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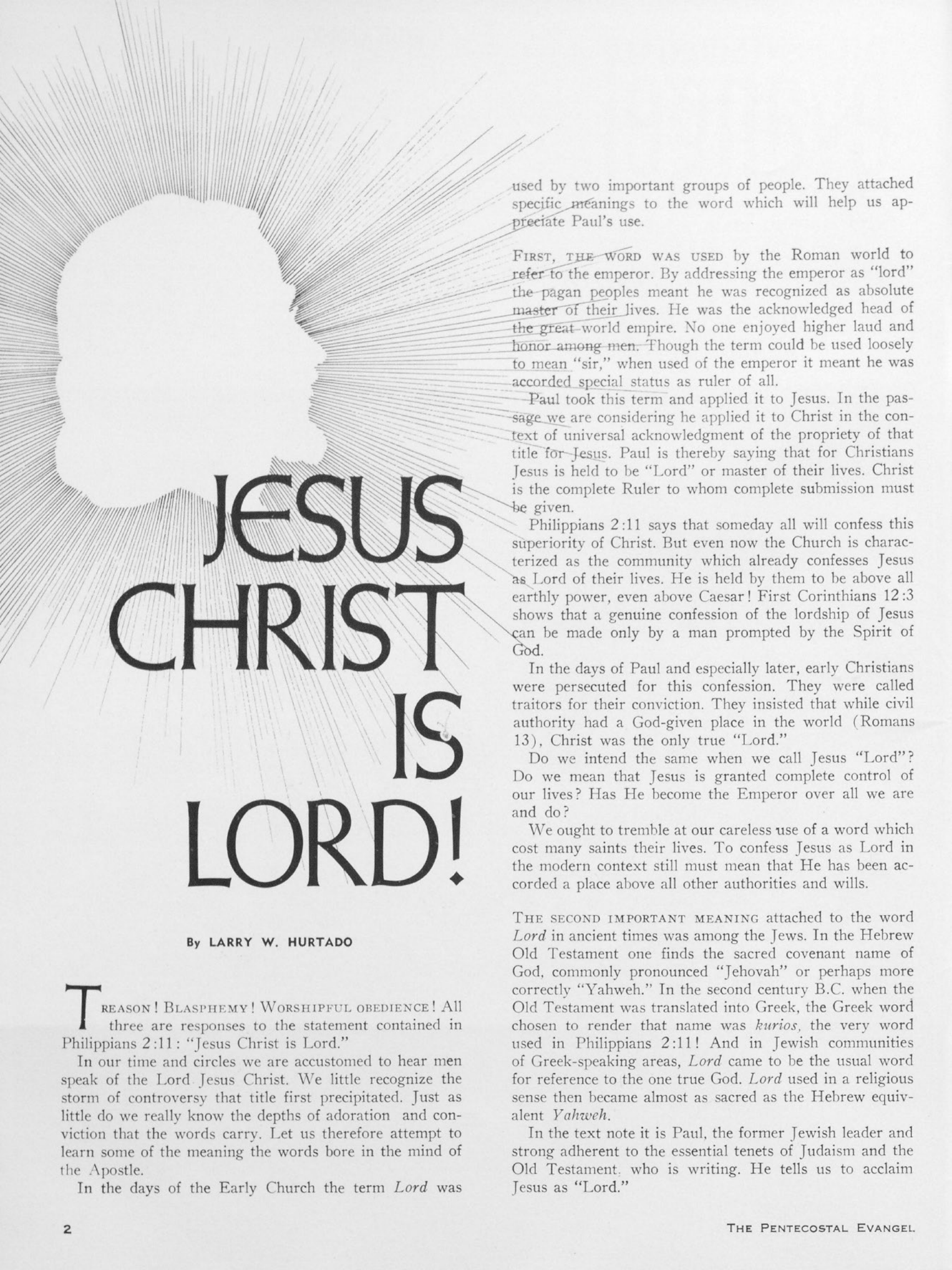
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MEN ANSWER THE CALL FOLLOWING
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JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

By LARRY W. HURTADO

T REASON! BLASPHEMY! WORSHIPFUL OBEDIENCE! All three are responses to the statement contained in Philippians 2:11: "Jesus Christ is Lord."

In our time and circles we are accustomed to hear men speak of the Lord Jesus Christ. We little recognize the storm of controversy that title first precipitated. Just as little do we really know the depths of adoration and conviction that the words carry. Let us therefore attempt to learn some of the meaning the words bore in the mind of the Apostle.

In the days of the Early Church the term *Lord* was

used by two important groups of people. They attached specific meanings to the word which will help us appreciate Paul's use.

FIRST, THE WORD WAS USED by the Roman world to refer to the emperor. By addressing the emperor as "lord" the pagan peoples meant he was recognized as absolute master of their lives. He was the acknowledged head of the great world empire. No one enjoyed higher laud and honor among men. Though the term could be used loosely to mean "sir," when used of the emperor it meant he was accorded special status as ruler of all.

Paul took this term and applied it to Jesus. In the passage we are considering he applied it to Christ in the context of universal acknowledgment of the propriety of that title for Jesus. Paul is thereby saying that for Christians Jesus is held to be "Lord" or master of their lives. Christ is the complete Ruler to whom complete submission must be given.

Philippians 2:11 says that someday all will confess this superiority of Christ. But even now the Church is characterized as the community which already confesses Jesus as Lord of their lives. He is held by them to be above all earthly power, even above Caesar! First Corinthians 12:3 shows that a genuine confession of the lordship of Jesus can be made only by a man prompted by the Spirit of God.

In the days of Paul and especially later, early Christians were persecuted for this confession. They were called traitors for their conviction. They insisted that while civil authority had a God-given place in the world (Romans 13), Christ was the only true "Lord."

Do we intend the same when we call Jesus "Lord"? Do we mean that Jesus is granted complete control of our lives? Has He become the Emperor over all we are and do?

We ought to tremble at our careless use of a word which cost many saints their lives. To confess Jesus as Lord in the modern context still must mean that He has been accorded a place above all other authorities and wills.

THE SECOND IMPORTANT MEANING attached to the word *Lord* in ancient times was among the Jews. In the Hebrew Old Testament one finds the sacred covenant name of God, commonly pronounced "Jehovah" or perhaps more correctly "Yahweh." In the second century B.C. when the Old Testament was translated into Greek, the Greek word chosen to render that name was *kurios*, the very word used in Philippians 2:11! And in Jewish communities of Greek-speaking areas, *Lord* came to be the usual word for reference to the one true God. *Lord* used in a religious sense then became almost as sacred as the Hebrew equivalent *Yahweh*.

In the text note it is Paul, the former Jewish leader and strong adherent to the essential tenets of Judaism and the Old Testament, who is writing. He tells us to acclaim Jesus as "Lord."

In view of this and in view of the fact that in Philip-
pians 2:11 Paul is alluding to Isaiah 45:23 (a passage
referring to God), there can be little doubt that Paul is
referring to Jesus in terms that describe Him as God,
as fully divine. Paul is not producing another god in ad-
dition to the one true God of the Old Testament. He is al-
luding to the mystery that Jesus and the Father are one
God while distinct in other ways—the mystery known theo-
logically as the Trinity. For Paul then, to address Jesus
as “Lord” meant confessing Him as divine! It could
not have meant less for those whom Paul taught. The title
“Lord Jesus Christ” thus becomes the summation of
Christian doctrine—Jesus Christ is God revealed in the
flesh!

For this confession many Christians were persecuted by
their Jewish contemporaries. Paul and countless others
were cast out of synagogues and accused of blasphemy for
their devotion to Jesus. It was no light thing to ask a per-
son steeped in Jewish teaching to call Jesus “Lord.”

Do we recognize that in confessing Jesus as “Lord”
we thereby accord to Him divine status in our lives? By
that title we should mean to grant Him the privileges be-
longing to deity—full sway over our destiny.

Meditate upon the profound meaning of this once dan-

gerous word, *Lord*. It is no longer dangerous to use the
word, except for the danger of modern-day Christians us-
ing it carelessly. That danger becomes acute when a
Christian calls Jesus “Lord” but by his life denies Jesus
this position. It is false Christianity!

IN A WORLD in which Jesus is often ignored or at most
only politely mentioned, it is a tragedy for Christians to
make a careless and empty confession of Jesus. Paul said
the entire creation will one day be forced to acknowledge
Christ’s position. The Church even now is granted the
honor of bearing Christ’s name and glorifying Him as
Lord—ahead of the time! The Church is composed of
those people who have sensed the eschatological drift of
God’s plan and have been prompted by the Holy Spirit to
bow the knee and confess Jesus as their Lord.

While we long for the day when this confession will be
recognized by all, even now we ought to examine ourselves
to see if we are really in tune with the Spirit. Is there
sincerity in our lip-service? In calling Jesus “Lord” is
there the holy reverence of submission, or the callous care-
lessness of an untamed will?

May we all learn with Paul to eagerly and truly call
Jesus “Lord.”



GOD'S ANSWER TO A MISSIONARY'S PRAYER

By MRS. H. L. CUTLER

DON'T PRAY THIS PRAYER unless you mean business
with Jesus Christ!"

With this ringing challenge from our speaker, our
week-long missionary conference came to a close.

"Ask the Lord what He would have you do to reach
the lost," he had implored earnestly.

I searched my heart. Dare I pray that prayer? I knew
I must.

There was a moment of reverent silence in the church.
Each person was alone before God.

I earnestly asked the Lord to make His will plain to
me. Almost immediately the answer came: "Give fifty
dollars a month for six months to — (a certain mis-
sionary)."

My thoughts must be wandering! Such a pledge seemed
unthinkable. My employment coincided with the school
year, and I had six months left.

Ten, fifteen, possibly even twenty-five dollars from
my purse for the morning's offering I could easily con-
tribute; but fifty dollars for six months would be three
hundred dollars—unearned as yet, and for which I defi-
nitely had other plans.

I prayed again. The conviction grew, but so did my

resistance. The inner struggle was terrific. Fifty dollars
a month would cancel my plans to redecorate our dining
room. Although I had said nothing yet to my family, I
had already visualized the color scheme for woodwork,
wallpaper, and drapes. By doing the work myself, I
would manage. I would take fifty dollars out of each
monthly paycheck and would accomplish the decor in
six months. I could see the completed room in my mind's
eye; it would be beautiful.

"Other Christian women have the privilege of redoing
their homes," I thought rebelliously. "Why shouldn't I?"

Then I recalled the speaker's words, "Don't pray this
prayer unless you mean business with Jesus Christ!" All
the joy of planning to redecorate the dining room van-
ished.

"I'll give the money, Lord," I promised.

When my heart and mind submitted, the new joy in my
heart made the former plans seem of small consequence.

My pastor notified the missionary. He and his wife
would be leaving for their mission post in a little over
six months, after his training was completed.

Imagine my astonishment when I learned the mission-
ary had been praying for two years for a kerosene
refrigerator to be shipped ahead to his tropical station.
His wife, a trained nurse, planned to keep medical sup-
plies in it for the people they were praying to reach for
Christ.

The cost of the refrigerator delivered to his mission
post was three hundred dollars.

A little over a year later, our home burned. The dining
room was in ashes, but there were joybells in my heart.

When I hear that souls are being saved in that far-
away mission post, I rejoice. Had the Lord left me to
follow my own plans, I would have invested in that
which became ashes before our helpless, stricken gaze.
Instead, He graciously granted me a small part in the
most important mission on earth, that of winning souls
to Jesus Christ for eternity.



Men Answer the Call

MEN ARE HEARING the call of God today and are answering His call, not only by ones and twos but by hundreds. The photo on this week's *Evangel* cover page shows the scene in the Oakland (California) Auditorium Arena following a challenging address by the nationally known news commentator, Paul Harvey, on October 11.

Mr. Harvey's address climaxed the fifth annual "Assembly-Men's" Convention sponsored by the Men's Fellowship Department of the Northern California-Nevada District of the Assemblies of God. The District MF President, Joe D. Wright, chaired the meeting. Some 3200 were present.

"We stand on the edge of the most fruitful era for the Christian," Mr. Harvey said. "The fundamentalist and evangelical churches, of which I am a part, are growing fastest."

America needs more demonstrations like this, he declared. "The trouble is, when you have over 3,000 men demonstrating for something they don't hit the front pages, but let 100 people demonstrate against something and they make the headlines."

Dr. C. C. Burnett, president of Bethany Bible College, then stepped to the lectern and sounded an appeal for dedication. From 800 to 1,000 men moved forward and stood with hands upraised in a public affirmation of their total commitment to Christ.

Similar scenes may be expected all over the country on Sunday, December 7, as Men's Day is observed throughout the Assemblies of God fellowship. Theme for the day is "Called."

All men are called of God. Some are called to be pastors or missionaries; others to be farmers, machinists, salesmen, or to do other types of work. To all of them God says, "I need you to be a light," and He sets each man in some dark corner of the world where his personal Christian testimony can shine out.

Men are answering the call to be soul winners. Through *Action Crusades* they are engaging in person-to-person evangelism, pointing men and women to Christ.

They are answering the call to foreign evangelism as well. Through *Light for the Lost* they are giving hundreds of thousands of dollars for gospel literature printed in many languages. In the past two years there were 437 literature saturation crusades in the Far East, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, and Europe.

Men are answering the call to evangelize the U.S. also. They have added *Evangelism Literature for America* (ELA) to their program in the past year. ELA is a great project developed by the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission. It needed an organization to get behind it with might and main (and also money) and the MF Department accepted this responsibility. Thus the men's literature evangelism program now takes in the whole world, both home and foreign.

Men are answering the call to minister to boys, too. Their *Royal Rangers* program is growing constantly and they are keeping the emphasis on spiritual things. In the past two years over 20,000 boys were saved and some 8,000 filled with the Holy Spirit.

The men have their own pocket-sized magazine called *TEAM*, now published monthly, and each action-packed issue tells how laymen are letting their light shine seven days a week.

God is calling men to take the initiative in every soul-winning effort. He wants them to be the mainstay of their pastor and their local church program. He is calling them to be leaders in every branch of His work, and the way men are answering the call is one of the brightest signs of revival today.

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WILL CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY BE IGNORED IN
THE SCHOOLS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By E. A. PATCHEN

LAST CHRISTMAS a California school principal gave teachers instructions that there must be no religious symbols in their rooms or on their bulletin boards and that the traditional homeroom parties must now be called "vacation" parties. The directive also contained the amazing instruction that the cookies usually served on this festive occasion must be called "holiday" cookies. No longer would *Christmas* cookies be served in that school!

No one was to be offended!

Sadly enough, no one was. Not even the Christians of the community were offended by this crass denial of a fundamental Christian belief.

True—this is not typical of America's public schools. But it is typical of the trend in our schools today. And it does illustrate how far we have gone in separating church and state and the ridiculous extremes we have reached in our hysterical efforts to keep God and Christ and everything related to religion out of the public schools. It doesn't seem to matter whether or not it is relevant, or whether it is true and even necessary to comprehensive understanding. If it smacks of religion, out it goes!

As a result, schools are giving students a lopsided view of American history, a distorted impression of the humanities and social studies, and a completely inadequate sense of moral and spiritual values. The whirlwind we are reaping is of our own sowing.

What kind of pedagogical logic is it that permits a teacher to talk freely about Washington or Lincoln on their birthdays but forbids mention of Christ on His birthday because someone might be offended! Christ was born! There is no doubt about that. Must this great fact of history be wiped out just because some shortsighted educators are afraid of criticism? If there are those who are offended by this fact, let them criticize history.

Schools have an obligation to teach the truths of history—not bury them. Even an atheist should demand that his children know something about this Person, for each time a student looks at a calendar or dates a paper, it is a testimony to the birth of Jesus Christ! Let the schools be soundly condemned when they eliminate Him from Christmas.

However imaginative they may be, historical paintings may hang unchallenged in the classroom. Would anyone question a teacher's right to display such classics as

"Washington Crossing the Delaware" or "The Spirit of '76" or even "Custer's Last Stand"?

Why not a Nativity scene?

Why should this be any different or cause consternation—or offend someone? Surely it is as historically accurate as any of the other depictions of great moments from our past. And surely there has been no other birth with greater impact upon mankind. Yet many schools no longer permit a Nativity scene.

Teachers, parents, community—where lies the guilt for permitting the schools to conceal the historical facts of Jesus' birth? Who is to blame for all the half-truths and fallacies being offered at school as substitutes for the real truth of Christmas?

When students are getting no more than Santa Claus, *Jingle Bells*, and *Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer* at Christmas, is it really surprising that they are beginning to question the whole educational system? Such deception, openly practiced, can only lead to doubt and confusion.

It is no hidden secret that Christmas is a religious holiday honoring Christ's birth. This is a factual truth that should be taught in the public schools. Students do learn about St. Nicholas and the giving of gifts, of cutting green trees and bringing them into the house, and of gay winter parties. But this isn't Christmas! Nor is the lighting of a Yule log, or the hanging of mistletoe. There is only one reason for Christmas, and schools are perverting the truth when they eliminate Christ from the observance of His own birthday.

Schools are guilty of the same offense at Easter. Classrooms may be decked with flowers and bunny rabbits and bright nests of colored eggs—but never a cross! Yet there is no other reason for Easter; it is a Christian remembrance of the resurrection of Christ. Why should schools be afraid to say so?

Religious holidays should have a place in the public schools because they are part of the American heritage. Every generation has the right to know the meaning of these special days and why we celebrate them. This kind of teaching is not conducting a worship service or establishing a religion. It is a parcel of education every child in America should receive.

Indeed, it is a poor educational system that permits school officials to conceal these great truths because they don't want to offend someone.

Christians—be offended!





THE TENDER TOUCH

By CHARLES R. HEMBREE

LIKE ANY OTHER FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, gentleness must grow. A man does not just decide to be gentle. This is a work of the Spirit in his life and the more mature spiritually we become, the more gentle we are. However, there are some active things we can do to cultivate gentleness in our character.

Take time for tenderness. There is a tragic story about Lenin that persists to this day, revealing much about his inner soul. He wrapped himself in his revolutionary work until he lost almost all capacity for human tenderness. Those about him said he was a most miserable man.

Although married, Lenin gave little love to his wife Krupskaya. One night she rose exhausted from her vigil beside her dying mother and asked Lenin, who was writing at a table, to awaken her if her mother needed her. Lenin agreed, and Krupskaya collapsed into bed.

The next morning she awoke to find her mother dead and Lenin still at work. Distraught, she confronted Lenin, who replied, "You told me to wake you if your mother needed you. She died. She didn't need you."

It is possible to wrap oneself in a cause, a job, a hobby, a sport, until there is no time or attempt for tenderness. And often the cause is even a good one.

Most of us remember singing the Civil War song, "John Brown's Body." However, few of us remember that while John Brown was driven by the saintly desire to free the slaves, his wife and 13 children were back in the mountains starving. History records nine of his children actually died of malnutrition and two more were killed in his wild raids. Here was a man dedicated to a noble cause, but who would not take time to show tenderness to his own family. Few can admire men like this.

Contrast these men with the life of our Lord. There has been no man before or since with such an important message or cause. Yet we see Him taking time to be gentle to the small children crowding about Him. He visits with a woman at the well and sparks a fire in her heart that burns with joy. He stoops in the sand, lowering Himself in the eyes of the religionist, to help a fallen woman redeem her battered pride and restore some dignity to a

sorry soul. It is heartwarming to think of how much time Jesus went about just being tender and gentle with people.

Sentiment cannot live in an atmosphere of clock-watching. We must take time for tenderness. Great people not only have a heart for tenderness, but also make time. Ernie Pyle, the beloved war correspondent, was never too busy or too harried with deadlines to sit down and listen to the woes of a soldier or to write letters home for wounded boys.

Eliminate the shadow wars. One thing that destroys our gentleness and calmness of spirit is the imaginary wars we wage in our minds. We muse over tense situations with neighbors, friends, mates, and pledge, "I'm really going to tell them." By giving into this temptation our imaginary war suddenly becomes very real and we lose all hope for gentleness and we "do unto others before they have a chance to do unto us." The classic story of the "jack" best illustrates these shadow wars.

A fellow was speeding down a country road late one night when his tire blew out. When he opened his trunk, he discovered he had forgotten to replace the jack the last time he had used it. He looked around and saw a light in the distance and began walking toward it with the thought he could borrow a jack at the farmhouse.

Musing to himself he opened his imaginary conversation with, "I'll just knock on the door and say I'm in trouble and would he please lend me a jack. He'll say, 'Sure; help yourself.'" Walking and thinking further the man noticed the light in the house had gone out. He thought, "Now he's gone to bed and he'll be mad because I'll have to wake him so I better offer him a dollar." Walking on he now mused, "What if he is away and his wife is alone and she will be afraid to open the door. Maybe I had better offer five dollars."

By the time the poor fellow had worked himself up so much he said out loud, "Five dollars! All right, but not a cent more. What are you trying to do rob a man?" This brought him to the house, and he knocked loudly. When the poor farmer leaned out the window and asked, "Who's there?" the angry stranger yelled, "You and your stupid jack! You can keep the wretched thing!"

So many things we face are imaginary. If we learned to keep our mind stayed on Christ, we would find perfect peace. And from this peace would spring the gentleness of spirit which is the fruit of the Spirit. Jesus warned against creating imaginary situations and making plans on what

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to say when He noted, "But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought before hand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost" (Mark 13:11).

Be gentle at all times. Somewhere as a child I heard the amusing story of a deacon who decided to get off the "gospel train" just long enough to "whip" a brother who had done him wrong. The story goes that when he wanted to get back on, the train had already left the station. I don't know the truth of this humorous tale, but it does encourage us to be true at all times.

There are certain times when it is difficult to be gentle. When nerves are ragged and tensions stab us with sharp and biting pains, it is hard to be kind. Yet in these times we are to exercise gentleness. Paul carried in his body many wounds of suffering. No doubt he was never free of pain and yet in all this he was gentle. In times of illness we need to keep a double watch on ourselves that gentleness will not be pushed out by pain.

When one rises to new authority, there is also a temptation to lose one's gentleness. Nero was known for his kindness before he became the ruler of Rome, but after he assumed the role, tyranny became his trademark. He drove wildly through Roman streets running over those who got in his way. The tarred and burning bodies of saints lit his garden at night.


The test of genuine gentleness comes when we suddenly are thrust to a time of power and strength. I think so often of Abe Lincoln who refused to heed the hounds who

yelped for him to crush the South. In his full executive power he simply stood his ground, demanding "malice toward none and charity for all."

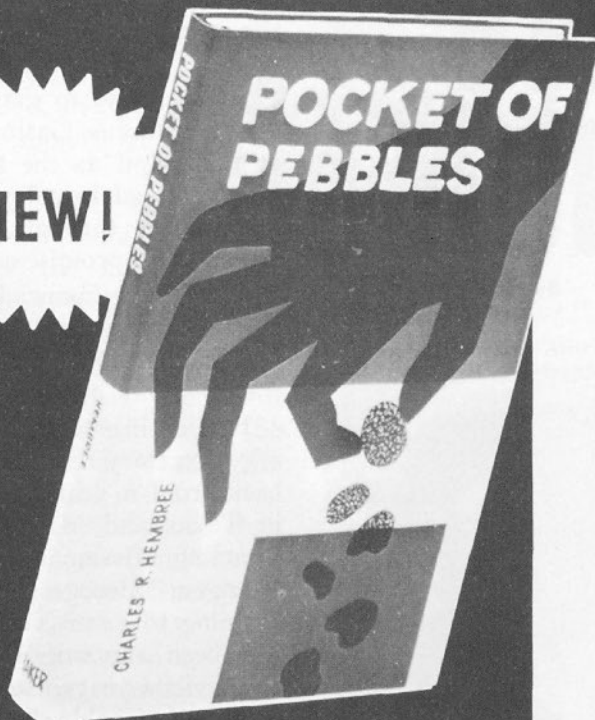
True, it is farther to Calvary for some than others. Some seem to be born with a tender nature. However, if Christlikeness is reached, there must be the crucifying of self and the drive toward gentleness.

How often we need simply to brood in God's presence and think deeply of the personality of our Saviour, until His tenderness spills over into our lives. If we could learn the urgency of the need for gentleness, then we would be challenged to let the Spirit that dwelled in Christ become the guide of our lives.

There is so much hardness in the world that I am convinced the greatest evangelistic thrust of our time would come in a revival of gentleness. Men respond to love. There would still be need for hell-fire preaching, but hungry, lost, lonely, heartbroken souls are seeking for a Saviour, and so many need guidance—not pronouncement of doom. Gentle leading would help them find Christ. Most people are running scared, and somehow if they knew God loves and cares and that His people love and care what happens to them, they would forget many foolish fears and learn to live.

In a frustrating world where many are floundering there needs to be someone who reminds men that Jesus said, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:17). Be gentle, for everyone you meet is fighting a battle. True nobility comes from a gentle heart. 

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Pocket of Pebbles

by Charles (Ron) Hembree

Embedded in the fathomless mine of God's Word are numerous gems, but to many they remain ordinary pebbles because their spiritual eyesight has been dulled by familiarity.

To Charles R. Hembree, Galatians 5:22, 23 had become overly familiar, ordinary, common. But after he prayerfully and carefully examined Paul's list of the fruit of the Spirit, the Apostle's words became sparkling gems, not common pebbles. With the illumination of the Holy Spirit the author of this book discovered a cluster of jewels that reflects the total Christian personality.

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Indonesian curios make an interesting display at the missions convention.

AN AIR OF EXCITEMENT, of increasing anticipation, pervaded the large auditorium in Seattle, Washington, as it filled with friends and members. Families, children, and young people were eager to share in this finale of a wonderful week of missions emphasis. It was the climax of Calvary Temple's 12th annual World Missions Convention.

The morning service that Sunday was a time of spiritual deepening as the convention's principal speaker, Kenneth Short, vividly exhorted the congregation to press on in this harvest of souls before the storms of destruction come.

A blessed Communion service capped the morning. The presence of the Holy Spirit was sweet and strong as we gathered around the Lord's table and the participating missionaries joined Pastor Marcus Gaston in Scripture reading and prayer.

Now the final service was about to

become another chapter in the 42-year history of Calvary Temple. As Brother Short had said, "The eyes of the world will be upon Calvary Temple, waiting to see what the faith promises and giving would total."

That long-awaited moment had arrived—receiving and totaling the faith promises. All week long Brother Short had exhorted the people to pray about this opportunity of increased missionary giving and to ascertain the Lord's will in the amount which would be given in addition to regular tithes and offerings.

Gerald Qualls, minister of education and youth, had been working with the Christ's Ambassadors groups. The Speed-the-Light goal was set at \$2,222.22. In 1968 the young people had raised over \$1,700 by such means as car washes, "slave days," offerings, and other special projects. Brother Qualls had expressed his appreciation for the parents and other adults of Calvary Temple who support the young people.

During the week, the Sunday school had participated actively in the meetings... providing song leaders, special music, and a stress on attendance at the convention. Sunday School Superintendent Charles Rice had pledged the complete support of the department.

It was time to gather the harvest! Pastor Marcus Gaston took his place at the pulpit as the team of missionaries dressed in colorful costumes began passing through the audience collecting faith-promise cards.

Two of the financial secretaries were poised at their adding machines. Pastor Gaston would soon be reading out the amounts recorded on the cards.

Earlier in the convention, Missionary Secretary Emmett Peterson, just back from a year of work and travel in Texas and Mexico, had remarked to acting Missionary Secretary George Wangen, "George, I believe the Lord is going to give us \$30,000." No goal had been announced as was the case in previous years. George and his wife Eva had capably led the Missionary Committee during the leave of absence of Emmett and Evelyn, and they

For 11 straight years Calvary Temple has been among the top 10 churches in the nation in giving to Assemblies of God foreign missions. In 1965, 1966, and 1967 it was the top church in the nation. In 1968 it was the second highest with total giving of \$53,570.46.

CLIMAX of a MISSIONS CONVENTION

By **BOB WALLACE**

Missionary Kay Nicodemus discusses Mexican culture with interested ladies.



were really excited as they waited for the final results of almost a year of planning, prayer, and preparation.

Pastor Gaston began to read: "\$100 . . . \$500 . . . \$1,500 . . . \$5 . . . \$1 . . . \$15 . . ." The figures rang out in the hushed auditorium, and the ushers continued to collect promises from the congregation.

"May we have a subtotal, Brother Ljunghammar?" asked Pastor Gaston. "\$10,500."

Cards continued to come in as the \$20,000 mark was passed. Speed-the-Light promises had passed the \$800 mark.

At last the great moment arrived. Brother Qualls gave the Speed-the-Light total: \$1,147.13! With special work projects and offerings planned, this would assure the CA's of reaching their goal for the year.

Pastor Gaston then called for the grand total of the faith promises and giving. The figures rang out—\$29,905! Certain faith promises were yet to come in, and these would push the total well over \$30,000—the figure God had impressed upon the heart of Missionary Secretary Emmett Peterson.

For a few moments people thanked God for this manifestation of His blessing and the implementation of the faith of hundreds. Throughout the year the missionary giving would continue to meet Calvary Temple's pledged monthly support of \$3,008.37 to world missions.


Offerings would also be received for special causes; there would be farewell offerings; the various WMC groups would meet weekly to work on their various projects which aid the missionaries in their clothing, household, and personal needs. A "Christmas in September" would be on the church calendar, and gifts would result that would make Christmas a happy occasion for more than 18 missionaries and their families. All this would round out the overall missionary budget of \$60,000.

Brother Short delivered a splendid message that evening which chal-

lenged the young people. During the altar service he asked those who had definite calls to some type of ministry or who were open to God's call to come forward for prayer and consecration. He asked others to come and stand in prayer and consecration with those who were offering their lives for service.

The meeting concluded, and Calvary Temple's 12th annual World Missions Convention was over. But the effects

of the convention would be evident for the next 12 months.

Missionaries would be assured of support. Speed-the-Light funds would be disbursed for vehicles and equipment. The work of world missions would continue as individuals in Japan, Nigeria, Mexico, Argentina, and in the islands of the Pacific would hear the blessed gospel because people in Seattle, Washington, faithfully responded again. 

SHOULD A SMALL CHURCH GIVE TO MISSIONS?

By CROFT M. PENTZ

Minister to the Deaf in the New York-New Jersey Area

THE COMMANDS OF CHRIST were given without exception. Every Christian is commanded to be a soul winner. If we cannot go as foreign missionaries, then we can help to send someone.

To say that a small church need not support missions is like a poor family saying, "We don't have to tithe." Many large churches became large through missionary giving.

Being pastor of a small church for the deaf, I have always put missions first. As a result of this, God has prospered our church. We have proved the Scripture, "Give, and it shall be given unto you."

In the eight years we have been in our own building, we have not missed a mortgage payment, and all our bills have been paid on time. There were times when it appeared we needed the money more than the missionary did; but as we gave to missions, God met our need and even gave us extra.

Thousands of dollars have come our way as the result of being missionary-minded. Money for storm windows, rest rooms, a mimeograph machine, folding machine, typewriter, and other equipment came to us without being requested. When there were needs, such as for a furnace, more than \$1,500 was given to us.

As pastor, I always lead the way in pledging for missions. My pledge is above my tithe, and I encourage my people to do the same. Often I have made faith pledges without knowing where the money would come from,

but God always sent in the amount of the pledge before it was due.

Often ministers say, "Charity begins at home." This is true. However, *charity does not stay at home!* Being a home missionary does not make me only home missions-minded.

Money given to missions would not normally come into the church in the regular offering. You lose nothing. In fact, you gain from it! The more we give to missions, the more our regular offerings increase. It also helps to increase the church attendance.

Giving to missions settles many church problems. It destroys selfishness. When people are giving to missions and praying for missions, there is no time for selfishness.

During the past 15 years I have spoken in hundreds of churches. I have found that the growing, glowing, and going churches are missionary-minded churches.

Someone has said, "If your church is sick, put it on a missionary diet." God blesses a missionary church. God blesses a missionary pastor. Personally, God has blessed me many ways because missions, both foreign and home, have been first.

Missions are near to the heart of God. You cannot get near to God without having a missionary spirit. With a missionary spirit in your church, you will see the spiritual tide rise.

Regardless of how small a church may be, missions should be first. Try it. Prove God. Watch the blessings come your way when missions is first.

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A CHAPTER FROM "REVIVALTIME" EVANGELIST C. M. WARD'S LATEST BOOK.

THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION

TRUE SCIENCE DOES NOT CONTRADICT GOD'S WORD. The Bible speaks of "science falsely so-called." Science is "classified knowledge." Scientists will never discover anything to be so that contradicts the infallible and inerrant Word of God.

Evolution has never been established by science as fact. Science uses three classifications of ideas. They are hypotheses, theories, and laws.

A hypothesis is simply an educated guess.

When a hypothesis is submitted to broad investigation and thorough and continuous testing, and when after such examination it remains credible, it becomes a theory.

When a theory undergoes sustained and universal testing and is established beyond doubt as a fact, it is regarded as a law.

Evolution is not a law or a theory. It is a hypothesis. I refer to evolution as defined by Le Conte: "Continuous, progressive change, according to certain laws, by means of resident forces." No reputable scientist will tell you that evolution has been established as a scientific fact.

Lady Hope told of calling on Darwin shortly before he died. She found him reading the Book of Hebrews which he said was the greatest book ever written. He told her that he had written the *Origin of Species* wondering all the while about his guesses, and that to his surprise men took those guesses and made a religion of them.

Over 800 times in the *Origin of Species*, Darwin said, "Therefore—hence—let us suppose—it may be—let us conclude," etc.

Dr. R. A. Millikan, the eminent physicist, addressing the American Chemical Society, made this declaration: "The pathetic thing about it is that many scientists are

trying to prove the truth of evolution, which no scientist can do."

There are five main arguments given by evolutionists as bases for their belief. These five are: (1) the hypothesis of embryonic recapitulation; (2) fossils; (3) comparative anatomy; (4) geographic distribution; and (5) variation and change.

The idea of embryonic recapitulation has been exploded. This notion was advanced by Ernst Heinrich Haeckel. It is the notion that the embryo of a mammal passes, during its development until birth, through various stages which resemble in succession the lower forms of life from which mammals have evolved. For instance, according to the hypothesis, the human fetus is said to resemble in turn the fish, the amphibian, the reptile, and the quadruped mammal.

Professor W. R. Breneman, Indiana University, observed: "If Haeckel's theory were correct, then it should be possible to answer all questions of animal ancestry and evolution by studying the embryonic development of certain forms. Today, however, the pendulum of biological opinion has swung to the other extreme."

Professor A. F. Huettner, Queen's College, New York, has stated: "As a law this principle has been questioned. It has been subjected to careful scrutiny and has been found wanting. There are too many exceptions to it."

Dr. Jane Oppenheimer, Bryn Mawr College, says: "A number of embryologists now question whether attacks on the recapitulation theory are any longer necessary. Certainly a number of recent textbooks, while they may still describe the doctrine, refute it at the same time, and there seem to be increasingly fewer which label it as tenable."

Evolutionists worship fossils. They accept them as prima facie evidence. They forget what God did to Lot's wife. God turned her into a fossil in a moment. Time is God's servant.

Fossil remains are not, as we were once taught to believe, arranged in a definite chronological order. The earliest geological ages show the fossil remains of the lower and higher forms of life existing side by side.

Professor Le Conte, University of California, said, "The evidence of geology today is that species came into existence suddenly and in full perfection."

Professor W. Branco, Paleontology Institute of Berlin, said, "Paleontology tells us nothing on the subject. It knows no ancestors of man. All evidence thus far established proves that man made his appearance at once as a complete, true man."

Joachim Barrude, Swiss geologist, said: "The composition of the real fauna seems to have been calculated by design for contradicting everything which the theories of evolution teach us respecting the first appearance and primitive evolution of the forms of life upon earth."

Professor Dana said: "The present teaching of geology is that man is not of nature's making. Every evidence affords the fullest assurance that he owes his existence to the special act of the Infinite Being whose image he bears."

Sir Roderick Murchinson, an evolutionist, said: "I know as much of nature in her geological ages as any man living, and I fearlessly say that our geological record does not afford one syllable of evidence in support of Darwin's theory."

The evolutionist supposes that since man has in common with other animals many bones and muscles and organs that are somewhat alike, man has therefore descended from the animals.

The same argument would prove that the wheelbarrow developed into a bicycle, and then the motorcycle, and then the motorcycle into an automobile, and then the automobile into a locomotive, and then the locomotive into a jet plane because they all have wheels.

Why should not man have been made somewhat on the model of the lower animals? He has to walk and work and eat and propagate the same way. The same all-wise Architect who conceived the model for the animals designed and created man. "All things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Colossians 1:16, 17).

Dr. Austin H. Clark said: "So far as concerns the major groups of animals, the creationists seem to have the argument. There is not the slightest evidence that any one of the major groups arose from any other. Each is a special animal complex, related more or less closely to all the rest and appearing, therefore, as a special and distinct creation."

As far as variations are concerned, this is by design and does not denote change from one species to another.

Professor Etheridge, British Museum, said: "In all this great museum there is not a particle of evidence of the transmutation of species. This museum is full of proofs of the falsity of the view."

Dr. N. S. Sholer, Harvard professor of geology, said: "It is not yet proved that a single species has been established by natural selection."


Dr. Warren, University of California, said of evolution: "If it were true, there would certainly be known at least a few instances of the evolution of one species into another—but no such instance is known."

Remember! There are many reputable scientists who believe in evolution, but not on scientific grounds.

Sir Arthur Keith expressed it. "Evolution is unproved and unprovable. We believe it because the only alternative is special creation and that is unthinkable."

The greatest danger of evolution is in the acceptance of this false hypothesis and its application to the social structure. Whole systems of education and theology have been founded upon this philosophy, which is not a science. God has put all things under the feet of man, but man is not satisfied with that because he is merely a steward of God's creation. He wants God's throne.

The result is apparent. They "became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (Romans 1:21).

This false philosophy with its doctrine of the survival of the fittest has drenched the world in two global blood-baths and now threatens, with its doctrine of atheism and its godless humanism, to communize the world. 

"The Lord God made . . . every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew"

—Genesis 2:4, 5

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JOEL, PROPHET OF PENTECOST

Sunday School Lesson for December 7, 1969

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

JOEL 2:21-32

DO WE NOT NEED a new and greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit everywhere? Do we have a right to expect such a revival? Where are we failing, if such a revival is possible? To these vital questions raised by many earnest believers today, Joel gave definite answers.

PREPARATION FOR A PENTECOST (Joel 1:1 to 2:17)

In these verses Joel described a terrible plague of locusts which had swarmed over the land of Israel, devastating the crops. This invasion had been God's judgment upon the people for their sins; therefore Joel called priests and people alike to humiliation and repentance. In the second section of the book Joel described the revival and blessings which would come if people met God's conditions.

1. *Repentance.* "Weep; and howl. . . . Be ye ashamed. . . . Turn ye even to me . . . with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning" (2:12). This note of re-

pentance needs to be sounded loudly today! Every genuine revival in history has been preceded by the repentance of God's people! God's promises and Christ's are conditioned upon it! "Positive thinking" may be popular and pleasing but it will never produce an outpouring of the Holy Spirit (2 Chronicles 7:14; 1 Peter 4:17).

2. *Wholeheartedness.* "Turn ye even to me with all your heart" (2:12). One *great big* reason why we do not see the kind of revival the world needs today is that we have no wholehearted determination to have such a revival. God's promise is, "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

3. *Deep sincerity.* "And rend your heart, and not your garments" (2:13). The people of Israel laid great emphasis upon outward ritual. They fasted more than most of us do! But their hearts were not right. Outward acts, legalism, and reformation will not do! God responds to brokenheartedness for sin, to contrition, humility, and heart hunger for Himself!

4. *United effort.* "Gather the people . . . gather the children . . . let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet." God's call to repentance and prayer is to all classes, young and old alike. It demands precedence over all other considerations. "Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar." Those whom God has called to minister to His people must lead the way in self-humiliation, repentance, and seeking God.


PROMISE OF A PENTECOST (Joel 2:18-32)

Here we have described what God will send us in response to our preparation. The blessings Joel predicted were to have a literal fulfillment among the people. The locusts would be removed. Land, cattle, and people would again rejoice in abundance of rain and fertility of soil. These temporal blessings were, however, a type of greater spiritual blessings which had a partial fulfillment on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:15-21), but which await greater fulfillment down through the centuries, right up until Christ returns to earth the second time. Observe:

1. *The outpouring of the Spirit is abundant.* "I will pour out my Spirit" (2:28). The deepest need and desire of the human heart will be met in the mighty infilling and overflowing of God's Spirit. He wants us to know "the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe" so that we may better know Him and make Him known to others!

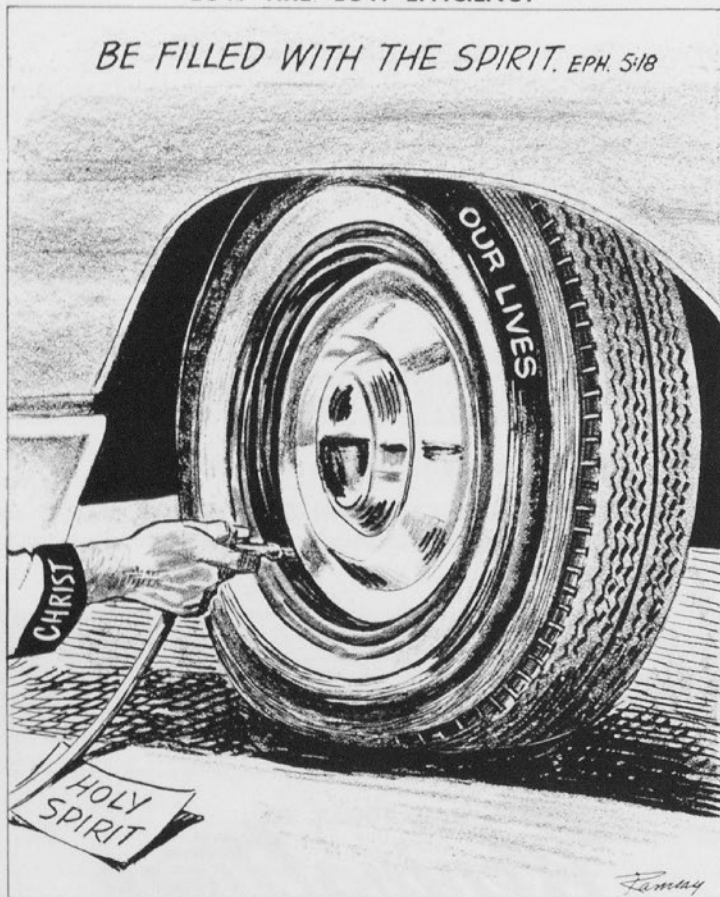
2. *The Spirit's coming is universal*—" . . . upon all flesh" (2:28). In the Old Testament the Spirit came upon a chosen few and only upon certain occasions. Now it is the privilege of every believer—regardless of race, color, or station in life—to be filled and kept filled with the Holy Spirit!

3. *The Spirit is outpoured without distinction* as to age, social class, or condition—to sons, daughters, old men, young men, servants, and handmaids.

4. *Gifts of the Spirit are included in this outpouring.* "Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy" (2:28). "Ye may all prophesy" (1 Corinthians 14:31). "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal" (1 Corinthians 12:7). Are these gifts not needed today? Let us "stir them up" by repentance, prayer, faith, and expectation so that God may be glorified! 

LOW TIRE—LOW EFFICIENCY

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT. EPH. 5:18



NO SECURITY IN CITIES!

By ZELMA ARGUE

WHERE HAVE YOU PLACED YOUR TRUST?

Beautiful homes? An affluent economy?

An abundance of choice food? Fashionable wardrobes? Modern music on your radios, and dances on color TV sets?

Cities?

Let us not deceive ourselves. There is danger today on our city streets. It was so in Jeremiah's day. "Go forth into the field, nor walk by the way . . . fear is on every side" (Jeremiah 6:25). But then he tells the people, "Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee . . . it is bitter" (Jeremiah 4:18).

Jesus had tears for His own beloved Jerusalem. "He beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, if thou hadst known . . . the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes" (Luke 19:41, 42).

Jeremiah also had tears for Jerusalem. He cried, "Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night" (Jeremiah 9:1). Why? Because "the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jeremiah 8:20). "My people know not the judgment of the Lord" (Jeremiah 8:7), he further lamented.

Jeremiah perceived what the people did not—that his nation was about to be scattered to the ends of the earth and their cities laid desolate by a cruel invader.

A lovely modern home—is that what you covet? Jeremiah cried, "Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled; suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment" (Jeremiah 4:20). Is this where your trust is placed?

Irrevocable? There comes a time when that is true. A little earlier the prophet Amos foresaw a great judgment of fire coming upon lovely palaces in place after place. Repeatedly he warned, "Great houses shall have an end" (Amos 3:15); and "I will kindle a fire . . . and it shall devour the palaces" (Amos 1:14).

The swing music that charms multitudes? Cities today are full of it. The Bible says, "Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols" (Amos 5:23). Are we swept away in the general tide of it?

Eating houses are full everywhere. Of the children of Israel the Lord told Jeremiah, "When I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery" (Jeremiah 5:7).

Because of this God said a cruel invader would come and "they shall eat up thine harvest and thy bread, which thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees" (Jeremiah 5:17).

In this day of plenty, let us not underestimate what food authorities tell us of coming shortages.

Cities. The Lord told Jeremiah "they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst" (Jeremiah 5:17).

"Every city shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell therein," prophesied Jeremiah. And he lived to see it come to pass.

In a sermon during his New York crusade, Evangelist Billy Graham likened modern society to conditions in the Biblical cities of Babylon, Tyre, Sodom, and Nineveh. These cities were all destroyed for their licentiousness and depravity.

"The sins of those cities are the sins of American cities and of the American people," he said. He called for repentance, acceptance of forgiveness through Christ, and a turning to a new direction.

He said that simultaneously with the removal of prayers from public schools, the whole educational system had been thrown "off the track," and now was in a state of disruption and rebellion.

"God says that when you sow the wind, you reap the whirlwind," he said. And he charged that the "new morality" advocated by some is "simply the old immorality."

Jeremiah lived in an era of transition. Amos likewise lived in an era of transition. Amos said, "Ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them."

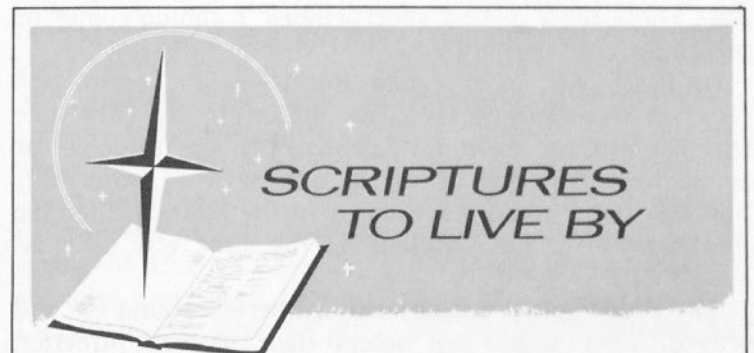
Impermanent! Impermanent!

We likewise live in a period of transition. Is it any wonder God has a special fury against covetousness when He knows the complete instability of these earthly assets. The Bible says, "I am full of the fury of the Lord; I am weary with holding it in . . . for from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness . . . from the prophet even unto the priest" (Jeremiah 6:11, 13). No wonder God insists on His people having their eyes on things eternal!

This is not the time for soft music to lull us asleep, but rather a time for trumpets of alarm to be heard.

"I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war," was the cry of a burdened Jeremiah. Oh, for more trumpets!

Your trust—in what? There is only one place to put our trust. "Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe" (Proverbs 29:25).



DAILY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 1-7

Theme of the Week: **BRIDLING THE TONGUE**

Mon.	Ecclesiastes 5:1-7	Thurs.	Matthew 15:1-20
Tues.	Psalm 37:23-31	Fri.	Luke 6:43-49
Wed.	Matthew 12:22-37	Sat.	Luke 22:54-62
		Sun.	James 3:1-12

"If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body" (James 3:2).

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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



PASTOR HEALED OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

I HAD NEVER KNOWN much sickness in my own body, but from a small child I remembered my mother's testimony of how God raised her from a deathbed of tuberculosis. So when I developed rheumatoid arthritis, I began to trust God for healing. Now I can sing with assurance, "He touched me and made me whole."



It was more than two years ago, while I was pastoring in Charleston, Mo., that large knots came on my knees and ankles. The pain from these nodules became so severe that I went to a local physician.

He diagnosed it as erythema nodosum, a secondary infection caused by one of several more serious diseases, including TB and rheumatoid arthritis.

He put me in the hospital for tests to diagnose which of the diseases I had. The diagnosis was rheumatoid arthritis. Just one year prior to this I had lost an uncle who had been in a wheelchair for 20 years with this disease, so I knew that except for God there was no cure.

The pain was severe and the swelling was such that I had to stay in bed until time to go to service. Then I preached in house slippers.

Not wanting to accept the diagnosis, I went to a neighboring city to a specialist in arthritic diseases, only to have him confirm the diagnosis. He prescribed 16 aspirins, three fluid capsules, and an allergy tablet per day. These made me so short-winded I couldn't sing or preach for any length of time.

In June 1967, in a regular Sunday night service, the very air was charged with the Spirit of God. My wife felt this was my night for healing. (It was difficult for me to have faith for myself in the midst of suffering.) She asked if I could come down to the altar and let the church pray for me. Walking to the altar was difficult, but I went.

The congregation unanimously gathered around me and prayed. They would not accept their pastor's affliction any longer. They touched God; God touched me. It was not an immediate, complete healing, but by Wednesday

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

morning all traces of swelling had disappeared and the pain was gone. I was a new man! I was healed by His stripes!

Looking back, I see the hand of God in the affliction. Now I have more compassion and faith as I pray for others, because I have stood where they stand. I reach out in faith for them as my congregation reached out in faith for me. Thank God, "All things [do] work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28).—Jerald Ogg, pastor of First Assembly, Dyersburg, Tenn.

INJURED ANKLE HEALED AFTER PRAYER

I PRAISE THE LORD for all He has done for me recently and especially for healing my ankle.

More than two years ago I fell down some stairs at my home and hurt my right ankle. I didn't go to the doctor for treatment. I just suffered with it, until a few weeks ago.

God healed me in a Wednesday night service. I joined others who were being prayed for, and when Pastor Hendrix prayed for me I knew I was healed. The next day all the soreness was gone. Since then the swelling has also disappeared.

I am so thankful for the way the Lord has blessed me.—Lynnette Nash, Oklahoma City, Okla.

(Endorsed by Joedy Hendrix, pastor of Maranatha Assembly, Oklahoma City.)

BLEEDING STOPS, LIFE SPARED AFTER ACCIDENT

WHEN I CALLED ON THE LORD He stopped the flow of blood that was gushing from my injured arm. He spared me from pain and caused me to have complete use of my arm in just five days.

It happened last summer. I was working for a logging company which is owned by our Sunday school superintendent. It was my job to cut the tops and limbs out of trees that had already been felled. To do this I used a chain saw.

One day at 11:45 a.m., as I was working on the last tree before lunch, suddenly the saw hit a solid object which threw the blade into my upper arm. When I looked down my whole arm and my side were soaked in blood. I began to examine my arm and discovered that the main artery and a branch from the artery were cut. I felt I was gradually dying, because the blood was gushing from me at a terrific force.

I called for help and one of the men rushed to my side. We tried to apply a tourniquet, but the blood only spurted out faster.

Finally I started calling on the Lord. When I looked down the bleeding had stopped completely. I slowly stood up, began praising the Lord, and walked to the deck (normally a 15-minute walk) with my arm raised above my head.

At the clinic the doctor took 11 stitches to close the cut. He then gave me tablets for the severe pain which he said would come.

That night I went to the Assembly of God where I am a member, and was prayed for. The Lord wonderfully touched my body. I never took the first tablet for pain, because there was none. I never lost complete use of my arm. I praise the Lord for so wonderfully touching me in my time of need.—Larry Lilley, South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Fla.

(Endorsed by James Cooke, Pastor, Assembly of God, Jamesville, N. C.)

TUMOR INSTANTLY DISAPPEARS

MY HEALING WAS AS PAINLESS as it was miraculous. And there were no bills to pay afterward. It was a gift from God.

I had had major surgery seven times; five of the operations were for the removal of tumors. Then, another tumor appeared on my right side. In four months it grew to the size of a baseball. The pain was so terrible that some days I could hardly walk or straighten up.



During a four-week crusade which Evangelist William Caldwell held at Calvary Temple last summer, I went forward for prayer. Brother Caldwell asked if I could believe that God would take away the tumor instantly. I said I would believe. He laid his hands on my head and began to pray. The power of God came upon me with such force that I could not stand. I fell to the floor, praising God.

When I arose several minutes later, the tumor was completely gone! It had disappeared while I was praying. The Lord had performed the operation this time.

There is no more pain; I feel wonderful. I work for the post office and now I can lift my 40-pound cash drawer with no strain or discomfort.—Mrs. Helen M. Houser, Indianapolis, Ind.

(Endorsed by Pastor William Moorman, Calvary Temple, Indianapolis, Ind.)

DIABETES GONE

I HAVE BEEN healed of diabetes and all the glory belongs to Jesus.

Twelve or more years ago the doctor found a large amount of sugar in my urine. In January 1960 he found sugar in the blood.

I was placed on diabetes tablets to keep the blood sugar under control. Soon I was taking up to 110 units of insulin a day.

On July 21, 1968, Pastor Dan McGraw prayed for me, and God healed me. Praise His wonderful name. I have never felt better than I have since I quit taking insulin.—Mrs. Mary Hoyt, Hill City, Kans.

(Endorsed by Pastor Dan McGraw, Assembly of God, Hill City, Kans.)

HEALED OF MIGRAINE HEADACHES

ALMOST TWO YEARS have passed since I experienced my last migraine headache. Thank God for my healing!

For seven years I had been afflicted with the severe pains of migraine. There is no effective medical cure for these headaches. Several doctors had prescribed medication which relieved the agony temporarily. The effects of such strong drugs proved to be a problem in more ways than one. And, of course, the headaches continued to recur.

On many occasions I was prayed for by dedicated Christians—ministers and laymen. The Lord seemed very real during those times of prayer, and I experienced relief periodically; but the headaches kept returning and the pain became more unbearable each year.

I attended the CA convention in Vicksburg, Miss., on Thanksgiving Day, 1967.

My husband and I were pastoring in Waynesboro, Miss., at the time. Brother Dave Wilkerson was ministering at the convention. His sincere and anointed preaching built my faith. When he called for the pastors' wives to come forward for prayer, I was among the first. As he prayed for me, there seemed to be a great faith released, and although no particular feeling came upon me, I had the assurance of my healing. I haven't had a migraine since.—Mrs. Claudine L. Gatlyn, Milledgeville, Ga.

(Endorsed by Daniel W. Gatlyn, pastor, First Assembly, Milledgeville, Ga.)

NO CRUTCH NEEDED NOW

I THANK GOD for healing me. I had been prayed for many times. I hope my testimony will be an encouragement to others to hold on in faith for healing.

The story begins on December 6, 1963, when I suffered a severely broken hip. I was hospitalized three times for operations on it. I progressed from a walker to crutches.

For five years I used a crutch. I could not get up or down a step or even walk in my home without it.

Then the summer of 1968 I went to camp meeting at Lake Williamson, Carlinville, Ill. The Bible teacher, W. T. H. Richards from Great Britain, told about a girl who was paralyzed. He said she was prayed for and stood and walked out of her wheelchair.

When I heard this, the power of God hit me and flowed over me like hot water. I felt God spoke to me to hold up my crutch and walk around the building. But I looked at the 500 people there and wouldn't try it.

One week later, after leaving camp, I found I *was* able to walk without the crutch. I even went up and down steps at First Assembly in Springfield, Ill.

My knee was still stiff, however. For five years I hadn't been able to kneel in prayer at the altar. In the spring of 1969, Pastor Jay Alford laid his hand on my shoulder and asked God to loosen my knee. That night I knelt at the altar to pray, and I got up without any help. I have been able to get down on my hands and knees to scrub small portions of the floor. I do thank the Lord for healing me.—Mrs. Velma Oettle, Springfield, Ill.

(Endorsed by Pastor Jay Alford, First Assembly, Springfield, and by G. E. Mandel, who was Mrs. Oettle's pastor during most of her disability. Brother Mandel is now pastor of First Assembly, Joliet, Ill.)

Men's Day Is December 7
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Through Light-for-the-Lost (right), men give over \$200,000 a year to provide gospel literature for witnessing efforts overseas (above).



Assemblies of God men train (above) to be better prepared to lead boys through Royal Rangers (below). This program has proved to be an effective evangelism effort.



ONE DAY A YEAR is designated by the Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God to recognize the ministries of men in our local churches. Sponsored by the Men's Fellowship Department, Men's Day, December 7, is promoted internationally to encourage men to more active participation in serving Jesus Christ.

Theme for this year's observance is "Called." It stresses the divine source of men's commission to serve and urges greater involvement in His cause.

During the past year every area of ministry by laymen has grown. And plans are underway to expand all divisions of our men's work. District and sectional MF officers have strengthened their organizational structures to provide better communications with local churches.

Action Crusades is the witnessing arm of Men's Fellowship. Qualified men



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The Men's Fellowship Department has prepared improved leadership materials to help district and sectional MF officers improve their programs and offer more comprehensive aid to our churches.

Involvement of men in dedicated service to Christ is now the major concern of the national men's program. It is giving more attention to promoting the various ministries of men on the local level. Both pastors and laymen in our churches appreciate this emphasis.

To secure better participation by men in the varied ministries of the church requires more extensive training. Men's Fellowship now provides this in each of its divisions. Talented and trained men assist in training and informational programs in Royal Rangers, Light-for-the-Lost, Action Crusades, and Evangelism Literature for America.

Men's Day offers a twofold opportunity for each church to recognize its men. First, it presents a brief review of the local men's work, explaining all areas of service carried on by men of the church. Second, it introduces the ministries of the national Men's Fellowship program. This will acquaint the men of the congregation with new possibilities of ministry, showing them how they can benefit the kingdom of God and the local church.

Each church is urged to take an offering as part of its Men's Day activities. This will help further advance the service of the National Men's Fellowship Department. This is the only offering requested by the department each year to carry on its multifaceted ministry to men and boys.

The photos on these pages give a panorama of the way the National Men's Fellowship Department serves our churches through Royal Rangers, Light-for-the-Lost, Action Crusades, and Evangelism Literature for America. Each of these areas also gives laymen an opportunity to serve their own church and strengthen God's kingdom.



Literature distribution is one of many church activities in which men are active. The MF executive committee of First Assembly, Fort Wayne, Ind., with Pastor Fred Leader (right), spearheaded literature distribution at a patriotic meeting in a local park.

Men's Fellowship has recently accepted the challenge to raise funds for Evangelism Literature for America, a new thrust designed to provide top-quality gospel literature for distribution in the U.S.



men train workers in the church to go out and tell others about Christ.



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More Blessed to Give

By RUTH LYON

QUWEANNA CHUCHNUK" (thank you very much), the Eskimo people say to you who have so faithfully remembered them at Christmas and other times through the years. They also greet you with "Eclikeemah Chri-simmahkamahtaah" ("Gladness upon Christmas Day").

Likewise, the Navajos, representing the American Indians, would express their appreciation with "Yá át éh Késhmish" (Good Christmas) at this joyous season.

The only Christmas remembrances many Eskimos and American Indians receive come from our interested churches, church groups, and individuals who care.

Young people from various Assemblies of God churches have been a great blessing to some Indian missions. For instance, last year the youth of Bethel Assembly in Sacramento, California, delivered 200 beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts for the Indian people to missionaries in Owyhee, Schurz, McDermitt, and Yerington, Nevada. What anticipation and excitement the gifts brought the children, young people, and adults gathered for their Christmas programs.

Several districts have special WMC Christmas parties for their missionaries at which missionaries receive gifts for themselves and their people. Other WMC groups faithfully send gifts for missionaries and their people.

Missionaries tell us if we could see the sparkling black eyes, shy smiles, arms loaded with gifts of candy, nuts, apples, quilts, all who had contributed would be repaid a thousand times over for any expenditure of time, effort, or money. Sheer wonder appears on many faces as they breathlessly open their packages. And the missionaries always carefully explain who sent them and why.

Christmas is the highlight of the year on home missions fields. Perhaps it is especially important because its message is relatively new to hundreds, yes thousands—those

who never before had a chance to hear the old, old story.

In Alaska, most of the Eskimo churches have a Christmas feast and a special program, and both are well attended. When a village has been fortunate enough to catch a whale, the meat and muktuk (whale blubber) are divided, according to custom, among the families of the village. The muktuk is eaten first, with a little of the treat saved to be sent to relatives across Alaska and some put away for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Gifts of food from the Lower 48 also find their way to the banquet table. And the missionaries give token gifts supplied by WMC groups to their people following the Christmas service. For some of these Eskimos it is their first Christmas. They had never heard of Jesus before the missionaries came.

Following their 1968 Christmas pageant presented to a capacity audience, some Indian missionaries in Arizona gave 94 quilts (one to each family) and 643 individual gifts—one for each church member, each visitor, and every old person of the village. Each quilt speaks daily to these people of Christ's love, for the missionaries explain the quilts were provided by WMC groups of the nation who were concerned because God had put a love in their hearts for these people and a desire to help them.

The Christ's Ambassadors choir went caroling on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The missionaries were thrilled to note how eagerly their choir members—even the most timid—were to present gifts, to talk to the old people about Jesus, and to pray with them.

One very old grandmother heard the singing around the village. She came outside her *wickiup* (dwelling) and stood in the bitter cold hoping the group would stop to sing and pray for her. Through her sobs and tears, she told them she was thinking of all her loved ones who



had gone on, and she was lonesome. When they sang for her, she didn't know the words, but her heart began singing with them.

As the carolers sang and prayed with the old people, they also prayed silently that the Spirit would pierce with the True Light the centuries of spiritual darkness in these souls.

On another reservation, over 70 Indian people attended the Christmas service in spite of bad weather and deep snow. (In some areas in Arizona, the weather gets very cold, and there is much snow on the reservations.)

Missionaries in still another area faced the problem of getting the boxes of Christmas gifts in from the store to the house so they could sort them for distribution to the Indian people. They finally tied the boxes on the children's sleds and pulled them over. Then, after sorting the gifts, the missionaries still had the problem of getting them delivered, for all their people were snowed in.

One of the young men of the church offered his Jeep. So the missionaries loaded the gifts and quilts into the Jeep and started making the rounds. The people were thrilled with their gifts. There were enough quilts to allow two to a family, and this bedding was urgently needed.

Last year another missionary to Indians was ill with the flu. On her front porch the boxes of gifts were piled high. Finally she was able to get to the mission with the gifts, and the Indian women helped sort them—toys, dresses, shirts, baby supplies for mothers, etc. Each Indian Sunday school teacher wrapped the packages for her class.

On Sunday the teachers had their Christmas parties in their classrooms. The spirit of Christmas was everywhere. A store had donated a beautiful tree, and the women and teen-agers decorated it. In the Sunday morning service, the people presented their missionaries with lovely gifts. They had learned it was "more blessed to give than to receive."

On Christmas Eve, Bible school students of the mis-

1. Apache Christians illustrate the Christmas story.
2. This winsome lass is typical of our Eskimo Sunday school children.
3. These Apache youngsters enjoy taking part in the Christmas program.
4. "Bless the food which You send each day," the boys and girls in the Juneau (Alaska) Children's Home pray.
5. Eskimos chew muktuk (which they relish) during a feast after the village men have caught a whale.
6. Young folk of the Juneau Children's Home excitedly help unload provisions sent to them by the Northwest WMC's last Christmas.


sion, home for the holidays, presented a musical Christmas play. One fellow narrated the Christmas story while another directed the music.

At still another station in Arizona, an unusual thing happened. The president of the Community House invited the missionaries to present a Christmas program at the Chapter House and preach to them about Jesus! About 500 people of the community were present.

Following the program, the president led the missionaries and their helpers to another room in the building where a long table had been set up for a banquet. Roast turkey with all the trimmings was set before them. This was the first time missionaries had received such an invitation; and it proved they had been fully accepted in the community. How thrilled they were for this wonderful opportunity for witnessing!

An Indian mission in California had a unique Christmas service. They built a tepee on the platform. The missionary's assistant, taking the part of an Indian chief, told the Christmas story (Indian fashion) to the children seated with him around the simulated fire in the center. All were in full Indian dress. This made the program very meaningful to the people.

These few incidents are typical of the Christmas activities in Alaska and on Indian reservations. Our dedicated home missionaries work hard to make Christmas special and they take advantage of it to drive home the truth of the gospel to the hearts of the hearers. They appreciate more than words can say the support of all who help them and their people in any way.

Each year the Home Missions Department has been able to send to every missionary including staff members of the Alaska Children's Home, a bonus check through the generosity of those who contribute to the *Home Missions Christmas Fund*. 

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Summer Tour Highlights Indian Ministry



ABOVE: The Silas Rexroats, formerly missionaries at San Carlos, Ariz., and three Indian girls from the American Indian Bible Institute in Phoenix, along with other missionaries, helped at the Home Missions booth at the General Council. BELOW: The Rexroats accompanied by the three Indian girls, traveled with two trailers and two cars on their summer tour.

WHEN THE SILAS REXROATS opened a new Indian work at Norris, S. Dak., a number of years ago, a medicine man, Charley Eaglebear, used to beat his drums against the church.

This summer, Brother and Sister Rexroat, accompanied by three Indian girls from the Indian Bible school in Phoenix, Ariz., visited the Norris church on a busy summer evangelism tour. Their former enemy received them with open arms. Furthermore, he invited them back!

This medicine man's relatives had been saved during the Rexroats' meetings years before, and the man had slowly been convinced of the reality of salvation through their steadfast faith.

On the night of the service at Norris, the Rexroats were overjoyed to see the church full. They attributed this partly to Charley's influence.

The Rexroat party found a great welcome awaiting them in all the churches they visited on the tour.

Brother Rexroat, formerly the missionary at San Carlos, Ariz., recently has been appointed field representative for the American Indian Bible Institute in Phoenix. He will be raising funds for the new school and will be available for ministry.

En route to the Dakotas the party conducted services in



several non-Indian churches in Kansas and Nebraska. They ministered in three camps in South Dakota.

The party also conducted four services at non-Indian churches in North and South Dakota. They participated in a 10-day Indian camp on the Standing Rock Reservation near Ft. Yates, N. Dak.

Following the Ft. Yates camp, they traveled back through Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas, conducting several services in non-Indian churches.

Brother Rexroat says it has been years since he has witnessed such old-time conviction in services. Some people ran to the altar; others ran out.

One of the highlights of their trip was the fireside

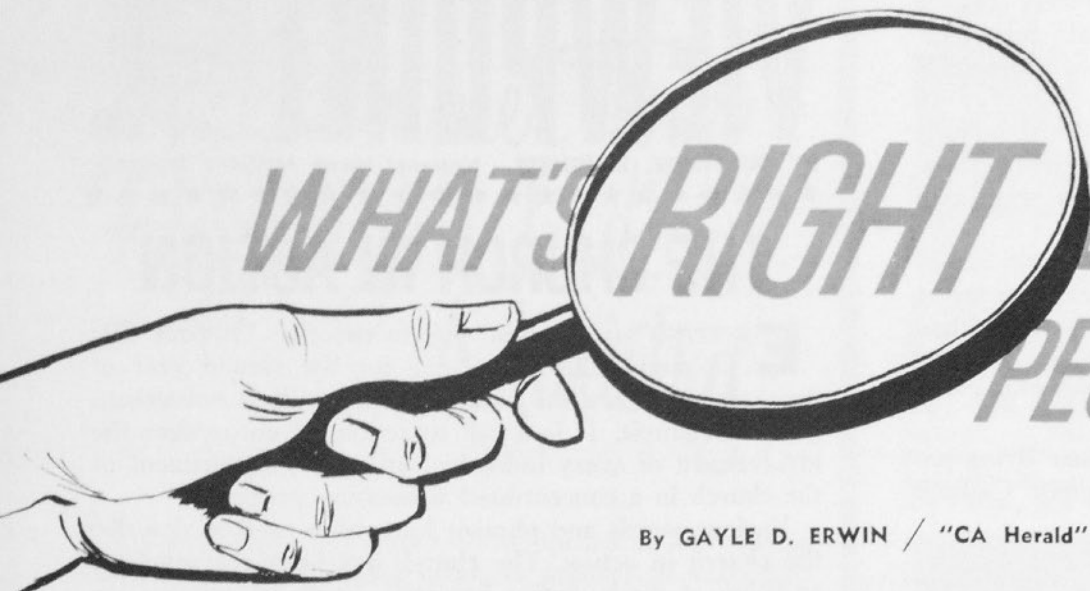


LEFT: This typical old house on the Rosebud Indian Reservation is now being replaced by homes such as the one at lower left. BELOW: The Jack Bennetts of Mission, S. Dak. RIGHT: Eunice Goodface, an Indian Christian at Lower Brule, S. Dak., has had a wonderful healing.



THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

WHAT'S RIGHT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE?



By GAYLE D. ERWIN / "CA Herald" Editor

CHANGE IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY, the standard. In attempts to cope with inevitable change, violence is often the vent-valve for youthful frustrations.

The onlooker shakes his head and asks, "What's wrong with this generation?" The magnifying glass of publicity examines the militant minority and distorts the direction the majority of youth is actually taking.

There is another minority—equally active, much more effective, much less publicized—making an impact for Christ. On their shoulders, should the Lord tarry, the success of future evangelism must fall. What is right about

these young people? What kind of future must they face? Will they be able to survive spiritually in that age? Will they be aggressive for Christ?

Let's take a look at them.

HEALTH

Modern youth are healthier than their ancestors. Improved nutritional and medical knowledge has reduced mortality, abolished major crippling childhood disease, and increased the average stature. Hotels have had to increase the size of their beds to accommodate the vitamin-charged size of their new clientele.

EDUCATION

Educational achievements are vastly superior to the past. A high school diploma, once the great attainment, has been replaced by the college degree. Indeed, increasing specialization and technology is making graduate degrees almost a necessity, and record numbers of them are being awarded. Within Assemblies of God churches, the average educational level of many congregations is beginning to exceed that of its pastors.

DEDICATION

The Peace Corps proved something to us—youth responds to the challenge of a cause. The "generation without a cause" of recent years rapidly gives way to the multiplied causes that claim the allegiance of the newly concerned: *Ban the bomb! Get out of Vietnam! Recognize Red China! Stop the draft!* The causes are myriad.

But another cry comes, a slogan more meaningful, more eternal: *Jesus is Lord!* Pentecostal youth have a cause too. Evidence of this dedication is found among those involved in Ambassadors in Missions, in youth camps, in Christ's Ambassadors rallies, and in local services.

PERCEPTION

Hypocrisies of the past seem more readily perceived and rejected by the youth of today. Mere show is not enough. Custom does not suffice. The relentless "why?" of groping young spirits bursts through pretentious trivia, hunting bedrock in the reason for life. Even church customs feel the glare of examination in the light of Bible basics.

This is another in the series of articles on the role of youth in revival. It is part of the Year of Revival emphasis.

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WITH THIS BACKGROUND of health, education, dedication, and perception, what are their prospects for the future? What must they face?

ADVANCES IN SCIENCE

Dramatic advances continue to come in the field of science. With instant global communication near at hand, the mysteries of different cultures fade. Novelty exists only long enough for a camera to focus upon it and flash the news. This kind of surveillance, intense and constant, will expose any spirituality or religious activity whose existence has a hint of the counterfeit.

In the laboratory, only time stands between the scientist and the first vibration of tissue that tells him he has successfully copied a simple form of life. The resulting onslaught of agnostics equating man with God should not shake our youth as they realize that the Bible does not prohibit such an occurrence and that the scientists merely copy and do not create.

Space explorations will expand with the continual "what ifs" of possible life forms on other planets. Yes, the challenges to future faith will be unique.

CHANGES IN MORALITY

Unquestionably, our moral structure has changed. As the censorship of society ceases, sin becomes more open, more blatant. Nudity is becoming the norm! The pornography of yesterday finds itself accepted in today's college classroom.

The contrast of values, the gulf between the lives of Christians and the unsaved, becomes more readily discernible as the practices of society reach new lows. Can their relationship with God resist the encroachment of pollution?

INCREASES IN POPULATION

Another problem with serious implications awaits the traveler in the halls of the future. There is a limit to the land and resources to house and feed the ballooning population of the world. Scarcity of space will make the cost of land prohibitively high in many areas. The sheer weight of economic facts may cause the church building, as we know it, to cease to exist in the great population centers. Although the successful evangelization of the city will shake their preconceptions and tax their ingenuity, the youth cannot afford to abandon the effort.

THERE IS EVERY INDICATION that they will survive with an aggressive testimony. Here is how.

THE WORD

The Bible will be used and depended upon as spiritual bedrock more than ever before. After surviving years of custom changes, attacks of infidels, and the unconcern of churchmen, it is evident that the influence of the Bible is not limited by culture. Sparked by new versions in the vernacular, renewed Bible study has resulted in personal revivals and a return to venturesome faith. Science and the Bible complement each other and contradict only when someone takes an arbitrary, unproved opinion and pushes it as fact.

REVIVAL

Past revivals served their day. To live and serve tomorrow, youth must build their own relationship with God—they must have their own revival. Rather than just being a reaction to the past or yielding to the present, their standards of behavior and dress must be dictated by personal convictions legislated by the Holy Spirit and the Word. "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). The internal pressure from Christ's abiding presence will amply protect the believer from contamination by the world. In fact, the great contrast between Christianity and the world should make soul winning a more straightforward and productive task.

FELLOWSHIP

As the realm of Pentecostal believers overflows national and denominational boundaries, and population density drives people closer together, the need for genuine fellowship and proper relationships in the body of Christ becomes more pronounced. The response of youth in inner-city ministry and the development of smaller worship groups in neighborhoods will uncover an Early Church secret of evangelism and enable us to serve the real needs of individuals rather than the computerized needs of the masses.

The promise is certain: "Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. . . ." The method is explicit: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." The defense is sure: "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

The advantages of youth, anointed by the Spirit, grounded in the Word, revived, and dedicated to win the lost will find the necessary strength to cope with the changes in science, morality, and population. Their aggressive soul winning is already evident. They will succeed—they must.

To Whom Does A CHESTNITSA Bring Good Luck?

The Yugoslavian people celebrate Christmas with a special Serbian cake called *Chestnitsa*. A silver coin is baked in the cake, and the person who finds this coin in his piece will supposedly have good luck during the next year.

Christmas was not a matter of luck. It was planned by God from the beginning of time. The evangelization of the world also must be planned. Our missionaries scattered throughout the nations are sacrificing so that others may hear the Christmas story. This holiday season put aside a little extra to share with these messengers.



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REFORMATION AND REVIVAL

WE OFTEN THINK of the words "reformation" and "revival" as standing in contrast one to the other, but this is not so. They are both related to the word "restore" so are thus kin to each other.

Reformation speaks of a restoration to pure doctrine. Revival speaks of a restoration in the Christian's life.

Reformation speaks of a return to the teachings of Scripture. Revival speaks of a life brought into its proper relationship to the Holy Spirit.

The great moments of church history have come when these two restorations occurred simultaneously—the Church has returned to pure doctrine and the lives of Christians in the Church have known the power of the Holy Spirit.

There cannot be true revival unless there has been reformation; and reformation is not complete without revival.

—FRANCIS A. SCHAEFFER in *His*

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AFTER THE SPRING SHOWER the wood we had gathered from the forest would not light. The man in a neighboring campsite saw our predicament and with metal tongs carried a blazing log from his own fire to us.

The blazing log dried our wood and soon it kindled into a flame. Within an hour we were able to pass along the favor and a burning limb from our fire lit the campfire for another family.

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the fire of faith to another. Each time we witness with love and kindness we are sharing with others the faith that warms our own hearts. A smile, a wise, cheerful answer or patient listening may kindle another's desire for the love and peace of God that we know.

The flame of Christianity is passed from one to another through example and words. The greatest tribute we can pay those who led us to Christ is to pass their teaching and inspiration along to another.

As we light the way for another's salvation, we fan the flame of faith higher in our own hearts. Jesus becomes ever more precious to us as we share His message of love and faith with others.

—MRS. A. L. CLARKE

WHO CARES?

THE PRICE PAID FOR AN ITEM often makes it valuable. A one-cent British Guiana stamp which was old, wrinkled, and minus two of its corners, was bought for \$50,000. What a tremendous price for one little bit of paper!

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Of all earth's millions of people none are exactly like you. You are the only one in existence. You are important and precious to God. He cares about you because you have been redeemed—not with silver or gold or even \$50,000, but with the precious blood of His Son. The price paid for an item does indeed make it valuable.

The devil whispers to you that nobody cares. He tries to discourage you, to sadden you, to defeat you. But as born-again children of God we can defy anybody who tells us we don't matter, who says that we're useless and that nobody cares whether we live or die.

We have been bought with a price. We are of value. It *does* matter to Him about you "for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

God loves the individual. Who cares? *He* cares!

—LILLIAN MACKILLOP

23RD PSALM FOR BUSY PEOPLE

The Lord is my Pacesetter, I will not rush.

He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals.

He provides me with stillness, which restores my serenity.

He leads me in ways of efficiency, through calmness of mind; and His guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day,

I will not fret, for His presence is here.

His timelessness, His all-importance will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity

By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquility.

My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours,

And I shall walk in the peace of the Lord

for ever.

—TOKI MIYASHINA in *World Christian Digest*

YOUR QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



Can you explain what Nestorius taught?

Nestorius taught that there were two persons in Christ, the one human and the other divine. He reasoned that only the humanity of Christ could be tempted or humiliated; and since "God cannot be tempted of evil," the deity of Jesus could not be tempted of evil or humiliated.

The better and generally-accepted belief is that deity and humanity were so united in Jesus as to make Him a single personality. (See Colossians 2:5-8.)

Is it wise for musicians to continue to play during an altar service? Some of us find this distracting.

It is difficult to answer this to the satisfaction of all. There are those who are unable to concentrate in prayer if there is any disturbance. Suitable music may quiet the atmosphere and also keep people's thoughts on the Lord. Music helped Elisha the prophet to get his mind on the Lord when the minstrel played (2 Kings 3:15).

I would not recommend loud, boisterous music at an altar service. I trust that God may help us adjust to prevailing situations.

Since salvation was purchased at Calvary, how could people of previous Old Testament times be saved?

Jesus was "foreordained before the foundation of the world" to be the sacrificial Lamb (1 Peter 1:20) and He was "slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8). We may well believe that the sacrificial offering of Christ as God's Lamb was imputed to such Old Testament individuals as earnestly sought to live for God, who embraced the sacrifices prescribed under Moses, confessed their sins, and trusted in God's mercy through the merit of the substitutionary sacrifices God had provided for them.

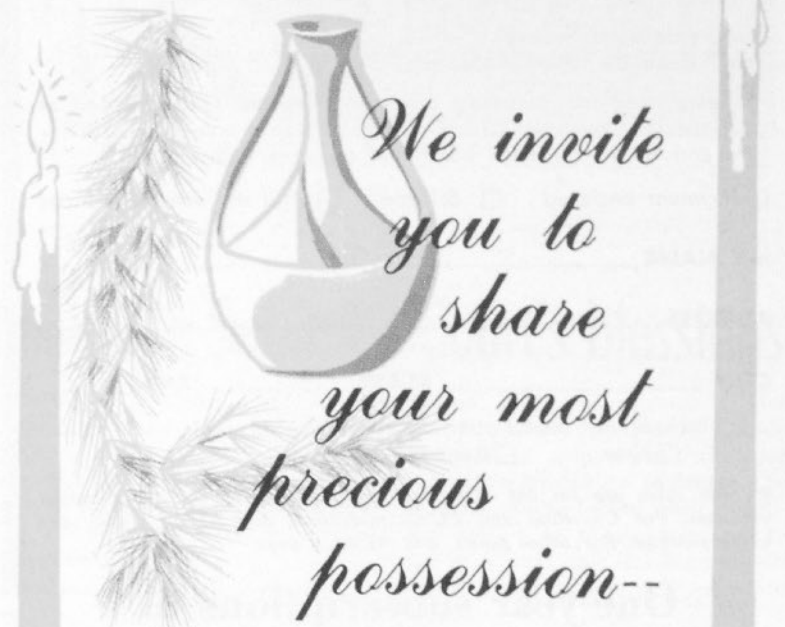
Is it true that Calvinism as taught today differs from the original teaching of John Calvin?

Not having studied Calvin's writings, I am unprepared to speak concerning him. But the writings of some who claim to be his followers are nothing short of fatalism. One prominent theologian puts salvation on the basis of decree rather than on the atonement, when he writes: "Christ may be said to be the mediate ground of election, but the immediate ground is the decree." Calvinism teaches that those ordained to eternal life cannot be lost; and that all others cannot be saved. It teaches salvation by the election of God.

But what is called Moderate Calvinism takes a much milder view. It teaches that all inherit a depraved nature (a nature prone to evil), but sin is not forced upon man; it results from voluntary choice. Some even deny that grace is irresistible (as the more radical teach), but they do teach that a believer, once saved, cannot thereafter be lost.

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.

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READERS WRITE THE EDITORS

A Christmas Idea

The Pentecostal Evangel is such an inspiration to me. My husband is from Bulgaria and the articles you print on the Eastern European countries are the nearest news of home we can get.

Many times an answer to prayer has come through some anointed article in the Evangel.

Each year at Christmas I subscribe to the Evangel for myself and someone else. Each one who has received it has thanked me for this outstanding periodical.

MRS. TOMA MARINOV
Columbus, Ohio

Corporal Appreciates Salute

I am a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps. Right now I'm only one hill from the DMZ in Vietnam. I am a Christian and truly love God. He has brought me through many close calls.

Today I got a package from home, and a copy of the June 29 Evangel saluting the servicemen was enclosed.

I want to thank you for taking time for us. It really means a lot to servicemen to know their church cares for them. This Evangel has been a real blessing to me and my buddies who have read it.

JOHN B. GRAY
San Diego, Calif.

Helps Prisoner

I'm in the Clare County jail for a crime I committed. While on the outside I never read or talked about anything concerning God or church. Through the efforts of an Assemblies of God pastor and another man in the church, I have been able to realize the true meaning of God's love for man. These two men also bring me the Evangel to read.

Now I read my Bible for hours at a time and often reread the Evangel.

It has helped me see what God can do and to realize what the true meaning of love is.

A READER IN MICHIGAN

Who Founded Labor Day?

I enjoyed the editorial comment in the August 31 Evangel, but there is a difference of opinion as to who founded Labor Day.

According to a recent issue of The Machinist, the founder of Labor Day was not Peter J. McGuire, as is widely believed, but Matt Maguire. In 1968 W.

Willard Wirtz, then U. S. Secretary of Labor, resolved the problem in a speech at Chicago.

"The question is, who was the father of Labor Day—Peter McGuire, a carpenter, or Matt Maguire, a machinist?" he said.

"Officially, as of this moment, insofar as the Department of Labor is concerned, it is Matt Maguire, machinist."

According to The Machinist, a granddaughter of Matt Maguire has newspaper clippings to prove it.

I thought you would like this information. I enjoy the Evangel very much, especially the true stories of those who have found the Lord in such wonderful ways.

PHILIP M. MOBLEY
Tucson, Ariz.

Teen-age Reader

I read the Evangel every week. It means a lot to me. I'm trying to lead a Christian life, and it's hard for a 17-year-old to find good literature these days.

BRENDA HAWKINS
Bossier City, La.

Editorial Helps Youth

I am writing in regards to the wonderful editorial entitled "An Appointment with God" (Evangel, August 3).

My job is presently in a small town where there is no Assembly of God so we attend another church where I work with the young people.

Recently as I was preparing for the young people's service, I felt led to use this editorial. From the very beginning I had their attention. I concluded by stressing the importance of living consistently for God since we do not know when our time to meet Him will be, and I could sense God was speaking to their hearts.

RAYMOND REINHART
Minneapolis, Kans.

Refreshing

I just want you to know how very much we appreciated the article by Bernyce Campbell in the July 13 Evangel, "Thirst, the Plague of the Desert." It indicated a deep personal relationship with Christ which is so refreshing in these dry times.

Thank you for publishing it. May we have more like it.

M. McCloud
Lincoln, Calif.

Evangelical NEWS Digest

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NEWS OF OUR TIMES

THE FOURTH "R": RELIGION

Christian teachers take religion to school with Supreme Court's blessings

Missionaries on a field closed to the Church

PASADENA, CALIF.—Those old curriculum stars—reading, writing, and arithmetic—are having to share the spotlight today with a robust new "R" which is invading schools all across the country.

That new "R" is *religion*—and it is coming on strong! From coast to coast this fourth "R" is moving in on class after class, course after course. In fact, no subject area is actually exempt.

Religion in Curriculum

In the public schools of El Cerrito, Calif., a history class came to the study of Augustus Caesar. "This is the same Caesar," the teacher said, "who passed a law that everybody in the world had to pay a tax. So a couple, Joseph and Mary, had to go to Bethlehem to pay their tax and this is how the baby Jesus happened to be born in Bethlehem."

Thus the greatest, most influential birth of all time was neatly related to a daily assignment in history and made as factual as the material the students were getting from their textbooks.

Legal? Of course it was! Many people might not realize it, but this teacher even has the blessing of the U. S. Supreme Court in associating religious facts with sequential historical happenings.

Prayer has been banished from our schools? An elementary teacher faced her students at noon the first day of school. "I want to tell you what I am going to do now," she explained as she unpacked her lunch. "Before I eat lunch, I always give thanks to my Heavenly Father for His love and goodness to me." Then she prayed aloud.

Unconstitutional? Absolutely not. The Supreme Court has said she couldn't ask or force those children to pray—and she didn't. The same court also insists that no one can stop her from praying whenever and wherever she chooses.

A music teacher, restricted to secular instructional materials by a rigid course of study and a dogmatic principal, used the pass-

ing period between classes to play some sacred music at the piano. Before long her students were asking for hymns on "request day" when they could select what they wished to sing.

A business law teacher opens his class each fall with a study from Exodus—the Ten Commandments.

This vital new "R" has infiltrated every grade level and curriculum area. An eighth grade science teacher came to the creation of the solar system in his studies. His state-approved text mentioned several "theories" of creation but omitted God completely, so he brought his Bible to school and read to his class from Genesis.

A language teacher is using a French Bible in class and having her pupils translate the Twenty-third Psalm and other well-known passages.

To worried Christian parents this may read like something too good to be true—but it isn't! These teachers are for real. All these incidents and many more like them are happening today in

our public schools. There is an explanation, of course.

In the first place, a surprising but genuine "back to the Bible" movement is being experienced today more and more in educational circles.

National Educators Fellowship

Also, the teachers mentioned above and others just as deeply involved may not know each other personally but they do have one bond in common—they are all members of National Educators Fellowship, a national professional organization composed of Christian educators.

These teachers strongly believe this country is in desperate need of a renewal of moral values and a return to high spiritual standards—and they think the best place to start is right in their own classrooms. As both Christians and educators, they feel a tremendous burden for the lost, frustrated, and misguided youth in today's schools.

Missionaries in a Closed Field

These educators do not work by preaching, evangelizing, or proselytizing—all of which are pro-

hibited by the Constitution. But the witness of a dedicated Christ-like life is a powerful influence on impressionable students. So they go quietly about their teaching, almost as missionaries working in a field that has been closed to the church but left open to them.

Over two-thirds of the states as well as several foreign countries have NEF chapters.

NEF Objectives

Major objectives of NEF are:—to encourage Christian educators to present a positive Christian testimony in their personal and professional activities;—to include moral and spiritual ideas and ideals in teaching the required school subjects;—to provide Christian fellowship to educators for social and spiritual enrichment.

"Our one great objective," states E. A. Patchen, executive secretary of NEF, "is to reach the children of America with a witness for Christ."

NEF will hold its first national conference August 5-9, 1970, in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Passage of prayer legislation remote

Child's prayer to be inserted in daily 'Congressional Record'

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congressman Richard L. Roudebush says he is going to put a child's prayer in the *Congressional Record* each day so it can be used in schools that wish to avoid the U.S. Supreme Court prohibitions.

He said he does not believe the Supreme Court can stop a teacher from reading an excerpt from the *Congressional Record* to her class. "With Senator Dirksen gone," he continued, "we have lost our strongest proponent of public school prayer, and the likelihood of our legislation passing is remote, I'm sorry to say."

Meanwhile, the controversy continues. While some states are attempting to restore prayers to their schools, others are failing to act on state directives permitting voluntary prayer.

The Maryland Back to God Committee recently charged that local school boards in the state are not complying with a Department of Education ruling which

In North Dakota

SCHOOL BIBLE READING STATUTE IS UPHELD BUT SELDOM OBSERVED, LEGISLATORS SAY

BISMARCK, N. DAK.—A group of North Dakota legislators has declined to tamper with two North Dakota laws which permit Bible reading in public schools and require display of the Ten Commandments in all classrooms.

One attempt to recommend that the legislature wipe the laws off the books was overwhelmingly defeated on a voice vote.

allows voluntary prayer in the public schools.

State School Superintendent James Sensenbaugh announced this past July that "school prayer before the regular school day is permissible so long as such programs are not promoted, scheduled, or supervised by teachers or school officials." Apparently few are taking advantage of this.

However, officials say only a small minority of public school teachers now read the Bible in North Dakota classrooms, and very few schools meet the requirement that placards containing the Ten Commandments be hung in every classroom—from one-room rural schools to university lecture halls.

Neither law has been challenged.

AT A/G HEADQUARTERS

Second Evangelists Seminar to meet December 18-20

Complimentary meals, housing to be provided

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The second annual Evangelists Seminar will be held December 18-20 at the Assemblies of God headquarters here. The theme for this year's seminar is "Lord, Send Me."

The three-day meeting will begin with registration at the headquarters building at 4 p.m., Thursday, December 18. Dinner will be served in the headquarters cafeteria at 5, followed by the kick-off rally at 7 p.m.

G. Raymond Carlson, recently-elected assistant general superintendent, will be the keynote speaker for this rally. A highlight of the evening will be the showing of the Impact '70 visual which was shown at the General Council in Dallas.

Friday's sessions will begin at 9 a.m. with devotions. The 9:45 session will deal with sermon preparation and will be conducted by *Revivaltime* Evangelist C. M. Ward and Hardy Steinberg, national secretary of the Department of Education. They will discuss resources and classification of sermon materials.

The morning will conclude with buzz sessions dealing with the work and interests of the evangelist.

The afternoon will include a presentation of the goals of the evangelist and the pastor in the overall spiritual outreach of the church. A panel of evangelists will discuss plans and methods of conducting crusades.

A highlight of the seminar will be the fellowship dinner on Friday evening at 6 p.m. Good food

and a pleasant setting will provide a time of relaxation and enjoyment for those attending.

After the dinner, Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent, will speak at the evening session. He will present the plan for Impact '70, the second year of the Five-Year Plan of Advance, and will challenge the evangelists on the task awaiting them as they face the '70's.

Activities for Saturday morning include devotions followed by a session on personal evangelism. The seminar will close with a communion and dedication service conducted by Brother Zimmerman.

Complimentary housing and meals will be provided for all Assemblies of God evangelists who wish to attend the seminar and who have been engaged in at least six months of evangelistic services in 1969. If husband and wife travel together in services, accommodations are provided for both.

Ministers not eligible for complimentary housing are welcome to attend, but will be responsible for their own housing.

Additional information on housing accommodations may be obtained from the Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission.

Produced by GPH

New tract catalog lists 200 titles

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—An illustrated 16-page tract catalog listing over 200 titles in 14 categories is now being distributed by the Merchandising Division of the Gospel Publishing House.

The catalog lists the complete assortment of attractively designed two-color tracts sold by the Gospel Publishing House.

Included in the 14 categories are tracts dealing with the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the Christian life, healing, salvation, and the Second Coming. There are also tracts geared to children, youth, the Sunday school, and special occasions.

The free catalog will be sent on request. It lists prices and information for ordering the tracts.

WITH CHRIST

Raymond A. Livingston, 66, of Terrell, Tex., went to be with Christ on August 7, 1969. Ordained by the North Texas District in 1934, Brother Livingston served as an evangelist and held pastorates in Kemp, Luling, Sachse, and Terrell, Tex. He is survived by his wife Thelma and son Roger.

Elmer N. White, 50, of East Freedom, Pa., went to be forever with Christ on August 19, 1969. Brother White, licensed by the Eastern District, served as an evangelist and pastor. He is survived by his wife Lillian and an 11-year-old son.

George A. Bullock, 89, of Salem, Ore., was called into the Lord's presence on August 7, 1969. Brother Bullock, ordained in 1933, pastored churches in Iowa and Oregon. He also spent some time as an evangelist. Survivors include two daughters and three sons. One son, Relna, pastors the Assembly of God in Sheridan, Ore.

Roy E. Gilliam, 82, of North Little Rock, Ark., went to be with the Lord on June 25, 1969. Brother Gilliam, ordained in 1924 by the Arkansas District, was active as an evangelist and pastor, serving churches in Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana, until his retirement in 1959. He is survived by his wife Nettie, one son, and two daughters.

Pete A. Friesen, 65, pastor of Glad Tidings Assembly in Burke, S. Dak., was called Home on July 26, 1969. An ordained member of the South Dakota District, Brother Friesen pastored churches in Minnesota and South Dakota. He is survived by his wife Audrey and eight children. A daughter, Allegra, is the wife of Warren Henderson, pastor in Pocatello, Idaho. Janet, another daughter, is the wife of Pastor Keith Beachem, Bruce, S. Dak.

Herbie E. Darnell, 57, of Nashville, Tenn., was called to be with the Lord on August 31, 1969. Ordained by the Texas District in 1940, Brother Darnell labored many years as a pastor in Texas and Tennessee. He also served as Tennessee district secretary 1950-53.

He is survived by his wife Honor, two sons, and two daughters. His daughter Wanda is the wife of Charles Cook, pastor of the Freeway Forest Assembly in Houston, Tex.



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Between us and our servicemen is a fragile bridge, often assaulted, and held at times by correspondence alone. But how strategic that bridge is. Day in and day out our Servicemen's Division works to keep this vital spiritual contact open to tens of thousands of our service personnel. Your financial help is crucial at this time. You alone can help us make the bridge secure. Send your offering now to the Servicemen's Division, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802.

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SPONSORED BY THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

PORT JERVIS, N. Y.—Twenty-two people accepted Christ as Saviour during a crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. George Butrin of Burwick, Pa., at First Assembly here.

Many received the Baptism, and many were healed. The whole church was blessed.

Many visitors attended. Among those saved were several Roman Catholic friends.

One young man who had studied for the priesthood was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. He has been reading his Bible for a long time and was hungry to know more about the Holy Spirit. Surely they that "hunger and thirst... shall be filled."

After the special services, 17 persons were baptized in water.

—Floyd Myrick, pastor

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LAFAYETTE, IND.—The Musical Vander Ploegs held a three-week meeting at First Assembly here. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way each night.

The services were well attended. Approximately 50 came forward for salvation, and 20 received the Holy Spirit. The last night of the meeting 12 were baptized in water.

—C. E. Hackett, pastor

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JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLA.—First Assembly is rejoicing over the results of a crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. Doug Wead of South Bend, Ind.

There was a good crowd each night with a number responding to the altar calls. One of the six persons saved was a Marine who had just returned from duty in Vietnam. One first-time visitor, a Lutheran, was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Activities for the young people and their visitors included a prayer breakfast and a night of special refreshments.

The revival has continued since the Weads left. Others have been saved through contacts made during the meeting.

—Benton Tippet, pastor

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MORRISON, OKLAHOMA—God blessed the Assembly of God here during recent special meet-

ings with Evangelist and Mrs. C. A. Nicholson of Woodward, Okla.

Thirteen people were saved, and eight were filled with the Holy Spirit. Nineteen followed the Lord in water baptism.

—J. Ruel Baxter, pastor

MURPHY, MO.—Calvary Assembly here recently enjoyed the blessings of God during special meetings with Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredricktown, Mo.

Five accepted Christ, six were reclaimed, 13 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and two were refilled.

A spirit of revival continues to be manifest in the church.

Since its beginning in 1964, 63 people have accepted Christ as their Saviour at Calvary Assembly. From 15 present on the first Sunday, the attendance has increased to over 100.

—Charles Morris, pastor

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Bisbee	First	Dec. 3-14	Charles O. Hudspeth	R. L. Franks
	Phoenix	Alzona	Nov. 12-30	Charles O. Hudspeth	E. E. Franks
	Yuma	First	Nov. 30—	John David Burkett	Neville E. Carlson
Ark.	Barling	First	Nov. 30-Dec. 7	Norman L. Kilpatrick	Paul Green
	Charleston	A/G	Nov. 30-Dec. 14	The Pratt Family	William A. Sowell
	Hope	First	Nov. 25-Dec. 7	Loyd & Mrs. Middleton	C. C. Truitt
	N. Little Rock	Glad Tidings	Nov. 30-Dec. 14	J. W. & Ava Nell Walker	Doyle Johnson
Calif.	Los Banos	A/G	Nov. 30-Dec. 7	George & Susie Holmes	Leonard Couchman
	Newark	A/G	Nov. 30-Dec. 7	Watson Argue	Andrew R. Rahner
	Oakdale	Bethel	Dec. 5-7	Singing Kolenda Family	Edwin Kramer
Colo.	Grand Junction	First	Nov. 23-Dec. 7	Leonard Negrin	Robert P. Northrop
Fla.	Panama City	St. Andrews	Dec. 2-14	Jerry & Ann Johnson	John Franklin
	St. Petersburg	Glad Tidings	Dec. 2-7	Kenneth & Theda Wright	Harold Tyus
	Sarasota	First	Nov. 23-30	Bob McCutchen	Norman McCutchen
Ga.	Columbus	North Highland	Nov. 30—	Dwight Thompson	Clarence Cope
	Savannah	First	Nov. 30—	Nettie Parham	Hayward Chapman
Ill.	Chicago	First	Dec. 9-14	George W. Lee	Ronald D. Davis
	Gibson City	First	Nov. 30—	Otis Runyon	Gary L. Royer
	Murphysboro	A/G	Nov. 30-Dec. 7	George W. Lee	Claude Black
Ind.	Bloomington	Faith	Nov. 30—	Moses & Ruth Copeland	Joseph Swartzentruber
	East Chicago	First	Dec. 8-14	Thomas R. Calk	Elmer E. Marrone
	Goshen	First	Dec. 3-14	Basell-Brown Team	William Burkett
	Highland	A/G	Nov. 30-Dec. 7	Thomas Calk	Jimmie Johnson
	Lebanon	A/G	Dec. 10-14	Dave & Jan Olshevski	C. R. Liddle
	Muncie	Northside	Dec. 2-7	Paul Hild	M. L. Fulks
	Washington	A/G	Nov. 30-Dec. 14	Doug & Judy Maners	William R. Russell Sr.
Iowa	Independence	A/G	Nov. 25-Dec. 7	Ken Krivohlavek	William Hill
	Indianola	First	Dec. 3-13	Hilton Griswold	LeRoy Butt
Kans.	Stockton	A/G	Nov. 30—	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	Jerry McClelland
Ky.	Beaver Dam	First	Nov. 30-Dec. 7	LaVern Snyder	B. Turner & J. Hale
La.	Lake Providence	First	Nov. 24-Dec. 3	John J. Jacob	Loyd E. Singley
Md.	Hyattsville	Faith Tab.	Dec. 3-14	J. L. & Dortha Pittman	B. M. Sive
Mich.	Ann Arbor	Evangel Temple	Dec. 7—	Fairfield Evang. Party	T. Burt Evans
	Gaylord	A/G	Dec. 12-14	Fairfield Evang. Party	Roscoe Berthume
Minn.	Alexandria	A/G	Nov. 30-Dec. 7	O. E. Carter	Sherman Buschow
	Ellendale	A/G	Dec. 2-7	R. M. & Elizabeth Abbott	Kenneth May
	Granite Falls	Gospel Tab.	Dec. 9-14	R. M. & Elizabeth Abbott	James Hagemeister
Miss.	Moss Point	A/G	Nov. 30-Dec. 14	Billy & Cherie Cotton	Guy E. Howell
Mo.	Appleton City	A/G	Nov. 30-Dec. 14	Floyd L. Dennis	Grace Humphrey
	Monett	A/G	Nov. 30-Dec. 14	Glenna Byard	Harold N. Cooper
	Plattsburg	A/G	Nov. 23-Dec. 5	Dorothy Knott	Norman E. Porter
	Springfield	Glad Tidings	Nov. 23—	T. Doyle & Mrs. Jennings	T. T. Ward
Mont.	Anaconda	A/G	Dec. 3-14	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Donald Heinrichs
Nebr.	Dalton	A/G	Dec. 2-14	Kenneth M. Stottlemeyer	Paul J. Broyles
	Fairburg	A/G	Dec. 7-12	Dorothy Knott	Howard Rice
	Gibbon	Glad Tidings	Dec. 2-14	Larry & Coleen Griswold	Harley Stahl
N. J.	Mt. Holly	A/G	Dec. 3-7	Dave & Jan Olshevski	James Occhipinti
N. M.	Santa Fe	First	Dec. 2—	E. L. Surratt	Orval F. Kiddy
N. Y.	Oneonta	A/G	Nov. 30-Dec. 7	H. A. & Mrs. Christopher	
Ohio	Columbus	Trinity	Dec. 3-7	Wayne & Vi Marshall	William T. Dick
	Mansfield	Emmanuel	Dec. 7—	Daena Cargnel	Earl Hart
	Martins Ferry	Trinity	Dec. 2-14	David Lewis Family	Donald Steele
Okla.	Oakwood	A/G	Nov. 30-Dec. 7	"Danny" & Patsy Rogers	Larry Pike
	Ponca City	Glad Tidings	Nov. 30-Dec. 7	C. A. Nicholson	David A. Newberry
	Ringling	A/G	Nov. 30—	Hazel Burns	Eugene Howeth
	Tulsa	Suburban Hills	Dec. 2-7	William Caldwell	George E. Smith
Oreg.	Medford	Bethel	Nov. 30-Dec. 14	Duane B. Driver	Lawrence D. Krause
	Milwaukie	First	Dec. 3-7	Paul Clark Team	W. Elwood Irby
	St. Helens	A/G	Nov. 30-Dec. 14	Marlon Jannuzzi	William Gallaher
Pa.	New Cumberland	Faith	Dec. 12-14	Mike Garland	H. C. Riffey
	Orbisonia	A/G	Dec. 3-14	George & Evelyn Butrin	James Hendershot
	Philadelphia	Full Gospel Tab.	Dec. 2-7	Al Reid	Larry Albanese
Tex.	Big Spring	First	Nov. 26—	Tommy & Esther Lance	J. W. Farmer
	Brownwood	¹ Southside	Dec. 7—	Joe & Darlene Black	J. A. Faries
	Cedar Hill	A/G	Nov. 19-30	Ervin Asiatico	James Jones
	Dallas	Skyline East	Nov. 23-Dec. 7	Stewart Douglass	C. A. Bird
	Denison	Faith	Dec. 5-7	Bob McCutchen	Morris Ivey
	Grand Prairie	Evangel Temple	Nov. 30-Dec. 3	Bob Watters	James Morrison
	Kennedale	A/G	Dec. 9-17	Bob McCutchen	Bob Ellington
	Whitehouse	First	Nov. 30-Dec. 14	Jimmy Merritt	Donald Davis
Va.	Richmond	Bethel	Nov. 30-Dec. 14	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	Harry Wiles
Wash.	Yakima	Central	Dec. 10-14	Paul Clark Team	Leland Gross
Wyo.	Cheyenne	First	Nov. 30-Dec. 7	Arthur & Anna Berg	J. A. Selvey

¹Children's Revival

Due to printing schedule, announcements must reach *The Pentecostal Evangel* six weeks in advance.

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Missionary to the blind receives citation

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Mrs. Mildred Whitney, appointed missionary to the blind, has been named a Citationist in the Lane Bryant Volunteer Awards competition for 1969. The citation recognizes Mrs. Whitney's contribution as a brailist and transcriber for the blind.

"To achieve the status of Citationist is in itself an honor," Jerome E. Klein, director of the Awards Committee, pointed out. "Fewer than 20 percent of those nominated survive the rigid preliminary screening of a panel of faculty from Long Island University to become so designated."

Mrs. Whitney is being considered for one of two \$5,000 awards given annually to encourage volunteer work which benefits the American community.

Mrs. Whitney prepares materials

for the blind and operates a braille lending library in cooperation with the Home Missions Department. More than 75 braille books are now available. About 1,000 blind people receive our Assemblies of God braille publications.

October 16 marked Mildred Whitney's 20th year of ministry to the blind. In recognition, C. W. Ringness, national Home Missions secretary, presented her with a bronze plaque from the Deaf and Blind Division of the Home Missions Department.

The same evening at Central Assembly here Harry Brotzman Jr., coordinator of the deaf and blind ministries, and Sister Whitney presented a braille copy of *The Cross and the Switchblade* to author David Wilkerson, founder of Teen Challenge.

Curtis Ringness (left) national Home Missions secretary, presents Mildred Whitney with a plaque in honor of her 20th anniversary in ministry to the blind. Harry Brotzman, coordinator of deaf and blind ministries, is at the right.



Mr. Wilkerson commented that this special edition of his book would be the answer to the heart-cries of a special people—the blind.

According to Mrs. Whitney this book is proving one of the more popular of the Assemblies of God braille lending library books. It is also being transcribed into Spanish braille.

TV ministry gives added dimension to deaf work

ROCKFORD, ILL.—Appearances on television programs are giving the Lloyd Couches, missionaries to the deaf here, an added dimension to their ministry.

The local television station taped a 13-minute church service in which the Couches sang in the sign language and Brother Couch ministered in signs.

The station also taped five one-minute devotional spots in the sign language.

Following these programs, the director arranged for Brother Couch to appear on an interview program. These appearances have given them many new contacts.

Deaf school in eighth year

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Nine deaf students, representing six states and two foreign countries, have enrolled for the fall term at Central Bible College's School for the Deaf.

The school was established in 1962 on the CBC campus here. Its three-year course is designed to provide systematic Bible training for deaf persons preparing for Christian service.

The Home Missions Department has established a *Deaf Training Fund* to help needy deaf students attend the school.



This house serves as headquarters for the Boston Teen Challenge.

NEW TEEN CHALLENGE WORK SHOWS PROGRESS

BOSTON, MASS.—Since the re-activation of the Boston Teen Challenge work, rapid progress has been evident.

The 15-room gray brick mansion which serves as headquarters for the Boston work is located 35 miles outside the city. The third floor of the center is occupied by the boys and workers are attempting to provide accommodations for the girls also.

The Center already has an active ministry among young dope addicts and prisoners. Victor Jackson, director, says the staff can hardly cope with all the requests for help received from youth, parents, teachers, prison officials, and social workers.

Workers from the Teen Challenge Institute of Missions in New York have been assisting the Boston staff which now numbers eight.

The jail ministry of the Center continues to expand. Already 20 boys have come into the rehabilitation program and several addicts have been saved and filled

with the Holy Spirit.

The Jacksons recently opened their home to a teen-age girl addict. While living in their home she found the Lord as her Saviour and was delivered from drug addiction. She returned to her home and is now back in high school as an honor student.

Held in Minneapolis

A/G chaplains attend Congress of Corrections

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—The 99th Congress of Corrections convened here in August with approximately 1,200 registered delegates in attendance.

The delegates represented all the disciplines of penology and included government heads, psychiatrists, medical doctors, and chaplains of various correctional institutions throughout North America.

Fourteen of the 29 Assemblies of God correctional chaplains were present, including Harry C. Warwick, president of the American Protestant Correctional Chaplains. Paul R. Markstrom, national prison chaplain of the Assemblies of God, serves on the advisory board of the APCC and is a member of the resolutions committee.

Kentucky Assembly assists two-year-old pioneer work

MAYFIELD, KY.—First Assembly here recently gave \$600 toward the acquisition of three and one-half acres of choice property for the pioneer Trinity Assembly in Benton, Ky.

First Assembly and its pastor, Carey Puckett, invited Trinity Assembly Pastor Charles Harrison to conduct Sunday services at Mayfield. The Mayfield assembly announced they would give the day's offerings to the two-year-old pioneer work.

First Assembly's Sunday school gave a total of \$100, and the offerings for the morning and eve-

ning services came to \$500, making a total of \$600 for the day.

Pastor Harrison and his congrega-

tion deeply appreciate the generosity and love exhibited by First Assembly and its pastor.

Pastor Carey Puckett (left) of First Assembly watches Harlan Stevens (right), church treasurer, and Mary Smithson, Sunday school treasurer, present checks to Charles Harrison.





This 15-man chorale sang in the Spiritual Impact weekend. Dawn Schell sings with the group which is directed by her husband Jack.

Spiritual Impact weekend held at teen center

REHRERSBURG, PA.—More than \$3,000 was raised in pledges during the second annual Spiritual Impact weekend held at the Teen Challenge Training Center here in June. The money will be used for improvements on the grounds. An estimated 2,000 attended the

services which were conducted in a tent. Several out-of-state guests were present.

Evangelist Anthony Pagano was guest speaker, and a 15-member male choral group, directed by Jack Schell, provided special music for the services.

In Chicago

Revivaltime publication aids witness to Jews

CHICAGO, ILL.—The *Revivaltime* tabloid, "1969—Not Many Moves Left," has opened many doors of witness for Shalom Center in this city.

Ernest Kalapathy, director of the work, ordered 2,500 copies of this paper which carries articles by C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* evangelist, concerning modern-day Israel and the present Jewish situation in the light of prophecy.

Brother Kalapathy reports they sent a short letter and a copy of this paper to every synagogue listed in the Chicago directory, as well as other Jewish organizations, including the B'Nai B'rith and the Midwest Jewish Council.

Christ's Ambassadors from local churches helped distribute copies of the paper in heavily populated Jewish areas near Shalom Center. Many of the return cards which were attached to each paper have

been received at the center. These are followed up by personal visits, letters, and literature.

Shalom Center missionaries have had opportunities for personal witness to a number of key Jewish people as a result of this outreach.

Brother Kalapathy received a letter from the Jewish National and University Library in Jerusalem, Israel, requesting backdated copies of *The Jewish Witness*, a free quarterly periodical published by the National Home Missions Department of the Assemblies of God. This magazine is published primarily for non-Jews to interest them in Jewish evangelism.

The recent modernizing and re-decorating of Shalom Center is now complete. The center had open house for area ministers in late October. The dedication of the building will be held soon.

Sunday school director back at work in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA—After a six-month furlough Shirley Newton, missionary-evangelist, returned to Alaska September 1 and is continuing her ministry as an appointed home missionary and Sunday school director for the Alaska District.

Miss Newton has won many children and adults to Christ through her unusual ministry. She travels from church to church conducting children's meetings, vacation Bible schools, and workers training courses. She also ministers at camp meetings.

She began her missionary work in Alaska in 1959 as a staff mem-



Shirley Newton uses visual aids in her Alaskan ministry.

ber of the Juneau Children's Home. For the past several years her ministry has been especially blessed among the boys and girls who enjoy the object lessons, talking doll, and other visual aids she uses in teaching the Word.

Revival comes to Indian reservation

CHAMBERS, ARIZ.—Many Indians were contacted, and some came to church for the first time during a recent meeting with Navajo Evangelist Joe Ellis in the Indian Assembly here.

Others came who had not been to church for some time, and attendance reached a high of 62. The altars were filled each night with backsliders getting right with God.

"Many young people who have

heard the gospel for years attended the meeting," says Missionary Thomas A. Koons. "Some of them came to pray. The pressures in school plus their Indian customs and traditions are very strong, and Indian youth find it difficult to take their stand for God.

"Recently we gave out tracts and witnessed to many Navajos at the trading posts and bars in our area. We visited over 30 homes and prayed with the people."

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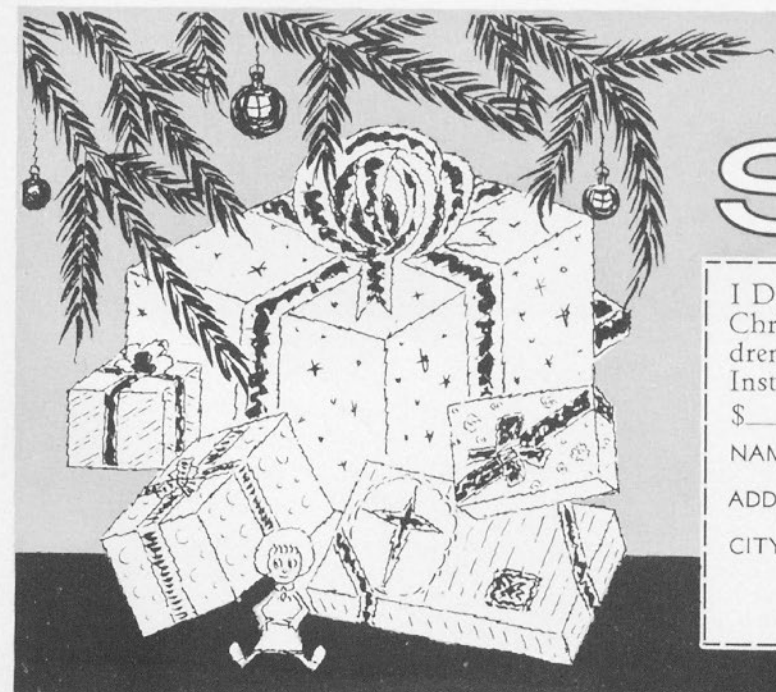
Miss *Claudie L. Gilcrest* of Albuquerque, N. Mex., has recently received appointment to the American Indian ministry. She will be laboring in the Albuquerque area.

The *Richard Hoopingarners*, formerly missionaries to Indians in Arizona, are now ministering at Porterville, Calif., replacing E. M. Clark, who resigned due to his health.

L. Dean Jackson resigned from the Indian Church at Bloomfield, N. Mex., and is pioneering a new Indian work in Wright City, Okla.

The *Floyd Cruses* resigned their Indian work at Cameron, Ariz., and moved to Kingman, Ariz., to begin a new Indian outreach.

The *Gene Steeles* are now ministering on the Indian field in a new work at Chinle, Ariz.



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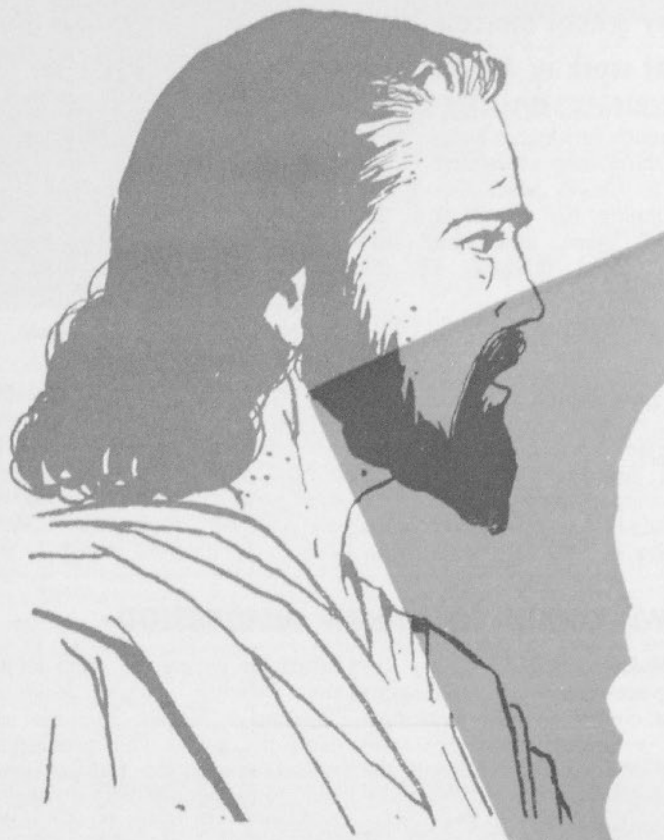
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REPRODUCING THE LIKENESS OF JESUS

By RAYMOND L. COX

SEVERAL YEARS AGO Manfred Selig bought a painting of the Annunciation in a Canadian antique shop for \$100. Suspecting that underneath was an older and more valuable painting, he arranged to have it X-rayed in Germany.

There beneath the picture of Mary and the angel was a painting of Jesus which appeared to have been done about the 15th century. The paintings were expertly separated by a special process at the Italian government's art restoration center in Rome. Then a German art historian confirmed that the hidden painting was indeed the work of Giovanni Bellini, a 15th-century master.

So Mr. Selig's \$100 investment may bring him as much as \$250,000 if he decides to sell it.

But why would any artist have been so ignorant of value and so eager to display his own "talents" that he would cover up such a treasure? "Gilding the lily" only cheapened it.

Outside the field of art, men and women have also been guilty of obscuring the face of Christ from the world by some gilding of their own.

It may be hero worship, the undue honor we pay to men, which puts Christ in second place. It was in the year that King Uzziah died that Isaiah "saw also the Lord . . . high and lifted up." His earthly hero was gone; then his vision cleared.

False teachers in the Colossian church obscured the vision of Christ as the Head of all things by teaching the worship of angels. It took the apostle Paul to separate this gilding from the true Christ and put Him back where He belonged in the Colossian church.

Repeatedly Paul spoke of "spoiling" and "beguiling" in connection with this false teaching, and pointed the Colossians back to Christ. "He is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head . . . that in all things he might have the preeminence" (Colossians 1:17, 18).

"For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (2:9).

We may not be tempted to worship angels, but whatever we allow to come between us and Christ, or between us and our clear portrayal of Christ to the world, is to be avoided. It approaches idolatry.

One definition of the great term *Christians* is "little Christs." The name was first coined to mock the believers, but they prized it highly. They would have protested being called little Pauls, but they welcomed identification as followers of Jesus Christ. They were most concerned with presenting Him to the world without gilding or obscuring the picture in any way.

And so must 20th-century believers seek recognition primarily as Christ's followers. When your neighbor thinks of you in a religious context, does he think of you only as a Baptist, or a Methodist, or a Pentecostal? Has your denominational affiliation become so important that it covers up the Christ you want him to see on the canvas of your life?

Christ is the surpassing treasure, the exquisite excellency. Without Him, the best religious affiliation is nothing but splendid cipher! If Jesus cannot be seen in your life—if you are a better reflection of your preacher or of your creed or of your ambitions than you are of your Lord—then it is time for you to experience a spiritual operation!

The Holy Spirit specializes in reproducing the likeness of Jesus in human lives and in restoring Him to His rightful place of preeminence. Jesus said of Him, "He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you" (John 16:14).

The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus in many ways. Perhaps His most amazing masterpieces are produced when He restores human nature defaced by the Fall and uses it as a canvas on which to portray the power of Christ.

Let us guard against allowing anything or anyone to mar that likeness which the Holy Spirit is producing in our lives. 