, he should read Kenneth Olson's article in this *Evangel*. On a recent tour of his district, Brother Olson found exciting evidence that God is still blessing His praying people, and he tells about it on page nine. Be sure to read, "Revival in North Dakota."

Similar revivals are occurring in other places. What God is doing in North Dakota He can do anywhere, for North Dakota is not much different from any other state—although it may have more than its share of odd names. What other state has a town named Zap (which was in the news a few weeks ago due to the uproarious conduct of a university mob)? What other state has both a Devils Lake and a Zion, a Hebron and a Heil, a York and a Berlin, a Napoleon and a Bismarck?

North Dakota has a Cannonball and a Donnybrook, a South Heart and a Wing, a Merricourt and a Starkweather. It has towns named Agate and Spiritwood, Killdeer and Wild Rice, White Earth and Wheatland.

But the most interesting name, we think, is Cando. We have heard different stories of how this town got its name, so we wrote to the newspaper editor in Cando for enlightenment. We received a reply from Mr. Pete Denison who kindly quoted from the Cando Diamond Jubilee book to the effect that it arose out of a dispute.

The early settlers were sharply divided over where the county seat should be. One faction wanted it in the Big Coulee area, to be called La-Crosse. Another faction wanted it near its present site. On February 14, 1884, the commissioners had a public meeting to settle the issue. "With Prosper Parker presiding, the argument raged all day long, growing more bitter every hour. At last Captain Parker and his fellow commissioners realized they must take drastic action, as all efforts to bring harmony to the determined settlers had failed. Captain Parker then gave his now famous speech: 'Gentlemen, we have been appointed to this committee to decide this location, and in virtue of our authority we select this location and name the town *Cando* to show that we *can do it*.'

"There were several fist fights, but the location was officially made and the town given its name. On November 4, 1884, at the first general election, the location was made permanent by a large majority vote."

Can we have revival today? Yes, some people in North Dakota are still saying, "We *can do it*, by God's grace." Their faith is like Paul's, who said, "I *can do* all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).

Some may doubt. There were doubters in Moses' day, too. They said, "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?" (Psalm 78:19). Yes, God can, and He did, with water, manna, and quails.

There were doubters in Jesus' day also. They said, "Who then can be saved?" and Jesus replied, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:25, 26).

There was a boy who seemed incurable, for a foul spirit controlled him. The father said to Jesus, "If thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us." Jesus replied, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:22, 23). The question was not, "Can God do it?" but, "Can you believe?"

Where there is spiritual hunger and earnest faith, God will send revival, if we repent and keep praying, but it will not come to people who give way to discouragement and doubts. There is a time when we need to rebuke the unbelief, take sides with God, and say, "We *can have revival*."

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THE TELEGRAPH OPERATOR THEY CALLED 'PREACHER'

By MARK WOOD

As told to Ada Nicholson Brownell

THE FIRST TIME I saw Harry Rood he was sitting in a little dingy railroad depot at Dotsero, Colorado, reading the Bible.

I immediately made a mental note that Harry had to be some kind of nut. But it was not long before Harry won my respect.

Harry and I were telegraph operators for the Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad. He worked the evening shift and I worked nights.

Each workday I had to talk to Harry when making the transfer from his shift to mine. During these few minutes he would preach a sermon that was punctuated by the sound of telegraph messages rattling noisily on the sounder above the desk.

Harry didn't push religion down my throat. It was just the opposite; he was gentle and soft-spoken. Nevertheless no matter what we talked about he always managed to get in a testimony.

If we talked about current events he would mention how the world was shaping up for the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He kept saying he wanted to be sure he was ready. He didn't mention anything about me being sure I was ready to meet the Lord, but his concern made me conscious that I was not prepared.

Until I was 19, I had never been to church except for two or three funerals. The first regular church service I attended was at a Pentecostal church in Grand Junction, Colorado, and it scared me to death!

My girl friend (who later became my wife) occasionally got me to attend a community church with her after that, but I made no commitment to serve God.

After moving to Dotsero my wife and I visited all the churches in a nearby town (except the Assembly of God) and I didn't like any of them.

When Harry kept bringing God into our conversations I didn't like that either. I tried changing the subject but somehow in his quiet, gentle manner he always maneuvered it back to talking about the Lord.

One night he stayed until 2 a.m. (he got off work at midnight) talking to me about salvation. Even the loud clanging of the dispatcher's phone didn't stop him. One of us would take the train order; then Harry would continue where he left off.

One day an emergency arose on the job. One of the men we worked with got in trouble and the incident demanded action. I was impressed with Harry's behavior in the crisis. Other operators said, "Preacher, you handled that beautifully" (they always called him Preacher), and they laughed at the way Harry put the other man in his place. A worldly man would have gloated over the per-

sonal triumph. But not Harry. All he said was, "I hope I wasn't too harsh. You know, a Christian has to be fair. I wouldn't want the Lord to come and find me showing a wrong spirit."

Suddenly I knew Harry believed what he preached. He didn't just talk about it—he believed it!

We knew Harry's wife was also a good Christian. We often heard them praying, as did everyone who lived in the small town of Dotsero, which was only a few railroad families in trailers or company houses beside the railroad tracks.

Soon Harry and his wife came to our house and invited us to attend their church in Glenwood Springs. In spite of myself, I agreed to go.

"I'll go," I told my wife, shaking my finger in her face, "but I'm not going to like it."

The Assembly of God in Glenwood Springs was at that time a long wooden shack covered with imitation brick material. I smiled at the crude structure. Inside the building, however, there was something that took my mind away from the rustic surroundings. I could feel the presence of God the minute I walked in—before a word was spoken or a song was sung.

The Holy Spirit began to convict me. During the invitation, Pastor Russell Cox came back and asked me if I would like to become a Christian.

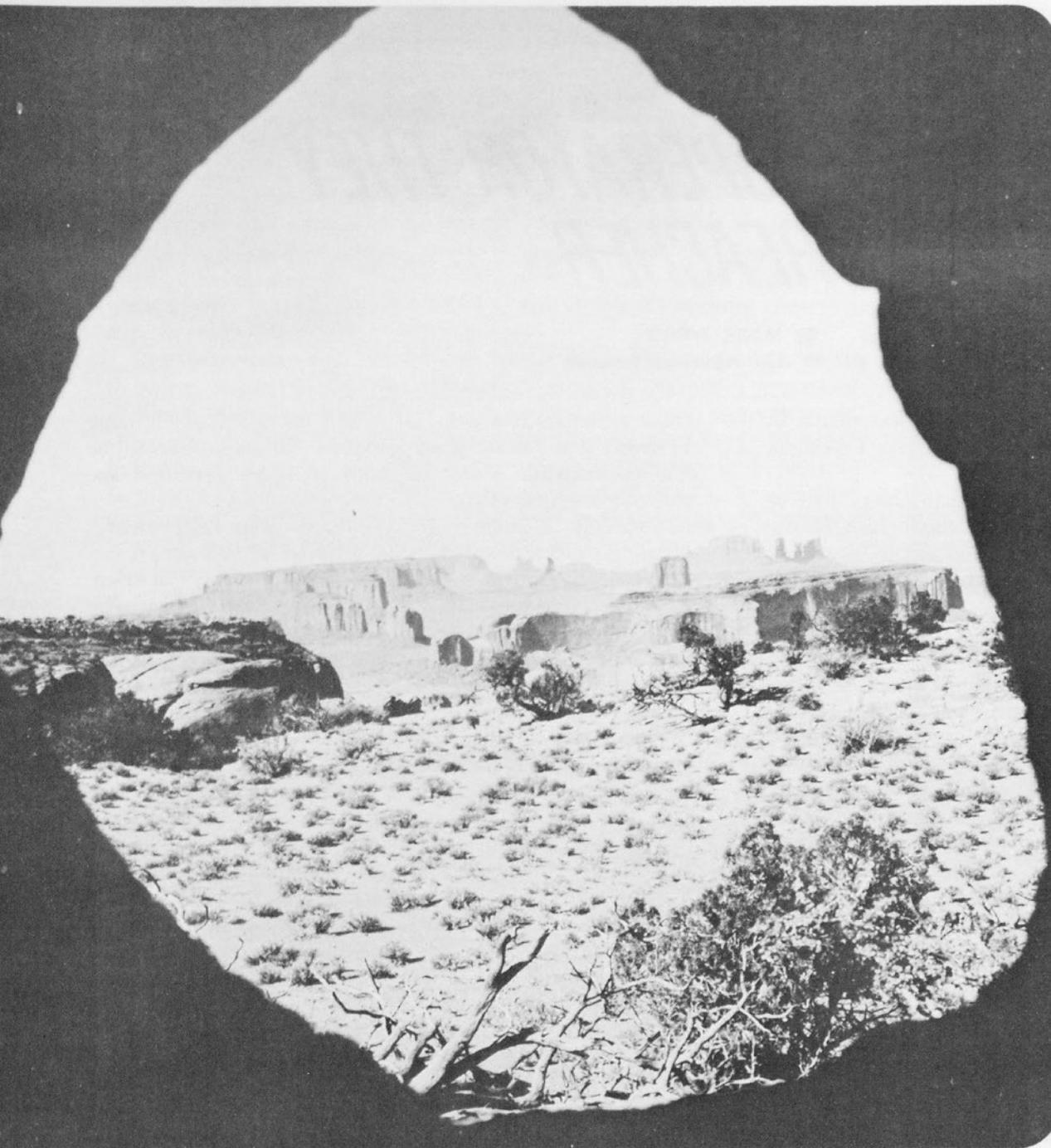
I knelt and prayed but I still wasn't sure I was doing the right thing. I had always surmised that when you got saved you were hit by a bolt of lightning, then suddenly became a different person. I wondered what I would do if this didn't happen to me.

I didn't need to wonder for long. While I was praying a sense of peace flooded my soul and I forgot about the bolt of lightning.

However, for several days afterward I doubted that anything had really happened to me. Then one night at work I began reading a testimony in *The Pentecostal Evangel* (Harry always left a copy there for the fellows to read) and soon found myself crying, even though I usually was not emotional.

Although it was still dark outside as I lifted my tear-streaked face it seemed the clouds parted and I could see into heaven. The assurance of my salvation came in dashing waves of joy. There was no audible voice, but it seemed the Lord told me all I had to do to receive great things from God was to yield myself completely to Him.

That experience in 1954 was only the beginning of many great and wonderful things the Lord has done for me. Thank God for individuals like Harry who have the courage to speak up for the Lord.



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THIRST— THE PLAGUE OF THE DESERT

By BERNYCE CAMPBELL

MANY YEARS AGO a young mother was traveling through the desert alone except for her small son. As time passed and the sun burned down upon them, she began to realize they would die without water. She looked everywhere for water and finally came to the conclusion there was no hope.

Sadly, she placed her child near a small desert bush and went away. She could not bear to see him suffer and die.

As she sat bowed in grief and despair, the angel of God spoke to her and said, "What aileth thee, Hagar?" God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water!

Many Christians, like Hagar, find themselves in a dry and thirsty land. When a "dry season" hits the church, they can't see the well of water. If you are experiencing this spiritual desert, you can be sure you have plenty of company for most Christians spend some time there. But this experience is in direct contrast to Christ's promise,

"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink" (John 7:37). Why then are Christians thirsting without finding satisfaction?

When we moved to a desert area we had many surprises. We found the air so dry we could quickly dehydrate. It is necessary to keep a supply of water on hand at all times, both at home and when traveling. One never goes anywhere without carrying water. It is so scarce. And it is never wasted. Only by conserving water from the flash floods can the desert be made a productive place.

This reminds me of our Christian life and how like the desert most communities are spiritually. If we are to survive in this spiritual desert, we must learn a few survival rules.

1. *Provide water for yourself.*

The drier the community is, spiritually speaking, the more water you must drink. The Bible is your source

of spiritual water and you should read it daily—study it, memorize it, and keep it with you and in you. Do not depend on the pastor or the Sunday school teacher to quench your thirst. Their drinks are but refreshments served during rest stops.

2. *When lost, look for a tree.*

Occasionally someone will become lost in the desert. When this happens it is essential to life that he know how to find water. One of the first things to look for is a tree—usually a cottonwood tree. This tree can stand enormous amounts of hot, dry wind, but it always has its roots firmly planted near water. It may be a deep spring, a small stream from the mountains, or an open spring or oasis—but there is water.

A few weeks ago, we had the painful experience of seeing our seven-year-old son leave this world. A few hours after his departure, as my faith was reeling in the strong winds of sorrow, and I was lost on the desert of despair, our teen-age daughter began to sing, "Just like a tree that's planted by the waters, I shall not be moved." It was that fresh drink I needed.

When you feel faint, look for a tree planted by the water. Your "tree" may be a Christian who has withstood the trials and tests of the years and whose determination and steadfastness can be a source of strength. A few hours spent with a godly person can do much to revive a weakened soul.

3. *Conserve your water.*

If you are in the desert and unable to locate a tree or waterhole, do the next best thing—conserve what water you have. Get out of the sun and into the shade.

I never fully realized the meaning of the song, "Jesus is a rock in a weary land," until I felt the coolness of the shade of a desert rock. The sun may be blazing hot, but the shady side of a big rock is cool and comfortable. Christ is the "rock of our salvation." Let us hide in His shadow, keeping close to Him that we may receive the strength and protection He has for us.

4. *Beware of bad water.*

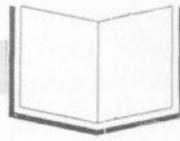
Not all water in the desert is good. Edward Abbey, writing in *Reader's Digest*, told of a waterhole named Onion Spring near Moab, Utah. This spring is in a land where water is precious, and the sight of a clear pool of water is most welcome. No bugs or animals stir the surface. It looks fresh and clean, yet it contains arsenic!

The Bible speaks of bitter water that had to be purified before people could drink it. There are spiritual streams, too, that are unsafe for the soul.

Mr. Abbey said, "When in doubt about drinking from an unknown spring, look for life." Let me encourage you to do the same thing spiritually. If there is no life, beware. Something deadly must be about. Never drink from Satan's tempting pools for they always end in death.

Nothing saps one's strength faster than the lack of water in the desert. The devil would be happy to use spiritual dryness as a means of weakening or killing Christians. But Christ can turn this thirst into blessing for He has said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6).

Let Him supply your need through His Word;



THE WORLD IN ONE CHAPTER

By LOREN O. TRIPLETT

"That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another"
(1 Corinthians 12:25).

AS A MISSIONARY I SEE the whole world in the 12th chapter of First Corinthians. The Holy Spirit is here teaching mutual respect and appreciation for all of the members of the body of Christ. The result of this is described in this simple verse which has become my favorite missionary text.

Oh, that each member of the body of Christ might recognize the "whole" and see himself as part of this world-wide spiritual organism!

I think often of Cuba, our closest Latin American neighbor. It is true that Cuba is closed to North American passports but it can never be closed to the Spirit of God. There are members of His "body" enclosed in that trap of darkness who need us. Let us believe in intercession and "have the same care one for another."

We dare not accept the "closed doors" policy so far as our prayers and interest are concerned. Let's eliminate this "schism" from the body and remember our brothers whose faith is being tried far more severely than most of us can imagine.

Nearly 1,000 persons per week are fleeing Cuba and entering the United States. Those who remain deserve our understanding and prayerful acting upon 1 Corinthians 12:25.

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through firmly established Christians who stand as trees near the Water of Life; and through wise use of the water already provided to you.

Mr. Abbey stated, "Water, water—there really is no shortage of water in the desert. There is, in fact, exactly the right amount, a perfect ratio of water to rock. . . ."

This is also true in our spiritual deserts. If we will watch for the signs, we will find those springs of sweet, cool, clear, unending water that the Lord provides for those who seek Him.

A POIGNANT PLEA FROM A PIONEER PREACHER

By **DON MALLOUGH**

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FOR THE SECOND TIME the apostle Paul was a prisoner in Rome. Now he was in the Mamertine prison at the corner of the Forum. He had been lowered from a hole in the ceiling into a deep chamber which had the form of a truncated cone. Chains circled his ankles and a guard scrutinized his every action.

This subterranean dungeon was dark, damp, drafty, and dreadfully dirty. Sitting alone in that dismal place he exercised one privilege granted him—to write to his friends.

The last written words of Paul that have come down to us are recorded in the Second Epistle to Timothy. The fourth chapter particularly has the air of a final farewell. It is his valedictory. He trumpets a triumphant dying faith as he writes, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

That fourth chapter presents two distinct sides of Paul. It depicts not only a radiant faith in the face of death, but also an oppressive loneliness that colored his feelings and comments. After exulting in his readiness to meet the Lord, he rather subtly expresses a yearning for the fellowship which he no longer enjoys with his brethren.

When he was hastily arrested in Troas, he left behind some items that were valuable to him. Now he asks Timothy to travel the 600 miles from that city and bring with him those things that would make his imprisonment more bearable. He writes, "The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments." He is looking forward to that visit; and immediately after declaring his readiness to die he rather movingly adds, "Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me." Then before he closes the Epistle he urges the matter more strongly by saying, "Do thy diligence to come before winter."

Why this urgent plea to come before winter? Paul had traveled enough to know that in the restrictions of navigation in that day there was no sailing in the stormy months of winter. Therefore he urges Timothy

to come before winter. Then too, he was already chilled and the thought of more intense cold without his cloak was anything but pleasant. And the long winter would seem even longer without the books and parchments.

He was also aware that if Timothy delayed too long he might be too late to see him at all. There was a yearning to see and have fellowship with the young man whom he had won to the Lord. Even an illustrious apostle with an experience of victory sensed the pangs of loneliness! So many of his companions and fellow laborers were now at distant points. Some were preaching, but at least one had deserted the cause. We can sense Paul's loneliness in his statements: "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. . . . Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus. . . . Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil. . . . Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletus sick. Do thy diligence to come before winter."

Loneliness may be more difficult to endure than pain. Many veteran gospel workers, like Paul, experience the day-to-day blessedness of intimate communion with the Lord and still they inwardly yearn for the fellowship they have known in previous years. They anticipate the summons to a heavenly reward and yet by their actions, by a pleading look, or by a poignant appeal they say to their brethren, "Do your best to come and see me soon."

Did Timothy ever make that trip to visit his spiritual mentor? We do not know for certain. We can only hope he did. How great would be his sense of regret in after years if he let the press of duties hinder him from such a mission to gladden the heart of the incarcerated man of God. The brevity of remaining time for the gallant apostle made such a trip of top priority. We like to think that Timothy didn't put it off too long.

I don't know of anyone in our country today who is imprisoned for preaching the gospel. I don't know anyone who is facing martyrdom, nor do I know a retired pastor who is facing a winter without heat, or lacking a warm coat, or the bare necessities of life. (There may be some of whom I am not aware.) However, I do know many who suffer acutely from the pangs of loneliness. They are not imprisoned, except by frailty, poor health, inability to drive, or isolation brought on by the mad whirl of modern life. Their cell may be a small bedroom, a little white house on a side street, a mobile home, or a corner in a rest home.

These are not the usual senior citizens who have lived a quiet life and are ending their days in that same way. These are Pentecostal patriarchs who have burned out for God. Their entire lives have been spent at the forefront of the battle against the powers of darkness. They have been in the thick of things, and greatly used of God. Preaching has been their prime delight, and loving and leading people into new spiritual experiences has been the joy of their lives. These are princes of the kingdom, God's choice servants, suddenly set aside into a life that is foreign to them.

Oh, they still love God and radiate His glory, and yet there is a yearning for the fellowship of days gone by. Only in their memories do they attend General Councils, Sunday school conventions, ministers institutes, and fellowship meetings. These, like Paul of old, wait eagerly for a knock at the door, the sound of a beloved voice from the past, or a long letter that comes as a delightful

surprise. Sometimes it comes, but too often they are disappointed.

I have visited some of these brethren, and have heard only a few weeks later that they were called to their reward. I shall always be glad I didn't let other matters hinder me from making such a call. On other occasions I had good intentions but the news of the passing of my preacher friends came before I visited them. Ever since I have regretted that I didn't drop everything and go sooner.

I have had the impulse to write a long, friendly, newsy letter and felt a glow of accomplishment when told that my letter was the last my good friend received—and how it warmed his heart. To my sorrow I have had the reverse experience also, when the winter of death came before I got the letter written.

How long has it been since you expressed thanks to the one who led you to the Lord? If that person is still

living, and distance permits, why not make a call and personally express thanks? It will do something for you, but it will do far more for that one who needs fellowship and encouragement. If a call is impractical, a warm letter will work wonders. It is even better if such a letter arrives unexpectedly.

Is there an evangelist who no longer circulates among the churches? Is there a former pastor who is now out of the circle of activity? Is there one whose name was formerly a household word but now is seldom heard? Is there one whose ministry helped you, and you never told him? All of these, and others, are lonely for your fellowship. They are waiting for the sound of your greeting or the salutation of your letter. They beckon and say, "Do your best to come soon."

If by any chance Timothy did not make that trip to Rome, he had a long time to regret it. You and I still have a chance, if we act quickly. 

GOD IS MOVING BY HIS SPIRIT IN NORTH DAKOTA

SIGNS OF REVIVAL

By **KENNETH E. OLSON** / *North Dakota District Superintendent*

WHEN WE PRAY, "Lord, send a revival, and let it begin in me," we may have only a general idea of what we need, but God knows exactly what work should be done. This is true whether we pray for a personal revival or a revival in a church or district.

This was brought home to us forcefully during a recent tour of our district. In each section we found exciting evidence that God still sends revival according to the need.

One pastor had experienced such a personal revival of spiritual concern that he went out and witnessed to every individual in his area—except one. While he was on his knees in prayer, the Lord reminded him that he had not yet witnessed to the local Catholic priest.

He got up from his knees and went to the priest's quarters. The priest received him gladly, confessed his need for help, and in a few minutes the pastor led the priest to a definite salvation experience. The priest is now seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

This pastor's concern for souls is also reflected in the congregation's interest in holding services in a nearby community church.

A layman in another assembly is experiencing a personal revival of concern for the lost to the degree that he gets up an hour early for prayer each morning and spends some time each evening visiting friends who need the Lord. Such zeal is contagious.

In several communities we are witnessing a revival of interest in the work of God. Some time ago the district was considering closing a church where so many had moved away and we could not get a worker to take the responsibility of leadership. Recently, however, in answer to prayer, God has revived that dying church. A new congregation has been raised up. Sunday school attendance is in the 70's, and they have a full-time pastor. They are enjoying revival in a very wonderful sense.

God has been blessing one of our churches in a small

town by adding a new family almost every week. Recently the work of the Spirit has been among the men of the community. The men of the church are witnessing and even ministering. The whole area is stirred over what is happening.

A city church which had suffered some setbacks is now experiencing growth and expansion through a soul-winning revival. Not content with having new people come to their own services, lay people from the church are going into three nearby communities with a gospel witness that is bearing fruit.

The Lord is not overlooking the youth in the revival He is sending to our district. In a single day, 50 students from Trinity Bible Institute in Jamestown witnessed in hundreds of homes as well as on the streets. Souls were won to Christ, and new people are attending services as a result of their effort.

Spiritual hunger has been revived in the hearts of people of other denominations in several areas, and some are turning to our pastors for help. The local priest and several nuns attended a revival service in one church. The priest returned the next day and asked for prayer that he might receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. He did receive that day, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. Some of the nuns have also received the Baptism.

In another assembly a Lutheran minister is seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Young people from various denominational churches have been asking one of our pastors for spiritual help and teaching regarding the Pentecostal experience.

We limit our vision and minimize our God when we pray for revival and expect it to come only to churches with our label. Revival comes wherever there are hungry hearts. God is moving by His Spirit in North Dakota during this Year of Revival—and we believe the end is not yet in sight! 



GIVE PRIORITY TO PRAYER

By ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

I AM THIS DAY 84 years of age. My ministry is behind me. There is nothing so wonderful in all the world as to have been called of the Lord to minister in the Church. These have been the happiest years that anyone could hope for, and now they are but memories. What a marvelous prospect it is for you young people to have your ministry ahead of you.

I have for many years kept a little box near me, and in my devotional experience and my reading of God's Word I have placed thoughts which occurred to me in this little box, from which I would prepare my sermons.

I still have this box beside me; but today I have a thought, place it in the box, and sadly say to myself that I will never have the opportunity to preach this message—for my ministry is behind me.

I was 32 years old when the United States entered World War I in 1917. During this time I passed through the greatest discouragement of my life. How dark it was!

The word of Scripture I lived on was, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). I was faithful to this rule. I tried to pray. I prayed more than once a day, but it seemed the heavens wouldn't open to me. All the circumstances were so very, very dark, but I continued to pray. I do not know what circumstances will come to you before the end of your pilgrimage. There may be some dry times, some discouraging times, but no matter what comes *men ought always to pray*.

Many of you may find times when it is difficult to pray. When you get on your knees you hardly know what

to say. And when you do say something, it seems so dry. But *men ought always to pray*.

When you don't have feeling, you must exercise faith. You must believe that God is, and that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

In Revelation 5, the Bible presents to us the Lamb—the slain Lamb—who went through His dark hours and suffered during His earthly pilgrimage. He took the book out of the right hand of him that was seated upon the throne, after which "the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints" (Revelation 5:8).

This Scripture verse ought to be comforting to you when you find it difficult to pray. I would remind you that whether it be dark or light, whether it be easy or hard, *your prayers never go unconsidered*. They have a sweet odor before the presence of God.

Your driest prayer has God's blessings and approbation. There is no earnest prayer that goes unrewarded. Prayer builds character; it helps give us fortitude; it gives spiritual strength and grace. And though oftentimes we are not conscious of it, it gives us the leading and guidance of the blessed Holy Spirit.

Prayer is an acknowledgment of our relationship to God. People who do not believe in God do not pray. They have nobody to pray to. They have no source of help higher than themselves. When they fail they are lost in their inner consciousness and wonder what to do.

We as Christians recognize God as the One who created us. Not only has He created us, but He has redeemed us, and set His eye upon us, and deluged us with His love. He will never leave us nor forsake us. We can always depend on Him for help.

I don't imagine Peter felt much like praying after

Ernest S. Williams was invited to address a student assembly at Central Bible College on January 7, 1969, which was his birthday. After acknowledging the birthday wishes extended by the faculty and student body, he delivered the accompanying address.

he denied Jesus. He was very regretful of what he had done; but when we feel the least like praying, that is the time we need to pray the most. I hope you will not do regretful things; but should you do that which you are sorry for, don't cast away your confidence. Confess your fault; let God know that you're sorry and that you need His help. In every emergency of life, pray.

If you cease to pray, you lose your relationship to God. Had you thought about that? "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded" (James 4:8). We must prepare the way for Him to draw near, and that is through prayer.

God said to the children of Israel on one occasion, "Bring no more vain oblations" (Isaiah 1:13). Their offerings to God were vain because of their sin. God has not promised to hear your prayer if you're walking in sin. He hates duplicity. There's nothing that is more offensive to God, I think, than a person who professes to be a believer in Jesus but lives a double life.

How beautiful was the life of Samuel. He began to serve the Lord at an early age and he walked with God all his days. When he was old, Samuel called the people of Israel together and challenged them to find fault with his administration. They had chosen to be ruled by a king, instead of him; but he was able to say to them: "I am old and grayheaded; and . . . I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day. Behold, here I am: witness against me before the Lord . . . whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded?" (1 Samuel 12:2, 3).

The most precious thing is a clear conscience—a conscience void of offense toward God and toward men. I urge you to think about this; cultivate a good conscience. In each decision you are called upon to make, ask, Will this glorify God? Will this be helpful to man? Does it have injurious effects? Over and over Samuel had to make decisions. And at the end of his life he could say his decisions were on the side of God.

As an old-fashioned Pentecostal preacher I have always believed in waiting upon God. The world is so restless.

We are so active, and we move at such a rapid pace that we seldom like to *wait* for anything.

If you go before the Lord and prayer does not come, begin to worship Him. Think of Jesus; recognize the presence of Jesus. Say "Hallelujah!" if you want to, but praise the Lord Jesus. Talk to Him. Say, "Lord Jesus, I love Thee and I want Thy will. I want to walk in Thy way." Out of that waiting upon the Lord will come devotion and praise and prayer and glorious victory.

We are told in the Word of God, "We know not what we should pray for as we ought" (Romans 8:26). Another translation says, "We know not how to pray as we ought." You can become perplexed in knowing how to pray, and in knowing what to pray for; but as you wait upon the Lord He touches you with the blessed Holy Spirit. He bears you up out of the realm of this natural world, and into the spiritual realm of heavenly places in Christ Jesus. And that is marvelous!

One of the primary purposes of receiving the Holy Ghost is to enter into communion and fellowship with God. There's nothing richer than that communion and fellowship. Out of it comes the anointing of the Spirit of the Lord and Holy Ghost intercession. You will find yourself borne up on wings of prayer to a contact with God.

I do not wish to belittle written prayers. Sometimes a written prayer may be of help, especially at those times when we don't know how to pray. We can find many good prayers in the Bible. The Book of Psalms is filled with praises and prayers. Sometimes we need help in praying. Thank God, He has given us His inspired Word, and it can be a help and inspiration to us, but we need to pray in the Spirit.

We say we want revival, but we're going to have to pray to get a revival. Revival will only come through waiting upon the Lord and getting the mind of God.

There *is* such a thing as praying empty prayers. The Pharisees prayed long prayers on the street corners. They were gifted with words, but they prayed to be seen of men. Jesus said, "They have their reward."

We can pray selfish prayers. The Bible says, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your own lusts" (James 4:3).

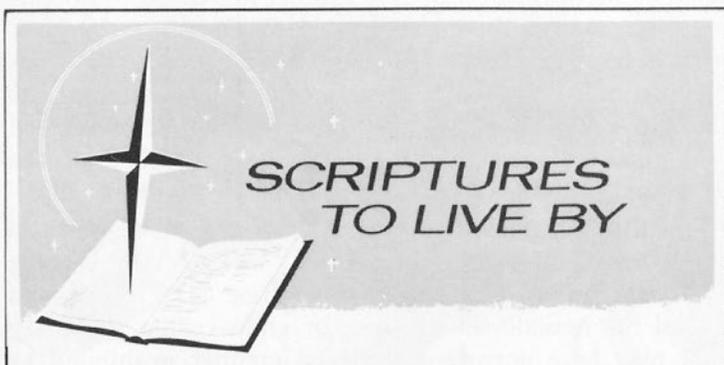
We are often guilty of praying, "God, I want Thee to bless me; God, I want Thee to give me certain things." Self becomes the center. We need to get beyond this and become God-centered. We need to be in the place where we can look to God and say, "O God, open the windows of heaven and send me help from the sanctuary on high."

Be persistent in prayer. Pray every day whether you feel like it or not. Never neglect your times of prayer. Many people who love God have failed in their Christian walk simply because they failed to continue in prayer and lost their communion and fellowship with the Lord.

It is not enough to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and then go away and leave it behind. You must continue to cultivate the presence of the Lord and the anointing of the Holy Spirit of God.

Wait upon the Lord. Renew your strength. Look to God for His holy quickening. God will keep you; God will anoint you with His Spirit.

May we become so filled with the blessed Holy Ghost that those with whom we come in contact will see the blessing of God evidenced in our lives and will wish to know Him.



SCRIPTURES TO LIVE BY

DAILY READINGS FOR JULY 14-20

Theme of the Week: **SOWING AND REAPING**

Mon.	Psalms 126:1-6	Thurs.	Mark 4:1-20
Tues.	John 4:31-38	Fri.	Isaiah 5:1-7
Wed.	Matthew 13:24-30	Sat.	Proverbs 11:24-31
	Sun.		Galatians 6:1-10

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7).



VICTORY

Sunday School Lesson for July 20, 1969

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

JAMES 1:1-18

JAMES, OUR LORD'S BROTHER, wrote his letter to emphasize the importance of righteous conduct—not as a means of salvation, but as an expression of true salvation. In the portion of his letter which is today's lesson, James gives practical help concerning how to be victorious over both trials from without and temptations from within.

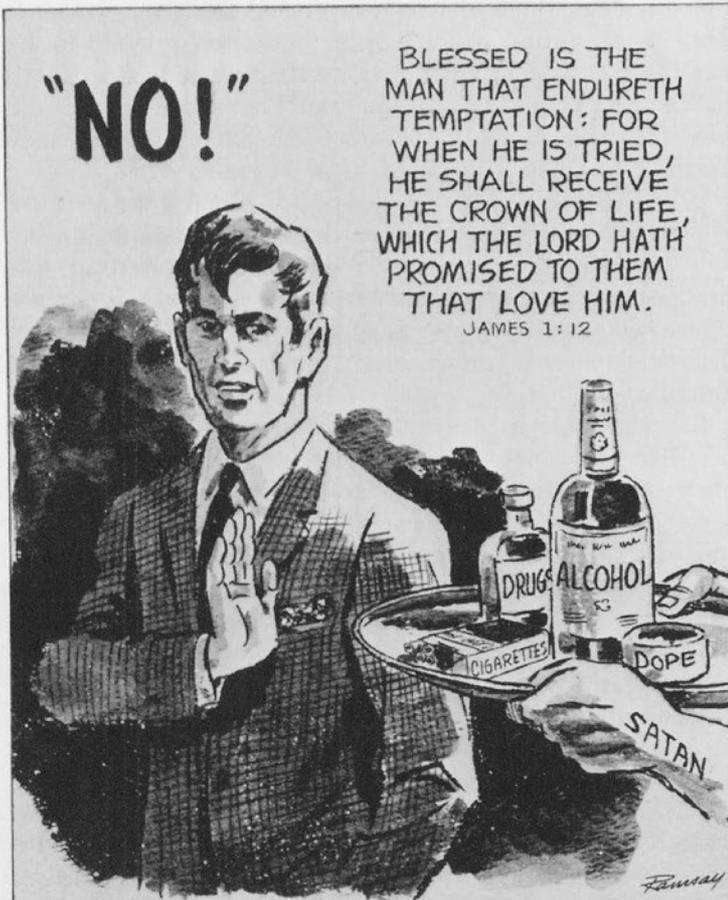
TEMPTATION FROM WITHOUT (vv. 1-12)

The word *temptation* in verses 2 and 12 certainly means "trials and tests," because the Lord would not tell us to "count it all joy" when inwardly enticed or inclined toward evil.

1. *Troubles, trials, and persecutions from without are for the purpose of testing our faith.* Faith needs to be "tried" in order to prove its reality and to bring glory to God when it stands the test.

2. *Blessings are gained by the trial of faith.* "Count it all joy," says James. It takes training to become a good accountant. Similarly, it takes training to learn to

HOW TO BE A WINNER



take the proper attitude toward outward trials and tests. We sing about counting our blessings; let us consider the blessings which come from the trial of faith. Trials prove the reality of personal faith and the purity of our motives. In trials we discover that God's strength is made perfect in our weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

3. *The trial of faith produces virtue.* "The trying of your faith worketh patience." Patience or endurance is a vital necessity to Christian growth and progress. It enables us to accept without murmuring the trials which God permits; to bear ill treatment, slander, and injury without resentment; to act without undue haste in all our affairs; to wait without unbelief; and to believe without wavering.

4. *The trial of faith promotes completeness.* "That ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing" (James 1:4, ASV). Trials weathered victoriously make us complete, well-rounded Christians—Christians with chastened spirits, submissive wills, sympathetic natures—humble, grateful, hopeful, unworldly, and spiritual.

TEMPTATION FROM WITHIN (vv. 13-18)

1. *God is not the author of temptation.* "Let no man say... I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted... neither tempteth he any man." Two very important truths are here clearly stated: First, God is perfect in holiness and cannot be tempted to act inconsistently with His nature. Second, God does not ever seek to induce man to evil.

2. *Temptation is from Satan;* it makes its entrance into the Christian through the mind, appealing to the natural impulses and desires of the body.

"Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." This principle is illustrated in the temptation of Eve and also the temptation of Christ (Genesis 3:1-6 and Luke 4:1-13).

Notice that in each case temptation came from without in the form of suggestions appealing to three fundamental desires of mankind: (a) *The desire to enjoy things.* The fruit in the Garden of Eden was "good for food." "Make bread out of stones," said Satan to Christ. (b) *The desire to get things.* The fruit was pleasing to the eye; Satan showed Christ the "kingdoms of the world" and offered them to Him. (c) *The desire to be, or to accomplish.* Satan suggested to Eve that the fruit was "to be desired to make one wise"; Satan told Christ to jump off the pinnacle of the temple and demonstrate who He really was. In his first epistle John described these three categories of temptation as "the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eye, and the pride of life."

Sin, then, is the result of entertaining evil suggestions in the mind, allowing the emotions and will to become involved. Sin is either carrying these natural desires beyond the bounds set by God, or endeavoring to satisfy what may be a normal desire in a manner prohibited by God.

Temptation is not sin. Unless we deliberately expose ourselves to evil suggestions, we are no more responsible for evil and unchristlike thoughts which at times are suggested to our minds than a screen is responsible for the picture projected thereon. But we *are* responsible for what we do with those thoughts. And we can overcome as Christ did—we can "resist the devil" by answering his suggestions with the Word of God, keeping before us the Christian's supreme motive—to glorify God!

MAN TO THE MOON— Backdrop for Soul Winning

MANNED FLIGHT TO THE MOON—the most exciting achievement of our time—provides the dramatic backdrop for *Revivaltime's* 1969 summer soul-winning crusade.

Colonel Frank Borman, commander of the moon-orbiting *Apollo 8*, is a man of deep personal faith. As a result of his suggestion the reading of God's Word was programmed into his spacecraft's flight plan. One of the largest worldwide audiences in television history listened in awe as Colonel Borman and his crew read the Creation story from the moon last Christmas Eve.

Now Radio Speaker C. M. Ward has written the testimony story of this heroic astronaut. Designed in the same format as other popular *Revivaltime* "miniatures," this attractive, hand-size booklet will be gladly received by anyone. And those receiving this faith-testimony will want to keep it as a souvenir of man's first visit to the moon because it contains full-color pictures of the launching and photos taken from space of the Earth and the moon, as well as pictures of the men who made the voyage.

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This is the astronaut who wanted this planet to hear God's Word from his spacecraft's moon orbit.

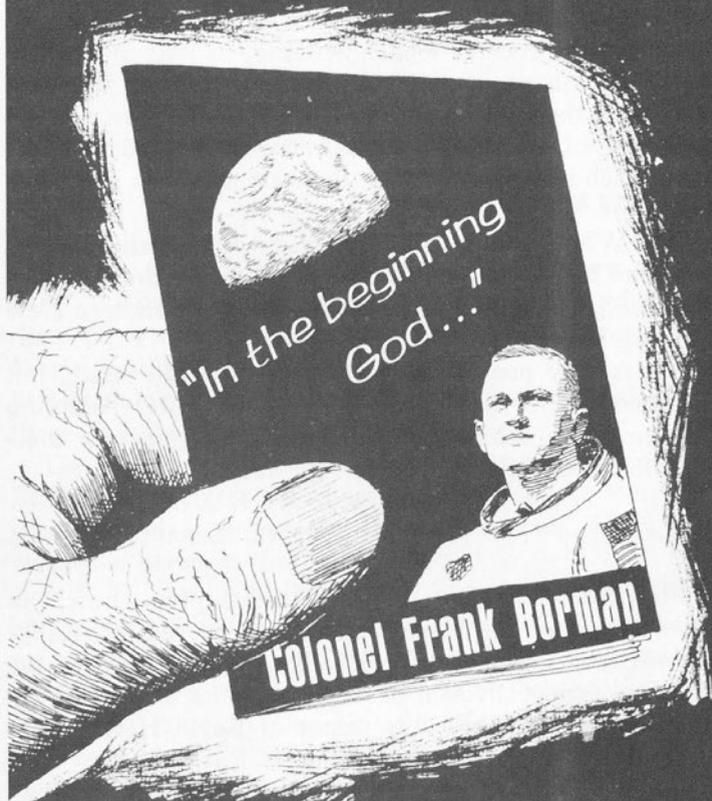
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Jauna Spradling (at piano) with four of her children.

Dear WMC's

DEAR NATIONAL WMC DEPARTMENT:

I want to express appreciation for the work you are coordinating throughout the district and local Women's Missionary Councils. I speak especially about the kindness shown to us while my husband, Harold Spradling, was a pioneer pastor in the Southern New England District.

In October 1965, with a family of four (ages seven years to six months), we left an established church in Oklahoma to pioneer a work in the Northeast. Our first location was Middletown, Rhode Island.

During the first winter in the district, according to the pattern of their ministry, WMC's of different churches "adopted" the three older children. Bethany Assembly, Springfield, Massachusetts, accepted the responsibility for Cameron and Christopher, 7 and 5. Three-year-old Michele was "adopted" by the WMC's of the Danbury, Connecticut, Assembly.

For holidays and birthdays the ladies prepared a personalized gift box for each child. I find it hard to put into words the thrill of a mother's heart as she watches

WMC's from Hartford, Connecticut, "adopted" Jill Spradling.



her child take from a WMC package things he needs (but things she is not financially able to supply) along with such extras as tins of Christmas cookies or a beautiful Easter basket.

In 1966 we moved to Northampton, Massachusetts, to help reopen the Assemblies of God work there. The church had a large two-story house where we lived in an apartment on the second floor and we began remodeling the first floor for a meeting hall and Sunday school classrooms. Four families comprised our new congregation. All income above that budgeted for absolute necessities was designated for improvements on the building.

Our younger daughter Jill was then 18 months old. She had outgrown all of her baby clothes; and since the cold air came in during the construction work, we found it difficult to keep her warm. Up to this point she had not been considered for WMC adoption, so there was no "special box" in sight for her.

My heart was very heavy as I went to prayer one late September morning. I knew my baby had to have warm clothing soon, for New England winters come early.

As I knelt, the Spirit directed my attention to Psalm 121: "I will lift up mine eyes . . . my help cometh. . . ." Peace bathed my soul. I thanked the Lord for answering prayer.

As I arose, I felt especially impressed to write Jill's needs on paper. I can see the list now—warm sleepers, playclothes, a snowsuit, undies, socks, a pair of shoes, and a dress for church. I folded the completed list and put it into an envelope.

The following week I received a letter from the president of one of the WMC groups of the Hartford (Connecticut) Gospel Tabernacle asking if her ladies could *adopt* our little girl and if I could take time to itemize her clothing needs with sizes. Overjoyed, I mailed the envelope.

In a month three members of the group came to visit. They brought cookies which we enjoyed with hot coffee while we got acquainted. They took snapshots of Jill; then we opened the packages they had for her. There was an abundance of everything I had mentioned—and toys besides. Each garment was of the best quality, just as I longed for.

This WMC call was like a visit with relatives from home and it was only the beginning. The Hartford women cared for Jill as long as we remained in the Southern New England District.

This is only one of many instances I could relate, but I wanted you to know how much the WMC Adoption Plan means to the pastor who is helping gain new footholds for the gospel in pioneer territory.

God bless the WMC's!

JAUNA SPRADLING

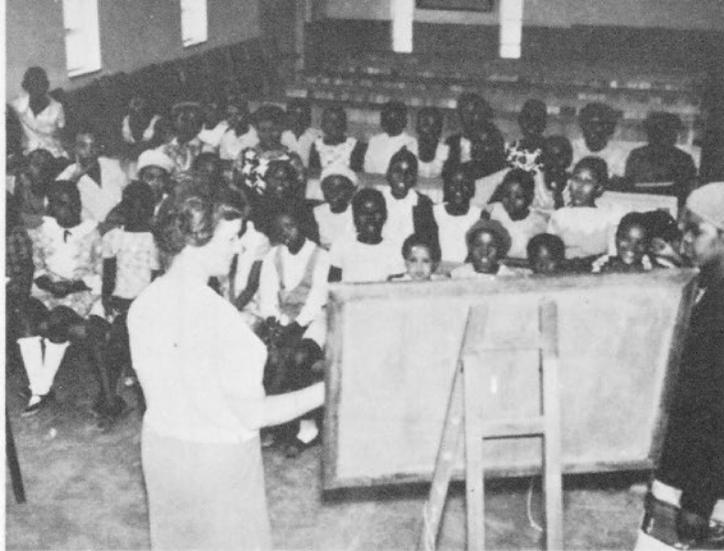
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After the dedication of the Northampton church in November 1968, the Harold Spradlings moved to Springfield, Missouri, where Mr. Spradling is employed in the Data Processing Division of the Assemblies of God Headquarters. He also serves as pastor of Eagle Heights Assembly in Springfield.

The WMC Adoption Plan described by Mrs. Spradling is a special ministry of WMC's offered to missionary families, pioneer pastors, and to superannuated missionaries and ministers according to their need.



Pretoria Missionettes light candles from a WMC candle at the inauguration of the Missionettes program.



Maria Sithole and Martha Pettenger present the Bible lesson to their Missionettes.



A Missionette participates in the Bible lesson presentation.



Pretoria Missionettes enjoy a discussion period.



MISSIONETTES IN SOUTH AFRICA

By **MARTHA PETTENDER** / *Missionary to South Africa*

THE MISSIONETTES PROGRAM in Pretoria, South Africa, has grown in recent months with more than 50 girls attending some of the meetings. With Maria Sithole, Margaret Ntuli, and Anna Maseko helping me it has been a thrill to see how enthusiastically these girls have accepted the program.

The older girls who can read are reading through the Bible. Some have already read to the Book of Ruth. The younger girls are learning the Bible verses through the visual aid given in the Prims books.

A WMC group in the United States made up coloring books from Sunday school picture papers and sent them to us. Our younger Missionettes are enjoying coloring these pictures, which is part of their handwork. Other handwork done by the girls includes knitting, sewing, making squares for rugs, and many other types of needlework.

Each meeting ends with games, usually held outside. This is something very new in Africa, and the girls enjoy it so much. While the games are being played, crowds

of children watch through the fence. This has been a very good source of recruiting new members.

Brother Mononyane, pastor of this live and growing church, often finds time to attend Missionettes meetings, thus encouraging this new department in his church which is reaching so many new homes in the city.

The Missionettes program has spread to many of our other churches in South Africa with the same enthusiasm and growth. When I look at our girls and the energy they have, I am so grateful for the Missionettes program.

MATERIAL AND PATTERN AVAILABLE

Material for Missionettes skirts and patterns are now for sale by the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo. 65802. Material—45" wide—is dacron-cotton blend from Klopman Mills. Price: \$1.49 a yard; minimum order—five yards. Order No. 8-132. Patterns contain graduated lines for six sizes and are \$1 each or 3 for \$2.25. Order No. 8-131.

GOOD NEWS

FOR THE OLD WORLD



The world is influenced through international businesses located in Brussels.

TWO THOUSAND years ago, Julius Caesar proclaimed, "Of all the Gauls, the Belgians are the bravest."

The interests of Europe today still focus on Belgium as the center of business, industry, and international strength, for the city of Brussels has become the home of the Common Market, NATO, and SHAPE.

The Assemblies of God decided that to evangelize Europe we must locate our new Bible training center in the strategically placed city of Brussels, Belgium.

Continental Bible College is intended to be the major contribution of the U.S. Assemblies of God in the evangelization of Europe. It is to be a terminal four-year educational program to offer European ministers all the training they need to evangelize their countries effectively.

Foreign Missions Executive Director J. Philip Hogan said recently, "We are convinced that the one major contribution the American Assemblies of God can make to the full-gospel revival in Europe is to establish an effective training center where we can offer to young Europeans a thorough

evangelical and Pentecostal training opportunity. We have conducted enough two-year Bible institute programs over Europe to know that a four-year terminal program is not only needed, but desired. Continental Bible College will provide the proper leadership training for Europe's Pentecostal revival."

Writing on the same subject, Foreign Missions Secretary Robert T. McGlasson said, "Though Europe was the cradle of modern Protestantism, it now has become one of the world's most needy mission fields. If we are ever to reach the Continent with the full-gospel message, we must train Pentecostal leaders. This is the only hope for the evangelization of Europe."

The vast majority of Europe's 460 million people have never held a Bible in their hands. They have never heard a Biblical explanation of the gospel. They live in sins as heathen as any the Continent has ever known. Yet, tragically, there is a dearth of Bible-believing preachers. City after city, town after town has no full-gospel witness.

A suitable property for Continental Bible College is being purchased in a strategic location in Brussels, and the building will be dedicated officially on September 6 when Executive Director J. Philip Hogan and Field Secretary Charles E. Greenaway attend the dedicatory services.

Continental Bible College will have no trouble in getting students. The problem is to provide enough classrooms and dormitory space to accommodate the many students who have already expressed a desire to learn. They will come from the 961 Assemblies of God churches that are now in existence in 14 European countries, as well as from the Middle East and North Africa.

In beginning this new Bible college we have incorporated into it the former Emmanuel Bible Institute, which was located in Andrimont, Belgium. Because of this, the first graduation from the two-year course of Continental Bible College took place on May 24 of this year. Some of these two-year graduates, as well as others from all over Europe and the Middle East, will enter the third and fourth years of advanced study this fall.

From the Valley of Bacca, from Jerusalem, the ancient streets of Athens, the valley of the Rhine, the sunny vales of Italy, the fjords of Norway, the lowlands of Holland, the plains of Jordan, from across the Alps and the Pyrenees, from the North Sea to the Red Sea, will come young people who feel the same call that swept the ranks of the Lord's disciples two thousand years ago, the same call that brought a 20th-century Pentecostal church into existence in America.

When we hear that the Assemblies of God has established a new Bible college in Europe, the first question that comes to mind is—*why?*

Europe is full of colleges and universities. In fact, the idea of the modern university began in Florence and Paris. Europeans are education conscious and this fact demands a college-trained ministry if we are ever to evangelize the Continent.

But can Europe be reached with a college? Even a summary review of church history shows that Europe has never been deeply affected for religious change in any other way. The Reformation began at the University of Wittenberg where Martin Luther was a professor from 1512 until his death in 1546. John Calvin learned of Luther's work when he was a student at the University of Paris. The three great

leaders of the Reformation—Luther, Zwingli, and Calvin—were university graduates and carried on much of their work in the European centers of learning.

Even the evangelical revival of John and Charles Wesley and their friend George Whitefield began at Oxford University. And let us not forget that the modern Pentecostal revival began in 1901 at a Bible college in Topeka, Kansas!

The key to the heart of Europe is college-trained preachers bearing the message of Pentecostal faith and experience.

The deadline for the full payment on the Continental Bible College property is July 29. At that time, our missionaries in Europe must turn over all the money they have raised for this project and then they will have to borrow at high interest the remainder of the cost. Any offerings for Continental Bible College received before July 29 will reduce the amount of that loan.

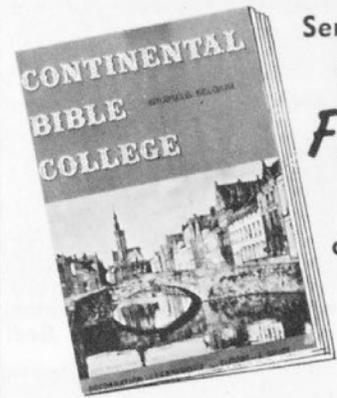
The Foreign Missions Board and the missionaries to Europe are convinced that the only way to reach Europe with the gospel is to give adequate training to European preachers. Please pray for this important project of taking the Good News to the Old World. 

Continental Bible College is now established at 1 Avenue des Erables.



"We establish Continental Bible College in the earnest faith that someday out of the land of our forefathers will come a mighty host crying, 'Glory and honor and majesty unto the King of kings and Lord of lords.'"

—Charles E. Greenaway
Field Secretary for Europe,
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Yet, tragically, there is a dearth of Bible-believing preachers. City after city, town after town has no full-gospel witness. Continental Bible College is now preparing a host of dedicated preachers to evangelize the mission field of Europe.

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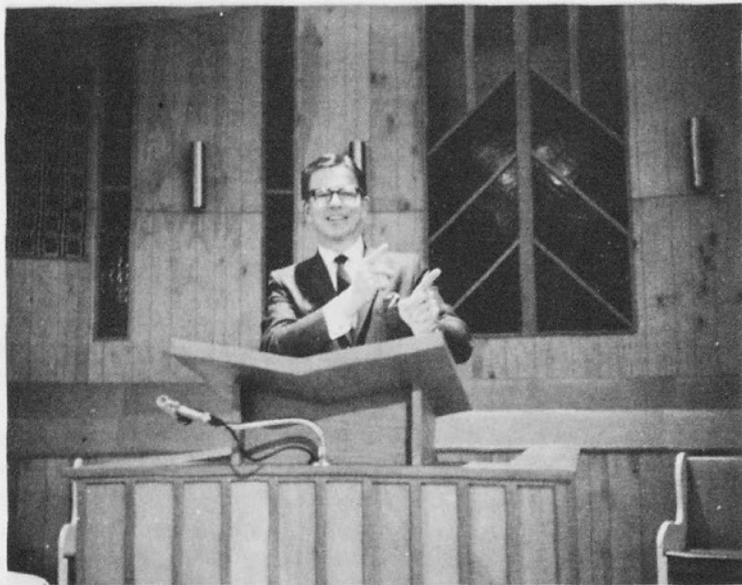
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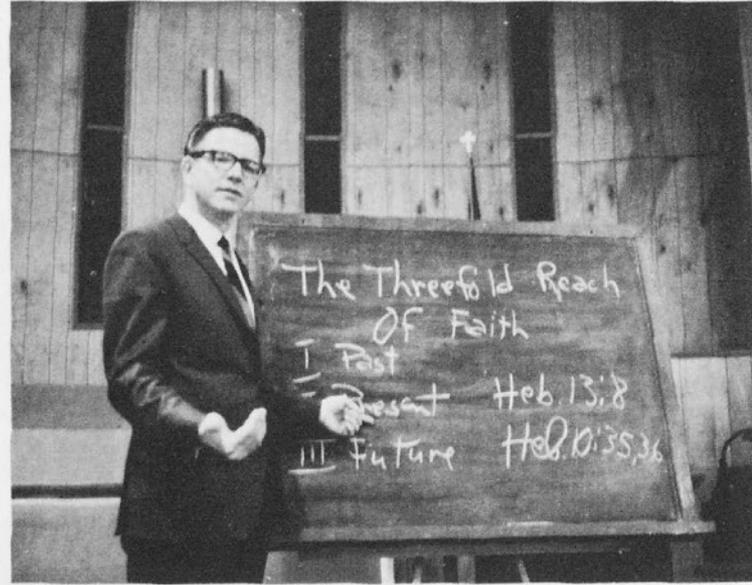
Mr. and Mrs. Haruhiko Yamasaki participate in a service by testifying of the goodness of God.



Central Assembly's deaf choir presents a special number in a regular Sunday evening service.



Ken Swenson "signs" the word "answer," thus suggesting that Christ is the answer to the needs of deaf everywhere.



Brother Swenson finds it helpful to use the chalkboard in his preaching and teaching of the deaf.

Reaching the Silent World

By **KENNETH SWENSON** / *Minister to the Deaf, Central Assembly, Springfield, Missouri*

THE AGGRESSIVE DEAF CHURCH in today's community is participating in one of the greatest outreach ministries of all time. Reaching the silent world with the "Signs of Life" is the current thrust of the Assemblies of God Deaf Ministries Division of the Home Missions Department.

For example, Central Assembly in Springfield, Missouri, has as one of its missionary outreach programs a home missions church for the deaf. This group has its own pastor and meets in its own chapel for services. This chapel provides a place of worship for deaf students attending Central Bible College—School for the Deaf, for

hearing students who are interested in a ministry to the deaf, and for deaf people who live in the Springfield area. The church is unique in that all services are conducted in the language of signs.

Who are the deaf? They are those people in whom the sense of hearing is nonfunctional for the ordinary purposes of life. This general group is made up of two distinct classes: the congenitally deaf—those who were born deaf; and the adventitiously deaf—those who were born with normal hearing but in whom the sense of hearing became nonfunctional later through illness or accident.

Within the boundaries of the United States, scattered in huge metropolitan areas and lonely country towns, are more than 1,600,000 deaf people. This averages 118 deaf people per 100,000 population. The number of deaf persons in the U.S. is equal to the population of the state of Arizona! Some areas are sparsely populated with the deaf while others, such as the San Francisco Bay area, have an estimated 10,000 deaf people living there. The worldwide figure is estimated at 18 million.

A person might question: "Haven't these people had the same opportunities as others? With a church on nearly every corner, religious programs on television and radio, Bibles available in every bookstore, and hundreds of books and tracts written on the subject of conversion, just *why aren't they evangelized?*"

The answer is simple. Primarily there exists a communications barrier. Many hearing people find Christ by listening to a gospel program. Others are invited to gospel services by churchgoing friends or fellow employees. Through this influence they are either converted immediately to Christianity or seed is planted in the heart which the Holy Spirit germinates, and eventually they turn to Christ. So few deaf people are born-again Christians that the percentage of deaf persons reached by another deaf with an invitation to accept Christ is almost nil. It is true there are Christians, both deaf and hearing, who communicate with the language of signs, but the workers are so few that the masses are yet unreached.

A hearing person learns many things without seeking the information. A newscast, a casual remark in a group on the job, or a conversation between friends is just a normal happening. This is not so with the person who is deaf. His employment may be with hearing people, and therefore communication is very limited. He must seek information, and if he does not have a special motivation, he ignores it.

"How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? How shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 1:14). The Assemblies of God has taken the challenge presented in this verse of Scripture. In the U.S. 120 Assemblies of God churches offer services for the deaf. Some of these churches have their own chapels; others include the deaf with the hearing and provide interpreters.

It tends toward a better situation when the deaf have their own services apart from the hearing. Pantomiming and a chalkboard are key methods in preaching to the deaf; therefore, without these aids in ministering to the deaf in a regular hearing service, an interpreter finds communication more difficult.

There are yet 15 states without an Assemblies of God work for the deaf. An overwhelming challenge is before us—a home missions field is at our door. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2). 

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VIEWPOINT



ON HOME MISSIONS

BY CURTIS W. RINGNESS National Home Missions Secretary



THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT of the Assemblies of God has contributed much to the growth and development of the Movement especially in the early years of our existence. The Sunday school was recognized first as a soul-winning arm of the church and secondly as a teaching arm. Special emphasis was given to starting branch Sunday schools.

The *Sunday School Counselor* of December 1940 reported more than 4,000 Assemblies of God Sunday schools were added in a four-year period (1936-40), of which 1,117 had been started from October 1939 to October 1940. M. L. Grable, national Sunday school secretary at the time, attributed the phenomenal record to the fact the Assemblies of God was following the pattern of the Early Church.

Brother Grable commented: "Many of the new schools have been opened by established churches whose pastors had a vision of branch churches. They sent some of their most capable workers to carry on the work of the new schools. These workers are not ministers, but they are consecrated, Spirit-filled men and women willing to do pioneer work in unreached sections."

A subsequent issue of the *Counselor*, reporting on a survey of the new schools, pointed out that a substantial percentage of the branch Sunday schools had developed into self-supporting churches.

Ralph M. Riggs, in a Sunday school convention address, said more than a quarter century ago: "A branch Sunday school is the best plan to double and triple the church's ministry." Brother Riggs, as a pastor, practiced this philosophy. Today several of the stronger Assemblies of God churches in Springfield, Missouri, are monuments to his vision and concern.

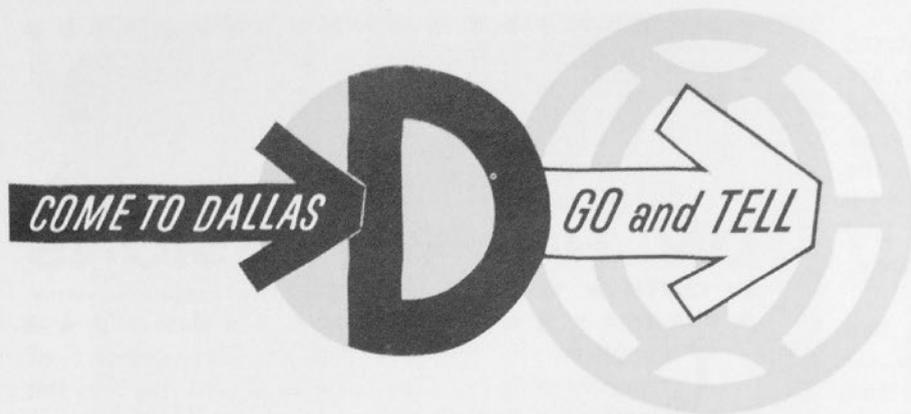
The best way to reach any neglected community or neighborhood is to start a church and a Sunday school. When it is impossible to do both, the Sunday school may be used as a beginning, with the expectation that it will develop into a church.

No church is too small to sponsor a new Sunday school or mission. Success depends on the vision and missionary zeal of both the pastor and church members.

The phenomenal population growth and the fact that more than 100 million people are unchurched presents a tremendous challenge to our church.

The Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God encourages the starting of branch Sunday schools. A recent publication, "Challenging Frontier—New Sunday Schools," states: "A church must branch out to grow. Starting a branch Sunday school can save it from apathy, indifference, and stagnation. If we follow the New Testament pattern, we will open new churches and Sunday schools."

Let us consider our objective. Are we primarily concerned with building bigger and better facilities, or are we endeavoring to reach more souls for Christ? 



33rd General Council Set For Dallas, Texas, August 21-26

INTERESTING, HELPFUL FEATURES are planned for the 33rd General Council of the Assemblies of God, slated for Dallas, Texas, August 21-26. Most sessions will be held in the Memorial Auditorium.

Theme for the biennial business and inspirational convention is "Go and Tell." This is part of the Fellowship's ongoing effort to reach our world with the gospel.

Highlights of special features at the Council follow. A schedule of services and speakers is below.

The editors of the *Evangel* urge each reader to look over the following four

pages carefully. If at all possible, plan to join the 14,000 other members and friends of the Assemblies of God who are expected to be gathering in Dallas. And whether or not you can attend, be sure to pray for God's blessings on the sessions.

WRITERS SEMINAR TO PRECEDE COUNCIL

A WRITERS SEMINAR, which has become a regular General Council feature, will be held Thursday, August 21, for all who are interested in writing for Christian publications. The seminar is offered without cost.

Editors of Assemblies of God pub-

lications will conduct the study-lab sessions at the Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman of the morning sessions will be R. C. Cunningham, editor of *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

Morning speakers will include Warren McPherson, Assemblies of God public relations secretary; Dorothy Morris, editor of Assemblies of God Sunday school take-home papers; and David Womack, editor of the Assemblies of God foreign missions publications.

Warren McPherson will discuss purpose and motivation in Christian writing. He has written several books and pamphlets as well as many articles for Assemblies of God periodicals.

Dorothy Morris, author of many short stories, will discuss the how and why of fiction writing, stressing it as a ministry.

David Womack has done a great deal of research into church history. His book, *Wellsprings of the Pentecostal Movement*, was published in 1968. He will discuss both the importance and methods of research.

Ralph W. Harris, editor of Church School Literature, will emcee a noon luncheon which is an added feature of the seminar. Dr. Klaude Kendrick, professor of history at Texas Wesleyan College, will speak on the topic,

33rd General Council - at a glance

	THURS., AUG. 21	FRI., AUG. 22	SAT., AUG. 23	SUN., AUG. 24	MON., AUG. 25	TUES., AUG. 26
8-9 a.m.		DEVOTIONS V. Ernest Shores Howard Roberson	PRAYER BREAKFAST 7-8:45 a.m.		DEVOTIONS V. Ernest Shores Howard Roberson	DEVOTIONS V. Ernest Shores Howard Roberson
9-10 a.m.	REGISTRATION*	BIBLE HOUR Fay Hutchinson	BIBLE HOUR Richard Orchard	COMMUNION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE Joseph R. Flower 9:45-11:45 a.m.	BIBLE HOUR Fulton Buntain	BUSINESS (9:00-12:30)
10 a.m. - noon		BUSINESS	BUSINESS		BUSINESS	BUSINESS (Council concludes at 12:30)
2-5 p.m.		BUSINESS	BUSINESS	"ASSEMBLIES OF GOD IN MISSION" J. Philip Hogan	BUSINESS	*Registration will remain open throughout the Council sessions.
6-7 p.m.		"REVIVALTIME" ORINATION				
7:15 p.m.	KEYNOTE RALLY T. F. Zimmerman	MARANATHA RALLY James L. Hennessy	PENTECOST RALLY O. Cope Budge	EVANGELISTIC RALLY Linfield Crowder	DIVINE HEALING RALLY Jimmy Swaggart	

"How Writing Has Influenced Revival."

To be sure of accommodations at the luncheon, tickets (\$4 each) may be purchased in advance from Thomas F. Sanders of the Church School Literature division of the Gospel Publishing House.

Dick Champion, managing editor of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, will be chairman of the afternoon features.

Radio Evangelist C. M. Ward, a prolific writer, will discuss ways of making Christian writing relevant to today's readers, especially to non-Christians and non-Pentecostals.

The chairman will then present a sampling of articles selected by the editors as among the best published in their magazines in the past two years. The editors' reasons for their choices will be given to show writers the types of articles the editors prefer.

In a self-editing laboratory session directed by Gwen Jones, editor of *Advance* magazine, and Robert Way, pastor of Park Place Assembly in Houston, Texas, opportunity will be given to everyone to practice some of the things learned during the seminar.

Writers will be able to talk personally with the editors during the closing session. The seminar concludes at 4:30 p.m.

COMPLETE YOUTH PROGRAM PLANNED FOR COUNCIL

FOR THE FIRST TIME there will be a whole program especially designed for youth attending the General Council. Teen-agers and collegians will enjoy meeting new friends, finding inspiration, recreation, worship, and even a little education along with cultural enrichment.

Six Flags Tour

An all-day trip to the famous *Six Flags over Texas* is scheduled for Thursday, August 21.

On the *Six Flags* tour youth will get a look at living history, and be made to feel at home by cheerful young hosts.

The cost is \$4.75, which includes transportation, tolls, parking, and all-day entrance to the park. Buses will leave the Adolphus Hotel at 9 a.m. and return in time to attend the opening service of Council, Thursday evening.

Continental Breakfasts

There will be two occasions for a unique breakfast experience. Friday

and Monday, August 22 and 25, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. there will be a youth-orientated continental breakfast. But this is only one half. The other half will involve CA's from all over the nation in meaningful spiritual discussion on topics of keen interest to youth. A D-CAP and his wife will serve as hosts. All this can be enjoyed for only 50 cents per person each day.

Third Dimension

Perhaps the highlight of the youth activities at Council will be three days of the Third Dimension—Friday, Saturday, and Monday, August 22, 23, and 25.

This will be an informal youth seminar, patterned after the TV "talk along" program made popular at last August's Council on Evangelism. There will be outstanding interviews, testimonies, music, singing, and audience participation.

In an informal atmosphere youth will meet some of the leaders of the Assemblies of God, leading Christian businessmen, Christian athletes, and enjoy great gospel music.

The Third Dimension will be in Room 300 of the Dallas Memorial Auditorium from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Admission is free.

Friday Youth Tour

Friday afternoon, August 22, will be a tour which includes inspiration, culture, education, and relaxation. The first stop will be to view "The Miracle of Pentecost"—a painting of the Day of Pentecost on a curved canvas, measuring 124 by 20 feet. It has lighting and sound effects along with narration.

Then a visit will be made to the Museum of Fine Arts. Here youth will view a collection of art objects, including paintings, sculpture, prints, and drawings.

The tour will conclude at the famous Wax Museum where young people will see 34 historical events and more than 100 authentic wax figures recreated in breathtaking realism.

The tour cost will be \$1.50 per person, which includes transportation, admission fees, and other costs.

Council Youth Breakfast

Saturday morning, August 23, will be the *first* Council youth breakfast. It will be in the beautiful French Room of the Adolphus Hotel beginning at 7:30 a.m. Youth from across the country will be attending with Norman L. Correll, national secretary of

the CA Department, in charge. There will be inspirational music, youth involvement and testimonies, and a great time of worship. Tickets are \$2.50 each.

Inside Insight

The most unusual feature of the youth activities will be "Inside Insight" scheduled for Saturday afternoon, August 23. This will be a special session designed to better acquaint youth with the Assemblies of God. A brief historical film will be shown, followed by discussion of the organizational structure of the movement.

A tour of the General Council in action will be conducted. Youth will see behind-the-scenes activities—backstage, finance office, tellers' office, and public relations office.

"Insight" will conclude by actually visiting the last part of the business meeting to hear reports, observe discussion and progress of business, and see the election returns as executive officers are chosen for the Assemblies of God.

College Youth Luncheon

High school seniors and collegians are invited to attend the College Youth Luncheon, Saturday, August 23, in the Adolphus Hotel beginning at 12:15 p.m. Dr. Klaude Kendrick, professor of history at Texas Wesleyan College, will be the guest speaker.

Jerry Sandidge, national college youth representative, will be in charge. Tickets are \$3.50—a special discount price.

Other Council Activities

Besides these special functions, youth will have opportunity to attend all the evening rallies as well as the morning Bible studies.

Some free time is also planned for shopping, rest, or visiting with old friends and new acquaintances.

All in all, this should be the greatest General Council for youth in the history of the Assemblies of God.

A packet of materials outlining the youth activities in further detail is available from the National CA Department.

SPIRITUAL LIFE—EVANGELISM PLANS PRAYER BREAKFASTS, EVANGELISTS SEMINAR

"LET'S HAVE DEVOTIONS TOGETHER" will be the theme for the morning prayer breakfasts to be held Friday, Monday, and Tuesday (August 22, 25,

and 26) during General Council.

The Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission is coordinating these continental prayer breakfasts which will meet simultaneously in the Ballroom of the Adolphus Hotel and the Crystal Room of the Baker Hotel 7:30-8:30 a.m. on each of these days.

V. Ernest Shores, pastor of First Assembly, Phoenix, Ariz., will be prayer leader at the Adolphus Hotel, and W. Howard Roberson, pastor of Highway Mission Tabernacle, Philadelphia, Pa., will be prayer leader at the Baker Hotel.

Emphasis for each day will follow that day's Council theme. Friday the emphasis will be "Christ the Coming King"; Monday, "Christ the Mighty Healer"; and Tuesday, "The Great Commission."

Seminar for Pastors, Evangelists

A seminar for pastors and evangelists is scheduled for Thursday, August 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Adolphus Hotel.

"Yokefellows in Revival" will be the theme for this meeting as pastors and evangelists join in sharing their concern for the evangelistic ministry of the church.

James Swanson, pastor of First Assembly, Portland, Ore., will discuss the



James Swanson

Wesley Morton

topic, "The Pastor Yoked for Action."

"The Evangelist Sharing the Burden" will be the topic discussed by Evangelist Wesley Morton of Kirkland, Wash.

Following the speakers a panel of two pastors, two evangelists, and a district superintendent will discuss ways pastors and evangelists can work together in making the evangelistic

outreach of the church more effective. A general discussion will follow.

All pastors and evangelists are urged to attend this seminar.

REVIVALTIME TO ORIGINATE FROM MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM DURING GENERAL COUNCIL

THOSE ATTENDING THE 33rd General Council of the Assemblies of God will witness and participate in a *Revivaltime* broadcast which will originate from the Dallas Memorial Auditorium platform Friday, August 22, at 6 p.m.

To carry the spirit of the General Council to listeners around the world, the broadcast will be released on 624 ABC Radio Network and independent stations, 101 of which are foreign outlets. Congregational singing will be part of the 30-minute broadcast.

C. M. Ward, the well-known *Revivaltime* evangelist, will be the radio speaker. Other members of the *Revivaltime* team participating in the Dallas origination will be Lee Shultz, narrator-producer; C. T. Beem, program director; Cyril McLellan, choir director; and Jack Risner, field representative.

The *Revivaltime* choir will be composed of selected Dallas church choir members and *Revivaltime* choir alumni.

Revivaltime is the official international broadcast service of the Assemblies of God.

SEMINAR, DEMONSTRATIONS HIGHLIGHT HOME MISSIONS EMPHASIS

AN EXCITING new Home Missions theme for the 1970's will be revealed at the seminar for pioneer pastors, district Home Missions directors and superintendents, Bible school leaders, and appointed home missionaries at the General Council in Dallas. This meeting will be conducted August 21 (Thursday) from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in Civic Room 1 of the Adolphus Hotel. New Church Evangelism will be emphasized, and home missionaries will be introduced.

World Ministries Service

Home Missions will join Foreign Missions for the Sunday afternoon service, August 24, when the world ministries of the Assemblies of God will be accented.

Demonstrations at the Booth

The large Home Missions booth in the Exhibit Hall will feature both New Church Evangelism and Ministry to Ethnic Minorities.

Interesting and informative programs will be presented each day at the booth. For instance, North and South Carolina district leaders will give brief and inspiring reports of their New Church Evangelism activities and will show a filmstrip entitled *The Carolina Challenge*. North Carolina, with a population of 5,300,000, and South Carolina, with a population of nearly 3,000,000, have seen outstanding success in opening new churches.

A Teen Challenge film will also be shown at various intervals. Other films and filmstrips will include *The Unknown Indian*, produced by Willard Cantelon, and *God Bless America*.

Home missionaries in costume will appear frequently at the exhibit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LUNCHEON TO FEATURE TRAINING BOOK

A SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS fellowship luncheon on Friday, August 22, at 12:15 to 2 p.m., will highlight Sunday school activities at the General Council.

Featured will be the secretary of the National Sunday School Department, William E. Kirschke; William Menzies, author of the 1970 workers training book, for the initial presentation of the book; and Kenneth Swenson, coordinator of the workers training division.

Mel DeVries, national field representative and program coordinator of the department, will emcee the luncheon. The Lowell Lundstrom Evangelistic Party will present special music. The luncheon will be at the Adolphus Hotel, and tickets are \$3.95.

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tion Fellowship, sponsored by the workers training division of the NSSD, will hold a luncheon on Monday, August 25, at the Adolphus Hotel.

COMPOSER JOHN PETERSON TO SPEAK AT COUNCIL MUSIC LUNCHEON

NOTED COMPOSER John W. Peterson will be the featured speaker at the music luncheon to be held 12:15-1:45 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, in the Adolphus Hotel. This event, which includes participation of several outstanding musicians, will highlight the activities of the Music Division at General Council.

Mr. Peterson's music is sung and loved around the world. The long list of his compositions includes such songs as: "It Took a Miracle," "Over the Sunset Mountains," "So Send I You," "Springs of Living Water," and "I Believe in Miracles." Over two million copies of his cantatas have been published and sold.

Olive Ford, composer of the Christmas cantata, "The Theme of My Song," will also participate in the luncheon program. Her new Easter cantata, "Thanks Be to God!" is scheduled to be released soon by the Gospel Publishing House.

Many other outstanding music personalities and singers will be taking part in the event which is open to all interested persons. Tickets are available in advance for \$4 from the Music Division.

MEN'S BREAKFAST STRESSES PRAYER, WITNESSING

THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST will be held Saturday, August 23, at 7 a.m. in the Baker Hotel at Dallas, Texas.

In keeping with the theme of this General Council, *GO and TELL*, the subthemes, "Pray for your world" and "Witness to your world," have been selected for this special meeting.

The prayer emphasis and commitment will be directed by General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman. Special divisional prayer requests will be presented by Johnnie Barnes for Royal Rangers, Everett James for Light-for-the-Lost, and Evangelism Literature for America (ELA), and Wildon Colbaugh for Action Crusades.

Overall prayer emphasis will be for revival among the men of the Assemblies of God.



Sam Jordan



Adele Carmichael



Lill Anderson



Nancy Leonard

Speaker at the prayer breakfast will be D. L. "Sam" Jordan, insurance executive of Ottumwa, Iowa, and president of the National Action Crusades Council. He will challenge the men to be personal witnesses to the gospel of Christ. Action will be taken to help each man find a place of service in soul winning.

Preparations are being made for an attendance of 1,100 men. Tickets are \$2.50 each and may be secured from the district MF director, from the National Men's Fellowship Department, or at the MF booth at the Council.

MF Directors Seminar

On Thursday, August 21, the District Men's Fellowship Directors will have their annual seminar in the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas. Sessions will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. The annual Light-for-the-Lost district pledge luncheon will be at noon.

Important plans developed by the National Men's Fellowship Committee, meeting in Springfield, Mo., in March, will be presented to the district leaders for implementation. A stepped-up program for training men for Christian service will be presented, and a stronger liaison between national, district, sectional, and local leaders will be discussed.

Two new filmstrips, produced by the Men's Fellowship Department, will be previewed in the seminar: "Let George Do It," a filmstrip designed for use by district and sectional leaders; and "The Valley Park Story," a true account, to be available to local churches to inspire men toward becoming involved in the ministries of the Men's Fellowship programs.

Three booths will promote the MF department in the General Council exhibit room this year. One booth will be entirely devoted to Royal Rangers. Here a model campsite will be set up, complete with tent and campfire. Uniformed Royal Rangers in the various age divisions will be present.

WMC'S TO HAVE PRAYER BREAKFAST, WORKSHOPS, SEMINAR

A HIGHLIGHT of the General Council, the *Prayer Breakfast for Women and Girls*, will take place in the Grand Ballroom of the Adolphus Hotel on Saturday, August 23, at 7 a.m.

Mrs. Adele Carmichael, the guest speaker, has had a varied ministry as copastor with her husband, the late Richard Carmichael, Bible school teacher in the Hawaiian Islands, and more recently director of women students at Evangel College, Springfield, Missouri.

Mrs. Lill Sundberg Anderson, formerly a soloist with *Revivaltime*, will sing.

Prayer Time will be in charge of WMC Executive Director Bartlett Peterson. Prims, Missionettes, and Y's will participate in the prayer time.

All women and girls are encouraged to attend this prayer breakfast. Tickets are \$2.50 (including tax and tip) and are available from the National WMC Department through August 10. A few tickets will be available at Dallas, but space is limited.

WMC Workshops

On Thursday afternoon, August 21, two WMC workshops will be conducted. At 2 p.m. Nancy Leonard, a housewife and successful soul winner, will give her stirring testimony. This session will be informal with a time for questions and answers. The workshop is open to all women—young and old.

The 3:15 workshop will be conducted for women interested in working with girls (Prims, Junior and Senior Missionettes, and Y's). A challenging visual will be presented. New materials will be announced and displayed.

District WMC Presidents Seminar

There will be a seminar for district WMC presidents on Wednesday, August 20, the day before General Council begins. Emphasis will be given to the youth programs sponsored by the Women's Missionary Council. 

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SANDY WILLIAMS OF THE CARIBOO

By ARTHUR H. TOWNSEND

THIS IS THE STORY of Sandy Williams, a most remarkable character who pioneered in The Cariboo hinterland of British Columbia, Canada.

He came from a strict Presbyterian family—was schooled in the Bible at his mother's knee—but during his early manhood he did not serve the God of his parents.

If there was anyone who should have been driven to the Lord by fear, it was Sandy, for he had more than his share of brushes with death.

He joined the army and saw action in Africa. While facing the enemy's cannon he was hit, but not killed!

One day he rode home on horseback with his coat strapped to the saddle. When he unsaddled the horse he found a poisonous snake coiled in the overcoat. He had missed death by inches!

Later, as a marine fireman, he lived a very wild life. The Lord spoke to his heart through a storm at sea, when it appeared they would founder, but he did not yield. Again God's mercy was extended to him, in answer to his mother's prayers.

During the gold rush days Sandy journeyed to Canada and freighted on the famed Cariboo Trail. One day he was driving his team and wagon over a temporary bridge when the bridge gave way. The horses kicked themselves free of the wreckage but Sandy Williams was left alone suffering with a broken hip. Delirious with pain, he lay at the side of the trail for hours before he was rescued.

Sandy continued in a life of sin while logging in the virgin forests of British Columbia. He became known as one of the hardest drinking men in the north.

Then came the 1930 depression, old age, failing eyesight, and the problem of living alone.

True, Sandy Williams had been kind to the unfortunate. On more than one occasion he had given away his last dollar. He had repaired watches, lamps, and other equip-

ment without accepting a penny. He was a generous man. But he was far from God. As a drinking, cursing recluse, living out his last days on earth, he was fast approaching the judgment of God and eternal destruction.

Strangely enough, all the misfortunes of his life failed to turn him to the Lord, but the reading of the Bible did it. What war, snakes, storms, and accidents could not accomplish, the Scriptures were able to do.

How he chanced upon a Bible I do not know, but a copy came into his hands, and he began to read it. Somehow he developed an interest in spiritual things. He began to listen to gospel radio broadcasts. As he did so, there arose in his mind the memory of childhood days and of the religious training he had received from his parents. The entrance of God's Word brought light to his being, and Sandy Williams was soundly saved.

Though he had not been inside a church for over 50 years, Sandy was converted in his log cabin in the rugged Cariboo. From that day forward he was a different man.

He had wasted his life, so far as any service he might have rendered to the kingdom of God was concerned; nevertheless God had mercy on him and gave him the blessed assurance of sins forgiven. This lifelong rejector of the Saviour found peace and joy at last in knowing the Lord Jesus Christ. How wonderful is the saving grace of God!

If you have thought there was no hope for you, the story of Sandy Williams proves there is hope. Do not say you have sunk too low! That is the devil's lie. The grace of God can reach anyone, anywhere, no matter what his circumstances might be. The Bible says that Christ "is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

The divine promise is, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). 

YOUR QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



What qualities are required for a person to become an apostle?

The 12 apostles were chosen directly by Jesus. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you" (John 15:16). They were to be with Him throughout His ministry. "And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning" (John 15:27).

They were 12 in number (Matthew 10:2). They were to lay the foundation of Christian faith (1 Corinthians 3:10; Ephesians 2:20; 3:1-12).

All the apostles were chosen by Christ except Matthias. He was chosen because he had been a witness to the ministry of Jesus "beginning from the baptism of John" (Acts 1:22).

Paul gave as defense of his apostleship: "Have I not seen Jesus Christ?" (1 Corinthians 9:1); and, "Truly, the signs of an apostle were wrought among you" (2 Corinthians 12:11, 12).

What is conscience?

A simple definition of conscience is moral judgment. It is that faculty in us that approves right and condemns wrong. Conscience judges moral actions by the light it has. A Christian conscience is further taught and guided by the truth of the Scripture.

Please comment on Psalm 84:11.

This verse is an expression of confidence, rich in encouragement. It shows the Psalmist's feelings at the time. There were other times when the Psalmist felt differently, as when he said, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul?" (Psalm 42:5).

It is easy to feel confident when circumstances are favorable. It is real victory when the soul can say in the midst of trouble, "The Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

What was the tradition of the elders, which Jesus disapproved?

The traditions began with the claim that, in addition to the Law written in stone, the Lord gave Moses authority to make interpretations which were to be handed down from father to son. Thus there was built up a whole system of dos and don'ts which led to the proverbial "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel."

Jesus rebuked the Jewish religious leaders for these man-made interpretations, many of which violated the real meaning in the Law.

If "Abba" means "Father," why does the Bible repeat both words, saying, "Abba, Father"? (Romans 8:15).

Abba adds to the term *father* the further thought of endearment. It expresses the tender, affectionate relationship between the children of God and their Heavenly Father.

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



O WORD OF GOD!

By EUGENE VATERS

O Rock of God!
To fall on it—
I must;
O Wind of God!
Sift out of me
Earth dust;
O Fire of God!
Full melt in me
Gold ore;
O Grace of God!
Working in me,
Restore:
The Word of God,
Christ's face made clear
In me!
O Word of God—
Incarnate, true;
Searcher of hearts,
And Healer too!
As Rock, Wind, Fire,
Restore by Grace
Image in me
Of Jesus' face!

Eugene Vaters, now retired, was chairman of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland for 35 years.



NEWS OF OUR TIMES

PROBLEM CROPS UP ACROSS COUNTRY

TAX EXEMPTION DENIED TO SIX PROTESTANT PUBLISHERS

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Six religious publishing firms here face loss of tax exemption on their property, equipment, and facilities following a ruling by the metropolitan government of Nashville-Davidson County. The regional government's legal department said the information furnished by the six firms did not give "sufficient evidence to warrant exemptions."

The two largest firms, the Methodist Publishing House and the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, immediately announced they would appeal the ruling.

In similar action, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State (formerly POAU) with headquarters in Washington, D.C., has also lost its tax-exempt status.

A judgment of the Internal Revenue

Service stated that the organization is an activist body engaged in political affairs and therefore not entitled to tax exemption.

Meanwhile, the Oregon state senate killed a proposal to tax churches at 25 percent of the going realty tax rate after the proposal had passed the House.

Supporters of the bill argued that the 25 percent tax rate would pay for police and fire protection enjoyed by these organizations.

To further complicate the issue, certain church organizations are joining the IRS and state and local governments in support of proposed taxes on churches.

The National Council of Churches and the U.S. Catholic Conference recently drafted a joint appeal to Congress calling for the elimination of the special exemp-

tion churches now enjoy from income taxes on unrelated church business income.

They also expressed the opinion that churches should pay their "just share" of municipal fire, police, and sanitation services on a voluntary basis.

This Time at Revivalists

Mrs. O'Hair Strikes Again

WICHITA FALLS, TEX.—The atheist who succeeded in getting the Supreme Court to ban prayer and Bible study in public schools has struck again.

This time Madalyn Murray O'Hair has asked for equal time to counteract the ministry of George M. Speake (Moody Institute of Science) at Sheppard Air Force Base near here.

She said an enlisted man told her Mr. Speake was allowed to present a revival meeting at Sheppard. In a letter to President Nixon, Mrs. O'Hair demanded equal time to "counteract revivalists' carnival sideshows."

CARDINAL CONDUCTS A WHITE HOUSE SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Terence Cardinal Cooke, archbishop of New York, led a recent Sunday worship service at the White House. President and Mrs. Nixon, with members of Congress and the Cabinet, were present.

The ecumenical meeting marked the first time such a high-ranking Roman Catholic clergyman had conducted a religious service at the executive mansion.

The service, which lasted 40 minutes, consisted of hymns, prayers, readings from the Bible, and a sermon. It was not called a Mass.

Cardinal Cooke, 40, is the youngest man ever to become a prince of the Roman church. He offered a prayer for the safe homecoming of the *Apollo 10* astronauts. His sermon on unity noted the viewpoint of the space trio who saw Earth as "one world."

"The factors which unite mankind are far more fundamental than the factors which divide mankind," the prelate said.

AT EPA CONVENTION

CAMPUS UNREST WILL GROW, SDS LEADER WARNS EDITORS

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—The head of Students for Democratic Society at the University of Michigan told some 200 editors of religious periodicals here that campus violence is the result of a war economy and would continue

as long as citizens were "unfree."

Barry Bluestone, addressing the opening session of the 21st annual convention of the Evangelical Press Association, criticized the "bourgeois press" for seeing

EPA officers for 1969-70 are (left to right) Harris Jansen, treasurer (editor of "Sunday School Counselor"); Marjorie Carlson, secretary (editorial assistant, "Venture"); C. Charles Van Ness, vice-president (editorial director, David C. Cook Pub. Co.); Sherwood E. Wirt, president (editor of "Decision"); Norman Rohrer, executive secretary; and Louis Benes, adviser (editor of "Church Herald"). Not shown is Harold Myra, adviser (editor of "Campus Life").



a "huge Communist conspiracy" in student uprisings, claiming SDS views communism as "a very small archaic force" in the U.S.

He appealed to the editors to go beneath the events of today and ask why students are moved to take drastic action to fulfill their aims.

The next speaker was John Alexander, executive secretary of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and a veteran teacher in economic geography at the University of Wisconsin.

Among the reasons he cited for campus unrest were poor teaching, due to increasing pressure on faculty members to do research; the Vietnam war; weak university administrations; inferior university housing at high rent; grading system; no voice in teacher selection; and just plain boredom!

Dr. Alexander said unrest also stems from the tremendous size of universities, the collapse of traditional liberal arts education, faculty abdication of responsibility, and the unavailability of the teacher in his office.

But perhaps the most significant causes of youth problems, he

added, are the deterioration of the home; the destruction of law and order; youth's exposure to too many alternatives; prejudice in society; absentee ownership of slum rentals; inequalities in wealth; and, above all, man's separation from God who is the source of love.

In addition to the problem of campus turmoil, the convention program included a study of the inner city and the moral implications of scientific advances such as in molecular biology and genetic control.

The meeting featured nearly 40 speakers, panelists, and workshop leaders.

TEAM, the monthly publication of the Assemblies of God Men's Fellowship department, was awarded third place in EPA's annual "Periodical of the Year" contest (denominational division). First- and second-place winners in this category were Church of God *Evangel* (Cleveland, Tenn.) and *Church Herald* (Grand Rapids, Mich.).

Edited by Wildon Colbaugh, TEAM magazine has a circulation of one-quarter million a year in 25 countries.



75% OF ADULT MEMBERS ALREADY BEHIND PROGRAM

ALL SIGNS POINT TO SUCCESSFUL 'IMPACT' ON DALLAS-FORT WORTH-DENTON AREAS

DALLAS, TEX.—Students from three Assemblies of God colleges are serving as summer interns in this area in connection with the *Impact* program scheduled for August 10-16, the week prior to General Council.

Impact is a concerted effort to reach as many homes in the Greater Dallas-Fort Worth-Denton area as possible with a gospel witness.

Activities for the eight students (two from Bethany Bible College, one from Central Bible College, and five from Southwestern Assemblies of God College) range from office duties to assisting the administration committee in implementing the program.

Area churches are providing lodging for the students.

The five men students are working with the sectional presbyters in promoting *Impact* in the churches.

May 25 was enlistment day for the churches as pastors sought to

enlist their members for involvement in this evangelistic outreach.

On that day hundreds of people in scores of churches signed cards committing themselves to give their time and talent for Christ and His Church during *Impact* week.

An estimated 75 percent of the adult membership in the churches have already enlisted to work in *Impact*.

Headquarters

Headquarters for the *Impact* effort have been established in offices made available without charge by Leason N. Johnson, a member of one of the Fort Worth assemblies.

Three lady interns from SAGC work in the office and process the applications from out-of-state groups and individuals who volunteer to participate in the door-to-door witnessing as well as the nightly crusades and other special efforts of *Impact* week.

More than 600 out-of-state applications have already been received, and it is anticipated that the goal of 1,000 volunteers will be reached.

Literature Distribution

Literature distribution will play a major part in the personal witnessing aspect of the program.

Evangelism Literature for America (ELA) will provide the literature which will be left at each home visited. The three basic pieces to be used are one identifying the callers with the Assemblies of God, a Scripture selec-

tion, and a testimonial piece. A fourth piece will be used wherever opportunity is given for personal witnessing.

Giant Climaxing Rally

Impact will climax with a giant rally on Saturday night, August 16, in Fort Worth's new convention center.

Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart, who will be working with *Impact* throughout the week, will be the guest speaker at this rally.

Approximately 200 churches are directly involved in this effort.

Members and friends of the assemblies of God everywhere can be involved by praying for this all-out soul-winning thrust and for the General Council which immediately follows; by sending an offering to the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission for the ELA fund; or by coming to Dallas and participating in person.



Left: The administration committee of "Impact" is (first row, l. to r.) Leonard Allgood, Ken George, Ted Jones, E. R. Anderson, G. C. McGlothlin; (2nd row) Ed Palser, Carl Stewart, Derwood Dubose; (3rd row) Hal Noah, W. C. Mangrum, Melvin James, Lonnie Mullen, and C. W. Denton.

Right: Floyd Horst and E. R. Anderson attended the first "Impact" rallies which introduced the program to the pastors. **Below:** Don Cox (inset) serves as coordinator for "Impact." The new convention center in Ft. Worth will be the site for "Impact's" Saturday night rally.



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World Ministries Giving Increases

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—In 1968 the 8,570 U.S. Assemblies of God churches gave more than \$14 million to world ministries for the first time in the Fellowship's history.

The new mark is 15.7 percent or \$2.3 million more than in 1967 when \$12.4 million was contributed.

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

Specific Designated Contributions

Foreign Missions giving, perennially the largest share, rose about 11.3 percent from \$6,380,505 in 1967 to \$7,199,491 last year.

A further breakdown shows total giving to national Home Missions was \$1.5 million; District WMC's, \$1 million; Speed-the-Light, \$899,870; district ministries, \$873,447; *Revivaltime*, \$754,400; Bible schools and colleges, \$668,871; and Benevolences, \$339,197.

The top five districts in giving for 1968 were Southern California, \$1.6 million; Northern California-Nevada, \$1.1 million; Northwest, \$824,751; North Texas, \$596,565; and Eastern, \$576,060.

Leading churches in world ministries contributions were Calvary Assembly, Inglewood, Calif., \$78,374; First Assembly, Memphis, Tenn., \$65,801; Calvary Assembly, Seattle, Wash., \$63,877; Assembly of God, Covina, Calif., \$63,123; and First Assembly, Oakland, Calif., \$58,177.

Awards at General Council

Giving to world ministries for the biennium was \$27,050,582.

World Ministries Giving Awards will be presented at the 33rd General Council in Dallas, Tex., in August.



Incumbent Officers Reelected

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT MARKS 48th COUNCIL

BECKLEY, W. VA.—The 48th First Assembly here in May. annual district council of the Ap- | Highlights of the council in- | palachian District convened at | cluded a youth rally, world mis-

District Superintendent Stanley A. Lyon (left) and General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman (right) are seen with the ministers who were ordained at the recent Appalachian District Council. Brother Zimmerman was guest speaker for the Council.

sions rally, and the service at which three men were ordained to the ministry.

Guest speaker for the council was General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman. His Spirit-anointed messages were well received.

Incumbent district officials were reelected to serve another term. They are Stanley A. Lyon, district superintendent; and Jack M. Carnley, assistant superintendent.

The term of Herbert Sublett, district secretary-treasurer, did not expire at this Council.

The Appalachian District now has 73 churches and 112 ministers.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Dothan	First	July 13-27	Billy & Cherie Cotton	E. Max McNab
	Excel	A/G	July 8-20	Esther Palmer	J. H. Barfield
	Springville	¹ District Camp	July 14-18	Larry Summers	Lamar Headley, D-CAP
Ark.	Fayetteville	First	July 8-20	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Wayne Danner
	Lake Village	New Bethel	July 16-27	Lindell & Darlene Ballenger	C. M. Carey
	London	A/G	July 13-27	Dennis Thrasher	C. R. Young
Calif.	Beaumont	A/G	July 13-27	Bird H. & Mrs. Campbell	A. K. Moore
	Elk Grove	A/G	July 13-26	Velma Lackey	Ed Weising
	Long Beach	Cherry-Carson	July 13—	Thomas Calk	J. L. Hagee
	Los Gatos	First	July 8-20	Star Thomas	Kelsey C. Prinzing
	Modesto	² Community	July 14-20	Esther Mae Wyrick	Jimmie Haeefe
Fla.	Reedley	² Full Gospel	July 6-13	Esther Mae Wyrick	Melvin Harrel
	Bradenton	First	July 6-20	Roland Blount	Harry Rupp
	Jacksonville Beach	First	July 1-14	Larry Hill	Benton Tippett
	W. Palm Beach	Calvary Temple	July 6-13	Doug & Judy Maners	Glen Horst
Ga.	Winter Haven	First	July 16-27	Doug & Judy Maners	Robert Raburn
	Folkston	First	July 14-20	Randall A. Walker	J. A. Tate
Ill.	Centralia	First	July 15-27	Wallace & Carol Joice	W. G. McCluskey
	Harvard	A/G	July 13-27	Dan Womack Team	Leon DeGarmo
	W. Frankfort	First	July 8-20	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	H. A. Still
Ind.	Lafayette	First	July 6-27	Musical Vander Ploegs	Charles Hackett
Iowa	Leon	A/G	July 16-27	Wesley & Gladys Morton	Daniel Donelson
Kans.	Kansas City	Gospel Temple	July 16-27	Ernie Rogers	Burl Rogers
Ky.	Crestwood	³ District Camp	July 14-18	Paul Hild Party	James Ellis
	Ferriday	A/G	July 16-27	"Danny" & Patsy Rogers	H. A. Irby
La.	Gonzales	A/G	July 6-20	Doyle Jones	Floyd Key
	St. Joseph	Lake Michigan	July 2-13	Don & Sharon Parker	John R. Phillips
Minn.	Crookston	² A/G	July 13-18	Thom & Carolyn Loven	Clarence Strom
	St. Paul	Payne Avenue	July 16-20	Paul Clark Team	Ray Schaible
Mo.	Oak Grove	⁴ A/G	July 13-25	Victor Etienne	J. V. Shoults
	Princeton	A/G	July 16—	Doug & Fern Jones	R. A. Trotter
	St. Louis	Riverview	July 14-20	Carl E. Gammel	Louis Mattea
N. Mex.	Truth or Consequences	A/G	July 15-27	E. L. Surratt	Kenneth Smith
N. Y.	Red Hook	³ District Camp	July 19-25	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Ed Spinola, D-CAP
	Walton	A/G	July 14-20	H. A. Christopher	K. M. Darville
N. C.	Goldsboro	First	July 16-27	Paul Stephen O'Shields	Curtis Butler
N. Dak.	New Town	Gospel Tab.	July 13—	B. C. & Mrs. Heinze	R. O. Marsh
	Toledo	First	July 16-20	Basell-Brown Party	C. Glenn Parker
Ohio	Zanesville	First	July 14-27	Wayne & Vi Marshall	John M. Bunney
	Nicut	A/G	July 15-27	Larry Hatfield	Tommy Treat
	Ryan	⁴ A/G	July 13-27	R. I. & Pearl Wynkoop	Curtis Newton
Okla.	Sentinel	First	July 14—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	J. R. Wyatt
	Weatherford	A/G	July 13-20	C. A. Nicholson	W. L. Hopkins
	Spartanburg	⁵ First	July 6-13	D. N. Asbury Jr.	Houston Miles
Tenn.	Knoxville	Scott Street	July 13-Aug. 1	Dorothy Knott	Joe Miles
	Nashville	Woodbine	July 16-27	Gene & Heather Burgess	E. R. Driver
	Ripley	Ashport	July 6-20	Fisher-Cheek Team	B. B. Buchanan
Tex.	Houston	Northwood	July 16—	Tommy & Esther Lance	Paul Emerson
	Huntsville	A/G	July 16-27	Charles & Judy McKnight	J. B. Barnes
	Ingleside	First	July 13-18	Joe & Darlene Black	Roy Bownds
	Kountze	First	July 6-13	Bob & Dona Barham	W. Ken Lewelling
	Grimes	² Woodbine	July 13-18	Earl & Arlene Stubbs	Mary Oestreicher
Wash.	Bingen	² A/G	July 14-20	Knouse-Stovall Team	Clarence L. Myers
W. Va.	Beckley	First	July 13-20	E. A. Manley	Paul S. Brendiar
Wis.	Milwaukee	Gospel Tab.	July 10-13	Paul Clark Team	Sam Peterson
Canada	Paris, ONT.	³ Braeside Camp	July 13-20	Desmond Evans	

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300 ACCEPT CHRIST IN ILLINOIS CA CONVENTION

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—D. F. Hussey, director of youth and education for the Illinois District, reports an outstanding service the last night of the Illinois CA Convention.

In ministering to the convention for the third straight year, the Sunshine Party presented a dynamic illustrated sermon entitled

"A Cry from Hell." The convention hall of the Holiday Inn was packed, and many were standing during the service. At the conclusion of the message about 300 young people responded to the invitation to accept Christ.

Over 950 young people registered for the convention and many more attended evening services.

NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATIONS



This group of children was part of the roundup crowd for the last week of meetings with Evangelist Hild. Pastor and Mrs. Rodgers and Evangelist Hild are in the center of the picture.

Special Outreach for Children, Youth

370 CONVERTS REPORTED IN TWO-WEEK MEETING

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Evangel Tabernacle has just concluded its third annual crusade with Evangelist Paul Hild of Minneapolis, Minn.

The first week was an all-family meeting with a special outreach to young people. Six thousand invitations were distributed at the high schools.

Brother Hild emphasized a message to youth on the daily radio program. Many outsiders came, and 70 young people accepted Christ as their Saviour.

The second week was a roundup for children as Brother Hild

—"Cowboy Smiley"—ministered. Three hundred children knelt to pray and be saved.

There were 120 present who had no church affiliation. Workers are calling on these prospects.

Some of the converts have followed the Lord in water baptism.

Colonel Harland Sanders of Kentucky Fried Chicken fame, was a special guest on Sunday. He brought a timely message to the congregation.

The evangelist's wife and daughter Cheryl also ministered on the weekends. —*W. L. Rodgers, pastor*

SALEM, OHIO—First Assembly recently concluded special services with Evangelist and Mrs. Arnold Segesman. Over 150 first-time visitors were registered. Some good spiritual results were reported.

Other special events this spring emphasized various methods of outreach. Warren Campbell challenged the young people with the ministry of Teen Challenge. The Singing Kolenda Family testified in song. Missionary Carl Malz

widened the missionary vision of the people as he described his recent experiences in the Middle East. —*Paul C. Taylor, pastor*

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Evangelist Glenna Byard was used of the Lord in recent services at North Oak Chapel here.

Three persons were saved, and five were filled with the Holy Spirit. Ten followed the Lord in water baptism.

—*J. C. Bolin, pastor*

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Young Church Sets Attendance Mark

WICHITA, FALLS, TEX.—Northwest Assembly here is rejoicing in God's blessing as evidenced by its progress since it was started in 1964.

The church was destroyed by a tornado when it was only eight months old. A new building was dedicated in 1965, and recently a new attendance record was set with 235 present in Sunday school.

Pastor John Ward reports plans are being made to expand the facilities. The congregation recently

called Charles Reed to be assistant pastor.

Northwest Assembly is near Sheppard Air Force Base and enjoys an active ministry to many servicemen and their families.

FLINT, MICH.—Evangelist Eugene and Esther Fiddler of Center Moriches, N. Y., held the attention of the children in Riverside Tabernacle for a week of special services. Illustrated Bible stories accented with stereo sound

were their means of communication.

The level of visitors' attendance was high, and 603 children were enrolled. A new Sunday school bus route for 42 persons was added as a result of the crusade.

Boys and girls found Christ as their Saviour each night. There is evidence of lasting results.

—Ivar Frick, pastor

AKRON, OHIO—Evangelist Bob and Mrs. Jones helped to heighten the general spiritual atmosphere in Springfield Assembly here.

This revival was outstanding in regard to those receiving the Pentecostal baptism. Twelve were

filled with the Spirit, 15 others were saved, and five were reclaimed.

The crowds were among the best the church has ever had.

—Joseph B. Serbin, pastor

BELLE PLAINE, IOWA—The Assembly of God here is continuing to grow in size as well as in spirit. The services with Evangelist Ken Krivohlavek of Nebraska City, Nebr., have encouraged the people to believe God for the salvation of more souls.

Visitors attended almost every night of the meeting. Two persons were saved, three received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 12 testified to being healed.

—David Hamilton, pastor



NEWS OF OUR COLLEGES

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EC Students Bridge Generation Gap

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Evangel College students recently played host to 45 elderly visitors from three Springfield rest homes. It was the second year for the event known as Senior Citizens Day.

This bridge across the generation gap was sponsored by SCOPE, the all-student Christian outreach at Evangel. It is the climax of a rest home visitation program carried on by SCOPE throughout the school year.

The students furnished the cars and called for their guests at 7:30 a.m. at Mercy Villa, Grand Acres, and Sunshine Acres. A student host or hostess was assigned to each patient, staying with them through the whole tour to give assistance as needed.

Many of the guests were in

wheelchairs or walked with canes. In preparation for the event, students had constructed ramps to accommodate their guests.

At the 8:30 a.m. chapel service, first event of the day, the guests were specially recognized.

The guests saw slides of the college and of SCOPE activities. They visited the general psychology class taught by Raymond Brock. Following a campus tour, which ended at the library, the guests were escorted back to their respective homes in time for lunch.

Miss Judy Zimmerman, a junior from Bedford, Pa., and rest home visitation chairman, was coordinator for the day. She explained, "Since we go to the rest homes regularly, this is a chance for the patients to see where we



These senior citizens, guests of Evangel College, have just completed a tour of the library.

live. We wanted to give them an enjoyable day. Another purpose is to have the kids think a little about these people who are so often forgotten."

Last year 16 guests from one home visited the college. Some of them returned again this year. To many of the guests, it was one of the highlights of their year.

At CBC

GROUND IS BROKEN FOR E. S. WILLIAMS CHAPEL

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Ground was broken for a new chapel on the campus of Central Bible College on May 21, during annual

homecoming activities.

The building is to be named in honor of Ernest S. Williams, former General Superintendent of the

Assemblies of God. During 19 of his 20 years as General Superintendent, Brother Williams also served as president of CBC.

In addressing the assembled students, faculty, and visitors, General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman stated that it is exciting to break ground, but before the completed structure becomes a re-

ality, it will involve faith, commitment, and the involvement of many individuals.

The brief ceremony followed the regular morning chapel service. Gayle F. Lewis, representing the CBC board of administration, read a portion of Scripture. Warren F. McPherson, president of the Alumni Association, led in prayer. Music was by the King's Choraliens.

After Brother Williams and others actually broke ground, the congregation sang the doxology. President Philip A. Crouch gave the benediction.

It is estimated the air-conditioned brick structure will cost \$300,000. The anticipated completion date is February 1970.

Breaking ground for the new E. S. Williams Chapel at Central Bible College are (left to right): President Philip A. Crouch, Warren McPherson, E. S. Williams, Thomas F. Zimmerman, Gayle F. Lewis, and Douglas Berwick, representing the student government.



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The outlined area indicates the buildings and campus of North Central Bible College. The large rectangular portion at left shows the dormitory building and mansion on the newly purchased property.

NCBC Purchases Adjacent Land

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—President G. Raymond Carlson has announced the completion of purchase negotiations for land adjacent to North Central Bible College.

The \$780,000 purchase quad-

riples the size of its present property. It includes a four-story building which will provide housing for approximately 200 students, and a three and one-half story mansion.

Transfer of the property is expected to be completed August 1.



These Southern California College students are assisting missionaries and pastors in Mexico, the Marshall Islands, and Alaska for the summer.

SCC Selects Missionary Interns

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—Eight students of Southern California College have been selected to serve as missionary interns for the summer of 1969, President O. Cope Budge has recently announced. They will assist pastors and missionaries for a 10-week period.

Bob Allison (Montrose, Calif.) and Jim Ortiz (Oxnard, Calif.) will work together in the Mexico Bible School building program and in evangelism in Mexico.

Dave Hall (Denver, Colo.) will work with Missionary Sam Sasser in the Marshall Islands.

Alaska District Superintendent B. P. Wilson has arranged an itin-

erary for Dave Gardner (Long Beach, Calif.) to work with pastors in evangelism and building programs.

Judy Kroah (Big Bear Lake, Calif.), Beverly Thatcher (Pacoima, Calif.), Linda Bartel (Santa Ana, Calif.), and Mary Ann Campbell (Torrance, Calif.) will work with Missionary Harry Bartel in Mexico. They will be engaged in children's evangelism and house-to-house visitation in Tijuana, Ensenada, and Hermosillo.

Last summer six students from SCC were engaged in similar ministry. The students are sponsored by the Missionary Assistance Program of the college.



By SAGC

Honorary Doctorate Conferred on A. A. Wilson

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—A. A. Wilson, Springfield, Mo., veteran minister of the Assemblies of God, was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree on May 15 by Southwestern Assemblies of God College.

The conferral took place just before he delivered the commencement address.

President Blake L. Farmer and Vice-President James K. Bridges made the presentation, citing Brother Wilson for his almost 50 years in the ministry.

Brother Wilson served as superintendent of the Southern Missouri District for five years and as an executive presbyter of the General Council of the Assemblies

of God for 26 years (1937-63). He has been named an honorary general presbyter of the Fellowship.

Brother and Sister Wilson pioneered First Assembly in Kansas City, Mo., and continued to serve there for 31 years. When he resigned in 1961, the congregation honored him with the title *pastor emeritus*.

He is well known in the United States and Canada as a speaker for camp meetings, prayer conferences, district councils, and ministers institutes and seminars.

Presently Brother Wilson is pastoring a new church—Park Crest Village Assembly in Springfield, Mo.



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