

THE Pentecostal evangel

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

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TODAY IS
CHILDREN'S
DAY

'Unto Him be glory in the church'

EPHESIANS 3:21

Uneven exchange

Oh, I thank God that He has opened my heart to the Holy Spirit. For I would not exchange what I have already found:

for all the gold in Arabia, or
all the diamonds in Africa, or
all the oil in the East, or
all the uranium in the world, or
all these things put together.

For what I have found cannot be measured as one measures gold or diamonds or uranium or any other precious commodity.

What I have found is:

infinite love (for me),
everlasting mercy (for me),
measureless compassion (for me),
divine understanding (for me).

What's more, I have found:

an abiding Presence (in my heart),
a constant Companion (in my life);
my Guide when I am uncertain,
my consolation when I've been in error,
my salvation when I do wrong,
my strength in the battle,
my comfort when I am hurt,
my rest when I am weary,
my recovery when I am ill.

To Him I will give:

my constant adoration and praise,
the devotion of my heart,
first place in my life,
the strength of my days,
the love of my soul.

What an uneven exchange! But, oh! how it makes my heart sing!

—CHRISTENE L. KIRCHNER

The churches, . . . walking in the fear of the Lord,
and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

—Acts 9:31

We hunger and thirst

*Thy children, Lord, are hungry
And longing to be fed;
We seek Thee in our need, Lord;
These hands outstretched for bread.*

*Dear Father, give us manna;
Earth foods don't satisfy.
We thirst for living waters;
Our wells are almost dry.*

*Please, Father, send revival!
Another Pentecost!
Some linger by the wayside
Not knowing they are lost.*

*Rekindle, Lord, these altars;
Baptize with tongues of flame;
Endow us, Lord, with power
To conquer in Thy name.*

—MARY MASON

I am the church!

*I am the church!
I stand as a citadel in the community,
a bastion of freedom,
a strong tower for those who would flee
the ravages of sin.*

*I am a haven of rest for sea-weary sailors
who have braved the gales of life's stormy sea.
I stand as a lighthouse
on the rocky crags of eternity,
casting beams of light
to direct each frail bark to safety.*

*I am as strong as those who choose
to lodge within my walls;
as weak as those who choose to stay outside.*

*I am the cement in the wall of faith,
the anchor that holds when all the earth trembles.*

I am hope . . . love . . . safety . . . and much more.

Am I deserving of habitation?

*Is it wrong that I should crave the presence
of those for whom I was created?*

*Should not my heart grieve for those who choose
to stay outside, aloof,
refusing those blessings that await?*

Come from your wandering.

Flee into my arms and find safety—through Jesus.

I am your church!

—JERRY A. JONES



Let us keep the feast!

By RUSSELL P. SPITTLER

THE SCENE was all excitement. Bare-foot children scampered. Women gathered their robes and ran a few steps every now and then to keep pace. There was the fresh kiss of early morning on the Judean countryside.

Teen-agers led, coaxed, or carried the few lambs. One lad had an uncooperative goat by the horns.

THE FEAST OF WEEKS

The men in the procession held sheaves of harvested grain. Near the front of the crowd was a white-haired old man—obviously the chief patriarch of the village. His eyes were moist. In his hands he tenderly cradled two loaves of bread. That very morning, while it was still dark, these loaves had been baked using flour prepared from the grain harvested only yesterday.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills," someone started chanting in clear Hebrew. The crowd had just rounded that turn in the road where the hills of Jerusalem came into view. Then the voice continued quoting from memory the whole song we now call Psalm 121.

The scene could have been any small village within a day's journey from Jerusalem. Say, around Ezra's time. There were spontaneous shouts of glee, cries of joy.

For it was feast-time in Jerusalem. A holy holiday.

Three times a year Israel made a pilgrimage to the holy city. In early spring a week-long celebration called "Passover" recalled God's mighty release of their forefathers from Egypt.

In the fall, another seven days commemorated their sojourn in the wilderness. This feast was really a family camp-out. Skillful Hebrew fathers constructed temporary lean-tos in and about Jerusalem. This helped them remember the 40 years of wilderness wandering when Israel lived in tents and God in a tabernacle. That is why this feast in the fall was named the "feast of booths."

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good!" a strong tenor voice cried out. As if by signal, the whole procession responded: "For his mercy endureth for ever!"

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The voice again: "O give thanks unto the God of gods!" Again the crowd: "For his mercy endureth for ever!" And so on, till the whole of Psalm 136 was sung.

But now, who is this? He strides swiftly down the slope from the strong walls of Zion. It is a priest. No, the high priest himself. His servants follow.

Just then the man with the loaves rushed forward. With bowed head he gave the loaves to the priest, motioning for the lambs to be mustered for presentation too. It was a great day.

For this was the day of the Feast of Weeks. Seven weeks had passed since Passover. Now came the fiftieth day, the day of the great feast of the early harvest in Israel.

For that's what the Feast of Weeks celebrated: a harvest in the early summer. Those loaves made from the newly cut grain—there was something special about them. They were in fact the firstfruits of the harvest, the first use to which the cut grain had been put.

So grateful were the people for a successful crop on their farms that they brought to the Lord the first yield of the field. Israel was no stranger to famine, to a stubborn ground. When the harvest did come by God's kindness, they would make it to the feast, the Feast of Weeks, in joyful celebration.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Now the scene changes. It's a half-millennium later, the days of Jesus.

By now the Feast of Weeks had a new name. They called it "Pentecost," the fiftieth day. The Greek Empire had come and gone but left its language. So Jews who had been scattered throughout the Mediterranean world picked up this word *Pentecost*.

The business world used the word *Pentecost*. There was a two percent tax on goods coming into the port at Athens. Two percent is one-fiftieth, so Greek businessmen spoke of "the *pentecost*"—a two percent tax.

The Greek language was everywhere spoken in those days—so Jews by Jesus' day had come to call the "Feast of Weeks" by its new name, "the Day of Pentecost," the 50th day.

But there was another development. By now the Jews figured they ought also on this holiday to celebrate the giving of the Law through Moses on Mount Sinai. So in Jesus' time the Day of Pentecost also recalled the time when Israel truly became an independent nation

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Captured jet ace tells what prayer did for the POWs in North Vietnam.

The Robbie Risner story

By RUSSELL T. HITT

FOR THE 100-PLUS MEN released from prison in North Vietnam, last February 12 was a never-to-be-forgotten day. As Air Force Colonel James Robinson Risner, senior officer of this first group of freed prisoners, took a seat on one of the North Vietnamese buses which carried the men to Hanoi's Gia Lam airfield, the man behind him leaned forward.

"Do you remember what you said when I was captured and they brought me into your cellblock?" he asked in a low voice.

Offhand, Risner didn't recall. He had greeted scores of newly captured prisoners during the course of nearly seven and a half years in North Vietnam.

"You asked me if I knew how to pray. At the time I didn't understand what you meant," the officer said, "but I have learned. Those words have stayed with me, and I have come to know what prayer means."

Risner smiled. Prayer was an appropriate note on which to end his years of isolation, persecution, and torture.

As more and more of the almost 600 former prisoners told their stories, the power of prayer became clear. A substantial number felt they had survived their ordeal only by a vital faith in God.

As Risner puts it, as prisoners of war we "reduced things to basics so quickly we couldn't quite understand how we'd lived so long in the land of the free and the home of the brave and spoken so seldom

about patriotism and God." In prison, he added, "We were not ashamed of His presence and strength, not ashamed about our flag, our country, our President."

Several of the men arriving with him at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines indicated that 47-year-old Risner served as their spiritual leader in camp. In news reports on television and in the press, fellow officers paid tribute again and again to the influence "Robbie" Risner radiated even during the darkest hours of their long imprisonment.

Even before he became senior officer among the POWs in the fall of 1965, Risner was a famous pilot. In the Korean War he became an eight-victory jet ace with a total of 108 missions to his credit.

In 1957 he was chosen by the Air Force to pilot an F-100-F Super Sabrejet in which he set transcontinental and transatlantic flight records, using the route followed by Charles Lindbergh 30 years before.

Then on April 3, 1965, as commander of the 67th Tactical Fighter Squadron in the air war over North Vietnam, Risner's F-105 jet fighter was crippled by enemy fire, and he parachuted into Tonkin Gulf. After his rescue Risner found himself on the cover of *Time* magazine, featured as a leader in "the gallery of American combatants." He was also awarded the Air Force Cross, the second highest award for bravery.

What is the secret of Risner's obvious charisma? What is behind this magnetic personality that radiates the very love of Christ?

Colonel Risner's story goes back to his youth in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Risner, were active members of Central Assembly of God. Their pastor, Guy Phillips, had a particularly strong influence upon young Risner.

"I was 11 when I received Christ," Risner recalls. "I used to see my mother go into her clothes closet to pray. It was quite a deep closet and I could get alone in there. I still remember the homey comfortable smell of the clothes." It was in the secret of the closet that Risner accepted Christ as his Saviour before he entered his teens.

He was also active in the Christ's Ambassadors, the youth organization of the Assemblies of God. "From the time I accepted Christ until I entered the service, I was close to the church," Risner explains.

World War II was not quite over when young Risner discovered the two loves of his life: flying and Kathleen. Kathleen, an Army nurse stationed in the Canal Zone,

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During the week following his release from North Vietnam, Colonel Risner was interviewed at Sheppard Air Force Base.





Colonel James Robinson Risner and his wife Kathleen.

cared for him when he broke his arm in a motorcycle accident. After a three-year stint in the service, Risner was discharged from the Army, and he and Kathleen were married at Tulsa in September 1946.

Robbie's love of flying soon caused him to enlist in the Oklahoma Air National Guard. Before long he was one of the hottest pilots in the state—and an exceptional aerial gunner. Once in target practice at Fort Sill he placed 64 percent of his fire in a six-foot-square target. The previous record was 46 percent.

There was just one lapse in his otherwise immaculate flying record. On a routine flight in 1949 Risner was flying from Tinker Field outside Oklahoma City to a base near Corpus Christi, Texas. Somehow a severe storm drove his plane off course and the young pilot landed on a beach in Mexico. "Wrongway Risner" had to borrow a horse and ride for three days through the jungle before he reached a phone! His wife waited out the three-day silence not knowing whether he was dead or alive. It was early training for the many waits she was to endure later when he was engaged in perilous missions in Korea and Vietnam.

Called up for the Korean conflict, Risner learned to commit each mission to God. "I used to find a place alone and kneel and pray before I went up," he says. "God did protect me. I never was hit by enemy aircraft fire. Once I was cut by flying glass, but that was all." His commander in Korea singled Risner out as one

who was "always dedicated to duty without fanfare."

After Korea, Risner decided to stay in the service. There were tours of duty in Germany, California, and Hawaii where he was a Sunday school teacher in the local churches, plus senior officer training at the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama.

Then came Vietnam. The Risners, with their five boys, settled at Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, springboard of his sorties over North Vietnam.

In addition to the time he bailed out over the Tonkin Gulf, Risner had another close call early in 1965. His canopy was shot off and the cockpit filled with smoke and fumes; but he made it back safely.

Others were not so fortunate. During the first four weeks that Risner's 21-pilot squadron operated over Vietnam, Mrs. Risner helped break the news to five wives when their husbands failed to return.

Then on September 16, 1965, the wing commander told her two more men had been downed—and that Robbie was one of them. His plane had been hit as he flew low over a target northwest of Hanoi. His flying mates watched the parachute descend and saw Risner land, hurriedly fold up his chute, and begin to run.

But he was in a populated area and escape was impossible. Kathleen waited several months without

knowing whether he was dead or alive. Not until May 1 the following year did the North Vietnamese confirm that her husband was a prisoner.

Risner had been captured quickly and was then marched for two days through the Vietnamese countryside. Some reports indicate that as many as 100 downed flyers did not survive similar treks. Though witnesses saw them land, they never made it to the prison system. Evidently they died at the hands of enraged peasants and militiamen or from unattended wounds.

Although Risner spent almost his entire captivity at the prison dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton," for a brief period at the beginning he was interred at the "Zoo," the nickname given to a prison compound a few miles outside Hanoi. Risner vividly recalls his first night in prison. "God was very close to me. I remember praying for an opportunity to witness for Him."

Soon the Lord would use him in the lives of other prisoners. Some already knew his reputation for being "religious" and therefore were not too surprised when he asked, "Do you know how to pray?" Others would learn soon enough about the Air Force colonel from Oklahoma and why he placed so much stock in prayer.

One who already knew Robbie Risner well was Colonel Lawrence Guarino, a Roman Catholic officer who looked up to Risner for both spiritual and professional reasons. Guarino found himself in the Zoo three months before Risner, and he was well acquainted with the racking tortures that awaited most newcomers. He also knew that Risner, with his professional record and

responsibility as a squadron commander, would be treated even more severely than the other men.

The cruel pattern of torture, threats, and indoctrination was applied for several reasons, depending on the situation. Sometimes it was to extract military information. Sometimes it was to break the prisoners' chain of command. More often it was to force the men to make statements or public appearances useful to the North Vietnamese. On all accounts the senior officers were special targets, but even the younger men tasted enough of the vicious treatment to know what the others were going through.

As one senior officer, Navy Captain James B. Stockdale, put it after his release from the Hanoi Hilton, "A mighty good man can be reduced to irrationality in an hour of carefully applied pain."

The almost casual way in which Risner and the other victims have spoken of the "rope trick," and the difficulty of imagining the sheer mechanics of the torture, may mislead us to imagine that the torture was only intensely uncomfortable rather than deadly. Survivors believe that a number of the 55 prisoners who died in prison likely succumbed to the torture. Some may well have committed suicide, for several ex-POWs recall how close they themselves came to taking their own lives. Still others who failed to return may have been driven insane.

Imagine yourself sitting on the floor, knees drawn up under your chin. With your wrists manacled behind your back, your tormentors loop rope around each upper arm and tighten it until all circulation stops. More rope is used to draw your elbows together and then your shoulder blades as well, until they are touching and locked together. (In one torture session Risner's arm finally popped out of his shoulder socket.)

But the tortures do not stop until your feet are also shackled to an iron bar, with rope looped around it and your neck in such a way as to draw your head down between your legs until your toes are virtually in your mouth.

Prisoner after prisoner endured all or part of the "rope trick," sometimes being abandoned for several hours, their screams muffled by a towel jammed down their throat.

Risner states matter-of-factly that he and fellow prisoners were left this way "until you acquiesced to whatever they wanted. I myself have screamed all night."

As a result, says Risner, "I wrote what they told me to write after the torture session. If I was told to write the war was wrong, I did. If they told me to write they were winning in South Vietnam, I did."

Some men waited weeks and even months to recover the use of their arms and hands.

Other methods of torture included locking victims in leg irons on their bunks for a month or more at a time, forcing them to lie in their own filth at times. Sometimes a man's flesh literally fused to the metal and pulled away with the device when the irons were finally removed.

It was against such pressures, coupled with the additional persecution of solitary confinement and repeated threatenings and propaganda, that Risner and his compatriots learned the meaning of prayer. Espe-



Colonel Robinsion Risner accepts a copy of The Living Bible from Chaplain (Colonel) Richard D. Trapp at Sheppard Technical Training Center. The center chaplains presented each returnee with a Bible during their brief stay at the hospital.

A PERSONAL WORD FROM COLONEL RISNER

I would like to thank all those who remembered me in prayer during those seven and one-half years I spent as a POW in North Vietnam. Never has my Pentecostal experience meant more to me than during this trying episode.

I wish I could thank each individual personally for the prayers that sustained me and helped bring me back to my wonderful family and country.

cially in the early days (until late 1969), the men commonly spent two or three years or more in solitary, sometimes enduring windowless cells seven feet square and seven feet high. "Imagine," says Risner, "being shut into a closet and being told, 'See you in six months.'" He actually spent about half of his seven and half years "solo."

"I missed the Bible so very much," Risner says. "And I was chagrined that I hadn't remembered more of it. I vowed that I would read the Bible for understanding and retention when I again had an opportunity."

By mid-1966 both Risner and Guarino, along with many others, had been forced to make TV appearances or march in parades, enduring what a Vietnamese commentator triumphantly called "the formidable screams of a human sea" of citizens along Hanoi's thoroughfares. The intense pressure continued another three years, forcing Risner to make statements on tape and to appear in a propaganda film.

When a French reporter saw him a year after his capture, Risner stressed that he had "really formed a new relationship with God since I've been here." With his encouragement many others were discovering the strength God supplies through prayer.

Colonel Risner was asked if he felt that many POWs came to know Christ in a personal way.

"It's hard to say," he admits, "but I would speculate that a majority came to have a closer walk with God. Many of them are now going to ask questions about religion and the Bible."

In spite of long months of solitary confinement Risner and the other prisoners developed various ways of communicating with one another. As messages were coughed, hand-signaled, whispered, and tapped from cell to cell, the men realized they represented every denominational background: Pentecostals, Roman Catholics, Methodists, Lutherans, Baptists, Mormons, and others. But they also realized that the need for communion with God and fellow believers transcended the normal sectarian differences. By sharing the Scripture verses and hymns they could recall, the men in desperate need poured out their hearts to God and encouraged one another.

The identity of newcomers was quickly established; and when a man was being tortured, the word went around the camps to pray for him. At times when two

or three were allowed to be together, they were not ashamed to pray and even cry for each other. Their sufferings created a deep sense of community in Christ that embraced even those who had been religiously indifferent before their imprisonment.

Risner recalls praying for the healing of a Mormon officer suffering from a painful swelling under his arm. The next morning the officer excitedly communicated through the wall that God had given him relief as the boil had broken during the night.

Later, when Colonel Risner had a Lutheran cellmate, they decided that if Communion once a month was good, Communion four times a month was better. "When there wasn't bread, we used rice. We knew the Lord understood. We asked the Lord to forgive our sins and shortcomings and weaknesses and to bless us and give us strength. I know He heard us."

Conditions improved noticeably toward the end of 1969. Small worship services, which had been allowed only sporadically on Christmas and Easter, continued to be a luxury. But by late 1971 the opportunity for more regular group worship began to develop. Risner appointed chaplains who took responsibility for the services at the Hanoi Hilton, and sometimes he took the responsibility himself when no one else was available.

By now many men, with the exception of leaders like Risner, were living in larger groups of 15, 30, or even more. As many as 40 or 50 in the building would eat together in groups of 8 or 10, and Risner encouraged taking turns to give thanks for the food. "Some of the guys hadn't asked the blessing since they were children, but most of them learned to do it again."

Risner's Christian testimony apparently had little effect upon his guards, yet he says he felt a deep sense of pity for them. "We were confident that one day we would be freed, but these poor Vietnamese were bound in a system that permitted no freedom at all. We were the free ones."

At last, just a few weeks ago, the hour arrived for which Risner and his fellow prisoners had hoped so long. They walked across Hanoi's airfield into the freedom of a U.S. transport plane that speeded them homeward!

After calling President Nixon and sending an appropriate message from the Philippines to former Secretary of Defense Laird, Risner cabled Admiral Thomas Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff: "As senior member of the group of returning POWs, I wish to report that after a good night's sleep and two good meals, we are ready for duty."

The military has not taken the returned POWs up on that offer as yet. Recuperation will take a little while! But Risner and several fellow POWs who are no longer ashamed to pray are making their experience of the grace of God in Christ known wherever they go around the country.

As Risner recently told an assembly of high school students in Putnam City, Oklahoma, one of his prayers in prison was that God would let him say something to encourage young people when he got back home.

And duty-dedicated Robbie Risner isn't letting any time slip through his fingers as he does his part to see that prayer answered.

Summer ways to say 'Jesus loves you' to the children

By W. E. KIRSCHKE / Secretary Sunday School Department

SUMMER IS A WONDERFUL TIME for ministries to children. The season seems to lend itself to open-air opportunities and object lessons in nature that relate to spiritual truths.

It must have been summertime when Jesus unveiled the sublime truth of God's providence for His children in the wild profusion of lilies that grew in Galilee. Matthew learned that lesson so deeply that it became part of his Gospel: "Consider the lilies of the field... how they grow."

Teaching within such a context makes possible unlimited dreams and visions of saying "Jesus loves you" to children.

To start with a fresh summertime approach, consider using the multisensory method in teaching a unit or several breathtaking classes on creation. Children thrill to discover areas in Jesus' ministry that describe familiar smells, sights, sounds, and sense of touch. A book related to the customs in Jesus' day can give you many clues. Studies related to creation versus evolution will be helpful studies to older children.

Children have an inherent interest in animals. *Happy Faces* by JoAn Summers and illustrated by Kim Nettie (published by Gospel Publishing House) would enthrall the young listeners. Tell the story of Kitkat who likes to wander around and see new things all the time like Kate the cow, and Panky the pig. The genius of the story similar to Noah's ark is captured in this book and will cue in on the child's interest as the story

unveils the truth of God's dealings with people. (Follow this with a treat of animal crackers and Kool-Aid.)

Summer is a good time to develop "park school" story hours. Several years ago Central Bible College students, after teaching at a local vacation Bible school, heard some girls say, "What are we going to do now that VBS is over?"

This sparked action. The students asked the superintendent of parks and received permission to conduct a story hour throughout the summer "right out where the children played." They set up an American flag, visual aid board, musical instruments, and cassette recorder. The music and a good story attracted the children, and a summer ministry was launched.

Your community situation will indicate the direction of such a ministry, the amount of publicity it can be given, the distribution of tracts and other pieces of literature for the children.

Good News Clubs is an idea that Mrs. Charles Crabtree of Des Moines, Iowa, suggested to the child evangelism session at the PFNA Evangelism Conference in November 1971. "Some will hold the clubs in the summertime," she explained, "maybe in their son's tree house or in the backyard. This is getting down (or up) where the children live."

A home near a school, where a mother who is well liked in the neighborhood, trusted, and congenial, is ideal for a club. One started in the summertime often may continue through the fall—and even year-round.

Busing brings blessing

By CHARLES HARRISON

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PAUL QUOTED our Lord as saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

First Assembly in Colorado Springs has come to realize this verse has a positive application to giving out the gospel through a dynamic bus ministry.

Numerous blessings are experienced through such a ministry, but three stand out.

The blessing of obedience. Jesus commanded His church to go "into all the world, and preach the gospel" (Mark 16:15). The bus ministry provides a tremendous opportunity for God's people to obey this commandment. Too often the church has isolated itself behind the walls of a building.

The Early Church "ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (Acts 5:42). This they did daily, according to the same verse—"in the temple, and in every house."

Many times on Saturday our bus missionaries return

from visitation tired, cold, or even wet—but always satisfied. Their satisfaction is the blessing of obedience to the Lord.

The blessing of winning souls. Proverbs 11:30 states that "he that winneth souls is wise." Surely there is no task of greater importance!

The bus ministry is rapidly establishing itself across America as one of the great soul-winning tools for the church. Our church has proved this. In the past six months we have had a 32 percent growth in average Sunday school attendance. But that is just the beginning.



There is a time for singing and explaining the memory verse. This may be followed by a flannelgraph story and concluded with an invitation to receive Christ.

This club idea for boys and girls has become effective in reaching the unchurched children. It contributes to character building and developing total personality through teaching the Bible.

Vacation Bible schools are on the docket for Taiwan, Timbuktu, churches, homes, or wherever compassionate-hearted workers are motivated to win children to Christ. This specialized instruction provides children with education, evangelism, and up to 30 hours of study (the equivalent of six months of additional Sunday school work) toward building Christian character.


Summer is the time for boys and girls camps. According to the reports received at the national office last year, 2,305 boys and girls were saved and 2,736 were baptized in the Holy Spirit at camp.

Camps provide the extra dimension of an outdoor setting. They also afford the additional values of excellent leadership, united effort, expertise in counseling, teaching, Bible studies, camp activities, and discipline.

Facilities and equipment in many areas have been upgraded along with the program. Parents will value having their children in such an environment of prayer, Christian standards, and good fellowship.

Children's Day (June 10) is an ideal time for children's outreach and a decision time in children's departments. This year's theme is "Jesus Loves You."

Like the beauty of a flower garden are the innumerable opportunities to win children through children's crusades, special summer sessions of children's church, home Bible clubs, literature distribution, and personal work with children.


Are we doing our best? Consider this interpretation of a familiar verse by C. N. Hostetter Jr.: "What shall it profit a church, if it go around the world to make converts, and lose its own sons and daughters?" 

Several persons have been marvelously transformed by the grace of God recently. One lady was won to Christ through our bus ministry. She had tried many churches but then she met the Master and was gloriously saved. Another lady who had dabbled in the occult was brought to blessed reality in Jesus. A man who had spent most of his adult life in prison has found new freedom in knowing the Son of God.

One Sunday in our junior church nine children accepted Christ as their Saviour. Most of them were brought in through our bus ministry.

The blessing of serving. It is written of our Lord, "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

The bus ministry provides abundant opportunities to show a benevolent Christian spirit. Busing involves bringing to Sunday school and church some children in ragged clothing. Perhaps some of them haven't been eating regularly because Dad drinks away the grocery money. Just the other day members of our Women's Missionary Council took several sacks of groceries to a needy family contacted through our bus ministry.

First Assembly is counting its many blessings by being able to give "in Christ's name" through a bus ministry. And we receive more than we give! 

A word from the general superintendent

T. F. ZIMMERMAN



It can be done

DR. J. H. JOWETT once wrote, "I very much like an epitaph found on a woman's grave in New England: 'She hath done what she couldn't.'"

This may sound like a contradiction, but not to those who believe the Bible promises concerning the power of the Holy Spirit.

Doing the seemingly impossible has been the history of the Spirit-filled Church. Just before His ascension Jesus promised, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8).

After the Day of Pentecost the power of the Holy Spirit was manifested in many ways. The result was that in Jerusalem 3,000 souls believed and were baptized. In a short time the number grew to 5,000.


Persecution sent disciples beyond the confines of Jerusalem and Judea. Philip went to the seemingly impossible city of Samaria. Here the power of the Holy Spirit was manifested through him as he exalted Christ. The result was that the people received the Word of God and were baptized (Acts 8:12, 14).

At Antioch in Syria the Holy Spirit called Barnabas and Saul for special ministry. The result was that through them and others the gospel was taken to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Who could have believed that anything would develop from that handful of disciples in the Upper Room! They had human limitations. They faced adverse circumstances. They were vigorously opposed and persecuted. It looked as though their mission would fail before it got started. But after the Holy Ghost came upon them, they did what they could never have done in their own strength.

Today the believer's task is as great as ever. The Great Commission is still binding. People who do not believe the promises of divine enablement will say, "It can't be done!"

Those who believe, however, will discover that in addition to the great challenge and seemingly insurmountable obstacles, there is supernatural power for the great assignment. People controlled by the Holy Spirit will find they are made equal to their God-given tasks.

As we commemorate Pentecost Sunday and think of our responsibility to the world, let us pray that we might know "what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power" (Ephesians 1:19). Then as we know Christ in the power of His resurrection, we shall be able to serve our generation in such a way as to glorify God. 

Child evangelism: a winning



Indian and children's evangelist John McPherson attracted over 500 children to the children's crusade at Calvary Assembly, Waco, Tex. Pastor R. L. Whitworth states that through the children's work many families were won to Christ.

CHURCH GAINS FAMILIES THROUGH CHILDREN'S CRUSADE

WACO, TEX.—“A struggling church here could hardly pay its bills 10 years ago. Now it is a very solvent church bringing in hundreds of children each Sunday,” stated Evangelist John McPherson.

He was referring to Calvary Assembly, pastored by R. L. Whitworth. Evangelist McPherson held a children's revival here and was elated when he observed the ministry this church is having to the children.

During the revival 500 children attended. The church's fleet of seven buses went throughout the city, including Waco's indigent sections, to bring 300 children to the crusade.

In 1967-68 the Sunday school was averaging 88. As Calvary Assembly began reaching Waco's children, the church began bursting at the seams. The 1971-72 average was 259, and October 1972 saw an average of 400 each week in Sunday school. A \$50,000 addition was dedicated in April 1972 to accommodate the increases.

As a result of the children's ministry, many parents have been contacted, and several families are now serving Christ.

KIDS' KRUSADE REGISTERS 1,000, RECORDS 226 DECISIONS

WICHITA, KANS.—One thousand registered and 226 accepted Christ at the Bethel Assembly Kids' Krusade. The evangelist, Christian Hild, presented the gospel in a way that the children readily understood.

With 300 the first night, the attendance grew to 461 by Thursday. During the week 1,000 different

children in Wichita heard the message of Jesus' love.

Pastor Vyril Pember expressed appreciation for the faithful and hard work of Christian Hild and his helpers. “Evangelist Hild's great love for the children was reflected as God's love ministered through him,” he stated.



Group of children and workers from one of the story hour groups in Laurel, Miss.

STORY HOURS WIN CHILDREN

LAUREL, MISS.—Story hour, begun as an outreach ministry of Evangel Temple Assembly in January 1972, is effectively reaching children.

The first rainy Saturday morning there were 19 in attendance. Six weeks later there were 64.

The first of April 1972 the church began a second story hour in the afternoons in another part of the city. It began with 29 present and grew to 43 the second week.

At the end of the Sunday school year, the morning story hour averaged 24 in attendance with 39 enrolled. The afternoon group averaged 30 in attendance with 33 enrolled.

combination

The workers take a church bus into a neighborhood and conduct the story hour. The children sing choruses, have contests and games, and hear a Bible story.

The ministry has been beneficial to the church, according to Pastor William D. Slay. Many children have accepted Christ as Saviour through this avenue of outreach.

TEACHERS PLAN VACATIONS TO WORK IN VBS

OLYMPIA, WASH.—Evergreen Christian Center had its biggest and best vacation Bible school in 1972.



BELOW: The mature Christian leadership and interest in the crafts help make the Evergreen Christian Center VBS successful. LEFT: Kids of all ages learned of Christ during VBS.



Many teachers used their vacations to work in the school.

On the first day 490 kids and workers were present. Tuesday the number rose to 556. On Wednesday 612 came, and on Thursday 622 were present!

For the concluding service approximately 700 children and parents filled the church's sanctuary.

Pastor Glen Cole reported that many new homes were reached through VBS.

The teachers were so excited that many have planned their 1973 vacations to work in VBS again!



HAWAIIAN CAMPS, CRUSADES BRING CHILDREN TO CHRIST

Children's Evangelist Esther Mae Wyrick ministered throughout the Hawaiian Islands in boys and girls camps and children's crusades last summer. William Ashpole, district Sunday school director, reported the camps and crusades resulted in new converts to Christ and numerous Holy Spirit baptisms.

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Is it because it is easier to
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FOR LOVE OF MANDY

I WAS WALKING down the hall to my class when I was stopped abruptly by another Sunday school teacher.

"Does Mandy still attend Missionettes?" she asked.

"Yes, she was at the last meeting," I replied.

I was totally unprepared for her next comment.

"She hasn't been to Sunday school for several weeks. It's just as well though. We can do without her kind."

I walked on quickly, realizing it would be wiser to hold my answer. It could have been the following verse: "Have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, with respect of persons" (James 2:1). Or, I might have said, "Her kind has a soul too."

Nevertheless, I couldn't say that I had never been tempted to think as she did. Mandy had been difficult.

If the teacher had visited Mandy's home, she would have found a lonely two-room shack next to a railroad. She would have met a father given to excessive drinking. Probably she wouldn't have met her mother, for she was in the hospital more often than she was out.

My thoughts wandered back to when I first met Mandy. There I was standing in a large classroom filled with giggly girls, 10 through 15 years old, interested in Missionettes.

At first they all looked alike. Then I realized they had subconsciously divided into two groups.

To my left was a group of polite, neatly dressed girls. I knew most of them. They attended church regularly with their parents.

To my right was a group of new faces, some of them smudged with dirt. Most of them could have improved their appearance with a few strokes of a hair brush.

If they had ever learned the simplest rules of etiquette, I soon concluded that they had forgotten them on the way to Missionettes. They were loud and irreverent. It was apparent that the other group was disgusted with their boisterous behavior.

The noise seemed to stem from a central figure. She was short and stout with carrot-colored hair. The rest of her could be described with one word—*freckles*. She was covered with them.

Her emotional instability was obvious. She giggled at everything, even prayer. This was Mandy.

I had already learned there is nothing like the name of Jesus to calm a storm. It was not my intention to begin our relationship with a lecture, but a lecture

they received. The name of Jesus and the respect that name deserves was my theme. It was not a harsh lecture. It was geared to bring the attention of all to Christ. The girls remained quiet throughout the rest of the meeting.

I had looked forward to an enjoyable association with Missionettes. However, I had only anticipated working with the group to my left. It was evident now that God had given me an enormous challenge.

The winds continued to blow with each service. My "right hand" group was never easy to control. Perhaps it was because their needs were greater that I found myself asking God for a special love to give them.

I learned that all of them lacked the stability of a Christian home. Some were from broken homes. There were two sisters who lived separately. One lived with their mother, the other with an older sister. I wondered how long it had been since they had heard anyone say, "I love you."

Then one day I had the opportunity to see them in a different light. I invited all the Missionettes to a slumber party in my home. Church members told me how brave I was to invite "all" the girls.

We had just built a new house. I watched my "right hand" group enter with mouths open. Their eyes were wide with wonder. I considered my home to be simple, but the girls raved about everything. "This is a mansion," Mandy sighed. They constantly reminded each other to show their best behavior.

Suddenly my "right hand" group was better behaved than the others. Much to my surprise they were the ones eager to help. The next morning they volunteered to wash dishes, sweep floors, and empty trash. I observed what these girls could become in a healthy, pleasant atmosphere. They had felt the warmth of a Christian home and responded with cheerfulness.

Mandy remained faithful to Missionettes. I saw the day when she knelt and asked Jesus to become her Saviour. I watched her grow older and become more settled. But she didn't return to our Sunday school. Instead she enrolled in one near the railroad tracks where "her kind" was accepted.

There is no end to this story. I only want to close with these questions. What is a church for, if it is not to meet the needs of people? And why is it that we so often want to choose our people? Is it because it is easier to meet the needs of the less needy?

Who could have been needier than Mandy? Our Lord Jesus loved her and accepted her. Thank you, dear Lord Jesus.

This is a true story. For obvious reasons, the sponsor prefers to remain anonymous. The girl's name has been changed.

Who has time for children?

By ANN AHLF

HAPPY, NOISY BOYS . . . merry-hearted girls . . . disadvantaged little people . . . who has time for them?

I took the receiver from the telephone and dialed for the seventh time in an hour . . . a different exchange each time.

A cheery "hello" greeted me. My spirit lifted. Perhaps I was about to get the answer I was hoping for.

"I am looking for Women's Missionary Council groups that take advantage of the summer months to do something special for children," I said. "Do members of your WMC use their patios or lawns or basements for Bible clubs or story hours? Is there a summer day camp with Christian activities in your plans, or perhaps an overnight retreat for girls of the church?"

"Do you as a WMC group take the responsibility for any specific part in vacation Bible school? Is there provision for helping a disadvantaged girl or boy attend church camp?"

It was a long list of questions. Surely there would be one with the answer I was seeking.

I listened to such explanations as, "Our group isn't very active. I don't have much time to work with children. I have other interests, so our WMC group has almost disbanded. A few of our older members participate in the annual district project, but they don't do anything for children. Our Missionettes are inactive too—short of leadership."

I hung up the phone. "No one has time for children?" I lamented.

THEN I RECALLED A STORY; it was meeting day for the Women's Missionary Council in the Assembly of God, Sherburn, Minnesota. Members were sorting a box of odds and ends.

"What shall we do with these pieces of fur?" asked Helen. "It seems a shame to throw them away."

"Don't toss them out!" said Milly. "I'll make teddy bears of them. There is enough material for two!"

Thus from the good parts of an old fur coat, twin teddy bears were born. They looked lifelike enough to growl—that is, if they had not had so much love and friendliness sewed into them.

One was given to Julie, the pastor's daughter. The other went from the WMC commissary shelf to Chile, South America, with Judy Scott, small daughter of Missionary and Mrs. David Scott.

The little girl named her furry friend Pancho. The two became inseparable.

When the Scotts' five years of missionary service were finished and furlough time was at hand, Pancho still looked almost as good as new, but the family decided he was to stay in Chile with Judy's other toys.

Judy liked leaving keepsakes with her friends, but Pancho was more than a keepsake. She must be sure to find him a good home.

"Why not give Pancho to the children of Hogar Bethel Orphanage?" suggested Judy's mother.

"Would they be good to him?" asked Judy, thinking of the 20 motherless children.

"I am sure they would. But Pancho is strong; he can stand even rough treatment," Mrs. Scott assured her daughter. Judy gave Pancho one last hug and put him in the arms of brown-eyed Cristina. The other 19 boys and girls crowded around waiting for a turn to hold him.

Since that day Pancho has lived contentedly in Hogar Bethel, comforting the lonely child, giving security to the frustrated, and entertaining the shut-in. He is fulfilling the mission of those who sent him—women who have time for children.

EMMA MAE BARNES, Laurel, Mississippi, has time for children. After being filled with the Holy Spirit in 1929, living for the Lord and helping others to do the same
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Cristina and Pancho at Hogar Bethel Orphanage, Chile.




became the most important thing in Mrs. Barnes' life. Immediately she became involved in the women's activities of Evangel Temple Assembly of God prayer services, Bible studies, and house-to-house visitation.

In 1955 Mrs. Barnes attended a General Council and carried home the news that a WMC program for a girls' auxiliary was in the making. With prayer support and financial aid from the WMC groups, the church chartered its first Missionettes club with 13 members and with Mrs. Barnes as one of the sponsors.

Through the years she has been instrumental in developing a full-orbed ministry for women and girls in the local church and section. One of her chief concerns

is to interest more women to become sponsors for girls' clubs which can reach a multitude of youth with salvation and Christian training—women who have time for children.

MEMBERS of WMC groups, the busiest, the most timid, can share in the spiritual increase of the church by devoting an hour a week to a neighborhood children's Bible story hour or by volunteering for VBS service, helping to send a boy or girl to church camp, contacting social service offices for the "how to" of helping children of the disadvantaged—by being one "who has time for children." 

When Aaron was a boy

By GAIL HOWARD

Pastor, First Assembly, Overland Park, Kansas

"PASTOR, do you still tell stories in the openings of vacation Bible school?" Aaron Rothganger asked me.

I said yes to this missionary to South Vietnam, who was only a boy of seven or eight when I came to Overland Park to be pastor of First Assembly. Now he sat in my office checking last-minute details prior to the missionary service. It was the day before our 1972 VBS was to start.

"Do you remember the story you told in the first VBS? It made such an impression on me," Aaron remarked.

"Oh, yes," I responded, "and after the story I always give the invitation to accept Christ as personal Saviour."

Many children come forward on these occasions. Little did I realize then that Aaron Rothganger was to become the first missionary from our church. Could it be that our vacation Bible school had influenced Aaron to become what he is today?

"Pastor, do you still take the kids to youth camp?" Aaron asked, sending my thoughts in another direction. "I remember when you had a new Chevrolet. You loaded it full of kids, and we were off to camp. Do you remember when we got gum on the floor mat?"

Aaron and I reminisced a little longer; then he told me of his desire to build a chapel in Saigon. But to start building he needed \$8,000.

"I know your missionary budget is full," Aaron said, "and you have been so good to us, more than we could ever hope for."

Aaron was very concerned about fulfilling his conviction but at the same time he hesitated to ask the church for help.

New thoughts flashed through my mind. Just 30 minutes before I had given directions to a committee to

"investigate and make recommendations for the growth of our Sunday school, church, and building needs for the next 10 years."

All through the beginning of that service I kept thinking of the chapel so desperately needed in Saigon. I was weighing our obligations in light of our church's 10-year plan also.

When it came time to introduce Aaron, I was almost surprised at what I was saying. I began telling of Aaron's conviction to build the first Assemblies of God church in Saigon. I suggested it might be best to postpone our 10-year plan and build the chapel in Vietnam instead. I wasn't sure what our people would think of the idea.

Aaron then related how he had gone to Vietnam to minister to the servicemen while he was a missionary in Hong Kong. During his stay in Saigon, there was a mortar attack. While he was praying for safety, the Lord impressed him to continue to minister in that city.


Aaron told of the need of the people and the conditions of the country. The tears began streaming down my cheeks. I was certain we should build that chapel!

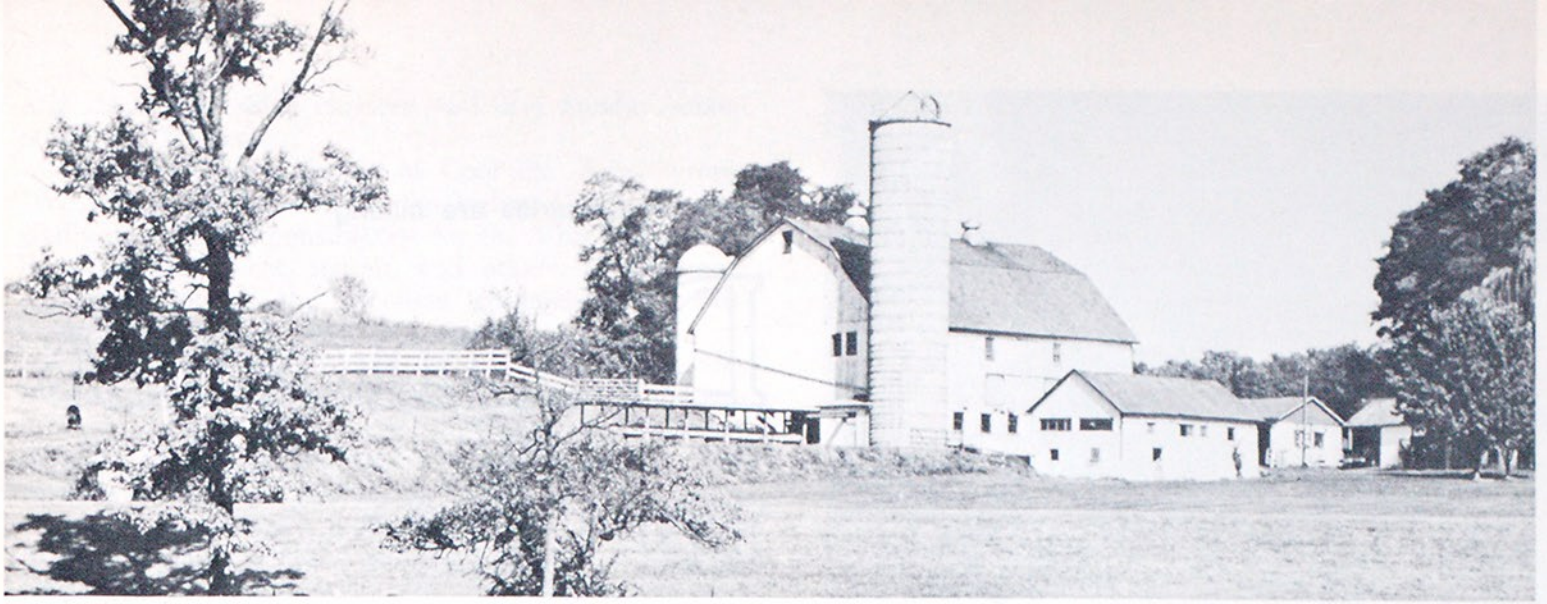
Following the service several businessmen expressed similar sentiments to me. So our board drew up a proposal to finance the chapel and presented it to the church. The church voted in favor of underwriting the \$8,000.

Though some hurdles have yet to be surmounted before the chapel becomes a reality, the money is ready—and Aaron is back in Saigon building a fellowship of believers in Christ. He reports God is already moving in meetings being held in his home.

Many Vietnamese friends have found Christ in these home meetings. One night a Buddhist girl visited the meeting. She wept during the invitation but left to go home. Halfway to the front gate she was stopped by the Holy Spirit. She turned and ran back into the house and accepted Christ. Then she told of a vision of a cross she had seen during a difficult time in her life. She did not understand the vision until that evening.

Many have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and several outstanding healings have taken place. Aaron himself was instantly healed of hepatitis after four days of sickness. Another man was healed of an incurable lung disease and later baptized in the Spirit. A Presbyterian church officer in Saigon received healing for ulcers.

Where did it all begin? In vacation Bible school—when Aaron was a boy. 



It's 20 miles to church, but that doesn't stop the Liechty family!

Soul winners on a farm

A MAN AND HIS FAMILY can be soul winners even when they are 20 miles from the church and have only a few people they can contact. Jonathan Liechty proved it by taking an active part in the children's ministries of the Assembly of God, Jamestown, North Dakota.

When the family decided to move to a farm 20 miles out of Jamestown, Brother and Sister Liechty determined to maintain an active association with their church. They further prayed that the Lord would use them to win some of their new neighbors to the Saviour.

The third summer on the farm, the Liechty children interested 17 neighbor children in attending vacation Bible school. So Mrs. Liechty took the family car on the first day of VBS and went one direction, while Jonathan borrowed a car and headed the other. They each drove 50 miles and continued to do this each day throughout VBS.

The farm responsibilities had grown considerably by this time, and a number of people wondered how the Liechtys found time for VBS. "The experience of seeing souls being led into the work of the Lord is reward enough," Jonathan stated. "The Lord always makes a way."

The next summer, the Liechtys again picked up the kids and brought them to VBS. Each time they drove, the distance between farm and church seemed shorter. The excitement of what the Lord was doing and anticipation about what He was going to do in these kids' lives made the miles go by more quickly.

As a result of the VBS, children from two of the families agreed to attend Sunday school with the Liechtys. During the last five years God has worked marvelously in these families.

Through Sunday school and children's camps the three children of one family found Christ as Saviour. Later their mother was so convicted by the Holy Spirit that she went to the pastor's house to accept Christ.

The father was most resistant. Finally he knelt in a hayfield, along with the pastor, and gave his life to the Lord.

The Liechtys rejoiced to see the power of God's Spirit flow through the family. They now attend church together.

In another family two boys and two girls went with the Liechtys to Sunday school. The oldest girl took the responsibility of dressing the children. The parents showed little interest.

When the oldest girl accepted Jesus into her life, the Liechtys were elated; but even more so when she came home from youth camp filled with the Holy Spirit.

When she was nearing graduation from high school, the Liechtys persuaded her parents to attend a special recognition service at the church with them. After the service her parents went to dinner with the Liechtys. The Lord was opening the door for a continuing ministry through this home.

Following graduation, the girl faced the crisis of what to do now—go to college, get a job, maybe even join the WACs. She spent many hours with Mrs. Liechty talking about spiritual things and sharing problems. She became like a daughter to them. When she shared this dilemma, Mrs. Liechty felt that attending a Bible school might be best for her. But the girl wasn't really interested in Bible school. So the Liechty family continued to pray that the Lord would direct her.

Three weeks before Bible school was to begin, she told the Liechtys that the Lord had definitely impressed her to attend. Mrs. Liechty helped her to register and get settled in Bible school.

"It's just wonderful to know what the Lord will do in an unsaved home if Christians give themselves freely to others," Jonathan Liechty testifies.

Leo Miller, pastor of the Jamestown Assembly, confirms that "every year Brother Liechty takes time out from his farm work to provide transportation for the vacation Bible school and children's crusades." He has also served as Sunday school superintendent.

Jonathan Liechty, although 20 miles from church, is making a contribution to God's kingdom. He is using the means he has available to bring children to Jesus and is finding that his labor is not in vain in the Lord—for the harvest is eternal.



These Navajo boys in Houck, Ariz., pose with Juan Shirley, the dummy that Earl Finn uses in his children's meetings.

"LITTLE CHILDREN eagerly listen to the Bible stories and object lessons which we illustrate with flannelgraph figures," a home missionary to the American Indians recently wrote. "Dark eyes sparkle when we show these boys and girls love and affection."

Through word and deed the missionaries are constantly conveying to the children that "Jesus Loves You," today's Children's Day theme. They also are making children aware that Jesus loves not only them, but all the boys and girls of the world.

In fact, Sunday school children of the Shonto, Ariz., Indian Assembly want others to know that Jesus loves them so much that they saved their pennies, nickles, and dimes for the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade offering until it totaled \$209 for 1972! Several of these children, who do not have the luxuries afforded most American boys and girls, gave sizable amounts to the fund.

The Shonto Sunday school appreciates the literature and songbooks provided for them through BGMC funds, and this offering was one way of saying thanks.

Missionaries and their helpers have conducted vacation Bible schools, children's church, Bible clubs and kids' crusades in homes, rented buildings, and under ramadas (brush arbors). Those with church buildings have some of the classes inside; but there never seems to be enough room.

VBS is popular on the reservations, and attendance often reaches near the 200 mark. Usually the missionaries have to bus most of the children to and from VBS, which takes, in some instances, two hours for the round trip.

Some established Assemblies of God churches are sharing the missionaries' burden for summer child evangelism activities by supplying a complete teaching staff and VBS supplies. They also provide their own camping equipment and food while there.

Young people of Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif.,

Home missionaries are mining

Diamonds in the rough

By RUTH A. LYON / Home Missions Editor

help some of the Indian churches with VBS each summer. In August 1972 they held a week's VBS and four nights of revival services for the McDermitt, Nev., Indian Mission.

Christ's Ambassadors of First Assembly in Hutchinson, Kans., conducted a VBS for the Indian church at Polacca, Ariz., last summer, with their pastor, Jack McIntosh, preaching at the night services.

Rhosa Brown of Eldorado, Kans., conducted successful VBS programs in several Indian churches in the West last summer.

Earl Finn, a children's evangelist who works mostly in Indian churches, also has given the missionaries a big boost. He terms his crusades "Powwows for Jesus," often enrolling nearly 200 youngsters.

Brother Finn has a television program in Phoenix,

Youthful members of the Holbrook, Ariz., Indian church serve as VBS teachers and workers.



Ariz., to reach Indian children and uses Sunday school pupils as a TV choir.

Missionary Mattie Patillo of Coolidge, Ariz., wrote: "We were very thankful for the Indian Christians who gladly accepted responsibilities for the VBS, along with Pastor Agnes Stokes, myself, and others. It was most rewarding to see the excellent commencement program."

Using the theme "Westward Ho," the All Tribes Indian Assembly of Phoenix, Ariz., had a most successful kids crusade last summer. Children and teachers dressing as settlers and Indians created interest. The workers reported 15 decisions for Christ.

Several missionaries located near Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding schools are conducting released-time classes during school terms with encouraging response.

For instance, the Leonard Everlys of Crownpoint, N. Mex., are ministering to many of the 700 children enrolled in the BIA school there. Quite a number of these students attend Assemblies of God churches while home on the reservation, but had no church to attend in Crownpoint until the Everlys moved there.

Most districts with Indian populations conduct summer camps especially for the Indian children and teenagers. The kids' camp at Prescott, Ariz., grows each year, as do the decisions for Christ.

Sponsors are needed to send children and teenagers to camps. From \$15 to \$20 will provide camp for one child.

Some Indian churches are reaching many children through Royal Rangers, Missionettes, and Daisies programs. In each case God is honoring the dedicated and sacrificial work of our missionaries and rewarding them with the souls of many precious Indian children — *diamonds of tomorrow's church in the rough.*



TOP: These Pima Indian children sing at the VBS commencement. ABOVE: These Sunday school children of the Shonto, Ariz., Indian Assembly gave a total of \$209 to BGMC during 1972. BELOW: Here are some of the Cocopah children of the Somerton, Ariz., Indian church.



ABOVE: Children's workers at the bisectonal Indian camp in Laveen, Ariz., have an interested audience. BELOW: The vacation Bible schools in the Indian church in Philadelphia, Miss., have helped to increase church attendance.



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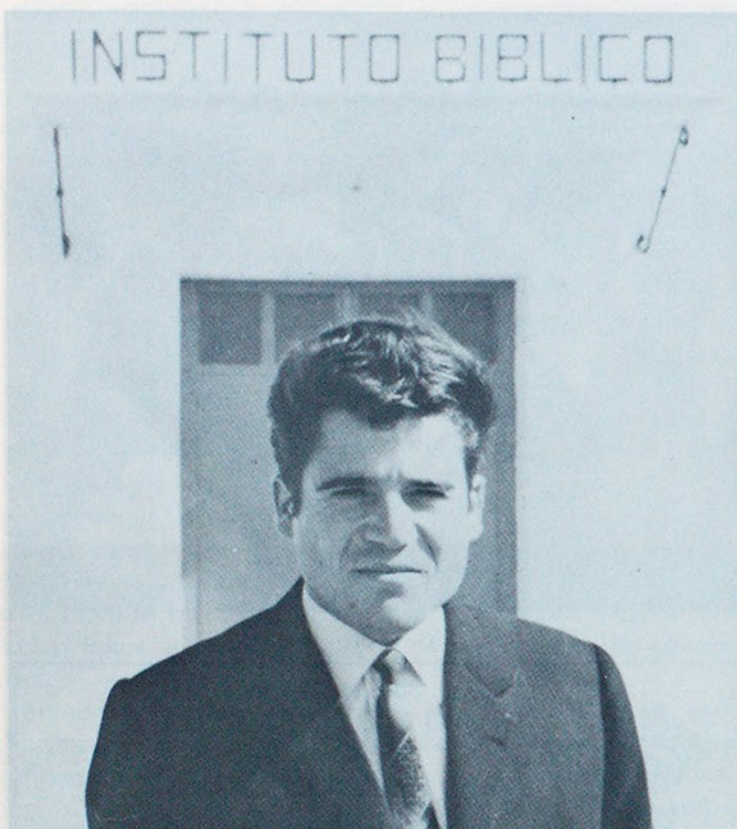


This crowd attended the opening day service of the Assemblies of God Bible school in Ronda, Spain.

Photo by Kerry Gonzales

'Everything we have'

By ADELE DALTON / Missionary to Spain



Rafael Orozco, a member of the first graduating class, stands at the entrance of the Bible school.

IT WAS CHAPEL TIME in our Spanish Bible Institute. Rafael, one of our students, was speaking. "We must give Him everything," he said, the quiet passion of his deep voice rising from the depths of his being, "... everything we have!"

As I listened, tears welled in my eyes. My heart raced back to the days when Fito (as we called him then) was still a boy in school.

In the street outside our chapel in Ronda, Spain, Fito's schoolmates taunted him. "You are a *protestante*. *Protestantes* don't believe in the Virgin Mary."

"Yes, we do," Fito answered, his voice strong for such a slight boy. "We believe in the Virgin Mary. But we just believe in the real one, not those made of china."

To Fito's friends who were accustomed to praying before the many images of the Virgin Mary in the Spanish churches, this was heresy. Horrified, they ran to tell their teacher.

The teacher took the news to the director of the school who sent for Fito's father. "We can't have the boy spreading that sort of propaganda here in the school," he warned Antonio.

"All right," Antonio answered. "I'll tell him to keep still."

In the days that followed the boys said all sorts of things about our chapel and the people who attended, but not once did Fito answer. Then one day his class

was taken to a nearby Roman Catholic church to study the catechism. Again the boys informed the teacher, "Fito is a *protestante*."

A priest hearing the accusation took Fito into the sacristy and questioned him. "Are you a *protestante*?" he asked.

Fito's voice was firm, "I am an *evangélico*." The priest turned and knelt before one of the images that lined the walls of the ancient church. He insisted that Fito kneel also. Fito refused, saying, "I will not bow before that image. It has no power." Further persuasions were in vain; Fito would not bow.

Because of this incident Fito's father wrote a letter to Fito's teacher, explaining that his son was an *evangélico* and asking that he not be compelled to do things that were against his convictions. The letter was passed on each time Fito was promoted to a new grade, and open antagonism ceased. However, subtle pressure continued.

In Fito's school the highest grade on the report card was 10. In his other subjects he received eight, nine, or 10; but in religion his grade was often a zero and never rose higher than five. Yet he could answer questions about the Bible that no one else in his class could. One day he asked his teacher, "Why do I receive such low grades in religion?"

The teacher answered, "We cannot give you higher grades because you are not *practicing* religion. You do not attend mass or confessional."

Even then Fito's loyalty never wavered. He belonged to Christ and lived to please Him.

His teachers were aware of the touch of God on his life. When Fito was nearing the end of public school, one teacher said to my husband, "Rafael is finishing his last year in our school. He's a good boy; you must send him to one of your higher institutions."

In Spain all education above the grade school level is given in private institutions by the Roman Catholic church. We had been unable at that time to get permission to open schools, so my husband answered sadly, "We have no schools in Spain."

But we cherished a dream—a dream of a time when in Spain we would be able to establish a Bible school and train young people to share the message of Jesus Christ. As I listened to Rafael that day in chapel, I knew that part of our dream had been realized. But we had passed through a dark valley.

AFTER FINISHING public school Rafael worked for a while as an apprentice, then in a hotel. His hours made it difficult to attend our services. He began to smoke. Swiftly the radiant glow faded from his life. Later he told me about it.

"When you are young," he gravely explained, "and you're neither a boy nor a man, it seems that if you can lift a cigarette to your lips, you're a man."

Before long Rafael was completely enslaved to smoking. Desperately he fought to free himself. Time after time he vowed never to touch another cigarette, only to fail. For six agonizing years as we worked toward realizing our dream, he hovered on the fringes of our Ronda Assembly. We prayed.

Then Rafael fell in love with Paquita, one of our splendid girls. When she consented to become his wife, his desire to free himself was greater than ever. Over

and over again he promised the Lord that he would stop smoking. But always he was drawn back into the enslaving habit.

After my husband's surgery in New York City, we returned to Spain. Rafael's devotion to us was deeply moving. Day after day he would come out to the farm to sit beside my husband's bed, his lean square jaw tense with the grief he could not conceal. Sometimes he sat there for an hour, scarcely speaking.

Later he told me, "Sister Adele, I wanted to tell him about my struggle. I wanted to ask him to pray for me. But I just couldn't bring myself to put it into words."

But we knew, and we prayed.

Shortly after my husband's death Rafael went to work in a hotel on the Mediterranean coast. There he could earn more money and hasten the day when he and Paquita could be married. Although occasionally he was able to come up to Ronda for a few hours, our services that he could attend were fewer than ever. But we still prayed, and the battle being waged within him became more fierce than ever.

ONE DAY late in that summer he was reading a book about the power of God. "Lay your need before Him," he read. "Put yourself into His hands; trust Him." Wearing of his own futile efforts, Rafael did just that. He destroyed his cigarettes and threw himself into the mighty hands of God. At that moment Satan's power over his life was completely broken.

That September Rafael applied for admittance to our new Spanish Bible Institute. "I can't tell you when God first began to speak to me," he said. "When your husband died, I felt very keenly my responsibility to offer myself for the ministry. But it seemed impossible. I believed the ministry was for those who had never failed the Lord." But at last the call came to him so clearly that he could resist it no longer.

His marriage to Paquita was delayed until he finished Bible school. She too was willing to pay the price of obeying God. While Rafael studied in Bible school, Paquita worked at learning things she felt would make her more helpful as a minister's wife.

The time of waiting passed. Rafael and Paquita were married January 9, 1972. Today they serve the Lord together, helping others know Christ. Rafael, a licensed minister, helps manage our International Correspondence Institute office in Madrid and also conducts prayer meetings in his home.

The words he spoke that morning in chapel, "We must give Him everything . . . everything we have!" are the touchstone of his life. Through misty eyes I see him, no longer a schoolboy facing taunts on the streets, or a teen-ager torn by inner strife, but now a mature young minister helping to fulfill the dreams of teaching and publishing the gospel of Jesus Christ in Spain.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE FAMILY?

By C. M. WARD

THERE IS *rebellion* within the home. Children are "disobedient to parents" (2 Timothy 3:2).

Dr. Bruno Bettelheim, University of Chicago, says, "Children used to be the greatest economic asset of a family because of their work contribution. Now they've become its greatest economic liability."

This article is from *The Crunch*, *Revivaltime's* 1973 prophecy newspaper.

The economic fabric that once held family units together as a cooperative whole has been shredded. No longer dependents, women have become an equal work force. No longer looking to parents as their sole source of financial aid, youths now rely on government subsidies to underwrite their education.

The child yearns for discipline and a sense of belonging—but the parents quest for material gain. Instead of receiving the fellowship of loving parents, the child is forced to accept entertainment and demeaning gratuities. The child, at a tender age, becomes the receiver of bribes. Indulgence is a poor substitute for affection.

Under present economic priorities, not very much is asked of the child. As a result the child soon feels deeply disturbed about his own worth.


As long as work revolved around the home, the content and fulfillment of each family member's life were found there. God created the home. We are transforming it into an impersonal terminal for arrivals and departures.

Emotional security, so essential to wholesome living, can be built and solidified only *within* the family. And lack of emotional security produces "wild animals" which lurk within society and bleed its economy in an attempt to feed unnatural hungers. These hungers which fasten upon emotionally starved children with relentless addiction can frequently be traced to parents who fail to respond to their children's basic emotional needs.

Children, like saplings, must be "staked" and trained. Without this the teen-ager faces a complex world untaught and unstable. There must be nurture and admonition.

Paul puts his finger on the balance needed for family survival: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: *for this is right*. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:1-4).

Notice that Paul singles out the family head: "*fathers . . . bring them up*." In too many homes *the male has abdicated*. If we are to instill security in our children, we must not allow them to dominate.

Hell's most intensive attack is aimed at the destruction of family life, so it is in this area that Christian principles must be fortified. 

SCRIPTURES TO LIVE BY

... for June 10-16

Theme Verse: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28)

REFRESHING REST

Sunday—Genesis 1:1 to 2:3

Monday—Psalm 37:1-7

Tuesday—Isaiah 28:9-13

Wednesday—Matthew 11:25-30

Thursday—Mark 6:30-44

Friday—Hebrews 3:7-19

Saturday—Hebrews 4:1-13



Let us keep the feast!

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under God. The Day of Pentecost was a sort of holy Fourth of July.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come," says Luke as he begins to tell us of the most important Day of Pentecost ever. "When the day of Pentecost was fully come . . . , they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." And so began the Church.

At Sinai, when the first people of God were formed, God spoke to them. At Jerusalem, when the new people of God were formed, they spoke to Him: for it says they "began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4).

Talk about a harvest! Three thousand were added that day alone. And what a day of joy! For the Holy Spirit had come. He had come to *all* of them.

The Holy Spirit had always wanted to come to man. Even when earth was only a shapeless mass—before creation was completed, before there was a human heart to inhabit—"the Spirit of God," we are told, "moved upon the face of the waters" (Genesis 1:2).

Centuries later Joshua reported to Moses that two men were prophesying back in the camp. They had failed to join those 70 elders gathered at the tabernacle for that special outpouring. Instead of forbidding them, Moses allowed himself a wish, he dreamed a dream: "Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his Spirit upon them" (Numbers 11:29). But it never occurred to Moses even to pray for such a thing.

But go from Moses a bit less than halfway toward the days of Jesus, and you find the prophet Joel announcing, in the name of the Lord: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh" (Joel 2:28). Now the poured-out presence of the Spirit is no longer a dream: it is a predicted fact.

Come now to Peter on the Day of the Fiftieth. He quotes Joel to say you need no longer look for it in the future. It's here! The Day of Pentecost has come, the harvest has arrived, the offering of joyful praise is due. It is a day of celebration, a time of holy festivity.

Let me quote Harvey Cox. He seems an unlikely one to quote on an occasion like this, for a few years ago he wrote *The Secular City* in which he specified as the work of the church an avowedly radical course of social activism. More recently, however, he has written *The Feast of Fools*. In this book he tries to balance the activism of his earlier title with the theme of celebration. It is time, he says, that the church should begin to celebrate, to learn to play, to let down its ecclesiastical hair. He writes:

"The revivalist side of American religious history once gave a real place to emotion and feeling in religion. But since the second 'Great Awakening' petered out about 1850, most of American Protestantism has emphasized moral earnestness, doctrinal clarity, and intellectual rigor, even when it has failed to attain any of them. Perhaps what conventional Protestants have to gain today from the more intuitively oriented religious groups is an occasional tongue of fire."—*The Feast of Fools* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1969), p. 25.

May God teach us who name ourselves after the feast that Pentecost is a feast of joy. It is the delightful reaping of green growth. To Him are due the first-fruits, the pentecostal tax. Let there be joy, mirth, celebration, festivity, a spiritual feast.

GRADUATION DAY

And now, 50th graduating class, this is your day of celebration, your feast day, your academic Pentecost. You have made it. Joy is the order of the day!

I am not going to offer you any fatherly—or teacherly—advice. Instead, I come to you with a request: teach us how to rejoice.

My generation know so well how to weep, how to work, how to witness. We can ably defend the faith and preach the Word.

But you are the ones to bring back joy. Your graduation day is a joyful harvest of years of work. It is a Feast of Weeks, an occasion for celebration.

Certainly we have our awareness of frustrations, our incomplete tasks, our sources of friction, our deep interior battles. But all these Feasts of Fifty—the Feast of Weeks, the Day of Pentecost, and now your graduation day—these all tell us that the harvest of the Spirit is joy! You, the twice Pentecostal jubilee graduates, must teach us anew to delight in the Lord.

Oh, yes; I have not yet given you my text. It is 1 Corinthians 5:8. Calling a spiritually weak congregation to joyful celebration, Paul wrote: "Therefore let us keep the feast. . . ." And so to the jubilee class I leave that word: "Keep the feast!"

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JAMES 1:2-15

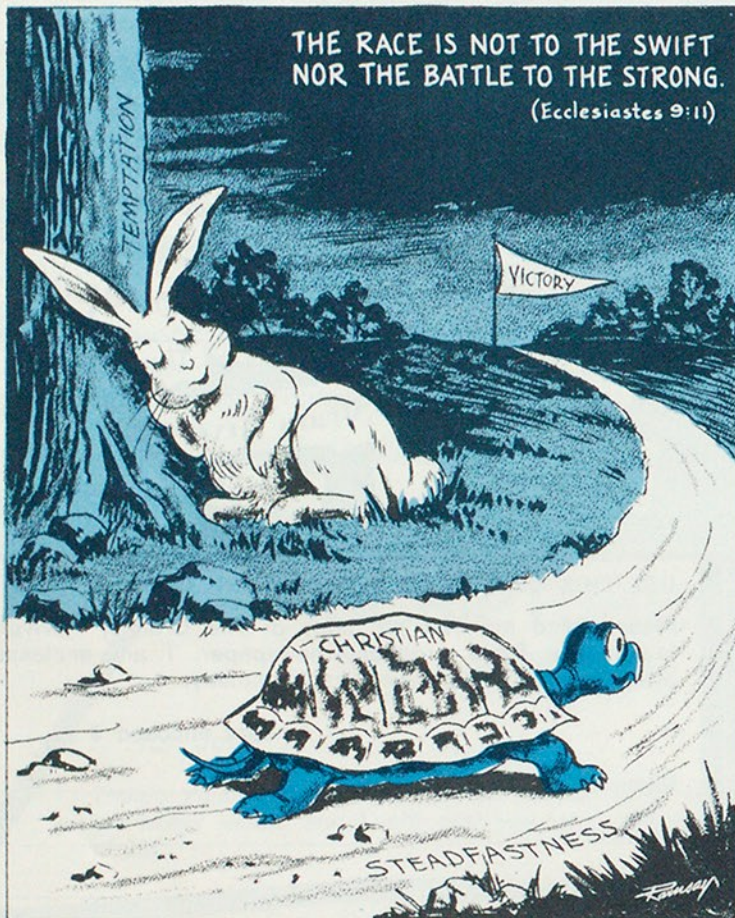
By J. BASHFORD BISHOP / South-Eastern Bible College
Assistant Professor of Bible and Religion

IF A MAN IS UNHAPPY with the place where he lives, he may move away. But there is no way to avoid trials and temptations, for a man cannot get away from himself. Nor should a man desire to escape, for trials and temptations successfully endured become under God the source of both present and eternal reward.

1. *Variety in trials* (v. 2). "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations." *Divers* means "all sorts of," for trials are many and varied. They also have a way of coming all at once. When such is the case, the Christian is to rejoice.

This does not mean that we look for or invite trials.

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We are told to pray, "Lead us not into temptation." But when trials come upon us, then we are to count it joy.

2. *The product of trial* (vv. 3, 4). James did not say that trials in themselves are joyous. What he did say is that we can rejoice in them because we *know* "that the trying of... faith worketh patience." God permits trials in order to strengthen faith, produce Christian character, and make us more like Himself.

This patience or endurance, the product of trials endured victoriously, makes complete, well-rounded Christians—men with chastened spirits, submissive wills, sympathetic natures—men who are cautious, humble, grateful, hopeful, unworldly, and spiritual.

3. *The availability of wisdom* (v. 5). "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God." The way in which the Christian reacts to trial and temptation determines his destiny. And he is greatly in need of divine wisdom which will enable him both to view trials in their true light, and to know how to respond to those trials. God is eager to give the needed wisdom and to give it quickly and generously to all who ask.

4. *The privilege of prayer* (vv. 6-8). "But let him ask in faith." To doubt God is to dishonor Him. Would any wise father withhold advice from a son who needed and desired it? Unthinkable! How much more then will a loving and all-wise Heavenly Father give needed wisdom to His children.

5. *The trial of poverty and riches* (vv. 9-11). It is a trial to be poor and a test to be wealthy. Either may result in moral and spiritual disaster. James suggested that the poor man is to rejoice in being a child of God and therefore is *exalted*, while the rich man is to remember with humility that he can't take his riches with him.

6. *The reward of endurance* (v. 12). Summing up, James spoke of "the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." We receive as a reward such a growing and continuing sense of God's power and love that it can only be defined as "life more abundant" for both time and eternity.

7. *The source of temptation* (v. 13). "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God." Yet saints and sinners alike blame others for their sins.

James clearly established certain facts which every Christian needs to remember: (1) God cannot be tempted, for He is altogether holy. (2) God never tempts any man. God permits man to be tempted but He is not the author of temptation. God tests man to bring out good; Satan tempts man to bring out evil. (3) "Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." That puts the blame where it belongs.

There is no power in the universe outside ourselves that can lead us into sin unless our own desires respond to the evil suggestions of the enemy. Every Christian has the indwelling Spirit to enable him to experience victory in trial and temptation. "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). "Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:11).

New love

By RON OSBORNE

MY WIFE AND I began walking across the courtroom to a 14-year-old girl made legally ours through adoption—and a new kind of love grew to maturity. A year earlier (December 1967) our family had the blessing of receiving this girl as a foster child from Highlands Child Placement Service.

My association with Highlands began several years before, at a meeting called by the administrator to solicit help for their work. From this meeting came the opportunity for my company to provide a mailing service for Highlands.

After many visits to Highlands my wife and I decided we would like to have a foster child to live with our own son and daughter, 8 and 9 years old.

After a series of what some people might consider coincidental events, a foster child was placed in our home. A dream was fulfilled when our foster child became our adopted daughter. We experienced the joy of hearing her say yes, when the judge asked if she wanted us as her parents—and the thrill of walking out the courtroom door as parents and daughter.

We found this joy to be quite different from that of the birth of a child, because in adoption the joy is visible in the child.

One of the highlights of Highlands ministry is the successful placement of teen-agers. This success is especially significant considering the ratio of teen-agers available for placement to qualified parents who will accept them.

We found the success of teen-age placement rests as much with the young person as with the parent or guardian. The preplacement counseling of both parties contributes much to the success.

Highlands ministry was enhanced when it was changed from a children's home to a placement service. With this change the Assemblies of God is fortunate to be able to serve not only homeless children, but also expectant unwed mothers.

Pastors faced with the problems of unwed mothers had no place to turn within the Assemblies of God for help. Obviously the benefits from this type of program do not stop with accommodation of the mother and delivery of the baby, nor with the subsequent adoption of the baby into a deserving Christian home. Its effects can touch many lives on the fringes of what was previously a problem. As a result of proper care for both mother and child, the ministry will actually continue for many generations.

Over one thousand adoption requests are on file with Highlands. This creates a tremendous work load—screening, interviewing, and evaluating possible foster and adoptive parents.

Since its beginning, Highlands has ministered to approximately 200 children. Seventy-five adoptions have been finalized, and 35 other children are in adoptive

placement or under foster-care supervision. If it were possible for more caseworkers to be employed, a larger case load could be handled, but this would require more funds. Highlands is not supported solely by adoption fees but depends on contributions for 60 percent of its income.


The people of the Assemblies of God can be proud of the professional and progressive approach Highlands is taking to cope with the complicated problems of unwed mother care and child placement. 



Photo by A. Devaney

“Daddy, what would happen to me if you died?”

I would rather have the privilege of choosing the guardian of my children than let the State make the choice for me. Please send me information on making a Christian will.

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READERS WRITE THE EDITORS

Thanks for 'invitation'

Thank you for the April 15 *Evangel* with the invitation to the "celebration" on the front cover. I truly believe my Lord and Saviour is coming soon and we all need to be ready to welcome His return.

Sometimes I feel so helpless for at 86 I can't get around to do much. But praise God I can pray and read His Word and sew for His missionaries.

I feel God's presence and know I am not alone.

MRS. EVA PYGMAN
Minnesota

Enjoyed editorial

Thank you so very much for the editorial "Portrait of a Pentecostal Christian" in the April 8 issue. As a former Catholic, it helped me immensely in my spiritual growth and I handed out a number of copies to other Catholic Christians.

All of us who read the article are rereading and studying it and keeping it as a very handy reference.

MRS. DONNA GOTCHER
Arizona

Disturbing news item

I really enjoy the *Pentecostal Evangel* and read it avidly from cover to cover.

I have a hospital ministry in San Francisco and give out backdated issues each week. In four years I have given out about 8,000 *Evangels*. As a driver for Greyhound Bus lines, I also minister to Greyhound employees from 11 western states. I thank God for the tremendous influence the *Evangel* has had during these years.

In the April 15 issue, you ran a news item on the Hollywood Bowl Easter service and mentioned the Mormon choir singing. It is unthinkable to run this type of news in so fine a magazine. All Christians know that these people are not born again but trust in a perverted gospel. Please do not publish such items as these.

GERALD STEWART
California

I was disturbed by the ad in the April 15 *Evangel* inviting people to attend Easter services in the Hollywood Bowl when

the Mormon choir was singing. It is my understanding that Mormon doctrine does not coincide with the Word of God.

Is there any good reason why such an article was published in the *Evangel*? It set my soul on fire, for my brother is a Mormon missionary and they are doing everything they can to get me to become a member of their church.

A CALIFORNIA READER

Editor's Note: It was not an ad and no invitation was extended. It was a news photo of the Hollywood Bowl, published as a matter of general interest. We are sorry if anyone gained the impression that we endorse Mormon doctrine, for this certainly is not the case.

Doesn't like news items

Until recently I have always enjoyed the *Evangel*. But now I notice some questionable news items.

For example, there was one in the March 18 issue about a pastor urging clinics for "dignified suicides." The March 25 issue had another news item on suicide. I fail to see the wisdom or motive in printing such garbage.

HARRY FORSEEN
Minnesota

Editor's note: Items are printed on the news pages for their informative value and not because we endorse the people or actions involved. They are items our readers should know about to understand the problems of people in today's world so they can minister more effectively to their needs.

Footnote to article

Some people may be misled by the article in the March 18 *Evangel*, "Something for Nothing."

I am for people receiving the Holy Ghost as soon as possible, and I know there is such a thing as receiving the promise by faith. But some may think they are out of the will of God if they have to tarry for the Holy Spirit, and this is not always so. A note to this effect should have followed this article.

GEORGE WALDREP
Texas

Too good to give away

It will be 23 years in June since I gave my heart to the Lord, and that's how long I've been reading the *Evangel*.

I like all of the articles, but the one "What Happens After Death" in the April 22 issue was one of the best ever.

I always give the *Evangel* to someone else, but this is one

I'd like to keep for myself!

WILMA SMITH
Tennessee

One Nation Under God

I recently returned from Washington, D.C., and three weeks of working in the office of Senator Edward Gurney (R-Fla.) on an internship program sponsored by *Evangel College*.

This was a profoundly sobering and highly informative experience. Among some very definite opinions I formed while there is that we have a history that simply shouts, "We Trust in God." I think this is the secret of America's success.

I found that many of our national leaders feel the same way. In fact, several congressmen and a couple of senators spend most of their weekends preaching!

Honoring God as a nation has not degenerated into a total impossibility. I believe our hope today lies in having more God-fearing leaders, and more individuals who are willing to recognize Christ as the Lord and sovereign of their lives.

CATHY GARLIT
Missouri

Post-Rapture church?

After reading the news item about an Assemblies of God church setting its post-Rapture house in order (May 6 *Evangel*) my heart just sank to think any pastor would have such a negative attitude.

Instead of trying to plan for those left behind when Christ returns for His waiting bride, we should be striving to make sure everyone is ready and that none will be left behind.

We who are familiar with the Word expect that pandemonium will reign after the Rapture—no need to try and save church property. Satan will then take over. I don't think we want any unnecessary ridicule to hinder the work of the blessed Holy Spirit among us in these last days.

MRS. IDA GRAHAM
Kansas

Editor's note: Officials of the Assemblies of God have not encouraged such action as this church (First Assembly of God, North Hollywood, Calif.—D. L. Sanders, pastor) has taken. We really do not know what conditions will exist on this earth immediately following the rapture of the Church. There are honest differences of opinion, but many devout Bible students believe it will still be possible for people to be saved during this time. It is for this possibility that Pastor Sanders and his congregation are preparing.

IN STEP

Keeping in step with Christ is not always easy—especially for servicemen. That is where the Servicemen's Ministries of the Assemblies of God comes in. We want to help them keep in step. But for us to provide that help, we need two things—your prayers and your support. Give to the Servicemen's Ministries on Servicemen's Day, July 1.



NEWS OF OUR TIMES

REVIVAL SWEEPS KOREAN MILITARY

TAEGU—Fires of revival are sweeping throughout Korea and nowhere are they burning more vigorously than in the military ranks.

About 140,000 servicemen have been converted and baptized in the past two years, and hundreds of chaplains and pastors are engaged in follow-up.

An estimated 35 percent of the nation's armed forces personnel are professing Christians, compared to less than 13 percent of the population.

Last fall, some 1,605 cadets and servicemen were baptized in this city. Of 5,000 students in the military academy here, 3,000 have professed faith in Christ. Of this latter number, Army Chief of Chaplains Han estimates that one half were led to Christ through reading a Testament distributed by the Korean Gideons.

In 1970, the commanding general of the Republic of South Korea's First Army was General Shin Han. General Han, who before the Korean war had lived in North Korea, had noticed that North Koreans feared the true, Bible-believing Christians. He also noticed that of all the religions, Christianity offered the best defense against communism.

General Han was and is a Buddhist, but he decided that if the South Korean Army had more Christians it would help the morale and also be a bulwark against communism.

General Han authorized Chief of Chaplains Joon Sup Han to do everything possible to evangelize the South Korean Army and get the soldiers converted to Christianity.

Each day a gospel service is held in the Army barracks all over Korea and soldiers are being saved daily.

In 1970, 12 percent of the South Korean Army was Christian, compared to 35 percent in 1972.

The Korean Gideons are raising funds for one million

Testaments to distribute to every serviceman in South Korean military forces.

"The opportunity to evangelize in Korea has arrived!" states Chaplain Han. "The life-and-death question of Korea is surely related to our best effort to provide the witness of the Christian gospel to the nation."

'COUNTER REFORMATION' IS MOST IMPORTANT MOVEMENT IN AMERICA TODAY

NEW YORK—The most important movement in America today is the "Counter Reformation," according to Herman Kahn of the Hudson Institute.

This movement is "counter to the counterculture," he says. He believes the counterculture will find a "very friendly home" in certain "prestige" universities for a long time to come, and that although most young people will eventually settle down, they won't pick up "square" values completely.

Kahn does not think the supposed growth of skepticism and cynicism has slowed down the Counter Reformation, because the "decline in belief is found mostly in the upper middle class. Belief and faith are still important to the rest of America. The biggest part of the Counter Reformation, in fact, is a movement toward fundamentalist religions.

"America in this respect is out of step with the rest of the world which is moving toward secular humanism. Today, I think America is the only Western country in which the average person more or less believes in a personal God who judges individual acts."

These are the values Kahn thinks traditional Americans will maintain "for a long time": survival, security, personal relations, prestige, self-actualization.

"There will be a shift more and more toward self-actualization. There will be more ac-

'Galloping star' may hold secrets

LONDON—A star known as a quasar which is traveling away from earth at an incredible 177,000 miles a second has been discovered by two astronomers working in Arizona.

The story, released in England, indicated that the star is speeding away at the ultimate rate at which matter can travel.

Its importance allegedly lies in the fact that scientists believe it could help ultimately to solve the riddle of how the

universe was created.

Dr. R. F. Carswell and Dr. P. A. Strittmatter have told the story of their discovery in the recent edition of the British science magazine, "Nature." They base their theory concerning the quasar, tagged OH471, on the widely held belief of many scientists that the universe was created at one instant of time by a tremendous explosion of a central core of matter.

MOST AMERICANS FEEL GUILTY OVER TREATMENT OF INDIANS

NEW YORK—A majority of the American people suffer from a "deep sense of guilt over the way Indians have been treated by this country," the Louis Harris Survey reports.

A poll of 1,472 households was taken in March while the confrontation between Indians and the federal government at Wounded Knee, S. Dak., was in the headlines.

Several questions were asked. Fifty-one percent of the respondents had more sympathy for the militants at the Pine Ridge Reservation hamlet than for the government position, which received the endorsement of only 21 percent. Twenty-eight percent said they were unsure.

Church merger postponed

MEMPHIS—A unanimous vote by representatives of eight major Protestant denominations voted here to shelve efforts to reach agreement on a detailed plan to merge into a 22-million-member Protestant church.

Delegates to the 11th plenary meeting of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) decided instead to sponsor experiments in ecumenical cooperation at the local church level and to develop data and ideas for use in the creation of a unified structure in the future.

Religious broadcasting continues to grow

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Evangelical broadcasting is growing by leaps and bounds, according to figures compiled by the National Religious Broadcasters.

NRB executive secretary Ben Armstrong said the group now has 515 members, an estimated 70 percent of the religious broadcasting market. In 1967, NRB had 107 members.

Christian radio stations, which in 1967 were being formed at a rate of one a month, are now appearing at the rate of one a week in the U.S. Similarly, from a single Christian television station five years ago, the field has grown to 24 across the nation with 13 more under negotiation.

Armstrong reports that six facilities broadcast daily to countries behind the Iron Curtain, and that "no place on earth is now inaccessible to the gospel."



With the Tennessee State Senate balcony packed with school children, Sen. Milton Hamilton stands to ask for passage of his bill which would restrict evolution to a "theory" in textbooks designed for public schools and colleges. With little debate and by a vote of 28 to 1, the State said books dealing with human origins should give "commensurate attention to, and an equal amount of emphasis on, the origins and creation of man," including Genesis from the Bible. (RNS photo)

Tennessee Senate limits evolution teaching

NASHVILLE—State senators of Tennessee voted without debate to place restrictions on the teaching of the theory of evolution in the state's public schools and colleges.

The move was reminiscent of the Tennessee Legislature's vote 50 years earlier prohibiting the teaching of any theory of man's origin contrary to the Creationist doctrine of Genesis. That law led to the famed "Monkey Trial" at Dayton in 1925 in which the late John T. Scopes, a high school science teacher, was convicted of breaking the new law and was fined.

In 1967 the so-called Monkey Law was repealed under threat of a new court test.

The proposed new law, like those enacted this winter in California, Wisconsin, and other states, would require that text-

books dealing with man's origin present evolution only as a theory and give "commensurate attention to, and an equal amount of emphasis on, the origins and creation of man" as found in other sources, including the Bible. The House is expected to pass the bill.

'EVALUATIVE CRITERIA' LEADS TO ACCREDITATION FOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

WHEATON, ILL.—Christian elementary schools in the nation can now be accredited, thanks to the preparation of "Evaluative Criteria" prepared by Dr. Roy Lowrie.

Stephen Shoe, acting director of the National Association of Christian Schools here, said the purpose of the criteria was to guide schools through a comprehensive accreditation program. Prepared during an intensive 12-month program, it contains high education standards which reflect a Christian perspective and an understanding of the child's growth and development.

Dr. Lowrie's evaluative instrument is the result of frequent requests from Christian school administrators for an accreditation program which would be educationally sound and which would also evaluate the Christian distinctives of the Christian schools.

California science texts will declare evolution is 'theory,' not fact

LOS ANGELES—The California State Board of Education has approved editorial revision of new science textbooks that would label evolution as a "theory," not proven "fact."

No mention of the religious explanation of Creation was mentioned in the board's decision. However, the board voted to include an introductory statement in science texts stressing the limits of the scientific theory of evolution.

The changes are being asked by the board to remove what it called "dogmatism" from statements about evolution.

Among the changes is the removal of this statement: "Like the other organisms inhabiting this planet, man has evolved from ancestral organisms."

It is replaced by: "It is believed in the theory of evolution that man has evolved from ancestral organisms like the other organisms inhabiting this planet."

The 350-word introduction states that "most scientists agree that the theory of organic evolution is the best scientific description we have to account for the complex forms of life in the past and present."

It also says there are "certain questions about how things began which science cannot answer."

The treatment of Creation as recorded in Genesis, and the theory of evolution in public school textbooks have been sources of heated controversy in California and elsewhere.

Last December, a group of prominent scientists issued a letter opposing the move to teach the Biblical doctrine of Creation on an equal basis with the Darwinian theory. They held that the "creation theory is not based on science and does not belong in the science textbook."

Finnish births dwindle while divorces rise

HELSINKI—The birth rate in Finland is going down and the divorce rate is going up, according to the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Births declined by 20 percent during the 1967-1971 period. In 1971, 61,531 children were born—15,758 less than the number born in 1967.

The divorce rate grew by 32 percent in the five-year period. In 1971, one in every five couples was divorcing, as compared to one in eight in 1967.

Church membership statistics for the five-year period revealed that 92 percent of the people belong to the State Lutheran Church. Communicants numbered 4,664,992 at the end of 1971.

Between 30,000 and 40,000 are members of Finland's Pentecostal congregations.

'Blacks need churches,' Methodist bishop tells NNEA convention

PITTSBURGH, PA.—The salvation of the black community lies in the Church, according to the presiding bishop of the United Methodist Church in Western Pennsylvania.

"The churches and the preachers must bring to bear in the black community a spiritual rehabilitation," asserted Bishop Roy C. Nichols at the 10th annual convention of the National Negro Evangelical Association here.

Nichols told some 200 people in the William Penn Hotel, "Churches and preachers must turn the community around."

He believes that only through involvement in churches and a close affinity with God will blacks continue to progress.

NNEA President William Bentley said that although the organization was formed in reaction to exclusion by whites, it was not separatist in nature. It welcomes all who can "relate to our statement of faith and purpose," he declared.

Bentley says the group is considering a name change because the word "evangelical" doesn't have much meaning in the black community. He said NNEA accepts the Biblical record of God's revelation of Jesus Christ. "But we have no yardstick of conformity for our members. People of all persuasions belong, from Pentecostals to Presbyterians, including some Roman Catholics."

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SECOND FIELD SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE NAMED

SPRINGFIELD, MO. — L. B. Keener, Santa Ana, Calif., has been named Southwest Area Field Service Representative for the Assemblies of God Division of Publication.

The post is one of several recently authorized by the Executive Presbytery, and is the second to be filled. Paul Fenton serves in a similar capacity in the Northwest area.

Brother Keener will be available to represent the Gospel Publishing House in conventions, seminars, and other meetings; participate in district councils, institutes, and camps; and assist in evaluation and development planning for local Sunday schools. The Southwest area includes California, Nevada, Arizona, and Utah.

Brother Keener has been manager of the Word of Life Bookstore in Santa Ana since 1964. A native of Bartlesville, Okla., he was ordained to the ministry in 1941. After serving as pastor, evangelist, and district youth director and Sunday school director in Oklahoma, he joined the Assemblies of God

national Sunday School Department in 1954.

Following 10 years' service as a national representative, he transferred to the California bookstore.

William G. Eastlake, acting national director of the Division of Publication, said other areas may be designated and staffed in the future as the service program develops.

Gary Sherman, manager of the Gospel Publishing House retail bookstore in Springfield for the past year, succeeds Mr. Keener as manager of the Word of Life Bookstore in Santa Ana.

Southern New England District elects director of church ministries

NORWALK, CONN.—At the district council meeting held at Parkway Assembly here in March, ministers of the Southern New England District approved a third full-time district office of Church Ministries, and elected Harvey J. Meppelink to serve in this capacity. Brother Meppelink assumed his new duties June 1.

The offices of secretary and treasurer were combined and Hugh M. Corey was elected to the joint office.

David W. Flower was returned to office as district superintendent for a fifth term. The district honored Brother and Sister Flower with a trip to the 10th Pentecostal World Conference in Seoul, Korea, this September.

In other action, the ministers authorized an addition to the present office building in Auburn. Construction is to begin this summer.

Home clinics draw wide interest

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Christian Home Seminars in Assemblies of God churches of the Milwaukee metropolitan area are drawing widespread interest, according to Mrs. John Wibley, sectional WMC representative and Seminar coordinator.

Thrust of the nine monthly seminars is to strengthen the unique place of the Christian home in today's society, and to help Christian homemakers face today's challenges with a solid Biblical basis.

Mrs. David Wilcox, who with her husband is engaged in full-

time ministry in Home Clinics within local churches, is guest speaker for each of the seminars. A former policewoman, high school and college teacher, she draws from a wealth of experience both in the lectures and in the discussion periods which follow.

Mrs. Clyde Brown and Mrs. Norman Whitney work with Mrs. Wibley as a coordinating committee.

Topics of discussion include: "Is There a Third Sex?" "Are Parents Always to Blame?" "Both Cain and Abel Were Adam's Sons," "You Can't Ignore It . . . Tell Your Child About Sex," "Guarding Your Home Against Satanism," and "Should Christian Women Have Nerves?"

Books and literature as well as lecture notes are made available to participants.

G. Raymond Carlson, assistant general superintendent, was guest speaker. There were 162 registered for the council.

Officers elected to serve the Southern New England District are (l. to r.) David W. Flower, superintendent; H. J. Meppelink, director of church ministries; and H. M. Corey, secretary-treasurer.



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The congregation of Endicott Assembly worships in this nice building which now is completely paid for.

Church burns mortgage on three-year-old building

FERRUM, VA.—Three years after starting construction on a new building (and a year and a half after its completion) the congregation of Endicott Assembly here burned the mortgage on the church.

The April 1 mortgage-burning service was a time of rejoicing for Pastor Jerry Nicewander and his congregation. They praised God for helping them pay off the \$35,000 debt and accomplish other tasks. Stanley Lyon, superintendent of the Appalachian District, participated in the special service.

During the past three years, the congregation has built a picnic shelter, installed air conditioning, and purchased a new piano. All these things are paid for.

During the mortgage-burning service, the congregation took pledges for a new public address system for the church. Brother Nicewander reports most of these pledges have now been paid.

Best of all, the church is progressing spiritually. People are being saved and filled with the Spirit, the pastor says.

BRIDGEPORT, ILL.—The Assembly of God here recently was blessed through the ministry of Evangelist Jerry Rollins of Arlington, Tex.

Pastor Gary Crowder reports attendance was excellent. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit during the revival. Many testified to receiving healing for their bodies.

MARION, ILL.—The ministry of Evangelist Ken Krivohlavek was a real blessing to the congregation of the Assembly of God

here, according to Pastor Richard W. Hart.

One accepted Christ and two were baptized in the Spirit during the revival.

Several manifested the gifts of the Spirit for the first time. Many received healing for physical needs.

"We are a home missions church, and this revival was a real stepping-stone in establishing a work for God," says Brother Hart.

KENSINGTON, KANS.—During a three-week revival at the Assembly of God here, God turned spiritually complacent people into enthusiastic, Spirit-filled Christians, according to Pastor Billy Wayne Sketers.

Under the ministry of Evangelist Tom Waggoner of Springfield, Mo., five were saved, four reclaimed, 13 baptized in the Holy Spirit, and eight refilled. Several testified to receiving healing for both physical and emotional needs.

Brother Sketers reports many from other denominations received the infilling of the Spirit. One entire family was saved or reclaimed and all but one baptized in the Spirit.

CALEDONIA, MO.—Twenty were saved, 14 reclaimed, 54 baptized in the Holy Spirit, and six refilled during a revival at the Assembly of God here.

Pastor J. R. Ivie reports it was the best-attended revival in the history of the church. The evangelist was Glenna Byard of Fredricktown, Mo.

"God's moving by His Spirit was manifest in many ways, and our church people yielded themselves to God," Brother Ivie states. Several who were filled with the Spirit were from other denominations, including a Baptist lady from another state, and three generations from one family.

"Our attendance is going up, and two have been saved in our regular services since the revival," reports Pastor Ivie.

ROLLA, MO.—First Assembly here recently was blessed through the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Billy Frank Boren of Overton, Tex.

Pastor Carl Roberts reports 15 were saved and 30 baptized in the Holy Spirit. Six were baptized in water and eight joined the church. The pastor notes there has been an increase both in Sunday school and church attendance since the revival.

Many of those filled with the Spirit were young men from the Lutheran fraternity here at the University of Missouri, Brother Roberts states.

FT. WORTH, TEX.—"Only eternity will reveal all the good things the Lord has done during a five-week revival at First Assembly with Evangelist George Gregg," states Pastor Roy Drumm.

Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and others healed during the services.

Attendance has increased as a result of the meeting.

GREAT BEND KANS.—Three were saved and four filled with the Spirit during services at First Assembly here with Evangelist Leo Gaston of Springfield, Mo.

Pastor J. P. McCamey reports the entire congregation was richly blessed during the revival.

First Assembly is the result of a recent merger of two churches in this area. Sunday school attendance has reached a high of 228 with an average of 182. Plans are under way for the construction of a new building.

BIG SPRING, TEX.—The congregation of Evangel Temple Assembly here recently benefited from the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Larry Maddux of Dallas, Tex.

"A great stirring of the Holy Spirit moved the church deeply," states Pastor Donald A. Calvin. Many visitors attended the services and several from other denominations were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

CENTERVILLE, MO.—Five were saved and three filled with the Holy Spirit during a revival at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Marie Long of Ava, Mo.

Pastor W. W. Chitwood reports a spirit of revival continues in the church.

MILESBURG, PA.—Pastor B. F. Richter of the Assembly of God here reports God worked in the hearts of the congregation during evangelistic services with Mike and Bernadine Garland of Glen Rock, Pa.

"The people who knelt at the altar for salvation, the scriptural preaching by the evangelist, the many visitors in the services, and the glowing testimonies of the church members combined to make the revival a tremendous blessing," states Brother Richter.

About 1,000 pieces of literature were distributed prior to the crusade. The Sunday school attendance the last day of the meeting was 186.

BELLEVILLE, ILL.—Five accepted Christ as Saviour, four were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and one refilled during a revival at Villa Hills Assembly here with Evangelist Ken Krivohlavek of Springfield, Mo.

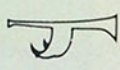
Pastor H. E. Thrasher reports the meeting was a real blessing to the congregation. Since the revival, the gifts of the Spirit have been in operation much more than before.

Several people testified to receiving healing in the services.

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STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Bay Minette	Dyas	June 12-24	Esther Palmer	Lomax Lunsford
	Bessemer	First	June 13-24	Kenneth & Theda Wright	Johnny Jones
	Dozier	¹ A/G	June 10-15	Johnny & Karen Jones	Oral Sorrells
	Greenville	First	June 5-10	Esther Palmer	Donald Young
Ariz.	Wilmer	¹ Georgetown	June 3-8	Johnny & Karen Jones	A. J. Cameron
	Bylas	² Apache Mission	June 13-24	Forrest E. Gibbs Family	June Mills
	Coolidge	First	June 13-24	Charles Hudspeth	Douglas Young
	Sacaton	² Campmeeting	June 3-10	Forrest E. Gibbs Family	Tommy Good
Ark.	Tempe	¹ Full Gospel	June 10-15	Les & Sandra Merrick	Lloyd Groomer
	Amity	Culbert Spgs.	June 10-17	Marvin Launius	H. A. Francis
	Benton	¹ First	June 10-15	Ken & Alice Williams	James Walker
	Conway	A/G	June 13-24	James & Peggy Hazelton	Billy Morgan
Calif.	Fordyce	First	June 10-24	Doherty Evang. Team	Robert Copeland
	Norman	First	June 10-29	Paul Rose Team	Bowman Messer
	W. Fork	A/G	June 10-17	Fred & Mrs. Carrington	Hugh Still
	Alpine	Bethel	June 10—	Royce Peterson	Roger Dunigan
Conn.	Kerman	Grace	June 4-10	Doug Chambers	James Booth
	San Pablo	Calvary	June 13-22	Doug Chambers	James Murrell
	Victorville	First	June 10-15	Whitenack & White Team	Vernon Nybakken
	W. Sacramento	First	June 10-15	Irene Abrahamson	Wm. Wedgeworth
Fla.	Denver	Bethel	May 29-June 10	Art Ortega	Mike Salazar
	Hartford	Faith	June 14-17	Bob Lundstrom	Delores Ramirez
Ga.	Cocoa	First	June 13-17	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	William Spann
	Jacksonville	Oceanway	June 10-17	D. N. Asbury	James Watson
	Marianna	¹ First	June 10-15	Wm. H. Hooppell Party	W. B. Franklin
	Pensacola	Bethel	June 17-22	Wm. H. Hooppell Party	C. A. Flowers
Hawaii	Plant City	First	June 11-15	Gladys Voigt	Carl Johnson
	Atlanta	Brookhaven	June 20-24	Whitlow Evang. Team	A. V. Hendrick
	Aiea, Oahu	¹ Bethany	June 10-15	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	Eva Bloom
	Kurtistown	¹ A/G	June 10-17	Bob & Elizabeth Abbott	Albert Yasuhara
Ill.	Mtn. Home	A/G	June 10-17	F. R. McAdams Team	Burl Duncan
	Bridgeport	A/G	June 12-17	Jack & Sharon Malone	Gary Crowder
	Canton	A/G	June 10-17	Jeremiah Hanley	Willis Wilson
	McLeansboro	A/G	June 12-24	The King's Daughters	Culpepper & Gourlas
Ind.	Angola	A/G	June 4-10	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	Darold Beck
	Brazil	First	June 13-24	Joe Neely	G. W. Dewlen
	Hymera	Shiloh	June 13-17	Tommy Calk	Oscar Beadle
	Marion	W. Side	June 6-24	Ossie B. Jones Trio	A. W. Thomasson
Iowa	Terre Haute	Chamberlain's	June 5-17	Bennie Benton	Norton Richardson
	Des Moines	Glad Tidings	June 12-24	Billy Frank Boren	Richard Arrowood
	Newton	¹ A/G	June 10-15	Christian Hild	William Hamilton
	Hammond	A/G	June 3-10	Loyd & Patsy Singley	Louis LaMonica
Maine	Smyrna Mills	¹ Bethel	June 11-15	Gene & Judy McKinney	Marvin Lawrence
	Laurel	³ First	June 12-24	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	P. E. Boyce
	Oakland	² A/G	June 19-July 1	James Carter Family	Anthony Testasecca
	N. Adams	Bethel	June 12-17	Don Evans	Ronald Hale
Mass.	Northampton	A/G	June 10-15	Bob Duncan	Andrew Larrimore
	Taunton	A/G	June 10-17	Arne Vick	David Flynn
	Bad Axe	First	June 3-8	Phil Appenzeller	Roscoe Berthume
	Boyne City	A/G	June 10-17	Larry & Gail Riley	Lynn White
Mich.	Mt. Pleasant	A/G	June 10-15	Bruce White	Joseph Eger
	St. Johns	First	June 12-17	Daniel D. Roehl	Elwin Washburn
	St. Louis	A/G	June 5-10	Daniel D. Roehl	Clarke E. Gage
	Crosby	A/G	June 11-15	Kathleen Jennings	William R. King
Minn.	Slayton	A/G	June 10-15	Blane & Darlene Huston	Robert Cook
	Louisville	Vernon	June 10-20	J. Howard Reynolds	Charles Millhouser
	Fayette	¹ A/G	June 11-17	Ruth Copeland	Anzel E. Shoults
	Oak Grove	¹ A/G	June 10-15	Faye Clark	Glen Green
Mo.	Raytown	¹ A/G	June 3-8	Christian Hild	A. D. Pyle
	Springfield	Eastside	June 12-24	Loyd Middleton	E. D. Nicholson
	Missoula	¹ First	June 10-15	Charles J. Senechal	Walter Serdahl
	Wolf Point	A/G	June 10-22	E. Elsworth Krogstad	Robert Huttsell
Nebr.	Fremont	¹ Bethel	June 11-15	Larson-Stiver Team	John Stocker, Dir.
	Lexington	Teen Camp	June 11-15	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Kenneth Strong
	Hatch	A/G	June 12-17	Joe & Omena Sherrod	Floyd Myrick
	Port Jervis	First	June 10-13	Levi & Alma Storms	M. R. Audet
N. C.	Boone	Shulls Mills	June 3-8	Bob & Ruth Leitton	R. S. Rogers
	Hendersonville	A/G	June 10-15	Bob & Ruth Leitton	J. H. Syverson
	Dickinson	First	June 5-17	New Life Crusaders	Vernon Lathe
	Walhalla	³ A/G	June 10-15	Victor Etienne	H. D. Galloway
Ohio	Kent	A/G	June 14-17	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	John Swint
	Miamisburg	A/G	June 13-24	John & Diane Jacob	Robert Curle
	Springfield	First	June 13-24	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Hershel Brummett
	Oklahoma City	¹ Capitol Hill	June 12-17	Paul & Myrtle Hild	Ralph Lovvorn
Okla.	Skiatook	A/G	June 11-17	Jennie L. Powell	Calvin Davis
	Springfield	Berean	June 10-22	Dawson & Jeannette Wheeler	Paul Sandgren
	Sioux Falls	Gospel Tab.	June 6-17	David Lewis Family	A. L. Land
	Humboldt	Gregory's	June 10—	A. L. Todd	Frank Walker
Tenn.	Lexington	² Calvary	June 10-24	Sammy Hayes	Gaylon Echols
	Memphis	³ Rugby Park	June 3-8	Patsy Ruth Allen	M. L. Milton
	Bridgeport	First	June 3—	L. L. Ammons	J. W. Nash
	Corpus Christi	Bethel	June 6—	Tommy & Esther Lance	R. M. Sparks
Tex.	Dallas	Blue Bonnet	June 17—	Don & Robbie Davis	E. M. Darneal
	Houston	Faith	June 6—	Glen Shinn Family	Kenneth Barney
	Houston	Heights	June 8—	Mike & Linda Murdock	A. A. Ferris
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	Milwaukee	Bethel	June 13-17	The Tanner Team	George Alber
Wyo.	Cheyenne	¹ Full Gospel	June 10-16	Charles J. Aaron	

M. B. Netzel, 64, went to be with the Lord on May 20 following a paralytic stroke. For over 15 years he was General Treasurer of the Assemblies of God. Formerly he served as superintendent of the North Texas District. Further details will be published later.

SULLIVAN, IND.—During a recent revival with Evangelist Tom Calk of Lone Oak, Tex., the congregation of First Assembly witnessed the salvation of several adults and young people. Many were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Pastor T. M. Bontrager reports the church was greatly blessed through this revival.

CARLETON, MICH.—The ministry of Evangelist Don Hughes of Broken Arrow, Okla., was a real blessing to the Assembly of God here, according to Pastor John M. Harris.

During two weeks of revival, 16 accepted Christ as Saviour, 19 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and four were refilled. Seven new members joined the church.

The church was strengthened spiritually, financially, and numerically as a result of this revival, states Brother Harris.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Homecoming—June 24, Glad Tidings Assembly, San Antonio, Tex. Guest speaker will be J. B. Linney, secretary of the South Texas District.—J. H. Brothers, pastor

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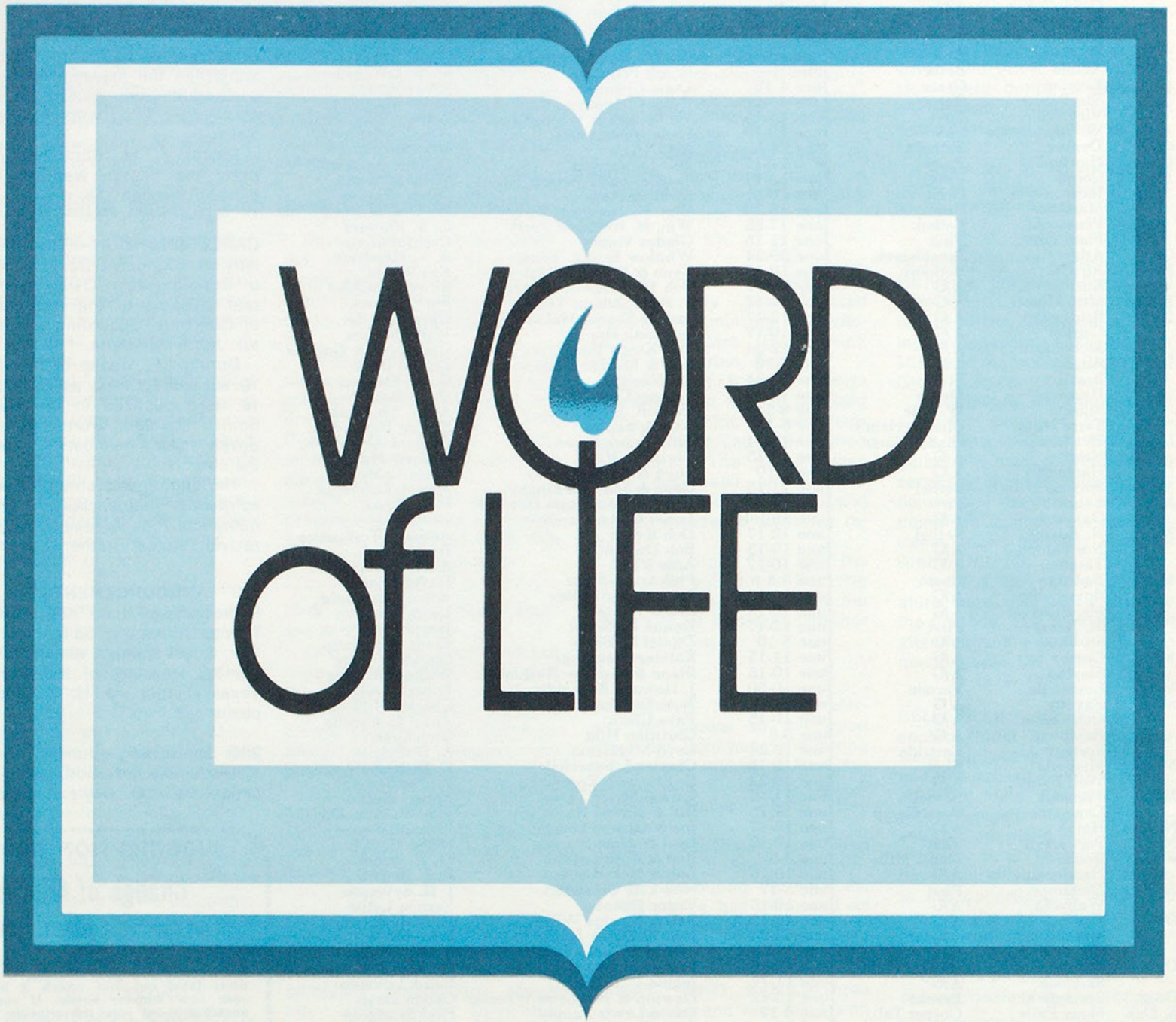
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It has always been so in the New Testament church. A Pentecostal outpouring always causes the church to increase in number, and we are seeing this today; for wherever the showers of Latter Rain are falling, the churches are growing. We praise God for this, and we pray the showers will never cease but will spread everywhere until every Christ-honoring congregation throughout the world will be Pentecostal in experience, if not in name.

As we celebrate another Pentecost Sunday, let us remember it was the working of the Holy Spirit which caused the membership of the Jerusalem church to mushroom from 120 to about 3,120 in a single day, and it was a Spirit-filled congregation of which the Bible says, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).

How do we know there were 120 in the company? Evidently someone counted them (Acts 1:15). How do we know there were about 3,000 souls added unto them? Some counting must have been done (Acts 2:41). It appears the apostles and elders always knew which persons were in the church and which were not. Membership was established. There is scriptural precedent, therefore, in teaching and practicing church membership.

Unfortunately membership has not been emphasized very strongly in some congregations for fear the people will think that if their names are on an earthly church roll they automatically are written in heaven. Not

so! Only those who are "born again" have their names written in the Lamb's book of life (Revelation 21:27). On the other hand, the fact some churches will take anyone into membership without regard to their spiritual state should not cause us to go to the opposite extreme and ignore or minimize church membership.

Assemblies of God leaders have designated Pentecost Sunday as Church Membership Day to draw attention to the importance of this step. If you regularly attend and support an Assemblies of God church, we would urge you to let your name be enrolled as a member.

It is a wholesome practice for new converts, as soon as they are thoroughly saved and established in the path of righteousness, to be received into membership in a public service. This gives them a sense of belonging and identifies them as persons who believe and practice the teaching of our church.

A local congregation is a corporate body having certain business responsibilities, such as calling a pastor, holding title to church property, handling missionary funds, paying church bills, etc. The best way to handle these matters is to have a membership roll and let all the qualified members take part in them.

It would be neither kind nor wise to expect the pastor to carry all the responsibilities. The Lord commanded Moses to number all the people of Israel in order that they might recognize their individual responsibility toward their house of worship. Every church today should be able to number its congregation and know which persons can be depended on to support its program.

It is time for church additions. Let those who believe in the church stand up and be counted as members.

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WE BELIEVE . . .

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

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

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

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. . . regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

. . . the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to prevailing prayer.

. . . the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.

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

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



'My stomach tells me'

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MY WIFE AND I paid a call on one of the families in our church recently. We hadn't been there long when in bounced David, a preschooler in the family.

I asked him how he liked Sunday school. "OK," he said, with a bashful grin. Then his mother told us an amusing story.

"The other Sunday I took David to the door of his Sunday school classroom, but he didn't want to go in. I asked him why, and all he said was, 'My stomach tells me not to go in.'"

"In fact," the mother continued, "every time he tries to explain why he wants or doesn't want to do something, he says, 'My stomach tells me.'"

We all had a chuckle over David's way of explaining his inner emotions and proceeded with our visit. Before we left I put my arm around the little fellow and said, "David, don't always listen to what your stomach tells you. Do what Jesus tells you to do."

On the way home (and several times since) I thought about David's cute little saying. It occurs to me that many adults, even Christians, often do what their inner feelings dictate rather than obey the biddings of reason and the instructions of God's Word.

When you know it's time to get up for Sunday school, does your "stomach" tell you to stay in bed?

If it's prayer meeting night and the clock says it's time to get ready, does your "stomach" tell you to relax and watch the TV special?

Suppose the Holy Spirit has opened up a beautiful opportunity to witness to someone of Christ. This is what you've been praying for! Does your "stomach" tell you that you're scared and that some other time would be better?

We are amused at little David for doing what his "stomach" told him. But he is a preschooler. We who have reached some degree of human maturity are expected to act accordingly.

The adult who is habitually late for work just because he doesn't feel like getting there on time will lose his job!

The same attitude spiritually may cause one to lose his soul! Careless, self-indulgent conduct will wreck one's relationship with God!

Often we face responsibilities that don't please us at the moment. Our inner feelings would lead us to do something else. Our emotions may protest the thought of doing what we know we ought to do.

But we're not to let our feelings rule us. We're to rule them and bring them into subjection to the will of God. We're to measure each situation by the Word of God and depend on the Holy Spirit to help us do what that Word indicates. When we do, we find God's grace is sufficient.

Perhaps you are not a Christian and you have lived your whole life so far doing pretty much what suited your own fancies. You know you should accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour and acknowledge Him as the Lord of your life, but yet you want to please yourself.

You'll never get to heaven that way! Do what you know you should do, whether you want to do it or not. Kneel before the Lord right now. Die out to sin and self, and come alive in Jesus.