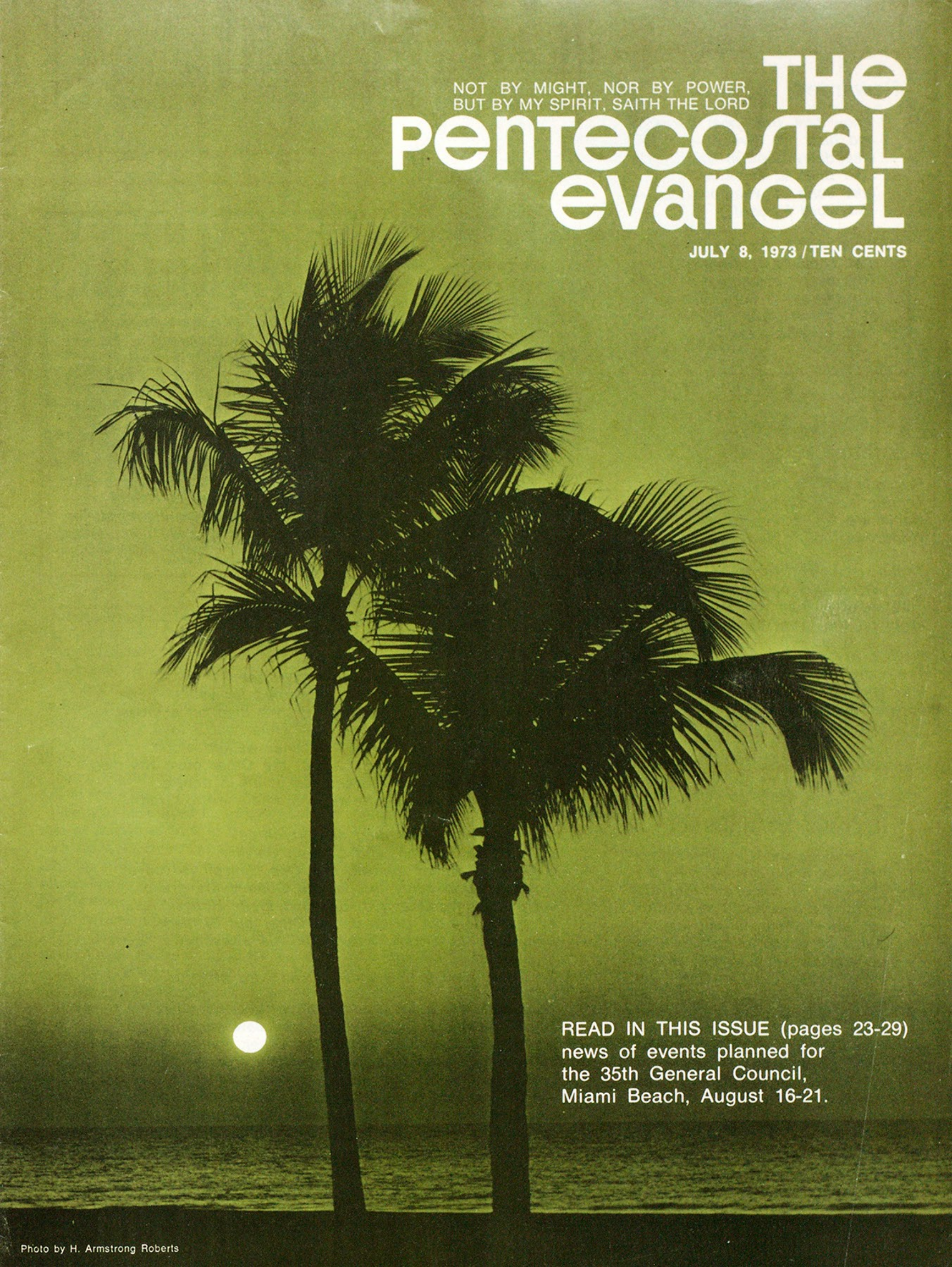


NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER,
BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

THE Pentecostal evangel

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Miami Beach, August 16-21.

Rewarded

*"I know how thou hast borne
and hast not fainted"—
Like dewy buds in dawn,
Like bells at eventide,
Like song of woodland bird—
The word I heard.*

*O Love, fulfill the thing
that Thou hast spoken;
Thy joy be strength to me,
Thy peace, O Lord of peace,
Make room in me to nest—
And, singing, rest.*
—AMY CARMICHAEL

Adoration applied

*Precious are Thy words, O Lord;
Tender is Thy love;
Noble are Thy plans for us—
Wondrous for life above!*

*Teach us, Lord, Thy voice to know,
Thy perfect will obey,
That we may lead the blinded ones
From off the great broad way.*

*From every corner, nook, and hedge
Their straying feet to guide
Into Thy perfect law of love—
Forever near Thy side.*
—E. J. JONES

It could be different

If every person who professes Christ as Saviour were living the Christian life under the lordship of Christ, there would be a different atmosphere in our nation. But if we fail to let Jesus Christ be the Lord and Master of our lives, we must come under the judgment of God who said, "This people draweth nigh to me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me" (Matthew 15:8).

—BILLY GRAHAM

'Yield yourselves unto God'

ROMANS 6:13

We can't afford . . .

*We can't afford to win the gain that means another's loss;
We can't afford to miss the crown by stumbling at the cross.
We can't afford the heedless jest that robs us of a friend;
We can't afford the laugh that finds in bitter tears an end.
We can't afford the feast today that brings tomorrow's fast;
We can't afford the farce that comes to tragedy at last.
We can't afford to play with fire or tempt a serpent's bite;
We can't afford to think that sin brings any true delight.
We can't afford with serious heed to treat the cynic's sneer;
We can't afford to wise men's words to turn a careless ear.
We can't afford for hate to give like hatred in return;
We can't afford to feed a flame and make it fiercer burn.
We can't afford to lose the soul for this world's fleeting breath;
We can't afford to barter life in mad exchange for death.
But blind to good are we apart from Thee, all-seeing Lord;
Oh, grant us light that we may know the things we can't afford.*
—Author unknown

The conquerors

*Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three:
One lived and died for self; One died for you and me.
The Greek died on a throne; the Jew died on a cross:
One's life a triumph seemed; the Other but a loss.
One led vast armies forth; the Other walked alone.
One shed a whole world's blood; the Other gave His own.
One won all earth in life and lost it all in death;
The Other lost His life to win the whole world's faith.*

*Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three:
One died in Babylon, and One on Calvary.
One gained all for himself, and One Himself He gave.
One conquered every throne; the Other every grave.
One made himself a god; our God made Himself less.
The one lived but to blast, the Other but to bless.
When died the Greek, forever fell his awesome
throne of swords;
But Jesus died to live eternally as Lord of lords.*

*Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three:
The Greek made people slaves; the Jew made people free.
One built a throne on blood; the Other built on love.
The one was born of earth; the Other from above.
One conquered all this earth, to lose both earth and heaven;
The Other gave up all, that all to Him be given.
The Greek forever died; the Jew forever lives.
He loses all who gets; he wins all things who gives.*

—CHARLES ROSS WEEDE

WHAT'S EATING YOU?

By L. A. STELLER
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WHAT'S EATING YOU? An angry, sullen man or a beautiful but ill-tempered woman must be hurting deep inside. We show our pain and humiliation by sharp retaliatory words and dark moods.

But what *is* eating you?

It's not *what* is, but *who* is. The devil is actually going around trying to eat people up. The Bible says: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

Satan begins to feed on you when he attaches himself in some way to your personality.

We who have lived in arid parts of the country know that at certain seasons of the year we can unknowingly pick up ticks from the sagebrush. Those who venture into the hills learn to examine their bodies when they return home. The tick is such a tiny creature; but once he burrows beneath the skin and is gorged with blood, he is difficult to remove.

The Bible commands us to "give no place to the devil." That means that at the close of each day the child of God must examine himself. "Though I began this day with prayer, have I picked up something of evil since I left home this morning?"

God is with me through the day. But so is Satan. He waits for an unguarded moment in which to cut and slash—and, if possible, to fasten himself to my life stream.

It is no shame for the devil to snap at you, child of God. If he has drawn blood, that is no sin. If he has burrowed under your skin and is hurting and irritating you, that is no disgrace. It happens to all of us. We are in a battle!

But to leave him there, that is another matter!

Were you trapped today? Did angry or unkind words somehow slip out before you knew it? Were you guilty of passing judgment on another person? If so, you have probably given place to the devil.

Is the devil eating on you? He lurks in your besetting sin. That habit which you have never been able to overcome provides a base from which he may attack you at will. The restless spirit which grips you may be significant. Wrong reactions to family and friends may demonstrate that something is eating you!

Take a good look. Get the devil off your back! Allow no area of your life to exist which provides cover for him to lurk and from whence he may suddenly rush forth to eat you up!

Be specific. Do you use profanity? Are you a slave to alcohol or nicotine or narcotics? Are you a gossip?

Don't shrug your shoulders. The devil is nibbling away at your spiritual life.

Stop him now before the damage becomes too great. Make up your mind that Satan shall have no more place in your life—and that you will no longer provide him with food.

Now, right now while you read this, call on the name of Jesus for help. He has promised to hear you and deliver you.

Something wonderful will happen—it may be happening right now! Thank Him for what He is doing.

Your friends, instead of asking what is eating you, will want to know why you are so happy!



EMPIRE STATE BUILDING, NEW YORK (photo by A. Devaney, Inc.)

BUILT TO TAKE IT!

By **DAVID A. KNIGHT**

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THE GATEWAY ARCH in St. Louis, Missouri, is one of the most prominent engineering feats of the century.

I have been in the observation room atop the famed 650-foot landmark on a day when the wind was whipping briskly across the Mississippi. Gazing over the ledge of the cantilevered windows, I looked down at the miniaturized cars on the streets below.

Suddenly my attention was arrested by the words of the guide: "With the wind as it is today, the top of the arch is probably swaying more than a foot." It seemed I could actually feel the arch lurch as I drew back from the ledge!

Pictures flashed through my mind of other gigantic structures said to be swaying constantly: the Empire State Building and the World Trade Center, for examples. What keeps them from crashing to the ground under the pressure of high velocity winds?

Such structures are built to withstand the extremes. Constant change must be calculated in the wind, weather, and earth movement. The buildings depend largely upon two components for their survival: foundations and expansion joints.

FIRST, THERE MUST BE A STRONG FOUNDATION. Huge pilings are rammed down to bedrock, around which are deposited tons of concrete and steel, filling every cavity.

This is absolutely critical even though it may never be seen. All the fancy ornaments and embellishments above ground can never compensate for a poor foundation.

It is interesting to note Jesus' comment about a house built by a reputable contractor. "The

rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock" (Matthew 7:25). How significant that the building mentioned was not situated in ideal conditions, but its foundation kept it from falling.

Could Christ have known the radical changes coming in the 1970s? Did He know how difficult it would be just to hold on? Just to stay upright?

Did He know the stress? The pressure? The anxiety? The temptation? Yes, I believe He did! In fact, that is exactly why He gave the illustration of the building.

The foundation for our lives must be the eternal Son of God who underlies the universe. With such a foundation I will not slide. My life is anchored to the Rock. I am not at the mercy of change. Life is stable! It has purpose and direction!

David knew the foundation of his life: "Who is a rock save our God? . . . He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved" (Psalms 18:31; 62:2). God, who has been the foundation of millions through centuries past, can also be my foundation! This gives me immeasurable strength.

Isaiah wrote prophetically of Christ, the Rock: "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste" (Isaiah 28:16).

How true are the words written by Priscilla Owens:

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.*

A BUILDING MUST ALSO HAVE FLEXIBILITY.

Expansion joints are built in to allow a minute degree of bending at every level. Without this tolerance the structure either would be wrenched from its foundation or would splinter under the stress.

We need flexibility. It is a truism that the least pliable things are the most brittle. And today, all around us, the strong winds of change are fiercely blasting. What will keep us from snapping? From coming to pieces? We need a measure of give-and-take if we are to stand. We need expansion joints!

Before His ascension Jesus left a charge to some of the most unlikely and unpromising individuals. To these followers He said, "Go and make disciples in all nations" (Matthew 28:19, *Living Bible*).

They were such ordinary men. Some could neither read nor write, yet they were to be "the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). They knew little of His purpose, and grossly

misunderstood His work, yet they were to do greater work than He (John 14:12).

Into a world rocking with change He sent His handful of disciples. He knew the prejudice they would face, the opposition, persecution, martyrdom! But He gave this simple promise, to which they clung tenaciously: "Lo, I am with you alway" (Matthew 28:20).

What was the outcome? Oh, how the winds blew! They met suffering, persecution, execution! But they held on: they never gave up.

The pressure was applied. The heat was turned on. But they remembered that promise. And through each test they witnessed the supernatural presence of the unseen Christ. He was with them providing the elasticity they needed to withstand temptation.

The apostle Paul submitted this affidavit that the grace of God can miraculously put expansion joints in the lives of men and enable them to stand: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:35, 37). And that same miracle is happening to millions today.

Never was I so forcibly aware of this inner strength than when I stood with a friend beside the open grave of his mother. Just two weeks before he had stood only a few feet away as he laid his father to rest. Little more than a week later he received word that his invalid mother's house was afire. It was feared that she, along with a lady attendant, were in it. Their fears were soon confirmed. The tragic truth struck like a sword.

The graveside service ended. And as he turned, I met him face on. I wondered, as I offered my hand and a word of comfort, what he would say. What could he say? With tear-filled eyes, yet with an effervescent assurance, these words seemed to burst from the inner recesses of his soul: "Blessed be God! Hope maketh not ashamed!"

My wonderings disintegrated. It was a miracle! The presence of the almighty Christ had put expansion joints in his life.

And that can happen to you!

Paul declared, in his testimony to Timothy, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him" (2 Timothy 1:12). There it is, friend. Jesus Christ will be both the foundation and the expansion joints for your life. He wants to be. All you need do is ask Him.

Anchor your faith in Him as your Saviour. Invite Him into your life today. Bring to Him your problems, your anxieties, your cares. And you will experience His sustaining power in the face of every pressure of life.



Martin Bryan Netzel

23, 1908. He grew up in Houston, Texas. As a young man he felt the call of God upon his life for gospel service and began to preach at the age of 20.

He supported himself during his first four years of ministry by managing a grocery store in the Houston area. Miss Josie Mae Williams became his bride in 1929.

In 1932 he accepted the pastorate of a pioneer church in Jewett, Texas, and was ordained to the ministry in 1933. His devotion to the Lord's work earned him a place of respect in the Texas District. He was elected secretary-treasurer of the district youth program, a position he held for three years.

In 1934 he became pastor of the Galena Park Assembly of God. The following year he went to Tyler, also in Texas, to be pastor of the Assembly there.

Twice he entered the evangelistic field—first in 1937 for a year, and in 1945 when he began a four-year period of field ministry along with administrative duties.

In 1938 he accepted the pastorate of Trinity Tabernacle, Texas City, Texas, a position he held until 1945.

The Texas District elected him assistant superintendent in 1947 and he served in that office for five years. During this period he was an evangelist and also served as a pastor in Houston.

When the Texas District was divided, Brother Netzel became superintendent of the North Texas District. He served in this office for four years, until his election by

After serving 15 years as General Treasurer of the Assemblies of God

BROTHER NETZEL PROMOTED TO HIGHER SERVICE

MARTIN BRYAN NETZEL, 64, went to be with Christ on May 20, 1973, after suffering a stroke on May 9.

His passing was a great shock to the staff at the Assemblies of God headquarters in Springfield whom he had led in a special chapel service in observance of Law Day less than three weeks earlier.

A man of great dedication, he attended to the duties of his office to the very end. Even when confined to a hospital room for 10 days, he continued working busily as much as he was able.

There was a memorial service at Springfield on May 22, after which the body was taken to Texas.

Brother Netzel was born in San Felipe, Texas, on June

the General Council of the Assemblies of God to the office of General Treasurer in 1957.

Since 1957 he has been reelected seven times consecutively to the office, an indication of the high regard and abiding affection felt for him by the entire Assemblies of God fellowship.

Brother Netzel was one of the 13 members of the Executive Presbytery, and served on the Board of Administration. He also directed the Departments of Finance, Benevolences, and Stewardship.

He was a board member for Central Bible College, Evangel College, and the Assemblies of God Graduate School. He served as chairman of the board of directors of the Bethany Retirement Home in Lakeland, Florida, and treasurer of the Ministers Benefit Association.

Officiating at the memorial service were T. F. Zimmerman, general superintendent; Noel Perkin, foreign missions secretary emeritus; and Philip Wannemacher, pastor of Central Assembly in Springfield, Missouri. The congregation sang "Living by Faith," one of Brother Netzel's favorite hymns; and the soloist, Mrs. Edna Baker, sang "When We See His Face" and "After."

Brother Zimmerman chose Acts 11:24 as a text and in his remarks compared Brother Netzel to Barnabas. "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord."

He said: "Martin Netzel was one of the most loyal

ANNOUNCEMENT

The vacancy in the office of General Treasurer resulting from the death of Brother Netzel has been filled by the Executive Presbytery in accordance with Article II, Section 3, of the General Council Bylaws. The Assistant General Superintendent, G. Raymond Carlson, was unanimously selected to serve as Acting General Treasurer until the General Council convenes in Miami Beach, August 16-21, 1973, at which time a General Treasurer will be elected.



Among Brother Netzel's many responsibilities was the supervision of the Benevolences ministries. He is shown here greeting a resident at the Bethany Retirement Home and speaking at Hillcrest Children's Home last fall.



men I have ever met. He was loyal to God, above all else; and also loyal to his brethren."

He called Brother Netzel "a tower of strength," and said "he exemplified the life of a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith. He could be relied on to be at his place of duty, discharging it with great faithfulness."

"Brother Netzel was not one to render rash judgments or to be swept up on the tide of emotion.


"He had an ability to assimilate information and put it into perspective.

"He had a high code of personal conduct; it would not allow for compromise or deviation.

"We mourn his passing. We are comforted by the realization that God in His never-failing providence has seen fit to promote our colleague and brother to a place of higher service."

Pallbearers were G. Raymond Carlson, Bartlett Peterson, J. Philip Hogan, T. E. Gannon, Philip Crouch, and J. Robert Ashcroft.

A second service was conducted at Lindale Assembly (James McKeehan, pastor) in Houston, Texas, on May 24. Interment was at San Felipe, Texas.

Brother Netzel is survived by his wife, Josie Mae; and his mother, Mrs. Max Netzel, of Houston, Texas. 

In Memoriam MARTIN BRYAN NETZEL

June 23, 1908—May 20, 1973

GENERAL TREASURER

WHEREAS, God in His sovereign will has taken from our company our esteemed brother, Martin B. Netzel, whose life and ministry was dedicated to the supreme purpose of serving Christ and his generation; and

WHEREAS, God has chosen to promote him to higher service while his works on earth continue to follow him; be it

RESOLVED, That we express appreciation for the gracious spirit in which he served this fellowship, for his broad sympathies, faithful stewardship, dedication to godliness, and his outstanding leadership in service, all of which enriched each of his associations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we extend to Mrs. Josie Mae Netzel and the members of his family our deepest sympathy and concern, assuring them of our Christian love and fervent prayers that the sustaining grace of God, songs of the resurrection and glad reunion shall fill their hearts, until the day when Christ, our Lord "shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

*The Executive Presbytery of the
General Council of the Assemblies of God*

May 21, 1973

A familiar sight at General Councils was the General Treasurer presenting the awards for World Ministries giving. This presentation was at Des Moines in 1965.



Our life had become a vicious circle of monthly payments we could no longer afford.

Going back to work

By MARGIE KIRKLAND

I CHECKED the bank balance once more. What were we going to do? Every week after depositing Wiley's check and paying the most urgent bills, I watched that balance dwindle steadily. This week the leftover working capital amounted to less than \$100, with yet another check to be mailed before next payday—a big one, the car payment.

My heart sank.

I picked up a small desk calendar to see if possibly we could stall one more payday before mailing the check without getting stuck with late charges. The 10 days' grace period would extend through another of Bob's checks—if he brought it home a day early! I sighed with relief.

But the relief was short-lived. I began to rummage through bills which would be due in two weeks: a clothing payment, gas bill, florist bill, one credit card payment. Of course, if nothing turned up which required extra funds. . . .

I remembered the time when our finances were in similar condition—catastrophic—and we hoped “nothing would happen.” That was the week the washing machine conked out. Next day Wiley went to the bank and borrowed \$200 so we'd have a reserve to draw on until his modest annual bonus came through.

Periodically I had thought: I'll go back to work and put an end to this financial crisis. But I hated the thought.

I had tried being a working mother. When Emily and Ben were toddlers, I was offered my old desk job. At first it was almost fun. Soon, though, it began to grate on my nerves. The extra clothes I had to buy, occasional household help, expensive quick-and-easy meals or meals out, additional taxes, fatigue, and other hidden penalties paid by a working mother began to tell me something. I resigned my job to become a full-time homemaker—forever, I hoped.

Where and when did our money problems start?

During the early years of our marriage both of us worked, and life was a lark. We enjoyed sitting over

late-night snacks, discussing the events of the day. There was money to have a good time on, to entertain friends with, to buy gifts, clothes, a new car, and to undertake payments for a new home. Neither of us made a large salary, but we wanted to live well, so we got into the habit of charging furniture and appliances. In time we added clothing, gifts, car repairs to the list. Before long we were burdened down with monthly payments packed with carrying charges.

Then I became pregnant. Since we had practically no savings, we began to worry about a lot of things. Having the good life had spoiled us; we couldn't bear the thought of changing now.

Fourteen months after the birth of Ben, along came Emily. During these years, the joy and love our children brought was mingled with tension. They were sick often, and the whole experience of caring for a family was an education in finance for Wiley and me.

Wiley managed to find part-time jobs. We'd feel almost wealthy each week with two paychecks, and we tried to get caught up on bills. But there were other things we had been wanting, so we would pay just a



portion of a charge account and purchase these things anyway. Our cash drained, we resorted to charging again. It was a vicious circle.

Finally, I made a new resolve: that very night Wiley and I were going to do something he had been anxious to do for a long time. We were going to work out a way to get back on our feet. We were through borrowing money. We were not going to consider a second job for him or me, either. We would overcome this dilemma by using an old-fashioned method brand-new to us: discipline with determination.

That night Wiley put it all down on paper. We tried to think of every conceivable expense we would have during a month and listed it. Opposite he totaled a month's salary checks. We adopted the goal of learning to live within our means.

As yet neither Wiley nor I had turned our lives over completely to God. We had been too busy serving ourselves. Our church attendance was spasmodic, our offerings small. But the Lord was good to us; we asked Him for wisdom and a right sense of values so we could mature and live a life pleasing to Him.

Immediately we did an about-face in priorities. We began attending church services regularly, Sunday morning and Sunday night. We increased our offering to a tithe. Already we felt God's hand on us, and with His help we were to pass through the two exacting and painful readjustment years with a sense of accomplishment.

Beginning with groceries, I made sure I bought only foods we liked. No experimenting; no exotic recipes; no fancy, fix-quick things. I tried to purchase only the amount I thought we would eat—no leftovers would grow stale in the refrigerator.

I studied the newspaper ads for specials. True, I found myself patronizing four different supermarkets on Friday mornings, but in our town they're not far apart and it didn't require gallons of gasoline to make the rounds.

Saving 30 cents per pound on bacon, 10 cents on a head of lettuce, and 15 cents a pound on apples was almost as thrilling as a new dress once was!

If the refrigerator did happen to accumulate leftovers, I made sure they were used in some way. It was like a daily class in creative cookery. I couldn't have done it if I had gone back to work.

For entertaining, dessert and coffee in the living room over conversation or games was all we needed, we discovered, to keep genuine friendships going. In fact, some of our friends took the cue and began entertaining the same low-budget way!

Clothing—now, this wasn't so simple. I looked up a friend of my mother's who is a part-time seamstress

and asked if she could work us in. She charged reasonably for Emily and me, and for doing alterations on shirts and pants for the boys.

If I bought readymade things, it was at marked-down prices. Even then, I was careful to see that they fitted well, were practical, and of good workmanship. I learned that otherwise they were not bargains!

Taking care of our clothing was another project. Instead of paying costly cleaning bills, I cleaned and pressed most dry-cleanables at home.

Wiley says grooming is simple for a man; nobody objects if he wears the same suit often. However, for a woman living in a town small enough for everyone to know her and big enough to strive for sophistication, who belongs to two clubs and has been very active socially, tightening the belt can be a sad, involved procedure.

I had always been a "clothes horse," and this was part of the problem. And it's obvious that if you are a member of a social group, everyone thinks you are able to shoulder your part or you simply would not be a member.

So my answer to extra clothes, extra fees, unexpected offerings, and surprise expenses was quite simple. I just dropped out!

"Not going" brought unexpected rewards. I had more time for prayer and daily meditation. We enjoyed a cleaner house, more relaxed meal times, and the hours I had spent attending to detailed arrangements and situations I was usually in charge of, could now be spent on my family.

The contentment really showed on Wiley and the children. All of us were meaning special things to each other. We were becoming close and caring, as a real family should. Ben and Emily opened up to us as never before; they were aware that we had more time for them. Their personalities bloomed.

We were beginning to claim those blessings which God has in store for all who truly seek His will!

Instead of habitually buying gifts for various occasions as I had felt obligated to do, I found that a pretty or clever greeting card served adequately. We also learned that a brief, warm visit to a friend in the hospital can mean as much as flowers or a gift.

I stopped the automatic purchase of expensive shower gifts. More modest ones are welcome too.

Shopping at the discount center was a budget-stretcher. I learned to choose Christmas gifts from the discount store, and to take them home for wrapping.

Wiley learned to do car repairs and to change oil and filters. He did all the wash and wax jobs.

Instead of ordering precut wood for the fireplace, Wiley split his own. Ben liked being a part of such "man's

SCRIPTURES TO LIVE BY

... for July 8-14

Theme Verse: "And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you" (John 16:22).

COMFORTED IN SORROW

Sunday—John 11:33-44

Monday—John 16:16-24

Tuesday—John 20:11-18

Wednesday—1 Corinthians 15:12-22

Thursday—1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Friday—Revelation 21:1-8

Saturday—2 Corinthians 1:3-10



work." He and his father have always been friends, and there was no objection when Wiley took up the shears to cut Ben's hair as in his baby days.

We bought nothing big for the house if it could wait. We took only two out-of-town pleasure trips. We substituted several diversions we had never fully explored—picnics in the park, tennis, bicycling, setting up the old Ping-Pong table in the den for an afternoon's workout.

As Wiley and I got deeper into church life, we began to explore the joys of visiting unconcerned and unsaved persons. What thrilling experiences we had! To think that God was able to use us!

I must admit that once or twice, when I was tired or depressed, I scanned the classified ads, toying with the idea of applying for a job. Then I would think of working mothers I knew and I'd say, "Uh-uh. We'll accomplish our goal just the way an overweight person takes off pounds—by abstaining. With God's help, we'll stay with it till we lick it."

Finally the program began to pay off. After about 18 months, our long-suffering checking account started shaping up—growing, even!

Wiley actually discovered the joy of putting away a few dollars weekly in his company's credit union.

What a great day for the Kirklands! We held our breath and kept plugging. We pinched ourselves when Wiley finished paying back money once borrowed on a life insurance policy.

Our old installment payments got fewer and smaller. The week came when Wiley began buying U. S. savings bonds. At the end of the second year a raise put his salary on a more comfortable plane.

But do you know, a strange thing had happened! At the end of those two years we had a whole new set of habits and values. We were not used to spending money anymore. I don't think we were tightwads, yet we had learned what stewardship can do for a family's well-being—spiritually, emotionally, every way. We had also learned discipline which has lingered as added insurance against today's horrendous prices, as well as too much worldly involvement.

Those two years ended about five years ago, but when I am tempted to spend unwisely, I think of my family and those two crucial years.

Nowadays both Wiley and I teach a Sunday school class and sing in the church choir. I belong to one worthwhile service club. Wiley is active in civic affairs. He has known the satisfaction of lending a helping hand without being thrown into financial chaos.

With our rechanneled interests, we appreciate life's blessings much more than our frivolous nature would have allowed seven years ago.

Every day, Wiley and I give God the praise and glory for hearing our prayer and helping us to triumph over our sins. He did it all; without Him we could have accomplished nothing. More than anything, though, we thank God that through His Son's death on the cross, the lowliest of persons—like us—may have forgiveness and healing.

We are not wealthy and do not wish to be, but we are so thankful that the Holy Spirit has blessed our lives so that we are able to pay our bills and honor Him with tithes and offerings.



God had a reason for making life so humdrum.

The glory of the

IT CANNOT BE TOO OFTEN or too emphatically affirmed that Christian life has to do with spiritual vision and commonplace circumstances. Someone has said that it is kin both to the skies and to the streets.

The loftiest flights of spiritual vision are meaningless unless they are translated into actualities of earthly service. It requires hands (that is, practical application in lowly service) to save vision from being merely visionary.

On the other hand, the work of the hand is futile if it is not the result of a heavenly vision: if it is not

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commonplace

carrying out a heaven-given pattern. It requires wings to impregnate the ordinary with the eternal.

All of which means that the ideal Christian life must be expressed equally in the twin terms of wing and hand.

Yet very few of us maintain the proper balance. All too frequently we are satisfied to cultivate only one of these phases. Many of us are men and women of only one dimension—of the wing. We are always soaring. We seldom come down to earth. We consider ourselves too spiritual to be contaminated with secular duties or the commonplace things of life.

God does not reveal Himself to men in a continuous ministry of miracles. For the miracle would vanish by becoming the commonplace.

If God carried us along by a constant supernatural afflatus, that would deliver us from exercise or effort; it would be inimical to man's truest development by robbing him of the opportunity to acquire moral strength and fibre. This is why our angel-ministers are but visitors and not permanent dwellers. This is why our moments of inspiration are moments and not hours or days. This is why every mountain of transfiguration must have its valley where demons wait to be cast out. It would thwart God's whole purpose of soul and character training if He did otherwise.

When these moments are past, we must turn the message they have brought into obedience and translate their ministry to us into service to others.

"It is of little use to light our torches at the heavenly flame unless we carry the light with our own hands into the dark places of human life and light its daily round of common task." For ordinary life is our common opportunity of glorifying God. While it is true that if all life were miracle, none of it would be miracle because the miraculous would become commonplace, it is also true that every life yielded to God is a constant miracle, since God is in all of that life's events, the commonplace as well as the sublime. For when a commonplace thing is done in obedience to God's command and for His sake, it ceases to be commonplace and becomes impregnated with the miraculous.

The one who is always sighing for some extraordinary circumstances in which he may show his devotion or prove his consecration, while at the same time neglecting the God-given opportunity of serving in lowly commonplace ways, is failing.

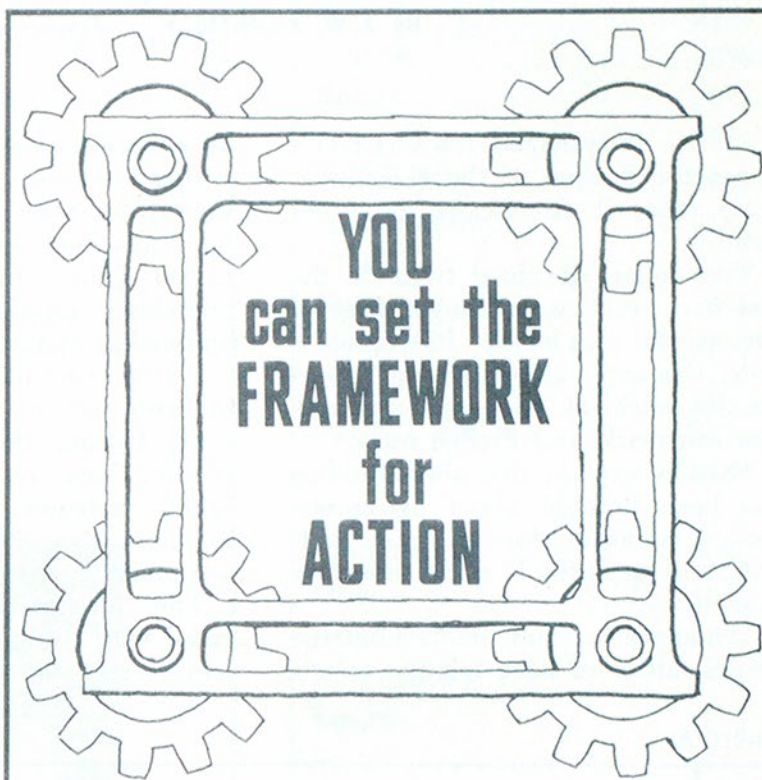
We need to recognize the glory of the commonplace. If we do not glorify God in the commonplace, we shall probably not glorify Him at all. In these days of sensationalism and showmanship in so-called spiritual things, we are in danger of developing a love for the spectacular, which by incapacitating us for the ordinary does great damage to Christian character. God had a reason for making life commonplace and humdrum. It is for its character-building value.

Our ordinary duties have so little glamour about them—they are so humdrum and call for so little heroism—that it is difficult for us to recognize them as opportunities for effective and fruitful service for Christ. They seem so often to be irksome burdens. They seem so often to conflict with our aspirations and with our inclinations that we think of them as a hindrance to our growth in grace and holiness. And yet they are God's own appointment for us, arranged with a view to our fullest realization of life.

The more immature we are, the more we sigh for great opportunities. It is so much easier to think of doing big things than actually to accomplish small ones. It is so much more agreeable to imagine ourselves as successful leaders of large causes than to be willing to be hewers of wood and drawers of water.

May it be ours to earnestly seek to combine in our Christian character in proper balance the qualities of both the wing and the hand.

—Author unknown



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Dollar devaluation affects

U.S. Dollar falls to new low abroad; Dollar's worth takes nose dive

By J. W. KILPATRICK / Finance Secretary, Division of Foreign Missions

NEWSPAPER HEADLINES about the decline of the U.S. dollar have stunned Americans in recent months.

The dollar, devalued twice in the last two years, is no longer king of the world currencies. Its value is now floating against stronger currencies such as the Japanese yen, German mark, and French franc.

Experts explain that this situation has been brought about by uncontrolled inflation, foreign trade deficits, and an unstable world monetary system.

While we may not understand the causes, all of us have felt the effects

of our country's monetary troubles. Rising food costs have reached every housewife. Not one family across our land has been exempt from paying higher prices for shelter, utilities, household supplies, education, and automobile maintenance.

In the last two years the U.S. cost of living has increased by eight percent. During this time many employees have received cost-of-living salary increases, enabling them to maintain their families without disadvantage.

The foreign missionary is also faced with rising costs. But his problem doesn't stop there. His income is

further depleted by the foreign cost of living and the devaluation of the dollar. Exhibit A shows that while we at home have struggled with an eight percent rise, the typical missionary family abroad has been burdened with a staggering 16 percent increase during the same period!

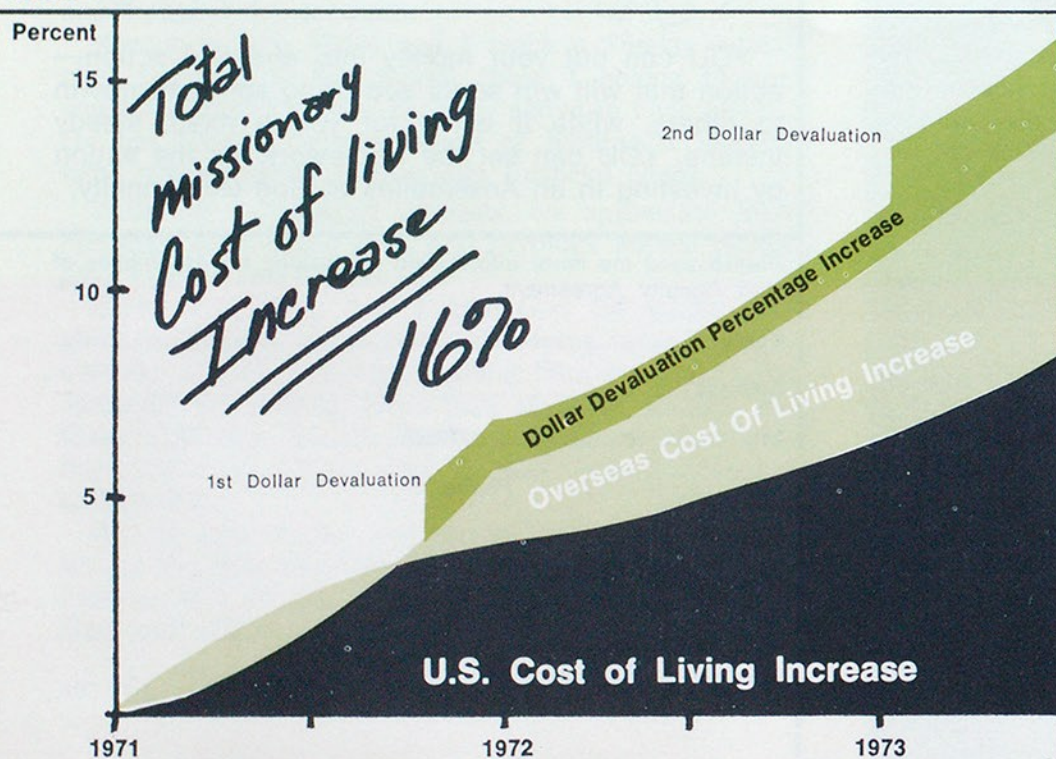
These "economic termites" have also eaten away a large part of the dollar's purchasing power. The 1949 dollar will now buy only 58c in goods or services; the 1966 dollar's purchasing power has been reduced to 78c. These changes are shown in Exhibit B.

We Assemblies of God people have said—and rightly so—that our foreign missionaries are among the best qualified, equipped, and supported in evangelical circles. This has been true because of the missions burden of our people.

During this time of financial difficulty this commitment to missions was reaffirmed. A number of pastors have written or called to ask how the monetary crisis was affecting our missions program. They were concerned by this added pressure on the missionary and wanted to know how much they should add to a missionary's pledged support to offset devaluations and inflation. To answer this question, I have prepared Exhibit C.

Exhibit C shows the percent of cost increase for various foreign fields. To maintain the same pur-

EXHIBIT A



foreign missions

chasing power it had in 1971, a \$5 pledge for a missionary in Japan would need to be increased by 33 percent to \$6.65 ($\$5.00 \times 1.33 = \6.65). A \$10 pledge for a missionary to Nigeria would take \$11.60 ($\$10 \times 1.16 = \11.60). Using this formula you can find the amount of increase needed for any given field.

There are still many perplexing questions. Will there be a worldwide business crisis? Will the dollar be devalued again? Do these monetary problems point toward the end times and the rule of the Antichrist? We do not know the answers to these

questions and can only speculate. But one thing we do know—our task is still to proclaim His name and tell the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.

We are not to ease up on our praying and giving just because the costs are going up. Had we quit last year, 373,318 new converts would not have been added to our overseas churches.


Thousands more wait to be reached. Even dollar devaluations and monetary crises cannot stop the building of His church as we allow the Holy Spirit to work through us to accomplish His purposes. 

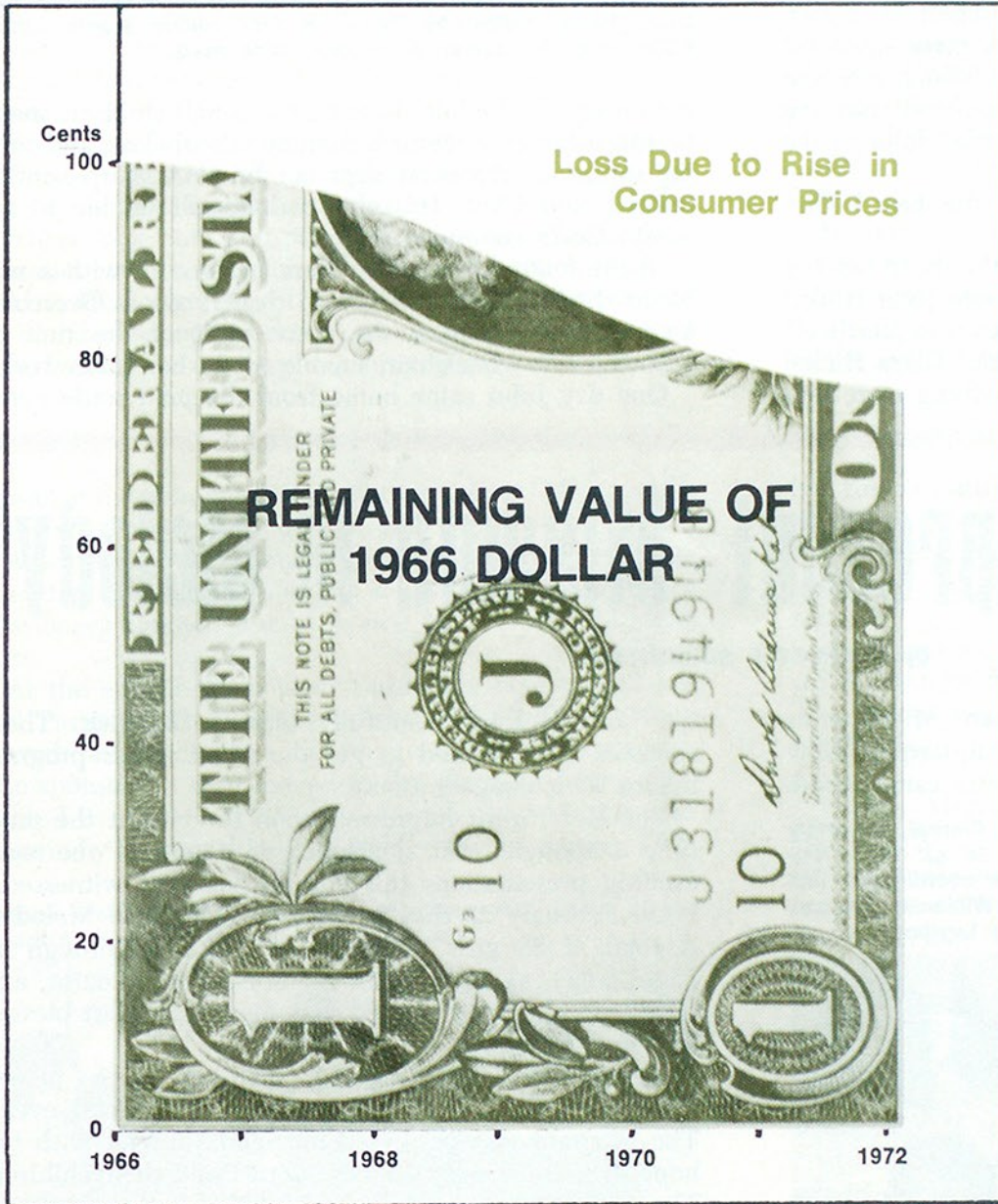
EXHIBIT C

INCREASE IN COST-OF-LIVING AND DEVALUATIONS IN PAST TWO YEARS

Japan	33%
Germany	30%
Australia	30%
Congo (Zaire)	30%
Belgium	27%
Italy	27%
France	26%
Spain	26%
Ivory Coast	25%
Switzerland	25%
Netherlands	24%
Chile	23%
Dahomey	23%
Malaysia	23%
Togo	22%
Upper Volta	22%
Hong Kong	21%
Malawi	20%
Vietnam	20%
Ghana	19%
Honduras	19%
Singapore	19%
Korea	18%
Peru	18%
Philippines	18%
Uruguay	18%
Brazil	17%
Bahamas	16%
India	16%
Nigeria	16%
Sierra Leone	16%
All Others	15% or less

Your missionary pledge should be increased by the above amounts simply to maintain the purchasing power it had in 1971. For example, a \$5 a month pledge to a missionary in Japan should be increased by 33 percent—to \$6.65—because of dollar devaluations and cost of living increases.

EXHIBIT B



Clara Hinkel, the housewife who gave herself completely to Jesus and to others

"LORD, YOU CAN HAVE ALL OF ME!" With this commitment began the ministry of a housewife who gave herself so completely to Jesus Christ and to helping others in His name that her influence has made an impact on missions around the world.

Clara Hinkel was missionary secretary for Northeast Assembly, Portland, Oregon, but her heart was too big to be confined to one church. She belonged to all of God's people. Many evangelical missionaries received love gifts and valuable supplies from her "Missionary Faith Depot."

It was 45 years ago that a unique ministry began in the heart of this young woman. As she knelt in prayer, Clara saw a vision of the world with a great open pit in it. Children by the hundreds were falling into the gaping chasm, screaming as they plummeted into the abyss. Somehow she must stop the awful falling, she must try to save the helpless children.

While she waited before the Lord, she heard Him say, "Go and work in my vineyard."

Simultaneously God was preparing the heart of her mail carrier husband. One day on his route John Hinkel clearly heard the forewarning, "Be prepared to sacrifice!"

Pondering the command, "Go and work," Clara Hinkel wondered how she could possibly fit anything more into



Clara Hinkel holds the treasured first edition Martin Luther Bible which her father, a minister, once used.

her crowded schedule. Rearing two small children, maintaining a home, teaching a Sunday school class, and singing in the church choir kept her busy. A sharp conflict ensued, and Clara Hinkel found herself unable to say yes to God's command.

In the following months Clara became ill with a rare blood disease that took her to death's door. Overcome by extreme weakness, she spent most of the time in a homemade wheelchair, unable to do her housework.

One day John came home from the mail route early.

Missionettes present 'Mission in Melody'

By CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH

SOME MONTHS AGO two Missionettes sponsors at Central Assembly in Albuquerque, New Mexico, returned home from a Missionettes camp where

Missionettes sponsors and Y adviser from Central Assembly in Albuquerque, N. Mex., are (front row, l. to r.): Alice Nelson; Sue Fox; Vangie Martinez, Missionettes coordinator; and Shirley Evans. Back row, l. to r.: Cleo Williams; Frances Wright, Y adviser; Anna Mae Ratliff; and Sue Layton.



the Lord had so beautifully blessed the girls. These sponsors now wanted to get the Missionettes program before their congregation.

The Holy Spirit impressed upon the two at the same time a thought that developed into one of the most exciting presentations this church has ever witnessed.

On February 25 they presented "Mission in Melody." A total of 58 girls, ranging from Daisies through Ys (ages 5-24), along with six sponsors, a coordinator, and music director, participated in a moving concert blessed by the Holy Spirit.

Posters and other visual displays were placed throughout the church to announce the special event. The program was presented on Sunday night, with the hope of getting unsaved parents to bring their children. The sponsors were not disappointed, for the sanctuary was filled almost to capacity.

The program was arranged so that along with the

"I am taking you to the doctor," he announced. "We can't go on like this any longer!"

Mrs. Hinkel did not hear the physician say to her husband, "I am sorry, sir, but your wife has no more than 12 hours to live. I will be back in the morning."

That night Clara felt herself sinking into oblivion. Then a strange thing happened. It seemed to the dying woman that she floated upward apart from her body and was able to look down into the room where she saw her body and was able to look down into the room where she saw her own still form and her husband lying nearby. In the Spirit she drifted into a beautiful place. Jesus was there. Overjoyed, she called to Him, "Oh, Jesus, I am so glad to be with You!"

Jesus turned and looked at her with sad eyes, "But you wouldn't work for Me full time," He reminded.

"I'm sorry, Jesus," Mrs. Hinkel recalled saying, and felt herself return to her prostrate body in the room below.

It was 11 that same night when Clara burst out of her coma, sat upright in bed, and loudly cried, "Lord, You can have all of me!"

"I went to sleep then," Clara recounted, "and had an unbroken rest for the first time in months."

In the morning the doctor called, expecting to sign a death certificate. To his amazement he found Clara Hinkel out of the wheelchair and apparently well. "It's a miracle!" he exclaimed. Exhaustive tests proved that indeed Clara was perfectly well. Her bloodstream was normal.

Before the days of commercially produced visual teaching aids, Clara Hinkel created cutouts to illustrate the Sunday school lessons she taught to children. Other teachers took note and asked to share her visuals. Missionaries saw the unusual materials and requested copies.

Mrs. Hinkel could not meet the demand. So in 1928 six Sunday school workers met at her home to create visual aids from a bag of shiny paper someone had donated.

Word of the work spread. Others wanted to help. Soon there were 14, then 28, then 56 workers. Friends of many different denominations came to the Hinkel home for a full day of work every week.

Ideas for new literature were God-given. "In the night," said Clara, "I was often awakened by the Spirit and shown patterns for new projects. In the morning I would make the master copy to be duplicated by the workers."

In time a printing press and paper cutter were employed so that thousands of copies of the free materials were produced—all by faith. By 1945 the group was providing lesson helps for more than 9,000 children.

As the demand for finished visuals increased, so did the supply of donated raw materials. Left on the porch of the Hinkel home by unknown donors were boxes filled with new or used items or close-out merchandise from stores—often containing just the things needed that day.

During the past 45 years more than 3,000 barrels of teaching aids have been shipped to mission stations throughout the world.

On February 10, 1973, just as the worship service in Northeast Assembly began, Clara Hinkel slipped away to be forever with the Lord. This time the Master did not send her back. Her work was finished. For 45 years she had served Him full time and in so doing had set an example for others to follow.

A perpetual memorial fund has been established in Northeast Assembly for the continuation of Clara's unique ministry. Contributions from members of the church will be designated for the completion of the Clara Hinkel Missionary Room, a project the housewife-missionary was working on at the time of her departure. Here the work will be the same—only the leader will be different.

Missionaries will often recall the times they were invited to the Faith Depot to choose supplies for their work. And they will thank God for Clara Hinkel, the housewife who gave herself completely to Jesus and to others in His name.

—Adapted from *Compass Points*

music and testimonies, information about Missionettes and Ys was interspersed here and there.

A welcome was extended by Vangie Martinez, Missionettes coordinator, and the ministry of the Women's Missionary Council was explained by President Mildred Ross.

At the end of the concert the lights were turned out and Pastor G. B. Manning lighted one candle. He then moved down the row, lighting each sponsor's candle. The sponsors in turn moved to the platform where they lighted a candle at the end of each row of girls and eventually every girl held a brightly shining candle. Dur-

ing this beautiful and moving part of the service, the girls sang "Pass It On."

The Holy Spirit was so sweetly present as the congregation, led by Pastor Manning, repeated the sinner's prayer.

An especially talented sponsor made beautiful sheet cakes, each with the name of a group of girls on top. The cakes were served during a fellowship period which allowed church members to meet the girls' parents.

Joanne McNabb, who was music director for the event, writes, "Many people were able to see for the first time all of our Missionettes and what they represent. They were given a glimpse of what the girls are accomplishing with the help of our wonderful, dedicated sponsors."

Central Assembly, Albuquerque, New Mexico, has the ideal setup—a program for every girl who is at least five years of age and for every woman in the church.

Much of the success of any program is effective leadership. It is evident that the Missionettes sponsors, coordinator, music director, the Y adviser, and WMC president have all dedicated themselves to help prepare girls and women for Christian service—and the Lord is blessing the women and girls of this church.

Joanne McNabb, music director, practices with some of the Junior Missionettes for "Mission in Melody."





John Ohlin (left), MAPS representative, discusses future MAPS projects with (l. to r.) T. E. Scruggs, Gordon Weden, and Charles W. Denton, Spiritual Life—Evangelism coordinator.

DAYLIGHT WAS BREAKING across the horizon as the big jet touched down at the airport in Quito, Ecuador. Inside the plane, 27 excited passengers from Evangelistic Temple, an Assemblies of God church in Houston, Texas, prepared to deplane. No vacation trip this! The group, led by Pastor W. A. Wilkerson, had come to build a church in South Quito—and they had only two weeks in which to do it.

Not only had these people paid their own expenses for the trip; they also had given \$2,500 toward the cost of materials for the new church.

For two weeks the group labored—digging the foundation, pouring concrete, and laying blocks for the new church. T. E. Scruggs, missionary coordinator for overseas construction, supervised the project. When the time came for the group to leave, a new church was within two or three days of completion. Missionary Calvin White and the national congregation would finish it.

The national Christians found it difficult to understand why these strange “Gringos” would take their vacation and spend their money to build a church for people they didn’t know. “What kind of people are these?” they asked Brother White.

What kind indeed! First of all, these were dedicated Christians who believed Christ meant it when He told His disciples to go “into all the world.” Secondly, they were part of the rapidly-growing army of Mobilization and Placement Service volunteers (MAPS) who continue to plant churches in strategic places all around the world. Today many new churches stand as a testimony to the dedicated labor and sacrifice of groups such as these from Texas.

Perhaps nowhere has MAPS been more active than in the lands South of the Border—the “Land of Mañana.” A quick trip through a few of these countries points up the generous contribution of the MAPS teams.

LA LIBERTIDAD, ECUADOR

A little to the southwest of Quito lies the port city of La Libertad. During the summer of 1972, a 21-year-old Bible school graduate started holding services in a downtown basement. The small group desperately needed a suitable building.

Back home in Pensacola, Florida, Pastor Don Cox and his congregation (Brownsville Assembly) responded

With MAPS in the

By JULEEN TURNAGE

to this challenge and decided not only to provide materials for the new church in Ecuador but also to send a team of 21 men down to build the church.

The men worked from dawn to dusk on the concrete-block building. As a “bonus” the Pensacolians bought a parsonage for the church’s young pastor. The last night before the team headed home, 600 Ecuadorians crowded into the new church for an evangelistic service.

SAN BLAS, PANAMA

From Ecuador, we wing our way north to the next MAPS project. A few miles off the Panamanian coast in the Caribbean Sea, lies San Blas Island. The island, inhabited by the Cuna Indians, had never known a Pentecostal witness until a few months ago when Rameria Morris, himself a Cuna, returned to the island after attending Bible school in Costa Rica. A small nucleus of Pentecostal believers had formed and was meeting in a grass hut.

An Assemblies of God layman in Gonzales, Texas, donated the funds for a new church and T. E. Scruggs was asked to supervise the project.

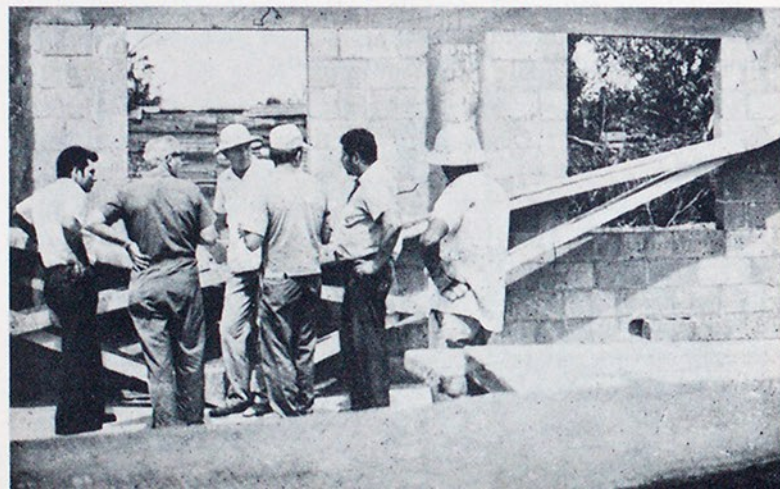
Getting the materials to the island was no small job in itself, Brother Scruggs recalls. But through a series of miracles, God opened doors. The Army base in the Canal Zone donated the use of a barge and a crew to transport building materials from the mainland to the church.

Ten MAPS volunteers from Texas and Colorado flew to Panama to work on the project. They stretched hammocks between the trees for their beds. They worked long hours each day, and when they left one week later a church and parsonage had been completed. Brother Scruggs reports the congregation now numbers more than 80 and the Holy Spirit is moving in a unique way among the Cunas.

PANAMA CITY

Back on the mainland, just prior to the San Blas project, a MAPS team from Fridley Assembly, Min-

RIGHT: MAPS volunteers from Houston, Texas, help build a church in Quito, Ecuador. BELOW: These MAPS workers assisted Brother Scruggs in building a new church in the earthquake-devastated city of Managua, Nicaragua.



'Land of Mañana'

neapolis, Minnesota, went to work on Templo Vista Hermosa in Panama City. Heading up the team was Pastor Mark Denyes and Missionary Richard Larson. During their two weeks in Panama City, the MAPS workers laid some 3,000 blocks to finish the first floor of the church-Bible school complex. When finished later this year, the new building will seat 1,200 and be equipped as a Christian radio and TV center to carry the gospel throughout Central America.

Fridley Assembly plans to build another church in Panama in 1974. "To give a church or a pastor a new vision for missions, and at the same time help someone, I heartily recommend a MAPS trip to some field," says Brother Denyes.

PUERTO LIMON, COSTA RICA

Just to the north of Panama lies the little country of Costa Rica. When Pastor William J. Amundson and a group from his church (Metropolitan Tabernacle, an Assemblies of God church in Lynwood, California) went to Puerto Limon, Costa Rica, some 18 months ago to hold a week's evangelistic rally, little did they realize what lay ahead. Their literature distribution, person-to-person evangelism, and evening rallies in the largest hall in the city gave the small, struggling congregation the boost it needed, but it also rendered the makeshift facilities entirely inadequate for the crowds.

When Brother Amundson returned home, his heart was burdened with the need for a church building in Puerto Limon. He shared this burden with Evangelist Gladys Pearson and Roy Sapp, pastor of First Assembly in Wilmington, California. Together, they raised funds for a building in Puerto Limon. So a few months and some \$10,000 later, Brother Amundson and a MAPS team returned to Costa Rica to build the new facility.

Under the capable supervision of MAPS Missionary Gordon Weden (who presently is supervising MAPS construction in Brussels, Belgium), the new building took shape. From sunup to sundown—more than 12 hours a day—these men labored to construct the new

building. They had paid their own expenses and given sacrificially to plant a new church in the "Land of Mañana."

The new building was completed this past spring, and in April an evangelist from El Salvador conducted a gospel crusade which resulted in many souls being won to the kingdom in Puerto Limon.

HONDURAS AND GUATEMALA

In Tegucigalpa, Honduras, a MAPS team of five from Waxahachie, Texas, led by I. H. Wills, helped Missionary Ben LaFon erect a 28- by 56-foot frame church.

A new religious bookstore stands in Guatemala City, Guatemala, thanks to MAPS assistance. Howard Wilson, who has contributed to many MAPS projects both in the U.S. and abroad, supervised the project. Missionaries Walter and Miriam Haydus gratefully call the bookstore a "permanent monument" to these workers' love for world missions.

NICARAGUA

The most concentrated effort in the "Land of Mañana" is now underway in Managua, Nicaragua. The devastating earthquake last December either destroyed or badly damaged all Assemblies of God churches in the city. T. E. Scruggs is presently in Managua, supervising the building of eight new churches and repairing those that were damaged. To date one church has been completed.

The project will receive a big boost this month when Pastor Watson Argue Jr. and a team of men from Christian Life Center, an Assemblies of God church in Santa Rosa, California, arrive in Managua to build one of the churches. The California congregation is providing the finances for the church also. Brother Argue and his congregation presently are engaged in building a new church in Santa Rosa, but felt they should also build an overseas church along with their own facilities.


The Northwest District also has elected to help the churches in Managua. At its last District Council, the district raised over \$10,000 for this project. Rollin Carlson, pastor of the Assembly of God in Arlington, Washington, is recruiting MAPS volunteers to go to Managua next February to erect a new building for one of the homeless congregations.

Brother Scruggs says block layers, cement finishers, carpenters, painters, electricians, and other skilled laborers are needed now and throughout the coming winter months in Nicaragua.

The "Land of Mañana" has become the Land of *Today* so far as MAPS volunteers are concerned. The challenge for evangelism is *now*, not tomorrow. And evangelism is what MAPS is all about.

Pastor W. A. Wilkerson from Houston remarked: "The small amount of financial assistance necessary to send a person on a building project is one of the greatest ways of tying a local church to the church in other lands. I'm convinced the greatest stimulus for world evangelism is personal involvement."

World evangelism and personal involvement go hand in hand. Linking the two together around the world is MAPS.

Further information on the MAPS program is available from the Spiritual Life—Evangelism office. 





Thousands fill New Orleans' streets to participate in the Mardi Gras festivities.

Mardi Gras invasion



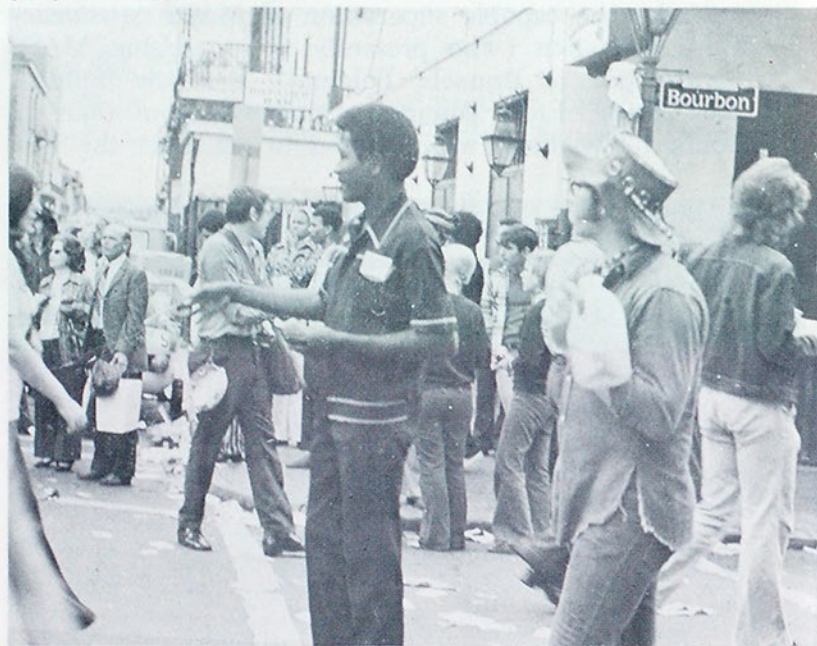
Spirit literally penetrate people's lives and change them.

"We already are making plans for our Mardi Gras outreach next year. Presently we are designing a Teen Challenge doubloon, a coin made of a lightweight metal that is thrown to the crowds from those riding on floats in the Mardi Gras parades. On one side of the coin is a picture of Christ, and on the other the address and phone number of Teen Challenge.

Several hundred thousand of these coins will be minted for use in next year's activities.

Teen Challenge in New Orleans, started in June 1972, is one of 53 Teen Challenge centers operating in the United States and Puerto Rico. Brother Rigsby served as director of Oklahoma Teen Challenge before moving to New Orleans to head the work there.

Teen Challenge workers pass out gospel literature to the people on Bourbon Street.



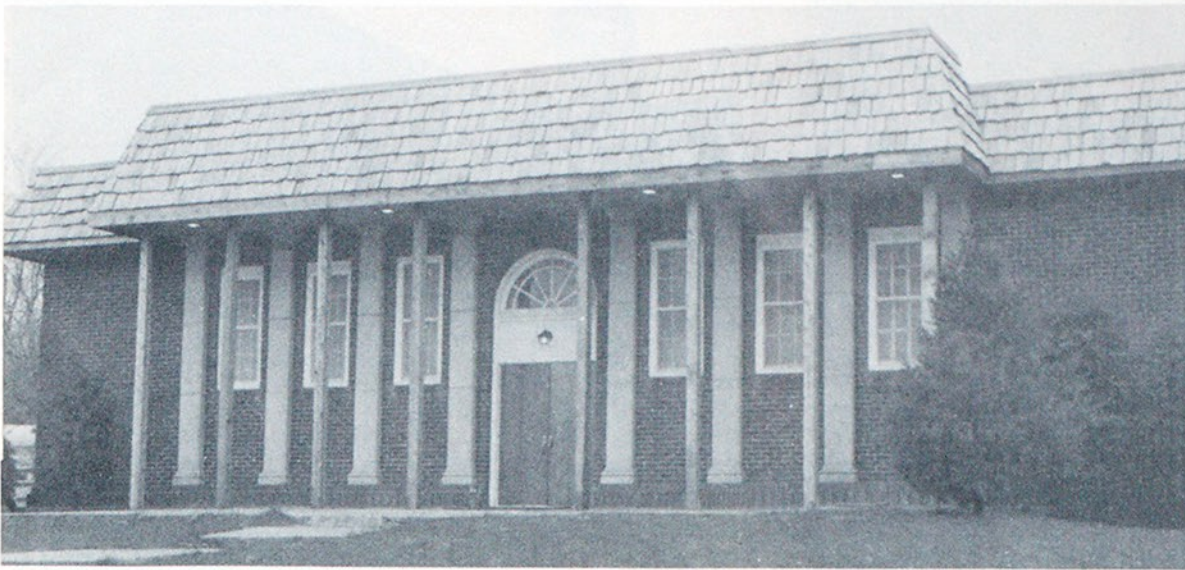
NEW ORLEANS, LA., is noted for many things—from jazz to Creole cooking to carnivals.

Probably its most festive occasion is Mardi Gras. People from every part of the nation and many areas of the world visit the city to participate in this carnival, observed during the two weeks before Shrove Tuesday each April.

Mardi Gras 1973 saw 40 workers from the city's new Teen Challenge Center invade the streets witnessing for Christ and distributing gospel literature. Bob Harrington, known as the "chaplain of Bourbon Street," loaned the center his facilities to use as headquarters for their evangelistic work on Mardi Gras day. The workers distributed more than 125,000 pieces of literature.

Thirteen persons accepted Christ as their Saviour as a result of Teen Challenge's witnessing efforts. Two of those converted were former ministers who had drifted away from God.

Director Bill Rigsby writes, "Some say it does no good for a group to witness or even attempt to help anyone during Mardi Gras because a number of those participating are either drunk or high on drugs. But those of us who took part in witnessing to hundreds saw the Holy



LEFT: The attractive new Park Hill Assembly is located 7001 East 67th St., in the south part of Raytown in Kansas City, Mo. BELOW: The dedication service was held April 1, with N. Cleo Tapp, district superintendent, in charge.

Kansas City's newest



PARK HILL ASSEMBLY in Kansas City, Mo., has come a long way in a short time.

Thirteen people showed up for the church's first service in January 1971; the average Sunday school attendance during the first month was 25.

Today Kansas City's newest assembly averages 85 in Sunday school or 90 in church and has completed a second major renovation on the building it occupies. The church plans to sponsor another church in the Kansas City metropolitan area or expand its present facilities in the near future.

Park Hill Assembly is one of seven churches started by the Southern Missouri District in 1971.


Pastor Don Cunningham, who founded the church, believes the assembly's success is due to the "great people in our area who not only love God, but also want to see

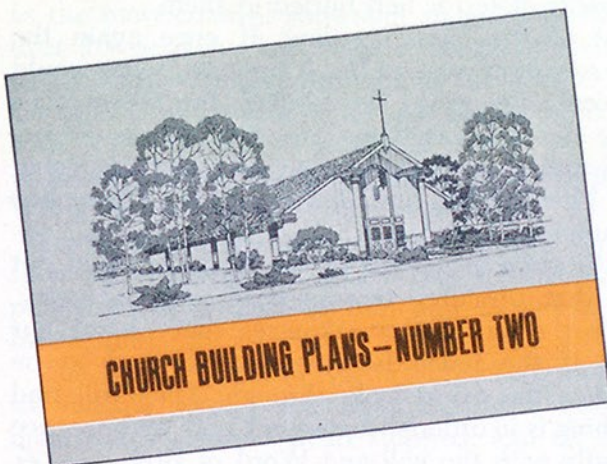
a great work for Him operating in this part of Kansas City."

The new church building was dedicated following the second renovation on April 1, 1973, with Southern Missouri District Superintendent N. Cleo Tapp in charge.

The structure, of colonial design both outside and in, has fruitwood church furniture. The interior is finished in red and white fruitwood and has a red carpet and red drapes. The brick exterior has a mansard roof of split shakes.

The Women's Missionary Council of Southern Missouri District has helped the pioneer pastors by providing some of the household needs.

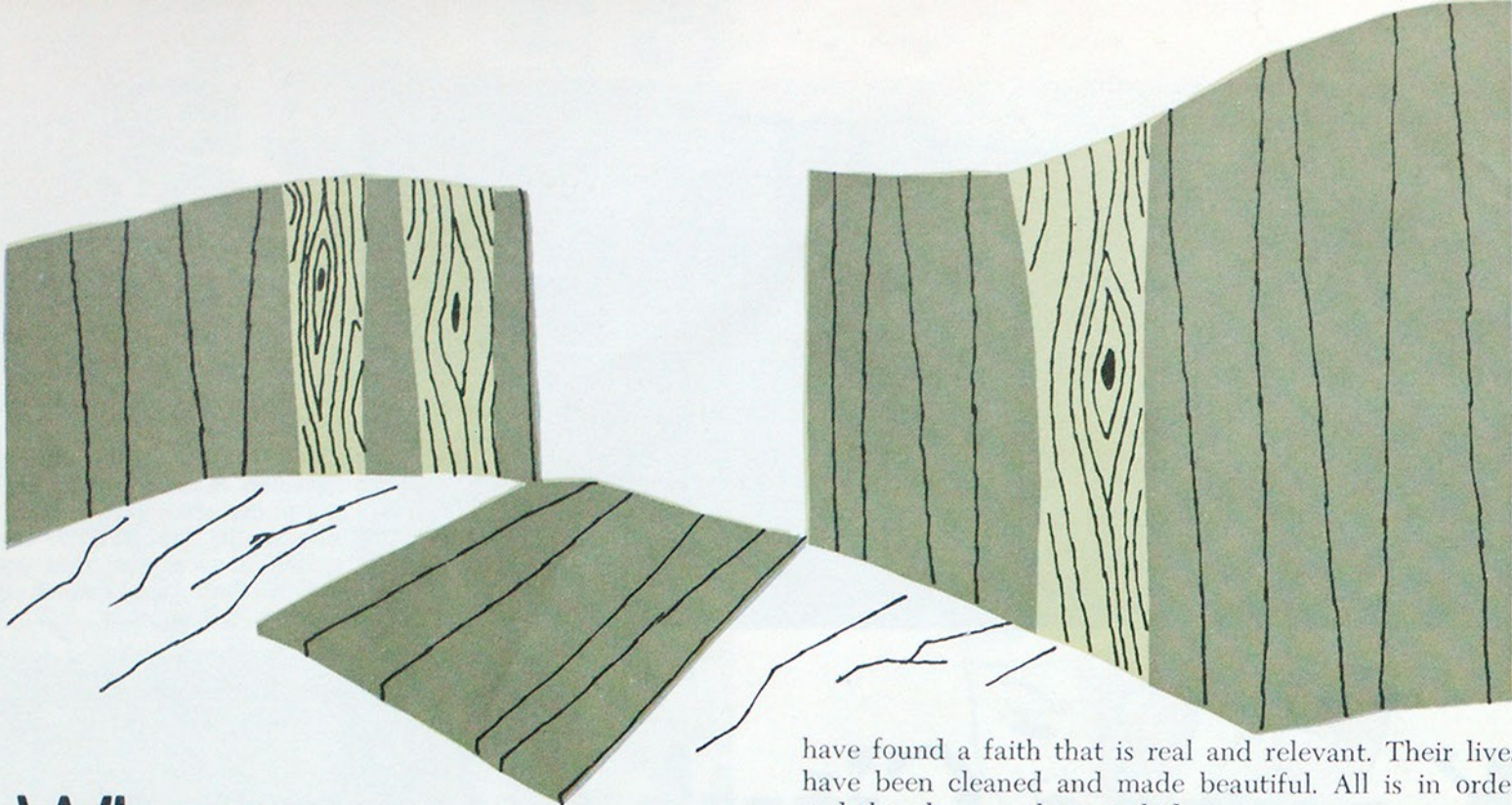
With such a missionary vision already evident in the Park Hill Assembly, the church has a promising future in outreach ministry. 



NEW CHURCH PLANS AVAILABLE

THIRTEEN NEW PLANS were recently added to the church building plans provided especially for pioneer churches by the Division of Home Missions. They are presented in the new brochure, which includes a handy order form. Although designed for new congregations, the plans also are available to established churches at a slightly higher cost. Plans sketched in this new brochure are available to pioneer churches for \$150 and to established churches for \$250. They include a variety of attractive designs which provide for seating capacities of from 168 to 354. The average set of the new plans consists of 17 sheets, with trade specifications for the building. A copy of the new brochure is available free upon request.

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When the fence blows down

By **STEPHEN REXROAT**

Associate Pastor, Bethel Temple, Sacramento, California

TORRENTIAL RAINS driven by 60-mile-an-hour winds stormed into Sacramento. The first light of morning revealed our backyard privacy fence had been one of the casualties.

A gaping hole in the center of the back section of the fence let us look directly into the backyard of the house behind us. This was a first for us, for we had not yet met these neighbors.

Though we had become well acquainted with our neighbors to the left and right, all we knew about the people who lived behind us came from hearing their dog bark, and from an occasional view of the front of their house as we drove down their street.

The view through the broken fence was a revelation! Their house from the front was neat and attractive like the other homes in the area. We had assumed that their backyard was also like the others, but it wasn't. Far from it! It had obviously been neglected.

A privacy fence is part of our life-style. We build them around our backyards and we attempt to erect them around our lives. We go to great lengths to hide our true selves from public view.

Behind pretended prosperity and pleasure we hide the cluttered backyards of our lives. But just when we least expect it, along comes a storm and the fence goes down—showing our neighbors what we are really like.

But not everyone needs to fear his fence falling. Some

have found a faith that is real and relevant. Their lives have been cleaned and made beautiful. All is in order and they have nothing to hide.

Job was such a man.

The devil misjudged Job. He complained that the hedge God had put around him hid a man who served God only for gain. He challenged the Lord to remove the hedge and promised he would show him for what he was—a fair-weather friend of God.


But when the fence came down and Job's trials began, it revealed a man of deep faith and fidelity. Instead of cursing he confirmed his commitment with the memorable words, "Though he [God] slay me, yet will I trust in him."

Job's wife was a different matter. Her faith was fragile. She shattered under the storm of suffering. When the fence fell, it revealed her as a shallow soul who could only advise her hurting husband to curse God and die!

On the Day of Pentecost the infant Church streamed from the privacy of the Upper Room to share the good news about Jesus. Their first effort was a phenomenal success, but persecution began. Like Job, they felt the full force of Satan's fury. But when the fence fell, the world saw the spectacle of a faith that refused to fold.

Paul and Silas, beaten and imprisoned, praised the Lord anyhow. Stephen preached Jesus to the mob just before he was stoned. The martyrs fell, only to be replaced by many more who took their places withstanding the torrents of terror hell hurled at them.

But what of the church today? If once again the storm of persecution were to break upon us, what would happen? Would the world see through the fallen fence that we are the same as those who bore our name before? Or would they discover that all we have going for us is a phony front—and that the backyards of our lives are rubbish heaps?

Now is the time to get rid of the trash—to clean out everything that obscures the force of our testimony, to eliminate the sins and weaknesses that clutter our lives. Then if the fence falls, we won't need to be ashamed when the world looks through. They will find that everything is in order—because our faith and practice line up solidly with the will and Word of God. 

Let this ringmaster help you

Present Jesus to your world



Famed circus ringmaster Austin Miles recently shared his testimony of salvation, healing, and baptism in the Holy Spirit with "Revivaltime" Speaker C. M. Ward.

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, your attention, please!"

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At 39 years of age, Austin Miles has been described as the most colorful showman since P. T. Barnum. For over 10 years he has been a dominant personality in major Shrine circuses throughout the United States and Canada. Now he is director and ringmaster of the Emmett Kelly Jr. Circus—which is strictly for youngsters. It is the first circus presentation able to play at the White House and leading concert halls.

Some years ago Austin realized the emptiness of show business itself. And God sent a Pentecostal trapeze performer to witness to him and to live a godly life before him.

The turning point in Austin's life came after a dramatic healing took place right during a circus performance. A spectator's heart stopped; and on an impulse, Austin asked the audience to pray for the man. The

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Dedication

Sunday School Lesson for July 15, 1973

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-16

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

THE CHURCH AT PHILIPPI was, on the whole, in good spiritual condition. However, there appears to have been the threat of discord and division. To counteract this danger Paul sought to warm the hearts of the saints and to inspire dedicated action by appealing to the wondrous example of Christ.

DEDICATION URGENTLY REQUESTED (vv. 1-4)

1. *Motivation.* The "if" does not express doubt but certainty. Paul was saying, "If your experience with Christ has brought you encouragement, if it has brought you His comforting love, if it has brought you that wonderful fellowship with others through the Holy Spirit, if it has acquainted you with those feelings of deep

compassion and tenderness, then share these blessings with others."

2. *Attitudes and action enjoined* (vv. 3, 4). "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself" (v. 3, NASV). The truly dedicated Christian will not be so absorbed in his own interests that he ignores the interests and welfare of others.

DEDICATION PERFECTLY EXEMPLIFIED (vv. 5-11)

Here are some of the most amazing verses in the Bible. They are full of great doctrinal content as well as practical implications.

"Let this mind be in you"; that is, "Let this disposition motivate you." The Philippians were to follow Christ's actions as well as the disposition which moved Him to that action.

1. *His preexistence.* "Who being in the form of God." *Form* has to do not with physical likeness but with essential nature. Jesus was "very God of very God," as the ancient creed puts it.

2. *His full awareness of His deity* (v. 6). Jesus was so fully aware of His deity that He did not need to contend for it, nor did He cling to it in such a way as to be unwilling to become man.


3. *His incarnation.* "He made himself of no reputation" (v. 7) is better translated, "He emptied himself," and "took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men." He who was truly God became, by the mystery of the Incarnation, truly man. In endeavoring to solve the theological mystery as to how Jesus can be both human and divine at the same time, let us not overlook the glory of the *fact!* Christ did not lay aside His deity. He simply refused to avail Himself of the power and prerogatives of His deity, limiting Himself to human dependence upon the Holy Spirit in all that He did. (See John 5:30; Hebrews 9:14.)

4. *His humiliation* (v. 8). Christ's self-humiliation was twofold: in leaving His preexistent glory with the Father and coming to earth, and in His willingness to die the most humiliating kind of death, the death of a criminal (Galatians 3:13).

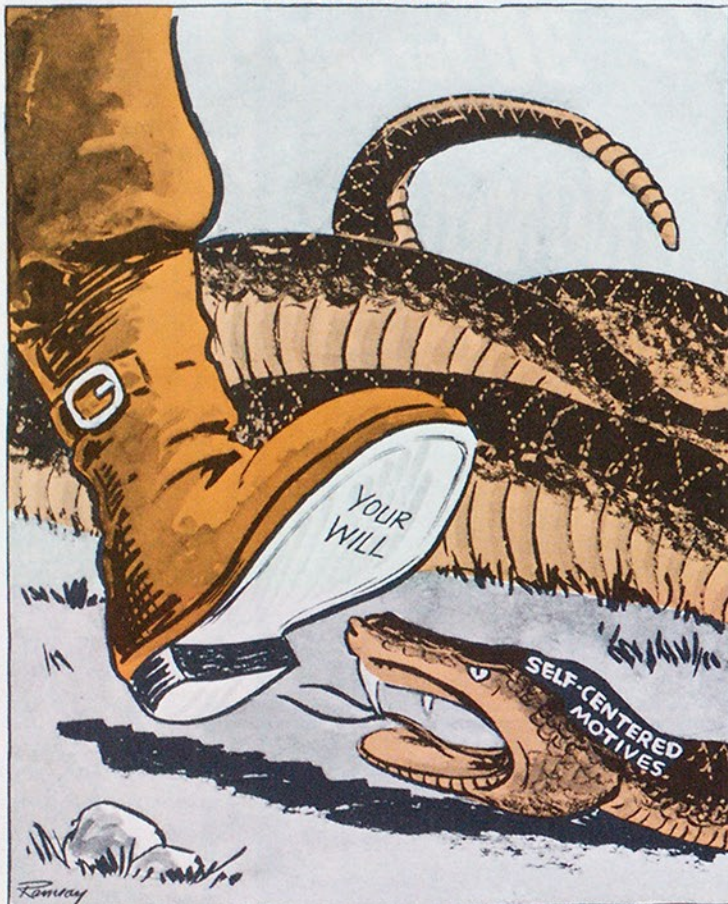
5. *His exaltation* (vv. 9-11). These verses describe Christ as fulfilling His own words—"He that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Since the exaltation is proportionate to the humiliation, Christ's exaltation is the greatest the universe shall ever know.

DEDICATION DIVINELY PRODUCED (vv. 12-16)

"Wherefore." This connecting word (v. 12) points up the vital link between doctrine and conduct. In view of Christ's infinite condescension and self-sacrifice, His followers are urged to be like Him in disposition and conduct. The logical conclusion to all Paul had said thus far is that true fulfillment comes not by self-seeking and competitiveness that ignores the rights and welfare of others, but by that self-denial and self-giving that seeks to serve others.

Thus it is that Paul enjoined the Philippians to "work out" in their daily conduct those Christlike attitudes which flow from within them because of God's own energizing. Possessing the attitude or "mind" of Christ, they live like Him in their relationship to others. 

STEP ON ITS HEAD!



'MORAL VACUUM' IN U.S. EDUCATION DEPLORED

MINNEAPOLIS—The Greater Minneapolis Association of Evangelicals (GMAE) has deplored a "religious and moral vacuum" which is developing "in much of our educational system today."

At the same time, it protested the increased attention being given the occult and psychic phenomena in both public and private schools.

The association warned that "teachings about psychic phenomena and the occult often confuse the distinction between the legitimate pursuit of truth and dangerous involvement with powerful spirit forces."

Christians, it said, should avoid participation in "spiritistic experiments" and oppose instruction in spiritism in public schools.

Where public schools offer instruction in the occult, Christians should be given equal opportunity to teach the Christian viewpoint with regard to spirit phenomena, it declared.

The resolution on "The Christian Parent and Public Education" noted that evangelicals "believe firmly" in separation of church and state.

But, it said, "this does not necessitate the exclusion from our public schools of all reference to God who is the Supreme Object of all learning and wisdom, and of all reference to His laws, which must be the basis of well-being for men and for nations.

"Consequently, we feel that while our schools are not free to propound the tenets of any sect or denomination, yet they should provide our youth with an atmosphere of friendliness to the acceptance of the concept of God and their responsibility to God and to their fellowman.

"A right relationship with our fellowmen cannot be taught without basic moral standards."

In their statement, the evangelicals voted to "reaffirm our basic confidence in the public schools and their elected leaders, recognizing that only

through their support can a truly democratic nation exist.

"However, we also recognize that in a pluralistic society many diverse interests desire, and are entitled to, fair representation."

Christian parents were urged to support the public schools and "those educational efforts that help our children to become more aware of their moral responsibilities to themselves, to others, and to God."

The resolution urged "appropriate and acceptable curriculum materials and methodology "so that our children are not exposed to the promotion of immorality, vulgarity, and profanity."

Another resolution dealing with "The Christian and Moral Responsibility" called for maintenance of Christian Biblical standards regarding reading and entertainment materials, personal piety, and human life.

During 1972

U.S. Catholics note increase

NEW YORK—The number of U.S. Roman Catholics increased by 69,437 during 1972, but the official Catholic Directory of 1973 reported an overall decline in the percentage of Catholics among the nation's population (from 23.3 to 23.1 percent) plus decreases in schools, teachers, clergy, baptisms, and converts.

The directory indicated that there are 48,460,427 Catholics in the 50 states, including all families of the armed forces at home and overseas. However, the 69,437 increase in Catholics is less than half the increase for 1971.

Perhaps most significant among the data was that Catholic parishes increased to a record high of 18,384; and that there was a 6 percent decrease in the number of Catholic school children (263,488).

Soviets evict religious organizers

HELSINKI—Approximately 50 Westerners who tried to stage religious demonstrations in the Soviet Union were escorted to the Finnish border by the Soviet militia in May. Most of them were Americans.

The party was stopped by Soviet police while trying to reach Moscow where they had planned to stage a May Day religious demonstration.

Their passports were taken from them with a firm refusal by the Soviet police to let them into Moscow.

Members of the group said they were confined for three days in a Kalinin hotel and not allowed to contact their embassies in Moscow.

Besides Americans, there were youths from England, Ireland, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, and Finland in the group, made up of both Christians and Jews.

The youths said they under-

stood that Soviet authorities were planning a formal protest to their respective governments. They were told they had "severely violated a number of Soviet laws concerning general behavior and attempts to distribute illegal religious material."

General Council committees appointed by Executive Presbytery

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Several committees have been appointed to function at the forthcoming General Council.

Committees and chairmen are: Budget—G. Raymond Carlson; Parliamentary—Robert E. Cooley; Resolutions—Aaron Wall; Roster—Arthur Berg; Tellers—James E. Griggs; Ministerial Relations—W. E. Cummings; Spiritual Life—Richard Dortch.

National committees are: Arrangements—G. Raymond Carlson; Exhibits and Trucking—Ernie Rifenberg, national chairman, and James Rentz, local chairman; Hospitality and Housing—Harris Jansen, national chairman, and Eddie Mosher, local chairman; Photography—Gwen Jones; Platform—R. G. Champion; Publicity—Warren F. McPherson and Elva J. Hoover, national chairmen; Ernie Eskelin, local chairman; Music—L. B. Larsen; Ushers—Thomas F. Sanders, national chairman; M. L. Davidson and Russell Gray, local chairmen; Youth—Norman Correll, national chairman, and Billie Davis, local chairman; Child Care—Florence Miller; Children's Activities—Bob and Beth Davis, cochairmen; Equipment—Warren F. McPherson, national chairman, and Loren Triplett, local chairman.

Council coordinator is Warren McPherson. J. Foy Johnson, superintendent of the Peninsular Florida District, is local coordinator.

Sunday afternoon rally to highlight missions

MIAMI BEACH—"A Call to Our World" will be the theme for the Sunday afternoon rally at General Council. The service will highlight the worldwide missions works of the Assemblies of God and will focus particularly on the lifetime commitment of career missionaries.

A parade of missionaries dressed in colorful costumes from various countries will open the service. A vocal ensemble from South-Eastern Bible College will provide special music.

Speaker for the 2:30 p.m. rally will be J. Philip Hogan, executive director of the Division of Foreign Missions. Also participating in the service will be various members of the Foreign Missions Committee and Noel Perkin, missions secretary emeritus.

A special feature of the service will be an offering to be applied toward the fare, freight, and equipment of new missionary candidates.

'Calling Our World to Christ' is theme of 35th General Council

MIAMI BEACH—Theme of the 35th General Council which will convene here next month will be "Calling Our World to Christ," an adaptation of the Key 73 theme. Bible hours and inspirational services each day will follow related subthemes.

General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman will be the keynote

speaker on Thursday evening, Aug. 16. He will challenge Council delegates with "A Call for Action."

The Friday morning Bible hour will center in the theme, "New Testament Evangelism." Richard Dresselhaus, pastor of First Assembly, San Diego, Calif., will be the speaker.

On Friday night, Aug. 17, Charles T. Crabtree, pastor of First Assembly, Des Moines, Iowa, will speak on "A Call to America."

Missionary-Evangelist Bernhard Johnson will speak Saturday evening, Aug. 18, on "A Call to Youth."

On Sunday morning there will be a memorial and communion service, led by G. Raymond Carlson, assistant general superintendent. Speaker will be Bartlett Peterson, general secretary.

A Sunday afternoon rally will focus on "A Call to Our World." J. Philip Hogan, executive director of the Division of Foreign Missions, will be the speaker.

Theme for the Sunday night evangelistic rally will be, "The Call of the Spirit." Evangelist Jay B. Oaks will speak.

George E. Holmes, a teacher at Trinity Bible Institute, will lead the Monday morning Bible hour on "The Maturing Church."

"A Call for Dedication" will be the topic of Percy S. Brewster, pastor of City Temple, Cardiff, Wales, on Monday evening. The Council will conclude at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday.

For General Council

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCED

MIAMI BEACH—General Council activities scheduled by the Women's Missionary Council include a two-day seminar for district WMC presidents and Y and Missionettes directors. Sessions are planned for Aug. 14-15 at the Seville Hotel.

Barbara Forrest, National City, Calif., will be a featured speaker at the seminar. She has served eight years as a sectional WMC representative and recently was elected WMC president of the Southern California District.

Her presentation will be titled, "Keys to Successful Leadership," with subtopics of "A Personal Plan of Action," and "A Formula for Success." Mrs. Forrest's presentation will include charts, outlines, and a

packet of ideas for themes and promotions.

On Thursday morning, Aug. 16, a workshop session for all women will be held in the Seville. Highlights of the event will be the introduction of themes for WMC activities, decorating ideas, methods of promotion, and crafts.

A women's luncheon is planned for Friday, Aug. 17, from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. in the Cotillion room of the dLido Hotel. Tickets for the luncheon (\$4.50) may be purchased from the national WMC Department until Aug. 3. They will also be available during the pre-Council seminar and workshop.

A WMC booth in the exhibit area will offer free literature to visitors.

'Rapture—Jesus Is Coming Again' to be theme of Council music luncheon

MIAMI BEACH—"Rapture—Jesus Is Coming Again" has been chosen as the theme for the music luncheon to be held Saturday, Aug. 18, in the Zodiac Room of the Holiday Inn here.

The luncheon is open to pastors, music directors, church musicians, and other interested persons.

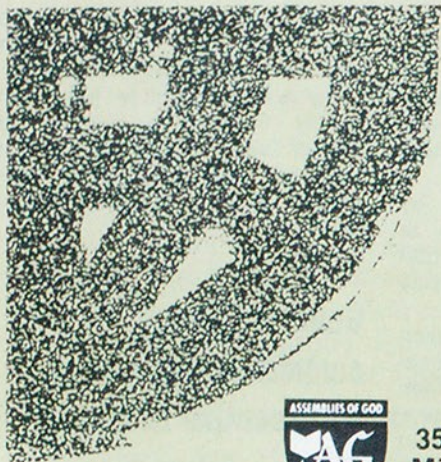
The program will feature a musicale with various musicians and types of music. Included on the program will be several recent releases of Melody Publications.

A new demonstration recording of the Christmas cantata, "Rejoice" (by Max Eleiott and Bob Krogstad) will be available at Council. Other Christmas choral arrangements presented will include a recording of "What Child Is This?"

A choral group will be singing excerpts from several recent publications, including Paul Ferrin's "Special Choir Melodies No. 2"; Cyril McLellan's "Revivaltime Choir Favorites No. 3"; Paul Mickelson's "Choir Praise"; Dave Weston's "It Shall Flow Like a River"; Bob Krogstad's choral arrangements of "Come, Ye Disconsolate," "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," and "Hallelujah."

A new song, "The Potter's Vessel," written by Margot Zilch and arranged by Bob Krogstad, will be presented at the music luncheon.

Luncheon tickets (\$4.50) may be purchased in advance from the Music Department in Springfield or until Friday noon, Aug. 17, at the music booth.



CALLING OUR WORLD TO CHRIST



35th General Council
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SPEAKERS



T. F. Zimmerman
Thursday evening



Richard Dresselhaus
Friday morning



Charles Crabtree
Friday evening



Bernhard Johnson
Saturday evening



Bartlett Peterson
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J. P. Hogan
Sunday afternoon



Jay B. Oaks
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George Holmes
Monday morning



Percy Brewster
Monday evening

1973 General Council Agenda

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- II. Report of the General Secretary
- III. Report of the General Treasurer
- IV. Departmental reports
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 2. Divorce and Remarriage, committee report
Joseph R. Flower, chairman
 3. Board of Education
 4. \$10 million loan fund for starting churches
- VI. Elections
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 2. Assistant General Superintendent
 3. General Secretary
 4. General Treasurer
 5. Executive Director of Foreign Missions
 6. Nonresident Executive Presbyters
- VII. New Business
 1. Report from the Resolutions Committee
Aaron Wall, chairman
 2. Report from Spiritual Life Committee
Richard W. Dortch, chairman
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 - a. Central Bible College Board of Directors
 - b. Permanent Appeals Board
 - c. Home Missions Special Ministries sections
 - d. Bylaw Revisions, committee report
 5. Other business
- VIII. Adjournment

Early registration to begin Aug. 13

MIAMI BEACH—Although there will be no preregistration for the 1973 General Council, on-site registration will begin Monday, Aug. 13, at the Seville and diLido Hotels, according to Warren F. McPherson, Council coordinator.

Registration will open in the Convention Hall lobby Thursday morning, Aug. 16.

Registration will be \$1 for individuals or \$2 for a family. All persons registering will receive registration packets.

Ministers and voting delegates must be registered in order to participate in the Council's business sessions.

Each minister should bring his current certificate of fellowship to facilitate registering. Each church delegate must

bring the combined "official delegate" certificate and registration card. Completing both sides in advance will make registration quicker.

Four headquarters hotels have been designated for General Council. They are the Seville (Collins Avenue at 29th Street); the diLido (Collins Avenue at Lincoln Road); the Holiday Inn (Collins Avenue at 22nd Street); and the Shelborne (Collins Avenue at 18th Street).

The Assemblies of God Housing Bureau (1700 Washington Ave., Miami Beach, Fla. 33139) is handling all housing reservations for General Council. Since Florida's leading business is tourism, Council delegates are urged to make reservations early.

Evangelists fellowship scheduled for Council

MIAMI BEACH—For the first time at a General Council, a time of fellowship has been scheduled for Assemblies of God evangelists.

The Spiritual Life—Evangelism office will host an evangelists fellowship hour following the Sunday evening, Aug. 19, ser-

vice. The gathering will be in the diLido Hotel.

A special booth, space 32, has been reserved for Assemblies of God evangelists during Council. It will contain helps for evangelists and provide a location where pastors and evangelists can meet.

35th General Council Calendar

	THURS., AUG. 16	FRI., AUG. 17	SAT., AUG. 18	SUN., AUG. 19	MON., AUG. 20	TUES., AUG. 21
7:45-8:45 a.m.	WRITERS BREAKFAST (7:30-9:30 a.m.) Zodiac Room Holiday Inn (Writers seminar continues to 11:45)	HOUR OF PRAYER Roy Wead	HOUR OF PRAYER Edgar Bethany		HOUR OF PRAYER D. H. McLaughlin	
8:45-10 a.m.	REGISTRATION* (9 a.m.-10 p.m.)	BIBLE HOUR Richard Dresselhaus		COMMUNION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE Bartlett Peterson (9:45-11:45 a.m.)	BIBLE HOUR George E. Holmes	BUSINESS (8:45 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.)
10 a.m. noon	WOMEN'S WORKSHOP (10-11:45 a.m. Seville)	BUSINESS	BUSINESS		BUSINESS	(Council concludes at 12:30 p.m.)
12:15-1:45 p.m.		LUNCHEONS (District Secretaries, Women's—diLido)	LUNCHEONS (College Youth—Shelborne; Music—Holiday Inn; Foreign Missions and Sunday School Leadership—diLido)			
2-5 p.m.	BUSINESS	BUSINESS	BUSINESS	AFTERNOON RALLY (2:30-4:30) J. Phillip Hogan	BUSINESS	
6-7 p.m.		"REVIVALTIME" ORIGINATION				
7:15 p.m.	KEYNOTE RALLY T. F. Zimmerman	EVENING RALLY Chas. T. Crabtree	EVENING RALLY Bernhard Johnson	EVENING RALLY Jay B. Oaks	EVENING RALLY Percy S. Brewster	

*Registration will remain open throughout the Council sessions.

A survey has shown that 70 percent of all church members possess the primary abilities for leadership. Yet only 5 percent actually become active leaders.

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Your potential is needed. See it develop through your involvement in POST. POST is leadership training.



**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
SUNDAY SCHOOLS**

Writers Seminar to precede General Council

MIAMI BEACH—A Writers Seminar, conducted by Assemblies of God editors, will be held Aug. 15, 16, prior to the opening of the 35th General Council.

The Writers Seminar, which usually attracts more than 200 freelance Christian writers or persons interested in the writing ministry, will be held in the Holiday Inn's Zodiac Room beginning Wednesday evening, Aug. 15, at 7:30.

Speakers for the evening will include Pastor Bill Popejoy, Belton, Mo., who will present a devotional on Psalm 23. Brother Popejoy is a prolific writer and frequent contributor to "The Pentecostal Evangel."

A film-a-thon with a variety of films on communications will highlight the evening session. After the film presentation, R. G. Champion, managing editor of "The Pentecostal Evangel" and coordinator for the seminar, will challenge writers to develop their creativity. Chairman for the evening session will be Lee Shultz, acting national director of the Division of Communications.

G. Raymond Carlson, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God and author of several books, will speak at the writers breakfast Thursday, Aug. 16, at 7:30. His topic will be "The Impact of Christian Writing on Today's Society." Tickets must be purchased in advance for this buffet breakfast. The cost is \$3.25 and tickets are available from "The Pentecostal Evangel" office. William G. Eastlake, acting national director of the Division of Publication, will moderate the breakfast session.

Following the breakfast, the morning activities will include a session on "PENetrating the Parish," or ways of reaching the local community through the writing ministry. Stephen Rexroat, associate pastor of Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif., and a contributor to various Assemblies of God publications, will lead this presentation.

A panel will discuss various types of writing in "The Best Way to Get Your Message Across." Articles, fiction, and news/promotion writing will be discussed by panel members Robert C. Cunningham, editor of "The Pentecostal Evangel"; Ralph W. Harris, editor, and Dorothy Morris, associate editor, of Church School Liter-

ature; and Warren F. McPherson, secretary of Information.

The seminar will conclude at 11:45 a.m., following a skit on the role of an editor presented by Gwen Jones, "Advance" editor, entitled, "Oh, Those Editors!"

This will be the second

seminar to be conducted by Assemblies of God editors this year. They conduct a Spring Communications Seminar at the headquarters in Springfield, Mo., each year as well as the biennial Writers Seminar in connection with the General Council.

Bill Popejoy R. G. Champion G. R. Carlson Steve Rexroat



General Presbyters to meet prior to Council

MIAMI BEACH—The 200-member General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God will meet in annual session beginning 1:30 Monday afternoon, Aug. 13, in the Alhambra Room of the Seville Hotel. Sessions will continue all day Tuesday and Wednesday, concluding Wednesday night.

The General Presbytery is the official policy-making body of the Assemblies of God when

the General Council is not in session. It is comprised of the district superintendent and two other elected representatives from each district.

Foreign missions is represented by the four field secretaries and two others from each of the four areas they represent. The executive presbyters are ex officio members, including the General Superintendent who is the presiding officer.

Miami Beach welcomes General Council

MIAMI BEACH, FLA.—Miami Beach's Convention Hall complex (center background) will be the site for the 35th General Council of the Assemblies of God, scheduled Aug. 16-21. This view of midtown Miami Beach overlooks the oceanfront hotels and the city skyline. The Convention Hall is the largest such facility in the southern part of the United States.



GENERAL COUNCIL ACTIVITIES TO BE GEARED TO WHOLE FAMILY

MIAMI BEACH—Families attending the 35th General Council Aug. 16-21 will discover activities have been planned for various age levels.

Children's activities

Child care for infants through five years of age will be available in designated rooms in Convention Hall. The rate is \$1.25 for each session.

Mrs. Florence Miller, Fort Lauderdale sectional WMC representative, is chairman of the nursery and child-care services. The child-care center will open at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16. Its hours will coincide with services and business sessions, except the Sunday morning service.

Child-care services will conclude at 10 p.m. Monday night (Aug. 20).

Planned activities for children ages 6 through 11 will be held in the Cypress Room of Convention Hall, beginning Friday morning, Aug. 17.

Bob and Beth Davis, children's workers from Miami's Central Bible Church, will direct these activities, which will include Bible training, tours, fun, and fellowship each day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and during the evangelistic rallies on Friday, Saturday, and Monday evenings.

Daily fee for the 9-to-5 program, including lunch and tours, will be \$3.50 per child.

Youth activities

Teen-agers and collegians attending Council will have a full slate of exciting activities planned for them.

Prior to the opening of Council, the national Bible Quiz and Teen Talent Search competition will take place in the diLido Hotel Tuesday and Wednesday, August 14 and 15.

An awards rally to announce the winners will be Wednesday evening in the diLido Cotillion Ballroom. H. H. "Spud" DeMent is national coordinator of the contests.

A day-long tour of Miami's Seaquarium is scheduled for Thursday. Youth will depart from Convention Hall at 9:30 a.m. Tickets for this tour (\$5.50), as well as for all other youth tours, may be purchased in the lobby of the diLido and at the youth booth in Convention Hall.

Friday's activities will include the "Third Dimension" program in the morning, featuring musical groups, interviews, and audience participation. "Third Dimension" will also be a part of the Saturday and Monday morning activities. David Gable,

national college youth coordinator, will direct the "Third Dimension" programs.

Special guests for youth functions throughout General Council will be the Vessels musical group and Denny Duron, star quarterback for Louisiana Tech College.

Avon Ojala, outstanding organist and accordionist from New Zealand, will also be featured in youth functions.

A boat cruise will conclude Friday's activities. The young people will depart from Convention Hall following the service Friday night, and return at midnight.

The youth will participate in beach evangelism on Saturday. Witnessing and literature distribution will be done in this evangelistic outreach.

The College Youth Luncheon is scheduled for noon Saturday in the Gold Room of the Shelborne Hotel. High school seniors and collegians are invited to attend this special feature

GPH bookstore the largest

More than 70 exhibits scheduled for Council

MIAMI BEACH—More than 70 exhibits will be displayed during the 35th General Council, according to Warren F. McPherson, Council coordinator.

The exhibit booths will be located in the main corridor and lobby adjoining Convention Hall.

Besides the 30 exhibits from Assemblies of God departments, more than 40 outside exhibitors have requested booth space. The Miami area churches will sponsor a hospitality booth, providing information on local churches and services. Travel agencies, insurance companies, fund-raising projects for churches, church buildings and furniture, and several gospel musicians will be among the exhibitors. The American Bible Society also will sponsor a booth.

The largest exhibit will be the Gospel Publishing House Bookstore located in the Veterans Memorial Room. The bookstore will feature a wide variety of books, music, records, and literature.

The exhibits will be open prior to each general session of the Council. Exhibits will be closed during business sessions and evening rallies, and all day Sunday.

from 12 to 1:45 p.m. Host for the luncheon will be Dave Gable. Missionary Bill Ilinsky, active in campus outreach ministry in Beirut, Lebanon, has been asked to speak and the Vessels will provide special music for the occasion. Tickets for the luncheon are \$4.50.

"Inside Insight" has been scheduled for Saturday afternoon at Convention Hall. This special "rap" session will give young people an opportunity for interaction with key pastors, district officials, and leaders of the Assemblies of God.

No special activities have been planned for Sunday so the young people can enjoy all the regular activities of the Council.

Council youth will also tour Temple Emanu-El, a Jewish synagogue, and will visit Miami's Parrot Jungle during the Council.

Young people will participate in the regular Council services each evening, according to Norm Correll, secretary of the Youth Department and national chairman for Council youth activities.

HELP EVANGELISTS GO TO COUNCIL

The Spiritual Life—Evangelism office of the Assemblies of God encourages churches to assist evangelists they have had over the past year with their expenses to General Council. Any assistance should be sent directly to the evangelist.

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PRAYER EMPHASIS SET FOR GENERAL COUNCIL

MIAMI BEACH—August 5 has been designated a special day of prayer for the 35th General Council which convenes Aug. 16-21 at Convention Hall here.

'Revivaltime' broadcast to originate from Miami

MIAMI BEACH—Those attending General Council here next month will have opportunity to participate in a "Revivaltime" broadcast which will originate from Convention Hall on Friday, Aug. 17, at 6 p.m.

Carrying the spirit of the General Council to listeners around the world, the broadcast will be released on more than 620 stations, including foreign outlets. Congregational singing will be part of the 30-minute broadcast.

Participating in the broadcast will be C. M. Ward, "Revivaltime" speaker; Lee Shultz, narrator-producer; C. T. Beem, program director; Cyril McLellan, choir director; and Jack Risner, stations director.

The broadcast choir will be composed of 40 to 50 former "Revivaltime" choir members.

Every congregation is requested to ask the Lord for divine guidance for all business sessions of the Council and in the election of officers.

People also are urged to pray for those attending the Council that God will use them to witness to at least one person in Miami Beach. Pray for God's anointing on those who minister and have other responsibilities at the Council.

Special prayer meetings will convene on Friday, Saturday, and Monday mornings during Council in a room in Convention Hall. Council participants will gather from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. on those mornings for a time of prayer and waiting on God.

Leaders of the prayer meetings will be: Friday—Roy Wead; Saturday—Edgar Bethany; Monday—D. H. McLaughlin. All are nonresident executive presbyters.

General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman requests that "whether you will be at home or attending the Council, please join us in prayer for God's blessings and anointing upon our entire Movement."

Sunday school leaders to meet for luncheon

MIAMI BEACH—A "Sunday school picnic" will be held for Sunday school leaders and workers attending the General Council next month. The informal luncheon on Saturday, Aug. 18, will feature interviews with pastors and Christian education leaders from across the nation.

The indoor luncheon will take on a picnic air as excitement is shared concerning innovations and phenomenal growth occurring in various Sunday schools.

William E. Kirschke, secretary of the National Sunday School Department, and his roving reporters will interview such leaders as Rex Anspaugh, pastor of Central Bible Church, Miami, Fla., and Hal C. Noah, pastor of Oak Cliff Assembly, Dallas, Tex.

Central Bible Church recently has completed modern educational facilities and has a growing bus ministry. Oak Cliff Assembly features a single adults class which grew from 24 to 250 in attendance in one year's time. Additional features will be highlighted from these and other churches.

Some 200 people are anticipated for the "picnic" in the Venetian Room of the diLido

Hotel. Tickets (\$4.50 each) are available from district Sunday school directors and the national Sunday School Department. Additional tickets will be available at the Sunday school exhibit in Miami Beach Convention Hall.

A/G COLLEGE ALUMNI TO HOLD REUNIONS

MIAMI BEACH—Alumni of nine Assemblies of God colleges will have an opportunity to get together during next month's General Council.

Following the Friday evening service, Aug. 17, alumni from the following colleges will gather in the diLido Hotel for reunions: Bethany Bible College, Central Bible College, North Central Bible College, Northwest College of the Assemblies of God, and Southwestern Assemblies of God College.

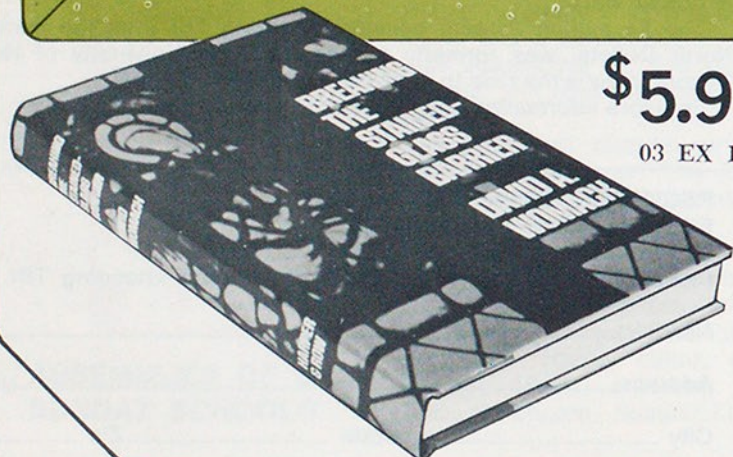
Alumni of Evangel College, Northeast Bible Institute, Southeastern Bible College, and Southern California College will meet following the Saturday evening service, Aug. 18.

Specific locations for the gatherings will be announced at the diLido.

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Home Missions Leadership Conference planned for General Council

MIAMI BEACH—New Church Evangelism will be featured at the Home Missions Leadership Conference on Thursday, Aug. 16 (8:30-11:45 a.m.) in the Valencia Room of the Seville Hotel.

Conference participants will study ways and means of reaching the millions in American inner cities as well as small communities and rural areas of the country. Subjects under consideration will be: location, supervision, financing, and personnel for new churches.

District superintendents and district home missions directors are invited to attend the conference which will be conducted by T. E. Gannon, national director of the Division of Home Missions.

Time also will be devoted to Special Ministries of Home Missions which include: frustrated youth (through Teen Challenge); the deaf and the blind; the Jews; American Indians; Eskimos; Aleuts; and institutional ministries. Home missions also has outreaches to American Gypsies, Chinese, Japanese, and foreign-language groups.

Frank Reynolds, newly appointed representative of Teen Challenge, will present the Teen Challenge program. Opportunity will be provided for questions and answers on coffeehouse ministry, the problem of drug abuse, and other teen-related ministries.

During the great Friday night rally there will be a home missions emphasis. Charles Crabtree, pastor of First Assembly, Des Moines, Ia., will be the speaker.

A special section for the deaf will be reserved at the right front of the auditorium during

Evening, Sunday sessions of Council to be translated into Spanish

MIAMI BEACH—Plans are being made to translate the evening and Sunday sessions of General Council into Spanish. This will be done by special AM radio broadcast which can be heard only inside Convention Hall.

Persons who need the translation must bring with them transistor AM radios with ear receivers. By doing so, they will be able to sit in the service in Convention Hall, receive the session in Spanish, and enjoy it with all other Council delegates and guests.

each evening service.

The Home Missions booth in the exhibit area will feature New Church Evangelism and Special Ministries.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Elamville	A/G	July 3-8	Esther Palmer	J. C. Purvis
	Opelika	South Side	July 10-15	Esther Palmer	Robert Lynch
Ariz.	Winfield	First	July 8—	Johnnie Hopgood Family	George Cronier
	Prescott	Kids Camp	July 2-6	Charles J. Aaron	E. Ostrom, Dir.
Ark.	Prescott	Kids Camp	July 9-13	Charles J. Aaron	E. Ostrom, Dir.
	Little Rock	Central	July 8—	Marvin Schmidt	Don McKinney
Calif.	Trumann	First	July 1-8	Mike & Mary Purkey	Don Dorsey
	Sebastopol	A/G	July 10-15	Thomas Ming Jr.	Ira Pratt
Colo.	Colorado Spgs.	1 First	July 9-15	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	Don Lunsford
	Pueblo	Park Hill	July 10-22	Charles Ogdon Family	Bobby Wilson
Fla.	Lakeland	Youth Camp	July 9-13	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	D. Lee, D-CAP
	Pensacola	East Side	July 15-20	Wm. H. Hooppell Party	L. Stephenson
Ga.	Athens	First	July 11-15	Donald T. Railey	L. M. Addison
	Columbus	Calvary	July 8-15	Charles & Mrs. Blythe	Glenn Snodgrass
	Pine Mtn.	Youth Camp	July 9-13	David Daniels	J. Rayburn, D-CAP
	Pine Mtn.	Youth Camp	July 9-13	Paul & Myrtle Hild	J. Rayburn, D-CAP
Hawaii	Wrens	First	July 9-13	Johnnie Edwards	Gerald Johnson
	Haleiwa, Oahu	A/G	July 15-22	Larry & Myrna Franks	Dorothy Oberdorfer
	Honolulu, Oahu	First	July 8-15	Larry & Myrna Franks	Woodrow Yasuhara
	Kahului, Maui	Kids Camp	July 8-13	Bob & Elizabeth Abbott	J. Pettigrew, Dir.
Ill.	Kahului, Maui	1 A/G	July 15-20	Bob & Elizabeth Abbott	John Pettigrew
	Decatur	Glad Tidings	July 1-4	The King's Daughters	J. H. Crouch
	Downers Grove	1 Suburban	July 15-20	Larry & Carolyn Campbell	Harley Kennedy
	Jacksonville	First	July 6-8	The King's Daughters	W. A. Gardner
Ind.	Renault	A/G	July 15-22	The King's Daughters	C. P. Gerard
	Elkhart	Calvary	July 11-22	Kenneth & Theda Wright	Lewis Clifton
	Hammond	First	July 8-15	Ossie B. Jones Trio	Walter Hanneman
	Hartford City	Kids Camp	July 9-13	Bud Alexis	E. Paul, D-CAP
	Muncie	1 Northside	July 8-13	Faye Clark	Robert Covington
	New Castle	First	July 10-15	Tommy Calk	Ed Summerfield
Iowa	Ames	First	July 8-13	Victor Etienne	Arthur D. Kost
	Ft. Madison	Pentecostal	July 8-15	Kenneth D. Baker	Don Hawkins
Kans.	Knoxville	A/G	July 8-22	K. L. Claycomb	M. H. Mooberry
	Hutchinson	First	July 10-22	Billy Frank Boren	Jack McIntosh
La.	Alexandria	Youth Camp	July 9-13	Mike & Linda Murdock	D. Pilcher, D-CAP
	Naples	Long Lake Camp	July 15-20	Gene & Judy McKinney	C. Meidahl, Dir.
Maine	Waterville	Calvary	July 8-13	Gene & Judy McKinney	Wilson Hickam
	Ewart	A/G	July 8-13	Bruce White	James Estep
Mich.	Grass Lake	Fa-Ho-Lo Camp	July 9-13	Phil Appenzeller	R. Traub, D-CAP
	Grass Lake	Fa-Ho-Lo Camp	July 9-15	Douglas Wead	R. Traub, D-CAP
Miss.	White Cloud	A/G	July 2-6	Bruce White	Clarence Spencer
	Hurley	Youth Camp	July 9-14	Mike & Marigold Cheshire	W. Davis, D-CAP
Mo.	Ripley	Trinity	July 11-18	J. Howard Reynolds	Paul Baggett
	Adrian	A/G	July 4-15	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Donald Mason
	DeSoto	First	July 15-29	Loren & Mrs. Wooten	A. M. Roberts
	Hillsboro	First	July 15-29	Maxine (Willis) Dick	Howard Young
	Kansas City	1 Bethel	July 1-6	Christian Hild	Lester Duncan
	Marshfield	First	July 8-11	Doyle & Gladness Jennings	Alvin Pulis
Mont.	Rocky Mount	Campgrounds	July 9-13	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	G. Denbow, Dir.
	Columbia Falls	1 A/G	July 15-20	Charles J. Senechal	Frank E. Sims
Nebr.	Hungry Horse	1 Glacier Camp	July 8-13	Charles J. Senechal	R. Brewer, Dir.
	Kearney	A/G	July 11-19	Davis Lewis Family	Dwayne Nelson
Nev.	Carson City	Capital	July 8-15	John Pratt Family	James Carlton
	Ogdensburg	A/G	July 15-18	Levi & Alma Storms	Alister Belbin
N. Y.	Tully Valley	A/G	July 8-11	Levi & Alma Storms	Mary Jane Flower
	Burton	2 A/G	July 11-22	Moses & Ruth Copeland	Clark Grable
Okla.	Turner Falls	Kids Camp	July 9-12	Whitenack-White Team	W. Baker, Dir.
	Wright City	1 First	July 9-20	Karen S. King	Walter Spradling
Oreg.	Butte Falls	Kids Camp	July 9-14	Gladys Triplett	
	Muncy	1 A/G	July 15-20	Faye Clark	Robert Hofner
Pa.	Piedmont	Calvary	July 8-22	Andrews Brothers Team	H. H. Winslow
	Huron	First	July 8-13	Gene & Esther Fiddler	Howard Cummings
S. Dak.	Clarksville	3 First	July 11-29	Don & Sharon Parker	Billy R. Jones
	Austin	Glad Tidings	July 1-15	John & Diane Jacob	B. R. Brummett
Tenn.	Austin	1 Heights	July 15-20	Bob & Mary Swope	J. Paul Joyner
	Clarksville	First	July 15-27	Paul Rose Team	W. H. Brown
Tex.	Clinton	1 A/G	July 9-15	Samuel & Patricia Calk	James Ballard
	Corpus Christi	Bethel	July 11-22	Keetah Jones	Joseph Nash
	Houston	4 Evangelistic	July 15-21	Paul & Myrtle Hild	W. A. Wilkerson
	Houston	Northwood	July 15-22	Marvin Launius Family	Paul Emerson
	Houston	1 Shady Oaks	July 9-15	Lloyd & Mrs. Bates	Billy Sanders
	McKinney	Southside	July 10-15	Joe McCutchen	J. E. Terry
	Muleshoe	1 A/G	July 15-22	Dave E. Laughlin	H. D. Hunter
	Palestine	1 Evangelistic	July 1-6	Bob & Mary Swope	Thomas C. Potts
	Roaring Springs	4 Youth Camp	July 2-6	Max Sapp Team	James Jackson
	Woodville	Kids Camp	July 9-13	Ken & Alice Williams	J. Fellers, Dir.
Utah	Roy	Calvary	July 10-15	Bob McNew	Paul Baugher
Va.	Lynchburg	5 First	June 26-July 8	Irving & Mary Howard	Gilbert Foster
	W. Va.	Elk Garden	5 Oakmont	Irving & Mary Howard	D. E. Marple

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TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT AND HEALED

ON AUGUST 6, 1972, Pastor Riley asked the people of the church to pray for me that I might receive the Holy Spirit. Well, praise God, I did receive the Baptism.

And when He filled me with the Spirit, He also healed my body.

We had been living in Ada and attending the assembly for just two weeks, so the people of the church didn't know about the tumor I had in my stomach. The doctor had said it very well could be cancer. He wanted me to undergo X rays.

During the time the Holy Spirit was filling me, He was also healing me. Praise God, He surely performed a miracle, for the tumor is gone, and the pain is gone. The joy of the Lord is real in my heart.—Mickie Roark, Ada, Okla.

(Endorsed by Pastor Kenneth A. Riley, First Assembly, Ada, Okla., who adds: "The doctor has confirmed that there is no trace of a tumor or possible cancer.")

PAIN IS GONE FROM SHOULDER

IN FEBRUARY 1972 I fell on ice and cracked my shoulder blade. X rays at the veterans hospital confirmed this. I suffered terrible pain so that I had to take strong pills to bring relief.

On August 27, while attending the Assembly in Cortland, N.Y., I was in such pain I had to leave church in the middle of the service. Before I went out, I left word with a friend who sat near me. One of the ladies of the congregation followed me to the door

to find out what the trouble was. She laid her hand on my shoulder and prayed for me. The pain let up so I could sleep that night.

The next day the pastor came to my home, placed his hand on my shoulder, and prayed. That night I felt something happen in my shoulder. It suddenly didn't pain anymore, and I could move my arm freely.

Praise God, He answered prayer. He healed my shoulder, and it has not pained me since. To God be the glory! Thanks too for the friends at church who prayed for me.—William A. Brown, Cortland, N. Y.

(Endorsed by Pastor Samuel Lee, Christian Assembly, Cortland, N. Y.)

BACKACHES GONE— BROKEN FOOT HEALED

FOR SOME TIME I had trouble with my back. Every time I sat down I ached from the right side of my neck all the way to my hip. I tried to stay busy on my feet a lot because of it. At night I couldn't sleep because of pain.

On February 25 I went forward at church for prayer. The Lord revealed to the visiting minister that I had one leg shorter than the other and that was why my back hurt. During prayer my leg grew to its normal length.

A few weeks before this, the Lord healed my husband's broken foot. The day after the cast was put on, he went forward at church for healing and special prayer was offered for him. He was supposed to wear the cast for 13 days, but two days later it was removed. The X rays showed no fracture. The doctor was quite surprised.

Praise the Lord! I don't have back trouble anymore, and my husband's foot is fine.—Mrs. George Stewart, Vallejo, Calif.

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The blessedness of loneliness

LONELINESS CAN BE ONE OF LIFE'S saddest experiences, or one of its richest. Lonely hours can be wasted on self-pity or made to glow with the blessed presence of God.

Someone said: "Man is the greatest marvel in the universe. Not because his heart beats 40,000,000 times a year, driving the bloodstream a distance of over 60,000 miles in that time. Not because of the wonderful mechanism of eye and ear. Not because of his conquest over disease, and the lengthening of human life. Not because of the unique qualities of his mind. But because he may walk and talk with God."

There is pain in loneliness. The shut-in, the widow, the orphan, the bereaved one who has no family or near relative for companionship suffers a hurt that is very real, and needs the healing balm of Christian friendship. But their greatest need, actually, is to discover that Christ can fill the vacuum, and that God may have put them in lonely circumstances to make room in their lives for His own dear presence.

It is in the absence of human companions or earthly interests the heart can talk with God and learn of heavenly things. Not until Jacob "was left alone" did the angel come and transform him into an overcomer. Not until Joseph spent lonely years in prison was he prepared to become prime minister of Egypt. Moses became a spiritual leader not in the busy years in Pharaoh's court but in the lonely years in quiet Midian.

And the same is true of New Testament characters too. John received his revelations on lonely Patmos, and Paul deep in Arabia. Even our Lord Jesus had to endure

a loneliness of spirit such as we shall never know. Often He departed into a mountain to pray. He spent whole nights in prayer with none but the Father near.

T. T. Munger, writing in *The Fellowship News*, said: "God has put each in a separate body. We should follow the divine hint, and not lapse into the general flood of being. Many people cannot endure being alone; they are lost unless there is a clatter of tongues in their ears. This is not only weak, but it fosters weakness. The gregarious instinct is animal; to be alone is spiritual. We can have no clear, personal judgment of things till we are somewhat separate from them."

A. T. Pierson once called upon a clergyman who was confined to bed for six months. He said to him: "You are a very busy man. It may be that God had something to say to you, but you were too busy to listen, so God had to lay you on your back that you might hear His voice and receive His message."

Then it struck Dr. Pierson that he himself was a very busy man and needed to follow his own advice. So he developed the habit of sitting alone at the close of each day for an hour in the quiet of his study—"not to speak to God, but to listen to what God has to say to me, and to lay the day's life and work open to the gaze of God."

Everyone needs a quiet time each day when he can be alone with God. The fellowship of others, even Christians, cannot fully satisfy. The advice we get from others is not enough. We need personal communion with Christ.

Be glad if you feel the pain of loneliness. It is a small price to pay for a personal revelation of God. —r.c.c.

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

EACH SPRING AND SUMMER we anxiously watched the ominous clouds. Those were depression years, and our little town was part of the dust bowl.

The "dusters" were a part of life we dreaded. During those raging storms it was difficult to breathe. The fine dust could penetrate almost every building.

One particular Sunday night barely a sign appeared in the north to warn us of the impending storm. Had we known, my dad, my younger brother, and I would not have walked to church. Of course, we walked everywhere, for only a few families owned automobiles—and we were not one of them.

But unaware of the danger, we started out. I was about 12 and my brother two years younger. We hopped and skipped circles around Dad on the way to church.

We were seated in the comfortable old red wooden church when the winds came—softly at first, then

loudly and more demanding. We were safe inside, but outside a storm was raging.

After the service we followed Dad to the door of the church and looked out into the blackness. I peered up into his face and noticed the concern and uneasiness there.

Then a neighbor walked up and invited, "Come ride with us. This looks pretty bad."

We followed him to his car, the wind whipping our clothing about us as we went.

The snail's-pace ride home was frightening. Even the lights of the car could not penetrate the blackness of the swirling dust. At times we found ourselves in the ditch; other times on a sidewalk. Occasionally the storm subsided enough that our driver could gain his bearings. Finally we were in his driveway.

Apologizing for being unable to drive us to our home, our friend invited us in to wait out the storm. But Dad explained that Mama would be worried and insisted we could make it the rest of the way home.

We started out in the direction we believed our house to be. It would be hard to find—a whole block of prairie fronted our home!

My dad was a big man, over six feet tall, with large rough hands scarred from hard work. All six of his children were certain of one thing—that Mom and Dad loved us more than anything else in the world.

That night as we stepped out into the storm, my brother grasping one of Dad's hands and my hand held tightly in the other, we felt secure as we let him lead the way.

Bracing ourselves and bowing our heads to prevent the dust from completely blinding us, we moved slowly, with Dad almost dragging us.

Suddenly he stopped. Apparently he had noticed something. The words he spoke were blown away by the storm. But he clutched our hands more tightly and maneuvered us to the right. Then my brother and I noticed what he had seen—a tiny flicker of light.

We started moving toward the light. The closer we got, the brighter it grew—and we realized it was the lights of home.

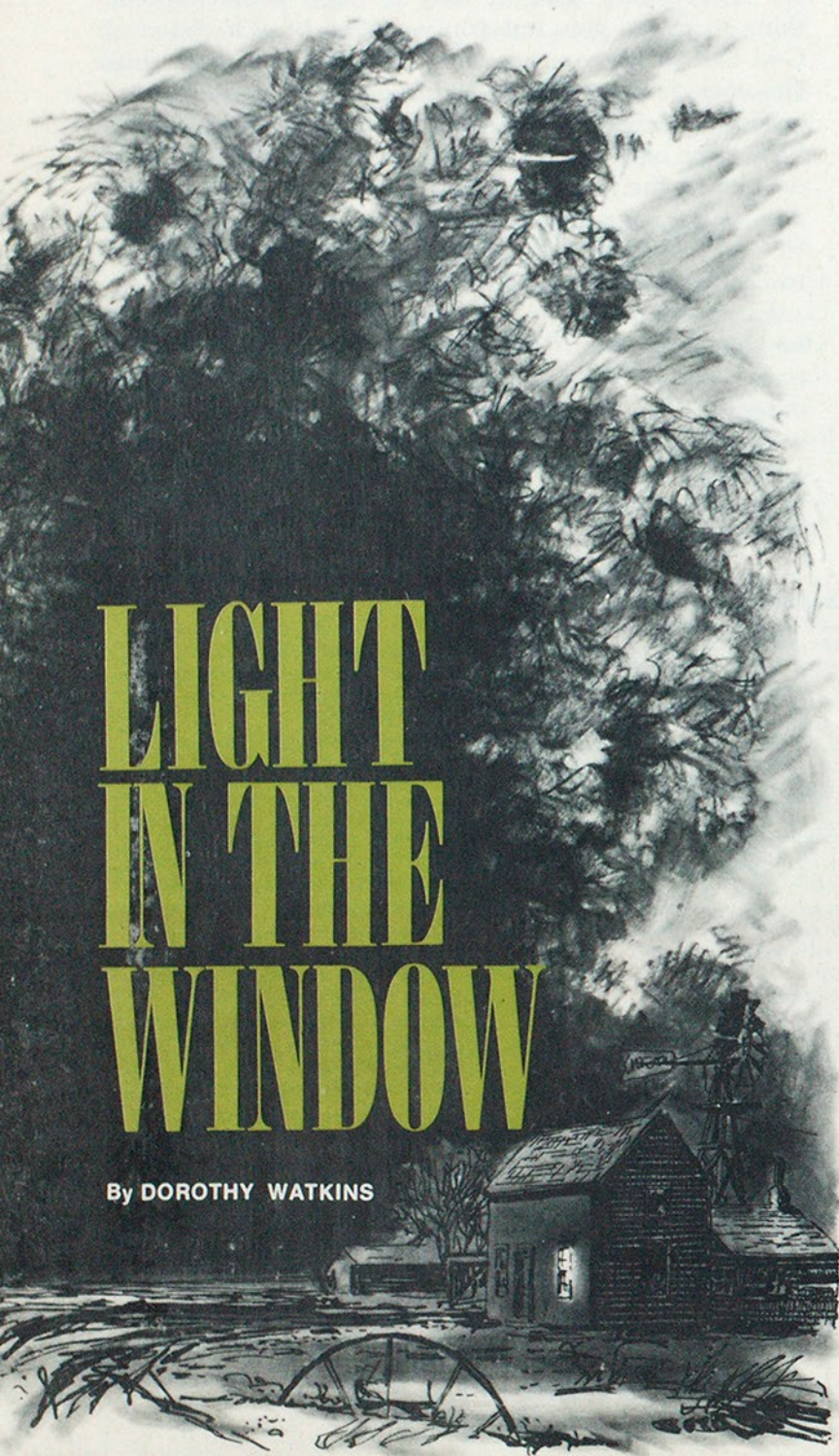
Mama opened the door to welcome us home. Fearing we were lost in the storm, she had walked the floor and prayed. Then she had parted the curtains and placed an oil lamp in the window, hoping that the light would guide us home safely.

Whenever I think of that experience, I remember that into each life come storms of sin and evil. They threaten to destroy us, to lead us into eternal blackness, away from fellowship with God.

But there is a light to guide us—and Christ is that Light. As we take one step toward Him, the light grows brighter and brighter. He meets us more than halfway and welcomes us "home"—to a place of salvation and safety.

Perhaps you are out in that storm now. Someone is praying for your deliverance. The Holy Spirit is taking you by the hand, convicting you of your sin, and leading you out of the storm into the safety of the redemption that Christ Jesus provided through His death on the cross.

Will you let Him guide you home?



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