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

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WHERE IS THE KING?

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PLACE!

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ONLY GOD COULD HAVE THOUGHT OF CHRISTMAS! What a way for Divinity to come down to man. A King, a Redeemer, born in a cowshed!

Man would have planned it so differently. He would never have included a humble man like Joseph the carpenter; an unknown young virgin named Mary; a cold-hearted innkeeper; a smelly stable as a nursery; and humble shepherds as the first worshipers of the incarnate Son of God.

The Wise Men came from the East asking, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him" (Matthew 2.2). They had the right idea but were in the wrong place to find the King. In all the splendor, glitter, glamour, and pomp of Jerusalem, the King was not to be found. He was hidden away in a lowly place, an obscure stable in Bethlehem.

We come again to the Christmas season. Stores are filled with merchandise, and streets are thronged with shoppers. There are brightly lighted trees, pageants, laughter, and songs. *But where is the King?*

The King cannot be found today among the proud and haughty, the great and the grand. If you want to find Him this Christmas season, you will have to look elsewhere than in the noise and din of celebration, the pomp and glory of ceremonies, or the man-made shrines. He isn't found there.

In the midst of all the rush and preparations for Christmas, where can one find the King? Amid all the laughter and conversation of your traditional family reunions, is the King there? In the opening of the presents around the Christmas tree, will the King be found?

The Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—gifts worthy indeed of a King—and spread them out before Him. We still bring our gifts at Christmas, but they are for ourselves! Where are our gifts for the King?

Jesus was not born in Jerusalem; He did not die there. He was crucified "outside the camp," away from all earthly glory on a forsaken hill called Golgotha.

There was no glitter or glamour at Calvary when He died there. It was a place of horrible realism. Cursing, shoving mobs were there. Nice people never frequented the place; *but the King was there!* Pilate, the Roman governor, recognized this and over the cross he had written, "Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews."

Where is the King? One would not expect to find Him hanging on a cross, covered with blood and spittle, rejected and scorned by His enemies and deserted by His friends. But there He was—the King.

The Old Testament records how one of King David's sons, Absalom, slew Amnon his brother and fled from justice. Three years later he was allowed to return to Jerusalem but David said, "Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face." Absalom returned to his home but did not see the king's face.

At this Christmas season almost every church in America will present a Christmas program. You probably will sit somewhere in a sanctuary and view the Christmas story. But will you see the King? Many will return to their own homes, as Absalom did, but will not see the King. Many will continue through another year until next Christmas without once seeing the King.

Absalom stayed in Jerusalem two whole years without seeing the king's face. He received food from the king's table. He had all the blessings of a king's son. But one thing was lacking—he couldn't see the king! All the material blessings failed to satisfy his heart, and he cried out to see the king's face or die.

At this Christmas season the greatest need in the world is for men to see the face of the King. We have seen everything else. Religion today is refined and cultured. Our church buildings are convenient and comfortable. We are rich and increased with goods. But in it all there is an emptiness. All the glitter, the tinsel, the songs, and the feasts leave the heart unsatisfied. It is crying out with the Wise Men of old, "Where is the King?"

Our generation of churchgoers has empty hands, empty

hearts, empty lives, and empty religious services—all because we have sought the King in the elegance of Jerusalem rather than in the lowliness of Bethlehem.

Do you have a desire to find the King? Does your heart long for reality? I have wonderful news for you at this Christmas season. *The King can be found!*

He may still be found where He was during His earthly ministry—among the humble, the impoverished, the for-

saken multitudes. He may still be found as He was in His death—despised and rejected of men.

The King will never be found in the sham and show of a modern Christmas. He will only be found in humble penitent hearts.

If men were to come to your city seeking Jesus, would they find Him in your church? In your home? In your heart?



GOD'S CHRISTMAS BEACON

By Evangelist JAMES L. SNYDER

THE EARLY MORNING DARKNESS clung stubbornly to the jungle, refusing to surrender to the first weak advances of daylight. The ground was damp and slimy as the young Marine crawled on hands and knees. His whispers and muffled calls to the men on his right and left went unanswered.

"How long has it been since one of them answered?" he said to himself.

Suddenly a big bird burst from its nest with what seemed like the sound of a hundred drums. The boy gasped and fell flat on the ground trembling. Then the dark jungle was again gripped in silence.

The Leatherneck resumed his struggle forward, fighting the thick foliage for every inch of progress. He stopped to listen for his friends, then cupped his hands and with loud whispers called out the names of the men he hoped were still with him. There was no answer. Again he called, and again only the sounds of the jungle answered.

"I'm lost!" he mumbled to himself fearfully. "I'm lost!"

At that moment the boy heard voices. He huddled close to the ground. Straining his eyes, he saw flashes of movement and recognized the color of enemy uniforms. The voices came clearer now, and he knew it to be the language of the enemy. He held his breath as the patrol passed just a few yards from where he was hiding.

The forest closed behind the enemy soldiers, and the stillness of the early morning settled around him.

The lad remained hidden to be sure a second patrol was not coming his way. As he lay with his head close to the earth and peered through the thick underbrush, he suddenly realized he could see bright sunlight. His heart quickened with hope as he crawled toward the light. In a matter of minutes he emerged from the jungle into an open field. The early morning sun was bright and warm. Across the field, about 1,000 yards, he could see a Marine rifle company outpost. The light had guided him to safety.

It was light that guided the Wise Men to Christ on that first Christmas. "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" they asked. "For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. . . . And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was" (Matthew 2:2, 9).

For them the star was the beginning of the Christmas story.

We cannot tell from the Scriptures how those men associated the appearing of this star with the birth of the Christchild. But we do know that the star guided them to Christ. It was God's Christmas beacon that led them to His Son. It guided them from the barren, burning desert to the glittering still waters of His presence. "We have seen his star . . . and are come to worship him," they said.

God has hung out a star for our guiding light today. David, the Old Testament shepherd and king, testified, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). Jesus said, "The scriptures . . . are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). And John the apostle echoed his Master's voice when he announced that his Gospel was written "that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31). The Bible, God's modern daystar, leads men to Christ today.

Many remember the red, white, and blue banners which hung in the windows of thousands of homes during World War II. Each young person who had answered the call to military service was represented by a blue star on the banner.

One December afternoon a boy and his father walked along the sidewalk counting the many stars hanging proudly in the windows. Suddenly the boy stopped—there in one window hung a banner, but not with a blue star; it was gold.

"Why is that star gold?" the lad asked.

"That means this home has given a son to die for his country," the father answered.

God's Christmas beacon, the Bible, not only guides us to Jesus, but shows us that the Heavenly Father gave His Son to die. "He . . . spared not his own Son," the Scriptures tell us, "but delivered him up for us all" (Romans 8:32).

Just as the star led the Wise Men to Jesus more than 1900 years ago, the Bible is the shining light to guide men to Him this Christmas.

Make the Bible a part of your Christmas this year. It will show you the true meaning of this grand and glorious season.

Understanding the Word

AS EVERY STUDENT of the Scriptures well knows, the books of the Bible are not printed in chronological order. The historical books of the Old Testament, for example, are grouped in one section and the writings of the prophets in another. The Epistles are all in one section of the New Testament and the history of the Early Church which tells how they came to be written is recorded separately.

One gets a new understanding of the Word and a new appreciation of its relevance when he reads it through in the order in which the events occurred. Try reading the poetic and prophetic books in connection with Kings and Chronicles where they belong. Read alternately in the Acts and the Epistles, relating each letter of the experiences of the apostle who wrote it. Rearrange the chapters of Jeremiah in the order in which he wrote them.

You will find this kind of study makes the Bible a new and intensely interesting Book. However, you will need some guidance. A printed guide is just off the press at the Gospel Publishing House; it is entitled, "Through the Bible This Year," and it lists all the books and chapters in chronological order. It is the daily Bible reading program recommended for 1970.

Of course, there are some differences of opinion among Bible scholars as to the correct order of the Biblical events. The research in this case was done by Dr. Stanley M. Horton who is better qualified for this work than any other man we know. Brother Horton places Job, the oldest book of the Bible, after the first 22 chapters of Genesis. He fits Psalm 90 in between Exodus and Leviticus. Other psalms he puts with Chronicles to show how music enriched the temple worship.

We recommend this new guide, "Through the Bible This Year," to all who wish to read the entire Bible in 1970. It lists a reading for each day, from Genesis to Revelation, all in chronological order. The guide is catalog item 13-EV-6601.

Many have been blessed this year by "Scriptures to Live By," the daily readings which have appeared in each *Evangel* since January. Some have suggested this list is too valuable to discard at the end of the year, and have asked if it could be reprinted. We are happy to announce that the Gospel Publishing House has done this. It will be a regular catalog item.

The list of "Great Bible Chapters" also has been reprinted. You may recall that this list was used in 1966 and it was greatly appreciated. Since it calls for the reading of exactly one chapter each day, some may prefer it over other reading plans, so this list of 365 greatest chapters has been put in a new foldout form, attractively printed in two colors. In addition, a bookmark of "21 Favorite Psalms" has been printed (just in time for Christmas) and also a card of "Bible Readings from Calvary to Pentecost" (which will be useful later). Individuals, families, Bible classes, and other groups can find many ways to use these items to encourage and enrich Bible reading.

All these reading guides are listed in a new brochure entitled, "Bible Reading Programs." The brochure contains numerous ideas and materials to promote Bible reading and you may obtain a free copy on request (see ad on page 28 of this *Evangel*).

We especially recommend the new chronological guide, "Through the Bible This Year." All who follow it will enjoy a fresh adventure in reading and understanding the Word of God. —r.c.c.

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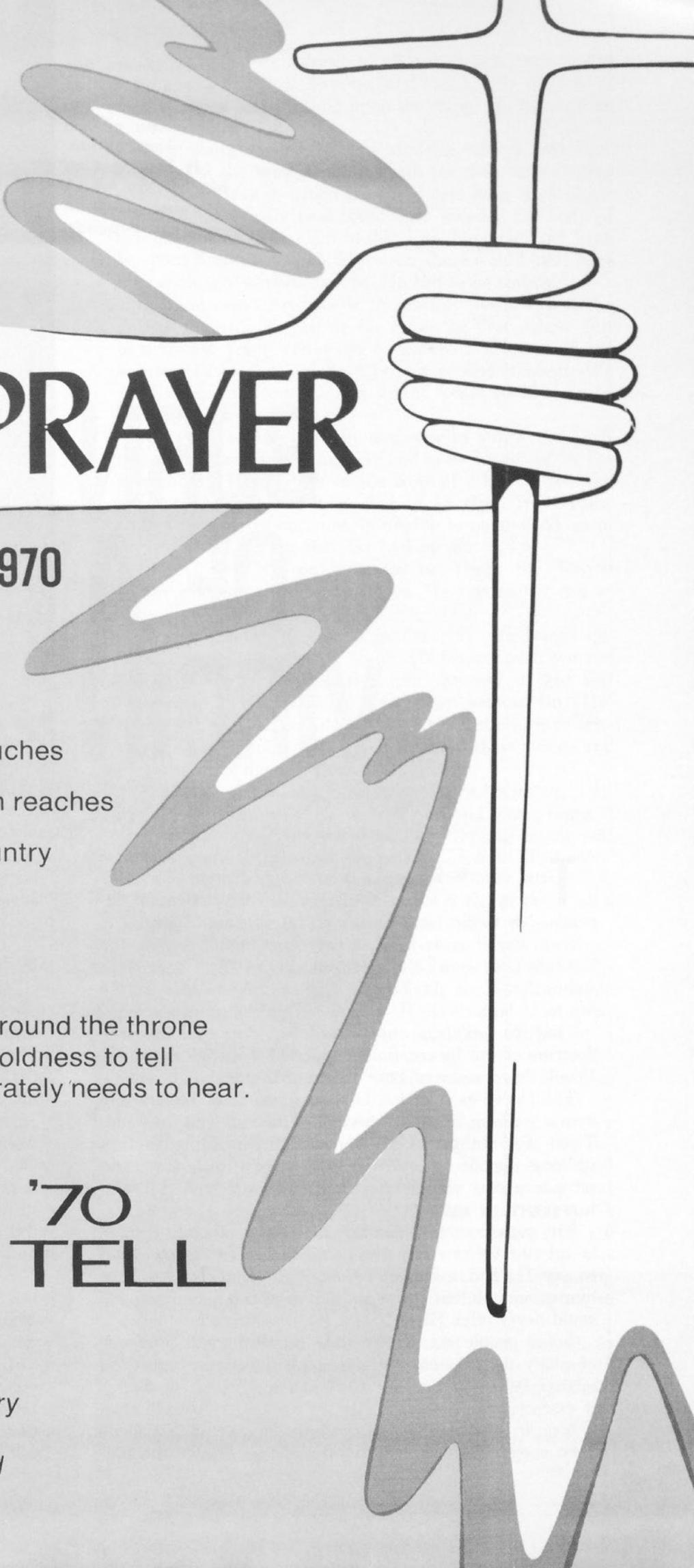
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of grace; then go out with holy boldness to tell
the good news this world desperately needs to hear.

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BORN OF A VIRGIN

By JOHN WHITE

THE VIRGIN BIRTH is more than just a Christmas story! It is a fact of history on which salvation depends. No virgin birth means no forgiveness of sins.

In a way it is as vital as the empty tomb. For if the Resurrection shows that Jesus is divine, the virgin birth shows that He is also human. And in order to save us, He has to be both.

That may explain why from Jesus' day until now the doctrine of the Incarnation has always been under attack. People have resorted both to superstition and to sneers.

The Docetists said that He was never truly human. He was a walking illusion that looked human, but was not. There was nothing of Mary's humanity in Him. Well, a walking illusion cannot *die*. And only a real death can provide a real salvation.

DIFFERENT IN ESSENCE

The more common tendency is to sneer (though it must be admitted that some theologians sneer reverently) and to say He had a human father. This way He would be human enough, but sinful and not divine. As a sinner, He could never offer Himself as a sacrifice for sin.

Some people say, "Isn't this beautiful myth only one of many myths among early peoples about supernatural births? It is true that the Christian myth is *nicer*, but is it essentially different?"

Yes, it is. It is different not only in content, but in its very essence. Ancient myths are of two kinds—the fan-



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tastic and the disgusting. The story of Mary's conception is neither.

Take myths that grow up around the birth of Buddha for instance. One story has it that an elephant entered the left side of a noble Indian lady. Inside her it turned into Buddha. Stripped of poetry and symbolism, and conceived as a historical event, this story is not just fantastic. It is comic! Whatever you may believe about the story of Mary's conception, it is neither bizarre nor comic.

On the other hand the Greek legends are beautiful but disgusting. They have to do with gods who had sensual passions and came down to earth to make love to human women. To suggest that the account in Scripture of what God did to Mary is "only another (but superior) legend" is not only offensive, it is absurd. For the Holy Spirit was in no sense the natural father of the Lord Jesus. Indeed this takes us to the very heart of what the Incarnation was and how radically Christ differs from the half-gods of Greek mythology. He was not the product of sexual union, but of a miracle performed in the body of a woman. From Mary He took a complete human nature. He was a whole man—not half man, half god.

In the Early Church, the Docetists were not the only ones to teach error about Christ. There was Nestorius, for instance. Nestorius was so obsessed by the two sides of Christ's personality, that he practically made Him into two persons. The Son of God and the man Jesus were

linked together like Siamese twins. Another teacher, Eutychus, went to the other extreme. He taught that Jesus was one person with one nature.

Perhaps the most ingenious idea was that of Apollinarius. Apollinarius would have fitted very well, in some ways, into a modern Fundamentalist church. He believed, for one thing, that man was a tripartite being—body, soul, and spirit. Jesus, he taught, had the body and soul of a man, but in place of His *spirit* was the divine being.

The idea at first seems harmless enough. But it is not what the Bible teaches. It is, for one thing, an oversimplification. The real truth is at once simple and deeply mysterious. More than this, in Apollinarius's thinking, God the Son never became truly human. *He merely inhabited the shell of a human personality.* And Scripture teaches very plainly that God did not just indwell a human personality. He became man. "Therefore he had to be made like these brothers of his in every way . . . to expiate the sins of the people" (Hebrews 2:17, NEB).

What the Bible really teaches was clarified by the church leaders who met in Chalcedon in the year 451. They did not attempt to lay bare every aspect of the mystery of the Incarnation. What they did was to establish certain essentials that serve to guide us even today. They declared that Scripture taught that Christ was one person with two natures—a divine and a human. He is man and He is God; yet He is one person. He did not become less God by becoming a man. Nor is He less man because He is God. "The Word was God" (John 1:1). "The Word was made flesh" (John 1:14).

PROBLEM OF INTELLIGENCE

Of course, this poses problems. There is the problem of His intelligence, for instance. How much did Jesus of Nazareth know? If He was one person, was His intelligence finite or infinite? If He had infinite intelligence, He faced life with resources we can never possess. Therefore could He truly be regarded as man? .

We can never fully penetrate the depths of this mystery. But it will help us greatly to understand what the Council of Chalcedon meant when they said Christ had two natures.

The word *nature* is confusing. We use it in different ways. We say, "Jack has a vindictive nature." What we mean is that Jack has a vindictive disposition or character. But when we speak of Christ's human nature, we are not saying that He had a human disposition. We are saying that He partook of the very essence of humanity (what the old theologians called human substance). He thus took on Him the essence of humanity without abandoning the essence of deity.

Now the old theologians are insistent on the fact that while these two essences or substances are united in one person, they are not mingled in any way. They speak of a *hypostatic* union. The human nature retains human properties and the divine nature divine properties, but the two sets of properties do not mingle.

It is here indeed that we stand on the banks of mystery. If we ask whether Jesus possessed human intelligence or divine, the answer is: He possessed both. There were times when He spoke or acted as a man. There were times when He spoke and acted as God. There were times when both natures seemed to play their part.

As He faced temptation and trial, He faced them as a man, using only the resources that we are capable of using

ourselves. He was subject to all our limitations. As He fought with disease, demons, and death, He did so as God the Son. As He hung upon the cross, He did so both as man and as God.

Once you grasp the idea of someone who is both man and God at the same time, you will see that there is only one possible way in which He could ever have entered the world. Theoretically God could have invaded the body of another human being. But in that case, He would not have been one person, but two. Moreover there would have been the problem of a sinful nature. He had to be sinless.

Or God could have made the earthly Jesus out of the dust of the ground, just as He made the first Adam. But in that case Jesus would not have been a member of *our human race*. He would have been a special creation. We are all sons of Adam. Only a son of Adam could truly be one of us and represent us.

No, there was only really one way in which the God-man could come into being. He had to be conceived by the work of the Holy Ghost in the body of a human woman. In that way, while not ceasing to be God, He became truly a member of our race, belonging to us and like us in every respect, except that He had no sin.

In this way He could die for us. He is the Second Adam who can truly represent us. He was and is one of us.

Having entered the world in this way, He brings another enormous advantage to us. He knows what we feel like. He knows because He went through it. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15). That means He would feel the lure of self-pity and self-indulgence. He would know these things and He would put them in their place.

For that very reason He can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. As we struggle and weep, there is one who has struggled and wept (with strong crying and tears) before us. He can sympathize because He knows. He can help because He conquered.

Therefore I repeat that the virgin birth is not just a beautiful story. It is a fact on which a lot depends.

In spirit I go with the Wise Men and with the shepherds to look and wonder. I see a baby, a baby that looks much like any other baby. No halo, no beautiful smile (newborn babies do not smile). No frills or talcum powder either. Just a baby in the swaddling clothes of a peasant. When it is hungry it screws up its little face and cries. (I shrink from saying, "*He* screws up *His* face and cries.") It has to be fed.

I fall down with the Wise Men and worship. I worship not only because I am in the presence of God, but because I am beginning for the first time to see what God is like. And I am overwhelmed. I want to turn my head away for I am appalled at His humiliation. And yet I want to look, for I am glad with all my heart that He has done it. He has become one of us. He has not despised the virgin's womb. He has been born of a woman, made under the Law. He has come to live among us, to suffer and to die.

So I worship. And with my cracked voice, as well as I can, I sing with the hosts who adore Him: "Glory to God in the highest; oh, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

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IT WAS 5:30 IN THE MORNING when we passed the border to freedom. Scrambling up the hill with my wife and two children, we looked back. The Communist guards, soon to be relieved by another shift, were in the bushes smoking and talking. They did not see or hear us!"

This is how Reinhold and Berta Rodewald with their two children, a girl 12 and a boy 9, came to the free world from behind the Iron Curtain. But that hazardous crossing of the border into West Germany from the Communist regime of Walter Ulbricht was more than a door to political freedom. It also brought them spiritual freedom and a whole new way of life!

Reinhold and Berta, with their 15-year-old son Ewald who was born in West Germany, are members of Portland's Northeast Assembly of God. Many things have happened since he served in the German Army under Hitler in World War II.

"The war ended for me on May 8, 1945," said Reinhold. "I was on the Russian front when the German lines collapsed. That was the day we laid down our weapons and were carted off to a Communist prison camp. I had entered the army on September 1, 1939. Now, a little less than six years later, we were defeated and I was a prisoner of war!"

The next three and a half years passed slowly for the young man. He speaks little of those long months in captivity. There were no letters from home or word about the family, and his loneliness was intense.

Yet everything comes to an end, and in December 1948 he was released. But it was a dreary homecoming as he returned to Eisenach. Reinhold said, "My family was gone, my house was gone, and my freedom was gone! There was nothing left." The war had taken its toll.

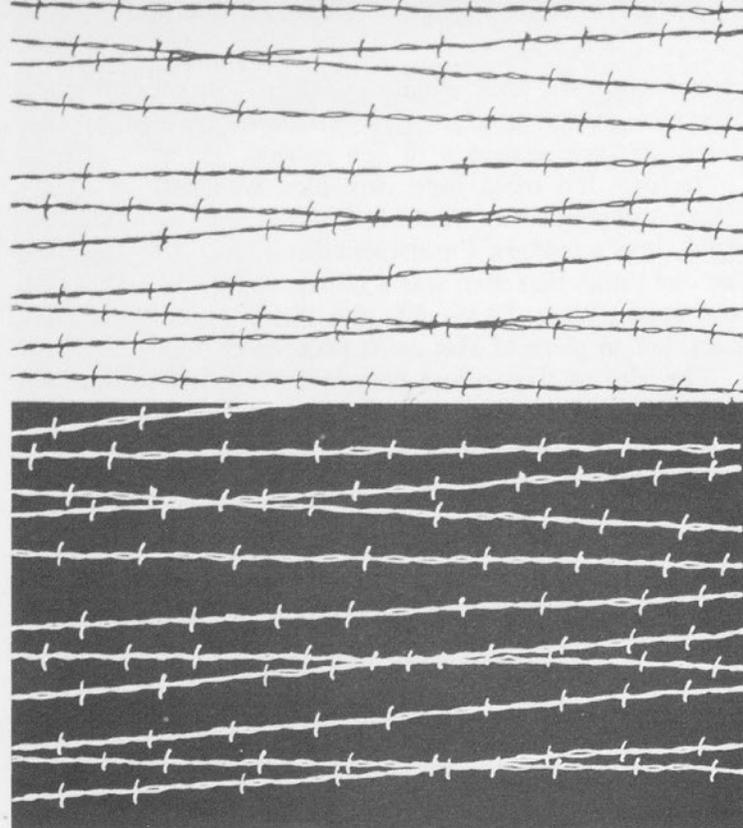
So another way of life began for Reinhold Rodewald. The Russian government, now in control of East Germany, confiscated the grand old estates of the nobility. To his surprise, he was chosen as one to be given a small farm. He would cultivate the 39 acres, but all would be controlled by the state. It was at this time that he met Berta, and they were married.

However, life was hard and things were different under the new regime. Half of what they produced was taken by the state. The government controls were very restrictive, and the economy dipped sharply. In 1949 even bare survival became a problem. Berta, who worked alongside her husband in the fields, went down to 88 pounds. "There wasn't much food," she said, "and we tried to see that the children were taken care of first."

One day the Rodewalds made an important decision. "We cannot live here much longer. Life will be better in the West!"

For the next two years they saved everything possible. Reinhold held back as much produce as he could and sold it on the black market. At last they had in their possession 1,200 marks, approximately \$75 in U.S. money. The day they crossed the border, this sum they had accumulated over two years shrank to 400 marks because of the exchange. So the Rodewalds came to the West with the clothes on their backs and \$25 in cash to show for their life's work up to that moment.

It was October 1950 and 10 o'clock at night. The husband, wife, and two children closed the door and walked away from their farm home. Stumbling through the dark-



THROUGH THE IRON CURTAIN TO A NEW WAY OF LIFE

By L. A. STELLER

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ness they made their way to Eisenach. Here, at a designated intersection, they climbed in the back of an old pickup. The owner had agreed to take them to the border for a stiff price. Taking back roads most of the way, the truck pulled up in front of a house an hour and a half later. They were told that the lady who lived there would guide them across the border.

Not too happy with the unexpected guests, the woman said, "I cannot help you. The police know that I have assisted others and I am being watched. You can, how-

TOP RIGHT: Reinhold and Berta Rodewald now are members of the Northeast Assembly in Portland, Oregon. The church's cornerstone is in the background. **RIGHT:** Reinhold and Berta (left) walked to church with her sisters and their families after they had crossed into West Germany. **FAR RIGHT:** Reinhold was on the Russian front when the German lines collapsed in May 1945.

ever, rest for a few hours in the attic and then you must go."

It was 4:30 in the morning when Berta shook her husband. "Wake up, we will go now!"

The family walked sleepily down the dark country road. They had gone only a few hundred yards when a light flashed in their faces. "Halt! Where are you going this time of the night?"

Once again Berta spoke up. "We are on our way to the next farm to help our friends with the potato harvest."



The answer seemed to satisfy, and they were waved on.

In a few minutes they came to the farm where Berta's friends lived. The border went through the property, and one corner extended into West Germany. When the farm wife who knew Berta opened the door, she realized that the family had not come to work in the potato fields.

"Go," said the woman, "out past the barn and through the pasture. If there are no guards on the border, run quickly. This is a good time to go."

The first gray streaks of dawn were in the sky as the Rodewalds quietly walked out into the field. Ahead was a slight rise, and when they reached that, they would be in West Germany. No one was in sight. With hearts pounding, they passed the border at 5:30. Looking back down the hill, they saw the border guards relaxing in the bushes, smoking and talking. God had diverted their attention while scarcely a hundred yards away the family had slipped past the guard station.

They walked and walked, stopping now and then for a brief rest. Shortly after noon they reached a town and boarded the train. They went to his sister's home in the large city and stayed for a week until he found work.

In October 1956 they came to Hillsboro, sponsored by a Christian farmer. Early the next year they moved to Portland and Reinhold obtained work in a foundry.

Living in America, however, does not necessarily solve

personal problems; in this case it only created more. It was 1961, and Rodewald was desperately unhappy. In Germany he had been a church member, but that was long ago! Now he had no friends, was discouraged, and had turned to drink. The language barrier was a great obstacle. He wished he might return to Germany.

One day he heard a voice. "Reinhold, read the Bible and you will find a Friend!" Over a period of many days the same words came again and again. At last he found a Bible and began to read.

A wonderful thing happened. The terrible feeling of loneliness was gone. The Bible became a living Book, and he could not put it down. He read it through, staying up until midnight for days on end. On the job, while others ate their lunch, he was reading Scriptures. It was like a man dying of thirst finding a cool, sparkling stream.

An Oklahoma friend had been miraculously healed through prayer and wrote the Rodewalds about her experience. "We must drive to Oklahoma and see for ourselves. I must learn more about God's power," he told his wife. So he took his vacation, and they drove south to the friend's home. Daily prayer meetings were in progress, and Reinhold and Berta never missed one. When they returned home, he took his stand as a Christian. They began worshiping with a small group of German-speaking people.

On the Fourth of July, 1968, the Rodewalds had driven to Bethel Park, the campgrounds of the Oregon Assemblies of God. That night as he walked down the sawdust trail to the prayer room, God did something special for him. He received the baptism in the Holy Spirit accompanied by speaking in other tongues as on the Day of Pentecost. And so a wonderful new way of life began for Reinhold and Berta.

Shortly afterward they were praying that God would guide them to a church home. In telling about it, he said, "God led us to Northeast Assembly. As we walked through the doors, I had a wonderful warm feeling in my heart and we sensed the presence of the Lord. Fifteen minutes after the service began, I leaned over and whispered to Berta, 'This is our church!' She smiled back at me and nodded her head. 'Yes, this is our church together!'"

In many respects the Rodewalds' flight to freedom is typical of their spiritual journey. It is not easy for one whose life is controlled by Satan to step across the line to God's side. Satan has his border guards too!

But the man or woman who wants to serve the Lord can come across. Many have left the old life behind to find a new life in Jesus Christ.

And you can too! Why not begin the journey to happiness and everlasting life this very day? 





THIS IS REVIVAL!

By **NORMAN L. CORRELL** / *National Secretary, Christ's Ambassadors Department*

NOW THAT THE YEAR OF REVIVAL is about over, what have been the results? What roles have youth played, and what are their expectations for 1970?

The energy of youth seems to be boundless. Elders look on in awe and envy at the potential presented by the endless activity of early life. This energizes a constant search for values and truth that youth can translate into causes and purposes to control life and afford rewarding goals. For many, this search is a frustrating dead end whose tension is released in violence.

For young people in the Assemblies of God, 1969 has been a year of building, not destroying. Since each generation must have its own revival, youth have taken this year to become more involved with God. The results are showing this to be true. Here is the evidence.

Perhaps the most dramatic development has been the increase of youth participation in witnessing. Through the Ambassadors in Mission (AIM) program relatively small numbers have produced huge results in souls won to Christ. Without exception, teams have returned from overseas witnessing with resounding testimonies and excited spirits. Eight foreign countries felt the influence of their lives, and over 6,000 souls were won into the Kingdom. This sounds like revival!

Young people are not content to be the "church of tomorrow." Intense desire to be part of the "now" scene has placed them in positions of leadership as far as activity is concerned. In the "Impact" witnessing program in the Dallas area more than 70 percent of the workers involved were Christ's Ambassadors.

Local and district AIM programs have occurred throughout the U.S. this year involving 10,000 CA's. It would be impossible for statistics to reflect the results. This sounds like revival!

In the mission field of the secular college campus, Chi Alpha groups continue to be formed to minister to the students including the Pentecostal youth on campus.

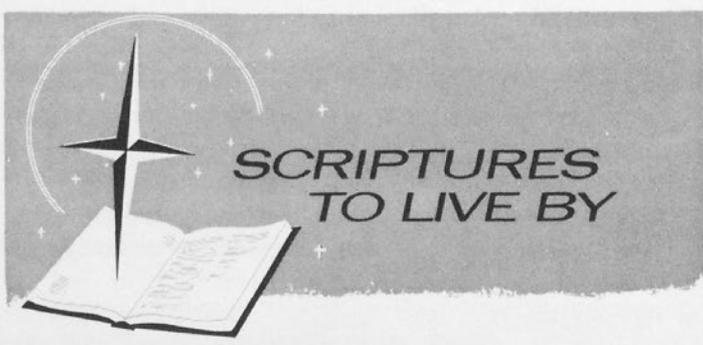
Evangelism is working on the secular campus. Chi Alpha reports indicate that the Holy Spirit is moving on the college scene. Koinonia cells strengthen the individual Christian and enlarge his influence for Christ. This sounds like revival!

The Word of God is indelibly printed on the hearts of the record number of CA's involved in 1969's Bible Quiz program. The Gospel of Mark came alive to them as they became familiar with it. We have scriptural promise that their faith will grow as they hear the Word, and the reports from individuals and groups indicate that it is happening. This sounds like revival!

The fires of warfare continue to burn. World security demands the deployment of our troops around the globe. Thus our ministry to servicemen cannot diminish—and it hasn't diminished. Letters constantly arrive, giving testimonies, asking for advice, and expressing interest in spiritual matters. This sounds like revival!

Youth camps are proving to be even more dynamic than ever before. Here are portions of the reports from two camps.

Dave Milley, New Jersey district CA president: "The greatest youth camp ever held in New Jersey was this past camping season. God moved in, and we saw the evidence of real revival. Many found Christ as Saviour; 126 were filled with the Spirit."



**SCRIPTURES
TO LIVE BY**

DAILY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 15-21

Theme of the Week: **PRAYING ABOUT IT**

Mon. Psalm 141:1-10	Thurs. Mark 14:32-42
Tues. Psalm 143:1-12	Fri. Luke 11:1-13
Wed. Matthew 6:5-15	Sat. 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Sun. James 5:13-20	

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Luke 11:9).

Paul Bruton, Southern California district CA president: "Pentecost fell at Pinecrest again. Sometimes it seems that we expect certain moves of God and do not really appreciate the depth and intensity when the move comes. Youth camp falls in this category. Each year I become more convinced that our youth are so hungry and concerned that they come to camp *knowing* that God just can't disappoint them—and He doesn't." This sounds like revival!

Speed-the-Light in its 25th year seems to have tasted of the fountain of youth. Its vigor accelerates with age. Each record-breaking year such as this one is accompanied by the dedication and involvement necessary to make STL a success. The victorious reports from local groups are matched only by the resounding thank you's from missionaries who use the equipment to win souls. This sounds like revival!

Local and area CA's evidence an upswing in interest in the things of God. Reports are carried regularly in the *CA Herald*, *CA Guide*, and *CAM* of the successful work of young people who have involved themselves with both spiritual and physical needs of man. With their witness they are cashing in on the spiritual awakening occurring across America. This sounds like revival!

What about 1970? We dare not set our goals too low! Nor can we afford to relive 1969. We face a new Year of Involvement. After our own revival we must capitalize on the general spiritual awakening and then "Go and Tell."

In the midst of a great revival in Capernaum, Jesus refused to let Himself be a victim of the glory of the moment. When the Word had been preached and His popularity had grown to the point that the disciples said "All men seek for thee." He kept his mission in proper perspective with the answer, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also; for therefore came I forth" (Mark 1:37, 38).

CA's are not going to let their successes hide their goal. Next year should see 15,000 youth involved in organized house-to-house witnessing programs in the United States with CA's continuing to play the major role in Impact. The goal for overseas involvement is 15 countries and 500 young people. Another achievement sought is to have youth from every district participate in at least one AIM program.

The work of the Servicemen's Division is already determined as an overwhelming number of new names have arrived, in addition to the regular flow of letters from men in need.

The College Youth Division presses toward its goal of 100 chartered chapters in 1970. The college scene is being reached for Christ. Three out of every four letters coming to the division from chapters either report on or ask about witnessing programs.

Speed-the-Light will begin moving toward the two-million-dollar-per-year mark and will make considerable progress toward the 4,000th vehicle. (It is past the 3,500 mark now.)

District and local programs will grow immensely. Camps will continue their spiritual influence. Conventions will continue to outgrow auditoriums. The move is on from revival to involvement. We are moving out of the grandstands into the main arena of human needs.

This is revival!



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YOUR QUESTIONS

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS



Please explain what is meant by the first Adam and the second Adam.

In Romans 5:12-21 Paul is comparing Adam with Christ. Adam was the beginning and head of the human race which was plunged into sin through his transgression. Christ, who came to save us from our sins, has become the beginning and head of a new spiritual body of people who are saved through faith in His atoning blood. Sin came through the first Adam; salvation came through Christ, the second Adam.

Where do we find the statement so often quoted: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he"?

This is found in Proverbs 23:7. The setting is: A person is invited to dine with one who seeks to use the occasion for personal advantage. "Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee." He has other motives—"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (see verses 6-8). It teaches us not to be fooled by outward show but to weigh carefully before we act.

What will the "wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath" be like? Were they fulfilled at Pentecost? (Acts 2:19, 20).

Peter quoted from Joel 2:28-32 in support of the promise of the Pentecostal blessing to all who "call on the name of the Lord." I do not find a record of literal fire and blood and darkened skies having been seen at Pentecost.

These things may take place in connection with the outpouring of the Spirit in the Millennium. This I must leave with the Lord.

What information can you give me concerning Job? I consulted the "Encyclopedia Americana" and it said he was a mythological character.

The Bible speaks of Job as a real man. Not only does the Book of Job say this, but other Biblical writers speak of him as one of God's choice servants (Ezekiel 14:14, 20; James 5:11).

Is prayerlessness a sin? I do not like to pray.

Prayer is talking to your Heavenly Father. It is good to get alone with God. You may not be a big talker, but you can let Jesus know you love Him.

Quiet and careful reading of the Bible can help as a stimulus to prayer, especially reading the New Testament. As you read, you may come to one of God's precious promises. Why not think about it and definitely thank God for the promise? At another time a scripture may instruct, pointing out where you lack or have need. Then how sweet to tell Jesus about this need and ask Him to help you.

Prayerlessness might be considered a sin of neglect. Jesus set an example for us; He often prayed to His Father, and we are told that "men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

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.

THE WORLD'S MOST NEGLECTED MISSION FIELD

By JERRY L. SANDIDGE
National College Youth Representative

THE ESTABLISHMENT MUST GO at any cost!" "Here I sacrifice to send my kid to college and he turns into a long-haired freak!"

"My parents have never loved anybody or anything—but money!"

"My son went away to college and lost the faith I drilled into him!"

From out of today's disturbed voices, which neither side seems to hear, the Assemblies of God is conducting an effective ministry to collegians on the secular campus. Chi Alpha, the Movement's campus ministry program, is designed to work right on the campus with students.



This new Chi Alpha house was recently dedicated in Springfield, Missouri. It is one of 10 such houses operating in the U.S.

Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield, Missouri, provided the proving grounds for the campus ministry program in 1953. This pilot project resulted in a flourishing group of Assemblies of God students on campus. From this meager beginning only 16 years ago, Chi Alpha has grown to become the strongest Pentecostal campus program in the United States.

Last year there were 74 chartered Chi Alpha groups. New chapters were organized this year at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee; Blinn College, Brenham, Texas; Northeast Oklahoma A & M, Miami, Okla.; University of Idaho, Moscow.

The Chi Alpha concept is that it becomes a "beachhead" for the gospel on campus. It depends on student initiative and leadership. It is a student-led movement geared to meet a fivefold emphasis: evangelism, training, worship, fellowship, and service.

As concern has grown for what has been called "the world's most neglected mission field," so has the growth and development of Chi Alpha been realized.

Chi Alpha Houses

On several campuses there is a Chi Alpha House in operation. Most of these student centers are located in the Midwest or on the West Coast. Some meet in large

converted residences, some in the educational building of a nearby Assembly of God, others in the basements of private homes, and one is being planned that probably will be a new building designed specifically as a student center.

There are ten such Chi Alpha houses in operation around the country. The latest one is at Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield, Missouri, where the Chi Alpha program was first started. The lovely facility was dedicated recently and has already proved to be a great benefit to the 208 Assemblies of God students enrolled at SMS this fall.

District Chi Alpha Directors

Some districts have included full-time personnel for campus ministry as a part of their total district program. These men, about five in all, are active in establishing new Chi Alpha groups, planning retreats, encouraging existing groups, counseling students, and promoting literature distribution and campus evangelism.

One district Chi Alpha director was instrumental last year in preventing three suicides—students who were “fed up” with life. Another reports that a Jewish boy was converted through the testimony of a Pentecostal student.

Another has literally saturated a large state university with gospel literature, resulting in several conversions, among them a husband and wife who served on the staff of the university and are now active in a local church. *CAM*

Another important phase of the college youth ministry of the Assemblies of God (sponsored by the National Christ’s Ambassadors Department) is the production of the collegiate publication, *CAM (Campus Ambassador Magazine)*. This magazine, published six times during the school year, is geared to the collegiate mind and sent free of charge to any Assemblies of God college student attending a non-Assemblies of God college. Students in our own schools may receive the publication for a dollar per year.

So far this school year more than 14,500 students are on the *CAM* mailing list.

A girl at UCLA said of *CAM*, “It’s a fantastic magazine. It’s ideal for students . . . it’s almost like the Christian version of the *Reader’s Digest*.”

Another reader said, “I find *CAM* most inspiring.” A boy from Minnesota wrote, “I’ve found *CAM* to be a source of truth and relevancy. I appreciate the perspective in which you view today’s problems.”

The Future

Recent campus upheavals have made all of us aware of the tremendous influence of the academic community upon our country. There is a growing sense in churches, among

Warren Combs, associate director of the Chi Alpha house in Springfield, types a list of Assemblies of God students attending Southwest Missouri State College.



parents, and within Chi Alpha groups on campus, to express an evangelistic concern as never before on the more than 2,500 U.S. campuses. The desire to reach the lost, utilizing Spirit-filled students, is our burden.

Recently at the headquarters building a specially appointed college youth committee spent an entire day laying plans and strategy for the future development of the Chi Alpha ministry. February 1970 will see the first meeting of all District Chi Alpha Directors in an important three-day seminar. These men will discuss the role of the Assemblies of God and the Pentecostal message on America’s secular campuses.

There is a variety of helps and aids available from the College Youth Division for those interested in Chi Alpha ministry. Further information, a free list of where chartered Chi Alpha groups are located, and a sample copy of *CAM* are available from the College Youth Division of the Assemblies of God in Springfield, Missouri. 



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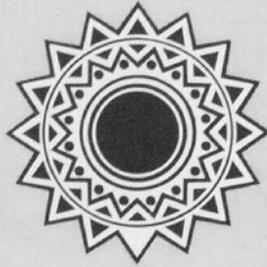
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The Roswell Dillinghams



The Dwayne Suit family



Hazel Nez, the 104-year-old woman in the foreground, loves church. Here are some of the Navajos who attend services with her at Inscription House.



These Navajo Indians of Kayenta, Arizona, appreciate their new church.



At Inscription House, an outstation of the Kayenta Indian Assembly, these children attended their first VBS.



Missionary Dwayne Suit delivers a package of used clothing to an Indian family during a snowstorm.



The Kayenta Indian Assembly's new wing is visible at extreme right.

INDIANS WIN INDIANS

INDIANS ARE WINNING INDIANS at Kayenta, Ariz., the result of the excellent Christian leadership they have had. The missionaries, past and present, have imparted their burden for the lost and encouraged their people in soul-winning efforts. Further, they have provided Christian teaching and guidance to help them know how to win the lost.

In following the Roswell Dillinghams as missionaries at Kayenta, the Dwayne Suits found the church in a healthy condition. Under the Dillinghams' leadership, the church had been set in order in February 1967 with 24 solid, dependable, charter members. The people are both spiritually and doctrinally sound. The official board is composed entirely of Indians.

The new missionaries are rejoicing in the daily victories they are witnessing. The Lord continues to bless in the regular services. Souls are being saved and a number have been baptized in the Holy Spirit. In addition, several have been healed. They report a wonderful move of the Holy Spirit. Their congregation gathers at church to pray before every regular church service.

Attendance at the services is now running near the 70's, and average attendance is in the 60's.

Each Monday evening the Suits have prayer with a missionary of another denomination who is hungry for the Baptism. Recently, a Navajo family joined them on a Monday night, and three of their sons were saved.

Last spring the missionaries opened an outstation at Inscription House. Since then, nine Indians have been saved, one has been filled with the Holy Spirit, and there have been many healings. Attendance at the outstation averages 35.

Brother Suit writes, "Revival at Kayenta and in the vicinity can be attributed to church members who witness. Many are beginning to do house-to-house visitation on their own, so great is their burden." The missionaries take some of their people with them when they visit, and some accompany them to the outstation services. Many Indians in the area attend no church.

Sister Suit has a sewing class, and the women make school clothing for their children.

John Sosie, one of the Suits' interpreters, is in charge of a group that meets for Bible study and prayer every Wednesday evening in the home of a man in Longhouse Valley 18 miles from Kayenta. (Charlie Nez also interprets for the missionaries.)

Last summer Beth Ayers of Phoenix had a Kids Crusade in Kayenta with enrollment reaching nearly 130. Eight children were saved.

On March 30, 1967, the Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribe granted the Kayenta church a site for a new building. Actual construction began the last part of June that year.

Under the fine ministry of the Dillinghams, the building was erected—and without crews of men to assist them! District Superintendent J. K. Gressett appraises the new building at about \$35,000. There is no financial debt on the property, thanks to the many friends of the mission, the Indiana District, and the Indian people themselves. Also, Trinity Assembly, Tulsa, Okla., provided a power plant for use in the outstation work.

The Albion Nelsons of Little Rock, Calif., joined the Dillinghams in September 1967 to help for five weeks just as the missionaries were beginning the framework of the church. Then Bert Parker, a missionary to Indians, helped them for three weeks. In June 1968 the Suits joined the Dillinghams as co-workers. The last six weeks before the church was finished, Lewis "Sandy" Saunders of Alpena, Ark., came to help. Beyond this, the missionaries and the Navajo people did the work.

The new building is 40 by 70 feet, with an auditorium 40 by 44. The main building has an office, two nurseries, rest rooms, a supply room, a prayer room, a dressing room, and a baptistry. The auditorium has a flagstone floor and is finished in sage green and light oak. The outside has hardboard siding, finished in aqua and sandrift. The banisters in front of the pulpit and the tower are of black lava stone.

Before the Dillinghams resigned due to Brother Dillingham's health, the roof and part of the walls of the 30-by-40-foot wing also were up. Now the wing is two-thirds finished. It will house a multipurpose room, two Sunday school rooms, and a kitchen. The Dillinghams bought most of the material for it.

The new church at Kayenta has indeed been a blessing to the community. And the Suits anticipate an even greater move of God in the area due to the increased involvement of their people in witnessing. 

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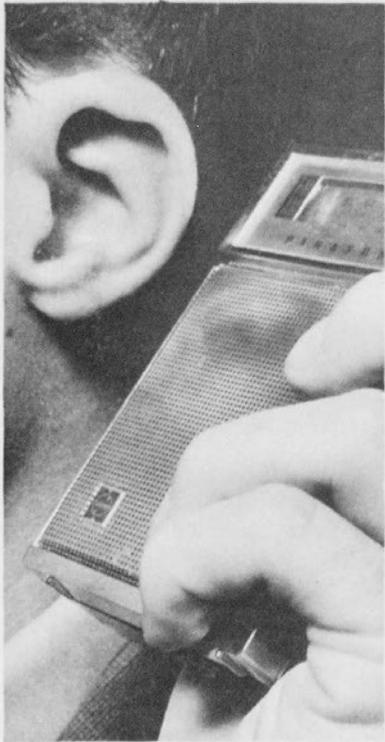


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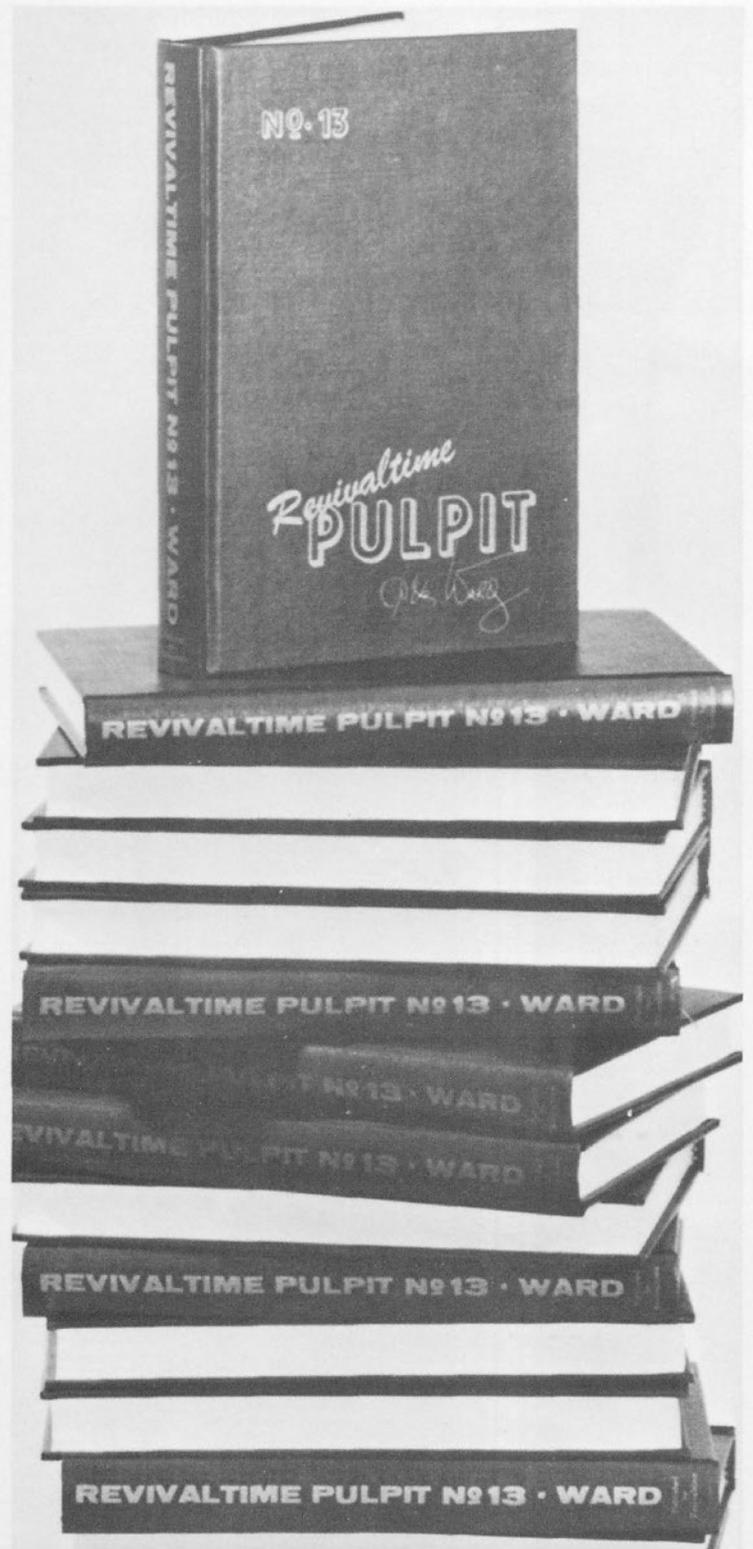
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WHEN DEATH KNOCKED

By IDA M. CLARK

THERE WAS NOTHING ABOUT DECEMBER 14 that would seem to make it other than the most ordinary of December days. My husband was up on the roof of our little garage apartment overseeing the application of new shingles. Our daughters had just come in from Christmas shopping, and I was on the phone talking to a friend. Could anything be more ordinary?

Then, Death knocked . . .

It was a quiet knock. At first, I didn't recognize it, for it was an unfamiliar sound. The children were comparing purchases quietly. Alston (my husband) came in and waved as he walked by the hall where I was phoning. I returned the wave.

"Be quiet, children," he said. "I'm going to take a nap."

A few seconds later I heard him snoring. I hung up the receiver and looked fondly in at the sleeping form of the man I loved. Something about him made me go closer. I felt his pulse. . . . None! But . . . maybe I had made a mistake. (I am not a nurse.) I tried again—to no avail.

The next few hours slipped by hazily. Somehow I phoned the doctor, my mother, my pastor. People came and went. An ivory-colored ambulance came sometime during that period and took Alston away. (Such a tiny blood clot in his heart!)

What a help and comfort were the men and women from our church. Empty cupboards were filled with food. Dishes were washed, beds made, floors swept, whole meals prepared by loving hands.

The funeral was well-attended. The chapel was full of friends, neighbors, and relatives. Some even stood when seats were filled. The pink, white, and yellow flowers made a backdrop of color for the gray casket. He lay there so peacefully.

"He was godly for man's sake, and manly for God's sake," said our pastor. It is all I remember of the service. Once more I reached out and stroked the gray hair of the man who had been my husband for 17 years.

Then the activities related to the funeral and burial were over. Relatives had returned to their homes. My children were asleep. The house was quiet—so very quiet.

The mantel clock struck 11. I reached for my Bible. Alston and I used to read it together at this time of night. Then we would join hands beside our bed and thank God for His goodness to us and ask His blessing on our household.

I read the words aloud. "Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:12). But there was no warm hand reaching out to take mine during "our" prayer. Alston had gone to

be with the Lord. I too shall go some day. In the face of eternity, the separation will not be long.

I looked up at the wall in the living room where the children had taped our cards. I saw the 88 Christmas cards on one side of the wall—on the other, 108 sympathy cards. In front of me was a stack of thank-you notes which I must send.

Enough of that! It was time for prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank Thee for the 17 years as Alston's wife. We had our ups and downs, but with faith in Thee, we always seemed to come through without too much trouble. I thank Thee for the cards on the wall which represent the love and tears of people to whom Alston was a friend. I thank Thee for this new knowledge: that death is not something to fear, nor yet is it something to court. Bless my girls, dear Father. Give them a good night's rest, and give us all the courage and strength we need to face the challenges of another day.

I rose from my knees and climbed between the sheets. I would not weep. Tears would be self-pity. I would not weep for Alston, for he has reached his goal and is happily reunited with his parents and our Lord. He needs no tears . . . nor do I. I have his girls to raise, his home he left so proudly, a rich heritage of friends he left behind, and above all, service in the church we both loved. *I thank Thee, God!*



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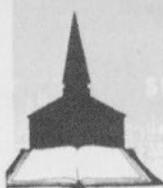
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THE LIVING WORD

Sunday School Lesson for December 21, 1969

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

JOHN 1:1-17

OUR CHRISTMAS LESSON is taken from the opening words of John's Gospel. This selection has been chosen because the first two quarters of next year will be devoted to lessons on the theme "Christ, the Son of God" and the lessons will be from John's Gospel. Never before in our lessons have two consecutive quarters been devoted to John's Gospel. However, that Gospel deserves such attention.

According to John, his Gospel was written to inspire faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God (John 20:31).

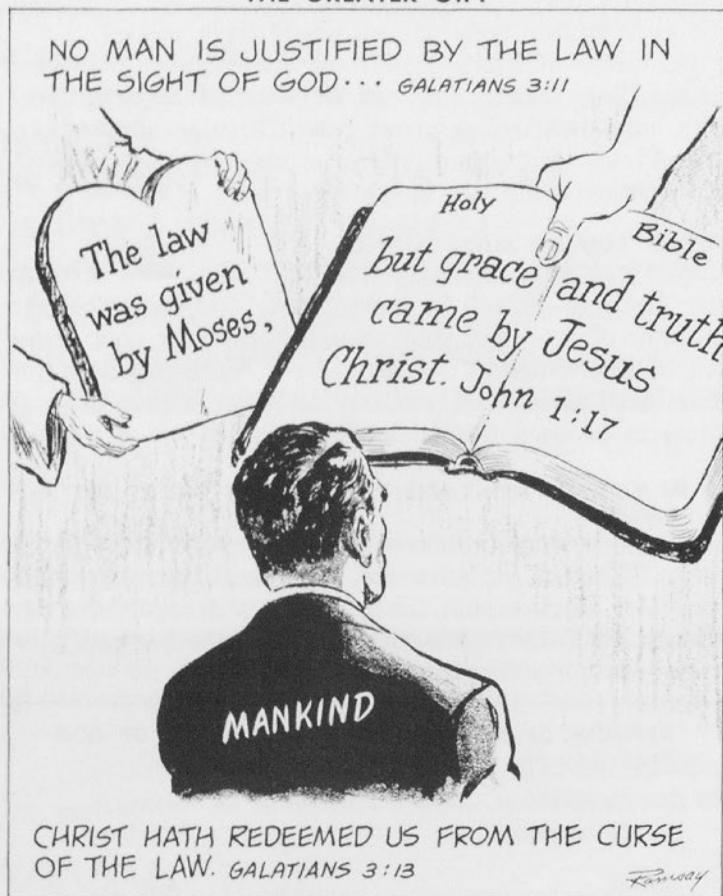
The synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) present Jesus outwardly; John interprets Him inwardly. The synoptics show us how He worked and what He was like; John tells us who He really is.

John's prologue (1:1-18) is the fundamental nucleus of the entire book. It takes us back to eternity in the opening statement and then proceeds to give us a sublime, awe-inspiring, and heartwarming revelation of the eternal Son of God who became the Saviour of all who receive Him.

THE PREEXISTENT WORD (vv. 1-3)

Jesus is set forth clearly, positively, and unmistakably as being the expression of God. He is not only from the

THE GREATER GIFT



beginning; He was *already* in the beginning. He was not only *with* God; He *was* God.

The Greek word translated "Word" is *logos*, a word much richer and fuller in meaning than any English translation. However, what we have is clear enough. A word is quite separate from the thought it expresses, yet there cannot be a word apart from the thought behind it. So it is in the matter of relationship between God the Father and Christ the Word; they are one in substance yet distinct as to personality. John also sets forth Christ's part in the creation of the universe (v. 3). To this, Paul agrees in Colossians 1:16, 17.

THE WORD REVEALED AS LIGHT AND LIFE

Four designations of Jesus are given in John's prologue: He is the *Word*, the *Life*, the *Light*, the *Son* (v. 18). The first and last of these set forth His relationship to God the Father; the second and third declare His relationship to mankind.

"In him was *life*; and the life was the *light* of men." Thus from the eternal Christ men derive all life, both physical and spiritual; from Him they derive all light or illumination, whether intellectual or spiritual.

THE INCARNATE WORD (vv. 10-14)

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . . full of grace and truth." What wondrous love God manifested in sending forth His Son! And what amazing condescension and love the Son manifested in being willing to come to redeem man. Jesus, as a man, was no less God than He had been prior to His incarnation. (See Hebrews 1:1-3.)

THE REJECTED WORD (vv. 10, 11)

"He was in the world [having been born as a babe in Bethlehem], and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not." What stark pathos and tragedy in these words! Surely they are among the saddest in all the world. The loving Creator was rejected by those whom He had created. God's Lamb, for whom He had been preparing His people Israel for centuries, was rejected by those He had come to redeem.

THE WELCOMED WORD (vv. 12-17)

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name . . . and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . . full of grace and truth."

John's Gospel gives us the account of Christ's interviews with certain individuals who did receive Him and became the sons of God: for example, Peter and Nathaniel (1:35-51), Nicodemus (3:1-21), the woman at the well (4:6-26), the man born blind (9:35-41), Mary and Martha (ch. 11), the 11 apostles (chs. 13 to 16), Mary Magdalene (20:1-18), and Peter again (21:15-23).

All of these individuals illustrate the transforming power of Christ who, as the Word, became to them the Revealer of God, the Illuminator, the Light; and who, as the Son, is the personal Executive, Quickener, Imparter—the Life.

"And of his fullness," testified John, "have all we received, and grace for grace"; that is, wave after wave of grace, constant grace, grace for every need of the human heart under all circumstances!

Thank God that He sent His Son to reveal Himself to human hearts!

'Ring the Bells...'



By **STAN MICHAEL**
National Secretary of the
Department of Benevolences

RING THE BELLS, Ring the bells, Let the whole world know" are the words of a beautiful Christmas melody. Christmas should be the happiest time of the year—and for most it is.

For some, however, it will be a dreary and lonesome occasion, unless someone takes time to remember those who are less fortunate. The Christian with the happiness of Christmas wants to share the greatest joy this world has ever known. And what better way to let others know than to share in a very practical way.

The Department of Benevolences of the Assemblies of God ministers to nearly 400 persons. They wait for someone to ring the bells of Christmas—to let them know the joy of this season is also for them.

Each year a special Christmas offering is received through the Department of Benevolences to be shared with nearly 225 aged ministers and widows of our Fellowship receiving Aged Ministers Assistance and to those cared for at Bethany Retirement Home. Also, a small token is shared with a dedicated staff of 75 persons who give of themselves untiringly to serve in our three Benevolences homes.

Then too we could not forget our children at Hillcrest and Highlands—more than a hundred boys and girls who for various reasons cannot be home for Christmas. Many have no family to whom they could go. Others come from broken homes, and, of course, no bells ring for them.

Will you make the Christmas bells ring a message of gladness and happiness at this holiday time? While you prepare gifts for your loved ones, plan the little and big surprises for the children in your family, care-

fully decorate a beautiful tree with tinsel and lights, and wait for the family to gather for the wonderful celebration at your home, will you pause to remember those who may not have any of these blessings?

You can help ring the bells of Christmas, the bells of joy, for someone lonely and needy and by so doing, make your own world brighter. A personal, wrapped gift mailed to a child at one of our homes can brighten his eyes and heart on Christmas morning; or a Christmas love gift, along with this month's regular Benevolences offering, will help us ring the bells of joy for our entire Benevolences family.

For many of our aged ministers and their widows, little is left in their budget after monthly bills, medical bills, and necessities of life are paid. Often there is nothing left to purchase cards or little gifts of remembrance for their remaining loved ones. Others, of course, have few friends and no relatives left and face Christmas alone. A special Christmas check is sent to each one to help brighten their day and to bring a little cheer, but more than all of this, to let them know that the church hasn't forgotten them.

If their Christmas is to be a joyous and memorable one, you hold the rope to the bells that could ring a joyous message for them. By sharing the excitement of Christmas that you enjoy through a special Benevolences Christmas offering, you will let a lot of people know how much you care and will help make a brighter Christmas for some needy youngster and worthy "pioneer."

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It Started Under A Tree

By GARWIN L. HAGGARD / *Missionary to Botswana*



ABOVE: Brother Haggard and a local man work on the church benches. BELOW: Food is prepared for a feast after the dedication service.



AT EXACTLY 2:30 on Sunday afternoon we began the long-awaited dedication service for a church that was started under a tree. We sang a chorus, and the hundreds of people who had been walking around admiring the beautiful new church at Molepolole became quiet.

God's blessing was invoked on the service and then Samuel Makhaola, superintendent of the Botswana Assemblies of God, introduced the minister of local government for Botswana, the Honorable H. M. K. Kgabo—personal representative of the president of Botswana, Sir Seretse Khama, who was unable to attend the dedication.

Speaking from the church steps, Mr. Kgabo brought congratulations from the president and expressed appreciation for the way the Assemblies of God is working in Botswana. He said, "The spirit of a people willing to help themselves is the spirit we have seen displayed as this church went up. The people of the Assemblies of God are to be commended for this, and it is for this reason we believe the Assemblies of God will continue to work and grow in Botswana."

The service was also attended by the Honorable A. M. Tsoebebe, minister of works and communication; Mrs. M. P. K. Ngwako, wife of the minister of state; Mrs. R. D. Molefe, wife of assistant minister of agriculture; and numerous other officials.

The entire service was blessed of God. Amid the excitement of the new church dedication there was a deep sense of God's presence. Missionary James Stewart, superintendent of the International Assemblies of God in the Republic of South Africa, brought the dedicatory message. When he conclud-

ed, the audience broke forth in spontaneous praise to God, and it was 20 minutes before the service could continue.

A three-week revival meeting began the Sunday evening after the dedication. Daniel Seale, pastor of one of the International Assemblies of God churches in Johannesburg, was the evangelist.

The church in Molepolole actually began under a tree. Pastor Justic Ngwanaang experienced much difficulty in securing permission to preach the gospel in the city: and when he did get the necessary permit, he started his first services under a large tree.

Later the new congregation moved into a small mud building which served both as home for the pastor and meetingplace for the congregation. Still later they built a house for the pastor, and the little 12- by 20-foot building became the church.

Brother Ngwanaang faithfully preached, visited, and invited people to the services. As the months passed, he saw a small group grow into a thriving church. Often as many as 125 to 150 people were jammed into the little building, with more people outside.

Today the Molepolole church has at least 150 born-again believers, one-third of whom are filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday school has over 200 attending, the WMC's have about 40 ladies, and there is a Christ's Ambassadors group of 35 young people who are on fire for the Lord. On the day of dedication the church was packed. It can seat 300, but there were 600 inside and others standing at the doors and windows.

The construction of the church was a joint effort. A builder was hired to



lay the cement blocks and plaster the walls; but the remaining work, which included making the cement blocks, church benches, and pulpit, was done by the congregation under my supervision.

The church valued at \$11,000, was constructed for \$4,800. The remaining indebtedness is only \$200. The congregation has secured a loan for this amount from the Revolving Loan Fund of the Botswana Assemblies of God and has assumed full responsibility for its repayment.

The offering received at the dedication service was \$120! This is an unheard of sum for these people. Most of them do not earn that amount in a whole year of hard work. Another unusual feature about this offering was that six other denominations sent representatives to the dedication, each of them bringing a gift.

The dedication of the new Assemblies of God church at Molepolole represents the prayers and hard work of the pastor, missionaries, and congregation.

Molepolole (population 30,000) is the capital village of the Bakwena tribe. This is the first Pentecostal church to be built among the Bakwena people, one of the major tribes in the country. The church, easily visible to most of the village, stands as a testimony to the God we serve. Today its doors are open to welcome any who desire to come in.

The hearts of the congregation, pastor, and missionaries are deeply grateful to friends in America who have helped make this possible.

The church that started under a tree received honors from the top officials of the nation. Most of all, it leads the Bakwena tribespeople to God. 



TOP: Many stand outside packed church during the dedication. ABOVE: Not long ago it looked like this. LEFT: Mr. Kgabo speaks after cutting the ribbon. BELOW: G. L. Haggard presents keys to S. M. Makhaola.



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'Deck the Halls'

THREE WMC'S—one with a big heart; one with a dream, and one with a lot of know-how—found a host of willing helpers and turned the dream into reality," says Mrs. Grace Hopper, Assemblies of God minister of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

The story that set pulses throbbing to the yuletide melody began when Mrs. T. W. Turner (*the WMC with the big heart*) received a Christmas gift of \$200 from her husband.

"Mr. Turner says I may do whatever I like with the money," she told Mattie Patillo, Arkansas District WMC president (*the WMC with a dream*). "I have visited Hillcrest Children's Home and have seen those bare windows in the teen girls' cottage. Girls that age should have pretty things. I'd just love to buy curtains and bedspreads for all the rooms."

After consulting Hillcrest Administrator, M. J. Harris, Miss Patillo approached Mrs. Hopper (*the WMC with the know-how*), and the project was under way. But there were problems.

"I had no idea what drapes for a house that large would cost," Miss Patillo said. "And I had no plans for asking for further help except to invite area WMC's to donate some time for the sewing.

"Mrs. Hopper, an interior decorator, came to estimate the required amount of material. I discovered that while the \$200 was a wonderful gift, it was only a drop-in-the-bucket when compared to the need.

"There were other things too," Miss Patillo continued. "Walls needed paint. Closets needed doors. Any number of things needed mending.

"Then there was the beginners' house. How could we pass it by! The project was staggering. But Mrs. Hopper, determined to help the dream come true, shared the story with neighboring pastors. Soon the original \$200 grew to \$1,350."

District and sectional WMC officers joined local women at the sewing tables. Pastor Calvin Kirkendall came with paint brushes and tools. It was not long until closets had doors and the walls shone with a soft gloss around new drapes. The girls were delighted for they had helped choose colors and designs.

There was linen storage for the preschoolers' dorm and a closet for the dozens of little freshly ironed garments. A new wall replaced the row of furniture the housemother had been using to separate her room from the little boys' dorm area. After her apartment was partitioned, painted, and draped, the housemother confessed, "I used to dread seeing my day off come. How I shall enjoy closing the door for a time of relaxation!"

In the beginning no provision was made for the housemother's apartment in the teen girls' cottage, but when the lady's home district, Southern Missouri, heard about



Part of the WMC's who worked on the drapes for the Hillcrest Children's Home. Miss Patillo, district WMC president, is fourth from the right. Mrs. Hopper, who supervised making the drapes, is seventh from the right.



The teen girls' cottage was redecorated through Christmas gift money and other donations.

The housemother's apartment was partitioned and redecorated in the beginners' cottage.



the Christmas gift, they joined in and redecorated her living quarters.

Miss Patillo said, "To have a four-year-old give you one of his special bear hugs and say, 'Thank you for our pretty curtains with the circus on them!' or a teen-ager exclaim, 'You've made this room simply groovy!' marks, 'paid in full' on the bill for hard work and sacrificial giving.

"When the project was finished," Miss Patillo added, "I was so tired I thought I would never tackle anything like it again—not for a long time, at least. But when I walked into the cottage where the primary children live, the same needs stared me in the face. I gulped and was ready to begin again."

WMC's know there are many things at Hillcrest that need attention: noisy, uncarpeted stairways; "tired" furniture; and shower rooms in need of tile. They know there are wide-eyed youngsters and growing teens who depend upon them to dream a dream and make it come true. All they need is a host of happy helpers and a Christmas gift, so they can "deck the halls." 

WMC CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

THIRTY-SIX FOREIGN STUDENTS from Bethany Bible College and Monte Vista Christian School gathered at the District Commissary December 13 for the annual Foreign Students Christmas Party given by Goldia Anderson and the Northern California-Nevada WMC Department.

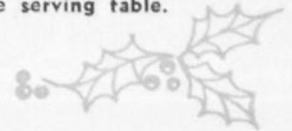
Sunshine boxes containing toiletry items were given to each student. The decorated boxes and contents were prepared and donated again this year by the Lake Berryessa WMC ladies. Mrs. Edna Smith, sectional director, was present to greet the students.

WMC Directors Elizabeth Gomes and Margaret Lebeck of the Peninsula and East Bay sections added a special touch to the party this year by bringing lovely gifts from their sections also.

Following the presentation of gifts, Christmas cookies and punch were served to the students. 



Thirty-six foreign students attended a Christmas party given by the WMC Department of Northern California-Nevada District. At the left Elizabeth Gomes, Margaret Lebeck, Goldia Anderson, and Edna Smith preside at the serving table.



MISSIONETTES SAY "HAPPY HOLIDAYS"

Missionettes of the Assembly of God in Irwin, Pennsylvania, made hundreds of holiday tray favors for patients in three local hospitals and suitable gifts for residents of the county home. They also sent Christmas gifts to their American Indian friends in Daggett, Calif. Lois Kasperek, sponsor, is assisted by Ella Hazel. Samuel Weidler is pastor.

CHRISTMAS ADOPTION

Through the WMC Adoption Plan, the Ohio District organization helps with holiday gifts for American Indians in Flagstaff, Arizona. The Elmer Robersons, missionaries, say, "Because of WMC's we have an abundance of fruit, nuts, and candy besides clothing and a household gift for each family. Our situation would be impossible without the WMC's." The picture below shows Indian children participating in a Christmas program.



MICHIGAN MISSIONETTE RECEIVES MIRIAM AWARD

JUNE 5, 1968, is a day Michele Latour, a Senior Missionette from Charlotte, Michigan, will never forget. She was taking care of three younger sisters that evening while her father was at work and her mother



Michele Latour



was attending church. The two older girls were playing outside while two-year-old Melissa slept.

As Michele put a load of clothes into the dryer and turned the switch, flames shot up the wall catching it, the ceiling, insulation, and upstairs floor on fire.

Quickly closing the kitchen door behind her, Michele hurried to the sleeping child, took her from her bed and went out the front door, at the same time preventing the other two girls from entering the house.

Michele went through the house beside and under the spreading fire to rescue her sister. Opening the outside kitchen door would have caused a draft, thus spreading the fire faster.

The fourth Missionettes Miriam Award was presented to Michele for her courageous act at a Missionettes retreat, August 19, 1969, by the district WMC president, Dorothy Skoog. 



NEWS OF OUR TIMES

150 antiobscenity bills introduced

CONGRESS SEEKS WAYS TO CURB PORNOGRAPHY

Estimates annual cost is one billion dollars

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A house judiciary subcommittee has opened hearings on what one member called the "deadly serious business" of pornography. The hearings, likely to go on for some time, concern some 150 antiobscenity bills sponsored by more than 200 congressmen.

The principal target of the bills, many of which are similar, "is not the street corner hawker," one congressman said. It is the "arrogant baron of pornography" who is contemptuous of the laws and is getting rich from peddling filthy materials.

On the opening day of hearings,

the chief concern of the witnesses was how to draft legislation to keep sexually-offensive matter from persons under 18, and to ban unsolicited sex-oriented materials from being mailed without running afoul of the U.S. Constitution.

Emanuel Celler, chairman of the full judiciary committee, said he would not support legislation unless "it can be done constitutionally."

"Censorship has no place in a free society like ours. We avoid censorship because it seems to us to strike at the very roots of democracy," he declared. On the other hand "there is obscenity and, more particularly, its gross public exploitation of sex," he continued.

Representative William McCulloch said that Congress must "jealously guard" the right of every citizen to be free to think whatever he wishes, to read whatever he wants to, and to hold whatever moral and spiritual values he chooses.

"We must respect the right of a citizen to expose himself to pornography if he desires," McCulloch declared. "But we must also respect the right of persons not to receive this material when it arrives unsolicited in the mail."

Two bills supported by the Nixon administration are representative of the large number under consideration by the subcommittee. One would prohibit the use of interstate facilities, including the mails,

for the transportation of "matter harmful to minors."

Standards by which these materials would be judged, the bill states, would be those which are "offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community concerning what is suitable material for minors," and those "without redeeming social value" for children under 18.

The other administration bill focuses on the commercial exploitation of sex. It would prohibit the transportation of sexually-oriented advertisements for the sale of other materials.

One congressman pointed out that estimates on the total cost of pornography varies from \$500 million to over \$1 billion annually. He said the Post Office Department in fiscal 1968 received over 167,000 complaints about obscene mail. During the first 11 months of fiscal 1969, according to the postmaster general, the Post Office had more than 200,000 such complaints.

Clyde Taylor is honored for 25 years of service to NAE

CHICAGO, ILL.—Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, general secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals, was honored for 25 years of service at an appreciation dinner here October 7.

"Dr. Taylor has probably done more for the evangelical Christian cause than any other living individual," said Billy A. Melvin, executive director of NAE. "There is scarcely a Christian organization or mission board his ministry has not touched."

Featured speaker for the occasion was Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, well-known radio speaker on the *Lutheran Hour* and co-chairman of the recent U.S. Congress on Evangelism.

Several outstanding churchmen brought greetings to Dr. Taylor. Representing two organizations which have had longstanding relationships with Dr. Taylor were Dr. Layton Holmgren of the American Bible Society, and Dr. Glenn W. Archer of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Greetings from "missions" were

given by J. Philip Hogan, president of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association and foreign missions secretary of the Assemblies of God; from "education" by Dr. Hudson T. Armerding, president of Wheaton College; from "denominations and churches" by Dr. Myron F. Boyd, bishop, Free Methodist Church; from "youth" by Dr. Sam Wolgemuth, president, Youth for Christ International; from "government" by Dr. Harry W. Seamans, coordinator of organization liaison, U.S. Department of State (retired); and from NAE by Dr. George L. Ford, president of Greenville College, who was associated with NAE for 13 years and was executive director at the time the NAE erected its national headquarters at Wheaton, Ill.

The dinner marked the 25th anniversary of Dr. Taylor's arrival in Washington, D.C., as executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, an affiliate of NAE.

Under his direction, EFMA has expanded from 19 mission boards

to an association of 65 boards with almost 7,500 missionaries in 127 countries.

As general director of the National Association of Evangelicals, his leadership has been influential in expanding the constituency 66 percent. Today NAE comprises 38 denominations plus individual churches from 30 additional denominations, representing 2.5 million members.

As NAE's secretary of public affairs, Dr. Taylor serves the interests of evangelical Christians regarding government matters. His Washington office is a "watchman" in the nation's capital

whereby Christians are alerted to changing conditions in the nation and reports are distributed regarding legislation bearing on evangelical activity around the world.

During the past 25 years Dr. Taylor's ability has been recognized by bestowal of leadership in international functions. He was the first chairman of the Commission on Literature of the World Evangelical Fellowship, a world evangelical literature program to challenge Communist propaganda; and subsequently, chairman of the WEF Commission on Missions.

A Book of Remembrance containing letters of appreciation was presented to Dr. Taylor by Thomas F. Zimmerman, a member of NAE's executive committee and General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God.





LEFT: News Commentator Paul Harvey makes a forceful point to his 3,200 responsive listeners during the final rally at the MF convention. ABOVE: Joseph Prettyman, pastor of Calvary Temple, Oakland, leads the congregational singing while platform guests (l. to r.) Ed Cole, Herb Ellingwood, Joe Wright, C. C. Burnett, Paul Harvey, and Joseph Gerhart join in. BELOW: Lieutenant Governor Ed Reinecke (left) was introduced by Herb Ellingwood who is legal affairs secretary to Governor Reagan and Royal Rangers aide-de-camp.

OVER 3,200 ATTEND FINAL RALLY

PAUL HARVEY ADDRESSES MF CONVENTION

OAKLAND, CALIF.—ABC news commentator Paul Harvey was featured speaker for the fifth annual convention of the Northern California-Nevada Men's Fellowship which met here for two days in October.

"This is the kind of demonstration I like to see," Mr. Harvey told the crowd of 3,200 who had gathered for the Saturday night rally in the Oakland Arena. "It may not make the headlines, but it is the most significant," he continued.

The renowned newsman affirmed his belief that America is on the verge of a rising religious concern.

"Not everything is negative;

there remains much good in our land," he said. "There is hope in our future."

The Saturday night rally featured musical numbers by the Bethany Bible College band and choir, and "Big John" Hall.

Ed Cole, former district MF director, was speaker for the Friday evening president's banquet which drew over 300 people.

On Saturday morning the Royal Rangers presented a program depicting the various areas of their work. The featured speaker was California's Lt. Gov. Ed Reinecke who spoke on the current crises facing the state.

This was followed by a visual demonstration by the Light-for-

the-Lost and Action Crusades divisions of MF.

Jack Kuykendall, lumberman and outstanding soul winner from Eugene, Oreg., was the afternoon speaker.

At the end of the Saturday evening rally nearly 1,000 men responded to the challenge to commit themselves to a more dedicated service to Christ and the ministry of their churches.

The National MF Department was represented at the convention by Wildon Colbaugh, editor of *TEAM* magazine and coordinator of Action Crusades.

Joe D. Wright, full-time MF director for the district, presided at the meetings.



LEFT: Awards for special recognition were given Royal Ranger leaders and boys at the Saturday night rally. Wildon Colbaugh of the National Men's Fellowship Department is at right.



BELOW: Participants in the Presidents' Banquet program held on Friday evening were (l. to r.) Jack Kuykendall, Oregon businessman; Ed Cole, pastor Calvary Temple, Concord, Calif.; Joe Wright, district MF director; Wildon Colbaugh; and Joseph Gerhart, superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada district. Over 300 people attended the banquet at which Ed Cole was the featured speaker.

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Victory Assembly, Beaumont, will host the Seven-District Prayer Conference.

January 12-14

Seven-District Prayer Conference to convene in Beaumont, Texas

BEAUMONT, TEX.—The 33rd annual seven-district Prayer and Bible Conference will convene here January 12-14 at the Victory Assembly. B. H. Clendennen is host pastor.

The conference will open Monday evening at 7:30 with General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman as speaker. It will conclude at noon on Wednesday.

Participating districts in this conference which gains new momentum each year are Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, North Texas, West Texas, and South Texas.

Further information may be obtained by writing the host pastor or South Texas District Superintendent W. S. Graham, Box 9714, Houston, Texas 77015.

NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATIONS

HERITAGE SERVICE RECOUNTS EARLY PENTECOSTAL HISTORY

GALENA, KANS.—The daughter of the founder of the Assembly of God here was honored at a recent heritage service held at the church.

Mrs. Mary Arthur was first pastor of the church during the early 1900's. Her daughter, Julia Hunter, still attends the church and is active in its functions.

Many historical documents and photos were collected and displayed for the heritage service, and the public was invited to view the display.

The church was the third to come into the Assemblies of God through the Kansas District in 1914—the same year the General Council of the Assemblies of God came into being.

The church had its beginnings as the result of a revival

held by Charles Parham during the early days of the turn-of-the-century outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the U.S.

Brother Parham had come to Galena at the invitation of Mrs. Arthur. It was at Parham's Bible school in Topeka that the first person was filled with the Spirit and spoke in tongues in this century.

Early pastors included E. N. Bell and J. W. (Daddy) Welch. Both these men later served as General Superintendents of the Assemblies of God.

God has blessed the church down through the years and it has continued to progress. Attendance presently averages 163 in Sunday school.

J. P. McCamery serves as pastor.

Julia Hunter is shown with the display of historical documents and photos which were used for the heritage service in Galena, Kansas. Mrs. Hunter is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Arthur who founded the church and was its first pastor in the early 1900's. Mrs. Hunter is very active in the church.



WITH CHRIST

Carl W. Loenser, superintendent of the German Branch of the Assemblies of God since 1934, went to his eternal reward on October 14, 1969. He was 74.

Funeral services were conducted at Immanuel Pentecostal Church in Lakewood, Ohio, by Joseph Wannenmacher of Milwaukee, Wis. Other ministers participating in the service were: Alvin Sprecher and Arthur Klaus, general presbyters representing the German Branch; Chas. W. H. Scott, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God; G. Kurtz, representing the German churches in Canada; Werner Gunia, George Rueb, Raymond Rueb, Herbert G. Strahsburg, and William W. Mueller.



The Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God sent an expression of "appreciation for the gracious spirit in which Brother Loenser served this Fellowship,

for his broad sympathies, faithful stewardship, dedication to godliness, and his outstanding leadership in service, all of which enriched each of his associations."

Under the capable leadership of Brother Loenser the German Branch has brought blessing to many. Its monthly publication *Licht and Leben* (Light and Life) and a Sunday school quarterly in German have a worldwide ministry. Nearly 1,500 copies of the magazine are distributed monthly in the U.S., Canada, South America, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. The branch prints 2,000 copies of the German quarterly. The lessons correspond with those published by the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

There are 22 active churches, with 37 credentialed ministers in the German Branch.

In addition to his administrative work, Brother Loenser served as pastor in Elizabeth, N.J., Benton Harbor, Mich., and Cleveland, Ohio. He was an ordained minister of the gospel over 52 years.

GUSTINE, CALIF.—The Assembly of God here recently concluded an outstanding campaign with Evangelist Jerry Russell of Tucson, Ariz.

Attendance was better than at any other meetings in the church's 25-year history. The anointed ministry of Brother Russell was a great blessing to the entire church.

A number were saved during the meeting. On the closing Sunday, the congregation rejoiced to see an entire family, whom they

had been praying for, come forward and give their lives to Christ.

—Harold F. Steward, pastor

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JONES, OKLA.—Seven were saved and 10 reclaimed at the local Assembly of God during special meetings with Evangelist David Baker of Fox, Okla. Five were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

A new attendance record of 161 was set by the Sunday school during the meeting.

—Moody Hicks, pastor



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The combination of traditional and contemporary design makes the exterior of The Stone Church uniquely beautiful. **RIGHT:** The fan-shaped sanctuary will seat 500, and has overflow facilities for 250 more. R. G. Mohrman is pastor.



CHICAGO'S STONE CHURCH DEDICATES NEW FACILITIES

CHICAGO, ILL.—The spring of 1969 marked another highlight in the 63-year history of The Stone Church as the congregation dedicated its new facilities to the Lord.

T. E. Gannon, assistant superintendent of the Assemblies of God, was guest speaker for the dedicatory services.

Others participating included Illinois District Superintendent E. M. Clark; Richard Dortch, district secretary-treasurer; Darwin Heuser, sectional presbyter; and W. R. Williamson, former pastor and retired district superintendent.

Pastor R. G. Mohrman gave a brief review of the church's history

and noted the continued missionary thrust, both at home and abroad.

God's blessings and the manifestation of the Holy Spirit made this a never-to-be-forgotten occasion.

The new facilities, located in the Palos Heights section of southwest Chicago, are a combination of traditional and contemporary design constructed of masonry and steel.

The beautiful fan-shaped sanctuary, decorated in rich hues of greens and blues, has a seating capacity of 500 with overflow facilities to accommodate 250 more.

Modern facilities for Sunday

school are functional in design and are also used for the family night activities. A day care program is slated to begin this fall.

A fellowship hall and kitchen accommodate 300. Offices, conference rooms, and workrooms make up the administration area of the building.

A new parsonage, located three blocks from the church, was dedicated concurrently with the church.

Cost for the two structures was \$500,000 with a total indebtedness of \$180,000.

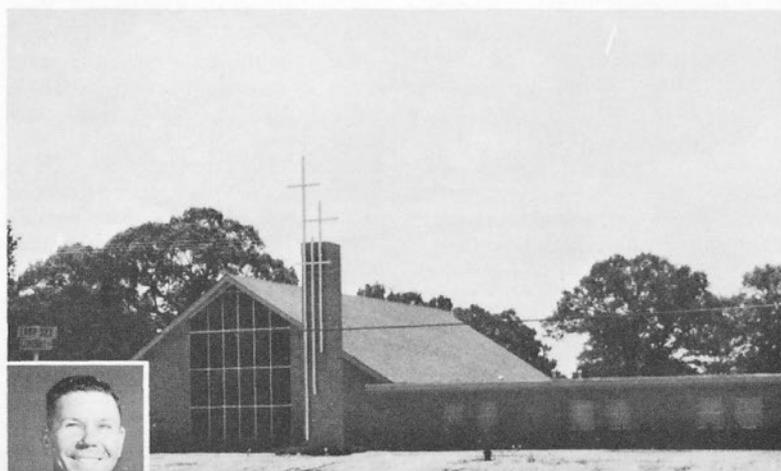
Pastor R. G. Mohrman states, "That God has directed is evidenced by the blessing of God, the unity of the people, the fine spirit

that prevails, as well as the increase God alone has given."

The church attendance has increased to an average of over 500; and a 38 percent increase in giving has been noted in the church finances.

The Stone Church was founded in 1906 by Dr. William H. Piper. E. C. Sumrall pastored the church for 28 years, and the church was greatly strengthened under his leadership.

Working with Brother Mohrman in the church are John C. Katter, minister of music and youth; Miss Florence Heatter, assistant to the pastor, and Ellwood J. Mohrman, director of Christian education.



This new church was recently dedicated by the congregation of Rose Center Assembly in Tyler, Texas. B. J. Mikulek is pastor.

NEW CHURCH, PARSONAGE ARE DEDICATED IN TEXAS

TYLER, TEX.—A new church and parsonage have been dedicated to the Lord this past year by the congregation of Rose Center Assembly here. North Texas District Superintendent E. R. Anderson spoke for the dedicatory services of the \$160,000 facilities.

The church is located on a three-acre plot south of Tyler. The parsonage is on the back of the property.

The new building contains 11,000 feet of floor space and includes 12 classrooms, a nursery, pastor's study, evangelist's quar-

ters, kitchen, and fellowship hall.

The sanctuary with seating for 400 has a laminated-beam ceiling and walls of birch paneling. The oak pews are padded in blue to complement the blue carpeting throughout.

The three-bedroom parsonage is of brick construction.

The church was started in 1942 and met four years in a store building. In 1946 the congregation purchased land and buildings where they worshiped until moving to the new location.

B. J. Mikulek has been pastor of the church for three years.

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	Springdale	Glad Tidings	Dec. 17-21	J. W. & Ava Nell Walker	Don Smothers
Fla.	Greensboro	AG	Dec. 8-14	Randall A. Walker	A. Z. Futch
Mich.	Trenton	AG	Dec. 7-14	Musical VanderPloegs	Arden K. Adamson
Mo.	Joplin	Faith	Dec. 7-14	W. Glenn West	Earl L. Sherrick
	Monett	AG	Nov. 30-Dec. 14	Glenna Byard	Harold N. Cooper
	Orrick	AG	Dec. 14-Jan. 2	Dorothy Knott	J. W. Whitlock
Nebr.	Lincoln	¹ Glad Tidings	Dec. 14-21	Larson-Stiver Team	Nolan Blakkolb
N. M.	Shiprock	Mesa View	Dec. 7-14	Doug Chambers	Charles Lee
Okla.	Grove	Lakeview	Dec. 12—	Roger D. Ortlieb	Kenneth D. Cope
Tex.	Levelland	Parkview	Dec. 3-14	Ervin Asiatico	Don Murray
	Lubbock	First	Dec. 17-21	Ervin Asiatico	L. F. Ammons
	Rowlett	AG	Dec. 16-21	Thomas Calk	W. G. Martin

¹ Children's Revival

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



SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK FOLLOWS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGE MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH CONVOCATION

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—Modern educational institutions make a serious mistake by teaching knowledge but ignoring wisdom, Dr. Glenn S. Dumke, chancellor of the 19-campus California state college system told those attending the 50th anniversary convocation at Southern California College here.

Ancient Greeks believed "mankind should concern itself with three things—the good, the true, and the beautiful," he said. "But the modern university is only concerned with the true."

He stressed that both private and public educational institutions should work "to turn out good and great men rather than highly trained specialists."

President O. Cope Budge presided over the commemorative ceremony. In introducing the speaker he said Dr. Dumke helped SCC acquire its liberal arts accreditation in 1964.

Also participating in the program were William H. Robertson, chairman of the board of trustees of the college and superintendent of the Southern California District; Bartlett Peterson, general secretary of the Assemblies of God; and Dr. William B. Langsdorf, who represented the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

President Budge stated that while the anniversary was a day

to acknowledge past accomplishments with gratefulness to God, it was also "a time to look forward" to the continuing success of the college for the glory of God.

The convocation was followed by the college's annual Spiritual Emphasis Week during which Kansas District Superintendent Paul Lowenberg ministered twice daily to the students.

Brother Lowenberg centered his messages in John 17. He emphasized that trivial, mundane activities can cause the individual to lose sight of his real purpose in life. Many students gained a greater insight into their spiritual problems as the speaker challenged them to get on "eye level" with Jesus Christ.

Southern California College was founded in 1920 under the name of Southern California Bible School when Pastor and Mrs. Harold K. Needham opened their Los Angeles home to 20 summer school students. The enrollment that fall was nearly 35.

In 1927 the school was moved to a five-acre site in Pasadena. It has occupied its present site since 1950.

The name was changed to Southern California College after a liberal arts program was added in 1959. Full accreditation as a liberal arts college was granted in 1964 by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

President O. Cope Budge and Kansas District Superintendent Paul Lowenberg (right) discuss plans for the Spiritual Emphasis Week which followed the 50th anniversary convocation. Brother Lowenberg ministered to the students twice daily during the week.



tion of Schools and Colleges.

A recent survey of graduates shows that since 1960, 41 percent

SCC President O. Cope Budge (right) visits with Dr. Glenn S. Dumke following the 50th anniversary convocation at SCC.



At 'Decade of Dedication' Testimonial

BBC honors President Burnett

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—Cordas C. Burnett was honored recently at a testimonial dinner celebrating his 10 years as president of Bethany Bible College. The college, board of trustees, and other friends paid tribute to him for a "decade of dedication."

Board Chairman Robert Carington said, "We are honoring Dr. Burnett for his acceptance of responsibility, for his dedication to youth, his dedication to missions, his dedication to labor, for his recruitment of outstanding faculty and staff, for his unique abilities of organization, and for his dedication to Jesus Christ and His cause."

Joseph Gerhart, superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada District, called Brother Burnett "a God-sent man . . . of sincere religious convictions and leadership abilities."

Climaxing the tributes, the chairman of the board of trustees announced that the three-story

have gone into teaching, either public or church-related; 36 percent have entered the ministry; and 8 percent are in the business world.

Excellent campus facilities have been acquired. In the last 10 years the college has added a gymnasium-student union, library building, science hall, dining commons, and men's residence. Currently a women's residence is under construction.

men's residence, built during Brother Burnett's administration, would be named Cordas C. Burnett Hall.

"If I could do everything over again in a ministry that began in 1935, I think I would concentrate upon work with young people," Brother Burnett responded. "It is wonderful to see young people, full of zeal and ambition, coming here for their education. And then it's wonderful to see them again on the field laboring for God. I thank Him for letting me have a part in their lives and training."

During Brother Burnett's presidency, college enrollment has increased from 273 in 1959 to 458 in 1969. Classroom, chapel, and dormitory facilities have been greatly increased.

In 1966 Bethany received accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. It also received recognition from the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges.

Several hundred persons from all over California greeted President and Mrs. Burnett at the testimonial dinner held in their honor at BBC.



NCAG students participate in 'Operation Turkey'

KIRKLAND, WASH.—A group of students from Northwest College of the Assemblies of God spent their Thanksgiving vacation assisting in Indian missions. The project, now in its second year, is known as "Operation Turkey." It is sponsored by the Missions Ministry Interest Group, a segment of the World Outreach Ministry program at NCAG.

Last year 12 students and Dwayne Turner, faculty adviser and instructor in Christian Education, went to the Mattaniah Indian Mission on Vancouver Island, B.C., where they assisted Carl Miller, ordained minister of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, and his congregation. The church ministers to the Cowichan Indians on the area reserves.

Promoting the mission was Peggy Smith, a junior from Spokane, Wash., who had spent a summer working on the reserves and knew firsthand some of the conditions and needs there.

Soon students began to "talk up" the idea of spending their Thanksgiving holiday assisting the mission, and as interest grew, the group was organized under the auspices of NCAG's WOM program.

NCAG students raised \$200 to purchase building materials to help Pastor Miller and the Indian congregation erect their new chapel. Students on the mission received assistance with ferry fares; otherwise they paid travel costs.

The group arrived at the island mission in time to spend Thanks-

giving Day working on the superstructure of the new chapel. They continued to work on the building through Friday and Saturday.

Although Canadians observe Thanksgiving in October, Pastor Miller and his staff joined the students for a Thanksgiving meal on the American date.

While the men students concentrated on construction, the ladies went into the village to visit Indian homes. Friday and Saturday

evenings were spent in fellowship and services with the Indians.

Upon returning to campus the students reported some of their experiences and accomplishments. This made a deep impression upon the students and faculty. Several on the team testified that a high-point in their experience was the devotional service when approximately 40 Indians met with them in one of the Indian homes.

This year's "Operation Turkey" again included visiting the Mattaniah Indian Mission. Students also visited another Indian mission in the state of Washington.

Pledges Exceed \$18,500

'Harvest Is Passing' is theme of CBC convention

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Veteran missionary Morris Plotts was speaker for the October missions convention at Central Bible College. With the theme, "Harvest Is Passing," he challenged students to give their lives in service to God.

According to Paul Mueller, Campus Missions Fellowship president, students pledged more than \$18,500 to missions.

In 43 years of ministry, Brother Plotts has preached in more than 2,400 communities as the guest of 42 denominations. As missionaries he and his wife have served in Georgetown, Guyana; Dodoma, Tanzania; and more recently Tehran, Iran.

Repeatedly Brother Plotts asked, "Don't the heathen deserve to hear the gospel at least once?" Each day students testified they had received definite calls to the mission field.

The chapel was almost filled to capacity for the concluding service Friday evening. More than \$1,300 was given in cash towards the purchase of windows for the evangelistic center and Bible school to be erected in Iran.

A missions challenge confronted students in many areas of the campus. The prayer groups designed display booths, which were strategically located in several buildings.

The background wall of the chapel was transformed into a huge map of the world. Standing beside a large hourglass was a figure, sickle in hand, representing death. Mounted around the auditorium were nine large posters depicting the prayer groups' interests. The brightly colored squares of decorator paper used for the posters and chapel background produced a three-dimensional effect.

To assume duties January 1

Cyril Homer is named NCBC president

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Cyril E. Homer, pastor of Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle since 1967, will become the third president of North Central Bible College on January 1, according to a recent announcement by S.H. Petersen, chairman of the board of regents of the college.



The president-elect succeeds G. Raymond Carlson who resigned to become an assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

Brother Carlson has served NCBC since May 1, 1961. He will move to Springfield to assume the new post to which he was elected at the General Council in August.

Brother Homer is a native of Coleford, Gloucester, England. He came to the United States in 1929

and graduated from Central Bible College and the Los Angeles Baptist Seminary, receiving the Th.B. degree.

He was a U.S. Army chaplain in World War II and the Korean War and was retired with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

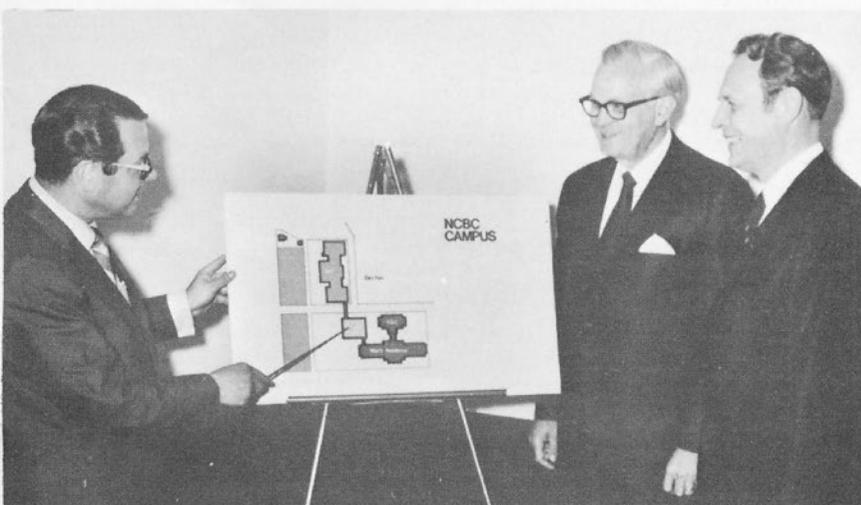
Brother Homer was ordained by the Central District in 1940. He has served eight Assemblies of God churches as pastor in his 29 years of ministry.

He served two terms as assistant superintendent of the Ohio District and four years as a general presbyter for the Assemblies of God.

He is experienced as a college administrator, having served 1955-58 as president of South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Fla.

The president-elect of NCBC is a well-known speaker for camp meetings, district councils, and ministers institutes. His travels have taken him to 21 foreign countries and throughout the U.S.

A spokesman for the college stated, "Again God has given to North Central a torchbearer whose ministry and spiritual stature cause us to look forward to a bright tomorrow in the growing ministry of the college."



MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman (center) and North Central Bible College President G. Raymond Carlson listen as D. H. Mapson, director of development and business manager for NCBC, explains a map of the proposed "Metro Campus." He is pointing to the proposed location of the chapel-auditorium complex. This plan would connect the original building (upper left) with those recently acquired. The men's residence is at the lower right with the Tourtellotte Guest Center above it. This former mansion provides conference room for college and regional activities and housing for guests attending such functions.

Spring registration dates for Assemblies of God colleges

- Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif.
January 20
- Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo.
January 19, 20
- Evangel College, Springfield, Mo.
January 20
- North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minn.
January 14-16
- Northeast Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa.
January term: January 5. Spring term: February 3, 4
- Northwest College of the Assemblies of God, Kirkland, Wash.
Winter quarter: January 5. Spring quarter: March 30
- South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Fla.
January 6-8
- Southern California College, Costa Mesa, Calif.
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