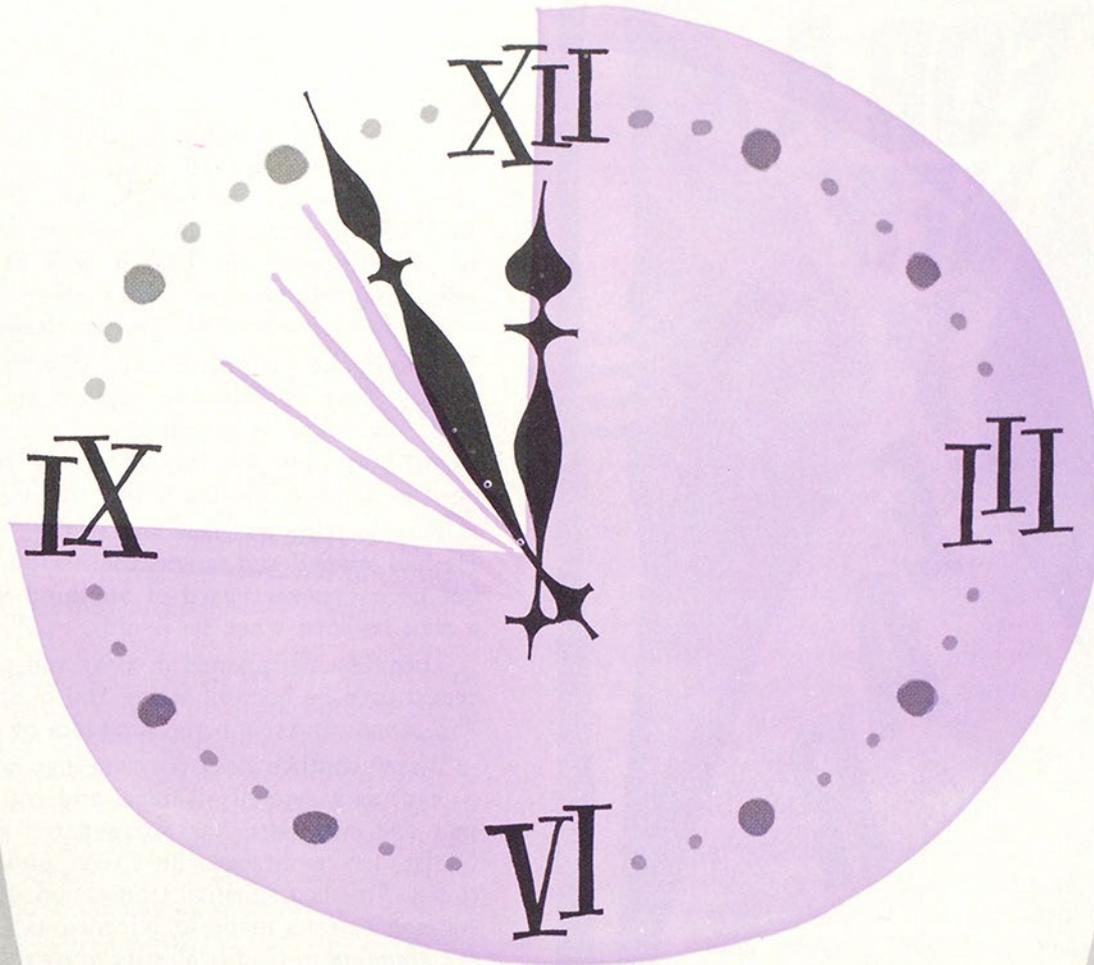


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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAITH THE LORD

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THERE WAS A MAN of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. In so many words the Bible introduces us to the man who came to Jesus by night for a very important interview.

The interview was important because it brought out the truth of the New Birth. We are entering a new year and we want it to be a good year. Let us remember that nothing is good except that which He puts within us. God offers us a new life for the new year. He offers to put His very own life within us so that 1970 will be a year of victorious Christian living.

This new life does not come through making new resolutions, or turning over a new leaf. It comes only through a New Birth. That is the hard fact that Nicodemus had to learn. Jesus said to him, "Ye must be born again."

Had Nicodemus been a wicked man, he might have accepted the Saviour's words without a question. He might have said, "Yes, that's the only way a miserable sinner like me could ever expect to enter into the kingdom of God. I would have to be born all over again and live a different kind of life from childhood on, for I have worked myself into a thoroughly hopeless situation." But Nicodemus was *not* a wicked man. He was a Pharisee, very pious and devout. In fact, he was a teacher of religion. And yet, in spite of his excellent reputation, he knew he lacked something. That is why he had laid aside his religious prejudice and under cover of night, had dared visit this One whom the Jewish clergy despised.

Jesus spoke very plainly and directly to Nicodemus. He said, "There is only one way to enter the kingdom of God. You must be born into it. *You must be born again.*" Being born into the human family is not enough. You need to be born into the family of God as well.

This doctrine was new and strange to the learned rabbi. He had studied and taught the Scriptures for many years, but he had never heard of anything like this. "How can a man be born when he is old . . . ?" he questioned.

Then Jesus explained in clear and positive terms. "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit," He said, "he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

Water baptism does not save us; nevertheless it is important as a symbol of burial and resurrection. It implies that the candidate has surrendered his life in faith to Christ, has embraced the Cross, and has been crucified to sin. This is a spiritual transaction. It corresponds to the statement Jesus made to Nicodemus: *The only door into the kingdom of God is by way of a rebirth, or resurrection, and this is symbolized by the watery grave.* Water baptism is an outward experience whereas the spiritual rebirth is an inward work. But both are vital and real.

When Jesus went down from Nazareth to Jordan where John was preaching and baptizing the people, He was about thirty years of age. He was ready to launch out upon His public ministry. He stood on Jordan's bank, looking down the brief span of three and one-half years, and at the end of that span He beheld a cross. That cross meant ignominy and shame. That cross, standing on a little hill just outside the city of David, was rugged and

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cruel. It represented the maximum of dread, suffering, and anguish to its victims. Rome had designed it for the most wicked enemies of human society—murderers, thieves, adulterers, insurrectionists.

Jesus stood and looked toward that cross. He had come from God to save poor lost sinners, who deserved to die such a wretched death as that. There was only one way He could save them—by dying in their place. The cross therefore was an altar. On it God designed that this guiltless, spotless Son of His love should be offered as the Sacrificial Lamb for the sins of men.

Through long ages past men had offered guiltless lambs on altars for their sins. Those sacrificial lambs did not take away sin. They merely pointed as types or symbols to God's true Lamb that was to come. They expressed the faith of the worshipers in God's promised Redeemer—that sinless Man who would give His life as a substitute for them. Now that Man had come!

Standing there on Jordan's shore, Jesus' mind and heart embraced that old cross. It was the perfect will of God for Him, and He willingly gave Himself to it. In spirit He gave His life for sinners then and there. John, as though to confirm the fact, leveled his finger at Him and boomed out his prophetic announcement: "Behold the Lamb of God. . . ."

Jesus waded out to John to be baptized by him. Jesus had bowed His will to the perfect will of God to be offered as God's paschal Lamb; therefore John took Him in his great strong arms and laid Him away in a watery grave. There, beneath the muddy waters of Jordan, Jesus was buried for an instant. The waters closed over Him. His consecration was complete. He had said, "I delight to do thy will, O my God." He had assured His disciples when they brought bread to Him, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." He had told the Jews, "I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." He had made a full surrender.

Then John lifted Him up from that watery grave, symbolizing His resurrection, and in that moment the Spirit of God descended upon Him in the form of a dove, while a voice from heaven declared, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Three and one-half years later the experience which had been portrayed symbolically was enacted in fullest reality. The sins He had come to take away were actually laid upon Him. The cross which in spirit He had embraced was actually placed upon His back. The life He had surrendered at heart was actually given up at Calvary.

They took His body from the wooden cross and laid Him away in a rock-hewn tomb. The grave was closed and sealed. Death had claimed its prey, and the burial which the watery grave of Jordan had symbolized was now an accomplished fact. Yet the first was just as real as the last, for it was wrought in the Spirit of God. Jesus was "born of water and of the Spirit" and thus He "fulfilled all righteousness."

What can we learn about this new life into which Jesus was born by the Resurrection? We learn it is a "new creation." The old creation (Jesus' body) had terminated in death and the grave. That was the horrible price of sin. Then the Spirit of the Lord moved into the grave

and "recreated" the mortifying body—made it over again, not as a part of the old creation, as in the case of Lazarus, but as a new creation. Lazarus had been raised from death, only to return to the grave after a few more years of earthly life. But Jesus was reborn by the Holy Spirit into a new order, a new creation which had no part nor substance with the old. The resurrection Kingdom belongs to another world. Flesh and blood has no inheritance therein.

The apostle Paul tells us that Jesus Christ is "the firstborn from the dead" (Colossians 1:18). John called Him "the first begotten of the dead" (Revelation 1:5). His disciples constitute the "church of the firstborn" (Hebrews 12:23). The term *firstborn* reminds us of the glorious fact that others may follow Him and likewise be "born from the dead."

Nicodemus, you too must be "born again." First you must realize that you are dead in trespasses and sins; then by repentance and faith you may be "quickened" (made alive) and be raised from the dead to walk in newness of life. This is the only way to enter into the kingdom of God. You must embrace the Cross. You must surrender your will to God. You must be crucified (in spirit) with Christ. There is no other way.

A man's rebellious will is his greatest problem. The human will is set against the divine will. The siren song of earth is none other than Lucifer's refrain which precipitated his fall from heaven to hell—"I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation . . . I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High" (Isaiah 14:14).

But our Lord has taught us a *new* song. The words are not, "I will," but "I surrender." We kneel before Him, raise both our hands as high as we can raise them, and sing the glad new song, "*I surrender all. I surrender all. All to Thee, my blessed Saviour; I surrender all.*" That is the way to get a new life. There is no other way. It takes a complete surrender of your will to God. Your will must be crucified. Your old life with its disobedience and sin must be nailed to the cross. You must be "buried" with Christ through a complete consecration in order that you may rise with Him to enjoy this newness of spiritual life.

The great apostle to the Gentiles cried, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but A NEW CREATION" (Galatians 6:14).

In another place he wrote, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in NEWNESS OF LIFE" (Romans 6:4).

Those who have embraced the cross of Christ and have been buried with Him in a watery grave of baptism are accounted to have been "born again" from death. They have been resurrected with Christ. They belong to a new world—a resurrection world. They are taught to live for God as "those that are alive from the dead."

What a glorious privilege it is to have this *new life* from God as we enter the *new year*. 

Pray for Impact '70

LIFE IS NEVER DULL for a person who knows Christ. Each day brings new adventures in faith, with new mercies from heaven and new opportunities to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord.

Our situation right now is particularly exciting, for it puts us on the border of a new year and a new decade of tremendous challenge. If the past ten years are any indication of the future, we may expect far-reaching changes in the next decade. The man or woman who does not know God may well tremble at the prospects of social revolution, economic instability, and international tensions that lie ahead. Never has the world situation been more fluid nor the future less certain. God is shaking the very foundations so people can see there is no security outside of Him.

But those who trust in the Lord need never fear. Whatever He has willed for our future is good and if we keep our hand in His we cannot fail. Better things lie ahead: greater demonstrations of God's power and greater opportunities to win souls. Gospel fishing is always good in troubled waters.

We stand on the border of a new promised land. The question is whether we will be fearful and unbelieving, like the ten spies who came back from the land of Canaan with a pessimistic report; or whether we will be like Caleb who said, "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it."

The people of Israel adopted the majority report. They looked at the giants and walled cities instead of the power of God. They accepted defeat without a fight—and let the enemies of God inhabit Canaan for another forty years.

God is looking for people who will face His enemies in the coming decade and claim victory in the name of Jesus. He is looking for people who will rebuke a negative philosophy—who will pray and believe and proclaim His power to save the people of the 70's from their sins. He is looking for people who will band together to make a gospel impact on their generation.

The Assemblies of God has designated seven areas in the U.S. and seven cities overseas as special targets for Impact '70. Area churches will combine their efforts to evangelize by public witness and literature distribution, with door-to-door evangelism by day and preaching services by night. *Evangel* readers are asked to pray and support these crusades in every way possible.

It is hoped these pilot projects will be duplicated in one place after another until every church in the Fellowship is involved in this type of evangelism. Impact is for Sunday school, CA's, MF, WMC, and every group in the church. Impact is all the church taking all the gospel into all the world.

The theme for Impact '70 is "Go and Tell." Many of the people who need to hear the gospel will not come to church, so we must go to them where they are. Do we believe the gospel of Christ is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth"? Then let us pray for the individuals whom God lays upon our hearts, and let us have faith that as we tell them what God has done for us, the Holy Spirit will create in them a desire to be saved and a willingness to accept Christ.

New forces are arising to challenge the Church. Will their impact be greater than ours? "Prove me now," the Lord says. "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." The victory will be proportionate to our faith and dedication.

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WHY WORRY?

By GORDON CHILVERS

A LONG A CROWDED STREET TODAY we see many faces that show unrelieved anxiety. We notice saddened expressions, furrowed brows, and pale cheeks. There is harassing care. Sometimes that is true of Christians as well. Yet our Lord says, "Don't worry."

Three times in a few verses of Matthew 6 we have these words, "Take no thought" (Matthew 6:25, 31, 34). Our Lord does not, of course, forbid us from making preparation for what we are fairly sure will come. The care He forbids is that "which disquiets and distracts, which disturbs our joy in God and destroys our peace" (A. W. Pink). Jesus says: "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on" (Matthew 6:25).

We should not worry, Christ says, because it is *senseless*. Our Lord enforces His point by telling us to look at the birds. "They sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns" (Matthew 6:26). Luther calculated that a sparrow would eat a bushel of corn in a year. If that bird were to reckon up its needs beforehand and then speculate on the possibility of a poor crop, the amount of labor required to gather it, or the possibility that he might not have any place to store it, the bird would have an awful headache at the prospect!

We should not worry about our clothes, Christ says, for worry is *lack of faith*. "Consider the lilies of the field," He says, "how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin" (Matthew 6:28). No man plants or cares for them. No man provides for their needs and they do not make their own clothes. That God will likewise clothe us, we can be certain.

We should not worry, Christ says, because it is *useless*. "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" (Matthew 6:27). It is the "span of life" that is referred to here. Moulton and Miligan point out that while there are many examples of the word meaning "age" in the Bible, they are unable to find one where it must mean stature. How little anxiety can do! Our length of life is fixed by God, and nothing we can do can make it substantially longer. Anxiety will not lengthen life; it is more likely to shorten it.

We should not worry, Christ says, because it is *heathenish*. "Take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?" (Matthew 6:31). These questions should not disturb the children of God, but "after all these things do the Gentiles seek" (Matthew 6:32).

What is the answer? God is in control and He will provide all our need of food and clothing. God's resources are boundless and His power is endless so our fears are groundless. It is a great comfort to know that our God is so careful about supplying our needs that we should be *anxious about nothing at all!*

Christ encourages us to raise our thoughts above food, drink, and clothes till they reach up to the highest of ambitions, the will of God. When our ambitions are spiritual, rather than worldly, we concentrate our attention on divine rather than earthly affairs. We shall gain in so doing for "all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33), Christ says.

But when all other fears are assuaged, there remains the fear of tomorrow. We worry about the future, but such anxiety is *needless*. "Take therefore no thought for the morrow." We do not know if we shall see it. If we do, then "the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself." Tomorrow's anxieties should be left for tomorrow. Each day will bring with it its share of evil. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:34). Evil will come to us soon enough without our wanting to have it a day in advance. It has been well said that "our worst misfortunes are those which never befall us." When we restrict our cares to what is happening today, we are well advanced on the road to mastering them.

Christ is our perfect example. None of us lives a more strenuous life or in a more troubled world than He did. Yet He lived above all care. Never once did our Lord show any anxiety about food, clothes, life, or the next day. As we read through the Gospel narratives, we find Him enjoying perfect peace, for He had a perfect trust in His Father.

"Don't worry," Christ says.



SPONTANEOUS MOVE OF GOD'S SPIRIT STIRS STUDENTS AT EVANGEL,

REVIVAL COMES TO



This year has been designated as the "Year of Revival" in Assemblies of God churches. All across the land the prayer has been heard, "Lord, send a revival." Students at our Assemblies of God colleges have prayed it too and the Lord answered by pouring out the Holy Spirit both at Evangel Col-

lege and at Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo. The move of the Spirit came spontaneously, and classes were suspended as students learned directly from the Great Teacher. The revival came—and students experienced renewed fellowship with God. Others were baptized or refilled with the Spirit. Outstanding healings occurred.

REVIVAL AT EVANGEL 'MUCH LIKE DAY OF PENTECOST'

THE SPIRIT OF GOD suddenly settled upon students at Evangel College on Thursday, November 6, during Spiritual Emphasis Week. In a matter of hours, approximately three-fourths of the students were feeling the impact of revival.

Groundwork for the revival had been laid over a period of weeks.

Don Argue, director of spiritual life at Evangel College, gave a resume of the prerevival activities there:

"Soon after college opened this semester the students spontaneously began prayer groups in the dormitories and in other areas on campus. A men's dorm social turned into a Pentecostal prayer meeting around a bonfire. It continued until midnight or later."

He explained that about the time students across the United States had their October moratorium in protest of the Vietnam war, a group of Evangel students asked permission to have prayer meetings in the prayer chapel. "The group began with 12," Dr. Argue recalled, "but soon the prayer chapel, which accommodates 100, was too small, and the meetings were moved to the main chapel.

"God began to lay a burden for prayer on more and more students. Soon there was group prayer in the dormitories every night, often lasting

until midnight. In one such prayer meeting in the girls' dorm, a girl who had never studied French spoke in that language under the moving of the Holy Spirit."

Brother Argue explained that before Spiritual Emphasis Week he had asked students to pledge themselves to specific hours of prayer. They pledged thousands of hours.

When Spiritual Emphasis Week came, there was an air of expectancy on campus. Approximately 700 students gathered on Tuesday evening, November 4, to hear Missionary-Evangelist Willard Cantelon. It was the largest attendance for such a service in the history of Evangel College

Precedent was broken again during the missionary emphasis in Wednesday morning chapel, when students made faith promises for \$25,299. It was the first year faith promises had been received at the college.

"The real breakthrough came on Thursday night," Brother Argue reported. "At 9:30 approximately 650 were still at the altar praying. The number dwindled to 300 by 11 p.m.

"Suddenly a spontaneous move of the Holy Spirit broke upon the scene, much like the Day of Pentecost. Several of the students began speaking in other tongues and praising God. Those

under conviction made their lives right with God.

"Students then began to pray for conviction to rest upon others on campus. Around midnight students began to leave their dormitories and come to the chapel. They would pray for a particular student, and 20 minutes later that one would come to the chapel. Other students went out looking for their friends to bring them in.

"By 1:30 a.m. there were 700 students in the chapel. Dozens were prostrate under the power of the Holy Spirit. Some who had resisted God yielded to His touch. Many were baptized in the Holy Spirit; scores were refilled; many testified they were called to the ministry at home or on the foreign field. There were outstanding healings. The meeting continued through the night; some students were still praying at 6:30 Friday morning.

"Brother Cantelon preached in the Friday morning chapel on how God deals with men through His Spirit. Again the Spirit of God broke forth. Classes were dismissed, and students remained for prayer, many until late afternoon.

"A girl with a twisted spine was healed that afternoon. She can now sit, stand, and lie down in a normal way.

"News of the revival spread. That evening over 1,000 filled the chapel. Again there was a spiritual breakthrough, and students prayed most of the night.

"That was the final service of Spiritual Emphasis Week," Brother Argue explained, "but at 2 a.m. Sunday morning my phone rang. God was moving in the men's dorm; two who had been resisting the Lord had surrendered. The Holy Spirit had made them miserable with conviction. One of them said he was under such conviction that he took medication in order to sleep."

Several Evangel College students who had drifted away from God testified to restoration. One confessed, "I had wandered far from Christian principles and had become very hard towards spiritual things. I knew I needed a change in my life, but I was unwilling to give up my own desires

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and allow Christ to be the Master of my life. . . . Friday morning in the chapel service I felt the conviction of the Holy Spirit again. The love and mercy of God overwhelmed my soul and broke my sinful spirit. Jesus Christ cleansed my soul and relieved me of the heavy burden of sin."

Brother Argue indicated that the revival energy of EC students would be reflected in its SCOPE program (Student Corps of Pentecostal Endeavor). It includes a wide range of activities from missions internship to practical service in local rest homes.

The Spirit of God, working in His

time and in His way, has accomplished much in the lives of the students—benefits that will last for eternity.

After classes had resumed at Evangel, students attended some of the revival sessions which broke out at Central Bible College the following week. 

FRESHMEN LEAD WAY TO REVIVAL AT CBC

AT CENTRAL BIBLE COLLEGE the unusual visitation of the Spirit began on Monday, November 10, during the freshman chapel. Soon almost all the students were praying, praising God, and searching their souls. The revival atmosphere continued through the week.

President Philip Crouch stressed how prayer laid the groundwork for the CBC revival. He stated:

"At the time of the October 15 moratorium, some of the students were quite concerned because they had brothers or parents involved in the Vietnam war. We held a double chapel period that day. There we stressed the fact that the world's problems are much more deeply seated than the matter of the Vietnam war. Man's problems are spiritual—the result of sin and his transgression against God. We advised the students the best way they could help was through prayer."

"Many students had a sense of spiritual need," Brother Crouch continued. "The student government organization decided to have prayer meetings each Monday evening. They opened these to all students. Other groups scheduled prayer meetings; soon there were prayer meetings being held in several places on campus. In this way the revival was built. It was a slow but serious thing which could be felt.

"The revival which broke out at Evangel College had its effect. Some CBC students went over there when they were free of studies.

"As our regular Friday night chapel service neared conclusion, Paul Mueller, president of Campus Missions Fellowship, announced that Evangel College students planned to pray following Willard Cantelon's final sermon. He

encouraged students to go over and join the Evangel students in prayer. A number did so."

Brother Crouch explained that CBC occasionally holds what are known as class chapels when each class meets separately for prayer and to discuss problems regarding its activities, and these were scheduled for Monday morning, November 10. "The freshman chapel hadn't progressed very far until they broke into a wonderful spirit of praise. The sophomore class had a similar experience but not as pronounced.

"When students learned that the freshmen had remained in chapel, they joined them in their free periods. Several classes were dismissed. The students continued in prayer all through the day, all evening, and into the early morning.

"The next day Donald Schorsch, servicemen's representative of the Assemblies of God, spoke for the Veterans' Day chapel. He also emphasized our country's prayer need. Again the students remained in the chapel, praying and waiting on God. Classes did not convene all that day.

"Prayer continued in the evening," Brother Crouch stated. "As the hour grew late, it was decided that the lady students should go to their dorms where they could continue in prayer if they wished. Just before they left there was a wonderful testimony service. One after another told how they had been touched, their lives changed. Some had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Others had been healed.

"On Wednesday the students prayed all day and throughout the evening. At 11 p.m., just before the young ladies went to their dorms, the chapel

still was nearly filled. Approximately 300 men remained in the chapel and continued in prayer until 1:30 a.m. and later."

The concerted waiting on the Lord at CBC continued throughout Thursday and Friday with all but a few classes cancelled.

God laid His healing hand on a number of the students. One suffering with pain in his spine was instantly healed. A lady who had had pain in her side for over a year was immediately delivered. Another who was hardly able to see or walk because of a migraine headache was healed.

The revival had a marked impact on school life. One student summarized it well: "The change is evident in improved manners, a happier outlook on life, joy on the faces of students, a peaceful atmosphere on campus, and the absence of anger, gossip, and misconduct toward other individuals."

Another rejoiced, "We have been praying for revival since the first day of school, and now it is a reality."

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The revivals at Evangel College and Central Bible College are but two examples of the way God's Spirit has been moving upon His people during the past Year of Revival. Thank God for the direction of His Spirit. Thank God for the times of refreshing.

As we face a new year and a new decade, let us continue to seek God for times of refreshing. And let us use the opportunities He brings us to make an impact on our world for His glory.

Next year the emphasis in Assemblies of God churches will be: *Impact '70—Go and Tell*. May we always remember that He refreshes us to enable us to reach others. 



Chas. W. H. Scott delivers the dedication message at the St. Louis Teen Challenge Center.



This is the three-story brick home dedicated in October as the Teen Challenge Center serving the metropolitan St. Louis area.



Don Wilkins, director of the Center, leads the dedication vows during the service held in front of the Teen Challenge Center.



Converts who were saved during the summer evangelism program are baptized in water.

ST. LOUIS TEEN CHALLENGE CENTER DEDICATED

THE TEEN CHALLENGE FACILITIES of metropolitan St. Louis were dedicated October 5, 1969. Chas. W. H. Scott, an assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God and executive director of Home Missions, and Curtis W. Ringness, national secretary of Home Missions, participated.

During the past summer and fall, St. Louis Teen Challenge workers have been active in many areas of evangelism among the forgotten masses of people in the inner-city area. Every night, teams conducted street meetings and engaged in personal evangelism.

Students from Central Bible College joined the teams each weekend in literature distribution and witnessing. They gave out more than 300,000 pieces of literature. Many young men and women accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour right on the sidewalks and in the slum areas of the city.

The center is constantly alert to new opportunities for evangelism. Workers plan to distribute one million pieces of literature in 1970!

In addition to this evangelism outreach, the center, through its rehabilitation program has seen the lives of young people miraculously changed by the power of God. The summer campaign was concluded with an outdoor baptismal service where a large number of youth followed the Lord in water baptism.

Workers desire prayer for the young people staying temporarily at the center and in the girls' home. Many necessary items for the convenience of the staff and youth are lacking, but workers are trusting God to supply them. The financial burden of such a project as Teen Challenge is great, but God is able to supply all their needs.

Teen Challenge work is geared to the times. Sin and crime are on the increase; and Christ is the only answer to drug addiction, prostitution, murder, and rape. Many youth have been delivered due to the work of Teen Challenge.

Its message is being heard from rooftops to suburban split-level homes. Inner-city, midtown, and suburban pastors, laymen, and parents are all requesting help to combat the epidemic of drug abuse.

Marijuana, pep pills, acid, and various types of solvents being used by youth have resulted in arrest for some and death for others. Even juvenile authorities, parole officers, and state officials are looking toward our Assemblies of God Teen Challenge work for assistance in stemming this growing tide of evil.

TACOMA SECTION PROVIDES FACILITIES FOR INDIAN CHURCH

CHURCHES OF THE TACOMA SECTION of the Northwest District, under the leadership of Presbyter Frank Funderburk, raised nearly \$2,000 for much-needed facilities and repairs for the Nisqually Indian Church at Yelm, Wash.

Besides this, several dedicated men—carpenters, plumbers, electricians, tile layers—all members of Assemblies of God churches in the Tacoma Section, gave many weeks of their time in renovating various parts of the building and improving facilities.

The Northwest District has an association of dedicated Christian businessmen (CBIA) who give their spare time helping to build or repair small churches.

Last summer the Tacoma Section held a special fellowship meeting at the church to dedicate the new facilities. District Superintendent Raymond Carlson was the evening speaker, and Frank McAllister, assistant superintendent, was the afternoon speaker.

Improvements made in the Nisqually church included a new power plant; a new propane gas wall furnace; conduit and wiring for the buildings throughout; and heating pipes for the furnace. They also erected a small building to house the power plant and two modern rest rooms.

The Assembly of God at Yelm helped feed the workers. Also, the Nisqually church is grateful to the Yelm Assembly (J. Paul Taylor, pastor) for opening its Sunday school to their Indian children.

Since her husband Frank's illness, Ella Evans has been the driving force in the Nisqually work. To the Indians, the church is more than a place of worship. It is the community hall, the social center for many of the 300 Indians living on or near the Nisqually Reservation. Sister Evans won the Indians' confidence through her sincere, sympathetic service and friendship. She, with her husband, has been their adviser and confidante.

Brother and Sister Evans first went to Yelm in 1953 to organize an Indian church. Brother Evans, then a carpenter (now retired but still active), peeled logs, and, with help from the Indians, built the simple church. They made cedar shakes for the roof. "We had no power tools," Brother Evans recalled. "It was all done with ax and handsaw." Alice Kalama donated the logs.

These faithful pioneers inspired their own Nisqually Indian Mission to raise \$500 for floor tiling and car-

peting for the platform. The Indian folk also put insulation on the kitchen and chapel ceilings.

After a few years with the Nisquallys, Mr. and Mrs. Evans went to the Spokane Indian Reservation and built another church. They also served in Nevada before returning to Yelm over a year ago.

When the Evanses recently left the Nisqually church, they felt they were leaving it in good hands with Ben Charles, a young Indian brother. This was especially rewarding for the missionaries, since Ben had received his call into the ministry in that very church—under the Evanses' ministry.

Brother and Sister Evans have now returned to missionary work among the McDermitt, Nev., Indians who have been without a missionary for some time. The little "flock" in McDermitt has become somewhat scattered during the time they have been without a "shepherd." Pray the Evanses will have the physical strength necessary for building up this work. 



Brother and Sister Frank Evans pose with an Indian friend. The rustic log church for the Nisqually Indians (below) is situated in a clearing on Indian land a few miles west of Yelm, Wash. The Tacoma Section recently raised funds for repairs and for new facilities for the church.



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OPEN HOUSE AT CHICAGO JEWISH CENTER

By ERNEST KALAPATHY

SHALOM CENTER, the witness of the Assemblies of God to 400,000 Jewish people of Greater Chicago, held open house on October 28. The beautiful facilities, located on a major thoroughfare in the heart of Chicago Jewish community, were opened to our ministers and other friends for inspection. Pastors and officials from Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri were present.

The modern one-story business structure now housing Shalom Center was purchased in November 1968 by the center's directors, a committee of Assemblies of God ministers and businessmen. Recently the building was completely redecorated as a gift to the Lord's work by Talmadge Rauhoff, vice-president of the Shalom Center Board and owner of a contracting firm. Brother and Sister Rauhoff also provided flowers and buffet refreshments and served as host and hostess for the open house.

The east side of the new Shalom Center, which will be used as a meeting and reading room, has been professionally finished with new wood paneling, carpeting, paintings, and modern furnishings. The offices on the west side of the building have been repainted in a light olive green. The Women's Missionary Council, through the

1. Members of the board and staff of Chicago's Shalom Center attended open house. Appearing in the back row (left to right) are: William F. VanWinkle, Indiana District superintendent; George Mandel, assistant superintendent of the Illinois District; A. D. Swartrauber, treasurer; Felix Keller, secretary; Talmadge Rauhoff, vice-president; Samuel Brinkman; R. G. Mohrman, pastor of Stone Church, Chicago; Darwin Heuser, pastor of Calvary Temple, Waukegan, Ill.; and Edward Hartman, pastor of Bethel Temple, Oak Park, Ill. On the front row are: Michael Gebhart, president and pastor of Mont Clare Gospel Church; Ernest Kalapathy, director; Ruth Toczek, mission secretary; Curtis W. Ringness, national secretary of Home Missions; and Richard W. Dortch, Illinois District secretary.

2. These ladies served refreshments at the Shalom Center during open house.

3. Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Rauhoff were host and hostess for the event.

4. Friends enjoyed fellowship and refreshments in the beautiful meeting room of the Center.

5. Mrs. Ruth Toczek, Ernest Kalapathy, and Michael Gebhart (standing), at work in one of the office rooms.

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Etta Calhoun Fund, also provided funds for a new refrigerator and some needed office equipment.

Shalom Center has already begun to reach out into the surrounding Jewish residential area with the gospel message. For many years this ministry to the Jews was compelled to work from a cramped and undistinguished storefront building in an aging neighborhood. As we look upon the beautiful place God so miraculously has provided for us, we feel this is a sign from the Lord that He will do great things for us in the days ahead and give us a harvest of precious Jewish lives for the Messiah. 

LETTER OF THANKS

FOLLOWING IS A RECENT LETTER from a member of the Greater Juneau Borough School District to the directors of the Juneau Children's Home:

"I wish to compliment you and your staff for the wonderful help you have given Carolyn. She is a completely different child since she has had your care, not only in her physical appearance, but also in her mental attitude. She is a happy child now, and she laughs, plays with other children, and seems interested in school.

"I have always had the greatest respect and admiration for the people who have worked in the Juneau Children's Home and for their accomplishments. How wonderful it was to see this change in Carolyn.

"We appreciate what you are doing, and hope you will be able to continue this most necessary work."

THE DAY NIAGARA STOPPED

By ADA NICHOLSON BROWNELL

NIAGARA FALLS LAST SUMMER wasn't what it used to be. Engineers cut off the mighty flow of water over the American Falls, allowing all the water to pour over the Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side instead.

The American side was a very strange sight. Moss-covered rocks became visible which had not been unwashed for thousands of years. Workmen casually walked where no one possibly could have survived a few months earlier.

"The riverbed is all pools and rocks," one description said. "A parklike calm pervades the immediate area, with only the rumble of Horseshoe Falls in the background to disturb the quiet."

It was only a temporary interruption for the purpose of studying the rock formations. Wind and water have steadily eroded the precipice as the pile of rocks at the base revealed. If continued, it was feared that the American Falls would one day disintegrate into a series of cascades; so the engineers wanted to learn how this might be prevented.

What happened 81 years ago was different. When residents of Niagara Falls awoke the morning of March 31, 1888, they found the entire falls had stopped. Instead of the mighty roar to which their ears were accustomed, all was silence.

Hundreds of Canadians and Americans soon gathered along the banks of the Niagara River staring at the silent rocks in amazement. Investigators found that strong winds had driven Lake Erie's ice floes across the mouth of the Niagara River, choking off the tumultuous cataract.

The joy of the Christian life has been compared to a bubbling, flowing river. Is that joy still gushing in your soul? Or has it been cut off by something?

A new Christian was jubilant. "The happiness and peace I have experienced the last few weeks was worth waiting for all those years. I'm so glad I endured the sorrow and misery and was privileged to discover the Source of true happiness."

Some Christians find, however, that Satan robs them of this joy after a time. It stops flowing. There are individuals who accept this as a natural occurrence. This

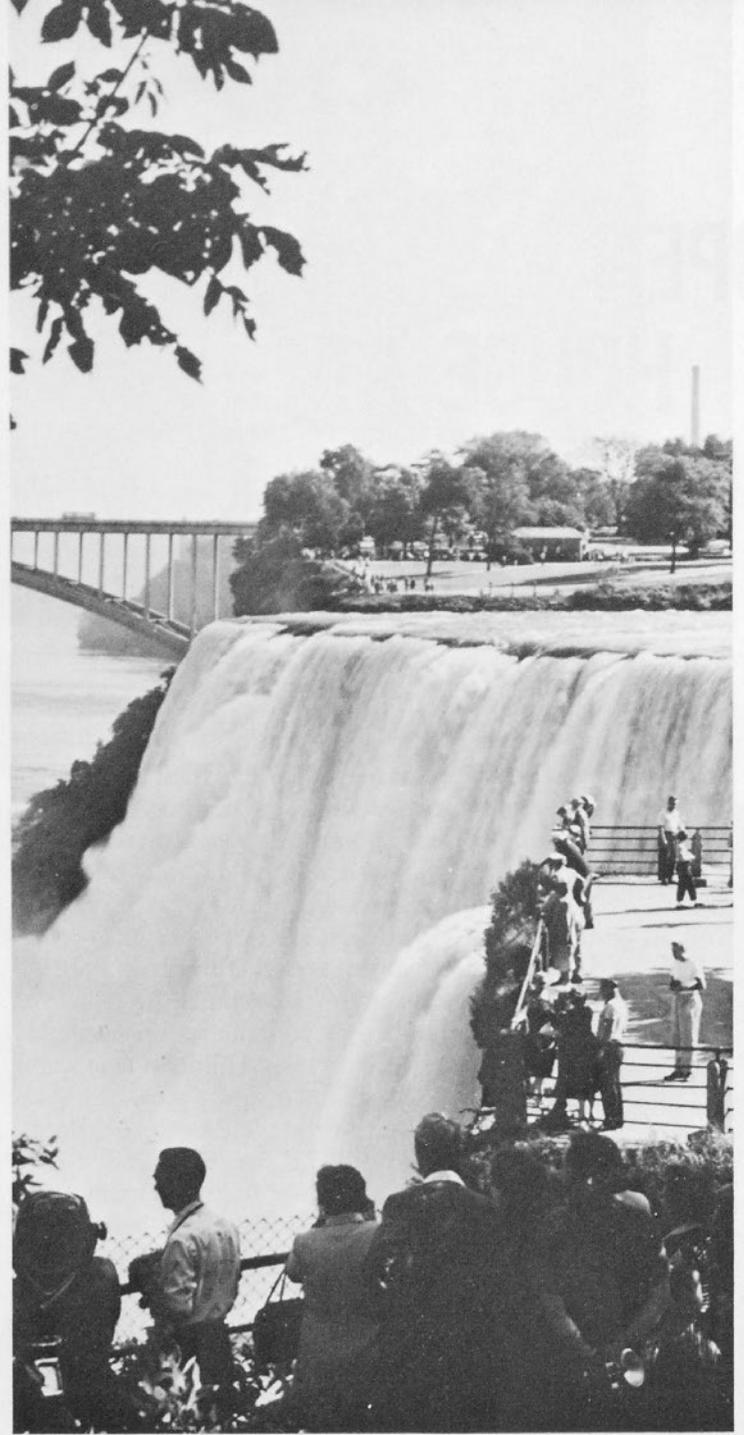


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is a mistake. Joy is a "fruit" of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22), and we are expected to have it (John 15).

Ice clogged even the mighty Niagara Falls. So can sin, doubt, and oppression of the devil plug the joyful fountain that should be erupting in your soul.

Go to the Source of your joy—the Lord Jesus Christ—and ask Him to help you clear your life of the choking things that are detrimental to your Christian life. It may not be easy. It may require perspiration, tears, and sacrifice. It will certainly require a new growth of faith.

Clearing the Niagara River was not easy. It took 30 long, aching hours of work in sub-zero weather, but at length a trickle of water eased over the precipice. Then it became wider. Soon the whole torrent was plunging over the edge with the customary thunderous sound as it burst into white foaming spray on the rocks below once again.

The joy of the Lord will flow again too. Like the mighty Niagara it can be a powerful force. It can flow forever. It need never stop. 

THE LAND OF BEGINNING AGAIN

By KATHERINE BEVIS

OUR CALENDARS TELL US that a new year is at hand. We take the new year as a fitting occasion of renewed aspirations, renewed effort, renewed resolve. We yearn to do better in 1970 than we did in 1969. We take courage in the thought that the new year offers new opportunities, gives us a new chance.

But, sad to say, too many times the new year slips gradually into a continuation of the old, resolutions falter and fail, and January becomes simply an extension of December. The old is carried over into the new.

Then plaintively and wistfully we find ourselves wishing there were some wonderful place called the "land of beginning again, where all our mistakes and all our heartaches could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door and never put on any more." And perhaps you shake your head as though such a place does not exist except in the realm of fancy.

Well, this is not wishful thinking. There is a "land of beginning again." It is in the kingdom of God. The divine Creator, who gave us this yearning, provided for its complete satisfaction and fulfillment.

He created man to know length, breadth, height, and depth—a life with four dimensions. To achieve real happiness he must have these. They are determined in part by heredity, partly by environment, but mostly by choice.

Each individual must determine the dimensions of his own life as well as its content. And when one does this his opportunities are limitless—he finds the "land of beginning again."

Two thousand years ago Christ, the Master Architect, built this "land" for us. He came to this world to begin this new creation and blasted away the sands and rubbish of false security to reveal the bedrock of eternal life. He became the Bedrock, the eternal Foundation of this new life. Upon this Foundation a new creation was to be built. Thus it was written, "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation" (Isaiah 28:16).

The pressures and perils of our times demand a sure foundation, a living union, a life of four dimensions. This "land of beginning again" provided by our Saviour will give that dimension so needed today—depth—and neglecting this dimension keeps us out of this "land."

As we enter a new year, will we also step over into that "land of beginning again" provided by our loving Saviour?

A happy New Year to all with a life of four dimensions. Remember—depth is the dimension that makes the difference; it is a life built on Christ, the sure foundation. 

TWO GOLDEN DAYS

THERE ARE TWO DAYS of the week I never worry about.

One is *yesterday*. Yesterday with all its cares and frets, with all its pains and aches, all its faults, its mistakes, and its blunders has passed forever beyond the reach of my recall. I cannot undo an act that I did; I cannot unsay a word I said. All that it holds of my life is in the hands of the Almighty.

Save for the beautiful memories that linger like perfume of roses, I have nothing to do with yesterday. It *was* mine; it *is* God's.

The other day I do not worry about is *tomorrow*. Tomorrow with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its perils, its large promise and poor performance, its failures and mistakes. Tomorrow is as far beyond the reach of my mastery as its dead sister, yesterday. Tomorrow is a day of God's. Its sun will rise in splendor or behind a mask of weeping clouds. But it will rise. Until then the

same love and patience that hold yesterday and hold tomorrow shine with tender promise into the heart of today. *Tomorrow*—it is God's day. It will be mine.

There is left for me then but one day of the week—*today*. With faith and trust in the Lord any man can fight the battles of today. Anyone can carry the burdens of just one day. Anyone can resist the temptations of today.

It is only when we willfully add the burdens of those two awful eternities—yesterday and tomorrow—to the burdens and cares of today that we break down. It isn't the experience of today that drives men mad—it is the remorse for something that happened yesterday or the dread of what tomorrow may disclose.

Those are God's days. Leave them with Him.

I think and do and journey but one day at a time. That is the easy day. It is our day—God's and mine. And while faithfully and dutifully I run my course and work my appointed task on that day of ours, God takes care of yesterday and tomorrow.

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1).

—ROBERT J. BURDETTE in *Messenger of Peace*



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Revivaltime's new book focuses on prophecies of coming events

LOOKING INTO 1970

WE FACE THE MOST *uncertain* YEAR ever to appear on the calendar. We are uncertain about our economy and value of the dollar. We are uncertain about our war. We do not know how to win it or lose it. We are uncertain about our campuses. We are uncertain about our cities. *The only certain thing is the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.*

In his new book, *World Without Children!* the *Revivaltime* speaker, C. M. Ward, says that the prophetic signs are not uncertain. Israel, and the tumult that swirls around her imposition as a revived nation, cannot be dismissed as another happenstance. The conflict involving youth, all the way from the pill to the police, cannot be shrugged away. The lengthening shadow of the drug traffic assumes Frankenstein dimensions. It is the modern-day sorcery—the “pharmaceutical” that bewitches. The World Church evolves. The revived Roman shadow of the Caesar conception for Europe is in the wings. No, declares the radio evangelist, the signs are not uncertain!

One section of the book, called “Looking into 1970,” forecasts events the radio preacher sees on next year’s horizon. Some of these include:

ARAB LEADERS FIND NEW WAY TO BLACKMAIL AMERICANS

Propagandists are now busy spreading allegations that American fighting men are serving in the Israeli armed

forces and that American pilots are flying Israeli jets which are purchased from the United States.

It’s the big lie technique all over again. While it is true that with all such commercial transactions, American technicians accompany the transfer of materials, their sole duty is to explain to and advise the recipient government about its use.

ANTI-JEW BACKLASH IS FORECAST

Dr. Morris B. Abram, president of Brandeis University, fears an anti-Semitic backlash at the conclusion of the Vietnam war. He has stated, “The post-Vietnam period will contain a very real threat for American Jewry—*this time a danger from the right.*”

These are his thoughts: “One of the ugliest features of any war is its aftermath—*particularly the aftermath for the great power whose loss of blood is not offset by victory.* The frustration level rises, the tolerance level falls, and bitter recrimination ensues. Then begins a search for a scapegoat, and western history has a favorite—the Jew.”

THE INCREASING TAX BITE

Colleges in the 1969-70 term will be spending \$22.8 billion, compared with \$13.1 billion five years ago.

Elementary and high schools will be spending \$37.5

billion, an increase of \$13.7 billion in the same five years.

How will the problem be solved when the nation's population is headed toward 300 million by the year 2000?

AN ATTACK IS MOUNTING UPON CHURCHES IN THIS NATION

There is an "anti-edifice" move. In a period when it seems more and more likely that churches and synagogues may lose their tax-exempt status, there is a *swelling chorus of demands that religious organizations stop building construction altogether.*

David Poling, the increasingly liberal president of the conservative Protestant magazine *Christian Herald*, recently called for a 10-year moratorium on church building.

The stick most frequently used in this assault on the church is the argument that money spent for property and buildings could be far better employed in combatting hunger in the world and poverty in the United States.

It is argued, further, that churches make little use of the valuable property on which they are located.

GAMBLING—THE NATIONAL PASSION

Statistics show that more than 80 percent of all adult Americans gamble. Most of the gambling takes place during "friendly games"—a standard form of diversion in our society.

By police definition, a "friendly game" of chance at someone's home is one in which no homicide, assault, or fraud is known to have occurred.

Women annually "take their girl friends" for some \$35,000,000 in friendly games of bridge, canasta, pinochle, or penny-ante poker.

ARE WE AT THE MERCY OF RUSSIA?

One of the hush-hush facts pertinent to national security is our dependence at this time upon the Soviet for ore vital to national security.

Since our sanctions against Rhodesia the remaining possible source for *chrome ore* is the Soviet. Russia is now supplying this nation at exorbitant prices under a contract which expires in 1970. If the Soviets decided to cancel the current contract, the present stockpile in this nation would be depleted in one year.

Without chrome ore the United States cannot produce stainless steel and alloy steels for jet and aerospace engines and for atomic energy development. The national defense could be crippled and national security endangered.

In the section titled "Significant Signs," the *Revivaltime* speaker gives in-depth consideration to such subjects as worldwide anti-Semitism, the dangers inherent in our affluent society, the generation gap, the Vatican's financial power, and other contemporary issues.

Commenting on the present-day conditions, the radio preacher sees two great forces at work:

"Certainly a major sign of the Lord's return is a global dimension of the Pentecostal experience. 'It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: . . . and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy' (Acts 2:17, 18).

"The *Kansas City Star* in recent days, in a feature story, reported *world membership of Pentecostal adherents to be 15 million.* The *Star* quoted a *New York Times* news service in its lead paragraph: 'Pentecostalism, a faith once dismissed by major churches as primitive and marginal, is rapidly becoming a third force in world

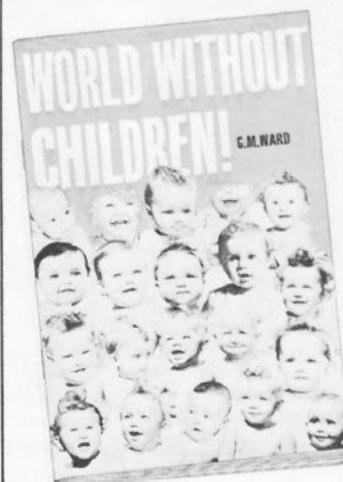
Christianity along with Protestantism and Catholicism. . . .'

"At the same time Satan is organizing his revival, *and with a great display of camp meeting energy this past season.* This past summer the monster folk-rock festival on the Isle of Wight brought 150,000 Bob Dylan fans to a 60-acre site. The average age of the participants was 18. Observers concluded: "The encampment invited comparison with great revivalist meetings in Scotland a hundred years ago. . . ."

"Does this new 'camp meeting' society have a philosophy? It is being forged. Instincts of flesh guide them toward eroticism, tribalism, Hinduism."

The 48-page book includes two prophetic sermons preached on the 620-station *Revivaltime* radio network. They are "Countdown" and "Horns Like a Lamb—Speech as a Dragon." Both these messages spotlight the prophetic importance of recent developments in America, Europe, and the Middle East.

A thoughtful reading of this illustrated booklet will point out the serious trends of current times. As the *Revivaltime* speaker summarizes: "Two great forces are at work globally—the Spirit of God and the spirit of Antichrist. *They are gathering sides for the final showdown.*"



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by C. M. Ward

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The Citadelle Laferriere, "eighth wonder of the world," was built by the Negro king, Henry Christophe, in the early 1800's in case Napoleon tried to recapture Haiti. The huge fort, made by 200,000 slaves, cost 20,000 lives.



Mountain women carry their wares to market. Sometimes they walk all day with loads up to 80 pounds on their heads.

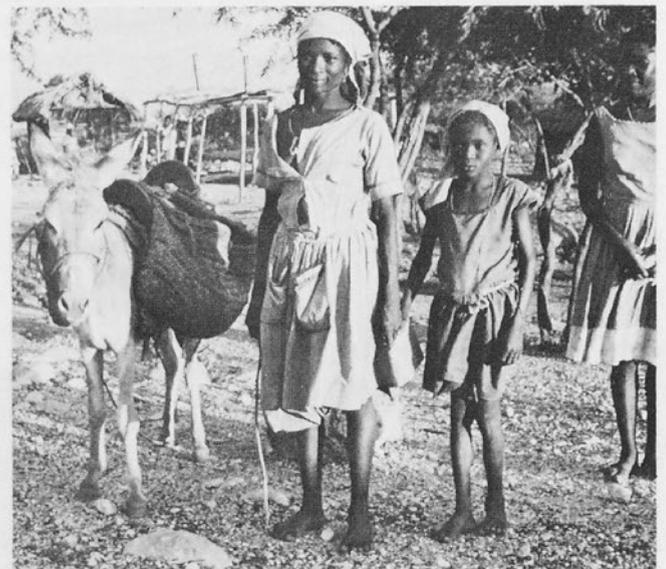


Tourists watch as Haitians give a demonstration of voodoo worship. Here a houngan, or priest, sacrifices a white rooster as the weird ceremonies, which include frenzied dancing to the incessant beat of native drums, reach a climax.



Coastal fishing plays a surprisingly small part in Haiti's sagging economy. Most of the people depend on farming for their living.

Editors board plane in Miami for flight to Haiti. Left to right: W. C. Fields, editor, "Baptist Program"; Donald Kaufman, managing editor, "Christian Herald"; Judy Math Foley, associate editor, "The Episcopalian" (with her husband); W. Melvin Adams, associate editor, "Liberty"; R. C. Cunningham, editor, "The Pentecostal Evangel."



These people live on the Plaine du Cul de Sac. With 5 million in an area equal to Maryland, Haiti is more densely populated than any other country in the western hemisphere, and has the lowest income per person.



Most of the shopping in Haitian towns is done at open-air markets like this.

MISSION TO HAITI

By R. C. CUNNINGHAM

THE OLDEST NEGRO REPUBLIC in the world is not in Africa but in the West Indies, only 716 air miles from Miami. It is the fascinating country of Haiti, comprising the western one-third of the island of Hispaniola. The eastern two-thirds is occupied by the Dominican Republic.

Haiti is an Indian name meaning "high land" and as our Air France jet descended toward the capital city of Port-au-Prince, the reason for choosing that name became very evident. We saw mountains rising out of the sea to heights of 8,790 feet. We learned that two-thirds of Haiti is mountainous.

The plane swept low over grass-roofed huts that might have been transplanted direct from the heart of Africa, and landed at a new \$2.5 million airport. This mixture of old and new is typical of Haiti, where burros share the right-of-way with late-model automobiles and illiterate peasants mingle with college graduates in the public marketplaces.

We had come on a fact-finding mission to learn what we could about Protestant missionary work in Haiti. We discovered four days were too few to appraise even the work of the Pentecostal churches, let alone the vast work being done by 20 or more other Protestant denominations or mission societies in that needy land.

It is estimated that Protestant church members in Haiti now number 400,000—about equal to the total number of practicing Catholics. The Pentecostals in particular are making rapid gains.

Officially all the country's five million people are Roman Catholics, except those who have become Protestants, but about four million Haitians practice voodooism, which is a strange mixture of African animism, spirit worship, and black magic laced with Catholic additives. They worship Damballah, the snake god, and sacrifice chickens and goats to appease their deities.

Protestant missionaries, now more than 300 strong, have been working in Haiti for a long time. Methodist work, for example, began in 1817, only 13 years after Haiti proclaimed its independence. But the major influx came within the last 50 years.

It was interesting to learn that some of Haiti's gospel churches had a strictly indigenous origin. Early in the 20th century Haitians were shipped to Cuba to work in the sugar mills. Later they were deported to their own country; but in the meantime they had come in contact with gospel missionaries and some had been converted. As a result of their witness to their own people, little groups of believers sprang up here and there in Haiti. Thus the concept of the indigenous church was already there when many of the foreign missionaries arrived.

Missionaries have helped to strengthen the church by opening Bible schools to train national ministers. They have

also done much to lift the burdens of ignorance and disease by establishing day schools and hospitals. Most of Haiti's dense population is in rural areas not served by government schools and hospitals. These people depend almost entirely on the missionaries for education and medical help.

With 92 percent of the people unable to read or write, Haiti's illiteracy rate is the highest in the Western Hemisphere. The official language is French, but only a minority can speak it. All the people, however, can speak French Creole, so the missionaries as well as the government have worked to reduce Creole to a written language and are teaching it to young and old.

In July 1958 the government instituted a program of general literacy in Creole, using the Laubach method, and passed a law requiring each literate citizen to teach an illiterate under penalty of a fine. Lloyd Shirer, president of the Protestant Literacy Society in Haiti, showed us textbooks which the churches use to teach the adults in night classes. Brother Shirer's concern is that until the people become literate they cannot study the Word of God to get a foundation for their faith. It happens that since January 1, 1969, he has been serving also as executive secretary of the Haiti Bible Society, so while helping the churches teach the people to read Creole he is also involved in supplying the new literates with Creole Scriptures to read.

The New Testament first appeared in Creole in 1951. At present the Bible Society is working on a new and su-

Assemblies of God believers attending fellowship meeting in Haitian mountains (church in background).



This four-story building at Petionville houses the Haitian Assemblies of God headquarters and Bible school. Our gospel bookstore is in the foreground.

Ralph and Jeanette Jimenez, missionaries to Haiti.



Ron and Carolyn Hittenberger, missionaries, with their baby girl born in Haiti, October 12.

Sunday school class in Haiti.



Tele Haiti, the country's only TV station, which has carried Assemblies of God gospel telecasts.

perior translation which is nearly half completed. As for the Old Testament, Genesis and Psalms are already in print, while other books are in process, and it is hoped the entire Creole Bible will be available within five years.

We visited Ronald Hittenberger, who has been superintendent of the Assemblies of God work in Haiti since the Robert Turnbuls went on furlough. Brother Hittenberger had just finished compiling the annual reports from the Haitian presbyters and pastors so his statistics were right up-to-date.

Conversions reported by the pastors totaled 1,150 for the past year, and 600 were baptized with the Holy Spirit. There are 69 ministers giving their full time to the gospel work. To augment this number the Bible school has 16 students enrolled in a three-year ministerial training course.

There are 72 churches, of which 31 are set in order. Each church is expected to be self-supporting; the people are taught to bring their tithes and offerings to the Lord; and even though they are very poor, they support their pastors. This principle results in strong

churches which will not collapse if cut off from foreign funds and foreign missionaries in any future emergency.

"Compared with other Pentecostal groups in Haiti, our work is relatively young," said Brother Hittenberger. "We have a constituency of about 5,000 believers and it is growing. This year we acquired a fine building in the northern city of Cap Haitien, Haiti's second largest city. The work there has gotten off to a good start under the direction of Ralph and Jeanette Jimenez, the only other Assemblies missionaries now in Haiti besides Sister Hittenberger and me. The Robert Turnbuls, who have served faithfully for 10 years in Haiti, are now furloughing in the United States. We look forward to their return, and to the coming of the Russell Schirmans in 1970. At present Brother and Sister Schirman are in Quebec attending language school."

Recently a Sunday School Department was added to the Haitian Assemblies of God. About 4,000 are now enrolled in Sunday schools, and greater growth is expected when the church-

es learn to make full use of the materials available.

Soon they hope to have national CA and WMC programs also. Several churches already have active WMC and CA groups and these programs for ladies and young people will advance rapidly, the missionaries believe, as soon as there is proper organization and promotion.

Haiti is a land of scenic beauty, with great though underdeveloped natural resources and multitudes of lovable, hospitable people. One's heart is moved by their poverty and illiteracy, but more especially by the spiritual darkness and superstition which oppresses their souls. The throngs are searching and groping for that which the missionaries have to offer.

Pray for Haiti—for its people and for all who preach Christ in its crowded cities and remote mountain areas. There is a large electric sign on the roof at the headquarters of the Haitian Assemblies of God which proclaims, in French, "Jesus, the Light of the World." Pray that the people will come to that Light. 

LEAVING ALL TO FOLLOW CHRIST

Sunday School Lesson for January 4, 1970

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

JOHN 1:35-49

THE TESTIMONY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (vv. 29-36)

John the Baptist was preaching and baptizing converts at the Jordan River. Suddenly there appeared among the throng a notable stranger—none other than Jesus of Nazareth. Pointing to Him, John made one of the most dramatic and significant announcements ever uttered by mortal man: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!" The Jewish multitude, steeped in the history of the Old Testament, did not miss the implications of the statement. Here was *the* Lamb to whom every Old Testament lamb pointed forward!

THE EFFECT OF JOHN'S PREACHING (v. 37)

"And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus." What these men did proved that John had fulfilled his mission; his message was a success. In fact, these two disciples typified something which has been going on ever since that memorable day, for wherever the gospel of Christ's saving power is faithfully proclaimed, men have turned to follow Him!

Yet, strange as it may seem, spiritual success for John meant natural loss. His congregation began to leave him! Did this make him resentful or jealous? Far from it! John knew his place. His business was not to win men to him-

self, but to point them to Christ. "He must increase, but I must decrease." (See John 3:23-30.)

THE INVITATION OF JESUS (vv. 38, 39)

"Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith, . . . What seek ye?"

1. *Whatever we need, Christ can supply.* What do you need? Forgiveness, peace, comfort, strength, hope? Christ's words are still a gracious invitation to all seekers to open their hearts to an *all-sufficient* Christ!

2. *We need to determine clearly what our aims and objectives really are in life.* In order to arouse us to purposeful, worthwhile living, Christ is saying, "What seek ye?"

Though somewhat reticent, the two disciples were so impressed by their first contact with Christ that they asked His address with a view to making further contact. In answer to their question, Jesus said, "Come and see." To earnest inquirers and to honest doubters, these words present a real challenge, an appeal to experience. We may give glowing descriptions of how tasty certain dishes are, but "the proof of the pudding is in the eating." Thus, after waxing enthusiastic in his testimony to the Lord's goodness the Psalmist said, "O taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Psalm 34:8).

THE TESTIMONY OF ANDREW (vv. 40-42)

We are not told the details of the visit these men had with Christ. Nevertheless it is clear that a vital change had taken place in the life of Andrew and he would never be the same again. Gripped by deep conviction and thrilled by his new discovery, Andrew sought out his brother Peter and made what would be a tremendous statement for any Israelite, "We have found the Messiah!"

Andrew never became famous; yet he had the joy of leading to Christ a member of his own family who later was one of the great leaders of the Early Church. Who can estimate the influence of personal testimony?

THE TESTIMONY OF PHILIP (vv. 43-45)

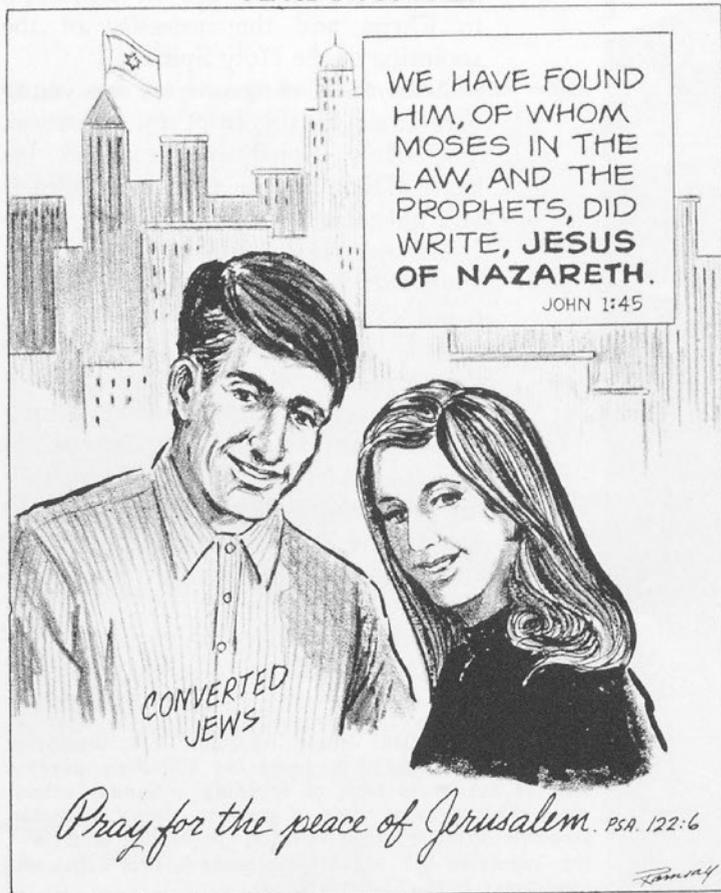
The next day Andrew's experience and testimony was followed by that of Philip. Note Philip's prompt obedience to the simple invitation, "Follow me." It is evident that his obedience was intelligent and his experience real for, like Andrew, he too hastened to share his joy.

"We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." These words imply: (1) Philip was a diligent student of the Old Testament. Possibly on previous occasions he and Nathanael had discussed the Messianic Scriptures together, for it is certain that they understood that the Messiah was foretold by Moses and the prophets. (2) Philip must have had some personal knowledge of Christ, for as a native of Bethsaida he would have been familiar with Nazareth.

THE TESTIMONY OF NATHANAEL (vv. 46-51)

Nathanael was a sincere, open soul; nevertheless he was cautious, reserved, and somewhat skeptical. He did not accept Philip's testimony immediately. But when it became apparent that Christ displayed supernatural knowledge and insight, he was convinced and gave positive testimony to the messiahship and deity of Christ.

PEACE DISCOVERED



VICTORY

THE POLITICAL STATE of Jordan remains uncertain. Battles are fought nearly every day along the border.

In this atmosphere we sense a definite moving of the Holy Spirit. Over the past few months Muslims have become interested in Christianity, and some are openly seeking to know more about Christ. In the past this has happened rarely.

Last spring people from the different churches in Amman were present for the dedication service of our new Pentecostal Evangelistic Center located in a busy commercial circle. The center is on the second floor of a building which houses several shops and is surrounded by a heavily populated residential area without any evangelical church.

Roy Whitman, a veteran missionary who has been in Jordan for 43 years, brought the dedicatory message on the "Unity of the Church in Christ." National Evangelist Bahjat Batarseh delivered a powerful call for dedication to Christ and the necessity of the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

After the closing prayer, one young man came to the front for salvation. The Holy Spirit had touched his heart. There on the platform he knelt and gave his life to the Lord.

Missionary Bob Hoskins from Lebanon was with us for a revival campaign, during which several people accepted Christ as their Saviour. At the close of the meeting an offering was received to send Jordanian young people to the Middle East Evangelical Theological School (MEETS) in Beirut, Lebanon. Approximately \$130 was received, including a gold bracelet and ring someone had dropped into the plate—probably a young lady who had accepted Christ during the crusade. Part of this offering was used

TOP TO BOTTOM: Habib Iskander, left, interprets for Warren Flattery. A Jordanian Christian devotes part of her spare time to teaching a Sunday school class. This general view of Amman shows a Roman amphitheatre. Warren Flattery, in white shirt and tie, immersed the evangelistic center's first baptismal candidates in the Jabbok River.

IN THE MIDST OF UNCERTAINTY

By WARREN FLATTERY / *Missionary to Jordan*

to send two young men to the summer session of MEETS.

In June we conducted our first water baptismal service in the Jabbok River. At this site where Jacob wrestled with the Angel of the Lord, two men and four ladies followed the Lord in water baptism.

The uncertainty of war is never far from our spiritual victories. One air attack hit a commando base near Amman. People are living in a state of tension and war with little promise of peace. In fact, everyone seems to expect the situation to get out of hand.

A believer and her daughter from the church in Amman were killed while riding in a taxi when an attack was made on the village of Salt about 15 miles west of Amman. This believer was a leader in the church. During the same attack a bomb fell on the street in front of our church in Salt.

These things are a shock to the believers in Jordan. One of our main

ministries over the past months has been to comfort and encourage the church in difficult times.

The Habib Iskanders are taking primary responsibility for the Evangelistic Center in Amman. We need to pray that the Holy Spirit will lead and anoint them in this important outreach.

The work of God all over the Middle East needs prayer. These are the last days. Jesus is coming soon. In spite of the difficulties due to wars we believe God has a great spiritual outpouring for the people of the Middle East. Pray and believe with us. 

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Foreign Missions Department

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Springfield, Missouri 65802

Elijah once hid himself by the Brook Cherith which runs through the land of Jordan.



A SHELTER IN THE VALLEY

By CARL HOLLEMAN

Missionary to India

JUNNAR BOYS' ORPHANAGE lies in a beautiful green valley, nestled among the western hills of India, some 60 miles by "crow-flight" from the teeming metropolis of Bombay. Away from the maddening throngs, in a quiet farming area, this is a shelter from the storms of life.

With the lessening of the heavy annual monsoon rains, the field workers have returned to pull out the weeds which have grown in abundance. With only 22 acres under cultivation, the home must preserve the grains for food for all who seek shelter here.

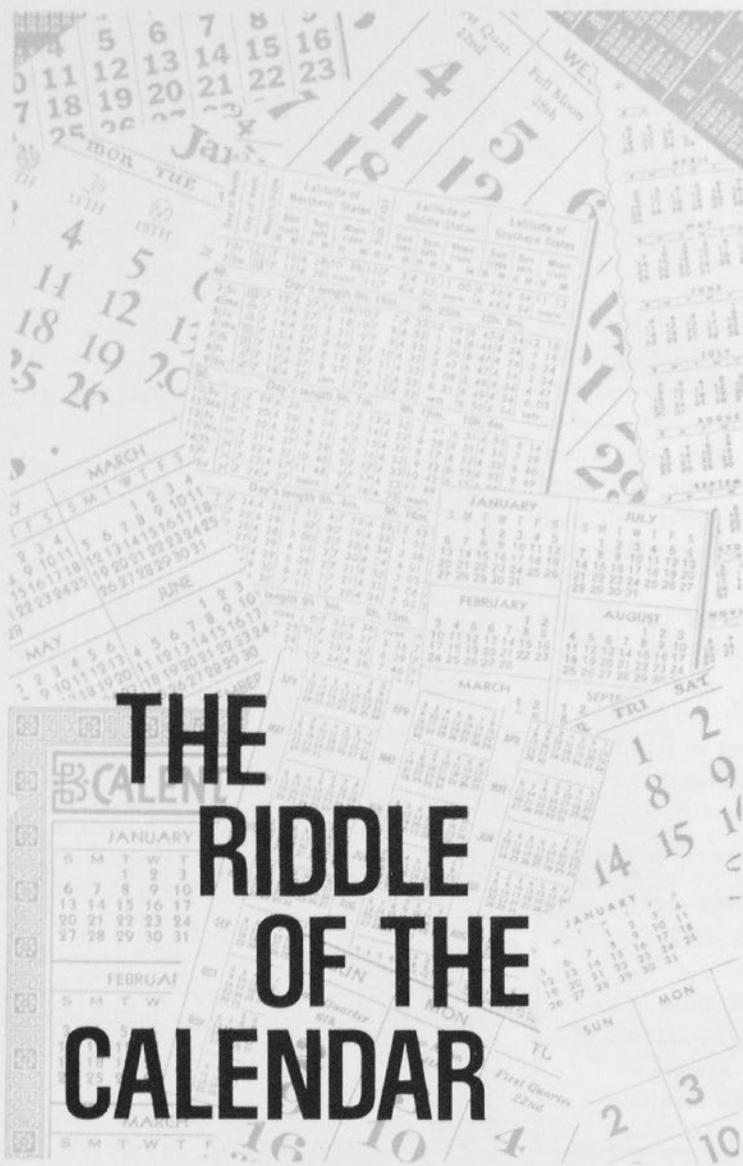
But this does not provide enough for some 80 boys to be fed every day. Where shall we buy food? It must be gotten from the local bazaars through the offerings of interested friends.

Junnar Boys Orphanage is a shelter from the rain and the darkness of the night, a place to lie down in peaceful sleep to be refreshed for a new day. Such quietness and hope is assured because someone loves and cares enough to share.

Just a roof over the head? The home is more than that. It is food, clothing, love, understanding, health, and education to prepare for a place in society—all of these together with the knowledge of the Word of God, the indwelling presence of Christ, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. These are what make it a *shelter in the time of storm*.

Each day the songs of praise ascend from the grateful hearts of sheltered boys who have found a refuge. At the breaking of the day and at the going down of the sun the compound rings with praises to God. Our hearts humbly unite with theirs to say, "Thank You, Lord, for all Your gracious benefits, for Your mercies which endure forever."

Let us sing praise to Him who counts us worthy to labor with Him until that day when every tear shall be wiped away and our work is done.



THE RIDDLE OF THE CALENDAR

By EVELYN W. RUTHERFORD

WHAT MIGHTY EARTHLY MONARCH decreed and ordained the rise and fall of the tides? We all know there was none. It is a decree of nature, of a force not set in motion by man; nor could the entire human race do anything to check the regular flow and ebb.

Again, what earthly monarch decreed or commanded, or even suggested, that all civilized peoples should date their calendars backward and forward, B.C. and A.D., from the birth of Jesus Christ?

History furnishes no clue to this question; for there never was such an edict. No such suggestion ever came from the lips or pen of any potentate. Each human ruler would much prefer to impose upon the face of history a date-system whereby some great deed or victory of his own should forever be commemorated.

Such futile attempts were repeatedly made. The most notable in modern days was that undertaken by France in 1793. This "revolutionary" calendar fell with the cause it represented. *It lasted just 13 years*, and its only legacy to history is the tangle of dates which confuses the records of these 13 years.

Ancient history also is strewn with these forgotten way-marks of time—Babylonian Eponyms, Greek Olympiads, Roman Consulates. For centuries before the birth of Christ, the letters A.U.C. designated the founding of that

great city—Rome. When and by whom was it decreed that the letters A.U.C. should give place to A.D. and B.C.? No imperial edict forced this change; yet all civilized time bears the signature of Jesus Christ.

Who is the person to whom the whole civilized world gives daily recognition?

He was a humble inhabitant of an obscure town in a small province of the then-existing Roman Empire. His public life was short. He wrote no book, overthrew no government, left no great band of highly influential followers. In fact, after three brief years of pedestrian itineraries, He was put to death as a criminal. His followers, few and humble, forsook Him and fled.

To those who reject the claims of Jesus as being equal with God, as being God the Son, the very almanac of the modern world is an incredible absurdity.

If a jury of historians had to explain, on purely historical grounds, the letters A.D. and B.C. which now serve universally as the point from which civilized time is reckoned, they must report that "some force," mysterious in origin and independent of human will, but with range and energy sufficient to affect all civilized nations and persistent enough to run through all the centuries, had "somehow" put the impress of Christ's hand on all history. What possible explanation is there for this enigma?

Here is a peasant in the darkest age of the world; He lived in a subject province; He never wrote a sentence that has been preserved; He died when He had scarcely reached manhood; and He died cast out by His own race and abandoned by His scanty band of followers.

And yet, 20 centuries after He hung upon a cross, His birth is accepted, by believers and unbelievers alike, as the point from which all centuries are dated. Every morning all the newspapers of the world, even though some are impregnated with hatred and ridicule of Jesus Christ, adjust their dates to His cradle. The very dates on our checks and letters, all governmental records, all legal documents, all literature, are unconsciously a testimony to the birth of Jesus Christ.

There can be but one explanation for this riddle of the calendar. It is that He who hung upon that Roman cross was, as He claimed, more than man, that He was, in fact, God incarnate, God in the person of His Son—Himself the

SCRIPTURES TO LIVE BY *

DAILY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 29-31

Theme: **CLAIMING THE PROMISES**

Monday John 14:1-4 Tuesday Isaiah 55:1-7
 Wednesday Psalm 84:1-12

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13).

THROUGH THE BIBLE THIS YEAR

DAILY READINGS FOR JANUARY 1-3

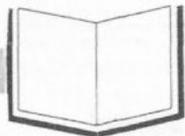
Thursday Genesis 1-4 Friday Genesis 5-8
 Saturday Genesis 9-11



This concludes the 1969 Bible reading program, "Scriptures to Live By," and begins the 1970 readings, "Through the Bible This Year." The 1970 program will take the reader through the Bible in the order of its events.

Creator of time. And this Lord of Creation performed upon that cross a far mightier work than all human achievements put together—namely, the redemption of the human race. This redemption is available to all who will believe and receive Him as Saviour and Lord.

—Courtesy of American Tract Society, Oradell, N.J.



MY FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

THE POWER OF THE WORD

By ERNEST J. MOEN

“... thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 3:15).

SIX YEARS AGO a young man in my former pastorate asked, “Pastor, will you visit my cousin and her husband some evening?” He indicated that the family was interested in spiritual matters.



I made an appointment to see them. During the evening we were together, there seemed to be no spiritual progress. As I was about to leave—I had my hand on the door-knob—I thanked them for the opportunity of sharing my experience in Christ. The husband said, “Pastor, you seem sincere. Can you return a week from tonight?”

A week later I returned. I found that home ready to hear the way of salvation. In spite of business success and economic prosperity, this family felt they needed a deeper meaning in life.

It was not long before the three of us were on our knees in the living room. With an open Bible and open hearts we earnestly sought the Lord.

I remember leading Ron in the sinner's prayer. But following the prayer he said he felt that nothing had happened. So I read some more passages of Scripture. (How thankful I am for the power of the Word!) As we waited before the Lord Ron experienced the joy of sins forgiven. His wife also confessed her faith in Christ as Saviour.

In the weeks that followed I noticed a real change in their lives. They began attending church regularly.

Shortly after this they were baptized in water. The congregation was thrilled with their testimonies of what God had done for them.

In a spirit of thanksgiving they returned home and retired for the night. At 4 a.m. the Lord wonderfully baptized Ron in the Holy Spirit.

Both are now members of Milwaukee Gospel Tabernacle. Their three boys are being raised in a Christian home—thanks to the power of God's Word.

Ernest J. Moen is pastor of the Assembly of God, Willmar, Minnesota.

YOUR QUESTIONS



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Do Romans 7:20, 25 and 8:13 contradict each other?

Romans 7 shows the impossibility of pleasing God through legal conformity. It is “sin in the flesh” that causes men to break the law of God. This principle must be dealt with. In Romans 7 we see man fighting a losing battle in seeking to become righteous by self-effort.

In Romans 8 we see man finding deliverance by faith in Christ through the life of the Holy Spirit. “There is therefore now no condemnation [no sin judgment] to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh [or sinful nature], but after the Spirit” (v. 1). If the believer ceases walking after the Spirit, he will die spiritually (v. 13). It is not enough to have been filled with the Spirit; we must live by the Spirit.

I seek to live carefully for the Lord, but I do not speak in tongues as in earlier days. Also, I seem to have closer communion with God when taking care of my duties than when I am in prayer. Why is this?

If you were speaking in tongues all the time, you might conclude that you were all right even if Christian character were lacking. Speaking in tongues is beneficial, but even more important is the development of Christian qualities—the fruit of the Spirit and a life of holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

If we have communion and fellowship with the Father when we are engaged in secular duties, this is good and pleasing to God. But we do need times of special waiting before the Lord. “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength” (Isaiah 40:31). Thank God for blessings received, but continue to seek fellowship with the Lord in the place of prayer.

Is it not true that “If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous,” and that He covers any sins of the believers with His righteousness since “he is the propitiation for our sins”? (1 John 2:1, 2).

According to the first part of verse 1, every believer should seek to live so as not to sin: “These things write I unto you, that ye sin not.” But God knows our human infirmities. Should we fall short, we need not cast our confidence away and give up hope. We have an Advocate, One who understands and pleads our cause. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

But this does not give security for the person who chooses to live in sin, nor does it make provision to sin willfully. (See Hebrews 3:6, 14.) Hebrews, a book of many promises, is also a book of warnings. “Take heed lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God” (Hebrews 3:12).

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

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NEWS OF OUR TIMES

RUMOR WON'T DIE

IS KHRUSHCHEV A CHRISTIAN?

DURBAN, S. AFRICA—Only Nikita S. Khrushchev knows for sure, but Christian believers around the world are keeping alive a report that the former Russian premier has been "born again."

A Russian ship's captain said here that he personally heard the former premier of the USSR testify to his faith in Christ. Mr. Khrushchev allegedly added that he wanted to "turn Russia to follow in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus Christ."

This report was passed on by a South African missionary, Gordon Williamson, according to a newspaper published in Bangkok called *The Thai Church*. Williamson said the ship captain and his wife were "professing and radiant Christians" and were invited ashore to a dinner sponsored by the Christian Business Men's Committee. During the dinner the

Russian captain is reported to have broken the news about Khrushchev's conversion.

It happened, according to the captain whose name was withheld for fear of reprisals, while he was attending a Christian gathering at a Black Sea summer resort. The captain said he had listened to the testimonies of several Christians from countries behind the Iron Curtain, including Yugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Russia.

During the last evening, he and the crowd were astounded when they saw a white-haired man proceed down the aisle toward the microphone. It was the premier of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Nikita S. Khrushchev.

In his testimony Mr. Khrushchev stated that as a child he had memorized the Gospel of John and other Scriptures. He later at-

tended the university to study political science and there divorced his first wife. Khrushchev said that he now regretted his action and wanted to reverse himself and follow Jesus.

"Within a few hours," asserted the captain, "Khrushchev's testimony was reported to the Kremlin and he was quickly demoted from his position."

Cameron Townsend, founder of Wycliffe Bible Translators, this summer told *Moody Monthly* magazine, "It just may be true. When we were there (in Russia) a few months ago, there was a cloud of secrecy surrounding Mr. Khrushchev."

Few living men have been the object of such concerted prayer. Why could not the God of Elijah make this small cloud to appear over the Kremlin, bringing the sound of abundance of rain?

Specialist says

New techniques needed in Christian education

CINCINNATI, OHIO—Preaching and pat answers are not sufficient for Christian education today, a specialist told 500 Protestant evangelical educators here.

"We have been satisfied with students giving the right answers," Dr. Donald Ely said. "Now we must teach them how to ask the right questions so they can come to their own conclusions."

Dr. Ely hammered home a message previous speakers had begun, that belief and truth have to be aided by motivated teaching using the best classroom techniques of today.

Dr. Ely is director for institutional communications at Syracuse University. His lecture, "Communications Technology and Techniques in the 70's" was both motivational and instructive.

He addressed a seminar sponsored by the National Sunday School Association.

Unique magazine into fifth year

'The Other Side' aims for understanding between white Christians, blacks

SAVANNAH, OHIO—When *Freedom Now* (recently renamed *The Other Side*), a bimonthly magazine aimed at helping white fundamental Christians understand the problems of blacks, was launched by the Fred Alexanders in 1965, many felt it had little chance of surviving because those it sought to reach were so antagonistic to its message.

But this unique magazine, edited, printed, and mailed from the Alexanders' home in this rural community, has weathered the storms over the last four years. Its circulation has now reached approximately 5,000.

The Alexanders' interest in this unusual venture was sparked by Mr. Alexander's association with a Negro Bible school in Cleveland, Ohio.

As he traveled with a gospel team from the school, he began to understand some of the feelings and problems of the blacks.

He and his wife moved into the ghetto, traded with local

businessmen, and mixed socially with the students and faculty.

Seeing the deep spiritual need in the black community, Mr. Alexander began seeking ways he could help.

"In my early emphasis, I thought evangelism was the answer," he states. "I was shocked to find that among 10 fundamental denominations there are fewer than 20 families working to evangelize the 22 million blacks in this country."

However, Mr. Alexander's emphasis soon shifted. "We're wasting our time starting missions and preaching Christ to the black until we have a concern for the whole man . . . until we begin to identify personally, intimately with him," he said.

So he founded the magazine *The Other Side* to help white Christians understand the plight of the black and the claims of Christ in this area.

One hundred years ago, Mr. Alexander explains, white and

black churches went their separate ways—the black church with an emphasis on justice and equality; the white evangelical church with an emphasis on orthodox theology.

"As a Christian, I'm concerned with having *Christian* churches, not black ones or white ones," he concludes.

The Alexanders are not sure which way the racial conflict will

go, but they pray that Christians with concern and compassion will dominate the scene.

"We as evangelical Christians must be aroused and we must begin to act," Mr. Alexander stresses. "If it takes carnal fear to arouse us and to precipitate the proper political and religious action, then we had better have it."

KIM CHON, S. KOREA—Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Bailey distribute warm garments to children of Beggars' Village here. Dr. Bailey is president of the World Relief Commission (NAE) and of the Christian & Missionary Alliance. Baptist and Presbyterian women in New Jersey knitted thousands of sweaters, caps, scarfs, and afghans as Christmas gifts for destitute children in Korea. (RNS photo).



FREE BIBLE LITERATURE SOCIETY DISTRIBUTES NEW TESTAMENTS ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

HAWTHORNE, N.J.—Enthusiastic permission by authorities at Fairleigh Dickinson University was given a group of Christian businessmen here who asked to distribute free copies of a paperback edition of the New Testament to students on campus.

"The whole subject of morality is at stake," Dean Byron C. Lambert told the laymen in welcoming the visitors.

Day and night students on each of the three campuses, where the total student body exceeds 10,000, were offered New Testaments.

Their response was so enthusiastic that an additional 10,000 copies of the New Testament were ordered to meet invitations from other local schools—such as Rutgers University and City College of New York—to distribute Bibles to their students.

Henry Abbink, president of the Free Bible Literature Society, said that God's Word is the only answer to the troubles of the campuses. He expressed the hope that Christians everywhere would pick up the challenge by confronting students with the claims of Christ.

'Pollution of pornography' theme of former U.S. judge

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y.—"The pollution of the minds of the younger generation," if not corrected, will transmit to the next generation an evil worse than that which flowed from black slavery, the members of the United Synagogue of America were told here.

Simon H. Rifkind, addressing 2,500 delegates at the biennial convention of the agency which represents Conservative Jewish congregations in the United States and Canada, declared:

"In the name of freedom of

speech and press we are exposing this generation to the pollution of pornography of the filthiest and most degrading variety.

"Some have formed the foolish notion that because the Constitution prohibits legislation in this area, therefore this filthy business is an honorable calling. You and I both know that it is not so."

Mr. Rifkind, a former federal judge in New York, maintained that the younger generation is preoccupied with sex "to a sickening degree."



MONTGOMERY, ALA.—Governor Albert Brewer proclaimed a week in October as Sunday School Teachers' Week in Alabama. This week was in honor of proponents of righteousness throughout the state. Shown with the governor as he signed the proclamation are (l. to r.): J. T. Beale, Christian Church; Eldon Weisheit, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; David Huffines, Presbyterian U.S. church; Harold Anderson, Baptist; and George E. Walters, Sunday school director for the Alabama Assemblies of God.

Legal counsel upholds him

Student suspended by school for speaking of God during lunch hour

FREMONT, CALIF.—A high school student who was suspended from school briefly for talking about God during his lunch hour has received legal assurance he was "within his constitutional rights."

In a formal opinion to the high school principal, Alameda County Counsel Richard Moore ruled that Steven Minden was not violating principles of separation of church and state when he discussed religion with classmates over lunch.

The suspension of the 18-year-old student had caused widespread controversy. Local news media headlined the story, while various church groups and individuals rallied to his support.

A faculty member overheard Steven witnessing for Christ to several classmates on the school lawn, and reported the incident to the school principal.

The principal allegedly asked Steven, "Will you stop these discussions, or do I have to suspend you?"

When Steven told the principal that he "couldn't honestly make such a promise, since God is the most important thing" in his life,

he was "sent home to discuss the matter with his parents." A school district spokesman emphasized that the boy was not "dismissed."

Archaeological find sheds light on Crucifixion

JERUSALEM—New light has been shed on the crucifixion of Jesus Christ by the discovery of the remains of a contemporary who was executed in the same fashion, according to Vassilios Tzaferis, a Greek archaeologist.

He said the remains of the executed man, a Jew named Jonathan the Potter, were discovered during construction of a new housing development in the north-east part of Jerusalem.

Mr. Tzaferis said although crucifixion was a common form of execution at the time, these bones were the first from the period that could be identified as those of a crucified man.

The ankles had spikes 15 centimeters (about six inches) long in them and anatomical studies showed spikes had also been driven into the hands.

... at a glance

• • • Various church denominations in 1968 contributed \$1,312,615 to the American Bible Society, according to figures announced at the annual meeting of the society's Advisory Council. Gifts from churches provided 17.6 percent of a total budget of \$7,427,575—down two percentage points from the previous year. There were 69 contributing denominations including the Assemblies of God which gave \$5,466.34.

• • • The Vatican and the Dominion of Canada have established diplomatic relations, according to an announcement by Canada's Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. Canada is the 69th state to set up a diplomatic mission in the seat of the Roman Catholic Church. Public pressure recently caused U.S. President Nixon to refrain from establishing diplomatic ties with the Vatican.

• • • Alcohol kills more people in France than in all the other major Western countries put together, a recent survey by the World Health Organization stated. The report showed that in one year alcoholism took 5,816 lives in France as compared with 2,665 in the U.S.; 626 in West Germany; 608 in Japan; 385 in Italy; and 82 in Britain. France also has the highest rate of fatalities from cirrhosis of the liver, a disease frequently caused by excessive drinking.

CALL to PRAYER

JANUARY 4-11

A week to pray earnestly for

- ... the Impact Areas your life touches
- ... the Impact Areas your church reaches
- ... the seven Impact Areas of our country
- ... the seven Impact Areas overseas





Winter 'Paraclete' features enablements of the Spirit

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—*Paraclete* subscribers will receive personal enrichment from articles in the Winter 1970 issue, now off the press. *Paraclete* is a quarterly journal concerning the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

Melvin L. Hodges, field secretary for Latin America and West Indies, has written the lead article, "Why the Spirit Came."

He compares the great challenge which faced the disciples when Jesus ascended to heaven, to that

which confronts Christians today. He cites the immensity of the task to evangelize the world, the individual's inherent inadequacies, and the formidable obstacles to be overcome.

Brother Hodges develops a four-fold treatment of his subject: "The Holy Spirit has come to enable us to think God's thoughts . . . to share God's emotions . . . to pray God's prayers . . . to do God's work."

Stanley M. Horton, chairman of

the Division of Biblical Education at Central Bible College, has written on the controversial subject, "Is Mark 16:9-20 Inspired?"

Other articles in the current issue of *Paraclete* are: "The fruit of the Spirit Is . . . Joy," by D. R. Guynes; "Trying the Spirits," by the late Donald Gee; and "On Being Filled with the Spirit," by Larry W. Hurtado.

Writers for *Paraclete* contribute excellent material for those who love Bible study. The complete set of these quarterly journals provides a rich reference source on the subject of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Back copies may be purchased as long as supplies are available.

WITH CHRIST

Henry E. Smith, 61, pastor of First Assembly in Kingstree,



S.C., finished his earthly course on August 1, 1969. He has been an ordained member of the South Carolina District since 1956. Brother Smith is survived by his wife Bertha Mae, also an ordained minister; three children; and three stepchildren. A stepdaughter, Joyce, and her husband Ernest Bowman are missionaries in Guatemala.

Three nuns, Presbyterian minister receive Holy Spirit

Charismatic Renewal Rally attracts attendance from many denominations

CLINTON, IOWA—A four-day Charismatic Renewal Rally held at the Assembly of God here attracted a large crowd each evening as people from many denominations gathered to discuss the work of the Holy Spirit.

Among those filled with the Holy Spirit during the meetings were three Catholic nuns and a local Presbyterian minister.

Several nuns attended each service, several of whom had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a result of the ministry of Evangelist Helen Martin who began

witnessing to this group several months ago.

Speakers for the rally besides Sister Helen Martin were a former Jehovah's Witness who is now a Spirit-filled Baptist minister, and a local parish priest from the Fulton, Ill., Catholic church who received the baptism of the Holy Spirit a few months ago.

Jack Heckart, pastor of the Assembly of God here, states: "It was a joy never to be forgotten to see people of every denomination sitting side by side and worshipping God as one in the Spirit."

NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATIONS



Reports progress in every department

WASHINGTON CHURCH DEDICATES NEW FACILITIES

Missions giving reaches all-time high of \$24,000

SPOKANE, WASH.—First Assembly here dedicated its new facilities in special services in October.

Northwest District Superintendent R. J. Carlson, a former pastor of the church, was guest speaker for the dedicatory service.

During Brother Carlson's ministry the first unit of the church, the sanctuary, was constructed.

The most recent addition is a three-story educational unit which cost in excess of \$150,000.

This new unit has over 8,000 square feet of floor space and contains 13 classrooms, offices, a workroom, four assembly rooms, two nurseries, and the Rasmussen Memorial Chapel.

The chapel honors the late James E. Rasmussen, the first pastor, who served the church for 25 years (1919-1944). Brother Rasmussen's pulpit in the old church

building has been moved to the chapel.

The recent expansion program included a garage to house the Sunday school buses, and an asphalt parking area which will accommodate 100 cars. An 85-foot steeple was also erected over the main entrance of the church.

The church had its beginnings in June 1918 and was originally known as Pentecostal Assembly.

Pastor N. Glen Rich reports the church in recent months has experienced growth in every department. Several have accepted Christ as their Saviour, and a number have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

During a recent missions convention with Otis Keener of Pacific Grove, Calif., as speaker, the congregation raised nearly \$24,000 for missions. This is an all-time high for missions giving for the church.

Brother Rich has pastored the church for a year and a half.

KETTLE FALLS, WASH.—The Kettle Falls Assembly broke its Sunday school attendance record twice during the recent Enlargement Campaign.

The attendance had been averaging 110, but the first Sunday of the enlargement effort the record was broken with an attendance of 136. On the final Sunday attendance rose to an all-time high of 139.

Kettle Falls Assembly has had a Gold Crown Sunday school for eight years. The church recently completed construction of eight new Sunday school rooms.

—W. L. Papan, pastor

ANN ARBOR, MICH.—Evangel Temple here just closed one of the finest three-week revivals in the history of the church. The Musical Vanns (the A. R. Vander Ploegs) were the evangelists.

Attendance grew steadily throughout the meetings, and all Sunday school records were broken.

About 40 people made decisions for Christ, and at least six received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Fourteen were baptized in water. Entire families were won to Christ and are continuing faithful in the church.

—T. Burt Evans, pastor

SANDPOINT, IDAHO—The local assembly here won first place in the youth division with its recent parade entry depicting the moon flights. The church's young people made the float which showed the earth at a distance and a model of the lunar module used in the moon landing. Harvey Schmautz is pastor of the church.



INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Calvary Temple reports a successful four-week revival with Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla.

Miracles of healing and deliverance were witnessed as the Spirit of God moved. Thirty were baptized in water the last two Sunday nights of the meeting.

The attendance was outstanding, especially on the weekends.

The church gained several new families as a result of the meeting. —*William Moorman, pastor*

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NEW HAVEN, MO.—During the ministry of Evangelist Ruth Reece, the Holy Spirit moved in an unusual way and brought revival to the assembly here.

One person was baptized in the Holy Spirit, and five were refilled. Two people were reclaimed.

The preaching of the Word was accompanied by miracles of healing. A 17-year-old boy had his eardrum healed. A young girl had poor hearing restored to normal. Others were delivered from fear, nervousness, severe pain, and throat trouble.

—*Martha Duvall, pastor*

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EVANSVILLE, IND.—Calvary Temple held a great camp meeting with Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart as the speaker. There were near-capacity crowds in the 4-H Fairground Auditorium for the services.

Many were saved, and many filled with the Holy Spirit. This was the 15th annual camp meeting the assembly has sponsored. It was the largest in attendance.

—*Hansel P. Vibbert, pastor*

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LUTESVILLE, MO.—Thirty-three people were saved during a recent revival at the Assembly of God held by Evangelist C. R. Welch from Licking, Mo.

The church was uplifted spiritually and is rejoicing over the souls who were won to the Lord.

Two people were baptized in the Holy Ghost, and many were healed during the meetings.

—*Robbie Holcomb, pastor*

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ST. LOUIS, MO.—Trinity Tabernacle here experienced a tremendous move of God during an 11-night meeting with Evangelist J. Billy McIntosh.

Many were saved, and about 20 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, including several young couples.

One young lady who was suffering from a growth in her throat received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and was completely healed the same night.

The last Sunday of the meeting the 50-year attendance record was broken in Sunday school.

—*J. A. Drysdale, pastor*

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KRISTINEHAMN, SWEDEN—The Pentecostal Assembly here saw a great move of the Spirit of God recently when Evangelist E. Howard Anderson from Stamford, Conn., visited and ministered one Sunday night.

Numbers were saved and nine were baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Prayer was offered for 25 sick people and many of them received the Lord's healing touch. God opened the ears of three totally deaf persons, one of whom had been deaf for 40 years.

An elderly man was saved, baptized with the Spirit, and healed the same evening. Some years ago a telephone pole had fallen on

him, crushing the shoulder bones. He had been unable to raise his arms since the accident. When God healed him, his arms and shoulders became completely flexible.

A new convert had suffered a back and neck injury in a car accident in 1965. This had caused a lack of coordination in her eyes, but in an instant both eyes coordinated and functioned normally, in answer to prayer. God healed her other injury also.

The congregation had never witnessed such a meeting. Including the prayer service, it lasted nearly five hours.

—Gunnar Anderson and J. E. Wittler, pastors

FORT SMITH, ARK.—Glad Tidings Assembly here held an old-fashioned brush arbor meeting in the fall with Evangelist and Mrs. H. A. Strange from Dallas, Tex.

There were 11 saved, and five received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Twelve followed the Lord in water baptism.

The church has experienced growth since the meeting closed.

—Lester Black, pastor

WILLMAR, MINN.—Earl Odell of Torrance, Calif., ministered in a two-week fall meeting at the local assembly.

During this time there were some definite answers to prayer. A number of people received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Brother Odell's ministry stimulated a lasting hunger in people's hearts for more of God.

—Ernest J. Moen, pastor

WELLINGTON, KANSAS—Brother and Sister S. J. Scott of Oklahoma City, Okla., were at First Assembly here for five special services recently.

Their ministry was a real blessing to the congregation. Crowds were good and interest keen. Mrs. Scott blessed the people nightly with her music and chalk-drawing. The pastor said Brother Scott provided just what the church needed with his "down to earth" ministry.

—N. B. Rayburn, pastor

INDIANA, PA.—First Assembly here has enjoyed God's blessings during the past several months. The church has progressed spiritually, materially, and financially.

Increased interest is evidenced by the growth in Sunday attendance at both morning and evening services.

The church recently concluded a very successful crusade with Evangelist John Masto of Clarksburg, W. Va. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in each service, and God's saving, healing, and baptizing power was manifest.

The attendance was excellent,

and at the final service one-half of the congregation was visitors. After the service, money was raised to purchase a 60- by 90-foot tent for use in local evangelism.

The congregation has made several improvements on the church building including carpeting the sanctuary and adding pews in the youth auditorium. A new piano and organ have been purchased, and also a bus to bring students to church from the nearby campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Giving for foreign missions has doubled in the past 18 months. The congregation now contributes to the support of 12 missionaries.

—Nate Killian, pastor

ULYSSES, KANS.—Evangelist and Mrs. Ervin Asiatico conducted special services at First Assembly in which God greatly blessed.

Seventeen people were saved or reclaimed. Three were filled with the Holy Spirit, and many were refilled. The Holy Spirit moved people to make public confession and restitution.

Several families who used to attend only occasionally had a fresh experience with Christ and now come regularly to worship.

—Mack Cantwell, pastor

DOLTON, S. DAK.—Calvary Tabernacle recently concluded special services with Evangelist Leonard Hutsell of Fremont, Nebr.

Many of the young people who had attended church services only on Sunday mornings were present every night of the meeting.

A high point of the campaign was the special youth night when Brother Hutsell gave his testimony and spoke on the subject of rock 'n' roll music. He also spoke on "The Ruin of Rock 'n' Roll" in a special assembly at the high school in nearby Freeman.

Many visitors were present every night of the meeting.

—H. A. Trout, pastor



At the final service the children had their picture taken with "Chief Pepper" in full native dress.

NORTH TONAWANDA, N.Y.—The Evangelistic Center here recently enjoyed two weeks of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. J. F. Pepper of San Pedro, Calif. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in their ministry.

Brother Pepper, a Cherokee Indian, greatly encouraged Sunday school attendance. At the final service the children had their picture taken with "Chief Pepper" in full native dress.

—Homer C. Cooper, pastor

PATTERSON, MO.—Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo., recently conducted special services at Full Gospel Assembly here, and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way.

During this past year the church has had 52 saved, 18 filled with the Holy Spirit, and 23 baptized in water.

—H. B. Bridgforth, pastor

Ten people accepted Christ as their Saviour, three were reclaimed, and 15 were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

ABERDEEN, IDAHO—The Assembly of God here has been enjoying the blessing of the Lord in the last few months.

Sister Byard founded this church 29 years ago, and the present building was constructed under her leadership.

Recently nine young people in this church followed the Lord in water baptism.

—Walter E. Smith, pastor

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HOUSE SPRINGS, MO.—Faith Assembly here recently concluded a children's crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Fiddler of Center Moriches, N.Y.

The theme of the crusade was "Knights for Jesus." Many of the children received Christ as their personal Saviour. During the five-night meeting

234 visitors from nine different denominations attended the church. Over 60 of these visitors had no church affiliation, and several have been attending Faith's Sunday

school since the crusade. Many doors in the community have been opened to the church to minister for the Lord as a result of this meeting.
—Elbert J. Mason, pastor

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Alaska	Anderson	A/G	Jan. 6-18	Neale Sheneman	Earl Sheneman
Ariz.	Ajo	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	Charles O. Hudspeth	Wayne G. Jones
	Tucson	Flowing Wells	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	Kenneth & Theda Wright	Virgil Jones
Ark.	Cabot	A/G	Dec. 31—	Carlos & Mrs. Welch	Bob Huie
	N. Little Rock	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	The Singing Lunsfords	David Hastie
	Paris	Union	Dec. 29-Jan. 1	Norman L. Kilpatrick	Mina A. Young
Calif.	Azusa	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	Doug & Fern Jones	Burl McAlister
	Caruthers	Full Gospel	Dec. 30-Jan. 11	John Stephens	Joseph Marr
	Chula Vista	First	Jan. 1-11	David Lewis Family	Howard Sidney Ryan
	Fremont	First	Dec. 28-Jan. 18	Marvin Schmidt	Leroy Cloud
	Garden Grove	First	Dec. 28-Jan. 11	Walter C. Mills	Bruce Taylor
	Merced	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	Thomas Ming Sr.	Searl W. Stover
	Modesto	Calvary Temple	Jan. 4-18	T. W. & Mrs. Carlton	Lilla Conkle
	Richmond	Full Gospel	Dec. 28-Jan. 11	Star Thomas	E. B. Adamson
	Riverside	Calvary Temple	Dec. 29-Jan. 4	Singing Kolenda Family	D. F. Ferguson
	Sacramento	Faith	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	Robert Louis Stephens	H. E. Chester
	San Diego	E. San Diego	Jan. 4-18	Jim Mackey	Joe Higgins
	Vacaville	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 9	Kenneth & Flynn Rowley	Bruce Moore
	Vallejo	First	Jan. 4-11	Watson Argue	Ronald Haus
	Whittier	First	Jan. 4-18	Ernie Rogers	Ronald Prinzing
Colo.	Greeley	First	Jan. 4-18	I. D. Rayborn	H. I. Maley
Conn.	Stamford	Gospel Tab.	Jan. 4-11	Roy & Mrs. Johnson	Lloyd Eflin
Fla.	Jupiter	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	John & Faith Stallings	James Dishman
	Southport	A/G	Jan. 1—	Leslie & Oleta Eldridge	A. L. Williams
Ga.	Atlanta	A/G Tab.	Dec. 31—	J. Don George	James Mayo
	Columbus	Riverview	Jan. 4—	Dave C. Stanton	Raymond Wetzel
	Forest Park	A/G	Dec. 28-Jan. 4	Billy & Cherie Cotton	S. L. Broadhead
	Lyons	Faith	Jan. 5-11	Billy & Cherie Cotton	Henry Kinsey
	Riverdale	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	W. H. Fisher
Idaho	Lewiston	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 4	Paul Clark Team	Warren Grant
Ill.	Jerseyville	A/G	Dec. 28-Jan. 4	Bob McCutchen	Roland Hastie
Ind.	Fort Wayne	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	D. F. Leader
	Indianapolis	Calvary Temple	Dec. 31—	Eddie Wilson	William Moorman
Iowa	Mason City	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 18	Larry & Coleen Griswold	Norman Tosten
Kans.	Jewell	A/G	Dec. 28-Jan. 11	Moses & Ruth Copeland	Robert D. Cooper
	Kansas City	Bethel	Dec. 28-Jan. 4	Doug & Gloria Wead	Paul Johnson
	Kansas City	Gospel Temple	Jan. 4-18	S. B. Douglass	Burl Rogers
La.	Shreveport	First	Jan. 4-11	Corbett & Mrs. Berthelot	Rodney Duron
Md.	Frostburg	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	Snyder Team	Frank Sharp
	Hyattsville	Faith	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	Wayne & Vi Marshall	B. M. Slye
Mich.	Livonia	Parkdale	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	William Caldwell	David Krist
	Mt. Clemens	Calvary	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	Wesley Wibley	Howard Burk
	Oscoda	A/G	Dec. 28—	Fairfield Evang. Party	Johnnie Johnson
	Port Huron	A/G	Jan. 6-18	Esther Palmer	Donald Matthews
	Taylor	A/G	Jan. 4—	Harold W. May Jr.	Doyle Vaughn
Minn.	Milaca	A/G	Dec. 30-Jan. 11	Richard Schlupp	Harris Heidenreich
	Willmar	A/G	Jan. 6-11	R. M. & Elizabeth Abbott	Ernest Moen
	Worthington	A/G	Jan. 4-11	Lowell Lundstrom Tm.	John W. Everett
Mo.	Bonne Terre	A/G	Dec. 28-Jan. 11	James & Beulah Pepper	William Newhouse
	Joplin	First	Jan. 6-18	Doug Chambers	Dean Reid
	Glad Tidings	First	Jan. 4-18	Les & Sandra Merrick	Charles Blankenship
	St. Louis	Riverview	Jan. 4-18	George W. Lee	Louis Mattea
	Sikeston	First	Dec. 28-Jan. 11	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	T. A. McDonough
	Springfield	Northside	Jan. 6-11	Doug & Gloria Wead	Alvin Blackard
	Steelville	First	Jan. 6—	Al D. Hewison	Joe Massey
	Sullivan	First	Dec. 28-Jan. 11	Dan & Marty Womack	Gene Waterman
Nebr.	Mitchell	A/G	Jan. 7-18	C. A. & Mrs. Nicholson	H. Carl Swink
N. M.	Clovis	First	Jan. 4-18	E. L. Surratt	Melvin Sasse
N. Y.	Rochester	Bethel F. G.	Dec. 28—	The Tanner Team	Edward Schlossmacher
Ohio	Cincinnati	Marshall Ave.	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	W. Glenn West	Thomas Larison
Okla.	Bartlesville	1 First	Jan. 4-11	John D. Burkett	James Brankel
	Chester	Elm Grove	Dec. 31-Jan. 4	C. A. & Mrs. Nicholson	Dean Nygren
	Durant	First	Dec. 28-Jan. 11	Lindell & Darlene Ballenger	C. A. Snodgrass
	Edmond	First	Jan. 4—	Charles Stafford	Nick Schubert
	Tulsa	East 21st St.	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	Musical Vanderploegs	J. W. Ellsworth
	Tulsa	N. Harvard	Dec. 28-Jan. 11	Jak Martz	Aaron Walker
Oreg.	Lebanon	A/G	Dec. 28-Jan. 11	John I. Smith	H. D. Robeson
Tenn.	Humboldt	Gregory's Chapel	Jan. 4-18	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Elizabeth Walters
Tex.	Clarksville	First	Dec. 28—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	William Brown
	Dallas	Grace	Dec. 31—	Jimmy Merritt	Fred Davis
	Dallas	Skyline East	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	C. A. Bird
	Delhart	A/G	Dec. 28—	Morris & Mrs. Lefkowitz	Paul Thompson
	Frankston	A/G	Dec. 28-Jan. 4	James Farmer	J. A. Griffin
	Grand Saline	First	Jan. 4—	James & Peggy Hazelton	F. E. Kennedy
	Liberty	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	The Pratt Family	Allen Poldson
	Nederland	First	Dec. 30-Jan. 11	Mike & Linda Murdock	Frank Williams
	Odessa	Sherwood	Jan. 4-18	Dale & Jean Gentry	Joe A. Bradley
	Pampa	First	Dec. 28—	Charles Stafford	Jimmy Phillips
	Quanah	First	Jan. 4-18	M. M. & Mrs. Otwell	William Ikard
	San Saba	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 16	Calvin & Beverly Durham	Melvin Williams
Va.	Fairfax	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 18	George & Evelyn Butrin	Walter Keller
	Newport News	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	J. L. & Dortha Pittman	Marvin E. Boyce
	Richlands	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	Don & Sharon Parker	Stanley Morris
	Triangle	First	Dec. 31-Jan. 11	H. A. & Mrs. Christopher	Edwin Stigile
Wash.	Naselle	A/G	Dec. 28—	Arthur & Anna Berg	Alfred Olsen
	Olympia	A/G	Jan. 4-11	Wesley & Gladys Morton	Glen D. Cole
Wis.	Menomonie	Full Gospel	Jan. 9-18	The Lindsey Team	Milton Edwards

¹ Area Youth Crusade

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—January 6-8, Assembly of God, Uhrichsville, Ohio. *Revivaltime* Evangelist C. M. Ward, guest speaker.—Ray Bocken, pastor

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SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A young Texan serving time in the Ferguson Unit of the Texas Department of Correction, at Midway, Tex., recently became the 200,000th recipient of a free Bible correspondence course from the Assemblies of God Home Missions Department.

Paul R. Markstrom, Assemblies of God national prison chaplain, said the courses are provided free to any prisoner requesting them. Requests are processed in cooperation with chaplains resident at the institutions. An average of 20,000 courses are supplied annually.

The program is supported largely by offerings from Assemblies of God churches. In addition to giving an offering for the support of the nationwide prison ministry, the churches are urged to use opportunities for ministry in city and county jails.

In an article titled "Am I My

Brother's Keeper?" published in the November issue of *Advance* magazine, Mr. Markstrom pointed out that inmates of a county jail are often more receptive to the gospel than they may be later if they are transferred to a long-term facility.

The initial shock of isolation from family and society is a traumatic experience for many county prisoners, he observed. "They need help and usually recognize that need. The church is in a good position to offer the right kind of help, through a dynamic presentation of the gospel. The slogan, 'Christ Is the Answer,' is not a mere cliché, but an eternal truth."

Approximately 30 ordained Assemblies of God ministers serve as state- or county-appointed chaplains in correctional institutions. Hundreds more include ministry in local jails as one facet of their pastoral service.

The Daniel Roehls, pastors of the new Calvary Memorial Assembly, stand with some of their Sunday school children beside the new church bus.



Children spark giving for church bus

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—One year ago five children from the Calvary Memorial Assembly here presented Pastor Daniel Roehl with an envelope containing a note and \$1.95. The note read: *Dear Pastor Roehl:*

We have been working on money for the church bus for two weeks. We've been cleaning basements and garages, and making and selling potholders. We have five people working on it. They are: Debbie Huey, Penny Huey, Don Huey, Jack Pell, and Denise Pell.

Deeply touched, the pastor read

the letter to his congregation. The CA's took up the project and conducted several paper drives to raise money for the bus. Recently Brother Roehl received a phone call from an elderly couple promising \$1,000 toward the bus. While they were praying, the Lord had laid it upon their hearts to give some money for the bus.

The bus has now been purchased and Sunday school attendance has increased to 75. The church is in a building program and expects attendance to double after they move into the new building.



Above: The youth choir from the mission presented special music at the dedication.



Right: The Boohers join in prayer with District Superintendent J. K. Gressett as he dedicates the new piano.

Mission gets new piano through trading stamps

GUADALUPE, ARIZ.—A year-long program of saving trading stamps has resulted in a new Baldwin spinet piano for the Indian mission here.

When several WMC groups and friends of missionaries Mary and Alvin Booher learned the mission did not have a piano, they began saving toward the 350 books of stamps needed.

Three days less than a year

from the time the project began, enough books had been filled to get the piano.

The new piano was dedicated with Arizona District Superintendent J. K. Gressett officiating. The Guadalupe youth choir ministered in music.

The congregation rejoiced as a bronze plaque with the following inscription was attached to the piano: "This instrument was made possible through the donations of the many Women's Missionary Council groups and friends across the nation."

APACHE CONGREGATION OUTGROWS FACILITIES

CANYON DAY, ARIZ.—The Apache congregation here has outgrown its facilities and desperately needs a new building, according to Missionary Leo Gilman.

Attendance averages 300, and Brother Gilman reports the auditorium and classrooms are very

inadequate. Each Sunday from 25-35 are crowded into each small classroom.

"We are having revival among the Indians in this Year of Revival," says Brother Gilman, "but if we are going to advance, we must build."

Teen Challenge Training Center is overcrowded

REHRERSBURG, PA.—High schools are swamping the Teen Challenge Training Center staff here with requests to speak at student assemblies. Young people are listening to the gospel, and a move of God is gaining momentum among them, according to Frank Reynolds, executive director.

During the recent annual Harvest Festival, several thousand people from six states visited the center. Five services a day were necessary to handle the crowds.

God met the needs in an unusual way. People brought in truckloads of food which helped restock the depleted supply. Offerings received during the meetings and another given in May were adequate to pay for blacktopping on the center grounds.

Now the center is back to its daily routine, but conditions are extremely crowded. Every bed is filled; five cots have been placed in a classroom; 20 young people are waiting for admittance; and others are calling for help. One said, "I'll bring my sleeping bag—just let me come!" Some of the regular staff volunteered to sleep

on the floor to make room for the needy youth. Pray that God will enable the training center to provide accommodations for those desiring help.

MISSIONARIES SEE 22 FIRST-TIME DECISIONS

TUCSON, ARIZ.—Twenty-two Indians have accepted Christ in services conducted in Pascua Village by the Virgil Zeiglers, missionary-pastors of the Tucson Indian Assembly.

The Zeiglers recently accepted the responsibility for the Pascua Village work among Yaqui Indians in addition to their regular ministry among the Papagos in Tucson. Pascua Village is an area where narcotics and addicts abound.

Joe Wilson, an Indian minister, has opened a church about 60 miles north of Casa Grande at the edge of the Papago Reservation. He is the first Indian in this area to pioneer an Indian work. The Tucson Indian congregation helped Brother Wilson with the down payment on the property.



Gabriel Caride, director of the Evangelical Refugee Center and pastor of its chapel, welcomes new members into the church.

Politician, writer find Christ through refugee center ministry

MIAMI, FLA.—Gabriel Caride, director of the Evangelical Refugee Center here and pastor of the center's chapel, recently conducted his first baptismal service at the center.

Among those baptized was a distinguished newspaperman—politician who had served as a Cuban government official. He and his wife are rejoicing in their new-found life in Christ.

An internationally known Cuban writer and his wife have also accepted Christ as their Saviour. Sergio Carbo's newspaper had the largest circulation in Cuba until Castro suspended its publication. Now in exile Brother Carbo

writes for various Latin papers.

His articles reflect what Christ and His Word are doing for him. This man had intended to commit suicide; but after listening to the radio program, *La Hora Evangelica* (The Evangelical Hour), he decided to come to church. That very morning he gave his heart to the Lord. Brother Carbo testifies, "I am a new man."

To date approximately 1,000 refugees have found Christ at the center, and several have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The center operates under the Spanish Eastern Branch of the Assemblies of God and is sponsored by the Home Missions Department.



... Across America

MISSOURI—The first of five Assemblies of God conventions for the deaf will convene in Springfield, April 1-5, 1970.

WISCONSIN—The Morgan Siding Indian Assembly at Gresham, where John Gunderson is missionary, has recently experienced a spirit of revival. Six people came to the altar, among them a young couple whose children have been attending Sunday school. The same night a young married lady received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

ALASKA—Fred Cruse, missionary at Point Hope, is much improved since his recent heart attack. He appreciates the cards, letters, and prayers of friends. Church attendance remained unusually high all summer. Bob Bayley of Anchorage conducted an eight-day Bible study which was well attended.

MISSOURI—Hand-transcribers from Central Bible College and other volunteers are helping Mildred Whitney, missionary to the blind, prepare master copies of books for the braille library in Springfield. The library now contains 80 books including Bible study, doctrine, general Christian reading, and Christian fiction.

MAINE—Edward Granholm, minister to the deaf in Pownal, participated at the Summer Sign Institute of the San Fernando Valley State College, Northridge, Calif. This was a government-sponsored class to qualify deaf workers to teach the sign language to hearing adults.

ILLINOIS—A visitation program called "Join the Search Party" resulted in a record attendance of 42 recently in the Rockford deaf church, where Lloyd Couch is missionary. A number of deaf members pledged to visit at least one unsaved deaf person each week. Their facilities are now too small to accommodate the present congregation, and a larger building is needed.

Converted Gypsies are living for God

REDWOOD CITY, CALIF.—A large number of American Gypsies, converted during the last two years in the Bay area near San Francisco, are living for God. Their testimonies have impressed many Gypsies who live in other states.

Harold D. Champlin, coordinator of the Assemblies of God Gypsy work, writes:

"I am carrying on a ministry among approximately 5,000 to 6,000 Gypsies who live in northern California—Stockton, San Jose, Oakland, San Francisco, Sacramento, and other cities. I have been able to reach hundreds of these people at one time. Many have been healed of demon possession and illnesses.

"We are expecting a Gypsy minister soon from France. This brother was one of the leading ministers in the French revival,

and I believe he will contribute much to the promotion and success of Gypsy evangelism here."

About two million Gypsies live in the United States. They are difficult to reach, but they, as well as other needy minority groups, must hear the gospel. Pray for this developing work.

Church needed in Hoonah

HOONAH, ALASKA—The church started in 1968 in this isolated town of 1,000 on the Greater Sitka Borough Island now has an average attendance of 21 and is trying to secure property for a building, according to Missionary J. W. Eaves.

The work has been carried on in the Eaveses' home, but the congregation has applied to the city council for property on which to build a new church.

Since property here is often tied up in native claims as well as city, national forest, tribes, and state claims, it is sometimes difficult to secure.

Missionary finds with God all things are possible

TOK, ALASKA—The outside of the new building here has been completed, and the inside will be finished during the winter.

The Lord has wonderfully supplied the needs of this new work as the people stepped out in faith. The grading was done free. Other donations included a furnace valued at \$150, main beams for the building, a kitchen window, an underground feed cable, a bathtub, cement forms, linoleum, etc.

Michael San Soucie has proved in many ways that "with God all things are possible."

Six months had passed since his

first outstation service in a nearby village. At the close of a recent meeting, an old Indian approached him.

"I listened intently to his broken speech," Brother San Soucie stated. "He appeared excited and his words seemed strange. Suddenly I realized that this old man in his 60's was explaining how he had renounced the things of the world and had asked Christ to save him. We had wondered whether he would ever turn to Christ. But the preaching of the Cross is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

HOME MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Oscar Pitts, who has been doing visitation work in the Kayenta, Ariz., area, is now in charge of the Indian church at Burntwater, Ariz., replacing the Charles Kumbleys, who recently resigned.

The Silas Rexroats have resigned from the San Carlos, Ariz., Indian church. Brother Rexroat has been appointed field representative for the American Indian Bible Institute, Phoenix. The Rexroats' headquarters will be in Tucson, Ariz. The Orville Alexanders have accepted the San Carlos pastorate.

The Gordon Olsons, formerly of Minto, Alaska, are now missionaries at Angoon, Alaska, replacing the Roland Perettis who have accepted the pastorate of a regular district church in Alaska. The James P. Schulzes are the new missionaries at Minto.

Timothy L. Olson of Dexter, N. Mex., has been appointed to the American Indian field. The Olsons

are pastoring a white and Spanish church in Hagerman, N. Mex., and also will be working among the Indians at Roswell, N. Mex. Brother Olson is licensed with the Rocky Mountain District.

The Jerry Holders are ministering in Lander, Wyo., on the Wind River Indian Reservation. God is moving in a wonderful way and Sunday school attendance has increased from eight to 50.

Timothy Olson



1969

BETWEEN TWO YEARS

1970

By R. G. CHAMPION

WHEN 1969 BECOMES 1970, what will you be doing? What happens at midnight around the world on New Year's Eve, of course, depends greatly on local customs.

In Russia teen-agers go into the streets throwing peas and wheat grains at passersby, much as Americans throw confetti.

At the stroke of midnight in Italy, people stand at their windows and heave out old glass, kitchenware, and chairs—symbolizing a cleaning out of the old and beginning the new.

In Spain as the clock strikes 12, each person begins to eat 12 grapes. The entire dozen must be eaten before the 12th stroke of the bell to assure a happy new year!

In Japan 108 peals of the temple bells signal the new year. And it has a special meaning—for the stroke of midnight means it's everyone's birthday.

Probably the biggest bang is in Geneva, Switzerland. Every piece of artillery in the city goes off at 12 o'clock in 22 states—in commemoration of the city's liberation from Napoleon.

Around the world people go to parties, night clubs, and mass gatherings—such as in New York City's Times Square.

But for millions of Christians it will be an opportunity to participate in watch night services.

No one knows exactly how or when such services began. They seem to have originated with the early Methodists, when John Wesley and his followers gathered for a night of prayer. These meetings were not necessarily associated with the end of the year but were held near the time of the full moon—so people would have light on their way home. The services began about 8 p.m. and lasted until after midnight. The people prayed the entire time.

Gradually watch night came to be observed mostly on the last night of the year. In 1762 Wesley wrote: "We concluded the year, as usual, with a solemn watch night. Oh, may we conclude our lives in the same manner, praising and blessing God!"

The custom has grown through the years. And although the format of the services may have changed, watch night

still provides an important opportunity for people to end one year—and begin the new one—in prayer.

Whether or not you have the opportunity of attending a watch night service, why not make this New Year's Eve a time of introspection? Just as most businessmen take inventory at the beginning of a new year, why not take a personal inventory?

What kind of person did I become in 1969?

Did I worry less?

Did I become more interested—or less interested—in the people around me?

... more, or less, concerned about the needs of those not as fortunate as I?

... more, or less, dedicated to showing Christ by the way I live?

... more, or less, yielded to the Holy Spirit's direction?

For me, was 1969 a year of personal revival?

Do I have more inner peace, a closer relationship to Jesus Christ?

Is my temper more controlled than it was at the beginning of the year?

Have I grown in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Is His love more evident in me? Do I love the brethren more?

Have I faithfully supported God's work?

These are a few of the questions we need to ask. As we search our hearts before God, His Spirit will bring to mind the areas where we are weak.

But there must be answers. We must admit our failures and mistakes, confess our sins—and let the Blood cleanse.

Then we need to see the prospects for 1970. New victories will not come magically by the stroke of the clock. New triumphs will not come merely on the strength of a personal resolve made when two years meet. But "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). Doing "all things" will take cooperative effort. And we can depend on His strength, on His victory, if we do our part.

Jesus may come in 1970. If He does, will He find us making more of an impact for His Kingdom, seeking His righteousness, than if He had come in 1969?