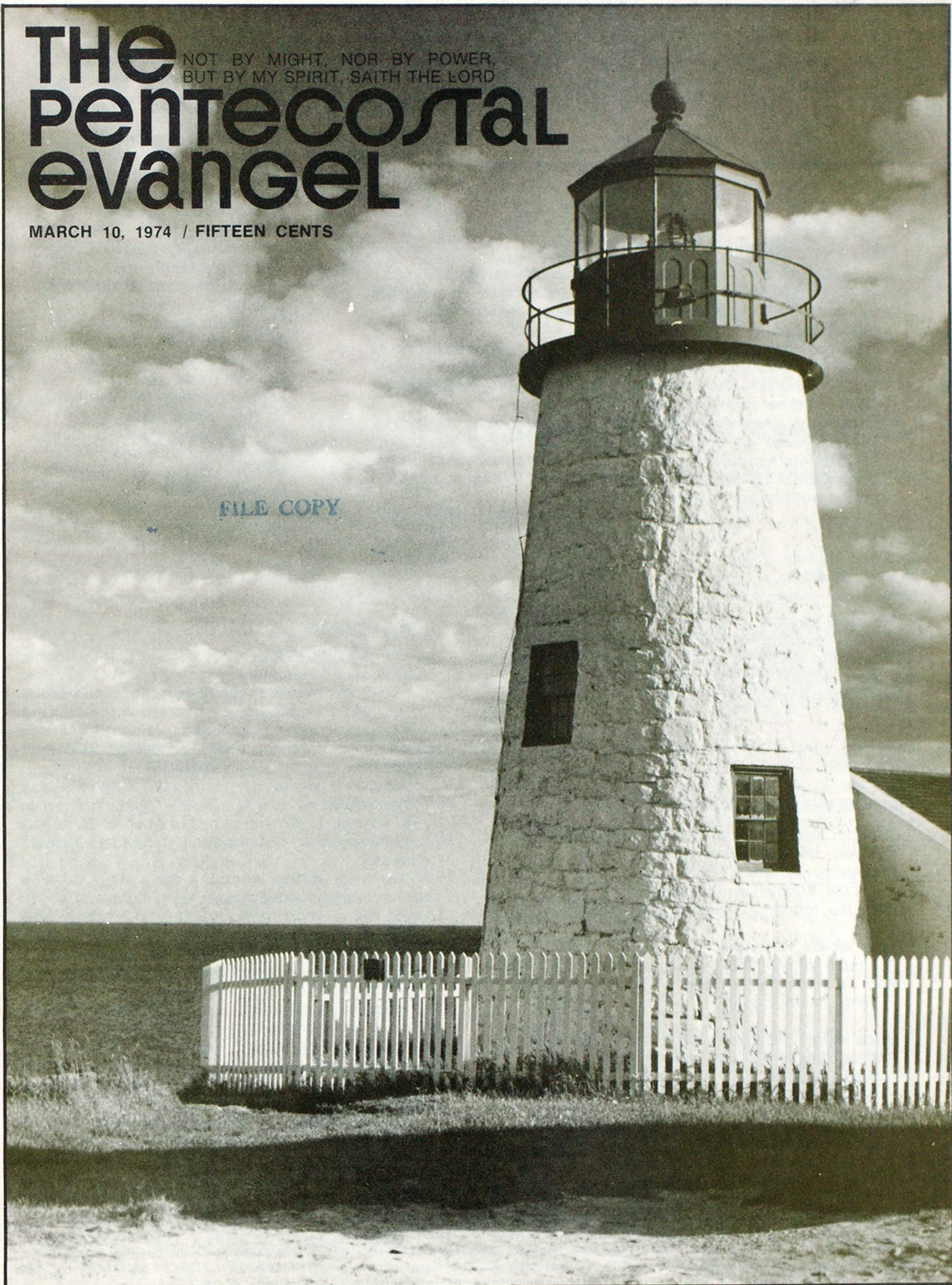


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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER,
BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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Pemaquid Lighthouse, Maine—photo by Philip Gendreau

'...and be ye kind'

EPHESIANS 4:32

All you need to be kind

It happened some years ago in Stockholm. A woman, hurrying to catch a streetcar, stumbled in front of the moving car and was pinned underneath. Immediately someone sent for a crane to move the heavy car.

A crowd gathered. Then a man pushed his way through the crowd, crawled underneath the car, and said to the woman, "Take my hand." She did—and it was enough to reassure her and prevent her from going into shock.

When the crane finally released the woman, she exclaimed, "I never knew an outstretched hand could mean so much."

God stretched out His hand to help us. And we are to be His hand extended to others in need. All it takes to help is a hand—and the willingness to stretch it out.

—Log of the Good Ship Grace

'Flowers leave their fragrance on the hand that bestows them'

*This old Chinese proverb,
If practiced each day,
Would change the whole world
In a wonderful way.
Its truth is so simple;
It's easy to do,
It works every time—
And successfully too!
For you can't do a kindness
Without a reward—
Not in silver nor gold
But in joy from the Lord;
You can't light a candle
To show men the way
Without feeling the warmth
Of that bright little ray;
And you can't pluck a rose,
All fragrant with dew,
Without part of its fragrance
Remaining with you.*

—HELEN STEINER RICE in *Sword of the Lord*

But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

LUKE 6:35

Because you prayed for me

*You did not know the burden I was bearing,
But you saw my silent tears
And came to me,*

*As the Master would have come,
With the touch of understanding.*

*Your words were few.
A simple prayer that He would meet my need,
And then the added plea,
"This is my sister."*

*Once more I realized that I belonged to Him
And to that large and unseen host of His.
Blood-bought.
Redeemed.*

*An heir to heaven's best.
The tears evaporated in the sunshine of His love.*

—ROBERT LASHLEY BONNICI

No unkind Christians

Remember kindness? It is that old-fashioned virtue of just being nice.

Kindness manifests itself in a pleasant attitude, even when tempted to be sharp or critical. Kindness gives, asking nothing in return, for that is its nature. Kindness seeks occasions to compliment others and does so freely.

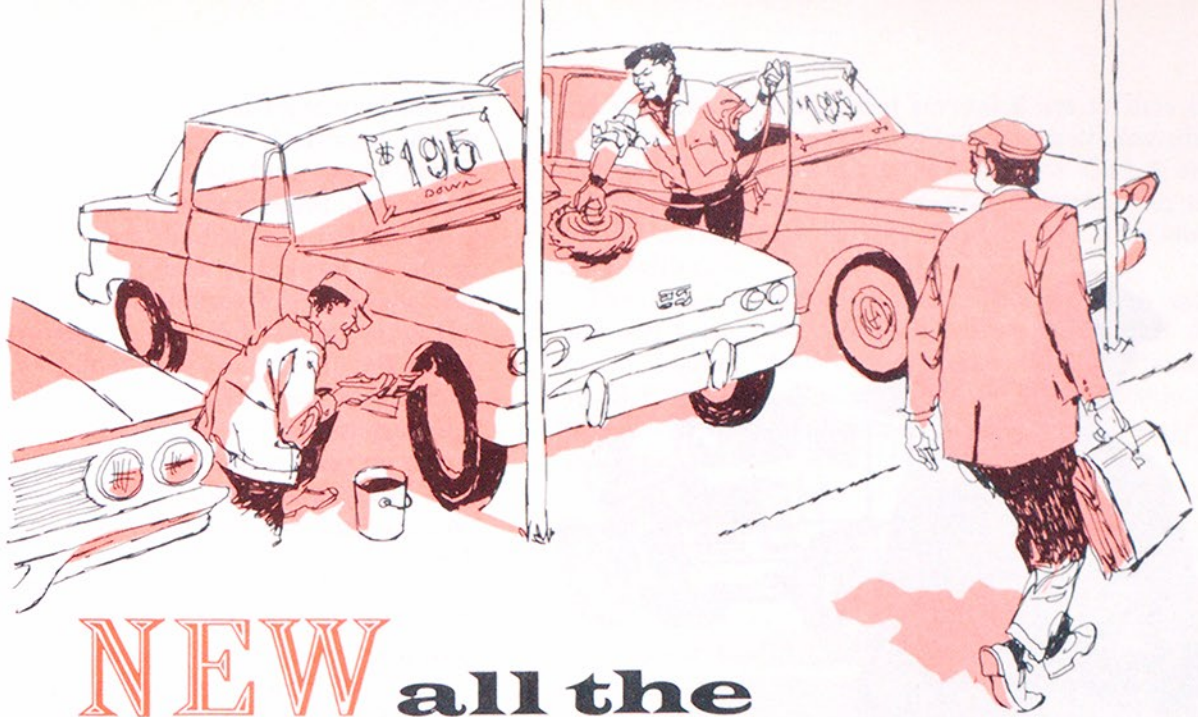
There is no martyr spirit about kindness. It never shows what a sacrifice it is making. It asks for no bell to be rung in its honor. It is neither shy nor gushing, but has about it the tone of simple honesty.

Kindness is transparent. It has nothing to hide. Its words and deeds have no hidden motive behind them. There is no subtlety to kindness, nor does it leave people wondering, "What's up?" There is such a wholesomeness about it that it brightens any atmosphere and brings hope to even the most despondent.

Here is an excellent test for Christianity: judge us by our kindness. If we are not kind in word and deed, then mark it down that we are church members only—that our religion is in our heads, not in our hearts! For it should be impossible to have Christ in the heart and be unkind in any way.

True Christianity not only prepares men for another world; it makes them good citizens in this world. There ought to be no such thing as an unkind Christian. Those in whom Christ is formed will show it!

—BILL POPEJOY



NEW all the

way through

By ADA NICHOLSON BROWNELL

DID YOU KNOW that gleaming new automobile you just bought for several thousand dollars may be only a remade Edsel? Or made out of a dilapidated Model T? Or partly fashioned from a wrecked Kaiser or Studebaker?

Years ago at the U.S. Steel mill in Pueblo, Colorado, I made the startling discovery that old cars are melted down, poured into blocks, and sold to manufacturers who reshape them into new objects. A variety of metal products are made at the Pueblo mill out of recycled junk.

It's a wise idea to find a good use for our discards. Nevertheless we are a bit chagrined to think the material in our new car may have been something else without nearly as much glamour and prestige.

The same is true with many Christians I know. Before God made them over, dumped joy in their souls, gave their faces a glow, and put a smile on their lips, there was nothing spectacular about them—except, perhaps, the heavy burdens of their sin.

Martin Luther was a good example of this. He was reared in a home dominated by fear of evil spirits. The spirits were blamed for every misfortune that came along. This fear was additional to a fear of authority, since discipline was severe in the Luther household. On one occasion young Martin reportedly was beaten black and blue for stealing a nut!

When he went away to college to study to be a lawyer, Martin often was plagued by guilt for his sins and thought of God as an unmerciful Judge, like the "spirits" or his parents.

The guilt followed him to the monastery and stayed with him until he discovered in God's Word—a book he had never seen until he went to college—that man is justified by faith. Martin Luther reached out in faith and grasped the promise. His guilt vanished, joy took its place, and he became the leader of the Reformation. The Lord "recycled" him.

When Jesus was on earth, He was in the man-remaking business. Zaccheus was a thief, but the Lord Jesus Christ remade him into a respectable person who restored even more than he had stolen.

The thief on the cross was guilty of crime, but he repented, and the Lord changed his entire future. "This

day," Jesus told him, "thou shalt be with me in Paradise."

Saul of Tarsus was an enemy of the church, but after a "melting pot" experience with Jesus Christ he was changed into the most powerful evangelist and teacher of his day.


Today God is still turning ruined lives into new creations. Men and women whose lives have been wrecked on the broad road to destruction have been reclaimed. They've given themselves to God and are "born again" (John 3:3) thus becoming new creatures in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Even the moral person whose life seemingly bears only a few scratches and dents needs a remake; for when life's cares get heavy and the road is uphill, he will find he needs God's power to help him over the hard trials. "For all have sinned" (Romans 3:23). "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10). Everyone needs to be saved.

The rebirth experience is not something that happens just to the outside. There are changes not visible to the eye! New cars possess brand-new, smoothly operating engines and transmissions, although the parts may have been fashioned from an old car that wouldn't work at all. That's the way God makes new creatures too: He makes us new all the way through.

In only moments a drug addict who has been a menace to society, mugging and burglarizing in order to support his habit, can be turned into a different person. After a personal experience with God he can become a blessing to those with whom he comes in contact.

God can make all things new. He can remake the life that lies in shambles. He can reclaim every sin-destroyed life. Is your life a mess? Turn it over to Him with repentance today. Let the Holy Spirit work and you will emerge a brand-new "model" in Christ.

The new design will never be outdated—because new creatures in Christ have *eternal life* (John 3:16). 



of not knowing that Jesus is the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. It is impossible for us to entertain that Royal Guest and to accept Him as Saviour unless we believe He is the Son of God.

About two and a half years ago I was visiting in the home of my sister. Her youngest son is my namesake and naturally somewhat a pride and joy to me.

Living on the farm they retire quite early. But that night Raymond wasn't content to retire, and as I talked with him I could tell that something was bothering him.

I had assumed he knew Jesus as his Saviour. He grew up in an Assemblies of God church and Sunday school. But I began to glean from his conversation little indications that he was not really entertaining this Royal Guest.

Finally almost at midnight I looked at him and said, "Son, have you ever accepted Jesus as your personal Saviour?"

He said, "No," and started crying.

"Why haven't you?" I questioned.

"No one ever asked me that."

I want to make this point: To entertain the Royal Guest it's very necessary that we realize it's a personal matter. The Guest is not in your life because you have grown up in this church, or because your mom and dad have been dedicated Christians and filled with the Spirit. It's a personal thing. That knock from Christ's hand must be heard at *your* door.

This leads us to the fact that if we're going to entertain that Royal Guest, we must have ears trained to listen.

As two men walked down the streets of New York City several years ago, noise flooded that area. One of them, a naturalist, said, "Listen, hear that cricket?"

The other one said, "No, and you don't either; not in this noise."

They went down into a basement. There in a crevice

Entertaining a royal guest

By **RAYMOND H. HUDSON**
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THERE'S A WONDERFUL something about the fact that ordinary human beings can entertain a Heavenly Guest.

John 1:11, 12 tells us that Jesus "came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

There are some strange mysteries about our Guest. I think this is one of the greatest—He could come into this world He made and was coming to redeem, and yet not be recognized.

Now I don't think any of us today would be guilty

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in the wall was a little black cricket singing.

"Just let me ask you one question," one said. "How could any ear be sharp enough to tune in a cricket and separate it from the other noises about us?"

The naturalist said simply, "I'll illustrate." They went back to the busy street. He took a quarter from his pocket and dropped it on the sidewalk. People passing by were attracted by the sound of the coin as it hit the sidewalk.

"You see," the naturalist explained, "most people are trained to listen for the sounds that will result in money coming to them. But as a naturalist my ear is tuned to hear the sounds of various creatures—so it was easy."

To entertain the Heavenly Guest it is necessary to let the Holy Spirit renew our minds and make our spiritual ears keen to listen to the sound that comes from yonder world. It says to us, "This is My word. Hear it."

I'm thankful that in today's busy world, when so many sounds are coming from every corner, we can sing from the depths of our heart, "We have heard the joyful sound, Jesus saves, Jesus saves!"

Of course, we never come to the place where we can effectively honor that holy Royal Guest until we've exhausted all the resources of the natural and come to realize that we're helpless in ourselves.

His promises are to "as many as *received* him." There is so little we can do to meet the real needs of our lives spiritually. We're in an affluent society, and perhaps no other generation has enjoyed as many material things as we enjoy. Yet I fear that we may let that lead us to a place where we feel we can get along fairly well without giving much attention to the real responsibility of entertaining that Royal Guest.

"As many as *received* him." I wonder what God would really do in 1974 in our lives and in this church, and throughout our Fellowship, if each one of us put ourselves to the task of really entertaining the Royal Guest.

But how, you ask, will I do it? I come to church; I sing the songs; I join in worship. That's good. But the whole thing must begin in that personal communion with Jesus Christ that not only opens the door and lets Him in but that accepts Him—His precepts, His commands, His doctrines, His standards—and keeps them every day of the week.

If we entertain Him royally, we're going to keep His Word. He said, "If you love me, keep my commandments."

The one thing He asks of me is to let Him come in with all of His resources, all of His commands, all of His charges, all of His assignments. And then He wants me to walk with Him.

We live in a world that is trying to syncretize Christian living and worldly customs. But to entertain Him I believe we must not lose our identity as Christians. We live in a day when a lot of people are naming the name of Christ; but when we watch, we find they're failing in some of the things very obviously set forth as guidelines for us if we are to really entertain Him.

The real thing that must concern us is this: is He with us? When we come to the end, can we say we have entertained Him?

You remember Joseph. In Genesis 39 you see one of the greatest stories of a man who would honor God as a guest in his life. He recognized his relationship to the Lord. He was sold by his brethren. He was lied about

and was put in prison. But several times in that chapter you read these words, "But God was with Joseph." The real challenge of keeping the Word of God is not just acceptance by our peers, acceptance within our church, but it's a challenge to keep God in our lives—to know He is with us.

The Word is clear on that. There are no gray, in-between situations. We either keep the Word of God or we disobey it. We either give the entertainment a Royal Guest deserves or we leave Him outside. Yes, I think even Christians sometimes leave Him outside the door.

I remember before He saved me. Conviction was gripping my heart. I made it complicated. I thought I had to do something, and I wasn't able. But when I realized all I needed to do was to say, "God, be merciful to me a sinner," He came in.

I'll never forget that visit with my nephew. His life has been drastically different. But it was a mystery to me that he could go along that many years in an Assemblies of God church and Sunday school and not know Jesus.

How about you? Is that Royal Guest inside? It doesn't matter what others think. It's a matter of your opening the door.

It doesn't mean that He stills the storm all about you. It simply means that He keeps you in the midst of the storm. He said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

You know, He's counting on us today. When it comes to fixing up the places where God is really going to dwell, that's left to you and to me.

I hope we will not just build on a room and say, "This is a prophet's room, Jesus, where You'll live. I'll always want to know You're there, and when I'm in trouble I'll call You."

Some of us unconsciously do that. But I'd rather encourage everyone to say, "Lord, come in. Without doubt there are corners not swept like they should be. Some of the things may not be arranged the way I'd like it. But I believe You can help me. Please take up the tangled strands, that by the skill of Your dear hands some beauty may remain. I don't want one room in this house—not one closet, one nook, or corner—where You are not welcome to inspect, to suggest, to do whatever is necessary to get everything in perfect order so You can live with me in a renewed way."

When you have Him in your heart, it's marvelous how He gives you a desire to share Him with everybody else.

I think we need a revival of that today because some of us have drifted along until we can say, "If they want the church, it's here. If they want the gospel, it's on the radio and television." But when Jesus spoke of going into all the world and preaching the gospel to every creature, I believe He expected each of us to saturate our world—all our friends and all those we can influence—with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. That needs to be one of our trademarks—not only a deep desire to help those outside to know Him, but also a deep desire to help those who do know Jesus to know Him a little better.

"I was a stranger, and ye took me in." I want that to be said when I stand before Him, because when this Royal Guest is with us, we no more are strangers.

Pastor recalls his conversations with
David Ben-Gurion,
the "George Washington" of Israel.

It's just the beginning'

By PAUL RADKE

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MY FIRST VISIT with David Ben-Gurion was in 1971 at Kibbutz Sdeh Boker where he lived in his retirement years. We talked of the great progress Israel has made in rebuilding the land, and he said, "It's just the beginning."

Later he said this again, in a personal letter from Sdeh Boker dated August 4, 1971. He wrote in his own hand:

"Dear Rev. Paul Radke:

"I was glad to have your letter from March 24. The fulfillment of the Bible in the Negev is only at the beginning, but it (is) growing.

"I hope you will soon visit Sdeh Boker again. I will (be) glad to receive you. I am afraid I will no more come to your country.

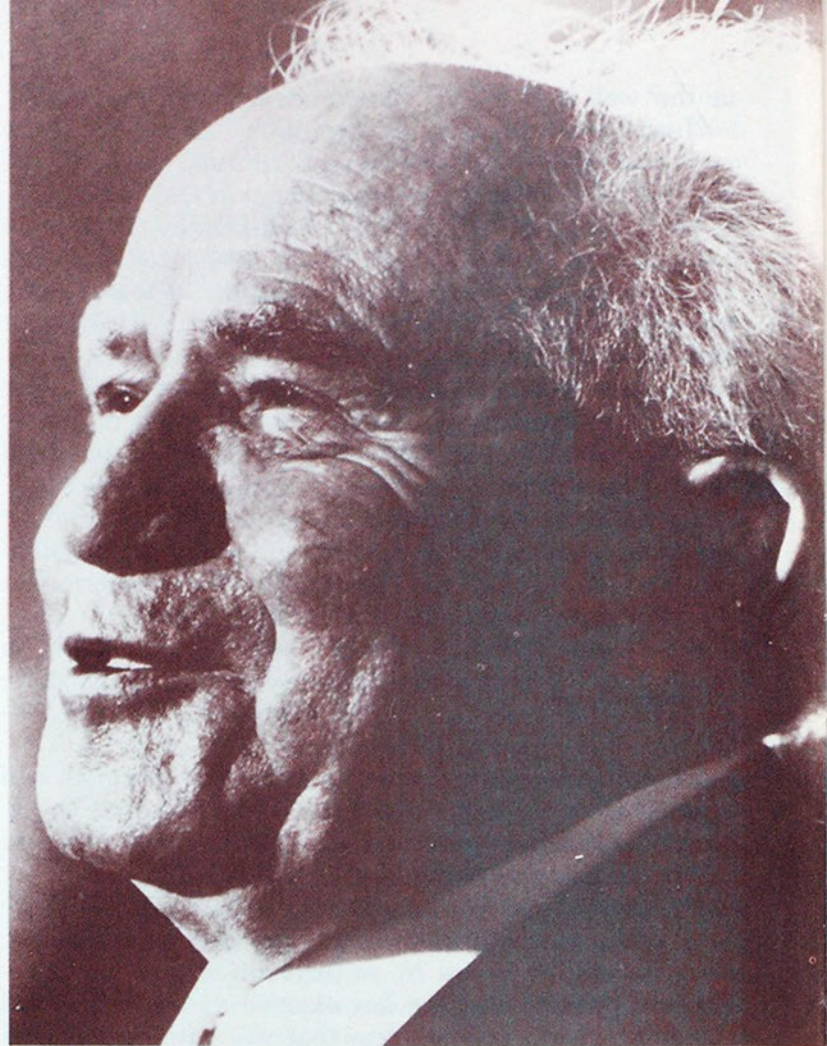
"With best wishes,

"D. Ben-Gurion"

It's "JUST THE BEGINNING." I thought of these words when I heard of his passing in December. His death marked the end of an era. Under his leadership the new nation came into being and made tremendous strides, but "it's just the beginning."

The personal aide to the U.S. ambassador to Israel, John McTeer and his wife Mary, were with me during that visit to Sdeh Boker. As we stood and surveyed the Negev area around the kibbutz, we recalled the words of the prophet, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as a rose" (Isaiah 35:1).

Mr. Ben-Gurion told us of the early days when he and his American wife Paula were the 23rd and 24th members taken in at Kibbutz Sdeh Boker. He said one of his earliest assignments was tending sheep. Like Moses of old, who kept sheep on the desert before being elevated to the leadership of Israel, David Ben-Gurion gained knowledge on the barren slopes of the Negev that was invaluable to him later when he became prime minister. Some sheep were lovable, he said, while



David Ben-Gurion, who died in Tel Aviv at the age of 87, probably shaped the character of modern Israel more than any other individual. Arriving from Poland in 1906, he entered Palestine as "David Gross," but soon changed his name to Ben-Gurion ("Son of a lion"). He was Israel's first prime minister. (Photo by Religious News Service)

some were stubborn. Some needed lots of attention, he found, while others could pretty well care for themselves.

He told of the years of hard labor to wash the salt out of the soil in preparation for planting the olive trees and other crops that now grow so lushly. He said that "as the Jews get back to the soil," this will prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah.

When he first immigrated to Palestine at the age of 21, he said, he would walk up and down in the land and claim it for a homeland for his Jewish people. In those days Palestine was a minor Turkish subprovince administered from Damascus. There were Arabs living in the land, but Mr. Ben-Gurion believed the Arabs and Jews could live together in peace. His goal, he said, was peaceful coexistence. It was not until later, when extremist passions on both sides made such a plan impossible, that he began to think of Palestine as a Jewish state rather than as a homeland for both Jews and Arabs.

He worked to bring millions of Jews from Europe back to their ancient homeland because he believed it was time for the Messiah to come.

I shall never forget his excitement as we talked together concerning the Messiah. Our views differed as to who the Messiah is; however, we agreed completely on how He will come. When I said, "I believe He is coming in clouds of glory," Mr. Ben-Gurion jumped from his chair with great excitement and said, "That's it, that's it, Reverend."

He felt very strongly that Israel was to be "a light of the Gentiles" (Isaiah 42:6). He had great confidence in the youth of Israel and spent the last years of his life writing his memoirs for their instruction and help, he told me.

He worked very hard for the establishment of the University of the Negev. He declared to me that through science and education Israel would be "a light" to the nations.

He said Israel needs five to six million more immigrants in order to restore the land to its rightful place in the world's economy, and then the Messiah will come to give them the leadership they need.

At present, he said, Israel is engaged in foreign aid to Africa and Asia. He believed that making new friends in these developing areas will open up new markets for Israel's manufactured goods.

His fondest dream was for world peace. "America and Russia have too many vested interests to become engaged in war," Mr. Ben-Gurion said. Russia and China will determine when and where the next war will be fought, he declared. Immediately I thought of "the kings of the east" and the major role they will play in fulfilling the prophecies (Revelation 16:12).

Yes, as we observe fulfilled prophecy and look to the future, we see "it's just the beginning." Man has just about run his course, and God is about to take over.

I could scarcely contain my emotions when Mr. Ben-Gurion turned to me and in sober tones, with deep expressions in the lines of his face, said: "We are not looking to America for peace, but we are looking to Europe. America is not tired of fighting yet, but Europe is."

In other words, Israel, in her desperate search for peace, is turning to the area of the world where the Antichrist will arise. Israel is looking toward "Daniel's great image" for security. In the European Common Market we see the nations of the Old Roman Empire, symbolized by the 10 toes of Daniel's great image, are swiftly shaping up. Indeed we are seeing, in our time, "the beginning" of some of the greatest events in the history of God's dealings with mankind. These events could swiftly lead to the "time of Jacob's trouble" (Jeremiah 30:7) and the return of Christ.

MY SECOND VISIT with Mr. Ben-Gurion was in his apartment in Tel Aviv. My one desire in taking this trip to Israel in 1972 was to accept his invitation to visit him again and to talk with him about spiritual things. The Lord permitted us to have a two-hour visit together. We talked about the fulfillment of Luke 21 and many other things relating to Bible prophecy.

Mr. Ben-Gurion was a student of the Bible. Though he was a nonobservant Jew as his parents had been, nevertheless he loved the Scriptures. The Jewish community in the little town in Czarist Russia where he was born and reared was known for the fact that its members were fluent in Hebrew, and he loved to read the Hebrew Bible. He was influential in promoting the annual Bible Knowledge Contests that captured the nation's interest, and in our conversation I found he was familiar with the New Testament as well as the Old.

As I was about to leave, I asked if he would let me



Mr. Ben-Gurion peruses his Bible during the finals of Israel's second annual Bible Knowledge Contest in Tel Aviv. (Photo by Religious News Service)

pray for him. He was happy that I wanted to and he said, "Pray like you folks do."

So I prayed for Israel, and for all the nations, and especially for him, concluding in the name of Jesus. The Holy Spirit was so real as we prayed together. I have never had a greater sense of God's presence at any time in my life than in those moments when I prayed with David Ben-Gurion, the "George Washington" of modern Israel.

I believe this visit was a direct answer to prayer. I learned that a prayer group that meets each week at the Garden Tomb had been praying for two years that someone would get next to Mr. Ben-Gurion to talk to him about his soul. He told me that all three of his children had been married in the Orthodox faith. I was happy to learn that many of the younger people in Israel are much more religious than their parents!


Mr. Ben-Gurion paid me what I consider a very great honor. He invited me to immigrate to Israel and become a citizen. That would be a privilege, but I have a privilege that is even greater than that, for I am a member of "the Israel of God" (Galatians 6:16) which includes the born-again believers of every nation.

I wait expectantly for the next great event on God's prophetic calendar. Many times history has repeated itself. When Moses died, God raised up Joshua to take his place and lead the nation forward. Now that David Ben-Gurion is dead, will God send the heavenly Joshua, the Lord Jesus Christ, to set up His earthly kingdom?

That time is coming. It may be very near. The stage is set for the King of Glory, the Lord Jesus Christ, to return and sit on the throne of His father David and rule the world in righteousness.

I am convinced that God is moving through events in the Middle East to bring His plan to completion. As I told the former prime minister, this is not just the work of the Jewish nation but a divine miracle which God has performed in these last days.

Israel, God's prophetic timepiece, is moving. God wants His church to move with Him, witnessing to all men and winning lost souls.

Things are happening, but "it's just the beginning." Jesus said, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). 

HOW TO REALLY WANT CHRIST TO RETURN— ALTHOUGH YOUR LOVED ONES AREN'T SAVED YET

By NATHANAEL OLSON

SINCERE CHRISTIANS wrestle with the mixed emotions of wanting Christ to return and yet not wanting their loved ones to be left on earth to face Antichrist and the Great Tribulation. The big question is: How can I really pray for Christ to come quickly when I know my loved ones aren't ready?

Looking at how God dealt with some families in the past may give us some insights. Consider three examples:

1. *The Lot family.* If there ever were people who apparently did not deserve to escape destruction, it was Mr. and Mrs. Lot and their daughters. They would surely have perished in the fire and brimstone which God poured out on Sodom and Gomorrah. But Lot had an uncle named Abraham who knew how to intercede with God. Abraham's fervent prayer is recorded in Genesis 18. So God delayed the judgment fires until after the Lot family had fled to another city. The angel told Lot: "Hurry! For I can do nothing until you are there" (Genesis 19:22, *Living Bible*).

2. *The Noah family.* The fervent preaching of Mr. Noah did not motivate the neighbors to come into the ark of safety, but God did honor Noah's faith by saving all his family—his wife, his three sons and their wives. When these eight people had safely entered into the ark, then, and only then, did God "shut the door" and let the waters of judgment flood the whole earth. (See Genesis 6-8.)

3. *The family of Rahab.* Here is a family soul-winning account with a unique twist—a prodigal daughter convinces her parents, brothers, and sisters to come to her house for protection because the walls of Jericho are going to fall. (See Joshua 2.) This woman of ill fame believed the spies of Israel, hid and protected them, and in return she asked: "Now I beg for this one thing: ...when Jericho is conquered...let me live, along with my father and mother, my brothers and sisters and all their families" (Joshua 2:12, 13, *Living Bible*).

Was her petition granted? Yes. Joshua 6:25 records it: "Joshua saved Rahab... and her relatives who were with her in the house, and they still live among the

Israelites because she hid the spies sent to Jericho by Joshua" (*Living Bible*).

In all three Biblical accounts God spared the entire family because one person dared to believe the Lord and to intercede on their behalf.

The Bible pulsates with dynamic stories resulting from one individual who allowed himself to become a go-between. But when no one holds on in faith, tragedy results, as Ezekiel 22:30 reminds us: "And I sought for a man among them, that would make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."

Please note, however, each member of Lot's family had to leave Sodom. Each member of Noah's family had to individually enter the ark. Each relative of Rahab's had to enter her house and stay there.

In no way are we suggesting that anyone can accept salvation for another. What we are underscoring is the truth that God does honor the faith of intercessors, eventually imparting personal faith to the other members of the family so that they too will trust and obey God.

But what if Christ comes before my loved ones are ready?

Let's begin to answer that question by asking three more:

What would have happened if the fire and brimstone had fallen before Lot and his family escaped?

What would have happened if the Flood had come before Noah and his family had entered the ark?

What would have happened if the walls of Jericho had started falling before Rahab's relatives had entered her house?

The point is this: If God gives the intercessor the faith to believe, then God himself looks after the timing.

You see, salvation is no afterthought with God. Christ has saved us "according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus *before the world began*" (2 Timothy 1:9).

God is calling out a Bride for His Son. This Bride, the mystical body of believers, will be complete before

His Son returns. Acts 15:14 teaches: "God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name." Verse 16 gives the sequence: "After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David."

Salvation, then, is the wonderful plan God started and will complete. Your part and mine is to fit into His eternal purpose through our intercession and witness, knowing that "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9).

Science has taught us that nothing in the natural world is ever wasted or destroyed. How much more is this true in the spiritual world! First Corinthians 3:6 teaches that one plants, another waters, but it is God who gives the increase.

Our prayers, tears, and witnessing will not be wasted. God will see to that. He is a covenant-keeping God. Think of His promises:

"God will rescue the children of the godly" (Proverbs 11:21, *Living Bible*).

"The unbelieving husband is sanctified [set apart for a holy purpose] by the wife" (1 Corinthians 7:14).

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

Our loved ones don't need more time as much as they need more conviction!

The more you study the Bible the more you will realize that salvation is a supernatural work of God. It is more than time, will power, and a desire to do better. Jesus taught: "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44). Our loved ones could live a whole lifetime and yet not be drawn to Christ unless the Spirit of God, in answer to our intercession, did a divine work in their lives. Therefore, we must not plead for more time but for more of the moving of the Holy Spirit.

Spiritual men and women everywhere believe that a great revival is beginning. I believe that my loved ones will be among those who will be won in the great outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. Therefore, I can truthfully pray, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus"—knowing that He will draw my loved ones into His church, the Bride, before He comes for me.

Don't look at the clock; look at His Word! Claim each member of your family for Christ. Then leave the timing to God.

God wants each of us to be eager for the return of His Son. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

God lengthened my leg

By PATTI LEHNING

I WAS BORN with one leg shorter than the other; and every time I carried a child, this condition gave me a crippling back problem. With each child it seemed to get worse.

When I was carrying my fourth baby, the pain was so excruciating I couldn't walk. Sometimes I would scream with pain.

My doctor referred me to a bone specialist who examined me. "Did you know that one of your legs is shorter than the other?" he asked.

"No, I didn't know that," I answered. "I always wondered, though, why my hips weren't even."

"Well, this is what has been causing the pain in your back," he told me. Shoe lifts and some kind of shots were recommended, but these didn't help.

Finally I had to wear a steel back brace in order to get around at all. And believe me, when you have three small active children, you do have to get around!

We moved from Schenectady, N.Y., to Greenville, S.C. And then I found out I was pregnant again. *Oh, I thought despairingly, how can I go through another pregnancy? I have four little children to care for, and each time has been worse than the time before.*

My new doctor advised me to start wearing that awful steel brace right away, before the back pains started. But I didn't want to do it! So I didn't.

On Sunday I suffered from morning sickness all day. Toward evening I said to my husband, "I'm going to

take a bath and if I don't feel any better, I'm going to bed."

But while I was taking a bath, the Spirit moved on me and I felt revived. (I had been saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit after moving to Greenville.) The strong impression came on me that even though I still felt sick, I should go to church that night!

The service is half over, I reasoned. It would be silly to go now. But even so I knew I must go and so I got dressed.

"Well, you made a fast recovery," my husband said.

"No, I don't feel recovered," I answered. "I'm going to church and ask the Lord to heal me, because I just can't face another pregnancy like this."

A visiting evangelist and his wife were singing when I walked into the Wade Hampton Boulevard Assembly.

They stopped singing, and the evangelist said, "There's someone here who has a serious back problem due to a short leg."

I was amazed. I knew he was talking about me. I felt propelled down the aisle.

I sat down in a chair and stretched my legs out. My pastor, Lyman Richardson, and the evangelist began praying over me. I felt my short leg lengthen! And they said they saw it. At that moment I felt the power of the Spirit of God come over me. I knew I was healed. As far as pain was concerned, I had no way of knowing about that, as this was only the second month of my pregnancy, and the pain usually didn't start until the fourth month. But I knew I was healed.

I went home and looked in the mirror. For the first time in my life my hips were perfectly level! I began praising and thanking God.

I went through the entire pregnancy without one back problem of any kind, without a single pain. My precious baby girl was born on September 26, 1973.

(Endorsed by Pastor Lyman B. Richardson, Wade Hampton Boulevard Assembly, Greenville, S.C.)

God's call to serve

Sunday School Lesson for March 17, 1974

1 SAMUEL 3:1-10, 16-20

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP / South-Eastern Bible College
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A CAREFUL READING of 1 Samuel 2:12-17 and 22-36 reveals the terrible conditions which existed in Israel: (1) The ministry of a corrupt priesthood. (2) The administration of a weak high priest. (3) The pressure of powerful enemies. (4) The scarcity of prophetic revelation. "The Word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision" (v. 1). God's Word was not getting through to the people; thus they were left in spiritual darkness. (5) The lack of political unity.

But God had been preparing a leader to meet the need of the hour and to lead the people to God.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CALL (v. 7)

Even Samuel could not get by on his mother's spiritual experience. Up to this time all he knew about the Lord had been learned from his parents and Eli. With this knowledge he had surely been faithful (1 Samuel 2:11, 21, 26) in a time of general unfaithfulness, im-

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morality, and infidelity by priests and people.

But Samuel had to have a definite personal experience with the Lord himself. As one who was to be a prophet, he must know God's voice, be sensitive to God's Spirit, and get his messages firsthand.

There is a danger among us to depend upon our parents, church, environment, intellectual knowledge of the Bible, and to neglect a living and vital personal relationship with the Lord. Pentecost is more than a label; it is a relationship with Christ through the Spirit!

THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE CALL (vv. 2, 3)

Samuel received his call in the temple where he had been faithfully performing his daily duties. It appears he was the confidential servant of the high priest, sleeping near him, and in the habit of receiving directions from him. Notice:

1. *God called Samuel while he was young.* Josephus the historian reckons Samuel was about 12 at this time. How easily we forget that children have great spiritual capacities!

Recently it was my thrilling privilege to see missionary approval given to a consecrated young man who had been saved at the age of 9—in a children's service where I told the story of Sammy Morris. How carefully we ought to encourage and develop the spiritual potential of our boys and girls.

2. *God called Samuel during the night.* God calls at unlikely times. It was after Samuel had gone to bed, thinking the day's work was over, that the call of God came. At such an hour as we think not, God may wish to call us to some needed service. Will we be ready? God also calls when the din and confusion of the day is over. "The soul opens its doors to listen when the sounds which attack the senses are not heard."

THE MANNER OF THE CALL (vv. 4-6, 8)

1. *Samuel was called by name.* This indicates the Lord had a special knowledge of his character and a special claim to his service. Is not this, in a sense, true of all of us? (See John 10:3; Genesis 22:1; Exodus 3:4; Daniel 10:11.)

2. *The call was repeated four times.* Samuel had not yet learned to recognize the voice of the Lord. In view of his youthful immaturity, this is not surprising. However, such spiritual dullness and insensibility in Eli, a man of mature years, is tragic, making it necessary for God to speak repeatedly. As one grows in the Lord, he cultivates a sensitiveness to the voice of God.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CALL

In Samuel, spiritual growth accompanied physical growth in a manner most beautiful to behold. (Read 2:18, 26; 3:1, 19, 21; and 4:1, and the progression and development become clear.)

"And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground" (3:19). The speech of Samuel was like an arrow striking its mark. His words were clothed with divine power—not futile, empty, meaningless human utterance; but blessed, beneficial, edifying, and instructive counsel flowing from a dedicated life to an exceedingly needy and hungry nation.

Thus Samuel illustrates the possibilities for a spiritual influence in the lives of all who quietly and faithfully serve the Lord in the sphere in which they live.

March 10 is Cradle Roll Day

In safe hands

By SUE GIBBONS

THE NURSE gently placed a tiny bundle in the new mother's arms. "There now, little man," she murmured, "you're in safe hands! Mommy and Daddy are going to take good care of you and see that you grow up to be a fine man."

These new parents had many plans and great hopes for their newborn son. They were concerned about the future of this little one who had been entrusted to their care. Suddenly they were almost overwhelmed by the thought of their responsibility. They realized that no generation of parents ever faced a greater challenge in rearing their children for God than the present one.

We hear much these days about endangered species. Certain birds, some fur-bearing mammals, and even a few predatory animals are becoming rare. But consider an even more frightening thought: a noted children's psychologist declares there is a crisis in America's family life so deep that an entire generation is in danger of becoming emotionally crippled.

The majority of children's workers readily agree that the percentage of deeply troubled children is increasing at an alarming rate. The stress and tensions of our times, plus an appalling indifference by too many parents, have wreaked havoc with the emotions and spirituality of countless youngsters. Due to the abundance of poisonous reading material readily available to children and the satanic propaganda prevalent on the television screen, the younger generation has undergone a tragic brainwashing.

We cannot deny it—the picture is gloomy. Statistics are alarming. News reports are discouraging. More than one parent has given up the struggle to produce a spiritually and emotionally sound child. But it is not necessary to surrender to defeat! Every parent who knows God in a personal way is promised the help he needs for the gigantic task he faces. These *are* troubled times, but even today Christian parents are realizing success in training their children for God.

What is the key to being a good parent? I think that Hannah must have known the secret. You remember that when she pleaded with God to give her a child, she made a promise as well. Even before he was born, Samuel was dedicated to God. When her little son was born, Hannah cared for him tenderly. She no doubt instructed him in God's Word. It is quite evident that he was taught to obey. Then when Samuel was weaned, Hannah, true to the promise she had made, took him to the house of the Lord. Hannah's was a promise made to be kept!



Photo by A. Devaney

Nowadays God does not ask parents to bring their children to the house of the Lord and leave them there. However, He does expect us to rear them according to His plan. Although the church and Sunday school should certainly have a part in the spiritual training of a child, they cannot take the place of the parents. They cannot assume the responsibility God intended parents to have.

Today's parents often present their infants to God in a formal dedication ceremony. This usually indicates their desire for their child to grow up to know the Lord and live according to His will.

At this time they make a vow to God that they will bring the child up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. However, even though we may not have made such a promise, the very act of becoming a parent makes us responsible for the welfare of our child. This includes not only his emotional and physical welfare, but his spiritual welfare as well.

Love, discipline, wholesome environment, and Christian training, both in the home and at church, are some of the basic factors essential to the spiritual well-being of a youngster. But no influence is as effective as the good example of godly parents. "Good examples have twice the value of good advice," we are reminded. The example of parents who daily evidence a sincere love for God and His Word by the way they live has a more powerful impact on the spirituality of a child than any other influence.

Nothing increases a child's faith in God more than seeing his own parents spending time with God and His Word. Family worship, with each member participating, can aid his spiritual growth immeasurably. A parent who practices his Christian living in his daily relationships with others teaches a child more about God than he can learn any other way. On the other hand, one family counselor flatly states that an emotionally immature, hypocritical, or spiritually indifferent parent is the most damaging influence any child may suffer.

What are your ambitions and hopes for your child? What would you like most for him to achieve? Material blessings including a good education, success in his work, and so on? Or do you desire more than anything else for him to enjoy the spiritual blessings that result from obeying God's will for his life? This short life is a time of preparation for eternity. Our children have been given to us by God to care for and to train for Him.

What about the child He has entrusted to your care? Is the child in safe hands?



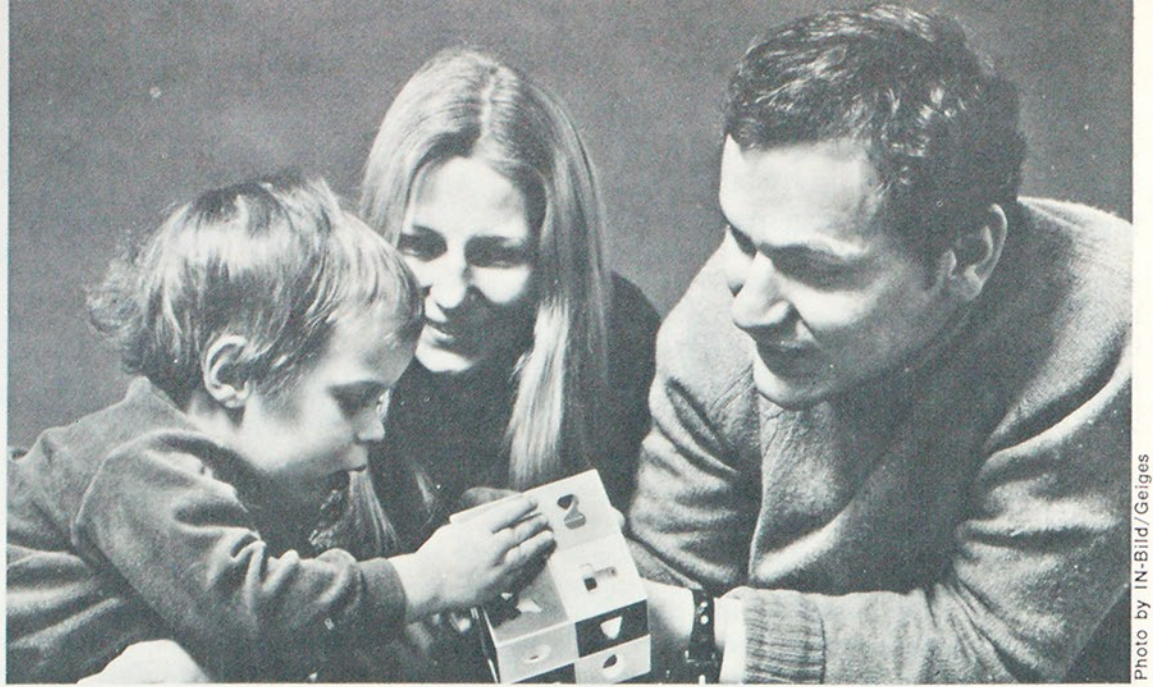


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How much do you love your children?

By BESS A. OLSON

SUSANNA WESLEY was the mother of 19 children, two of whom it has been said "changed the course of history."

Though some died as babies, her famous son, John, spoke of 13 around her at one time. Yet biographers have remarked upon their good behavior, and Mrs. Wesley herself said, "That most odious noise of the crying of children was rarely heard in the house."

Had she been asked her secret of successful child rearing, no doubt she would have answered firmly, "Discipline!"

Susanna Wesley believed in and practiced discipline such as is little known in our day. Her children respected and loved her devotedly. They were living examples of the Scripture, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

THE FACT that children need a firm hand upon them is becoming more and more recognized. Authorities are agreed that juvenile delinquency is due principally to lack of control. Parents accuse the school system of laxness while the school hands the blame back to parents where it primarily belongs, for it is the home training that counts for most in the long run.

A young teacher, after a few years' trial, left the school system for other employment. She told me, "The children know no restraint at home, and the parents will not allow us to correct them. I just can't take it!"

"I love him too much to punish him" is a popular attitude. However, the Bible says, "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth" (Hebrews 12:6). Love values. Children without discipline grow up like weeds. Valuable plants are pruned.

A venerated minister confessed that in his youth a very strict father had not spared the rod. Years later the young man wrote a letter of gratitude to his father. He said, "But for your firmness with me, I believe I should be in the penitentiary today."

Strong words! But he knew his own heart and its

tendencies that were checked by a loving father's correction.

Even though "unrestricted" children may grow up to be respected citizens, their lives are hampered by lack of discipline in youth.

Joyce admitted, "My parents almost never said no to me." As an active church worker in later life, her battles were many. Wanting desperately to please the Lord, to "yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness," she often found it almost impossible to give up her own way. Many of her heartaches and trials might have been avoided had she heard the word *no* more often as a child and learned to give way to others.

Susanna Wesley said, "I call cruel those parents who permit their children to get habits which they know must be afterwards broken."

Fully as harmful as overindulgence, however, is the careless, inconsistent discipline practiced by too many parents. A small child is confused when something is refused one time and allowed another. An older child learns to take advantage of unstable authority, sometimes resorting to deceit.

"Let me have a dime for some candy," Bobby demands.

"Not today," answers Mother.

"But I want some!"

"I said no!"

But Bobby continues to insist. Finally "worn down," Mother gives in. Or—as has happened—Bobby goes to the store and gets the desired candy from a clerk who knows the family. Mother pays the bill but does not punish. In the meantime the child has learned that there is more than one way to get what he wants.

Perhaps Bobby may not grow up to be a criminal. More than likely, though, he will not be above playing tricks to outwit the government, making clever (?) business deals, taking advantage of fellow workers.

Even in the church we see those using ruses to work out their own wishes, to the despair and discouragement of others. As children they have learned from

inconsistent discipline to use subtlety to their own advantage.

IN THE MATTER of consistent discipline, a united front is essential. Even if parents do not agree, it is better, at the time, for one to give way to the other and later to iron out differences in private, than for the child to see lack of harmony between his sources of authority.

How quickly children learn to play one parent against the other—to weigh the strength of one's yes against the other's no. "United we stand, divided we fall" was never more true than between parents in the matter of child rearing. "A house divided against itself shall not stand" (Matthew 12:25).

On the other hand, effective discipline ought never to coerce. A child who constantly hears the word no builds up a resistance against it which may develop into rebellion. Conscientious children fail too, and a harsh, censorious spirit may do them much harm. "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged" (Colossians 3:21).

DISCIPLINE, then, should be definite, consistent and united, administered in love and understanding, as our Heavenly Father's is to us—"for our profit." It must be backed by example; we ourselves must be subject to God, "as obedient children." *Uncontrolled parents cannot hope to discipline their children.*

I shall always remember the testimonies of two men. One told of coming home under the influence of liquor and hearing his young son say, "Mother, when I grow up, I don't want to be like Daddy!" The heart-stabbing words became the means of conviction leading to the man's salvation.

How different the picture shown by the other testimony! "I was at home for 19 years. Not one day during that time did my parents fail to take me to the Throne of Grace at the family altar."

What a memory! What an example! How natural for children to yield to authority united in one purpose, to "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4), daily seeking guidance from Him.

General Douglas MacArthur recognized this. He said, "By profession I am a soldier and take pride in that fact; but I am prouder, infinitely prouder, to be a father. . . . It is my hope that my son, when I am gone, will remember me, not from the battle, but in the home repeating with him our simple daily prayer, 'Our Father, who art in heaven.'"



HEALINGS IN PASTOR'S FAMILY

TWO HEALINGS have taken place in my own family recently which makes me want to glorify Jesus for His great healing power.

For about a year our daughter Joy Ellen suffered with one leg half an inch shorter than the other. This was discovered during her visits to a specialist in Philadelphia.

We began praying and trusting the Lord for total healing. Last spring we returned to the specialist and he found our daughter's leg was now the same length as the other one—completely healed by a miracle of God.

Then early in 1973 I developed a serious throat ulcer. I had a sore throat and earaches for over a month. It was difficult to talk and almost impossible to preach. For about four months I could not sing a solo.

Again we believed God for a miracle. Our church folk also prayed earnestly for my total deliverance. In the spring the doctor told me my throat was completely healed.

Praise God from whom *all* blessings flow!—Pastor James Occhipinti, Cedar Run Assembly, Cedar Run, N. J.

HEALED OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

DURING A REVIVAL at our church in December 1972 with Evangelist George Butrin, of Hamlin, Pennsylvania, I was healed of rheumatoid arthritis.

This condition began its damaging work approximately 10 years ago, spreading to most of the joints of my body. At present I had great pain in my left knee. It had swollen to the size of a grapefruit.

In spite of the pain, I went to the meeting on the third day. During the altar call I went up for prayer.

Brother Butrin asked me when I intended to be healed. I said, "Now."

He asked, "Who is going to heal you?"

I replied, "Our Lord and Saviour. He's the only One who can."

Then the pain just drained out of my body. It was the most beautiful thing that ever happened to me.

Previously I had been unable to climb stairs without tripping, but now I can jump with joy and continually testify of my precious healing.—Ruth E. Simmons, Monson, Mass.

(Endorsed by Pastor Richard B. McDaniel, Assembly of God, Windsor Locks, Conn.)

THROUGH THE BIBLE THIS YEAR!

READING THE WORD IN THE ORDER OF ITS EVENTS

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR MARCH 10-16

Sunday—1 Samuel 13:1 to 16:13

Monday—Psalm 23

Tuesday—1 Samuel 16:14 to 19:11

Wednesday—Psalm 59

Thursday—1 Samuel 19:12 to 21:15

Friday—Psalms 34, 56

Saturday—1 Samuel 22:1, 2; Psalms 57, 142

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. Psalm 56:3.



Father and son join hands in establishing a new outreach.

Solving the **EXPANSION** problem

By MICHAEL TROTTA / *Pastor, First Assembly, Greencastle, Pa.*

IT WAS AUGUST 1972 when the vision for an outreach first took hold of the hearts and lives of Bethel Assembly congregation in Chambersburg, Pa.

For many months their pastor, Louis L. Trotta, had contemplated the inexhaustible outreach their church could have through a bus ministry. It all began with one bus, but soon another and another of those "Big Red Machines" were added until the total reached 10.

As the need for another bus would arise, people from the congregation would respond enthusiastically to the occasion to see the gospel spread throughout their community.

God will pour out His blessing when the people have a mind to work. From an average of less than 300 the year before, Bethel's attendance rose to a high of 765 on Easter. The assembly ended its first year of involvement in bus ministry with the highest average in the Eastern District's annual Sunday School Crusade.

During the months to follow, not only did their number increase, but, more importantly, the kingdom of heaven was enlarged with new sheep. Under the capable

and balanced ministry of Pastor Trotta, souls began turning to Christ in every service.

The many long hours of work were easily forgotten as the congregation witnessed the outstanding responses to accept Christ. Hundreds have heard the gospel because this church had a vision.

With growth comes the need for expansion. An annex costing more than \$80,000 had been built adjacent to the church. Classes of eight students grew to 35, and soon facilities were overflowing. The official board, under the leadership of their pastor, investigated possible avenues of expansion to ease the growing pains the church was experiencing.

While the "Big Red Machines" were running in all directions, Brother Trotta realized that an untapped area, the growing community of Greencastle, lay 11 miles south of Chambersburg. This would be their next area of outreach, but where to accommodate the crowds caused much concern.

In March 1973 the Lord began to speak to Brother Trotta's heart concerning the possibility of opening a

First Assembly's congregation, which began with 35 persons, has grown to more than 120 since August 1973.





ABOVE: When the facilities of Bethel Assembly in Chambersburg, Pa., became overcrowded, the congregation decided to sponsor a new church in nearby Greencastle. TOP LEFT: Louis L. Trotta, pastor of Bethel Assembly. BOTTOM LEFT: Michael Trotta, pastor of the new church in Greencastle.

church in Greencastle through the Mother Church Plan. This would solve, at least temporarily, their need to expand.

After much prayer, Brother Trotta presented the burden of his heart to the official board and asked that they pray about making the right decision. He realized the outreach would involve tremendous financial cost and affect families who attended Bethel Assembly regularly.

Brother Trotta received encouragement and inspiration as he discussed this matter with District Superintendent Russell Williams. The sweet spirit of unity in the church made the venture worthwhile and reasonable.

While I visited with my father late last spring, he challenged me with the possibilities of this area. He asked that I prayerfully consider this opportunity to become a home missionary through Bethel Assembly.

After prayer and deliberation I accepted the challenge. Excitement arose in my heart as plans for the opening began to materialize. When God's will is being done, one begins to realize He has gone before and prepared the way.

We located and purchased a vacated church in Greencastle. Since the building had not been used for more than a year, it needed considerable renovation before we could begin services.

The work began in mid-June, and the people of Bethel responded beautifully. As the burden and needs were presented, many contributed in a variety of ways. Some gave of their time; others responded with contributions to purchase pulpit furniture, a piano, a communion table, and many other items.

Our district superintendent was instrumental in ob-


taining a grant of \$1,000 from the national Division of Home Missions. Thank God that our leaders have a vision for the lost. This money aided in purchasing carpet for the main sanctuary and paint to refurbish the interior and exterior of the building.

The people felt God's presence from the first song of our opening service Thursday, August 30. Then during the Sunday services we felt God's goodness in a great way.

From an attendance of 35 that first Sunday, the church has grown to an average of 120 for December in only four months. New families have been present in nearly every service.

Our experience has been like that recorded in Acts 2:47: "...praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Bethel Assembly, our mother church, has experienced no letdown in either attendance or offerings. Pastor Louis Trotta states, "We feel this is the only way to begin a new work, and would encourage more of our churches to get involved in projects such as this. It can do nothing but aid the sponsoring church in her growth. God's blessings have been so great that we know beyond the shadow of a doubt we made a step in the right direction."



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In Japan

New Life Singers



By JIM BRADDY / Youth Minister
First Assembly, Anchorage, Alaska

THROUGH THE POWER OF MUSIC and vitality of youth, the gospel of Jesus Christ accomplished the blending of two cultures as the New Life Singers from First Assembly, Anchorage, Alaska, toured central Japan. Assisted by Missionaries Rodger and Nadine

Perkins, the group ministered both in song and literature distribution throughout the Shizuoka, Nagoya, Osaka, Kobe, and Tokyo areas.

New Life Singers are 13 high school and college students. This was the second year they have shared the message of new life through Jesus Christ with the Japanese. During their 1972 tour they sang mostly in churches, but on this trip the group went to public halls and auditoriums which enabled them to present their message to a much greater number of Japanese youth. Sharing through interpreters, the youth gave testimonies of their faith in a living Christ.

The three-week tour centered in three major areas on the central island of Honshu. The singers spent their first week at the Assemblies of God campgrounds near Lake Hama and ministered throughout the Shizuoka, Nagoya, and Hamamatsu areas. Concerts were also held in similar locales such as Mikkabi which has no gospel work of any kind.

The second week the group lived in a Japanese youth

I LOOKED OUT into a shimmering veil of falling snow and white-capped pine trees. The train sped on, carrying me home. I had spent the afternoon visiting farm homes in Japan's backwoods which they call the *inaka*.

My heart was burdened for those living in the rural cities of 30,000 to 100,000 population. Yet as I went door to door, I was often rebuffed when I mentioned the name of Jesus. In weariness I sank down into a seat on the crowded train and cried silently to God, "Please help me to meet someone who really wants to hear the gospel."

A young lady slumped in the seat across from me. She greeted me with a wan smile and then with typical Japanese politeness said, "Excuse me for slumping like this. I've been in the hospital the past few months but just had to come out this weekend to take care of some business. I'm on my way back now."

"You must be very tired," I replied.

"Strange, but you know, I feel it is really my heart that needs healing more than my body." Her brown eyes became blurred. "Don't you think it is often our hearts that make our bodies sick?"

"I know it is!"

Then she related her story. Several years ago she had been introduced to the Bible and Christianity. Later she married into a family that followed an old Japanese religion, and her husband insisted that she follow its teachings.

"I sinned," she confessed. "I had to give offerings every day to a god. But then at night on my bed I would awaken and cry out to the true God to forgive me. Do you think He will?"

Imagine my joy in telling her of the wonderful forgiveness available to her through Jesus Christ. I assured

Into the *inaka*

By DONNEL G. McLEAN / Missionary to Japan

her that God had seen her tears and had allowed us to meet on the train that she might learn more of Him. And in sending her, He had answered my prayer too.

Since that day on the train, I have become increasingly burdened for the *inaka*. Unlike America where the backwoods is a rural, sparsely populated area, in Japan the *inaka* is used to distinguish between large industrial centers and places with less than 100,000 people. No part of this densely populated land is outside the boundaries of some city or village. The lesser cities are an incorporation of 30 or more rural communities that sprawl over large areas.

Even in this day of mass media there is still no substitute for door-to-door evangelism. Operation Saturation is the name we have given to our *inaka* ministry. We have a series of six tracts designed like a newspaper, each containing two fundamental Bible messages and a testimony of personal conversion. We visit every thatch-roofed farm home in a given area, using these tracts as we directly contact the people.

Following the local custom, we pull open the sliding entrance door without knocking and call out *Gomen kudasai*, which means, "Please show your honorable face." Offering the first copy of the tract series, we



hostel in Osaka and traveled by train to minister throughout the Kobe-Osaka area.

Spending their final week at the Assemblies of God Youth Hostel in Tokyo, the singers traveled south to Yokohama to minister in concerts.

One of the highlights of the tour included a concert in the beautiful resort city of Hamamatsu. English song sheets were distributed, and the Japanese translations shown via overhead projector to help the people better understand the concerts.

Following this concert many of the singers had opportunities to share personally with the Japanese youth who had attended. One such conversation concluded with this statement by a young Japanese college student, "If this is what Christianity really is, I would consider becoming a Christian." Several Japanese youth attended more than one concert to learn about the singers' relationship to Christ and their faith in God.

Another new experience for the New Life Singers was going to a boys' correction home where they were re-

invite the household to the evening service in a local community hall.

Although some people show great displeasure and anger that anyone would dare mention the name of Christ in their doorway, I remember with pleasure the warm response of others. One dear grandmother invited me in for tea and dried persimmons and told with a tremor in her voice how grateful she was that someone would come to her country village out of concern for the people's spiritual life.

And a gray-haired man, lean from endless hours of labor in rice paddies, confided, "All my life I have lived among the idols and shrines of Japan but never once have I ever prayed to them—I somehow have felt there must be a true living God somewhere."

Then in the evening some of those whom we had visited come to the hall and sit on straw mats to hear the word of the Living God. Our hearts throb with joy as we look into their hungry faces as they hear for the first time the story of Jesus Christ. Later we return to each home and offer the second in our series of tracts.

We are now working in the great Yamagata Valley Basin. With the help of national pastors, Brother and Sister Fuse, we have pioneered a new church in this community. Each week we go out visiting in the homes of the area. Visitation is continued until each contact has received all six tracts.

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ceived with enthusiasm by over 100 people, including the guards. The pastor who accompanied them, Uchimura Sensei from Nagoya, later received letters from boys in the home. One wrote, "Since the New Life Singers came, I am reading the Bible." Another said, "I want to know more about this Jesus they were singing about."

During the three weeks in Japan the New Life Singers presented 20 concerts with more than 2,000 total attendance, nearly half being first-time visitors to a Christian service.

Missionary Rodger Perkins indicated that the concerts provided new contacts that would not otherwise have been made. Many who attended received additional literature and International Correspondence Institute pamphlets to further introduce them to the message of Christianity.

And how were the New Life Singers affected? Young people accustomed to the wide open spaces of Alaska were introduced to the crowded conditions of a commuter train during rush hour, the throngs at the train stations, and the masses climbing Mt. Fuji hoping to please their gods. Young people accustomed to a "church on every corner" were confronted with a society in which less than 1 percent of the people are Christians and many have no faith at all.

"We haven't even scratched the surface of Japan" was the conclusion of the singers after seeing so many who have not yet heard of Christ and His love.

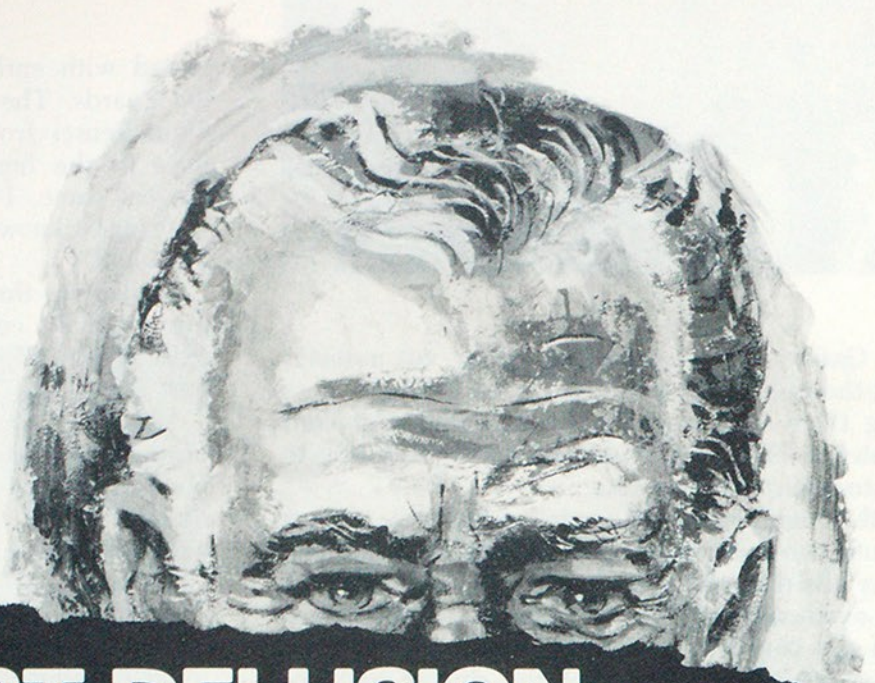
The vision of Operation Saturation is spreading rapidly, and we are no longer working alone. Japanese national workers, both pastors and laymen, are becoming involved. In the northern Tohoku District, several churches have launched their own thrust and are working to open new churches. Light-for-the-Lost has helped us reprint over two million of the tract series to fill the orders from interested churches.

Our greatest frustration is the knowledge of the vast need of the millions still waiting for someone to bring them the good news. This has compelled us to a new commitment to carry the gospel into all the world, including the *inaka* of Japan.

Japanese farmer stops work to read a gospel tract.



"I'm not bad enough
to need a Saviour—"



THE WORST DELUSION

By C. M. WARD



DO YOU HAVE a deep longing in your soul? Would you like God to undertake for you? Do you know that God loves you?

You ask, "But does God love *me*?" The answer is not debatable. "God so loved the *world*" (John 3:16). You are a part of this world. That statement covers you as it covers me, regardless of color, condition, circumstance, clothing, creed.

God loves you so much that He gave you Jesus. That is what the Book says, and you must go by the Book. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son" (John 3:16). *He gave Him to you.* What are you going to do about it?

Back in Old Testament history, the nation of Israel tumbled into a huge snake pit. A serpent of brass was put on a pole. *Everyone who looked lived.* It was a gift of healing. It was a gift whether the infected one looked or did not look.

It wasn't a matter of feeling. It was a matter of looking. You feel enough as it is. You feel like a drunkard. You feel like a cheat. You feel like a scoundrel.

You feel like a liar. You are bitten. The poison is working death. Then you have a right to look! If you feel guilty, Jesus was given for your redemption.

When you are ill and think you are going to die, you pray and promise to *do better*, to *leave off* bad habits. That won't save anybody.

Suppose the Israeli back there had put on a poultice or raced to the pharmacist for ointment, instead of *looking*. He needed more than a self-remedy, a temporary medical dressing. He needed *supernatural* deliverance.

I know what you have told yourself: "I am no worse than my neighbor. If I am lost, how about everyone else in the office? God is too merciful to check us all off."

You are mistaken. Sin is bad whatever it is. Sin brought Christ to earth. That was His sole purpose in coming—to deal with the sin problem. True, there are many worse than you are. But only in *degree*.

Jesus said it was a *wide* road that leads to destruction. It will accommodate every kind of sinner. You may be a sort of "middle-of-the-road" sinner, or you may be one of those "hell-bent-I'll-pass-everyone-on-the-road" kind of sinners. The road is broad enough to

This article is condensed from the first chapter of *Revivaltime's* new book, *The Simplicity of Salvation*, written by C. M. Ward.

accommodate every kind, but everyone on that road is a sinner.

The worst delusion is that you are *not bad enough* to need a Saviour. Jesus Christ said, "Come unto Me." He said it to a thief. He said it to a church man, Paul, who turned out to be the chief of sinners. He said it to a woman out of whom He cast seven devils. He says that to *you!*

You say to me, "Preacher, I have always believed. Why do you make such a big thing about this being *saved?*"

You have believed *about* Jesus, but have you accepted Him as *yours?* You need more than a Christmas or Easter date. You need an experience of grace. God gave Jesus to *you*. You accept or reject. He is not just another name in history.

Two thieves died at Calvary. Both were bad men. They died differently. Why? One accepted Christ. The other rejected Christ.

Jesus was holy, harmless, and undefiled. He could touch lepers and still be clean. The sin laid on Jesus was not His own—not one lie, not one profanity, not one theft, not one hatred. It was *my* lie, *my* hatred, *my* greed, *my* lust. And since He bore it, I don't. It's that simple. God hath laid *on Him* the iniquity of us all.

That Cross still divides the world. Like the thieves, you are on one side or the other. We are all sinners. The difference is, some of us are sinners saved by grace.

Satan will taunt you. He will tell you that this is all a *delusion*—a poetic picture of a cross scene and that you are imagining things, creating your own clinic.

The answer to the accuser is to show him the Bible. The Book says that God gave me Jesus. I am part of the world. The Bible says that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.

God says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36). Rest your case in what God says. It is devil-proof.

The court of eternity is asking you, "Will you be *washed?*" Christ's sacrifice will cleanse you. Your own sacrifice will never cancel guilt.

I invite you. Will you come to Christ?

You ask, "How can I?" I know you wish you had been on earth to have heard the invitation from His own lips. You say, "Preacher, He is so far away, in heaven now; how can I come to Him?"

God has beautifully explained this. We do not have to ascend to heaven to bring Him down, or descend into the grave to bring Him up. He has left His Word. It is an executive order. He is in that Word. You meet Him there. The Holy Spirit, the Agent of Calvary, is directing you there. You will meet the *Living Word* in the *written Word*.

It would please your personal vanity were God to write your name in the heavens or trace it in giant letters on the seashore. God refuses to make another, and special, revelation for you. You must take salvation as every sinner must take it—*on His written Word*.

You say to me, "Don't I have to wait for God's time?" God has only one time. That is *now*. You'll do business with Him today, at His pleasure, and not tomorrow, at your pleasure.

God is the Benefactor. He assumes the cost. So He sets the conditions. Don't be foolish. Don't be like the stubborn man who sits down by a stream and says,

"I will wait till it flows past; and when it is dry, then I will cross." Cross now!

Tell God you know that He loves you because He has given His Son to you. Tell God that you accept His gift, that you receive Jesus. Then thank God for His provision. Thank God for laying all your sins on Jesus, because now they are no longer laid on you. The weight is gone. The guilt has vanished. Tell God you were *lost* and now you are back where you should be. Thank God for victory in Jesus.

Christ is for *you*, as God has provided bread, water, and sunshine for you. It is the *simplicity* that stumbles you. It would be more than I could accept if it were an arrangement of mankind. *But God did it.* Therefore I believe it is sufficient and efficient. God can forgive. God can cancel. God can declare me to be innocent. *God can look at me as He looks at His Son Jesus.*

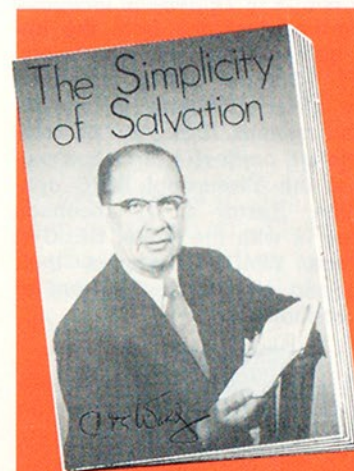
Sinner, God gives you everything in Jesus—more than if He had created a private world for you.

I'll tell you this. You may have a hard fight here to make ends meet, but having Jesus this will be all the hell you will ever be in. On the other hand, you may enjoy every comfort here, be altogether moral, with an A-1 credit rating, and as good as men can judge; but without Jesus, this will be all the heaven you'll ever have.

The choice narrows down. It isn't complicated. It is either-or. Christ is offered to us all. Accept or refuse! That is your privilege. It can also be your penalty. Should you refuse, you make God a liar. And the burden of defense will be upon you.

"This is eternal life, to know Him" (see John 17:3). That is the challenge to your soul.

This question is *within* you now: "Will I submit to the Holy Spirit and let the Spirit of God introduce me to Jesus?" *You must reach a decision.*



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IT'S THE BEST MEETING of the year; I wouldn't miss it!" is what members of the Women's Missionary Council of the Assemblies of God say about their annual district convention.

The event may be a meeting separate from any other district function or it may be a part of the annual district council. Whether it is one day or more, women from all corners of the district gather for inspiration, information, and fellowship. Often a district-wide project

It's convention time— are you going?

By ANN AHLF



The WMCs use various ways to present their projects. **ABOVE:** The WMCs of Tennessee designed Bible-time fashions from the linens gathered for the commissary. **LEFT:** Oregon WMCs climaxed their dime collecting in an unusual manner. **BELOW:** An old-fashioned orchestra furnished music at the Mississippi WMC convention. Pastor J. T. Jacobson joined in with the violin. **BELOW:** Arizona WMCs displayed their gifts and checks at the front of the auditorium.



is consummated at the convention and a new one launched for the coming year.

Activities for the convention vary. For example, the Women's Missionary Council of Mississippi (Mrs. F. L. Langley, president) chose for the theme of their 1973 convention, "Fill My Cup." All who attended were invited to appear in old-fashioned attire. A band composed of such instruments as a washboard, tablespoons, tambourine, and fife supplied part of the special music.

Coin collections, an almost universal project of WMCs, are often completed at the annual convention. The women of Oregon, led by Anita Klemin, climaxed their dime collecting in an unusual manner.

Before the service a 4- by 6-foot box, covered with silver paper and tied with a huge red ribbon, was placed on the platform. Inside was a lady sitting on a chair holding a 2-foot replica of a dime. Just before WMC groups were to march to the platform to announce the results of their year's collection, Anita Klemin was interrupted by vice-president Ruth Sykes. "What's in the box?" she queried.

After a dramatic demonstration of questions and answers, the two curious women were about to untie the bow when trumpets burst into a fanfare. The box lid flew open and up popped the lady with the huge dime. Slipping through an opening in the back of the box, the woman rolled the oversized dime across the platform. Ushers then used the big coin for an offering plate and collected \$100 to be added to the year's saving of \$2,500. The money was designated for a new district WMC commissary.

Similar presentations are used to promote the collection of canceled stamps or General Mills (Betty Crocker) coupons. The canceled stamps are sold to purchase basic reference books for Assemblies of God overseas Bible school libraries. The coupons are exchanged for household furnishings for missionaries or for other district-promoted projects. According to district president Mrs. Alver Lofdahl, WMCs of Alaska used the Betty Crocker coupon club plan to provide ceiling tile for a new church building in Healy.

The women of Arizona chose WMC Day at family camp for their convention. Groups which had saved coins throughout the year converted the change into checks and currency which they pinned to a lifeline running from the pulpit to the altar rail. The offering was used to equip the camp kitchen with stainless steel furnishings in accord with government standards. The women also contributed items for a missionary's field outfit.

A linen parade was a main feature of the WMC convention in Tennessee. During the year local WMC groups had collected linens for the district commissary. In the parade a representative of each group wore a costume fashioned of sheets, towels, table linens, and notions in authentic styles worn by women of Bible times. After the meeting the linens were used to outfit home and foreign missionaries or victims of disaster.

The inspiration, information, and fellowship which permeate the WMC convention make it the "best meeting of the year." Attendance helps fulfill the National WMC Guide, the standard of excellence for the Women's Missionary Council.

It's convention time. Are you going?





First honor stars crowned in northern Maine

By CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH

THERE IS SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL about the first crowning service for Missionettes Honor Stars in a local church. When three girls reached this status at the Pentecostal Assembly of God in Caribou, Maine, an all-out effort was made to make the crowning service an impressive event. The theme was "Shining Lights."

Decorations included silver and gold stars suspended from the platform ceiling with angel hair representing clouds. Stairs symbolic of the *Stairway to the Stars*, with the name of each step of the Missionettes achievement program on the stairway, ascended to a platform on which were placed three white wrought iron chairs. Blue and white flowers tied with blue bows were placed around the platform.

The three girls, Valerie Nedeau, Sharon Nedeau, and Beth Wilcox, wore long white dresses, blue capes, and the official Missionettes Honor Star crown. Each carried a white New Testament topped with blue and white flowers and white streamers.

A choir made up of all the other Missionettes of the church sang "The Light of the World Is Jesus," and the Honor Stars sang "He."

Essays and poems written by the girls were read by a sponsor. Each girl gave a personal testimony before being crowned. The girls also recited First Corin-

thians 13, the Assemblies of God Statement of Faith, and told why they believe in the second coming of the Lord.

Mrs. Harold Beesley, pastor's wife, passed the capes and crowns to Mrs. Robert Cameron, sponsor, who crowned each girl. The district Missionettes director, Mrs. Ronald Sullivan, gave the charge to the girls after which they ascended the stairs to their chairs. Pastor Harold Beesley then asked God's blessing upon them.

The Honor Stars received pins indicating they had read the entire Bible, charm bracelets with the Missionettes symbols, certificates, and gifts from each department of the church.

Also honored was Sandra Wilcox who had completed the Prims program. She was dressed in pink and carried a white New Testament with pink and white flowers tied with white ribbon.

Following the service the girls were honored at a tea in the church fellowship hall. The centerpiece was a cake made in the shape of a stairway with three dolls dressed as Honor Stars on it. WMCs of the church made the cake, dressed the dolls, and made the Honor Stars' dresses and capes.

Serving with Mrs. Cameron as sponsors are Mrs. George Gier, Mrs. Boyd Wilcox, and Mrs. Peter Campbell.

A soul-winning arm of the church

A CROWNING SERVICE for Missionettes Honor Stars is always an exciting event. To combine such a service with the crowning of Stars makes it even more interesting. This is what was done at Community Gospel Church in Melrose Park, Illinois, last October 17.

Three girls—Kathy Klein, Karen Coffman, and Beckie Baker—were crowned Stars on this date, and four girls who had been crowned Stars last year received their Honor Star crowns. They were Teresa Adkins, Ardith Britton, Jennifer Harder, and Trina McCorkle. During the crowning ceremony each girl received a nosegay of flowers, a gift from her parents.

Following the service the Missionettes sponsors hosted a reception for the girls and their families at the home of Pastor and Mrs. David Ulseth.

Mrs. Ulseth organized the first Missionettes club at Community Gospel Church about seven years ago. Clubs meet each Wednesday night as a part of the regular Family Night activities. More than 80 girls and 10

sponsors are involved in Missionettes at this church.

One of the Honor Stars, Ardith Britton, first became involved in Community Gospel Church through Prims. She accepted Christ as Saviour, and because of her testimony both her parents were saved. They in turn invited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adkins to church, and they were saved. Their daughter Teresa was another of those crowned as an Honor Star—further proof that Missionettes is a vital soul-winning arm of the local church.

Missionettes and sponsors at "crowning service" at Community Gospel Church in Melrose Park, Illinois.



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But years later after the young man had become a pastor he had nightmares about the accident. One night he dreamed he was in a cemetery digging up the dead boy's bones!

When the nightmares continued, the minister talked to a psychiatrist friend. "Evidently," said the friend, "you know God has forgiven you, but you have not forgiven yourself."

This minister's experience is not unusual. Often we accept God's pardon for our sins, but we fail to pardon ourselves. We allow memories of the sin to plague us. But God assures us, "I... am he that blotteth out thy transgressions... and will not remember thy sins" (Isaiah 43:25).

God rejoices when we dwell on His forgiveness, not on the memories of our sins. —TWILA EDWARDS

HOME, SWEET HOME

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is the simplest form of the Church on earth. Before the Lord established a church on this earth, He placed a family and a home on it. It is our Lord's intention that a father assume the role of pastor of the little congregation, better known as his family.

Mother has a most important ministry too as the Sunday school superintendent and the young people's president.

The children, of course, constitute the congregation. The Word of God is read and taught in the home; hymns and gospel songs are sung; prayer is offered by each one in the family circle; testimonies for God's glory are given, magnifying His goodness and faithfulness; and love for Christ and each other is demonstrated by each one in the family.

It has been aptly said, "Happy are the families where the government of parents is the reign of affection, and the obedience of the children is the submission of love."

The highest ambition of spiritual parents should be satisfied with a succession of holy and useful living on the part of the children. The noblest aspirations of the children should be to have their names written in the Book of Life, and their family history a continuous record of devotion to Christ. Abraham was especially honored by God. The Bible gives the reason: "Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him; for I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord" (Genesis 18:18,19).

God honors family piety. A happy family is a foregleam of heaven.

Never allow the best part of your family tree to be underground. An attractive motto hangs in the reception hall of my home. Many visitors have commented about it. The motto says: "Home, sweet home, when each lives for the other, and all live for Christ."

—KENNETH C. FRASER

NEWS OF OUR TIMES

Offtrack betting sparks boom for illegal gambling

NEW YORK—Offtrack betting, instead of lessening the hold of organized crime on gambling, has actually led to an increase in illegal betting, according to private police reports here.

"A climate has been created to gamble," Chief Paul F. Delise of the Public Morals Division's Organized Crime Control Bureau said in an interview with the New York "Times."

"Because it now is possible to bet legally on horses, thousands of people who never in the world would have thought of betting on football or basketball or baseball are now betting with bookies."

The offtrack betting corporation's operations have led to a 62 percent increase in illegal betting and brought "more mob-connected figures into bookmaking," the "Times" said, referring to a 10-page privately circulated Police Department White Paper.

The New York City Police Department said it could make no public statement substantiating the report.

The report, provided to the "Times," shows that in 1972—during which time the number of offtrack betting parlors in New York tripled—illegal gambling rose by 62 percent, from \$921 million to \$1.5 billion.

"When the first offtrack shops were opened in 1971, city officials spoke of a new era," the "Times" recalled. "The bookies would be driven out of the city, the public would benefit from the millions of legal dollars being turned over to government, and organized crime's hold on gambling would be gradually lessened."

It apparently didn't turn out that way.

One police officer told the "Times," "We never used to come up with names of mob-connected figures whenever we made booking arrests. But since offtrack betting came along we're getting more and more callers with names we recognize. The only way I can figure

it is that there's more money to be made by being a bookie. And if there's money to be made, organized crime will get into it.

Officials also report that thousands of new "losers" have been created through offtrack betting—housewives gambling away grocery money, students betting their allowances, businessmen raising prices on their goods to offset their losses.

Skylab crew found spiritual lift in long flight

SPACE CENTER, HOUSTON—Skylab 3's astronauts felt changes of "almost a spiritual nature" in their views of themselves, of other humans, and of the possibility of life existing elsewhere in the universe, they radioed to earth.

The changes in attitude came from orbiting the earth for 48 days and viewing the panorama of the globe continually, with sun and stars beyond.

Gerald P. Carr, William R. Pogue, and Edward G. Gibson all agreed on the phenomenon.

The long space flight had given him a more "humanistic view toward other people and toward myself," Pogue declared.

"I now have a new orientation . . . of almost a spiritual nature," he added. "My attitude toward life and toward my family is going to change."

Carr said people in highly technical work tend to "move along with blinders on."

"I think this mission is going to . . . increase my awareness of what else is going on besides what I'm doing," he said.

The testimonials were reminiscent of James Irwin's declarations following Apollo 15's trip to the moon. Irwin said he felt the presence of God on the moon. He has since founded "Highflight," an evangelistic association.



MARCH FOR LIFE

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Participants in the National March for Life form a "circle of life" around the Capitol building in Washington on Jan. 22, the first anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on abortion. Thousands took part in anti-abortion exercises at the Capitol which included visits to Senators and Congressmen, the delivery of over three million signatures on an amendment petition, and a huge rally addressed by several legislators who have proposed human life amendments to the Constitution. (RNS photo)

World Relief Commission sends aid to Vietnam

VALLEY FORGE, PA. — The World Relief Commission, overseas relief arm of the National Association of Evangelicals, has allocated \$12,000 for emergency aid to areas of South Vietnam struck by Typhoon Sarah last November.

The funds were to provide blankets, rice, flour, and canned food in Quang Nam Province, where an estimated 200,000

were driven from their homes.

The Christian Youth Social Service, a counterpart to the relief commission, has dispatched 25 relief workers, including two doctors, to the province.

Personnel of the youth organization were to use the flour sent to make French-style bread which was to be trucked or taken by boat or helicopter to the homeless.

Prayer offered for legislators

Women hold 'pray-in' on Hawaii's capitol grounds

HONOLULU—To kick off the fourth legislative "pray-in" early, five women knelt on the lawn of the state capitol building here.

Believed unique in the U.S., the legislative "pray-in" includes having someone at the capitol every day during the upcoming

session to pray for the legislators.

A daily prayer will be offered from the gallery, and people are urged to pray in committee hearings as well. The prayers are offered silently and unobtrusively.

Texas schools required to hire non-Christians

HOUSTON, TEX. — Church-related colleges which refuse to hire teachers who are not Christians cannot receive state aid under the Texas tuition equalization grant program, according to a ruling issued here by Attorney General John L. Hill.

The ruling was prompted by the refusal of Houston Baptist University to employ a Jew as a member of its faculty.

Rex G. Baker Sr., one of the founders of the school and a lawyer, told a newsman:

"The fallacy of the ruling is that the money goes directly to a student and not to the institution. Houston Baptist University is a Christ-centered institution and we have a right to set our own policy. We want Christian ideals, a Christian endorsement, and Christians on our staff and faculty."

After the ruling was made, a random group of church-related universities and colleges in Texas were contacted by the Houston "Chronicle" to determine whether any exclude non-Christians from their faculties.

Abilene Christian College, a church-related institution in Abilene, will not hire Jews, a spokesman for the college said.

Baylor University will hire Jews if no other qualified professor can be found, said the school's executive vice-pres-

ident Herbert J. Reynolds. He said the school prefers to hire Baptists first, other Protestants second, Roman Catholics third, and Jews fourth.

ATTORNEY GENERAL UPHOLDS DAY-A-WEEK TRAINING IN RELIGION

ST. PAUL, MINN.—Minnesota's attorney general has ruled that a church can require that students be released from public schools for religious instruction up to one day a week if they need it to become or remain church members.

Warren Spannaus issued the opinion to the Bloomington School Board. Bloomington school officials said they believe it will have considerable effect on school districts if more churches request sizable released-time programs.

School boards have a weapon left, said Bloomington School Board Attorney Kingsley Holman. "They can require students to make up missed work."

Minnesota law also gives school boards the option of releasing students for up to three hours a week for general religious instruction not required for membership in a church.

AT A GLANCE

• • • The Institute for Creation Research in San Diego reports it has "quasi-official" permission from the Turkish government to send an expedition up the slopes of Mount Ararat in 1974 to search for the glacier-enclosed remains of Noah's Ark. The expedition may leave for Turkey in June or July.

• • • For the third consecutive year, the religious best-sellers in cloth and paperback were respectively Tyndale's Living Bible, paraphrased by Ken Taylor, and Zondervan's The Late Great Planet Earth, by Hal Lindsey.

• • • A Japan Congress on Evangelism has been scheduled for Kyoto this June by the Japan Evangelical Association. The Congress has as its theme, "Japan for Christ," and plans to take a hard look at the outreach of the church in Japan.

• • • A collection of major archaeological discoveries found in Israel since June 1967 will be exhibited in New York this spring at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Among the exhibits are a six-ton stone which fell from the southwest corner of the Temple Mount and the skeleton of a man who was crucified on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

• • • The Evangelism Literature for America program of the Assemblies of God is producing four tracts to distribute among American Indians. These gospel tracts are being designed by Charles Lee, a nationally known Indian painter who is pastor of the Mesa View Assembly of God in Shiprock, N. Mex. There are approximately 240 Indian tribes in the U.S. among whom the new tracts can be distributed.

• • • Amnesty International, a London-based human rights organization, concludes there are uncounted hundreds of torture victims filling dungeons in many parts of the world. Some 25 years after being outlawed by the United Nations, torture is reported on the increase. Amnesty International charges that torture is well documented in 40 countries and probably exists in another 25. The increase in torture in recent years is attributed to the continual limited wars—civil wars, colonial wars, territorial wars—and to the use of torture as a means both of extracting information from enemies and of suppressing dissent.

• • • The "communications explosion" in the U.S. over the last 20 years is supported by these facts: in 1950 there were 281 telephones per 1,000 people. By 1971 the number had risen to 602, and the daily conversations conducted by Americans had increased from 176 million to 516 million. There were 2,143 radio stations and 107 television stations in 1950; in 1971 there were 4,209 radio stations and 686 television stations. In 1950 publishers printed 11,022 books; by 1971 the number had mushroomed to 37,692 books. During that time the number of periodicals grew from 6,900 to 9,062. The amount of mail sent almost doubled, from 45 billion pieces in 1951 to 87 billion in 1971.

• • • Sixty-five Assemblies of God Christian day schools have 11,041 students enrolled this year, according to a report by Hardy Steinberg, national director of the Division of Christian Education. This is a 3 percent increase in enrollment over last year.

• • • The energy crisis is changing the ways of people—and even their appearances—but it isn't keeping very many of them away from church in Richmond, Va. A survey in this city reveals that a lot more people are bicycling to church instead of hopping into the family car. Many churches and synagogues have started issuing sweaters to churchgoers, in addition to dimming the lights and lowering the thermostat.

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'Jesus march' opposes pornography, permissiveness

SYDNEY—Nowtime 74 inaugurated what promises to be a year of evangelical activity in Australia.

More than 2,500 Christians from the institutional church and the Jesus Movement gathered here for a convention that was organized by the Australian Christian Endeavor Movement.

It culminated in a "Jesus march" from Sydney University to Sydney Town Hall and featured banners bearing anti-pornography slogans.

Bernard Judd, an Anglican

clergyman who has become widely known as an opponent of "booze and gambling," wrote a statement against permissiveness that was handed to the speaker of the Legislative Assembly at the end of the march.

It warned that moral pollution posed a "real threat to our Australian way of life."

After the nine days of activities connected with Nowtime 74, which included evangelistic rallies and Scripture distribution, its organizers began making plans for a Festival of Light, to be patterned after the campaign by that name held in Britain two years ago.

J. E. Tucker named field representative for radio

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A Springfield minister has been appointed field representative and stations director for the Assemblies of God Radio-TV Department. He is Jewell E. Tucker who has served as field representative for the Chicagoland Teen Challenge for the past 11 years. He assumed his new duties Feb. 18.

Brother Tucker succeeds Jack Risner who accepted the pastorate of First Assembly in Saginaw, Mich., last November.

In his new assignment, Brother Tucker will be responsible for departmental relations with the radio stations which carry the Assemblies of God international broadcast "Revivaltime." He will also promote the broadcast in districts and in local churches.

Prior to his appointment to the Teen Challenge ministry in 1963, Brother Tucker served two years as pastor of First Assembly, Dyersburg, Tenn. He

has served other pastorates in Kansas and Missouri and held youth and Sunday school leadership posts in Kansas and Tennessee.

Brother Tucker and his wife have two daughters.

J. E. Tucker



WITH CHRIST

William R. Cooper, 95, Sierra Madre, Calif.; on Dec. 6, 1973.

Brother Cooper was a charter member of the Assemblies of God, having been present at the first General Council in Hot Springs, Ark., in 1914. He was a member of the Southern California District. He and his wife pioneered many Assemblies of God churches in Kansas, Colorado, and California. He is survived by three daughters and two sons. A son Paul and daughter Lois Stewart are Assemblies of God missionaries to Mexico, and another daughter Esther Wyrick is an Assemblies of God minister.

Mrs. Blanche M. Trotter, 73, Billings, Mo.; on Dec. 28, 1973.

Sister Trotter served as a missionary to Liberia, West Africa, from 1920 to 1922. Following her marriage, she and her husband Alfred ministered as missionary-evangelists in Africa and did evangelistic ministry in the U.S. for a number of years. She also co-pastored several churches with her husband. She is survived by her husband (an Assemblies of God minister) and three children. Two sons, Alfred and Thomas, are Assemblies of God ministers.

Everett D. Greeley, 72, Tacoma, Wash.; on Dec. 6, 1973.

Brother Greeley was a member of the Northwest District and pastored numerous churches in Oregon and Washington. He also ministered as an evangelist, Bible teacher, and camp speaker. He is survived by his wife Juanita and five children.

Emmett V. Cothran, 66, Hartford, Ark.; on Aug. 12, 1973.

Brother Cothran, a member of the Arkansas District, pastored several churches in Arkansas and Oklahoma. He also ministered as an evangelist for a time. He is survived by his wife Judean, five sons and five daughters.

Mrs. Flora M. Tacker, 86, Turlock, Calif.; on Dec. 29, 1973.

Sister Tacker was a member of the Northern California—Nevada District and served the Lord as a pastor and evangelist. She is survived by seven daughters and two sons.

Mrs. Arleigh Mauck, 70, Ozark, Ark.; on Dec. 21, 1973.

Sister Mauck was a member of the Southern California District and served the Lord as co-pastor with her husband Ross who survives.

Lee R. Frampton, 61, Espanola, N. Mex.; on Nov. 28, 1973.

Brother Frampton, a member of the Latin American Central District, pioneered and pastored a number of churches throughout New Mexico. He is survived by his wife Dolores and three sons.

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Young people gather at the Turning Point for fellowship and refreshments—but most of all to hear of Jesus.

Church sponsors outreach ministry to youth through coffeehouse

BINGHAMTON, N.Y.—“Jesus always shines in the darkness when He alone is exalted” is the guiding principle behind the coffeehouse ministry of First Assembly here.

Bob Reed, soloist for “Revival-time” from 1967 to 1969, now directs the two-year-old Turning Point coffeehouse which is located in the center-city of this community of 90,000.

This active youth work was initiated by Pastor R. D. E. Smith (now pastor emeritus) of First Assembly, in the summer of 1971.

At that time Bob Reed was working as a youth counselor at the New York District's camp in Sherburne and praying for the right ministry to open.

At Brother Smith's invitation, he spoke with First Assembly's board about a coffeehouse ministry. Unanimously, the board invited him and his wife Jeanetta to start a program of this type in their city.

One of the new venture's first hurdles was finding the workers. “In Initiating such a project, a person many times has to solicit help, but God had the workers already chosen,” Brother Reed

states. “At the very time I came to Binghamton, a charismatic prayer meeting and Bible study was in full swing with a Spirit-filled Baptist as a leader. (Since then, he and his wife have joined First Assembly.) So from the church and Bible study came the workers.”

The location chosen for the coffeehouse was ideal—in the center of town, on a second floor above a ladies apparel shop.

The coffeehouse has two good-sized rooms. One has black lights, cable spools for tables, candles, and free coffee and cookies; the second is a prayer and counseling room.

A question often asked is, “What brings someone to the Turning Point?” Some become aware of it through a leaflet or newspaper given them by a worker or a friend who has visited there. However, word of

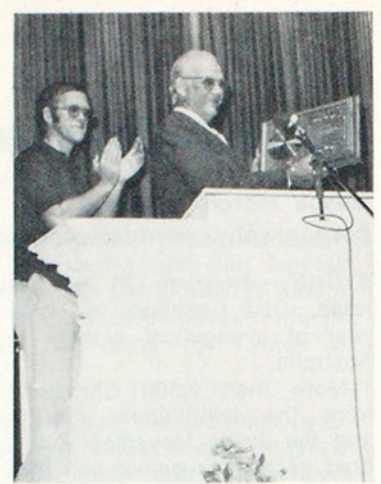
mouth is still most effective. Those who come are told about Jesus, and it is then up to them to accept or reject Him.

“We have had our problems,” says Reed, “but the work has continued, we believe, because of our emphasis on sharing needs both in and out of the coffeehouse. Everyone is urged to share Scripture, songs, and tell of personal needs of any nature. A spirit of love prevails if one is made to know that he is part of a very real community.”

Some tangible results of this unique outreach include three students now attending Bible school, two young people working in Teen Challenge, and a Jesus paper, “The Word of Peace.” Some 30,000 copies of the first issue were printed. This paper has proved to be an effective tool in reaching people on the streets, at theaters, and near after-school activities. The coffeehouse workers are currently working on the paper's second issue.

With First Assembly's help, the Turning Point sponsored two Jesus concerts in 1972, drawing more than 4,500 people. Many young people made a decision for Christ and 48 were baptized in water. Two runaways committed their lives to Christ and correspondence indicates they are making progress in their Christian walk.

First Assembly has sponsored the coffeehouse since its inception. Bob Reed reports the church and pastor have accepted the young people and



Bob Reed (left) presents a plaque to Brother Smith for his support of the coffeehouse.

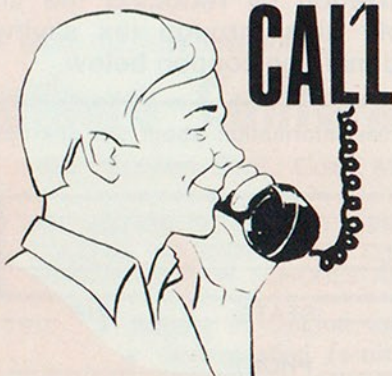
loved them as Christ would. Ernest Steffensen became the church's pastor in February, 1973, upon the retirement of Brother Smith. He continues to encourage the youth outreach.

“No pressure is put on the new converts regarding clothing and hair styles. When a person truly is drawing near to God, the Holy Spirit through the Word of God still speaks best,” Reed indicates. “The people here have adjusted to more contemporary music on Sunday nights and join right in with Jesus choruses and scriptural songs.”

Bob Reed suggests this same ministry is possible in other churches and cities that have an interest in reaching lost youth. It requires a church with Christians that can set aside their own feelings and find a place “not only in the church building for the sinner, but in the center of their hearts.”

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Birmingham	Center Point	Mar. 3-8	Tim Edwards Team	William Pettry
	Birmingham	Roebuck Spgs.	Feb. 27-Mar. 10	David R. Arnold	James Kent
	Phenix City	First	Mar. 10-15	Tim Edwards Team	W. L. Baker



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	Phoenix	Guadalupe	Mar. 10-15	Alan & Prisci Davenport	Alvin Booher
	Phoenix	Indian	Mar. 6-10	Burl Rogers Family	Donald Keeter
	Phoenix	Westwood	Mar. 6-10	Kenneth & Mrs. Baker	Lester Searles
	Tucson	Bethel Tab.	Mar. 17-22	Bob & Mary Swope	E. L. Stalons
	Winkelman	A/G	Mar. 11-17	Les & Sandra Merrick	Paul Killingsworth
Ark.	Arkadelphia	First	Mar. 5-17	Marvin Launius Family	Temon Jenkins
	Batesville	First	Mar. 11-24	Loyd & Patsy Singley	Tommy Carpenter
	Hampton	First	Mar. 13-24	Jackie & Kay Roberts	Ralph Copeland
	Hot Springs	First	Mar. 3-17	Musical Vander Ploegs	Harold Thompson
	Star City	First	Mar. 6-10	Randy Hopkins	W. F. Hopkins
Calif.	El Cajon	Central	Mar. 14-17	Burl Rogers	Spencer Weddle
	Fresno	Northeast	Mar. 17—	Marcus Alexander	Don Merrill
	Hollister	A/G	Mar. 17-24	Gene Forrest	Kenneth Kern
	La Habra	Bethel	Mar. 13-24	Kenneth & Theda Wright	N. E. Carlson
	Lodi	First	Mar. 13-24	Doug Wead	Harold Duncan
	Modesto	Calvary Tem.	Mar. 10-14	Gene Forrest	Joe D. Wright
	Ojai	Ojai Valley	Mar. 12-24	Bob McNew	F. E. Robertson
	Pinole	A/G	Mar. 12-17	Thomas M. Ming Jr.	J. Kirk Soper
	Salinas	Alisal	Feb. 27-Mar. 10	Thomas M. Ming Jr.	Garland Covington
	Tracy	Northside	Mar. 5-17	Bennie Ellsworth	G. G. Martin
	Waterford	¹ A/G	Mar. 10-15	Charles J. Senechal	Charles Vermillion
	West Covina	A/G	Mar. 13-17	Mike & Linda Murdock	Manuel Shoultz
Colo.	Montrose	A/G	Mar. 17-31	Leaon Johnston	Lawrence Langley
Fla.	Bradenton	First	Mar. 17-22	Calvin & Judy Smith	John Cooper
	Carrabelle	First	Mar. 10-17	K. L. Claycomb	Milton Dykes
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Ga.	Savannah	Southside	Mar. 3-8	Calvin & Judy Smith	Freddie Goss
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Idaho	Buhl	Calvary	Mar. 12-17	Lanny Mempa Team	Gerald McFarland
Ill.	Chester	Calvary Tem.	Mar. 3-15	Benny & Sherri Ferguson	Mickey Thrasher
	Rockford	West Side	Mar. 13-27	Don Hughes	Ed Vibbert
	St. Elmo	First	Mar. 13-24	Ken Krivohlavek	Phillip Dunn
	Taylorville	A/G	Mar. 12-17	The King's Daughters	Richard Sisco
Ind.	Elkhart	Bethel	Mar. 13-23	Don Landers Family	G. A. Uldin
	Sullivan	First	Mar. 11-17	Wm. & Irene Van Winkle	T. M. Bontrager
Iowa	Le Clair	First	Mar. 10-17	Richard Lindsey	William Kruger
Kans.	Andover	A/G	Mar. 11-17	Streets Evang. Team	Lee Hinds
	Eudora	A/G	Mar. 3-15	Musical Powers	J. Walter Leppke
	St. Francis	A/G	Mar. 12-24	K. M. & Mrs. Stottlemeyer	Dale Wheeler
	St. John	A/G	Feb. 26-Mar. 10	K. M. & Mrs. Stottlemeyer	V. & L. Plummer
Ky.	Louisville	Evangel Tab.	Mar. 14-17	Corbett & Miriam Berthelot	Waymon Rodgers
	Murray	First	Mar. 3-8	Loyd & Neoma Blake	Gerald Hendley
La.	W. Monroe	¹ Luna	Mar. 10-14	Charles J. Aaron	Johnny Storz
Md.	Westernport	First	Mar. 13-21	Thurman-Phillips Team	Dana Spence
Mass.	Walpole	A/G	Mar. 13-17	Bob Lundstrom	Lloyd Westover
Mich.	Grand Rapids	First	Mar. 17-31	E. Elsworth Krogstad	Burdette Faulk
Minn.	St. James	A/G	Mar. 10-15	Nimrod Anderson	Norman Levang
Mo.	Butler	First	Mar. 10-17	David & Liz Freeman	Burrell White
	E. Prairie	First	Mar. 6-17	Doherty Evang. Team	Herbert Bruhn
	Flat River	A/G	Mar. 12-24	Ken & Diane Alder	Donald Merritt
	Independence	First	Mar. 13-24	Tommy Calk	Charles McKnight
	Liberty	First	Mar. 3-10	Don Landers Family	Herschel Phillips
N. Mex.	Los Lunas	First	Mar. 12—	Joe & Omena Sherrod	John Deweber
	Silver City	First	Mar. 17-31	David & LaHoma Sasse	John Hutson
N. C.	Belmont	First	Mar. 11-17	Bob & Ruth Leitton	Robert McCaulley
Ohio	Newark	Westside	Mar. 17-24	Musical Powers	James Reed
Okl.	Enid	¹ Central	Mar. 3-7	Charles J. Aaron	Glenn Reeves
	Lawton	First	Mar. 10-24	Ossie & Ophelia Jones	Douglas Jernigan
	Leedey	A/G	Mar. 10-17	Gary & Sandra Cook	J. R. Gray
	Muldrow	First	Mar. 11-24	Charles Ogdon	Ray Hood
	Muskogee	Second	Mar. 17-29	F. R. McAdams Team	Don Stewart
	Sapulpa	S. Heights	Mar. 3-15	F. R. McAdams Team	E. R. Roberts
	Tulsa	Trinity	Mar. 12-17	Murphy Family	Otho Allen
Oreg.	Clatskanie	A/G	Mar. 17—	Ed Seavers	Carl Bowles
Pa.	Irwin	First	Mar. 10-17	Bob Watters	Charles Elliott
	State College	A/G	Mar. 13-17	Mike & Bernadine Garland	Henry Shaffer
S. C.	Anderson	First	Mar. 13-24	David R. Arnold	Comer Hawkins
	Columbia	Westside	Mar. 6-17	J. L. Gallman	James Brown
S. Dak.	Pierre	First	Mar. 17-22	Gordon C. Hofer	Morris Conklin
Tenn.	Johnson City	Trinity	Mar. 17-24	B. R. Minton	David Hicks
	Milan	First	Mar. 17-31	Glenna Byard	John Eller
Tex.	Burkburnett	First	Mar. 3-17	B. P. Carroll	J. W. Hocker
	Coppell	¹ First	Mar. 17-21	Charles J. Aaron	C. A. McBride
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	Dumas	Bethel	Mar. 13-24	Joe McCutchen	Glen Lester
	El Paso	First	Mar. 10-15	Bob & Mary Swope	William Hageman
	Gainesville	Clement St.	Mar. 17-31	B. P. Carroll	R. G. Logan
	Grand Saline	First	Mar. 17-24	H. A. & Ruth Strange	Jimmy Newburn
	Houston	Evangelistic	Mar. 10-17	David & Ramona Lewis	W. A. Wilkerson
	Laird Hill	¹ A/G	Mar. 12-17	Samuel & Patricia Calk	G. D. Tucker
	McKinney	Full Gospel	Mar. 13-24	Bill & Naomi Hayes	J. L. Uselton
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	Quitman	First	Mar. 4-10	Tommy Calk	Arnold Walker
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	Victoria	First	Mar. 13-24	Jerry & Kelly Morgan	D. L. Blackburn
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Wash.	Chehalis	¹ Bethel	Mar. 3-8	Gene & Esther Fiddler	Martin Haack
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Wis.	Green Bay	Central	Mar. 12-24	G. W. & Mrs. Minton	John R. Bryant
	Pound	A/G	Mar. 12-24	Loyd & Neoma Blake	Herbert Kolenda
	Wausau	Christian	Mar. 12-17	James & Ruth Hyllberg	Earl Henning

¹ Children's Revival

² Deeper Life Crusade

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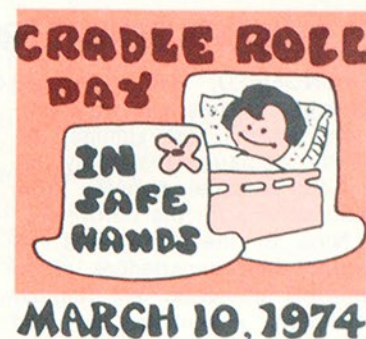
FLORENCE, COLO.—Pastor V. R. Hamilton of First Assembly reports his congregation has been enjoying a wonderful move of the Holy Spirit the past few months.

More than 30 have accepted Christ as Saviour and 20 have been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

The church recently concluded a revival with Evangelists Jimmy Myers and Eldon Hicks of Chickasha, Okla. Eleven were saved and eight baptized in the Spirit.

KENSINGTON, KANS.—Amidst the worst snow storms and the coldest temperatures of the year, God blessed the congregation of the Assembly of God here with His presence during a January meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Corbett Berthelot of Shreveport, La.

Pastor Billy Wayne Sketers reports two were saved, three reclaimed, and five refilled with the Holy Spirit. A number of visitors attended the revival.



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During January, nine students from Evangel College went to Panama to build a church on the tiny tropical island of Isla Tigre. The students were transported to the island along with five tons of construction materials, by the U.S. Army Forces Southern Command in one of their landing craft (LCM). Calvin LeMon, director of campus ministries (right), went with the students.

EC STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM SCOPE MINISTRY

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Evangel College students who were missions interns last summer recently declared that they received personal benefits from their service for the Lord.

Nine of the 18 interns reported their experiences at an informal gathering last fall. By invitation, Assemblies of God headquarters personnel joined college administrators and members of the faculty to share in the students' testimonies.

President J. Robert Ashcroft welcomed the guests and expressed his joy that the college had the opportunity to explain its desire for more student involvement in the various enterprises of the Assemblies of God.

"Evangel College cannot perform its full task unless we have some kind of an outlet, a door into the Assemblies of God work around the world," the president affirmed.

Calvin LeMon, director of campus ministries, briefly explained the numerous outreaches of SCOPE (Service Corps of Pentecostal Endeavor), one of which is the missions intern program.

Interns serve without remuneration, but SCOPE provides room and board for participants in overseas assignments. Last year Evangel students gave \$23,000 to support SCOPE ministries.

"We work closely with John Ohlin, representative for Mobilization and Placement Service

of the Assemblies of God," the SCOPE director explained.

Five students narrated slide presentations depicting areas where they served: Jeanette Shultz, children's home in Alaska; Ted Estes, New Jersey beaches; Corrine Johnson, International Correspondence Institute, Brussels, Belgium; Sheila Martin, Nigeria; and Dale Fitzpatrick, orphanage for the deaf, Korea.

The following students testified: Linda Reuman, New Mexico; John Harper, New Jersey outreach; Diane Mortellite, clerical work for follow-up of beach ministry and youth camp counselor; and Ted Burdine, El Salvador.

The interns were involved in many types of ministries: A coffeehouse was opened in Cape May, N.J., supplemented by witnessing on the beaches and adequate follow-up measures. Stateside ministry also included child evangelism and youth camp counseling.

Overseas interns also had varied experiences: secretarial and clerical work in ICI offices in Belgium and El Salvador, children's church and dispensary work in Nigeria, and administering psychology tests to establish norms for Korean children, to name a few.

The dominant note in reporting was appreciation for the dedication and abilities of Assemblies of God missionaries and ministers, for the concern they manifested to the interns,



Students began unloading the building materials, including cement and blocks, upon their arrival on Isla Tigre. To meet their goal of building the church in five days, the students had to lay 400 cement blocks a day under blistering tropical sun.

and for personal Christian development.

Typical remarks were: "I learned that obedience to the Lord is the real key to a lot of other things"; "I learned so much about trusting Christ"; "We have to live above our circumstances . . . I learned to praise the Lord."

According to MAPS Represent-

tative Ohlin, nine EC students spent their Jan-term in Durango, Mexico, in Bible school construction and evangelism effort; 14 were in Managua, Nicaragua, in missions construction and ministry in area churches, seven in Panama City, Panama, and nine on Isla Tigre, off the coast of Panama, in church construction and evangelism.

Islanders gathered round the LCM upon its arrival on Isla Tigre. The island is inhabited by 860 Cuna Indians and is located in the San Blas archipelago off Panama's Atlantic coast. Last year a group of MAPS workers laid the foundation for the church, and during their five-day stay the students finished the building with the exception of the roof, which will be completed by other volunteers. By the time the students left the island, 91 Indians had joined the church. The project was coordinated by SCOPE and the MAPS office. (U.S. Army photos).





AGGS—The Assemblies of God Graduate School is now receiving applications for its summer sessions. The first session is May 28—June 28; the second, July 1—August 2. Graduate School courses lead to an M.A. degree in Bible or missions and to an M.Div. degree in the Bible Division.

CBC—"Ministerial Relationships" was the theme for the annual alumni lectureship series at Central Bible College, February 13-15. Illinois District Superintendent Richard W. Dortch was the speaker.

NCBC—North Central Bible College recently received a 10-year renewal of its accreditation with the American Association of Bible Colleges (formerly the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges).

NCAG—Northwest College of the Assemblies of God is raising funds for a new \$500,000 library which it hopes to begin constructing in 1976. Gifts of \$60,000 cash have been received and pledges total \$106,000.

SEBC—Students at South-Eastern Bible College pledged \$46,307 for missions during a recent convention. Speakers were Charles Greenaway, field secretary for Eurasia; Howard Ridings, missionary to Singapore; and Ralph Leslie, missionary to Peru.

BBC receives gift of video equipment

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—A long-standing need for video tape equipment has been met recently at Bethany Bible College. The equipment is the gift of Woodland (Calif.) Assembly.

When the church began building its new facilities, Pastor W. Elwood Irby, the church board, and congregation at Woodland agreed to take a percentage from the sale of their old building for ministries other than their own.

This video tape equipment was a gift to BBC from Woodland (Calif.) Assembly of God.

Following last year's Grant Assistance Plan Day (BBC fundraising program), Pastor Irby invited Ernest Wood, director of College Relations, to meet with the church board to discuss a \$2,500 project for the college.

The Panasonic Video Tape unit, including TV camera, color recorder, and monitor, is capable of electronically capturing sight and sound and replaying it on a TV monitor. It has already been put to good use for speech and homiletics classes, music groups, and sports activities.



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NBI singing group reports victories

GREEN LANE, PA.—The Lord anointed the ministry of the Living Light Singers of Northeast Bible Institute in an unusual way the weekend of Oct. 21, 1973.

The Spirit of the Lord moved upon the congregation at Northeast Assembly, Philadelphia, Pa., while the choral group of eight was singing. Two also gave testimonies.

Then Pastor Gordon White delivered a brief message followed by an altar call. Fifteen went forward for salvation, nine

of whom were between the ages of 9 and 14. Among those saved was a couple in their 40's who had attended the church for over two years.

Robert E. Tourville, director of Christian Service at NBI, reported that during the same weekend a total of 23 testified to salvation and three backsliders were reclaimed in churches where students ministered.

The other churches were Downingtown (Pa.) Full Gospel Assembly and Newville (Pa.) Assembly of God.

BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR ASSEMBLIES OF GOD COLLEGES

Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif.	
Baccalaureate	May 31, 8 p.m.
Commencement	June 1, 2 p.m.
Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo.	
Baccalaureate	May 22, 7 p.m.
Commencement	May 23, 7 p.m.
Evangel College, Springfield, Mo.	
Baccalaureate	May 16, 9:30 a.m.
Commencement	May 23, 9:30 a.m.
North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minnesota	
Baccalaureate	May 24, 10:30 a.m.
Commencement	May 24, 7:15 p.m.
Northeast Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa.	
Baccalaureate	May 26, 8 p.m.
Commencement	May 27, 2:30 p.m.
Northwest College of the Assemblies of God, Kirkland, Wash.	
Baccalaureate	May 25, 7:30 p.m.
Commencement	May 26, 3 p.m.
South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Fla.	
Commencement	April 7, 3 p.m.
Southern California College, Costa Mesa, Calif.	
Baccalaureate	May 18, 10:45 a.m.
Commencement	May 18, 3 p.m.
Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Tex.	
Baccalaureate/Commencement	May 15, 7:30 p.m.



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Zenas J. Bicket, editor (184 pages, cloth; Gospel Publishing House, \$3.95)

How can a pastor effectively administer his many pastoral duties? There are many books that offer inspiration and motivation, but few to help in the routine duties which automatically attach themselves to the spiritual leader of a local congregation.

This new comprehensive manual, *The Effective Pastor*, is designed to assist the pastor in this area.

It offers help, for example, on how to develop leadership ministries in the local church, how to minister to family and personal needs, and how to best direct the business of the church.

Included are illustrations and charts on various church functions, job descriptions of full-time and volunteer workers, and procedure for changing pastors, handling finances, receiving church members, operating women's and men's ministries, Christian education, outreach ministries, and many other practical topics.

The book is written with the Assemblies of God minister in mind. However, other ministers will find it very useful.

Dr. Bicket, the compiler and editor, is academic dean at Evangel College. The book was produced under the direction of the Assemblies of God Committee on Mission.

—WAYNE E. WARNER

A LIVING LOVING WAY

Herman Riffel (167 pages, paper; Bethany Fellowship, Inc., \$2.45)

The author was a Baptist pastor for 25 years and chaplain to the radio station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador. In this book he offers a series of lectures he has given 40 times in 16 countries.

These lectures on the work of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life have greatly helped the audiences of Protestant missionaries, Orthodox priests, Catholic nuns and priests, and others who have heard them.

Herman Riffel is trained in psychology and expresses spiritual truths in terms that may be unfamiliar to some. His tolerance for ideas outside the conventional pale of conservative theology should not be mistaken for any weakness or wavering in his personal faith.

He is soundly evangelical and thoroughly Pentecostal in the interpretation of the Scriptures as

contained in this book, and readers seeking Christian maturity will be greatly enriched by its contents.

—R. C. CUNNINGHAM

FAITH AT THE TOP

Wesley Pippert (187 pages, paper; David C. Cook, \$1.50)

Faith at the Top is the story of 10 men and women who dared to bring Christ with them on their way to the top in diplomacy, politics, sports, the Army, the Secret Service, and a number of other fields.

There is the story of the faith of U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield; the testimony of Spirit-filled General Ralph E. Haines Jr., former commander of the U.S. Continental Army; the witness of Phil Jordan, former assistant director of the Secret Service; and seven other prominent people who talk about the details of their lives and the extraordinary faith that inspired each to follow Christ.

Wesley Pippert is a top reporter for United Press International and one of his bureau's principal Watergate reporters. He also is a dedicated Christian.

Author Pippert states, "I wrote about these persons in my night hours while covering the protagonists of the Watergate case by day. The contrast could not have been more stark."

Pippert believes that individual Christians in strategic spots can wield great power and influence. "They can apply the balm of Biblical standards of justice and mercy to a hurting nation and world. And they can bring to their positions the extra equipment of the power, sensitivity, perception, and quickened conscience that the Holy Spirit provides. The process of infiltrating the establishment is not the only option open to a Christian, but it is one," he states.

—JULEEN TURNAGE

SOUL-WINNING SUCCESS

J. Nelson Parr (57 pages, paper; Crenehurst Press, Cheltenham, England)

J. Nelson Parr, now an octogenarian, wrote this book to pass along to younger men and women his vision and zeal for soul winning.

The church he pastored for 37 years in Manchester, England, was known for its aggressive evangelism efforts. Any method that would point the unsaved to Christ was used, whether a parade through the streets, outdoor meetings, or a loudspeaker

mounted on an automobile.

Once Brother Parr sent 100 people into shopping centers wearing sandwich boards with gospel texts and invitations to the meetings.

Brother Parr, one of the founding fathers of the British Assemblies of God, stresses personal evangelism. One month he challenged his workers to distribute a quarter of a million gospel

tracts and they did it before the month was over.

It is not so much a "how to" book as an "ought to"—and by the time one has read it he will have the "want to."

If a church is not growing, Brother Parr says it is failing God, for every church ought to be a soul-winning church, and a soul-winning church will grow.

—R. C. CUNNINGHAM

briefly

Responsive Readings from The Living Bible, (cloth; Tyndale House Publishers, \$1.50). A collection of 110 responsive readings from *The Living Bible*, divided into seven sections covering the church year, special days, life of Christ, Christian life, national days, and important Bible subjects.

How to Win Souls and Influence People for Heaven, by George Godfrey (160 pp., paper; Baker Book House, \$2.95). A practical guide for the Christian who wants to witness but doesn't know how. Each chapter includes a summary and questions to answer. Good for beginners and beneficial for more experienced soul winners also.

Layman's Guide to 70 Psalms, by Charles L. Taylor (128 pp., cloth; Abingdon Press, \$3.75). A devotional study guide, especially for laymen.

A Speaker's Treasury, by Herbert V. Prochnow (285 pp., cloth; Baker Book House, \$5.95). Over 1,000 illustrations, stories, and quips for speakers, writers, and ministers.

The Holy Spirit and You—Supplementary Teaching Manual by Dennis and Rita Bennett (122 pp., paper; Logos International, \$1.25). Thousands have studied and enjoyed the book, and now this study guide is available. A list of home-study questions is provided for each chapter, as well as group-study questions. Excellent for group use or individual study of *The Holy Spirit and You*.

Visions Beyond the Veil, by H. A. Baker (139 pp., paper; Whitaker House, 95c). A reprint of a remarkable book, long out of print. The author was a Pentecostal missionary on the Tibetan border. He witnessed a marvelous outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon scores of children in Yunnan Province. The visions God gave these children of heaven, of Satan's kingdom, and of other things to come are reported in this book.

The World that Perished, by John C. Whitcomb Jr. (155 pp., paper; Baker Book House, \$1.95). A scholarly work about the Flood of Noah's day, contending for a literal interpretation of the Genesis account. Points to many evidences of

a supernatural catastrophe of worldwide proportions. This book will greatly reinforce one's faith.

Psalms 1-72, by D. J. Wiseman, editor (257 pp., cloth; Inter-Varsity Press, \$5.95). A part of the Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries, this scholarly work puts primary emphasis on exegesis. The aim is to provide the Bible student who has no specialized training in theology with an up-to-date commentary on the first 72 Psalms.

Soul-Winning Laymen, by Evelyn Stenbock (80 pp., paper; Beacon Hill Press, \$1.50). The stories of 17 lay people who became involved in person-to-person evangelism. These interesting accounts tell the methods used, the obstacles and frustrations encountered, but most of all, the thrilling victories these people have won for the Lord.

Into Battle, by Arthur Wallis (122 pp., paper; Christian Literature Crusade, \$1.25). An excellent manual for the new Christian. Covers most practical aspects of the Christian life—from the individual's acceptance of Christ through Bible study, prayer, water baptism, communion, self-discipline, and the believer's authority over Satan. Prepares a new convert for the spiritual battles he will encounter.

Peter, the Rock-Man, by Frank G. Carver (95 pp., paper; Beacon Hill Press, \$1.50). The author traces Peter from being a wobbly disciple who often was the victim of his own impulsive behavior to his establishment as a "rock-man" after his baptism in the Spirit. What God did for Peter, the author says, He will do for anyone who is completely committed to Him.

Life Lines—Helps to Radiant Living, by Thelma Turner Tidwell (71 pp., paper; Beacon Hill Press). In 15 brief chapters the author gives helps to finding and living the abundant life Christ has promised each of His children.

A Study Guide to Colossians, by Curtis Vaughan (121 pp., paper; Zondervan Publishing House, \$1.50). Written particularly for laymen, also helpful to scholars. Introduces the reader to the background, organization, and structure of the Epistle, with an analysis of each chapter.

People are finding security in Christ

SO MANY THINGS are changing so fast, people are feeling a need for some new point of security, and many are anchoring their hopes in Christ. They have lost faith in government. Not only has the Presidency lost public support; the polls show people have even less faith in Congress.

In fact, people have lost faith in public institutions in general. A University of Michigan sociological study on "Social Change in a Metropolitan Community" shows that since 1959 there has been a dramatic decrease of faith in all eight categories listed: federal courts, state officials, radio and TV networks, scientists, doctors, colleges, high schools, even Boy Scouts.

The courts and colleges dropped the most. Courts, once trusted by three out of five, are now trusted by one in five. Fifteen of 20 once thought colleges were doing a good job; now it's eight out of 20.

In 1954, half the people thought the benefits of government equaled the cost. Now half believe the government demands more than it gives.

The study showed Americans have changed their views about a lot of things in the past two decades. For example, in 1955 one in every four families considered child-bearing the most valuable part of marriage; now it's one in eight. Companionship with one's spouse is now viewed as paramount.

When it comes to family size, three or more children used to be preferred; now it's just two.

In 1958, four of five people believed that children born

then could "look forward to a wonderful future." Today only half the people believe that. Indicative of low morale is the belief today that "most people don't really care what happens to the next guy."

Along with this growing helplessness and despair there is a turning to religion for a sense of security. Columnist Kevin Phillips points out that old-fashioned revivalism is mushrooming to fill the vacuum of bankrupt politics and give people a shelter against "future shock." He notes:

"The change lies in the escalation of fundamentalism—faith healing, Biblical literalism, home prayer sessions, charismatic experiences, and so forth—even in the hitherto more liberal sects. . . .

"U.S. fundamentalists—perhaps 30 million persons of voting age—might soon hold the balance of political power in the nation. Although the near-collapse of the Nixon administration has derailed one potential ideological vehicle, the fundamentalist surge itself (with all its future political implications) is still continuing. . . .

"For the time being, the hopes and fears of America may be expressed more effectively through religion than politics. Moreover, it is useful to remember that the last great religious revival in Britain and the U.S. came in the early and mid-19th century—likewise a period of economic and technological upheaval. . . ."

To the extent people turn to Christ, there is hope for individual and group security whatever the uncertain future may hold.

—r.c.c.

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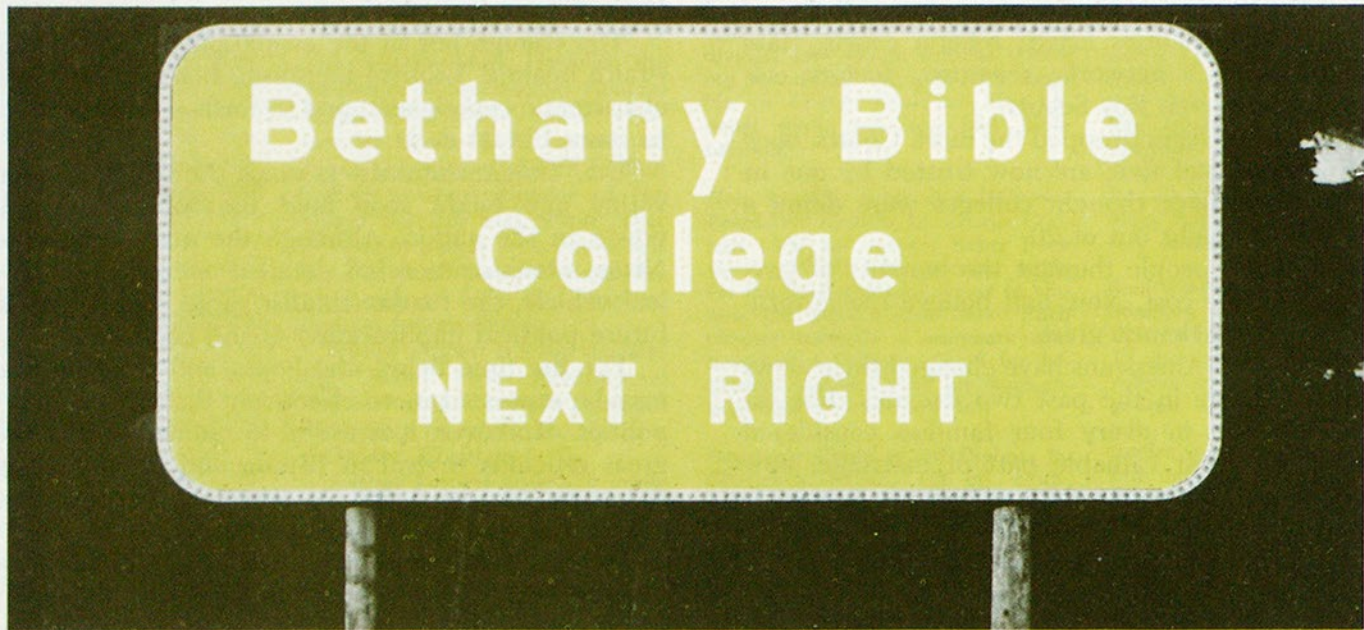
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