

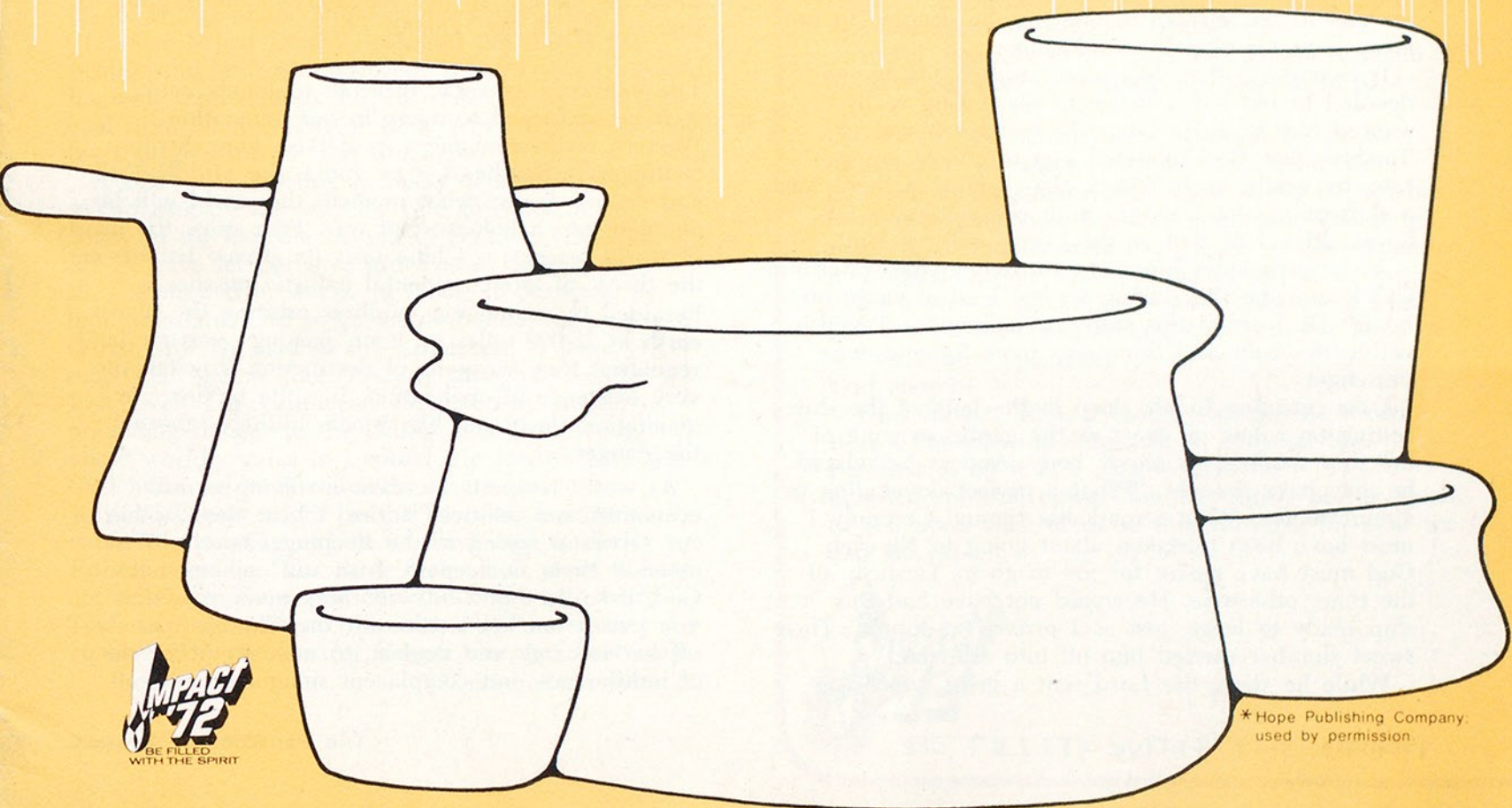
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Bring your empty earthen vessels,
Clean through Jesus' precious blood,
Come, ye needy, one and all;
And in human consecration
Wait before the throne of God
Till the Holy Ghost shall fall.

—MRS. C. H. MORRIS*



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It is time to shake off all lethargy, arise from the bed of complacency, and "call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not."

A call to sleeping Jonahs

By CHARLES W. H. SCOTT

JONAH HAD BEEN CALLED of God to go to Nineveh, to cry out against the sin of that great city, and to warn its inhabitants of the judgment which was coming. His message was to be a call to repentance.

When he received this assignment, however, he was not too sure he wanted to accept it. To go to a pagan people and warn them of judgment and offer the mercy of Jehovah was hard for a Hebrew prophet to do. Instead of obeying, he decided to run away from his God-given assignment.

It is possible that, like some modern Jonahs, he decided to put out a fleece to see if God really wanted him to go to Nineveh. Perhaps it was to Tarshish that God intended him to go! At any rate, he would go to Joppa, the seaport. If there was a ship sailing for Tarshish with one stateroom left, he would accept that as the Lord's will for him!

As he arrived in Joppa, he hurried to the waterfront and found one ship taking its last load of cargo on board. He learned this ship was sailing for Tarshish within the hour and there was room for one more passenger.

I can imagine Jonah, deep in the hold of the ship, resting on a bag of straw as the gentle swaying of the ship soothed his weary body. And as he relaxed he may have thought, "What a perfect dovetailing of circumstances. What remarkable timing. Certainly I must have been mistaken about going to Nineveh. God must have meant for me to go to Tarshish all the time; otherwise, He would not have had this ship ready to leave, just as I arrived in Joppa." Then sweet slumber carried him off into oblivion.

While he slept, the Lord sent a great wind over

the sea. It blew up a mighty tempest which increased in intensity until the sailors, filled with fear, began to cry unto their gods.

At this point the captain of the vessel found Jonah, fast asleep, unaware of the situation which he had created. With stinging words the captain aroused the prophet from his slumber and reproachfully asked the question, "What meanest thou, O sleeper? Arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not" (Jonah 1:6).

THE CAPTAIN'S REPROOF, directed to Jonah, could well be addressed to many in our generation. Western civilization faces its darkest hour. Strife continues in Southeast Asia, India, the Middle East, and no one knows what moment the world will be plunged into a holocaust of war. Fear grips the hearts of world leaders as China tests its atomic bombs, and the threat of intercontinental ballistic missiles is heralded by man-made satellites orbiting the planet earth at 18,000 miles an hour, passing over our land regularly. New weapons of destruction threaten the very existence of civilization. In spite of this, our generation sleeps on, like Jonah, blithely ignoring the danger.

As world tempests increase, involving moral, economic, and political storms, I hear the Captain of our salvation saying to the sleeping Church, "What meanest thou, O sleeper? Arise and call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon you, that you perish not." It is time for the Church to shake off her lethargy and neglect, to arise from her sleep of indifference and complacent smugness, and call

upon the Lord for a revival of righteousness.

We would do well to take our place at the altar of prayer with Hezekiah and Israel and confess as they did that "this day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy" (Isaiah 37:3). We would do well to "call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts. . . . Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them" (Joel 2:15-17).

Only the Holy Spirit moving upon us in divine power can arouse from the paralyzing indifference which causes our prayer meetings to be forgotten, our Sunday evening evangelistic services to be neglected, so that we become a Sunday morning church. If this condition continues, the church will find itself bogged down in the wilderness of ineffectiveness, preaching about a God of dynamite, but living firecracker lives while the devil laughs at our frustrations.

It is only as sleeping Jonahs awake and call upon their God with all the intensity of their souls that the men and women and youth of our day will be turned to seek the living God. May God help us as Pentecostal people to awake and call upon our God until we are filled anew with the Holy Spirit and enabled to inject the penicillin of holiness into the blood stream of the church. We need to neutralize the toxins of sin which are sapping the strength and causing spiritual defeat to many whose lives once burned with a holy fervor for God.

WHILE WE LIVE in a time of threatening judgment which could fall at any moment, I am reminded that the Scriptures abound in instances where God postponed judgment when people repented and sought the Lord. Confession of sin and personal faults is a forgotten practice among many of us, even though the teachings of the Bible enjoin it upon the Christian. When Daniel confessed the sins of his people, the land was restored. When Isaiah confessed his own shortcomings, he was cleansed by a living coal from off the altar of God. When David confessed his transgression, he was forgiven.

A confession meeting in many of our churches would prepare the way for God to move among us. Many of us, like the church of Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7), have let our love grow cool. Even though they abounded in works, in labor, in patience, in high standards and even endured suffering for Christ, still He said to the Ephesians, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." The Laodicean characteristic is ever a prevailing danger to the church today; it is easy to allow worldly cares to smother the intense love which God looks for in His church.

Lack of tears might be the basis for another confession meeting among us. Paul said to the Ephesian elders, "For three and a half years, I have not ceased to warn you day and night with tears." Tears express concern. *Our altars will never be stained with the tears of sinners weeping their way*

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let us seek God together for a fresh anointing

WHEN YOU THINK of Impact '72, think first of *personal* spiritual power. For Impact '72 is more than a united evangelistic outreach or a church-wide emphasis on spiritual life.

Impact '72, fourth year in the Assemblies of God Five-year Plan of Advance, highlights the Biblical command, "Be filled with the Spirit." And that must have, first of all, a personal application and fulfillment.

Pervading our Movement now is an intense hunger, a heart-longing to see even greater evidences of God's presence and power among us. So let us seek God together. He will satisfy that hunger!

We feel this is the time to stress again the power of the Holy Spirit—that Pentecostal power that puts the plus in Christian living.

WE EXPECT TO SEE MIRACLES in Impact '72—miracles of divine healing, miracles of the Holy Spirit baptism, miracles of the gifts of the Spirit in our assemblies and the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. And we expect to see the miracles of men transformed by the grace and power of God.

Our Lord is moving among His Church in a way we would have thought impossible a few years ago. We rejoice with all who discover the joy and power and freedom and love of the Spirit-filled life. And we want to continue to be a vibrant, vital part of what God is doing.

So "be filled with the Spirit" becomes to all of us a very personal challenge.

There'll be a strong emphasis on prayer in Impact '72—because we recognize the importance of this God-given means of communication.

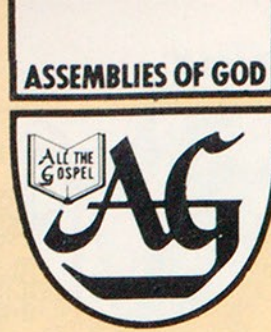
And a highlight of the year will be the Council on Spiritual Life in Minneapolis, August 14-16.

OF COURSE, we cannot allow spiritual life to be introverted. We must continue and expand the outreach to the unconverted with which Impact has become synonymous. Massive, systematic efforts to reach a community with the gospel will be expanded in Impact '72. We have our sights set on an Impact in each section of the U.S.—the possibility of over 500 concentrated efforts! And next year we hope to see an Impact sponsored by every Assemblies of God church.

Thus Impact '72 is a united evangelistic thrust. It is a church-wide emphasis on spiritual life. But first of all it is a plea to God for personal spiritual power—for the mantle of His Spirit to rest upon each of us so that through our God we may do exploits.



BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT



Blessed Quietness

NOTHING IS MORE NEEDED—nor harder to maintain—than a quiet spirit. Yet we can have it if we turn aside each day to be alone for a time with God and His Word.

"When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?" said Elihu (Job 34:29). Oh, what calmness and security comes into our spirit when we sing the old favorite, "Blessed quietness, holy quietness, what assurance in my soul..." but it is not enough to sing it at church. We need that experience each day. We need God to speak peace within us when life's storms rage about us.

Therefore the habit of daily devotions is of prime importance. Have you developed the habit? Have you been spending some time with your Lord each day in this new year? Nothing else can add strength, peace, and joy to your life like this daily habit.

We need to read God's Word and meditate upon it in order that we might partake of the divine nature. If we live entirely in the atmosphere of this present world, we cannot help but be fashioned by its spirit and standards. When we shut ourselves away from the bustle and babble to breathe the pure air of heaven, God is able to teach us something of the powers of the world to come.

Jesus told us to pray in secret. "When thou prayest," He said, "enter into thy closet." Find a closed place where the cares of life are shut out. It may be difficult. Public worship seems easier. We are buoyed up by the presence and prayers of others. But it is in the secret place that we learn to stand alone and to draw spiritual refreshment from the deep wells of God.

In your quiet times, let God speak to you from His Word. What a wonderful Book it is! As someone has said: "You cannot read it exhaustively. No matter how often you read it, it always seems that you have not quite read it to the end, or that you have forgotten, or have failed to understand something. You reread—and the same thing happens again and again, times without number. It is like the midnight sky; the longer you gaze at it, the greater the multitude of the stars."

Never permit any habit in your life to become more regular than your acts of devotion to God. Not even eating. Most of us eat more than we need but few overdo in the matter of prayer and Bible reading. If you are too busy to pray, you are too busy. Cut something out of your schedule, if necessary.

Do not allow even gospel work to crowd out prayer. It is possible to become so busy in Christian service that you lose the wonder of spiritual life in Christ. Your testimony grows hollow. Your service becomes barren.

Daily devotions are vital, even if they last only ten or fifteen minutes a day. What is needed is a quiet period long enough to forget time and catch a glimpse of eternity.

Fix your heart on God. Warm it by reading His great and precious promises. Meditate on His goodness, His mercy, His love for you until your heart is aglow and your mind is praising Him.

There is a time to pray and there is a time to listen. Don't do all the talking. Let God put His thoughts into you. Remember that communion with God is like a two-way radio. After you have unburdened your heart in prayer, keep still long enough for Him to talk to you. He will answer, and He will reveal His will; and the regular spiritual exercise of private devotions will develop in you the faith and obedience you need to be a successful Christian.

—R.C.C.

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WE BELIEVE...

...the Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God.

...there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

...in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years.

...in the Blessed Hope—the Rapture of the Church at Christ's coming.

...the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.

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...in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life.

...in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

GOD'S EXUBERANT SERVANTS

By ZELMA ARGUE

LOOK AT DAVID! Dancing! Shouting!
Singing and playing the harp! Such antics for a king!

His wife Michal did not approve of his exuberance. She despised him for such a display, but David defended his behavior by saying, "It was before the Lord" (2 Samuel 6:21).

Michal's father, King Saul, would not have behaved in so undignified a manner; but David reminded her that the Lord had chosen him in preference to Saul to be ruler over His people. "Therefore will I play before the Lord," he said, "and I will yet be more vile." So David "danced before the Lord with all his might."

David and all the people "brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet." Joyous David! Exuberant David! Wholehearted David!

I was deeply stirred by C. M. Ward's booklet on *Group Therapy*. In it he shows the value of the ways in which we worshiped God in the early days of the Pentecostal revival. He talks without apology of the testimony meetings, the shouting, the dancing in the Spirit, and shows that even the prostrations are now admitted by psychiatrists to have therapeutic value. Though the manifestations seemed strange to some, they had wonderful value in releasing, in stimulating, in healing.

David had humble beginnings. God called him from following his father's sheep to be ruler over Israel. Similarly our churches had humble beginnings: brush arbors; storefront buildings; canvas tabernacles with carpets of sawdust. Have we forgotten? But also, like David, we had exuberance in the Spirit.

If now we have better facilities, comfortable buildings, carpeted floors, fine organs and choirs, should we not search our hearts and see if we have the original exuberance, the joyful enthusiasm, the shouts of victory we had in earlier times?

God's servants were exuberant in New Testament times. At the temple gate Peter faced a lame man who asked an alms. Peter said to him, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6). And he took the man by the hand and lifted him up—and the man leaped up, and stood, and walked, and entered into the temple, "walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people

saw him walking and praising God."

Similar exuberance was evident in Paul's ministry. There was a cripple at Lystra who had never walked. Paul said to him, "Stand upright on thy feet." And the man "leaped and walked" (Acts 14:10).

Exuberant! Exultant! Excited! I believe it was Paul Rader who used to say, "I don't care how high you jump, as long as you walk straight when you come down."

It is our privilege to give expression to the joy of the Lord. Mary said, "My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." Singing. Shouting. Giving thanks. It is the Bible way.

Our rejoicing does not depend on circumstances. When they were thrown in jail, Paul and Silas praised the Lord. Even at midnight they "prayed, and sang praises unto God" (Acts 16:25). The prisoners heard them, but this was no deterrent. God heard them too—and sent an earthquake to break their bonds.

God is pleased when His servants are exuberant. He wants men's spirits to be free, like David's, to praise Him without restraint. There are always those, like Michal, who decry a display of emotion; but they are the losers. "Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death." Barrenness is a sad price to pay for quenching the Spirit! They brought the ark of the Lord into the city, and worshiped, and all the people rejoiced—and the Lord gave them rest round about from all their enemies.

David exhorts us, "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Paul admonishes us to be thankful and to be exercised with "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16).

Rejoice in the Lord always. Glorify Him in exuberance of spirit. Exalt His wonderful name. Exult in the victories He can bestow. Express the joy that is within.

It's coming, it's coming,

*The ark is coming up the road;
When David danced before the Lord,
The ark was coming up the road.*

*His wife despised him in her heart,
But the ark was coming up the road.*



Brother and Sister Scott



Brother and Sister Reneau



Brother and Sister Gannon



Brother and Sister Hardcastle



Brother and Sister Clark

Five executive presbyters cited at appreciation dinner

Retiring executives honored

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A meeting unique in the annals of the Assemblies of God took place here November 16. It was an appreciation dinner to



A skit, "The Changing of the Guard," added humor and charm to the appreciation dinner.



Chas. W. H. Scott listens to words of appreciation from Everett D. Cooley on behalf of the Michigan District.



"Elders . . . worthy of double honor" was the appropriate banner over the head table at which the honorees sat on either side of Brother and Sister Zimmerman.

honor five retiring members of the Executive Presbytery. Never before had so many executives retired from office at one time.

The five men served an aggregate of 46 years on the Assemblies' top executive body. Chas. W. H. Scott served 18 years (including 14 as an assistant general superintendent), Kermit Reneau 12 years (including two as an assistant general superintendent), T. E. Gannon six years (as an assistant general superintendent), G. W. Hardcastle Sr. eight years, and E. M. Clark two years.

More than 200 friends were present to honor them.

Thos. F. Zimmerman, general superintendent, presided at the dinner. He presented a plaque and a sum of money to each honoree, pointing out that all five were "elders that rule well" and therefore they were indeed "counted worthy of double honor" (1 Timothy 5:17).

Special tribute was paid to Brother and Sister Scott on behalf of the Michigan District. Everett D. Cooley, former district superintendent, spoke at length concerning the outstanding



Following the appreciation dinner the executive presbyters, including two new members, posed for this picture. In the front row are G. Raymond Carlson, T. E. Gannon, T. F. Zimmerman, Kermit Reneau, and Chas. W. H. Scott. Standing are N. D. Davidson, Paul Lowenberg, Dwight McLaughlin, Roy Wead, Philip Hogan, E. M. Clark, Bartlett Peterson, Richard Dortch, M. B. Netzel, G. W. Hardcastle Sr., Edgar Bethany, James Hamill, and Joseph Flower.



work they did in Michigan as pastors and leaders. Brother Scott was a district presbyter seven years and district superintendent 12 years.

Brother Scott announced that although he is retiring from executive duties he expects to keep busy in gospel ministry. He will make his home in Sun City, Arizona, and work out from there serving wherever his help is desired by pastors and churches.

All the other honorees likewise will continue to be busily engaged in God's service.

Kermit Reneau is district superintendent of the South Texas District, a post he held some years ago and to which he was reelected in 1971.


T. E. Gannon is remaining in Springfield at the request of the General Council to assist the officers during the two-year period of transition to a new organizational structure at the general headquarters.

G. W. Hardcastle Sr. is a member of the ministerial staff at Evangel Temple, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

E. M. Clark is president of North

Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

All members of the Executive Presbytery attended the appreciation dinner, including James Hamill and Richard Dortch who were elected to office last August.

Others present included pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and a number of general presbyters and former executives. Among the guests were the E. S. Williamses, the G. F. Lewises, the Noel Perkins, Alice Reynolds Flower, Ruth Steelberg Carter, and Victor G. Greisen. 

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR CITIES to a great extent is shaping the destiny of this nation. For this reason the urban scene commands the attention of sociologists, psychologists, politicians, business, and industry.

The urban scene is a constant focus of the news media, for it is there that the bizarre, the horrid, the unusual, and the pathetic occur. What would reporting be without the demonstrations, riots, class struggles, and corruptions of the big cities!

Because of the peculiar influence of the cities upon the concern and conscience of the nation, the church

What are we going to do about our cities?

How are we
going to reach the blacks
who live there?

By THURMAN L. FAISON

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is forced to define itself in terms of urban evangelism. The question emerging in the hearts of countless church leaders is, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

First let me say I am here as a preacher of the gospel and as a brother in Christ. My remarks will be tinted with Christian conviction and gospel priority. This does not mean I will gloss over actualities or obscure present problems. Having pastored in Harlem, New York, and on the southside of Chicago, I have had some exposure to the problems, some consciousness of the patterns of privation, and some experience of the difficulties faced by blacks.

An estimated 14 million blacks reside in our urban areas. The decay of the cities affects these people greatly. The inequities in education, the inadequacies in housing, the insufficiencies in jobs, and the general economic and social blight are the constant experience of black Americans.

Most of us are aware of the gap between the advantaged and the disadvantaged, the affluent and the culturally deprived, the favored majority and the unfavored minorities. The seething discontent and the constant confrontations in our cities appear as handwriting on the wall, reminding us of an imbalance in social justice, of inequities in our present system of democracy, and of strong prejudices in this nation.

I am not here to present an in-depth paper on the social ills of the hour. I am neither qualified for it by training nor called to it by vocation. But I am affected to some degree by the problems and must adopt a scriptural stance that "all unrighteousness is sin"—be it prejudice or adultery—and that the righteous Lord loves righteousness.

I BELIEVE the biggest problem facing the church in this hour is to rediscover and maintain its identity. The Lord gave certain distinctives to the church. She is called in Scripture "the pillar and ground of the truth," "an habitation of God through the Spirit," "the bride of Christ," "the salt of the earth," and "the light of the world." What she is said to be to a large extent dictates what she is supposed to do. She is to preach the truth, reveal the presence of God, maintain her engagement to Christ, retard corruption, and dispel the darkness wherever she encounters it.

However, there is an increasing pressure upon the church to abandon these priorities and adopt the social ideals desired for this nation and the world. We are constantly told how we must adjust our concepts in the light of the present developments. Certain groups have made it plain that the church must serve the revolution. But I am more interested in how the church will serve the Lord in this last-day revival. I am more concerned with how she will glorify the Saviour and express His attributes. I am more concerned with how well she will fare in earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints.

The issues of yesterday are not the same today, nor will they be the same tomorrow. The particular goals of one nation or people change with the circumstances and the priorities of the moment. But the biggest issues will always be constant: the problem of sin in the human heart, the alienation of men from God, and the expressions of unrighteousness in word, thought,

and deed. Solomon declared: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov-erbs 4:23). The issues of life are bigger than the issues of the moment, for they will have the greater consequences both now and eternally.

The greatest questions in the human heart can be condensed into three categories: "Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going? These are penetrating questions, going deeper than the issues of the moment, more important than "Why Vietnam?" more complicated than the race issue, of greater significance than the draft.

THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN the danger of a conflict of interest for the church in her involvement in the things of this world. The child of God is a unique individual. He is conscious of two worlds—experiencing the power of the world to come and yet residing in the world that now is. He is faced with a dual responsibility, being a citizen of both. In his relationship with men he must ever be obedient to God.

Because of her peculiar nature the church must always distinguish between earthly citizenship and heavenly discipleship. Some things are definitely at variance when considered in the light of the church's first obligation to her Lord. Some things are definitely important in the temporal and yet not necessarily expedient for advancing the spiritual.

A writer stated recently in *Christianity Today*: "There will be a noticeable tension between the spiritual church and the secular culture." I believe we will need to recall the beginning of the church at Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2: "There came a sound from heaven." The church is God's institution, or more accurately God's creation, called into being by His decree and power, motivated by His will and purpose. This thing started with a sound from heaven; let it not be controlled now by sounds from earth.

Am I advocating total noninvolvement in the concerns of the present society? No. But I advocate retaining the higher priorities and the particular purposes for which we have been called. We must define the lines of demarcation and place our emphasis according to our calling. We will never be able entirely to please the world at large. Jesus said to those of His day in a parable, "We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented." It will be equally difficult in this hour to gain a perfect approval from men as we seek to serve God in this world.

AS WE ANALYZE the urban situation from a gospel standpoint, I believe we are compelled by spiritual convictions to maintain a Bible-centered emphasis. I believe the urban man is as sensitive to his spiritual needs as he is toward his temporal needs. Witness the packed churches in any black community on any Sunday morning. There is a traditional concern for spiritual well-being ingrained in the hearts of blacks from the days of slavery when God was our only refuge. The urban man will listen to the gospel, and the gospel is still the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes.

However, I firmly believe the church must show an

understanding of the particular needs of the urban man. We must respect his desire for social achievement, be sympathetic toward his demand for change, and help him in every way compatible with gospel principles while we maintain his spiritual welfare as the highest priority.

I SUPPOSE I could be called a moderate from a political standpoint. The Scriptures teach us: "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand" (Philippians 4:5). If there was ever a time for the church to have a temperate viewpoint, it is today. The course of the entire world needs to be critically and carefully analyzed in the light of the Great Commission and the soon coming of the Lord.

The world demands what they call "contemporary relevance." If I understand the word *contemporary*, it means "to happen along with," and the word *relevance* means "to have a definite relationship or bearing upon the matters at hand." I believe the gospel-preaching church meets this standard of contemporary relevance. God's purposes have always run parallel with the events of history, and His workings have always had a definite bearing upon the matters at hand.

Again divine purposes are pinpointed by the happenings of contemporary history. John the Baptist preached repentance during the reign of Tiberias Caesar. The apostles declared that Jesus was Lord in every conceivable situation, refusing to allow the pressures of a degenerate world to change their concept of a divine mission.

When facing execution for maintaining gospel priorities in spite of society's disapproval, Paul told Timothy to "preach the word." He reminded Timothy that "no man that warreth entangleth himself in the affairs of this life; that he might please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." The Great Commission has never been revoked. The Lord Jesus said that "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." The church is running on a schedule regulated by heaven's clock and must be about the Father's business. This constraint is placed upon us in the suburbs and cities, on other continents, and in the isles of the sea.

May it be said of us that *we preached Christ* during the Nixon administration while Mao was ruler of China and Brezhnev party leader in Russia.

May it be said of us that at the time of the riots and demonstrations in our cities and during the student revolution, we reasoned of temperance, of righteousness, and of judgment to come.

May it be said of us that in the age of free love, LSD, and the 18-year-old vote, we were found calling men to repentance and looking for the soon return of the Lord.

Although we are found in the midst of secular history, we must make spiritual history for the glory of God.

I feel urban evangelism is just doing what God has called us to do in a different set of circumstances. We are still to hold forth the Word of life in the midst of all the passing events of history, for it is not His will that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.





YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

At present I am attending a church where the leaders say "These signs shall follow them that believe" (Mark 16:17) is not in the Greek text. Can you help me concerning this?

I will let the Scofield Bible answer: "The passage from verse 9 to the end is not found in the two most ancient manuscripts, the Sinaitic and the Vatican, and others have it in partial omissions and variations. But it is quoted by Irenaeus and Hippolytus in the second or third century."

What do you think of using the church piano for giving music lessons if there are no facilities at home?

It seems to me that if the church can contribute to the benefit of its youth in this way, without showing irreverence for the house of the Lord, it might be permitted.

The Bible says, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me" (John 14:21). Is this sufficient proof that we love Jesus?

This would be a good proof if we keep His commandments without reluctance. To keep His commandments simply because the Bible says we must, would not be keeping them through love; but if we love Christ we will obey His Word.


Are there Scripture verses that support the doctrine of eternal security?

There are a number of such. Christ came to save us for eternity and said that whosoever believeth in him "should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:15, 16). He said, "They shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:28).

Every Christian believer is secure as long as he continues to love the Lord; even his infirmities are atoned for. But he is required to *continue* to believe; this is the meaning of "believeth."

There are a number of verses that exhort to faithfulness. "For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end" (Hebrews 3:14). "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God" (Hebrews 3:12).

It is *unconditional* eternal security that we caution against—a belief that, having been saved, no matter what kind of life we live, we cannot be lost. It is possible for one who once was saved to be lost. "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them" (2 Peter 2:21).

Remember this: Christ gave His life to save you and He never ceases to love you. "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6). If you love the Lord Jesus and live for Him, your security is assured. 

Daily resources for dynamic living

By E. L. LANGSTON

THE NEW YEAR is full of glorious possibilities, among them the possibility of enjoying a life of unbroken fellowship with God. Our gracious Heavenly Father has promised to all in Christ Jesus, without exception—

A life of abiding peace. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you" (John 14:27). "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). Is this your normal experience? If not, why not?

A life of habitual victory over sin. "Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:14). Has that been your experience? Can you say, "Hitherto I have always enjoyed triumph in Christ"?

A life of unbroken fellowship. "Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3).

A life of divine and supernatural power. "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12). "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). Is that power manifest in you?

A life of winsome holiness. "Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness" (Exodus 15:11). "The One who called you is holy; like him, be holy in all your behaviour, because Scripture says, You shall be holy, for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15, 16, NEB).

ARE THESE EXPERIENCES really possible? Does God demand of us something which is impossible for us to perform? Surely it is incredible that God gives such promises and commands and will not at the same time give the power to fulfill them!

There is one key word in these promises which, if properly understood, will enable us to enter into this fullness of blessing. It is found in 1 John 1:3: "Truly our *fellowship* is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." The word *fellowship*, *koinonia* in the Greek means "sharing together with." It indicates the intimate relationship with God into which we have been brought; and it is in this relationship that unlimited resources of divine grace are placed at our disposal.

This is what we all need as we face the demands and responsibilities of the new year—a consciousness of un-

broken fellowship with God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. He is able and willing to supply all we need for a daily life which complies with the divine standard.

God has offered us His grace, His resources and blessing, so we might live a truly Christian life. But this offer is conditional. If we would experience the reality of unbroken fellowship with Him, we must obey His requirements as revealed in His Word. The first of these is that we submit our lives unreservedly to Him so His lordship might be acknowledged. We must yield all we are and have to Him.

This means we must be wholehearted and single-minded in our loyalty. We must recognize that we belong to Him and owe Him absolute obedience. We must seek to do His will in all its practical expression. We are not our own for we have been bought with a price.

SHOULD WE FAIL IN OBEDIENCE and grieve the Spirit of God so that the dove of peace flies from our hearts, immediate and honest confession of that will at once restore peace. "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).

Our supreme concern should not be to be happy in enjoying God's blessings, but to uplift and glorify Christ. Just as our Lord in the days of His flesh glorified His Father in heaven, so we—indwelt by the same Holy Spirit—are to glorify the Lord Jesus. We are, moreover, to be the channels of His blessing to others. "All power is given unto me," Jesus said. "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

It is clear that the gifts of God by which these great


A call to sleeping Jonahs

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through to God until they are first bathed with the tears of the saints weeping over the erring ones and bringing them in love to Christ. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Many of God's children have alienated affections. Paul said, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:2). Esau lost his birthright when he surrendered the spiritual for the material, the eternal for the temporal, the invisible for things he could see, smell, and taste. Spiritual inertia has produced saints with a negative outlook—saints who are conscious of the needs, but do nothing about them.

It is time for the church to rebuild her altars of prayer. This is an individual matter. It begins with the reconstruction of our private altars and our family altars, as well as the church altar. Let us not be guilty of merely talking about prayer without actually entering into the fellowship of prayer. Only prayer can change the situation.

Let us accept the challenge of the Captain of our salvation to shake off all lethargy and spiritual indifference; for it is time, O sleeping Christian, "to arise and call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not." 

purposes for our lives can be fulfilled are all included in the one divine gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit. He will come to abide in us as we open our hearts to Him and He will write God's laws in our hearts and enable us to obey them. He will be the inspiration of every good word and work so that our lives shall show forth the praise of Him whose we are and whom we serve. Wherever we go, our lives shall be a bright outshining of the glory of God who dwells within.

This is the glorious possibility. The provision for godly living is available. Will you receive it? Will you come to the Lord and acknowledge your need of His aid? Will you hand over, here and now, all you have and are to the Lord the Holy Spirit? Will you renounce your right to order and direct your life and affairs, and place yourself unreservedly into the hands of the Holy Spirit?

If you will, you may know each day "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost."

—The Life of Faith

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Spiritual renewal

Sunday School Lesson for January 16, 1972

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

GENESIS 35:1-15

GOD'S RENEWED CALL (v. 1)

1. *A divinely initiated call.* God's call came when Jacob and his family were most undeserving. (See Genesis 34:1-31.) God ever seeks to bring His people into the center of His will. We speak of seeking God, yet He is always seeking us. We do not choose Him. He chooses us! (See John 15:16; Ephesians 1:4; 2 Timothy 1:9.)

2. *A call to communion.* "Arise, go up to Bethel." Bethel means "house of God"—a place of fellowship with God. At Bethel God first revealed Himself to Jacob, and there Jacob made a vow to God conditioned upon His faithfulness. Now God had made good His promises to Jacob, but Jacob had not fulfilled his part of the bargain.

"Dwell there . . . and make there an altar." The Old Testament approach to God was through an altar of sacrifice. Jesus has become both. Every sinner and Chris-

tian who approaches God, acknowledging Christ as his sacrificial substitute, is accepted of God. And acceptance is on that ground alone.

JACOB'S RENEWED CONSECRATION (vv. 2-8)

1. *Jacob's prompt obedience.* His forthright obedience and conduct are a striking contrast to his former weakness and lack of resolution. In preparing to return to Bethel, Jacob, by his actions, illustrated the prerequisites to revival and God's blessing.

Strange gods must be put away. Cleansing must follow. (See 1 John 1:7; Psalm 51:10; Ephesians 5:26.) Christ's precious blood, to which all the sacrificial blood shed in the Old Testament pointed, and the "washing of water by the Word" are the cleansing agents for sinners and saints.

New garments must be put on. No man can approach God and commune with Him wearing robes of self-righteousness. The prophet Zechariah called them "filthy garments." They must be exchanged for robes of divine righteousness (Isaiah 61:10; Revelation 7:14). Paul said we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ."

2. *Jacob's influence upon others.* The response of Jacob's household was as wholehearted as his own. Thank God that zeal for God can be contagious. The presence and blessing of God so accompanied Jacob that enemies who ordinarily would have pursued them were afraid of them!

GOD'S COVENANT RENEWED (vv. 9-15)

God appeared to Jacob again. Previously He met with him at Bethel (28:17), at his Uncle Laban's in Padan-aram (vv. 11-13), and at Peniel (vv. 24-31). Conversion is not our spiritual destination but is intended to begin a journey, with continual and ever-deepening revelations of God. (See Acts 26:16.)

The promises of the renewed covenant contained:

1. *Blessing.* The record continues, "And blessed him." Complete obedience to God will always result in blessing.

2. *Transformation.* "Thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel." The change of name indicated the change of nature. No more was Jacob to be a supplanter and deceiver, but a prince having power with God and spiritual influence upon others. It is the purpose of God through the ministry of the Holy Spirit to transform the child of God until he becomes the very opposite of what he was by nature!

3. *Fruitfulness.* "Be fruitful and multiply." Christ was to come through the lineage of Jacob and Israel. So God intends that Christ shall be revealed through every Christian, making him a witness and a blessing.

4. *A nation, a land, and kings.* From the descendants of Jacob the nation of Israel would rise. This nation would be given the land promised to Abraham. From Jacob would come a line of kings: Saul, David, Solomon and his dynasty—and eventually Christ. Jesus Christ as the only living descendant of David is now King *de jure*; that is, by right. One day He shall become King *de facto*; that is, King in fact—a King who shall establish His kingdom of righteousness and reign eternally!

Thus ended another chapter in Jacob's life. It illustrates God's amazing grace, limitless love, inexorable justice, transforming power, and abiding faithfulness!

IT ONLY GETS DEEPER!





The most 'unorthodox' church in town

By JEANNE NEWLIN

FOR WEEKS WE HAD DRIVEN BY a dingy, brown building on one of the busiest streets of our city, outraged at the words, "The Way, The Truth, and The Life," scrawled in huge white letters over the doors.

Bare-chested, long-haired boys in faded jeans lounged against the building chatting with bare-footed girls. Everything seemed to indicate a hangout for pot-smoking hippies hiding behind Christ's words.

"How dare 'they' allow this!" we sputtered. "Where are the police? Where are the ministers?"

Finally, one dark drizzly evening, furious and curious, we parked in an inconspicuous driveway nearby to watch. A tall, blond, bearded boy idled past softly strumming his guitar. A brown wooden cross strung on a leather thong rested against his chest.

Soon three grotesque-looking boys carrying guitars and drums shuffled by, followed by two girls in bright red halters and shorts.

We watched the incongruous procession slip through the open doors of the barnlike building and disappear. Then my Sunday school teacher husband exploded: "Let's see what's going on in there!"

We were greeted by the ear-splitting sound of wildly throbbing guitars and drums. A hundred or so young people were sitting on the bare cement floor. A huge wooden cross hung over the bandstand.

Not a puff of smoke clouded the air.

I glanced over the shoulder of one of the girls and saw that the book she held in her lap was *Good News for Modern Man!* Looking around, I was amazed to see that each teen-ager carried a Bible of some sort.

The music stopped suddenly. A young couple stepped from the crowd and shouted into the mike: "Let's worship God!"

The crowd stood, the music played, hands clapped, feet tapped, and the rafters shook. Faces were radiant as the young people responded with their whole beings to the words of the song. There was a vitality, a contagion, in the air. Soon we found our *establishment toes* tapping too. A wondering but welcome awareness was flooding into our hearts.

Silence settled again as a young minister stepped to the mike. His jeans and sport shirt seemed to complement the surroundings. All heads bowed as he reverently prayed that the Holy Spirit would fill the hearts and minds of all these young people and grant them the peace and guidance they needed in their troubled lives.

And troubled lives they were. Following the service we talked with many of them. Some had lived such dissolute lives their faces and bodies already appeared ravaged and old. Some had been confused and lonely. The male soloist had been a pusher. Many were fighting the drug habit, and some had been healed of their ad-

diction. All of them radiated a love and friendliness we'd rarely seen before.

We wondered how this unorthodox church had come into being. An inquiry or two led us to the minister and his lovely wife. We introduced ourselves and asked what had inspired such a gathering.

The young mother pointed to her daughter who was gaily laughing and skipping around the floor. She appeared to be six or seven.

"She started it all," she said and she glanced softly up at her husband. "When she was about a year and a half old she came down with encephalitis. The doctors had done all they could but finally told us they couldn't save her. My mother left the hospital room while the doctors were talking to us. I thought she couldn't bear their verdict and had left to go home, but she had left to pray. In a few minutes she came back to the room, put her hands on our daughter's head, and within minutes she was sitting up in bed, cuddling her teddy bear."

Her husband went on with the story.

"We were not religious people. Our thoughts had always been about ourselves—my job, our home, our friends and fun—until that day when God literally healed our daughter before our eyes. From then on we felt we were called to serve Him. So with our faith, our Bibles, and a handful of friends who knew of our experiences, we started a study and prayer group in our home.

"Before we knew it, one person brought another, and he in turn another—until we were forced to look for a larger place to meet."

He stopped talking and looked with wonder at his golden-haired bouncing daughter—then back at the great cross. Then with a sweep of his arm, he said: "This is another miracle—this building, these kids. The state owns the building and is letting us use it. Kids have come to us from every corner of the city, from every denomination, and from every kind of home. All we do is tell them of the God of love who sent His Son to forgive us, heal us, and direct our lives."

We humbly and gratefully shook their hands, and quietly followed the congregation into the open air.

This must have been the way it was when Christ first taught. No great cathedral, no organ peals, no fancy dress—only people. People who needed Him, and some who would become His disciples.

The young man with the handmade cross swinging on his bare chest walked by, looking for all the world as though he'd walked right out of the pages of our Biblical past. Another Peter? Another Paul? Hope swelled as we made our way back to the car, confident that many of these "stones," rejected by church and society, would become the cornerstones of a renewed Christianity.

He died in a fire. But his work lives on.



HE PREACHED THROUGH HIS HANDS

By **BETTY HANEY**
Founder of Korean Deaf Missions

THE CONGREGATION sat in rapt attention, oblivious to the impinging sounds of the noisy city as they listened to Pastor Chey proclaim the good news. The reason the noises didn't bother them? This was a group of deaf persons hearing the gospel through the hands of Chey Sung Man.

Chey is an example of the dedicated national pastors and workers serving God in many lands throughout the world.

In February 1960 special evangelistic services were held for the deaf in an Assemblies of God church in Pusan, Korea. During those services 35 deaf persons accepted Jesus Christ.

How was it possible for them to accept salvation so readily though they had never before personally heard the gospel? One of the deaf individuals declared: "We watched the members of our families and friends who accepted Christ, and we saw the change in their lives and the great joy they have. We desired this experience, but did not know exactly what salvation was or how to accept it. Then the message was made clear to us through sign language."

This nucleus of 35 Christians needed a church and a pastor, but 300 miles separated them from the only missionary to the deaf. Then Chey Sung Man, a local Assemblies of God pastor, visited the service. He had wanted to visit a "silent" Pentecostal church for some time. Chey was a Spirit-filled, dynamic young minister who enjoyed his pastorate. He had a vision of reaching hundreds of Koreans with the gospel and building many churches throughout Korea. Yet the tug in his heart that altered the course of his life's work—a burden to reach the deaf of Pusan—budded and enlarged to include some 150,000 deaf in Korea.

Friends and colleagues discouraged him. What would ministry to a silent congregation be like? However, Chey obeyed the voice of God. Setting aside his personal plans and desires, he began learning the Korean sign language. Next, he started a weekly Bible study class for the deaf at his church.

Though he had no promise of financial support, he felt the burden to preach the gospel to the deaf burning in his heart. Chey left his pastorate in 1961 and began full-time ministry to the deaf.

During one month he ministered to 573 deaf in various classes and gospel services. Twenty-one deaf came forward for salvation. But this was only a preview of what 10 fruitful years of his ministry of love would mean to deaf Koreans.

Chey Sung Man's vision took him to many cities in the southern part of South Korea. He ministered to deaf people in open-air meetings, thatched roof huts, schools, homes, rented buildings, and stately churches.

By 1962 deaf churches were opened in 10 cities throughout the Republic of Korea. In 1963 Chey accepted the responsibilities as national director of the Korean Assemblies of God deaf work and joined the faculty of the Assemblies of God Bible school in Seoul. Through his sign language classes he transmitted to ministerial students the challenge of reaching the deaf of Korea. Other ordained and licensed ministers followed the example of this pioneer effort and are "signing" the gospel message to silent congregations throughout South Korea.

The work grew so rapidly that 24 hours a day never seemed enough for the many phases of Chey's work—correspondence courses for lay workers, training seminars, vacation Bible schools in 10 cities, and a summer camp for the deaf.

Using his Speed-the-Light bicycle, Chey Sung Man distributed clothing and food sent by deaf churches in America, helped find employment for his deaf friends, assisted deaf orphans, and helped secure medical care for the needy deaf. He distributed Bibles and over 50,000 tracts printed especially for the Korean deaf by Light-for-the-Lost. He carried out pastoral duties for many deaf congregations.

As the eldest son, and in accordance with Korean custom, Chey knew that his wife would be chosen for him by his parents. Those involved in deaf work were apprehensive, for they realized his wife must love and understand the deaf people as he did. But in a short time it was evident this marriage was ordered and blessed by God.

Mrs. Chey worked, prayed, and lovingly sacrificed for the deaf. Their home (which included four children) was always open to the deaf. The Cheys were deeply loved and respected by the Korean deaf who would come, share a meal, and pour out their problems and heartaches to Pastor and Mrs. Chey. They always received help and loving counsel.

On December 15, 1970, a fire destroyed Chey Sung Man's home. His wife, two sons, and adopted daughter died in the flames. For 10 days Chey and his baby daughter lay in a hospital severely burned.

Although he was in intense pain and knew death was near, his last hours were spent in sharing plans for the Korean deaf work.

On Christmas morning 1970, Brother Chey went to be with the Lord. His baby daughter died the next day.

Loss of the Chey family left a great vacancy in Korea. Their deaths were a great blow to Korea, the deaf people and to all who knew and loved them.

Many other persons, Korean and American, have an integral part in the successful Korean deaf work today because of the obedience and dedication of this faithful disciple of Christ. Chey Sung Man made a lasting contribution to God's work by sacrificing and giving himself completely to God.

He lived only 36 years, yet he accomplished a work for eternity. Though his years of service were short, the impact of his life is still felt. The individuals to whom he brought light and love will keep alive the vision and heartfelt concern for the thousands of silent listeners who found Christ through the hands of Pastor Chey. Those whose lives were saddened by his death will never forget this man of God who died as courageously and unselfishly as he lived.



TOP: Pastor Chey Sung Man and Betty Haney. ABOVE: Korean deaf children working on handcraft during VBS.

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IN SPITE OF MUCH-PUBLICIZED advances, there are approximately 100,000,000 more illiterates now than 20 years ago! This astounding reality is because the population is growing faster than the economic means to educate everyone or to extend adequate school systems into remote areas. Illiteracy is highest by far in the places where poverty, hunger, and disease are most prevalent.

Revivaltime strengthens the missionary's hands



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But this is not an insurmountable problem in reaching people with the gospel, for transistor radios have entered homes where newspapers and books have not. There are now over 600,000,000 radios in the world, with new ones being purchased every day. Old folks and young listen avidly, seeking new information as much as entertainment. They want to study and improve their mental and physical state. Those who cannot read and write depend more on their radios than the educated.

The printed word, for example, would mean little to the jungle tribe of the Jivaro Indians in Ecuador. Only some young ones know how to read. But if they can hear by radio, they can learn of Christ. The Jivaro don't have to depend on paper and books to help them remember. They don't forget what they hear.

In the underdeveloped countries radio is fast becoming more than a status symbol. It is a household necessity. Radio is needed and used more than running water.

These listeners are people of all ages and occupations, often with physical handicaps and other problems. They have changing temperaments and tastes. Yet all need to know the love of Jesus Christ. And with this belief at the heart of its inception, *Revivaltime* has been witnessing via radio for more than 18 years.

Often this full-gospel broadcast has been instrumental in opening the door for missionaries to establish an Assemblies of God work in a foreign field. Veteran missionary Lawrence Larson saw this happen in the South Pacific.

The annual conference of the Assemblies of God of Tonga in October 1971 expressed appreciation to River-view Gardens Assembly, St. Louis, Missouri, for their financial support of the *Revivaltime* broadcast in Tonga. Brother Lawrence Larson wrote to the church:

"The work in Tonga is now five years old. These five years have brought nine churches and 53 preaching points into existence. The Lord has been good to save many souls.

"We want to express our sincere appreciation on behalf of ministers and believers throughout Tonga for your tremendous contribution to the development of our work here. Your full support of *Revivaltime* is a tremendous blessing to everyone in Tonga. It feeds our ministers on a regular basis and encourages them and the believers in their ministries for the Lord.

"This program also helps us reach into new areas continually."

Now a special format of *Revivaltime* has been developed for release on all stations outside of the United States. The new 28-minute format does not ask listeners to write in and makes no mention of an offering. Scripts are carefully edited to avoid statements that might be misinterpreted by those listening outside of the United States. The overseas format is a straight gospel service from beginning to end, almost identical to what you hear when you tune in *Revivaltime* in your home. And it is possible for our missionaries to add a two-minute conclusion suited to the region hearing the broadcast.

For a number of years now *Revivaltime* has been used by some of our Assemblies of God missionaries with a very vivid impact. With 95 weekly releases outside of the U.S. *Revivaltime* is an effective tool for our missionaries in reaching our world for Christ.



Intercession on behalf of the listed requests created an atmosphere of vital prayer power during the *Revivaltime* World Prayermeeting anchor service at Central Assembly of God, Springfield, Mo. This was one of the 1,770 participating prayer groups. The annual worldwide prayer effort is cosponsored by the WMC's, the Men's Department, and the Radio Department.



Praying over the actual letters of request received by *Revivaltime* were 45 Assemblies of God ministers who attended the anchor service. The entire spectrum of human suffering and need is represented in the 62,240 prayer requests which arrived in time to be included in the November 21 World Prayermeeting Day.

The World Prayermeeting Scripture theme, "Pray One for Another," James 5:16, became a reality for these young men at the anchor service. A total of 85,449 persons were enlisted to participate as intercessors.



It was a giant

1971 *Revivaltime* world prayermeeting

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1,770 groups praying for

62,240 prayer requests



'WMCs reach every area of the Fellowship'

By L. O. WALDON / Louisiana District Superintendent

AS A PASTOR I was interested in the work of the Women's Missionary Council because of its contribution to the local church. But recently when the district officers toured the state, I got a full-orbed view of a ministry that reaches into every area of the Fellowship. Even the organizational structure works toward contributing to the total outreach of the church.

On the district level, WMC executive officers plan ahead by taking a good look at the anticipated needs of missionaries on furlough, outfits for the newly appointed, helps for new-field works, possibilities of evangelism outreach, and expansion of the auxiliary programs—projects and events that concern the entire membership.

In each of Louisiana's 14 sections is a WMC representative who coordinates the activities of WMCs and Ys. A sectional Missionettes leader promotes activities of the auxiliary for Junior and Senior Missionettes, Prims, and Daisies, involving girls five through 15.

Local WMC groups implement directions they receive from district and sectional leaders, and the work goes on.

The WMC organizational structure makes place for involvement; involvement generates enthusiasm; enthusiasm produces accomplishment. You should see the reaction in the semiannual rallies when WMCs from a small or pioneer church match coin-collection totals with an older, established group!

WMC coin collections provide a major part of the missionaries' household furnishings. Christmas gifts of \$25 per person and birthday presents of \$10 each are

The Waldons join the Melvin Surfaces in visiting homes in an American Indian village near Elton, La.



L. O. Waldon (second from right) shows satisfaction at having a part in WMC care of the missionary as he presents supplies from the district WMC treasure room to Stephen Vandermerwe, South Africa. Mrs. Waldon (second from left), district WMC president, and Mrs. C. E. Peak, district WMC secretary, select other items.

given to district-affiliated missionaries.

Missionettes give like amounts to home missionaries, superannuated ministers, and the widows of aged ministers for their birthdays and Christmas.

WMCs give \$100 to each of the district-adopted foreign missions families when they return from the field. The money says, "Welcome home," and makes it possible for the missionary to have something he needs or has been longing for.

Also when missionaries arrive in the States for furlough, they need housekeeping equipment. The district WMC president invites them to visit the WMC Treasure Room where there is a supply of household items contributed by groups throughout the state. Each family is free to choose needed items. What quick shopping! What economy!

Home missionaries under appointment also share the benefits of the commissary.

The varied ministries of the Women's Missionary Council are so far-reaching that we urge pastors to attend the sectional and district WMC events. Then they will be able to give direction to the women of their congregations so that all WMCs may have opportunity to make a maximum contribution to the total ministry of the church.



New year— new program

By **CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH**
Missionettes Coordinator

THE 16TH BIRTHDAY is something very special. Often it is celebrated with a party and gifts.

The 16th anniversary of the Missionettes program is also very special. With it comes the introduction of a new program called "Daisies."

This month begins another year for more than 85,000 girls around the world who proudly call themselves Missionettes. How the program has grown since the end of 1956, the first year for Missionettes, when about 3,200 girls belonged! There are now over 7,500 active clubs.

How can one account for this phenomenal growth? There are many reasons, but foremost is this: the program is Christ-centered.

Missionettes is graded according to age and geared to the interests of girls. It is pledged to win girls to Christ and was originated to train them in effective Christian living. It has been designed to help prepare them for Christian leadership and aimed to direct them in worldwide mission activity.

Though Missionettes had a meager beginning, it has consistently grown through the years, always striving to meet the current need.

The first requests came for a club program for girls 12 through 17 years of age. These were called Missionettes. In 1960 the Junior Missionettes made their appearance. These girls from nine through 11 years were eager to belong. Materials were ordered as fast as they could be prepared. The girls 12 and over were named Senior Missionettes.

Then in 1968 an entirely new program was introduced for Prims (Primary Missionettes) who are six through eight years old. In four years this program too has grown remarkably. Of the 85,000 Missionettes, more than 15,000 are Prims.

Prims enjoy meetings where they hear Bible and character-building stories, learn Bible verses and songs, and participate in interesting handwork and games suited to their age level. Their social times and the visits to nursing homes or private homes to cheer the ill and aged are very important to these little girls.

Mrs. Mary Jane Flower, Women's Missionary Council president of the New York District, recently told how Sharron Wood of Plattsburgh, New York, was killed on October 15 while walking beside the road. Sharron's Prims club was organized last May with 10 girls. Her mother assisted the sponsor with the club.



Charlotte Schumitsch, national Missionettes coordinator, and Mildred Smuland, national WMC secretary, look over the new handbook for Daisies sponsors, "Daisies Tell," and prepare to sign the first charter certificate for a Daisies club.

Sharron was laid to rest wearing her Prims uniform, her beanie with the helper's badge, and her Bible. Only eternity will reveal how much of an impact Prims had on this girl, but no doubt it was great.

And now a new addition to the Missionettes—Daisies—is introduced. Daisies has been provided for five- and six-year-old girls. The author of the program is Mrs. Gwen English, Missionettes director of the Northern California—Nevada District. Since most six-year-olds cannot read when they begin first grade, the program has been designed so that girls do not have to be able to read.

The sponsor will have her own manual and each girl a handwork packet—to cut, color, and paste. Uniform for the girls will be a yellow A-line dress with white Peter Pan collar to which will be attached a Swiss-embroidered daisy. Sponsors will wear a yellow A-line skirt, tailored white blouse, and cardigan-type jacket to match the skirt. They too will have their own badge to attach to the uniform. (All items and fabric are available from the Gospel Publishing House.)

Charter certificates and individual membership cards are available from the National WMC Department for all age levels of Missionettes.

Had it not been for women and older girls willing to sacrifice some of their personal time, there would not be one Missionettes club in existence today. The challenge to work with children is greater than ever. Now is the time to reach them with the gospel before the things of the world get a strong hold. Sponsors are still needed. Happiness is serving as a Missionettes sponsor.

The Assemblies of God is meeting the challenge of De Soto County's mushrooming population.



From pasture to city

By F. L. LANGLEY / Mississippi District Superintendent

THE GREAT INFLUX of people forecast for the South has begun in the northernmost part of Mississippi, De Soto County. Farmland is rapidly changing into cities. During the last 10 years De Soto County had a 35 percent increase in population, making it the fastest growing area in Mississippi.

Memphis, Tennessee, has grown so that it extends to the state line. The population is overflowing into the Mississippi communities of Southaven, Olive Branch, Horn Lake, De Soto Village, Walls, and Hernando. In fact, this population growth is evident in nearly every city, town, and rural area in the north. It is forecast that De Soto County will soon be the largest populated area in Mississippi. During 1969 it was the second largest school district in the state. It was fully integrated in 1970 without a single incident.

Until 1964, when M. B. Carlton was moved by the Holy Spirit to come from North Little Rock, Ark., to Southaven, Miss., the Assemblies of God did not have any work for a radius of 70 miles down into north Mississippi. Since that time, through an all-out effort of the Mississippi District Council and its constituency involving bond sales, the Southaven Church was built.

According to District Superintendent F. L. Langley, the assembly in Southaven, Miss., is the springboard for pioneering more churches in De Soto County.



Also, two home missions works have been started in Holly Springs and Olive Branch, which are progressing steadily.

Under the district's direction, Southaven Assembly was completed and had its first service in May 1966, because no suitable meeting place could be rented. Although still in its infancy, this church has sent out three preachers and five others are preparing for the ministry.

During the past year Southaven Assembly had an average attendance of 100—a 28 percent increase—and has outgrown its facilities. It is one of the district's leading churches in missionary giving.

With such rapid growth in the county, similar opportunities exist for others to pioneer and build churches. The springboard for this action, as God has ordained, is the Southaven church.

Recently, our district officials located property (1½ acres) in a new subdivision, De Soto Village, which is about two miles from Southaven. It will cost \$21,000 and has sidewalks, water, and sewer. A small down payment is holding property in Hernando, the De Soto County seat.

Therefore, workers conducted an Action Crusade in the Southaven First Assembly October 18-20 prior to an Impact Crusade. Two churches participated, and attendance was excellent. Every house was contacted. Souls were saved, and funds provided toward beginning the De Soto Village and Hernando missions.

But there is so much to be done. If you were to drive down U.S. Highway 51 and Interstate 55 for nearly 100 miles to Winona, you would find no Assemblies of God churches. The Mississippi harvest is great. As our constituency shares the burden by giving and praying, we will be able to continue planting new Assemblies of God churches in these northern Mississippi counties.



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LEFT: Mr. and Mrs. Avil Lampley and Kathy served as interesting "Indian" hosts for the Racine, Wis., missions convention. ABOVE: Lloyd Couch, minister to the deaf in Chicago, was speaker at the convention on Home Missions night.

Missions convention features home missions night

ARRAYED IN AMERICAN INDIAN GARB, a family of the Racine, Wis., Assembly of God served as hosts for open house prior to the five-day missions convention last October. Greeting and informing visitors concerning convention activities, these friendly and helpful "Indians" created considerable interest.

Pastor James Hyllberg invited the Lloyd Couches, ministers to the deaf in Chicago, to speak for the home missions night service. The family also presented songs in sign language and with voice. Brother Couch "signed" as he brought the inspiring message, presenting the challenge of deaf ministry.

The church aimed, through this emphasis, to reach the deaf in their area. They sent special invitations to 30 deaf people. One lay worker in the church has a special burden for the deaf.

At the home missions booth in the exhibit area, another "Indian" sat before a campfire in front of a teepee. Indian-made items placed around the room and Indian food served at a fellowship dinner on home missions night added to the general home mission atmosphere.

The home missions display included posters promoting all phases of home missions and literature supplied by the National Home Missions Department.

Conventions also offer an excellent opportunity to promote a nearby pioneer church project. The pioneer pastor may share briefly his burden and present the challenge of his ministry. The Home Missions Department is always happy to recommend convention speakers, should any church desire this help.

Some churches, like the Racine assembly, emphasize one or two of the Home Missions Department's Special Ministries in their conventions, while others feature all nine. (A script for presenting Special Ministries is available from the department.)

Presently more than 300 appointed home missionaries minister to Eskimos and Aleuts, American Indians, for-

eign-language groups (including special outreaches to American Chinese, Japanese, and Gypsies), some of the native Hawaiians, the Jews, the deaf, the blind, and to problem youth through Teen Challenge. Thirty-two Assemblies of God chaplains work full time or part time with prisoners in federal and state institutions.

The U.S. Virgin Islands represent our newest mission field. Tents are especially needed there to launch new works and to house new congregations while church buildings are being built.

Special ministries are maintained through contributions of churches, church groups, and individuals. Offerings for individual Special Ministry fields or for the *Special Ministries Fund* receive World Ministries credit.

This poster was part of the Home Missions exhibit at the missions convention conducted by the Racine, Wis., assembly.



TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

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

GALLBLADDER HEALED

FOR ABOUT A YEAR I had suffered much from gallbladder trouble. I had severe pains whenever I ate certain foods.



On March 23, 1971, during the first night of special meetings in our church with Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, I listened to the message of faith. I then went forward for prayer and received an instantaneous healing.

Before I was prayed for, even when I was careful to avoid certain foods, I would still get such severe attacks of pain I could hardly move. Now I can eat any kind of food, and I really feel like

doing my housework again. God is so good!—Mrs. Doris Stabley, Red Lion, Pa.

(Endorsed by Pastor Robert H. Shipp, Pentecostal Lighthouse, Windsor, Pa.)

RECOVERS AFTER SURGERY—DOCTOR CALLS IT A MIRACLE

NO ONE CAN TELL ME God is dead. He touched me when I lay at death's door.

On March 28, 1968, I suddenly became nauseated and had severe abdominal pain. After hospital tests and X rays, the doctor told my husband and Pastor Schoonover I had a 10 percent chance to live if he operated; otherwise I would be dead by the next evening. Our pastor told him we believed in prayer.

The operation revealed I had many adhesions. One of them had cut the bowel in two; I had both gangrene and peritonitis. Two feet of intestine were removed and a drain placed in my side. I was too weak for the doctor to complete the colostomy. He believed there was another obstruction somewhere.

I spent almost three weeks in intensive care. On April 22 the doctor transferred me to a rest home. He continued to hold no hope for me. To prevent vomiting I received nourishment through a nose tube.

When I returned home on May 17, I could eat soft food but I failed to gain weight.

On my first visit to the doctor he said it was a miracle I was alive, and he planned to write up my case for the medical journal. He told me I was one of two patients who had lived through this kind of sickness and the other one didn't have the poison I had.

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

I told him the Lord had spared my life, and he agreed.

In August the doctor planned to repair my side. Instead he discovered an 18-inch blockage. After this surgery the doctor marveled at my quick recovery. The church had had a 24-hour prayer chain for me and two others who were ill. I know that is why I did so well.

The repair surgery was completed in January, 1969. Now I can eat most everything and have gained 29 pounds. After three years I remain well and strong.

I am awed when I think of all God has done for me and I am thankful for those who prayed. Praise His name forever.—Mrs. Lee Bennett, Port Orchard, Wash.

(Endorsed by Pastor F. J. Schoonover, South Park Assembly, Port Orchard, Wash., who states: "Sister Bennett is in perfect health. Her blood is now normal. She participates in church services and is active for her age.")

HEALED OF EMPHYSEMA AND BRONCHIAL ASTHMA

WHAT A BLESSING it is to be able to breathe normally again, without having to struggle painfully for every breath.

For six years I suffered from emphysema and bronchial asthma. I received treatment from physicians in Quincy and Brookline, Mass., but I continued to have great difficulty in breathing.

My healing took place while our church was in special meetings with Evangelist William Caldwell. At the first service I went forward for prayer. I explained my problem to Brother Caldwell. He told me that although my condition was incurable by natural means,

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CHAPTERS FOR
JANUARY 9-15

Sunday—Genesis 27, 28
Monday—Genesis 29, 30
Tuesday—Genesis 31, 32
Wednesday—Genesis 33-36
Thursday—Genesis 37-39
Friday—Genesis 40, 41
Saturday—Genesis 42-44

This Week's Memory Verse

"And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?" (Genesis 41:38).

God would heal me and I would be able to breathe normally right away. Then he laid hands on me and prayed. I received an instantaneous healing.

The next day I did things I could not do before. I did three loads of wash, even feather pillows heavy with water, lifting them in and out of the top-loading machines, and I walked two flights of stairs.

The Lord has blessed me in a wonderful way. He has renewed not only my body, but my spirit also, and I thank Him.—Mrs. Helen M. Holbrook, East Braintree, Mass.

(Endorsed by Pastor William McPherson, Glad Tidings Church, Quincy, Mass.)

MIRACLE BABY

I HAVE NEVER SEEN such a small bit of humanity for whom so many prayers have gone up to our Heavenly Father as our little Amy. Amy Dennise, my granddaughter, was born September 18, 1970, three months prematurely.

The doctor claimed there was no hope for the baby.



When she was born, he called in another doctor to take care of my daughter-in-law, while he worked on the baby who weighed only one pound 14 ounces. He fixed up a tiny incubator with hot water bottles, blankets, and oxygen and rushed her to Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, 70 miles away.

From the moment Amy was born, prayers started going up to heaven in her behalf. Members of First Assembly and many nearby churches continuously prayed for Amy.

The doctors continued to give Amy no hope, and she lost five ounces during the first few days of her life. She had respiratory trouble too and occasionally stopped breathing—sometimes seven times a day—and had pneumonia three times.

We kept praying for God to have His will with Amy, and there were churches as far away as California praying for her. Even the nurses caring for her said, "We're praying for her." Our friends and neighbors kept our phone ringing and nearly always said, "We're praying for her."

God heard and answered our prayers, and on December 2 my son and his wife joyously brought six-pound Amy home from the hospital. But our troubles were not over. On New Year's Eve she stopped breathing and they rushed her to the hospital. She had pneumonia again.

God answered prayers again for Amy and on January 15, they brought her home.

Since January, Amy has gained weight and is perfect in every way. We have 11 other grandchildren and we love every one of them dearly, and we thank God for them all, but Amy is our miracle baby.

Amy's mother rededicated her life to God while Amy was still in the hospital, and we have all been drawn closer to Him. We give God all the praise and glory! —Mrs. Clifford Griffin, Ottawa, Kans.

(Endorsed by Pastor Raymond W. Raley, First Assembly, Ottawa, Kans.)

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READERS WRITE THE EDITORS

'Evangel' as Christmas card

When I read about the new Christmas *Evangel* in color, I decided to use it as a Christmas card this year, so I ordered 100 to send to my friends.

We have enjoyed the *Evangel* so many years. It is a wonderful inspiration to read the articles on healing, the Holy Spirit, and salvation.

MRS. J. H. BRADY
Florida

Occupying

I appreciated the letter written by Mrs. L. W. Moore (October 17 *Evangel*) regarding John McCandlish Phillips' fine article which appeared in the August 15 *Evangel*.

I too have felt for a long time that Christ meant for His people to occupy more than a church pew. May I share with you a thought on that word *occupy*?

I was a combat infantryman in the Southwest Pacific in World War II. When we finally defeated the foe, we went up to Japan to *occupy*. We did just that! We had the *power* and we had the *authority* bought with the blood of our fighting men who gave their lives during the campaign. We *occupied*!

A battle-scarred soldier of the cross has said, "Satan has no power whatsoever since Calvary except that which he has usurped through ignorance on the part of the church."

Isaiah 59:19 says, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." So it has been and so shall it be again!

JOHN V. SPRAGUE
Idaho

Christian ghettos must go!

To maximize the impact of Christ upon the body politic and society at large, I propose the *Pentecostal Evangel* be made available at newscounters in drug stores, corner groceries, bus stations, and airports all over the nation.

Yours is a very eye-appealing, well-written, up-to-date publication that knows what people are doing and saying and what their needs are. You preach the gospel with punch and power. Christ is glorified.

Let's begin with what we have, where we are. But let's begin. I agree with McCandlish Phillips (Aug. 15 *Evangel*), the Christian ghetto must go.

MRS. BETH CASEY
Washington

Slaying the demon

The news item, "Alcohol, Drug Education Stressed" (September 28 *Evangel*), should really challenge Assemblies of God women to enlist in the great educational program of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. We need to slay this demon of drink before it slays our homes of righteousness and morality.

We of WCTU have a slogan, "The liquor would destroy the church if it could, but the church could destroy the liquor traffic if it would!"

MRS. LETA NESSL
Illinois

Dislikes TV Guidelines

The article "TV Guidelines for the Christian" (Nov. 14 *Evangel*) is out of place in the *Pentecostal Evangel*. To me it is degrading to Bible holiness.

If going to the picture shows yesterday was wrong and degrading to Christianity, I for one feel that TV is just as bad if not worse today.

ROY L. HAMM JR.
Oklahoma

'Evangel' helps prisoner

I really appreciate the *Evangel*, but especially enjoyed the Nov. 14 issue on prison ministry. As an inmate at Attica Prison I am very fortunate to know Christ as my personal Saviour.

In the *Evangel* News Digest of that issue you had an item about Billy Graham considering a tour of prisons for ministry. I hope our facility can be included in his tour. We could certainly use the ministry of God's Word here.

KENNETH BARRACLOUGH SR.
New York

Blessing in jail

I can't thank God enough for His blessings bestowed on me while reading the *Evangel*. I started receiving it while in jail. I have been here over nine months and will be released in three weeks.

I will be working at Teen Challenge in Chicago when I'm released. I was saved there in April 1970, but had a drug violation hanging over my head. I wasn't sentenced until December 1970, so I was able to attend Bible school for one semester and will be returning to complete my course of study in the spring.

READER IN KENTUCKY

Likes Council sermons

Thank you for making it possible for those who were not privileged to attend the 34th General Council in Kansas City to enjoy the inspired Council messages through the pages of the *Evangel*.

I ordered 25 extra copies of the October International issue with the color photo of the crowds at General Council to send to friends and relatives.

MRS. IDA GRAHAM
Kansas

Just a word of thanks for bringing the readers of the *Evangel* the messages delivered at the 34th General Council. How wonderful they are, and how thoughtful of you.

HARRISON H. HOLTON
California

Is our church phony?

It was inspiring to read, "How Far Should Christians Go in Criticizing the Church?" (Oct. 31 *Evangel*). It was timely!

However, the article by James L. Slentz, "Learn to Love Them" (Nov. 14 *Evangel*) requires qualification. In the first paragraph it mentions "the phoniness of the church. . . ." Should not that statement have been backed up by saying what church the author had in mind? It may have been clear in his mind, but a reader searching for stones to hurl at the institutional church as a whole finds some ammo here.

Is our Assemblies of God fellowship phony? I think not. And I don't believe the author feels that way either.

PASTOR LEN SCHMAUTZ
Idaho

Spiritual uplift

While we watched a parade October 2, a young man gave us some reading material, including *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

I have read every word in it. The stories are wonderful witnesses of what can happen to those who believe in Christ.

My husband and I belong to the Christian Church and believe and have faith in Christ. I just wanted to let you know that reading your magazine has given me such a spiritual uplift today. Thanks for the fine work you are doing.

MRS. DALE NELSON
Kansas

I look forward to reading the *Evangel* each week. Surely it has been spiritual food for my soul.

MRS. E. W. MONTGOMERY
Texas

Evangel witness

I've discovered it's very easy to use the *Evangel* and *Good News for Modern Man* in witnessing to others. There is always at least one article in the *Evangel* relevant to some individual's need. The article to the unconverted (usually on the back page) has been a key factor in many cases of witnessing.

One afternoon I contacted a young couple in their home and because of very young children I was not able to do a great deal of witnessing. But when I left an *Evangel* with the steps of salvation outlined so well, I knew the witness would continue whether I did the talking or not.

CARMEL FIELD
California

Evangel Number 3001

Please send me 12 copies of the November 14 issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel* if you have them, and send me the bill.

I think it is the richest and best issue I have ever read.

God bless all who made it so good.

D. LEE SMITH
Alabama

Praise card

Were the *Evangel* a secular magazine this would be an applause card. Under the circumstances it is a praise card. I'm thankful God led you to print the editorial "Sermon on a Stamp" (Nov. 14) in which you spoke out against the sad turn from divine healing to depending on medicine, and the resultant tragedies in drug abuse.

The trend away from divine healing is most noticeable when people turn from God's best and settle for the expedient or the convenient. There are always regrettable consequences. Our church has a charismatic healing service once a month now and God has wrought marvelous results.

MRS. JANE PARKER
California

Appreciates Evangel

It is always a pleasure to read *The Pentecostal Evangel*. I enjoy reading the news of revivals among the churches throughout the country, and the editorials are always so clearcut, to the point, and Biblical.

The *Evangel* has always meant more to me than other religious magazines. I can remember when people carried it along with their Bibles. It was almost a "must."

GEORGE A. WAGNER
Nevada

NEWS OF OUR TIMES

'ABORTION IS MURDER AND GOD WILL PUNISH OFFENDERS,' COLUMNIST-PASTOR DECLARES

LA PUENTE, CALIF.—A Baptist pastor here, writing in his column for a local newspaper, says multiplied thousands of babies have been murdered through legalized abortion and God will judge those responsible.

Don Ledbetter cites Exodus 21:22-25 as proof for his views. The verses declare the person responsible for an unborn child's death should be punished.

"Genesis 9:4 states a scientific principle that was not recognized even in George Washington's time," the pastor writes. "The life of the flesh is in the blood. If the fetus has flesh or tissue and blood, it has life, and no man had better tamper with that life unless he is willing to take the punishment."

Other scriptural support cited

were such observations as that personal nouns and pronouns are used to describe the unborn in the Bible, as in the case of the virgin Mary and her cousin Elisabeth. Another was God's word to the prophet Jeremiah: "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5).

"God evidently looked upon the fetus as a human being, especially since this particular human being was already, in God's sight, a prophet to a nation," Mr. Ledbetter said.

The course history would have taken if Jeremiah's mother, or Elisabeth, or the virgin Mary had obtained an abortion would, from the human viewpoint, stagger the imagination, he said.

'Religious dimension' urged in public schools

AUSTIN, TEXAS—A three-day meeting on the place of religion in education, sponsored by the Texas Conference of Churches, closed here by reemphasizing the need for a "religious dimension" in public school education.

Although participants agreed that "problems involved in learning about religion in the public schools have not been resolved," the Consultation on Religion and Education concluded that teaching "about" religion is legal and that new teaching styles will be required to meet "the increasing appetite for religious learning."

Dr. John Hendrick, chairman of the Consultation, told educators, clergy, and students that the "sponsoring committee has not encouraged the teaching of religion for the benefit of the churches, but for the benefit of the students."

Former U. S. Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark made it

clear in his keynote address that the Supreme Court "actively encouraged" the study of comparative religions in the public schools, while denying the right of these schools to compose or prescribe religious exercises.

Mr. Clark also was critical of parents "who let schools take care of religion."

Calling prescribed prayer in public schools "meaningless" he suggested that instead of rote prayer, the schools teach comparative religions, history of religion, the Bible as literature, and similar subjects. "None of these subjects transgresses the prohibition contained in the First Amendment," Mr. Clark added.

Rep. Robert F. Drinan (D-Mass.) called for an "ethical dimension in compulsory education" and said that schools which are not teaching about religions are not serving their students.

Billy Graham tells London conference

WESTERN CIVILIZATION MUST REGAIN MORAL INTEGRITY TO SURVIVE

LONDON—Moral integrity is the core of every human relationship and Western civilization will not survive another 10 years unless moral and spiritual values are quickly restored, Billy Graham said here.

The American evangelist gave the warning when he addressed the annual conference of the Institute of Directors—a major agency of 5,000 British industrialists and businessmen—at the huge Albert Hall.

He told the directors, "Moral integrity is the core of every human relationship—marital, social, or business. There is a real danger that man, caught up in a technological fantasy, shall cease to be human."

In this context, he told of \$5 billion changing hands in the U.S. last year in bribes, pay-offs, and kickbacks. He told of

sweaters labeled "Made in Britain" which were actually made in Philadelphia of Japanese yarn, and of about \$75 million being spent each year for fake academic degrees.

"Against such a background of lack of integrity," he declared, the way of life known to Western civilization will not survive another 10 years unless moral and spiritual values are quickly restored."

Putting it another way, he said that whether we survive as a civilization or not depends entirely on our attitude to God and the moral laws He has instilled into the universe.

"Can we keep the moral integrity that is the cohesive force of civilization?" he asked. "Many historians, sociologists, psychologists, and theologians are expressing doubts."

AT A GLANCE

• • • In 1971 the Assemblies of God Women's Missionary Council made 13 grants of \$100 each to overseas Bible schools for the purchase of basic reference books. Three grants went to Bible schools in Africa, three in the Far East, five in Latin America, and two in Europe. The money comes from canceled postage stamps collected by local WMC groups and marketed by the National WMC Department.

• • • Some 270 persons in the Birmingham, Ala., area accepted Christ as their Saviour during the Impact '71 crusade which was conducted by 30 Assemblies of God churches. Nearly 23,000 homes were contacted during the crusade. Crusade coordinator Ernest Pettry stated the crusade brought together "the greatest number of churches in the area ever to cooperate in a united effort of this kind."

• • • Postmaster General Winton A. Blount recently called on the American people to boycott all French goods in an effort to force French authorities to take more effective actions against the flow of heroin into the U.S. President Nixon promptly announced he did not endorse the proposal. (Mr. Blount said an estimated 80 percent of the heroin which comes into this country comes through France. "We don't grow it, and we don't manufacture it, and yet despite this, we have the largest population of heroin addicts in the world," he declared.)



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HIGHLIGHTS OF OPEN HOUSE AT BETHANY AND HILLCREST

Interest and involvement continue to increase each year in open-house days at Bethany Retirement Home (Lakeland, Fla.) and Hillcrest Children's Home (Hot Springs, Ark). Residents of the homes eagerly await the arrival of guests and plan special activities to make their visit a memorable one. Visitors also contribute to the day's excitement by bringing gifts of food, dishes, linens, and other items to help stock the homes' commissaries (photos 1 and 3). An important part of open-house activities at each home is a special chapel service. Visitors and children gather in the new Chas. W. H. Scott Chapel (photo 2) for the service at Hillcrest. Afterward, children proudly show visitors the buildings and grounds at the home (photo 4). A lovely buffet luncheon in Bethany's dining room (photos 5 and 6) highlights the day's activities there as guests and visitors enjoy a time of informal fellowship. Still, in the midst of the day's activities, the work and ministry of the homes continue as usual. A retired minister (7) arrives during open house to take up his residence at Bethany. Both homes are supervised by the Assemblies of God Department of Benevolences.



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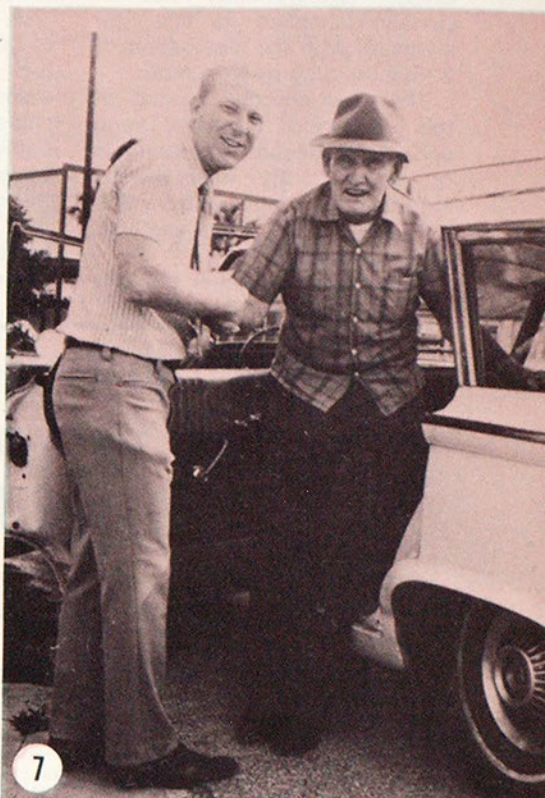
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LONG BEACH CHURCH DEDICATES NEW FACILITIES DURING 50TH YEAR

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—The congregation of Christian Life Church here (formerly First Assembly) climaxed its 50th anniversary with the dedication of a new building in November.

The new church, located at the junction of the San Diego and Long Beach Freeways, is of contemporary design. The exterior is highlighted by a ladder-like cross atop the ski jump-curved roof.

When asked whether the new

name means something different in the life of this Pentecostal church, Pastor Steelberg said: "No, we're still an Assemblies of God church. But some people feel that if a denominational name is used, they are not welcome unless they're of that background. We decided to get away from that. Since we made the change, people have told us they felt free to come when there was no denominational name."

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This lovely building is the new home of the Christian Life Church in Long Beach, Calif. The congregation, led by Pastor Steelberg, dedicated the church in November.

The sanctuary of the new building can seat 1,000. No seat is more than 60 feet from the pulpit. Stained-glass windows from the former building have been used in the new structure.

A library, nursery facilities, a multipurpose room with fireplace, studies, choir rooms, and classrooms complete the building.

A week of dedication activities featured a variety of speakers, including William Robertson, superintendent of the Southern California District; T. C. Cun-

ningham, assistant district superintendent; Kenneth Haystead, pastor of Bethany Church, Alhambra; Mrs. Ruth Steelberg Carter, the pastor's mother; Evangelist Gene Martin; and Dennis Bennett, Spirit-filled Episcopal minister from Seattle, Wash.

A highlight of the dedication service was the showing of a documentary film on the construction and outreach of Christian Life Church.

The new building is valued at \$930,000.

A/G layman uses 'tape' ministry with shut-ins

HAYWARD, CALIF.—Christian concern for the less fortunate, coupled with an interest in recording techniques, has led Eugene Pekkonen, a layman at Bethel Temple here, into an unusual ministry.

Mr. Pekkonen tape-records Pastor Charles Hembree's sermons, the special music, and anything else of special interest and delivers these tapes to shut-ins in their homes. He even supplies a catalog from which his "congregation" can make selections.

Mr. Pekkonen is acutely aware of the special loneliness of those who are confined to their homes or institutions. His wife, who has suffered a number of strokes during the past 12 years, is bedridden.

Bethel Temple provides the cassette players for Mr. Pekkonen to use in his unique ministry.

Some of his tapes deal with divine healing, and he reports at least one miraculous healing has taken place as a direct result. He adds to the tape li-

brary as finances permit.

"The tape ministry is the most challenging and the most rewarding task I have undertaken," he says.

A newspaper printer for 20 years, Mr. Pekkonen recently started a Bible study fellowship for some of his fellow employees. He feels there is a great need for this type of ministry also.

Men who work together constantly tend to become impatient with each other. Mr. Pekkonen believes they need a quiet time together periodically, "as fellow Christians rather than as fellow workers."

NORMAN, OKLA.—Fourteen were filled with the Holy Spirit and 10 testified to definite healing for their bodies during a recent revival at First Assembly here. John D. Williams of Mobile, Ala., was evangelist.

Pastor Tom E. Hill reports the meeting was a time of tremendous spiritual blessing for the congregation.

DUSTIN, OKLA.—Nine were saved, 12 filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number refilled during a three-week revival at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist T. L. Lillard of Borger, Tex.

Pastor Cecil Chisum reports a move of God was especially evidenced among the children and youth. Since the meeting, 11 have been baptized in water.

The services were preceded by a week of cottage prayer meetings which were blessed by definite answers to prayer.

DYERSBURG, TENN.—First Assembly here recently closed one of the most successful revivals in its history, according to Pastor Jerald Ogg. The Cliff Meekses of Houston, Tex., were the evangelists.

At least 27 were saved and 19 filled with the Spirit during the three-week crusade. Scores of first-time visitors attended.

"Revival fires are still burning and many souls are finding Christ in our regular services," Pastor Ogg states.

SCRANTON, PA.—Seventeen people accepted Christ as Saviour during a two-week meeting at the Italian Assembly here with Evangelist and Mrs. Alphonse Sutera of Boca Raton, Fla.

Many were reclaimed and a number refilled with the Holy Spirit, according to Pastor Samuel Schiavone. Many miracles of healing were witnessed, including four instances where God corrected shortened limbs.

The meetings were highlighted with praise and prayer, and the gifts of the Spirit were evidenced in every service.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Safford	First	Jan. 2-16	Dennis Thrasher	R. C. Davis
	Tucson	Indian	Jan. 9-14	Charles Aaron	Virgil Zeigler
Ark.	Hope	First	Jan. 9-16	Doherty Evang. Team	C. C. Truitt
Calif.	Fortuna	¹ A/G	Jan. 9-14	Charles J. Senechal	Fred Muster
	Hughson	Full Gospel	Jan. 16-28	Dawson & Jeannette Wheeler	Homer Hale
	Martinez	Evangel Tem.	Jan. 9-23	M. M. & Mrs. Otwell	James Sandlin
	Ojai	Ojai Valley	Jan. 12-16	Burl Rogers Family	F. E. Robertson
	Porterville	First	Jan. 9-16	Gladys Pearson	Lehman Myatt
	Salida	A/G	Jan. 12—	Roy Lee	Hugo Williams
	San Bernardino	² Auditorium	Jan. 12-23	William Caldwell	Robert Turner
	San Francisco	Glad Tidings	Jan. 16-23	Arne Vick	Floyd Thomas
Colo.	Johnstown	A/G	Jan. 12-23	Bob C. Jones	Bob Warman
Fla.	Boca Raton	First	Jan. 4-16	E. A. Manley	Harold Hidle
	Clearwater	First	Jan. 12-23	Keetah Jones	Arthur Shell
	Cocoa	First	Jan. 12-23	Parker Evang. Party	W. L. Spann
	Fort Pierce	Calvary	Jan. 4-16	Dennis & Becky Polk	Charles Clary
	Lake City	Everybody's	Jan. 12-23	Ray & Elaine Leonard	E. E. Hayes
	Lake City	First	Jan. 2-9	Ray & Elaine Leonard	Edgar Davis
	Merritt Island	¹ Palm Chapel	Jan. 9-14	Christian Hild	James Kimbrell
	Sanford	First	Jan. 9-14	Kenneth & Theda Wright	George Cook
Ga.	Albany	First	Jan. 2-9	Keetah Jones	Charles Smith
Hawaii	Wahiawa, Oahu	Faith Tab.	Jan. 9—	Doyle Thompson	Harold Hedrick
	Waimanalo, Oahu	A/G	Jan. 12-16	Doyle Thompson	Homer Rugwell
Idaho	Twin Falls	First	Jan. 11-16	Arthur & Anna Berg	Lewis LaMance
Ill.	E. St. Louis	State St.	Jan. 12-23	B. P. Carroll	Donald Morgan
	Effingham	First	Jan. 12-16	Danny & Renee Millwood	Marvin Tuggle
Ind.	Indianapolis	Trinity	Jan. 3-9	Wm. & Irene Van Winkle	John E. Smith
	Merom	A/G	Jan. 11-16	Wm. & Irene Van Winkle	Jesse Isaacs
Kans.	Arkansas City	A/G	Jan. 9-16	Howard Boyd	Clifford Barnes
	Manhattan	First	Jan. 12-16	John Pratt Family	Norman Hayes
Ky.	Henderson	First	Jan. 10-16	Thomas Calk	James D. Biram
La.	W. Monroe	First	Jan. 12-30	Musical Vanderploegs	Lowell Ashbrook
Mich.	Plymouth	³ A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 9	Charles & Mrs. Blythe	Warren B. Tyler
Minn.	Willmar	A/G	Jan. 4-9	Bob & Elizabeth Abbott	Ernest Moen
	Worthington	A/G	Jan. 11-16	Bob & Elizabeth Abbott	Marlin Kallevig
Miss.	Aberdeen	First	Jan. 9-16	C. E. & Mrs. Sims	R. H. Broadhead
Mo.	Arnold	A/G	Dec. 26-Jan. 9	B. P. Carroll	Gene Canter
	E. Prairie	A/G	Jan. 11-23	R. J. "Jim" Snyder	Herbert Bruhn
	Poplar Bluff	First	Jan. 9-23	Glenna Byard	Gail Copple
N. Mex.	Albuquerque	Evangel	Jan. 9-23	Thomas E. Fisher	R. L. Franks
Ohio	Chardon	Good Shepherd	Dec. 31-Jan. 9	Wayne Marshall	N. B. Nethers
	Warren	First	Jan. 5-16	Sam & Cheryl Benson	Herbert Eicher
Okla.	Dustin	A/G	Jan. 9-23	Jerry & Kelly Morgan	Cecil Chisum
	Healdton	A/G	Jan. 12-21	Bud & Mary Alexis	Anthony Thomas
	Tulsa	Bethel Tem.	Jan. 12-23	O. D. & Mrs. Burkett	Taylor Davis
Oreg.	Medford	Bethel	Jan. 2-16	Rick Davis	Lawrence Krause
	Mt. Hood	A/G	Dec. 28-Jan. 9	Lloyd & Carol Portin	A. L. Montgomery
Pa.	Quakertown	A/G	Dec. 31-Jan. 9	Dave & Jan Olshevski	Samuel Weidler
Tex.	Andrews	First	Jan. 4-16	John Stephens	Raymond Owen
	Austin	Central	Jan. 9—	Glen Shinn	T. E. Scruggs
	Belton	First	Jan. 2-16	Ervin & Myrna Asiatico	Joe Heflin
	Dayton	First	Jan. 11-16	Travis & Mrs. Corder	H. J. Weaver
	Denton	Faith Tab.	Jan. 16-23	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	Terry Johnson
	Irving	Calvary Tem.	Jan. 11-16	Paul Hild	Ray Wilkerson
	Odessa	First	Jan. 2-16	C. A. & Mrs. Nicholson	M. D. Williams
	San Angelo	Evangel Tem.	Jan. 10-16	Gene Ensweiler	John Sewell
	San Augustine	A/G	Jan. 10-16	Joe E. Hancock	Jack Manley
	Troup	First	Jan. 12-23	James & Peggy Hazelton	B. F. Wallace
Va.	Norfolk	Glad Tidings	Jan. 11-16	Frank J. Fratto	David Berquist
Wis.	Waukesha	First	Jan. 11-16	Arnold & Anita Segesman	John Wibley

¹ Children's Revival

² Area-Wide Crusade

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LIKE THE SHIFTING PATTERNS of a kaleidoscope, the events of 1971 altered the face of American society in unprecedented ways. Religious headlines gave top billing to the Jesus revolution, the charismatic movement among Roman Catholics, prayer in public schools and federal aid to private schools.

Bibles blossomed under the arms of youth as a genuine move of God's Spirit rolled across the land, but seeds of heresy also lay in the amorphous Jesus movement. From Broadway's rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" to the garish movie ads announcing in bold letters over motorcycles, "The Jesus Trip," His name was exploited. The top 40 tunes included "Amazing Grace," "Spirit in the Sky," and, "Put Your Hand in the Hand of the Man from Galilee." Hollywood seized the Name for commercial gain, but thousands of young people worshiped. They waded into oceans for mass baptisms, gathered in home churches for Bible study, and found a way out of their drug hang-ups.

Roman Catholics began moving from a liturgical to a personal confrontation with Jesus Christ. It began with an acceptance by Catholic laymen of the vernacular in the Mass, resulting in a new approach to catechetical training which led to changed lives radiating the joy of Jesus Christ. Some 4,000 Catholic Pentecostals gathered at Notre Dame to "sing a new song" to a church they believe needs to find renewal through the Spirit.

This was the year when venereal disease raced out of control in the wake of a new sexual freedom. Homosexuals demanded, and received, permission to "marry" by "adopting" each other, and to serve as pastors of gay congregations. New abortion laws were termed a "new barbarism," and the theology of ecology consumed the zeal of increasing numbers of Americans.

The curtain fell on a decade of war in Vietnam. America's toll: 54,500 GIs dead (45,000 killed in actual combat); 300,000 wounded; and a monetary expenditure that produced fiscal chaos.

Some 12,000 people every day... seven people every minute... died somewhere in the world of 1971 from starvation or extreme malnutrition, according to Larry Ward, president of Food for the Hungry. But evangelicals increasingly added social concern to their orthodoxy, as seen in the global relief efforts of NAE's World Relief Commission and other agencies.

A Chicago educator found the average American in 1971 "more confused... more frustrated," despite unprecedented technological advances. TV commercials kicked the smoking habit, but cigarette sales continued to rise. Crime also was up.

An economic slump had a beneficial fallout: more people in the inner city were returning to church. A national opinion poll showed 47 percent of Americans believed inflation, unemployment, division, and big business will destroy the nation's civil order.

A man ate and drank on the moon for the first time in 1971 when Col. James B. Irwin partook of communion elements he had stowed in his Apollo 15 space suit for the mid-year mission.

Guilt over care for the aged increased, resulting in better health care and in a suggested "ultimate" accommodation: a lethal bedside pill for suffering patients to take if they can stand the pain no longer.

Additional trends: growing scenes of witchcraft and voodoo; the first microfiche theological reference library; alcoholic drinks served to 18-year-olds in Illinois; humanistic funeral rites introduced for non-Christian mourners.

Along with the disorganized religion of the Jesus people, the organized religion of denominational Christianity flourished.

The 1971 Yearbook of American Churches showed that membership in 230 U. S. church bodies rose 35,348 to an all-time record of 128,505,084. The rise did not keep pace with the population rise of 1.1 percent, however. Church gains were only .03 percent.

Nazarenes reached a half-million membership; 10,000 people attended the 34th General Council of the Assemblies of God; Mennonites, after reactions against the finery of Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel, moved the site of their All-Mennonite Consultation called "Probe '72" to Minneapolis; a determined group within the Presbyterian Church U.S. (Southern) began planning for a separate "Continuing Presbyterian Church" when its denomination considered merger with the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

W. A. Criswell, pastor of the Southern Baptists' largest congregation, said churches of Christ are facing the floodtides which threaten to engulf them at a time when they have become tools of left-wingers who deny basic doctrines of faith.

Denominational mergers have consistently produced splinter groups instead of healthy solidarity, a researcher proved, yet ecumenical fervor abounded in 1971. A group of 131 congregations in the South, both black and white, formally affiliated with the American Baptist Convention; a new church organization called the United Ministries cemented the allegiances of the Church of the Brethren, the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Pacific Northwest.

Protestants, Anglicans, and Roman Catholics joined in worship to celebrate the 454th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. One ecumenical effort, described as the nation's first, was launched by 16 Roman Catholic and 16 Episcopal parishes in Massachusetts. The goal: To improve Anglican-Catholic relations at the parish level.

On other levels, evangelical scholars engaged in dialogue with Jews . . . American Baptists listened to a Roman Catholic Pentecostalist . . . and evangelicals pushed ahead with plans for their own united evangelism thrust called "Key 73."

Some 12,300 students opened the year in prayer at Inter-Varsity's ninth triennial missionary conference at Urbana.



The master plan

By PAUL H. JOHNSON

I WAS TRYING to put a bicycle together. Parts were strung here and there. My wife surveyed the scene and commented, "Well, when everything else fails, why don't you read the instructions?"

I am a builder. I know that the secret of any successful building is a proper plan. Somewhere along the line there must be someone with an idea—an architect—and someone to translate the idea into a set of plans—commonly called blueprints.

If these blueprints are followed by the people who are putting up the building, the project will be a success. If they are not followed, the result can be chaotic.

There is also a Master Architect for life. Not only did He conceive, plan, and build the world you and I live in, but He conceived, planned, and built you and me. He planned our future before we existed. He had history in mind before you and I ever had a thought.

This Master Architect, of course, is God—Creator of the universe, Creator of man. He has drawn for you and me very detailed plans and specifications. We can find the principles of these plans and specifications in the Bible. If you and I want to have success in building our lives, we must follow these plans and specifications.

Unfortunately, most of us don't operate our lives this

way. We ignore the manual in which God has given us His wisdom and providence. We go along until some tragedy happens and only then desperately call upon Him.

But if you haven't considered the plans and specifications and made Jesus Christ the foundation of your life, your building will end in chaos, in eternal separation from God.

Many men today build on the foundations of education, technology, materialism, philosophy. They build, in other words, on other foundations than God. But in God's Master Plan, the Bible, we find that "there can be no other foundation . . . [than] Jesus Christ himself" (1 Corinthians 3:11, NEB). The only way to have eternal life in the future and abundant life right now is by believing in Jesus Christ, accepting His plan for your life. Jesus said, "I am the way; I am the truth and I am the life; no one comes to the Father except by me" (John 14:6, NEB).

God has placed a peculiar vacuum inside us—a vacuum shaped like God. Nothing satisfies that vacuum except God Himself. You can put money, homes, wealth, power, fame, or anything you want into that vacuum, but it doesn't fit. Only God fills it, fits it, and satisfies it.

Won't you accept God's Master Plan for your life? won't you place your faith in Him right now and let him fill the needs in your life?

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