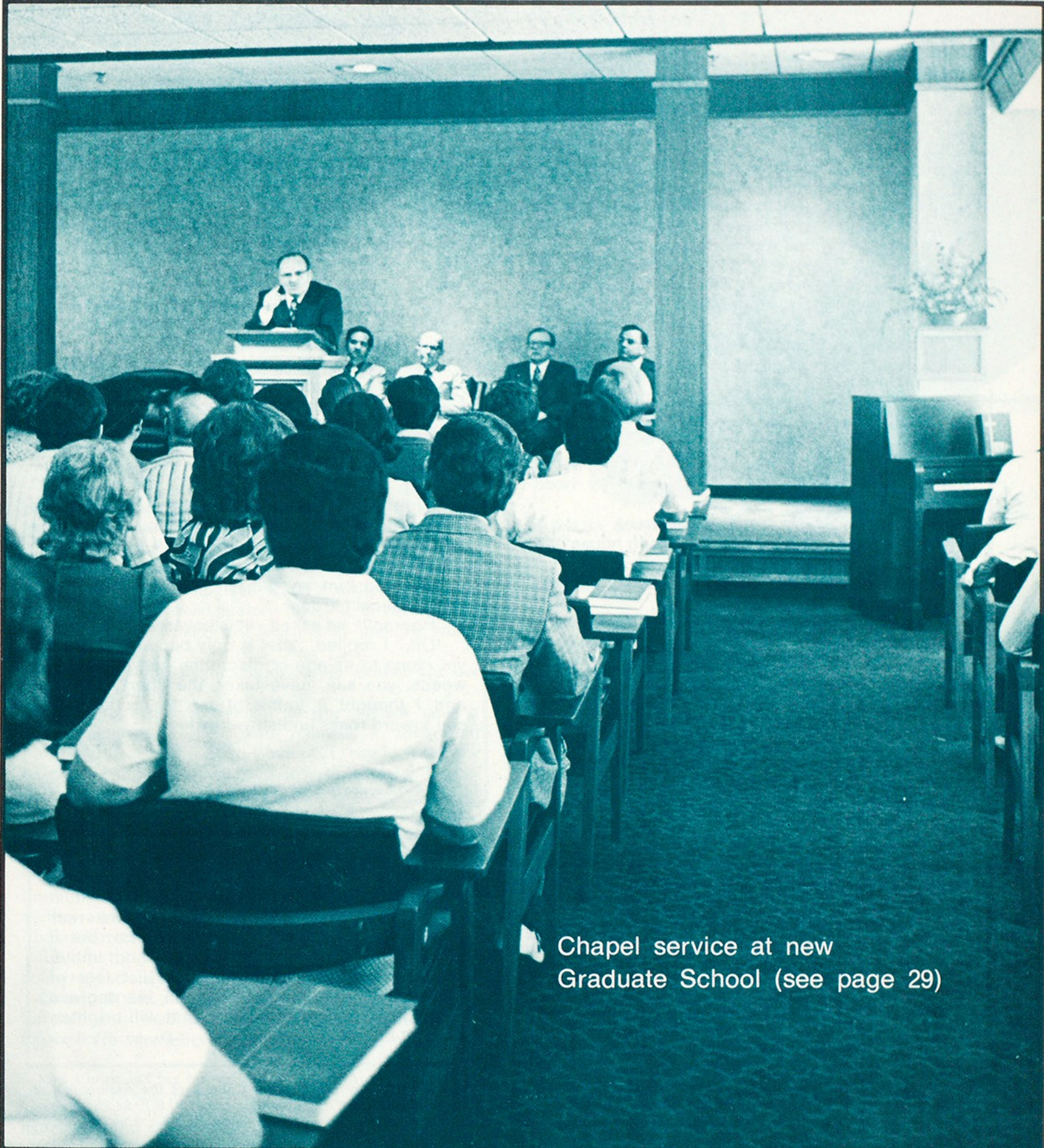


# THE Pentecostal evangel

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

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# *Lead me in thy truth*

PSALM 25:5

## Excuses, excuses

We make excuses to avoid blame.

Ever notice how folk explain their auto accidents? Explanations for how people with such great driving skills could get into little old accidents become ingenious.

A recent issue of *Automotive Retailer* lists some actual explanations on accident forms filled out for insurance companies. Here are some:

"I knocked over a man. He admitted it was his fault as he had been run over before."

"I collided with a stationary bus coming the other way."

"To avoid a collision I ran into the other car."

"The other man altered his mind, so I had to run over him."

"A pedestrian hit me and went under my car."

"I blew my horn, but it would not work, as it was stolen."

"I thought the side window was down, but it was up, as I found out when I put my head through it."

"I misjudged a lady crossing the street."

"Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I didn't have."

"The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intentions."

"Car had to turn sharper than was necessary, owing to an invisible truck."

"I left my car unattended for a minute, when by accident, or design, it ran away."

We're all like that. We can always find an excuse for not doing what we ought to do.

One says, "I'd tithe if I made enough money."

Another says, "I'd go to prayer meeting, but I always have another engagement."

Yet another, "I'd teach Sunday school but that's my only day off."

And so it goes. Smoke screens!

Linus, a character in the "Peanuts" cartoon strip, charged with breaking a lamp and told he has no one to blame for it but himself, ventures, "Maybe I could blame it on society!"

It's easier to do a thing right than to explain why you did it wrong.

—M. P. HORBAN

## Unto Himself

*Who am I?*

*Why am I?*

*What biological incident*

*Caused this complicated combination*

*Of cells that is me?*

*When did conception occur?*

*Where was I till then?*

*Body and soul and spirit*

*Am I.*

*Brain and brawn and psyche,*

*Thought and action and breath.*

*I am*

*Past and present and future,*

*Yesterday and today and forever.*

*Made unto Himself and in His likeness,*

*I came from God, I am by God,*

*And I shall be with God.*

*Physically transient,*

*Mentally creative,*

*Spiritually eternal,*

*I am*

*A son of God*

*Because of Jesus.*

—BARBARA JO ROBBINS

## Choices and gardens

A friend thought it very unfair to influence a child's mind by inculcating any opinions before the child had come to years of discretion to choose for himself.

I showed him my garden and told him it was my botanical garden.

"How so?" he asked. "It is covered with weeds."

"Oh," I replied, "that is only because it has not yet come to its age of discretion and choice. The weeds, you see, have taken the liberty to grow, and I thought it unfair of me to prejudice the soil toward roses and strawberries."

—SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE

## Enduring work

If we work upon marble, it will perish; if on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds and imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellowmen, we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten to all eternity.

—DANIEL WEBSTER

**I** HAD JUST SIGNED my first contract to teach in the public school system. How happy I was! From the time I was 14, I knew God wanted me to be a teacher.

Arranging my bulletin boards a few days prior to the opening of school, my heart was humming with gratitude. The Lord had so graciously given me a third grade class—precious 8- and 9-year-olds. I had not forgotten how, as a third-grader, I would hide behind the classroom door to tease my teacher; and then she would laugh, seeing my freckled nose peering from the other side.

On the first morning of school I was busy sharpening pencils and finishing last-minute preparations when one of my students appeared with his mother. What a handsome boy Joey was. I think he knew by the light in my eyes that I would be his friend.

Joey's mother indicated she would like to talk to me alone. So we scuttled Joey out to the playground, and Mrs. Chavira unfolded his story to me. Just six months before their family had been in a tragic car accident. Joey single-handedly had pulled four members of his family from the burning wreckage of their automobile.

However, his baby sister could not be reached in time. He had stood by helplessly as the flaming car took his baby sister from him.

For months after that he had been troubled with an ulcerated stomach, nightmares, a tremendous fear of fire, and an overwhelming sense of danger.

As I talked with his mother, my heart answered what I felt was divine appointment. God had given me this teaching position and He had sent Joey for me to minister to.

Each day as I greeted the students, Joey always received my hug with eager anticipation. His broken heart was beginning to heal.

Then one morning I received a call from Mrs. Chavira. She was distressed! The previous evening Joey had brought home the reading assignment I had given. He was to read a story about a bright red fire engine and how it had sped to a nearby building which was on fire.

Joey, distraught by memories, could neither eat nor sleep that evening.

Oh, why hadn't I thought of Joey when making that assignment? Filled with remorse, I apologized profusely. I assured Mrs. Chavira I would carefully handle the situation when Joey arrived at school. Quickly I put away the seatwork I had prepared for that story.

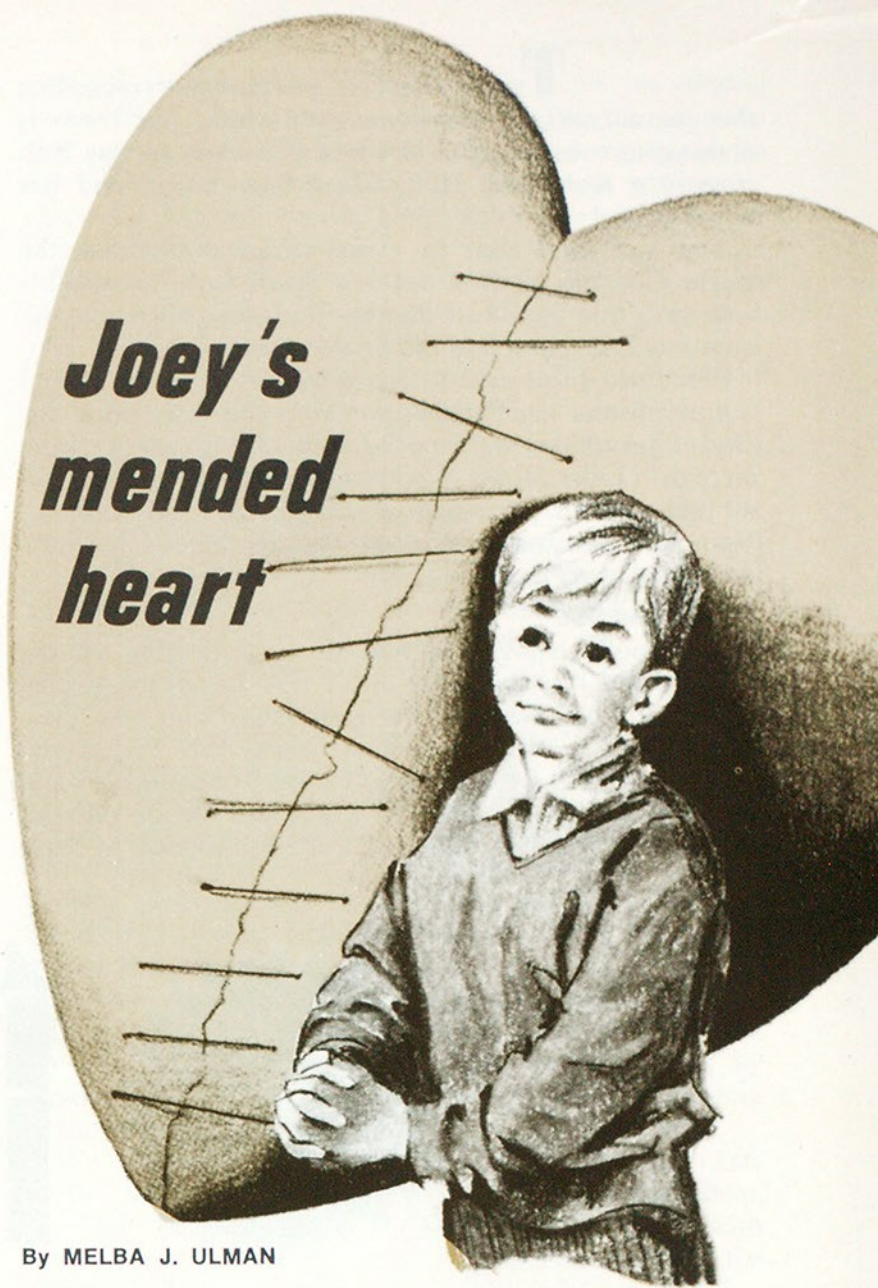
When Joey came to school it was immediately apparent he had endured a night of anguish. Once again he had remembered the cries for help coming from their burning car. Once again he had seen his unconscious mother and father lying on the ground beside the car. My heart went out to him!

The first thing he said was, "Mrs. Ulman, are we going to read that story in reading today?"

Calmly I told him we would simply not have time for that story that morning because our schedule was too full. He was relieved. Drawing Joey to me, I gave

Mrs. Ulman and her husband Don are now Assemblies of God missionaries serving in Tanzania, Africa.

## Joey's mended heart



By MELBA J. ULMAN

him a generous hug, trying desperately to be light and warm.

Later during recess Joey came up to me while I was watching the children play. I had waited for this moment. It was ordained of God. Here was my opportunity to soothe his troubled heart. Slowly he took my hand and looked into my eyes. "Mrs. Ulman," he said, "you know my baby sister died in our burning car."

I answered, "Yes, I know, Joey; but your baby sister is safe in the arms of Jesus; she is happy and she feels no pain. She is in heaven right this minute."

Relief came swiftly as I felt the tenseness in his body flee. If I, his teacher, had said that his baby sister was safe forever, then it was true!

All throughout the remainder of that year I ministered to Joey—as well as to George, an educable mentally retarded child, and to Jerry, a large 11-year-old handicapped boy. Jesus had placed them all in my care for one year. I assured them in various ways that I loved them, and it was electrifying to watch them blossom into happier personalities.

On the last day of school Joey said to me, "Mrs. Ulman, my younger sister is in the second grade. Next year she wants you to be her teacher." Love had helped to erase paralyzing fear. I had loved Joey with the love of Jesus, whose love had never failed me.

**T**HERE IS MUCH CONTROVERSY regarding the genuineness of this Pentecostal work, but there is nothing so convincing as the fact that early in this 20th century a revival on Holy Ghost lines began and has never ceased.

You will find that in every clime throughout the world God has poured out His Spirit in a remarkable way in a line parallel with the glorious revival that inaugurated the church of the first century.

Our Lord Jesus said to His disciples, "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). God promised through the prophet Joel, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh. . . . Upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days I will pour out my Spirit."

#### MY EXPERIENCE

You know, beloved, it had to be something on the line of solid facts to move me. I was as certain as possible that I had received the Holy Ghost and was absolutely rigid in this conviction. When this Pentecostal outpouring began in England, I went to Sunderland and met with the people who had assembled for the purpose of receiving the Holy Ghost. I was continuously in those

"Oh, is that it?" said I. "When the presence of God came upon me, my tongue was loosened, and really I felt, when I went in the open air to preach, that I had a new tongue."

"Ah, no," they said, "that's not it."

"What is it, then?" I asked.

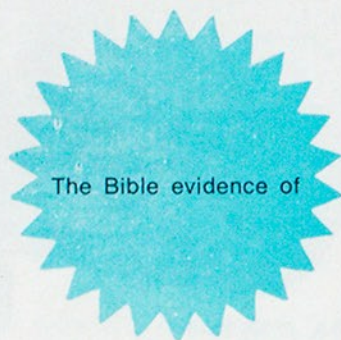
They said, "When you get baptized in the Holy Ghost. . . ."

"I *am* baptized," I interjected, "and there is no one here who can persuade me that I am not baptized." So I was up against them, and they were up against me.

I remember a man getting up and saying, "You know, brothers and sisters, I was here three weeks, and then the Lord baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I began to speak with tongues."

I said, "Let us hear it. That's what I'm here for." But he would not talk in tongues. I was doing what others are doing today, confusing 1 Corinthians 12 with Acts 2. These two chapters deal with different things, one with the gifts of the Spirit, and the other with the baptism of the Spirit with the accompanying sign.

As the days passed, I became more and more hungry.



# the baptism of

By SMITH WIGGLESWORTH

meetings causing disturbances until the people wished I had never come. But I was hungry and thirsty for God.

I had gone to Sunderland because I heard that God was pouring out His Spirit in a new way. I heard that God had now visited His people, had manifested His power, and that people were speaking in tongues as on the Day of Pentecost.

When I got to this place I said, "I cannot understand this meeting. I have left a meeting in Bradford all on fire for God. The fire fell last night, and we were all laid out under the power of God. I have come here for tongues and I don't hear them—I don't hear anything."

"Oh!" they said, "when you get baptized with the Holy Ghost, you will speak in tongues."

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While selecting articles for reprint in our recent anniversary issue we noticed this good article by Smith Wigglesworth which appeared in the *Evangel* over 50 years ago (May 27, 1922). It is an address he gave in Melbourne, Australia. Wigglesworth was a plumber in Bradford, England, whom God led into a worldwide evangelistic ministry. He died in 1947 but his books are still being distributed by the millions and are blessing people in many lands. Currently the Gospel Publishing House has two of his works in print: *Ever Increasing Faith*, (95c), and *Faith That Prevails*, (\$1), and his biography, *Smith Wigglesworth, Apostle of Faith* (95c).

I had opposed the meetings so much, but the Lord was gracious.

I shall ever remember that last day—the day I was to leave. God was with me so much that last night. They were to have a meeting, and I went but I could not rest. I went to the parsonage, and there in the library I said to Mrs. Boddy, "I cannot rest any longer; I must have these tongues." She replied, "Brother Wigglesworth, it is not the tongues you need, but the Baptism. If you will allow God to baptize you, the other will be all right."

"My dear sister, I know I am baptized," I said. "You know that I have to leave here at 4 o'clock; please lay hands on me that I may receive the tongues."

She rose up and laid her hands on me and the fire fell.

Then came a persistent knock at the door, and she had to go out. That was the best thing that could have happened, for I was alone with God. Then He gave me a revelation. Oh, it was wonderful! He showed me an empty cross, and Jesus glorified. I do thank God that the cross is empty; that Christ is no more on the cross.

Then I saw that God had purified me. It seemed that God gave me a new vision, and I saw a perfect being within me, with mouth open, saying, "Clean!

Clean! Clean!" When I began to repeat it, I found myself speaking in other tongues. The joy was so great that when I came to utter it, my tongue failed, and I began to worship God in other tongues as the Spirit gave me utterance.

It was all as beautiful and peaceful as when Jesus said, "Peace, be still!" The tranquility of that moment surpassed anything I had ever known before.

But, hallelujah! these days have grown with greater, mightier, more wonderful divine manifestations and power. That was but the beginning. There is no end to this kind of beginning. You will never get an end to the Holy Ghost till you are landed in the glory—till you are right in the presence of God forever. And even then we shall ever be conscious of His presence.

What had I received? I had received the Bible evidence. I knew I had received the very evidence of the Spirit's incoming that the apostles received on the Day of Pentecost. I knew that everything I had had up to that time was in the nature of an anointing bringing me in line with God in preparation, but now I knew I had the Biblical baptism in the Spirit. It had the backing of the Scriptures, and you are never right if you have not a foundation for your testimony in the Word of God.

# the Spirit

For many years I have thrown out a challenge to any person who can prove to me that he has the baptism without speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance—to prove it by the Word that he has been baptized in the Holy Ghost without the Bible evidence; but so far no one has accepted the challenge. I only say this because so many are like I was; they have a rigid idea that they have received the baptism without the Bible evidence. The Lord Jesus wants those who preach the Word to have the Word in evidence. Don't be misled by anything else. Have a Bible proof for all you have and then you will be in a place where no man can move you.

## THREE WITNESSES

I want to take you to the Scriptures to prove my position. There are businessmen here and they know that in cases of law, where there are two clear witnesses, they could win a case before any judge. On the clear evidence of two witnesses any judge will give a verdict. What has God given us? Three clear witnesses on the baptism in the Holy Spirit—more than are necessary in law courts.

The first is in Acts 2:4: "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Here we have the

original pattern. And God gave to Peter an eternal word that couples this experience with the promise that went before. "This is that." And God wants you to have *that*—nothing less than *that*. He wants you to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit according to the original Pentecostal pattern.

In Acts 10 we have another witness. Peter is in the house of Cornelius. Cornelius had had a vision of a holy angel and had sent for Peter.

A person said to me one day, "You don't admit that I am filled and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Why, I was 10 days and 10 nights on my back before the Lord and He was flooding my soul with joy."

I said, "Praise the Lord, sister, that was only the beginning. The disciples were tarrying that time, and the mighty power of God fell upon them, and the Bible tells what happened when the power fell."

And that is just what happened in the house of Cornelius. The Holy Ghost fell on all of them which heard the Word.

"And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost." What convinced these prejudiced Jews that the Holy Ghost had come? "For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." There was no other way for them to know. This evidence could not be contradicted. It is the Bible evidence.

If some people in this district had an angel come and talk to them as Cornelius had, they would say that they knew they were baptized. Do not be fooled by anything. Be sure that what you receive is according to the Word of God.

We have heard two witnesses. Let us look at Acts 19:6: "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came upon them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied." These Ephesians received the identical Bible evidence as the apostles at the beginning, and they prophesied in addition. Three times the Scriptures show us this evidence of the baptism in the Spirit.

## PURPOSE OF TONGUES

I do not magnify tongues. No, by God's grace, I magnify the Giver of tongues. And I magnify above all Him whom the Holy Ghost has come to reveal to us, the Lord Jesus Christ. He it is who sends the Holy Spirit, and I magnify Him because He makes no difference between us and those at the beginning.

But what are tongues for? Look at the second verse of 1 Corinthians 14, and you will see a very blessed truth. Oh, hallelujah! Have you been there, beloved? I tell you, God wants to take you there. "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue, speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries." It goes on to say, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself."

Enter into the promise of God. It is your inheritance. You will do more in one year if you are really filled with the Holy Ghost than you could do in 50 years apart from Him.

I pray that you may be so filled with Him that it will not be possible for you to move without a revival of some kind resulting.

# One is taken; one is left

By STANLEY M. HORTON / Professor of Bible, Central Bible College

SEVERAL TIMES RECENTLY it has come to my attention that some are trying to revive an interpretation of Matthew 24:40, 41 that has been rejected by many commentaries (such as *Pulpit Commentary*) and by most Bible scholars.

This interpretation, which comes up from time to time, says that when one is taken and the other left, the one taken is the wicked one who is taken away for judgment, while the true believer is left. They refer this to a separation which they say will take place at the end of the Tribulation.

They do not refer these verses to the Rapture as such. Rather they connect it with the parable which speaks of tares first gathered for burning (Matthew 13:30, 41) and they take Matthew 24:30, 31 to indicate a sequence where the wicked are judged before the elect are gathered.

It is not unusual for scholars to disagree about the meaning of words or passages in this way. But we must remember that scholars sometimes have preconceived ideas, and it is necessary for us to search the Scriptures before coming to a conclusion.

An examination of Matthew 13 shows that the parable fits 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9. The armies of Antichrist must be judged before the shining forth of the believers in the Kingdom. The reference is not to the Rapture but to the time when we return with Christ.

Then a careful study of Matthew 24 shows that here Jesus is not primarily concerned with what happens next. He deals with A.D. 70 (the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem), the course of this age, and the end of the age without indicating any step-by-step sequence. The word *then* in verse 30 is very general and means only that several things will happen in this general period but without indicating the order of their occurrence. (See Acts 1:7.)

A careful study of the words in Matthew 24:40 shows that *taken* (Greek, *paralambanetai*, in the present tense here to show certainty) basically means "to take to oneself, take with, or take along." Some have said it also means "to take prisoner," but this is not a common New Testament usage. When the Bible speaks of soldiers taking Jesus, He was already arrested, and they were merely taking Him along with them (Matthew 24:27; John 19:16).

Usually the word involves taking people and often involves close personal relationship. Joseph was commanded to take the young child and His mother (Mat-

thew 2:13, 20). Jesus took Peter, James, and John into the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1). Barnabas took Mark to Cyprus (Acts 15:39).

The word is also translated "received," but with the same personal meaning. We take Christ to ourselves (Colossians 2:6; John 1:11). We take to ourselves the Word of God as truth (1 Thessalonians 2:13). Jesus will come again and take us to Himself (John 14:3).

All this is in strong contrast to Matthew 24:39 where, after Noah entered the ark, the flood came and "took" (Greek, *airo*) the rest of that generation away. *Airo* is a common word for "take up, take away, carry away, remove." Jesus commanded the paralytic to take up his bed and go home (Matthew 9:6). The kingdom of God and the talent are taken away from the unfaithful (Matthew 21:43; 25:28). The stone is taken away from the tomb (John 20:1). The wicked are taken away and cast into outer darkness (Matthew 22:13). So Noah goes first into the ark, and then the flood comes and takes away the others.

The proper parallel in Matthew 24:40, 41 then is that one is "taken along" with the multitude who rise for that great meeting with Jesus in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:17), while the other is left behind (Greek, *aphietai*, in the sense of being abandoned to the judgments of the Tribulation).

The context also shows that the point Jesus is making in Matthew 24:39-42 is that it will be business as usual at the time He comes for us. It was business as usual for the world as a whole when the flood came. The people who were left outside the ark had their own plans made for the very day the flood came. They had no special warning other than the preaching of Noah.

When Jesus comes again for us, people will be going about their ordinary tasks the same as they would any other day. (Jesus means everyday duties when He speaks of going to the field and grinding the little hand mill.) There will be no special warning other than the preaching of the Word. Suddenly one will be taken to be with Jesus and one will be left behind.

Jesus concludes with the warning to watch (Greek, *gregoreite*, "be on the alert, be wide-awake, vigilant"), for we do not know at what hour our Lord comes (Matthew 24:42-44). This also fits clearly with the fact that Jesus will come for us before the judgments of the Tribulation begin to fall.



IT HAS BEEN WISELY SAID that a Christian organization eventually becomes the product of its schools.

This is true of many historic churches. It will certainly be true of the Assemblies of God. To ignore the effect our colleges will have upon the development of our Movement would be like saying the sun will not rise in the east tomorrow. Between 80 and 90 percent of our appointed missionary staff have come through one or more of our Assemblies of God colleges. With few exceptions these graduates reflect the philosophy of the school they attended.

Missionary movements through the years have largely been the result of college students awakening to the challenge of missions and responding with long-term, even lifetime commitments. In 30 years of missionary endeavor around the world I have observed that college graduates most often initiate and lead our programs.

Frequently I am asked, Do today's missionaries have the spiritual stamina, courage, and motivation that characterized our pioneers of a past generation? Thank God, at this point I can say yes. This could vary due to many factors; but mainly it depends on how the person has been trained or educated for the task. Here is where Assemblies of God colleges have excelled. And may the day never come when a good solid missions major will not be a prime part of our college program.

The achievements of contemporary missionaries such as Robert Crabtree reflect how well we have trained our people. Almost single-handedly he pioneered the first Pentecostal Bible school in communist Europe.

Consider Howard Foltz, who initiated the great Teen Challenge program on the European continent, involving thousands of young people.

Take, for example, George Flattery, president of International Correspondence Institute, who has developed the program which is becoming one of the greatest arms for reaching the lost in any generation.

Include on the list Robert Mackish, a man with a Polish-Russian background, who felt the call of God to Eastern Europe. He quit a highly paid railroad job and went to college. Now for more than five years he has served the Assemblies of God as liaison for all of Eastern Europe, giving strong continuity to the program and being loved by all the churches in these countries.

And remember John Hurston, missionary-statesman



# For this we have been trained



By **CHARLES E. GREENAWAY**  
*Field Secretary for Eurasia*

to Africa and Korea, who now spearheads the Assemblies of God evangelistic thrust in South Vietnam.

These are only a few of the evangelists, pioneers, pastors, and teachers who have broken through political blocs, language barriers, alien cultures, and spiritual darkness. For the most part our foreign missionary staff, like those who serve on the homefront, have iron in their souls. They have their priorities straight. They are committed, obedient, and proud of their noble calling. They are totally dedicated to the task of calling men to redemption.

Jerry Parsley, missionary to Bangladesh, was evacuated twice during the recent civil war, was operated on three times, and was separated from his wife and children much of this time. Yet today the Parsleys are working again in Bangladesh, happy and thankful to

## SCRIPTURES TO LIVE BY

... for September 16-22

*Theme Verse:* "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life" (James 1:12).

## NO CROSS, NO CROWN

*Sunday*—Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12  
*Monday*—Hebrews 2:5-18  
*Tuesday*—2 Corinthians 11:16-33  
*Wednesday*—2 Corinthians 12:1-10  
*Thursday*—1 Peter 2:18-25  
*Friday*—1 Peter 3:8-22  
*Saturday*—1 Peter 4:12-19



God for allowing them to minister in a place most of us would consider the end of the earth.

Missionaries Mark and Gladys Bliss lost their three children in a single accident in Iran. There was a big question whether Gladys would recover from the injuries she also suffered. But they continued on in Teheran to build one of the most beautiful centers of evangelism anywhere in the world. Their answer to the question, "Why didn't God save one of your children?" was, "God saved all three of them." What can you say to that kind of consecration?

Roy Dalton, told he was going to die, said, "Let me go back to Spain, dedicate the church I have built, baptize the believers we have won; and then if I must die, I will. I am not afraid."

Ovid Dillingham once stated, "I would give anything to see a Tamil church built in Bangalore, South India." A few months later his youngest daughter, 14-year-old Suzanne, was killed in a tragic airplane accident in Calcutta. Almost immediately a Suzanne Dillingham Memorial Fund was started to build that church. The Dillinghams returned to India and built a beautiful church. But we all knew the seed that brought the Dillingham's vision to fruition was lying in a little grave in Calcutta, awaiting the resurrection.

The Dwight Dobsons are allowed to stay in India only because he is a black-belt holder in judo and works long hours every day training the Calcutta police force. He simply says, "This I do for Jesus' sake."

All of these missionaries were trained in Assemblies

of God colleges. There are many more we could list and thousands more victories. Somewhere in their college years some instructor told them about the call of God and helped them to get it all together. And they went forth from the portals of our schools to become some of the greatest soul winners in history.

Yes, training is vital. It is true that in crisis situations the Holy Spirit often anoints and enables an individual to do exploits far beyond his natural training and ability. But apart from this, systems, plans, programs, and even revival inevitably break down when a man attempts to go too far beyond that for which he has been trained.

If training is vital, then it is important *how* we are trained. This is basic to God's reason for our being. Are we motivated by the Holy Spirit? Are we committed for a day, a year, or for the long run? This makes the difference between winners and losers, success or defeat. To our Assemblies of God colleges we owe a great deal for the winners they have helped to produce, for the thousands of ministers and missionaries preaching Christ all over this sin-sick globe.

I am reminded of the battle cry of a company of marines landing on a heavily besieged island during World War II: "For this we have been trained." May each of our Assemblies of God college graduates always be so taught by Spirit-inspired men in Christ-centered colleges that when they go forth to face the forces of darkness, their battle cry will be, "*For this we have been trained!*"



Through your will and trust . . .

# You can help preserve Assemblies of God colleges

By DON SHELTON / Secretary, Stewardship Department

PRESERVATION IS NECESSARY to life. Processes for preserving food have made it possible for fruitful nations to share with drought-plagued disaster-torn countries.

Life in the Netherlands depends upon the preservation of the mammoth dikes which hold back the ocean waters.

Polluted skies and outraged ecologists point out the need for maintaining our greatest natural resources—fresh air and clean water. Deserted gas stations and \$4-limit signs warn us to preserve our oil supplies.

Government leaders work feverishly to preserve our military superiority. More perceptive citizens campaign to preserve the very foundation on which our nation was built—individual liberty, free enterprise, and religious and moral conviction.

In the world, progress no longer seems to be the emphasis—we are told we must *preserve* if we are to survive.

Christ said, "Ye are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13) and thus compared our role to the number one food preservative of His day. Without Christian in-

fluence to preserve the good, our world cannot survive!

One of the most effective forces for the preservation of Christian influence is the Christian college. This is true for two main reasons.

1. Since over half the population of the United States is under 30, the country is to a great degree subject to the desires, beliefs, and values of young people. Obviously then, if we surround more youth with Christian principles and they in turn propagate them, more of these principles will be preserved throughout our land.

2. During the college years important learning takes place; students make lasting decisions. The social, educational, and religious preparations a young person receives in college set definite trends for his later years.

Assemblies of God colleges sprinkled across the nation have made a profound impact on thousands of young lives. In various degrees the graduates of these schools now affect the lives of people around them. They represent a mighty force for preserving good wherever it can be found.

No longer should the ministry of Christian colleges



## A word from the general superintendent

T. F. ZIMMERMAN



# Faithfulness is important

WHEN POLYCARP was 100 years old, he was condemned to die because of his faith in Christ.

As he was being led out to his execution, the heathen urged him to say at least one word against Christ to save himself from the agonies of a fiery death. Polycarp answered: "Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He has never done me anything but good all my life; and shall I now renounce Him in my old age?"

In A.D. 155 he was burned at the stake. He was as faithful in death as he had been in life.

depend upon the state of our nation's economy or the changeableness of government appropriations. Our colleges need and deserve your help. This is your opportunity to exercise one aspect of Christian stewardship. Your financial aid to one or more of the Assemblies of God colleges is a direct way you can help preserve Christian influence throughout the globe before it is too late.

Perhaps it is impossible for you to give outright funds—you have a growing family, a youth in college, or other obligations. But there is a way most everyone can contribute—through his last will and testament. The process is simple:

You may wish to mention one or more of the Assemblies of God colleges specifically. If so, be sure you know the correct legal, incorporated name(s) of the college(s). Or, by naming *The General Council of the Assemblies of God, Department of Education*, as beneficiary you can give to all the colleges.

Then decide how much you want to give. You can designate a percentage, a specific amount, or the remainder of your estate. It is possible to make provision for a guaranteed life income for a relative or friend through your will while at the same time making a substantial gift to the school.

If you cannot name a college for part of the estate because of your responsibility to dependents, you can include the college of your choice as the second or final beneficiary of your estate.

The Stewardship Department is ready to help you make a Christian will. They will answer any questions you may have, help you obtain the needed information, and also work with your attorney in writing your last

Faithfulness is a quality which God's people should manifest in every area of life. They should be faithful in their relationship to the Lord (1 Corinthians 4:1, 2), and they should also be dependable in everyday matters (Ephesians 6:5-9).

Faithfulness must be manifested in the small as well as the more momentous events of life. Actually, a person's performance in the less significant matters is often a better index of true character than his performance in the spectacular. Jesus said: "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much" (Luke 16:10).

Scripture also teaches that faithfulness is important regardless of how much ability a person might have. In the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14) it was the one-talent man who failed and lost his reward. He failed not because the challenge was too great, but because he could not be depended upon to use the ability he had.

While the hope of reward should not be the basic motive in being faithful, nevertheless a reward will result. The experience of the dependable men in the Parable of the Talents illustrates the truth of Proverbs 28:20: "A faithful man shall abound with blessings."

The greatest blessing for believers will be to hear the Master say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Matthew 25:23).

will and testament to best suit your desires and the legal stipulations of your state.

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Faithfulness in stewardship includes exerting a Christian influence wherever you have the opportunity. By helping Assemblies of God colleges you are preserving a Christian influence felt throughout our nation and around the world.

# THE CALL TO SERVICE

Sunday School Lesson for September 23, 1973  
MATTHEW 20:1-16

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

THE APPARENT DIFFICULTIES in this parable disappear when it is interpreted in the light of the event immediately preceding it. The rich young ruler had rejected heavenly treasure because he thought too much of earthly treasure. Peter, who had observed the incident, then said, "We have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?" Evidently Peter's spirit was selfish, commercial, and calculating.

Christ assured Peter of reward for sacrifice, but added a solemn warning, "Many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first." God's estimate of man's deeds is vastly different from human estimates and opinions. So Christ spoke this parable to show that rewards in eternity will depend on spirit and motive as well as on quantity and time served. Consider:

*The laborers who worked all day had no ground for*

*complaint because they received exactly what they had bargained for (compare vv. 2, 13). The first-hour laborers agreed to work for a penny. They had worked on a legal, bargaining basis. Those hired at other times during the day left the salary to their employer. They worked in a spirit of trustfulness and were rewarded accordingly.*

The lesson is that we are rewarded according to our motives and spirit. Those who serve the Lord to be seen of men receive their reward when that ambition is realized. Those who serve for love's sake also receive an appropriate reward—one that shall be rewarded throughout eternity. (See 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 13:1-3; Matthew 6:1-6.)

*Those who were employed at the eleventh hour would have worked all day if they had been given the opportunity. Their employer accepted the will for the deed and paid them accordingly. This does not mean that those who serve God faithfully for years will receive no greater reward than those converted late in life who also serve faithfully. But it does mean we shall be rewarded according to our response to our opportunities.*

Here is encouragement for those who have been deprived of Christian homelife and training, for those whose education has been limited, and for those who have had little Christian fellowship and little light or teaching from God's Word. God takes these things into consideration.

*The complaining laborers had a wrong spirit.*

1. *They felt superior.* "When the first came, they supposed that they should have received more." Here is a warning against attempting to evaluate our work by comparing it with that of others, against looking down upon others, or thinking our own efforts more praiseworthy than those of others. This very attitude will hinder our spiritual growth and rob us of chances for reward. Because we have been saved or baptized in the Spirit for years does not necessarily mean we shall have more reward than the zealous and humble convert who has been saved only a few years. (See Romans 12:3; Galatians 6:3.)

2. *They were envious.* Although their pay was sufficient for their needs and a fair day's wages for those times, they envied their fellow laborers and begrudged them their reward. Notice Jesus said to them, "Is thine eye evil [envious], because I am good [generous]?" It seems strange that Christians should be unhappy when their fellow Christians are blessed; yet such is sometimes the case.

3. *The employer was under no obligation to explain to his employees.* "Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own?" God is sovereign and just. He is not obligated to explain Himself to us. He condescends to call us and to use us in His service, but let us remember that He can get along without us.

The sheer appreciation of the glorious privilege that is ours of actually being co-workers with Christ should keep us from any bargaining spirit in Christian service. To contemplate reward is legitimate; the Scriptures mention many rewards offered to us. However, above everything else, let us serve our Lord in the spirit of Count Zinzendorf, founder of the Moravian church, who said, "My goal is God Himself!"

NO WONDER HE DOESN'T HEAR!





## There shall be famines...

By LESLIE FLYNN

FAMINE—THE FRIGHTENING SPECTER of widespread shortage of food—may be only a few years away.

One authority on the subject says, "If present trends continue, it seems likely famine will reach serious proportions in India, Pakistan, and China in the mid-1970's, and most of the other countries of Asia, Africa, and Latin America by 1980. Such a famine will be of massive proportions, affecting millions, possibly even billions of persons. If this happens, as many authorities think it will, it will be the most colossal catastrophe in history."

The Bible records a major famine in Egypt in the time of Joseph. One night Pharaoh had a dream in which seven fat cows which came up out of a river were devoured by seven skinny cows. After waking and going back to sleep, Pharaoh dreamed again. This time he saw seven thick ears of corn, consumed by seven thin ears of corn.

Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's two dreams as having the same meaning. He told Pharaoh, "Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt; and there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land" (Genesis 41:29, 30).

From this ancient history we learn a principle that operates invariably through all of life. It is the principle

that the years of plenty are followed by the years of famine. This is true in the economic world. There is the flow and ebb of prosperity and depression; business volume is followed by recession.

This principle holds true in nature. Day is followed by night. The fruitfulness of summer is gobbled up by the lean, barren winter. The young look forward to the many years of life ahead of them. Each day seems long, providing plenty of time to waste in play and pastime. But the Psalmist who knew that a famine of time would soon overtake us advised, "Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). Suddenly, one day, perhaps after high school or marriage, we discover that a good portion of our years has sped by.

Doesn't the same principle hold true for our intellects? In youth, minds seem to learn so quickly and to memorize so easily. But as the years go by, one discovers that he cannot memorize as easily as he did before.

It is the same way with money. A person who has saved up plenty for a rainy day and who thought he had security, may discover how quickly the days of famine can eat up his savings.

Because this principle is so true—famine follows plenty—we should take advantage of the days of plenty to prepare for the famine to follow.

Surpluses were never given to us to waste. If God has blessed you with health, intellect, strength, time, or money, He doesn't wish you to squander it. He wants you to invest it for the future.

You might say, "I've prepared for the future. I've made plans for the years ahead." But I ask you, "For how many years ahead?"

You reply, "I carry hospitalization in case I get ill. I have a substantial bank account in case of a rainy day. I'm insured heavily, so if anything should happen to me, my wife and children would be taken care of. Then when I get to be 65 I'll have Social Security; I'm all set."

But let me ask this question: "Yes, you have made excellent plans up to 65, then from 65 till death, but what about after death?"

Back in Egypt in the days of plenty, Joseph told Pharaoh to appoint some man to oversee the surplus grain. "Unless someone is appointed," said Joseph, "all the surplus will be squandered and famine will come to the nation. You will have no reserves. Rather let someone possessing wisdom, who can look into the future, be appointed to have charge over all the land." So Pharaoh appointed Joseph who saved millions of lives.

Similarly, we need to invite someone to take over the running of our lives so that our eternal souls may be saved. We need a Saviour, a Guide, a Leader. Who else is all-wise, and able to forgive us for our sins, and make us fit for His eternal home, than the Lord Jesus Christ? He died for us. He knows the future.

Have you prepared for the future? The future after the 65-to-death period. In other words—where will you spend eternity? Will you say to Jesus Christ, "I give myself completely over to You. Forgive my sins. You run my life."

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The day of peer evangelism has arrived! As the scope of God's work in Africa enlarges, WAAST students will provide core leadership.



TOP: Richard Cunningham, president of WAAST, lectures on church and district administration. ABOVE: Four happy students, each from a different tribe in Nigeria, witness to the sweeping revival taking place in that country today.

# The future is black

By JOYCE WELLS BOOZE

"THE EMERGING peoples of the African nations cry for more education," says Professor Rex Jackson of the West Africa Advanced School of Theology (WAAST).

But Africa is more than a matter of 40 nations. Each nation is divided into major tribes, each speaking a different language. Within the tribal structure each subgroup has its own dialect. Wycliffe Bible translators say that Nigeria alone has at least 600 distinct dialects!

Ministry to this changing Africa with its burgeoning cities calls for new tactics. The task of preaching

the gospel to the millions streaming into the new metropolitan areas is staggering. National leaders of vision and maturity are the church's only hope.

Sixteen Bible schools in West Africa testify to the concern of our missionaries to prepare such leaders. But as Africa develops, ever-increasing demands are placed upon the man of God. He needs broader training in Bible and theology and an opportunity to enlarge his knowledge in secular studies.

From the perception of this need the idea for an advanced school of

theology in West Africa was born. Lome, Togo, was chosen as the site. Since the official communication medium of all West Africa countries is either English or French, it was decided that the school could serve the entire area by offering each course in both English and French.

Thus the plans were laid, but inaugurating them was more difficult. Funds had to be gathered, buildings constructed, and equipment purchased.

West Africa missionaries contributed from their limited accounts. Speed-the-Light provided a truck,

and the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade forwarded money for library books.

All these gifts made possible the dedication of the first buildings and grounds by Field Secretary Everett L. Phillips on December 6, 1970, on his last official visit to Africa before retiring.

Missionary Richard B. Cunningham was chosen president of the school. A man of faith, he would not let the uncertainty of revenue for the development of the school stop the building processes. But Satan placed other roadblocks. Brother Cunningham became seriously ill with cancer of the thyroid gland.

After Brother Cunningham underwent surgery in December 1971, the doctors gave no hope for his recovery. Cobalt radiation was begun, but they expected him to die before the treatments were finished.

But God has His men to do His work. Brother Cunningham states:

"I sought God for confirmation that I would be healed, but the only response I received was, 'Trust Me.' I accepted His will unreservedly, whatever it might mean—life or death, America or Africa. I was simply to trust Him, His judgment, His compassion, His goodness.

"One evening as I was praying, God showed me the faces of my African students and gave me reassurance that I would return to Africa. In giving this confirmation of His calling, He healed me!"

So once again WAAST moved on. Missionary Del Tarr helped with administrative duties and very capably taught and directed the French curriculum. That the school was fulfilling its purpose was demonstrated in August 1972 when a month of concentrated study attracted 34 students representing 19 different tribes. Discussions started in the classroom and continued in the dorms. Students from one area exchanged ideas with those from another. Some classes whetted such appetites for learning that students asked for extra sessions.

President Cunningham has recognized that an effective training program must include both theory and practice. Campus devotions and chapel services are student-directed, and weekends are spent in outstation work. Calvary Temple in Lome welcomes the help of students in its Sunday school and youth programs. A night Bible school has been started

## *A WAAST student speaks out*

THE ADVANCED SCHOOL was for me a place of divine inspiration. I enjoyed studying the Word of God. The unity of all the professors in the school was a blessing to my soul, and the chapel services were a taste of heaven on earth.

The buildings of the school are well arranged and orderly. The courses have the needed spiritual materials for the proper building of the soul. In my opinion the school is a gift from God for spiritual upbuilding. I wish every minister would plan to go there and enjoy these wonderful blessings. I am grateful to the American brethren through whom God provided such a school for West African Christians.

The Lord has increased my faith. I have confidence that, if the Lord should tarry, what I have received from the school will lead me in the right way. May the Lord accept all the praise now and forever.

JOHN N. NWAKANMA  
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in the Lome church with WAAST students doing much of the teaching.

Just across the border in Aflao, Ghana, a new church was started by students during the school's first year. Students continue to help there and also conduct open-air services and street meetings in the towns of the area.

The division of secular studies sponsors field trips to national monuments related to West African history. Practical experience in the arts of writing, editing, photography, and layout come from producing a school yearbook.


In the dorms the men share rooms and chores. Each man does his own laundry and takes a turn as kitchen help. Cutting the grass, sweeping the verandas, and cleaning the buildings are other duties assigned to students.

Free time goes into preparing lessons, typing papers, and playing musical instruments, with breaks for volleyball, Ping-Pong, and other sports. Sometimes the French-speaking students challenge the English-speaking students, or the married men play against the bachelors. Cultural exchange is a by-product of great value to these men whom the Spirit has set apart as leaders.

For certification and graduation, students must receive a passing grade in all required subjects and must have a grade point average of 7 on a 10-point scale. Successful comple-

tion of a two-year program is rewarded by an advanced theological diploma. Three years' work earns an associate theological degree.

WAAST is preparing men "who shall be able to teach others also." The day of peer evangelism has arrived. Chukwuma Iroezi from Nigeria and Emmanuel Klussey from Senegal already supplement the missionary faculty. Some WAAST students will return to teach in Bible schools in their own country. As the scope of God's work in Africa enlarges, WAAST students will provide core leadership.

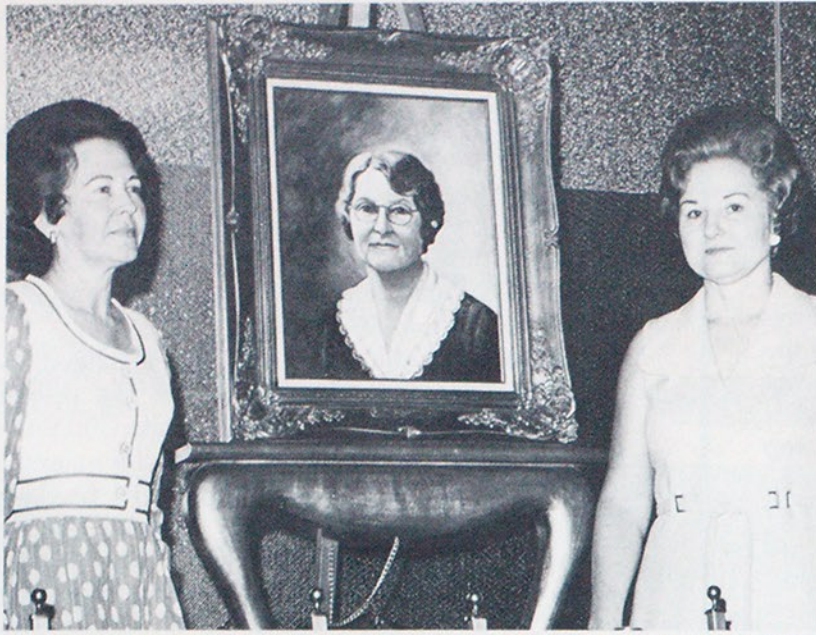
Now in its third year of operation, WAAST has growing pains. More classrooms, more dorms, more equipment must be provided. The students who crowd its halls are men whom God has called, whose ministry is proven, who have the respect of their peers. In the years ahead they can be a fortress to bulwark the national church against impurity in doctrine and practice. Let us train them well, for on them Africa's future depends. 

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# South Texas WMCs honor founder

By ANN AHLF

THE UNVEILING of a portrait of Etta Calhoun, recognized founder of the Women's Missionary Council of the Assemblies of God, was the highlight of a WMC breakfast held in honor of the women's leader during the recent South Texas District Council.

The event occurred in Houston, birthplace of the Women's Missionary Council. Even the name and atmosphere of the Hotel Astroworld seemed to symbolize the progress of the Women's Missionary Council. In less than 50 years the organization has spread into every state, established a national office, and is represented in 30 overseas mission fields.

District WMC President Anabel Manley presided over the program. Superintendent Kermit Reneau spoke of the result of the work of one dedicated woman.

Avalee Woods, district WMC vice-president; Shirley Whiddon, district WMC secretary; Gloria Ware, niece of Etta Calhoun; and Peggy Willard, the artist, participated in the unveiling.

A legal document was read granting to the South Texas District historical display several items from the personal belongings of Mrs. Calhoun—a fork from her silver, a tumbler from her crystal, and a saucer from her china. Later the Bible used by the founder of WMC will be added to the collection.

Gloria Ware, speaker for the occasion, read from her aunt's Bible and filled her address with homey memories. She told of Mrs. Calhoun's marriage and the congenial relationship with step-daughters.

She spoke of a time when Mrs. Calhoun fell ill and relatives went to Houston where she was teaching in

LEFT: A portrait of Etta Calhoun, painted by Peggy Willard (right), was unveiled at the WMC breakfast at the district council. Gloria Ware, niece of Etta Calhoun, stands at left. RIGHT: District WMC officers place a wreath on the grave of Etta Calhoun. Left to right: Avalee Woods, vice president; Anabel Manley, president; Shirley Whiddon, secretary.

the Bible school to take her home with them. When the women were about to leave, one asked, "Etta, where is your coat?" Mrs. Calhoun replied, "There was a girl here who had none, so I gave her mine." The act was typical of her care of others.

Mrs. Ware climaxed her speech by telling of her aunt's deep concern for missions and her intense effort to involve Spirit-filled women in spreading the gospel.

A Founder's Day observance had preceded the breakfast. On September 19, 1972, birthday of Etta Calhoun, WMCs met for a district-wide memorial service in Angleton, Texas, the burial place of their founder. Friends and relatives from 6 of the 10 sections of the district attended. Two members of the original WMC group were in the congregation. Many shared memories of Mrs. Calhoun.

Pastor E. M. Yeats recalled the early days of the Women's Missionary Council. Women from Magnolia Park Assembly of God which he serves were third in organizing a WMC group and have continued to function without interruption from the beginning.

The Milus Wrights provided music for the meeting. As a member of the Sky Pilots quartet, Milus had sung at the funeral of Etta Calhoun.

Pastor H. A. Berry gave the memorial address. He told of making a commitment to the ministry beside Mrs. Calhoun's open grave and began his message with a poem from the flyleaf of her Bible—one she had read to him in his youth.

At the close of the service district WMC officers led a procession to the cemetery where a marker honoring Mrs. Calhoun as founder of the Women's Missionary Council had been erected opposite the headstone. WMC leaders placed on the grave a wreath of red and white carnations, the WMC flower, in the shape of the open-heart emblem of the organization.

On September 19 WMC groups over the nation will

observe Founder's Day. The annual offering will be received for the Etta Calhoun Memorial Fund, established in 1957 to purchase indoor furnishings for Assemblies of God foreign and home missions and benevolences institutions.

To date the fund has provided more than \$132,000 for 112 institutions in the United States and 63 other countries.

Among items the September 19 offering will help pur-

chase are a restaurant-type cookstove for a Bible school of 100; furnishings for a missionary guesthouse; furniture for a Bible school dormitory; commercial carpet sweepers; laundry equipment; and classroom fixtures.

Approximately one-third of the total number of WMC groups participated in the observance last year. WMC leaders are expecting 1973 to be the turning point toward 100 percent participation in WMC Founder's Day activities.

## Goal exceeded by Missionettes

By CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH

EACH YEAR a goal is set for Missionettes giving to the Etta Calhoun Fund. In 1972 the goal was to raise \$2,000. However, the girls exceeded this goal by \$1,000, making possible several additional projects.

Three rooms will be furnished at the new Goldia Anderson Cottage, to be dedicated next month at Hillcrest Children's Home, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Total amount going to Hillcrest was \$1,500.

Another \$500 went to the Door of Hope Orphanage, Purulia, India, for a refrigerator; \$500 to a clinic in Northern Nigeria for supplies; and \$500 to the Assemblies of God Bible School in Georgetown, Guyana, South America, for desks.

The building of the new cottage at Hillcrest will provide room for 24 additional homeless children. It is a great privilege for the Missionettes around the nation to have a part in providing a home for these children.

Missionary Esther E. Olson, supervisor of the Door of Hope Orphanage in India, writes:

"The refrigerator is so lovely and we are enjoying having room for the milk each day. (We have our own cows.) The orphanage girls especially enjoy the ice cubes! I find little glasses of frozen milk, frozen sugar water, and frozen whatnots in the freezer when least expected.

"Our grateful thanks to all who helped provide us with this lovely refrigerator. In a hot place like this it is certainly indispensable."

Fifty desk-arm chairs were custom-made for the Guyana Bible School and are being used in the largest classroom. In addition a 4- by 9-foot table and 12 other chairs for a class and conference room were supplied from the \$500 given by Missionettes.

Milton J. Kersten, missionary to Guyana, writes: "Our faculty and students are pleased with it all. We are sincerely grateful for the good help from the Missionettes Etta Calhoun Fund. May you know great encouragement for what you are doing in Christ's name."

Words of appreciation have also come from Doris Geiger, missionary nurse in Nigeria, for the \$500 given by Missionettes to help furnish the clinic at Jos. Hundreds of babies have been delivered at the clinic. She says it is a joy to see the Muslim women coming for training. They also hear the story of God's great love to and for them.

Last year Missionettes contributed to projects at home and abroad. This year they hope to provide at least \$3,000 to help furnish the Alaskan Youth Village in Juneau, Alaska. Formerly known as the Juneau Chil-



TOP: Principal John Ramsaroop (left) of Guyana Bible School and a student inspect the desk-arm chairs built with funds provided by Missionettes. ABOVE: An Indian girl at the Door of Hope Orphanage puts fresh milk in the new refrigerator provided by Missionettes.

dren's Home, this home is being moved and rebuilt due to highway construction. There are many needs, and the \$3,000 from Missionettes will help provide equipment and furnishings.

Every Missionette and sponsor can have a part in this worthy project. With more than 110,000 girls plus sponsors, the \$3,000 goal can easily be met. All offerings should be sent to the Missionettes office and designated for the Alaskan Youth Village.



# The Jesus Movement – God’s answer to

**Evangelistic Temple, Houston, has had a phenomenal growth in the past six years. It has quadrupled in attendance, and there have been an average of 300 water baptisms per year over the past four years. More than 3,000 teenagers were converted in one year.**

*“If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?” (Luke 11:11, 12).*

THIS SCRIPTURE PASSAGE indicates the possibility of asking the Father for something and not recognizing the answer when it comes. But Jesus assured His followers that when we ask, we can trust the Father. Even though the answer may appear to be something else, such as stone rather than bread, if we have spiritual understanding when we pray, we can recognize God’s gift as it really is.

As pastor of a typical congregation which had learned to use common clichés such as, “Lord, send a revival; fill our altars with repentant sinners,” we probably did not really know what we were asking God to do. For suddenly on Sunday night our sanctuary was filled with boys clad in blue jeans and T-shirts, some barefoot, and some with shoulder-length hair; and girls in blue jeans, shorts, slacks, likewise some barefoot.

They were not only crowded into the pews but were sitting in every available spot that would accommodate

a folding chair; there was wall-to-wall seating on the floor from front to back and side to side including the altar area, steps to the platform, choir loft—and they were looking in every door and window from the outside.

Along with this oddly dressed congregation was the smell of tobacco and the obvious odor of marijuana.

Through this service members of a teenaged rock band were saved. They asked if they could bring their instruments and play in the services on Monday night. The churches I had grown up in had church orchestras, and I had played the trumpet most of my life in church orchestras, so I granted permission.

The news spread throughout the schools that the popular rock band would be playing in the service. Hundreds of teenagers came from all parts of the city. To my utter amazement, by 6:30 p.m. the building was packed.

The band played what they termed “spiritual songs,” such as “Spirit in the Sky” and any other song that had “God” or “Jesus” or “Mary” or “Spirit” in its lyrics.

It was shocking to me and to the members of our



church who had never witnessed people in the sanctuary attired as these were, nor had they ever heard such music played in the sanctuary.

But earnest searching was obvious. The crowd sat in rapt attention as a young man told how Jesus had changed his life and delivered him from narcotics after so many years on drugs.

Night after night hundreds of teenagers moved down crowded aisles to kneel at the altar and receive Christ as Saviour. One teenager after another began giving us cigarettes, pipes, sometimes a needle, sometimes marijuana, sometimes a bottle of pills. They seemed anxious to leave these at the altar to start a new life.

We quickly arranged for counselors to take these hundreds of youth into various classrooms for personal counseling. Many times these sessions would last well into the morning as for the first time the young people heard the Word of God explained to them.

I was amazed as I would inquire into the personal backgrounds of these teenagers and find that most of them had turned away from their church in the preteen years, turned off by high-sounding anthems, oratory, book reviews, and sermons they felt were irrelevant. These were not economically deprived young people; they were the sons and daughters of doctors, lawyers,

other youths how his Bible opened to Jeremiah 7:29 and the words, "Cut off thine hair," leaped from the pages. He felt God had told him through the Scriptures to cut off his hair. So he had been to the barbershop that day.

It seems apparent that changes might be slower than the established church might wish; but the Holy Spirit can be trusted. As lives mature with God, these changes will come.

We have not tried to force traditional customs on the teenagers but have rather looked upon them as a missionary would look on his congregation of new converts who did not fully understand the new walk in Christ.

Now that many, many months have passed, these teenagers who have learned to love the church and have become involved intricately within it continue to go out and reach others. It is necessary to have a water

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The Friday night "Youthquake" service brought hundreds of youth together to sing, study, pray, and worship the Lord.

## our church's prayer

By W. AUSTIN WILKERSON

*Pastor, Evangelistic Temple, Houston, Texas*

merchants, factory workers, schoolteachers—youth from all walks of life.

Some nights, without any instruction being given concerning the infilling of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, many of them, though never having witnessed anyone receiving this experience, would begin to praise the Lord and break forth speaking in other tongues—confirming to the church that the Holy Spirit is the Baptizer and is able to take a new convert, without prior knowledge of the teachings on the Baptism, and fill him with this dynamic power.

Night after night for three weeks our church continued to be the scene of hundreds of teenagers coming to Christ.

The question arose, "How long will it take these youth to conform to the standards of the local church?" I have found that the Holy Spirit is able to do the work that needs to be done—if we can be patient and trust Him. For example, one of the young men, a member of the rock band, continued to wear his hair quite long for months. One night during our regular Friday night Youthquake service he entered with his hair cut to a more conventional length. He explained to the





**LEFT:** The "new congregation" chose to sit on the floor at the front of the church if seats near the front were filled. They wanted to be where the action was. **RIGHT:** Scenes like this were common as the youth were lost in praise to God.

baptismal service almost every Sunday night because of the number of new converts who are being saved in home prayer groups, in the schools, in places of business, etc.

It poses a problem, when a congregation is accustomed to the refinements of a beautiful sanctuary and well-planned, carefully arranged programs, to be suddenly invaded by a larger congregation not so versed in church tradition.

Our congregation found it necessary to sacrifice if we were going to minister to this new congregation. The music of this newly converted band was objectionable to the established Christians, and although I permitted the band at that juncture to play, we have since established a policy that rock music is unacceptable in our program. However, it should not be overlooked that teenage America does have its own music. I feel the church should not look upon its traditional hymns as the only expression of music.

The youths' nonconformity to the accepted dress standards of the established church caused many raised

**Bible raps were popular as many youth had scriptural truths explained to them for the first time. These were usually informal sessions and often lasted until late at night.**



eyebrows—as was stated to me, "Pastor, I am broken-hearted because I had never thought our altars would be desecrated by dirty feet."

Yet we have to recognize the miracle of clean hearts. These youth forge their way to the front pews. If they cannot find a pew in the front, they prefer to sit on the floor in the front where the action is rather than in a pew in the rear of the sanctuary. This sometimes produces an elder brother complex among established Christian families whose youths may prefer to sit in the rear; but again the Holy Spirit has so beautifully blended these two groups.

Another question often asked is, "Has this new group tended to lower the standards of the established youth group, or is it the other way around?" I have watched this new group gradually begin to follow the pattern of the youth of the established church.

The excitement, enthusiasm, and thrill of the new converts are manifest by clapping hands and by raising hands and praising the Lord for a newfound belief and life. They also are more excited about Bible study. They carry their Bibles, concordances, pencils, notebooks, tape recorders—and are willing to sit for long hours to study the Word. They are loyal and faithful to the church, are quicker to witness, and will spend long hours in distributing tracts and religious newspapers to win souls to Christ. They are not as time-conscious as older church members. We have also found them to be liberal givers and greatly excited in their service to the Lord.

During the first few days of the influx of youth, extreme criticism came from perplexed and frustrated members of our congregation and I was anxious. I had spent too many years in this city to embark on something that was just a fad. I found myself facing a decision. On the one hand were hundreds of teenagers—lost, on narcotics, living in free sex, troubled, confused, diligently searching for the answers to their needs; on the other hand was a long-established congregation deeply involved in the charismatic move, a church

where scores of denominational people were receiving the infilling of the Holy Spirit—a church praying, “God, send a revival; fill our altars with penitent sinners; use us to win the lost.”

But when it began to happen, some were saying, “It’s stones, serpents, scorpions! We are not sure this is what we were seeking.”

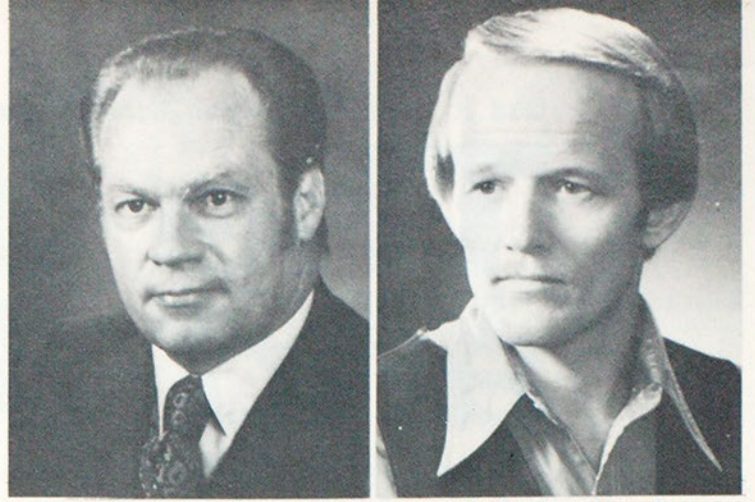
There had to be an answer. I chose the seclusion of Galveston Beach where I walked and prayed throughout Saturday night of the first week of this giant youth crusade. My praying was not the kind one does when casually asking for something, but it was a desperate cry for an answer that had to come directly from God, whose church it is!

On Sunday morning, as the sun broke over the eastern horizon of the bay, the question loomed before me: “Do you want to do what Christ would do, or do you merely want to please a congregation?”

I kept hearing the prayer of the church, “God, save souls; use us to win the lost.” I saw faces of hungry teenagers. I saw them with arms outstretched toward God in praise after they had found Christ.

My answer became clear. I told God that I wanted to do what He would do at all cost. A peace and confidence I had never known flowed into my heart. I returned to the church just in time to walk into the pulpit. After only a few moments the Holy Spirit flowed across that entire congregation and bathed them in a supernatural love that was the beginning of the blending of a traditional congregation and the “new congregation that looked different.” That love of God bridged the gulf.

When I looked at the altar, I was amazed to see



LEFT: W. Austin Wilkerson, pastor of Evangelistic Temple, Houston. RIGHT: Buddy Hicks, minister of youth at the church.

people who only nights before had predicted we would “lose half the traditional congregation,” now praying with tears streaming down their cheeks as they submitted to the love demands of Christ.

One outstanding doctor in the city, as he came forward to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit, said, “I looked around at the altar and I was the only one dressed like I thought a Christian should dress; but one of these young men placed his hands upon me, and I was filled with the Holy Spirit.”

And so it seems that the work of God today is blending people from all walks of life, whether a Ph.D. or garbage collector, rich man or poor man, old or young. The Saviour is pouring out His Spirit—for which the church so long has prayed. But if we are not spiritually attuned, we may call God’s bread a “stone,” His fish a “serpent,” or His egg a “scorpion.”

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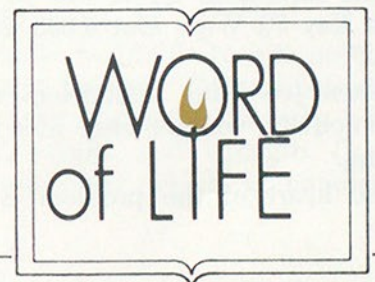
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God is preparing Jewish hearts to receive the Messiah.

# The Jews and Jesus

By ERNEST KALAPATHY / *Director of Shalom Center, Chicago, Illinois*

THOSE WHO BELIEVE have known for some time that God would prepare Jewish hearts for the coming of the true Messiah. For centuries this entire nation has hated the name of Jesus and has been taught He is an imposter. To prepare these people to consider the possibility that He is God's anointed One involves a thorough upheaval in spiritual attitudes.

## JEWIS IN SPIRITUAL TURMOIL

It appears now that we are seeing the beginnings of such a great change, and it is painful for the Jews. But it speaks of hope and new opportunities for those engaged in Jewish evangelism.

For years the Jewish stance was to ignore Jesus and Christian missions—to act as though He did not exist and to pretend that Christian missions were unworthy of notice.

But now the picture has changed.

## ALARM AT MISSIONS

The Jews, already alarmed about their dwindling through assimilation and intermarriage, now have been jarred by reports of significant numbers of their fellow Jews turning to Christ.

Some months ago the Chicago news journal of the Jews, *The Sentinel*, broke its silence about Christian missions to report in a shouting headline, "Jews for Jesus Causing Mass Conversions of Our Youth to Christianity." The article concerned the Jews for Jesus movement on the West Coast.

Since then Jews have dropped the official pretense of ignoring missions and have swung to the other extreme. Now the ferment about Jesus in the Jewish community is reflected continually in the Jewish press. News reporters and columnists in Jewish newspapers and magazines continually discuss Christian missions and missionary activity.

Jewish leaders are particularly disturbed about Key 73, which they imagine to be directed primarily at them. True, some try to dismiss Key 73 with a sort of forced disdain. But the genuineness and extent of Jewish alarm about this can be somewhat measured by the fact that a big convocation was called on April 26 at a Chicago synagogue to hear a forum. The theme of this forum, to quote one of their columnists, was, "Can Key 73 Wipe Out 4,000 Years of Jewish Martyrdom?"

When Jews link martyrdom with Christian evangelistic activity, you get some idea of the intensity of their feeling.

The heart of the problem is that for them, Jesus

Christ is still the stumbling stone and rock of offense. They charge their fellow Jews who believe in Christ with being betrayers of Jewishness.

The logic behind this attitude is based on two false premises: (1) Jewishness is primarily religion rather than race, and (2) Christianity is alien to Judaism. The warped conclusion reached is that a Jew stops being a Jew when he believes on Christ.

The first premise is false because a Jew, by scriptural definition, is a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He may fail spiritually, as the apostle Paul pointed out, but he doesn't stop being a Jew.

The second premise is false because it presents a false Judaism with which Christianity indeed conflicts. But true Christianity is a fulfillment of true Judaism and the messianic tradition. Our Christian faith springs from Jewish roots.

Furthermore, Jewish leaders are inconsistent in applying this reasoning to all situations. For them, it seems, anything goes but Jesus. While Jews who believe in Christ are rejected by the community, atheistic Jews, communistic Jews and even sexual deviates are often tolerated and even welcomed.

But so many Jews are turning to Christ these days that it is becoming increasingly hard for the Jews to make outcasts of their fellow Jews who believe on Christ.

## THE COUNTERATTACK

Disturbed because the core of the effectiveness of Christian missions lies in the convincing power of the Old Testament prophecies of Christ, a group of Jewish leaders have now come up with "a kit to answer Christian evangelical claims, such as that the coming of Jesus was predicted by the . . . prophet Isaiah."

A news article about this kit says that "the material, mailed to the 710 member synagogues of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, states that the 53rd chapter of the Book of Isaiah dealing with 'suffering servant' actually refers to the Jewish people, who as God's servants are charged with the responsibility of bringing justice into the world, rather than to any individual."

In short, faced with the witness of their own Scriptures to Christ, these leaders continue to gainsay and to attempt to persuade others, using old arguments that do not hold water. For example, Isaiah 53, in ancient Jewish writings, was considered to be a messianic prophecy. Now that its startling relevance to the sufferings of Jesus has been recognized, unbelieving Jews will do anything rather than admit that Isaiah 53

and other Old Testament passages like it are messianic.

Thank God, these passages are still being used by the Holy Spirit to convict openhearted Jews of the genuineness of Christ. It is easy to explode the argument that "the Jews are the suffering servant of Isaiah." On the basis of consistency within the prophet's writings they cannot be, for in several places Isaiah characterizes Israel as an exceedingly sinful nation, totally incapable of being the One on whom God lays the iniquity of all mankind.

But by the very act of calling attention to Isaiah 53 in relation to Christ, the rabbis will cause many Jews to think seriously about Jesus.

#### SHALOM CENTER IN THE JEWISH PRESS

In all this turmoil Shalom Center has not escaped notice. In fact, we are the only evangelical center in Chicago mentioned thus far.

Last fall an article about our coffeehouse appeared in *The Sentinel*. It was entitled, "Jews for Jesus Center; Is This a Place for a Nice Jewish Kid?" In February this local Jewish news magazine carried these comments about our work in their "Campus Community" column: "An example of the fringe trying to proselytize Jews is the Shalom Center on Howard Street. It's run by the fanatical Assemblies of God denomination..." This same column made another reference to us in the April 5 issue.

Though none of these references are complimentary, we thank God because their net value has been to give us free publicity. It is encouraging us too, for we realize that not only is our witness making an impact on the Jewish community, but beyond that God is at work, confronting His people with Christ in these last days.

#### NEW OPENNESS TO THE GOSPEL

We can see why the Jewish leaders are concerned. In February three different groups of Jewish young people sent representatives to us to request tracts and literature about Christ. One of these groups is a Zion labor organization; another a 180-strong youth group from a local synagogue.

Some Jewish young people have been saved in our coffeehouse. There is an increased openness among Jews toward Christ, especially among the young. God is continually bringing inquiring Jews to us.

Perhaps it can all be summed up by saying that the conditions that prevailed in the first century are beginning to be the case again today, in what could be the last century before Christ's coming. Though the dominant Jewish attitude continues to be that of Christ rejection, Jewish believers are beginning to become numerous enough that they will have to be recognized as a significant minority in the Jewish community. We must refuse to become discouraged in our work by the increased hostility of the general Jewish community, for at the same time there is an open door into many Jewish hearts unprecedented since the first century. Please continue to hold up in prayer your missionaries to the Jews across the country.

And pray for Israel, that the day may be hastened when they shall look on Him whom they have pierced. In spite of their opposition to His Anointed One, God has not cast away His people, but a remnant shall yet be saved.



## NEW CHURCH OUTREACH

By T. E. GANNON • National Director of Home Missions

### *Let's get going*

WHEN JACOB SAID to his sons, "Why do ye look one upon another?" he was rebuking them for their lack of action. The situation was critical; they were running short of food. There was a need, and there was a known source of help. But to obtain help someone had to make the sacrifice and pay the price.

The national Division of Home Missions has kept the entire Fellowship aware of the great mission field of our own United States. But it is not enough to know the need; God expects us to do something about it.

In order to make our appeal more specific we bring to your attention two different areas of concern: Special Ministries and New Church Evangelism.

The *Special Ministries* include: troubled youth (through Teen Challenge); the deaf and the blind; institutional ministries; the Jews; American Indians; Eskimos; and Aleuts. There are special outreaches to American Gypsies, Chinese, and Japanese. Other foreign language groups also have been the responsibility of the division.

First, consider the deaf and the blind. Because these people live across the street or are members of our own families and are not concentrated into one large group, we may not feel the burden or compassion we should.

Next, how about the enormous Jewish population within our borders? While many of these are concentrated in the larger cities, the six million "sons of Abraham" are so scattered across the nation through the rank and file of the populace it is difficult to acquire a genuine burden for them.

The prison ministry is a tremendous challenge. Here again it is easy to leave the responsibility for these 2,000,000 souls to those with a special call to this field.

The same could be said about the nearly 1,000,000 American Indians from 280 tribes or the thousands of Americans who have become victims of the drug habit. Are we too busy with the tasks at home to become involved with winning these souls?

The second phase of Home Missions outreach is termed *New Church Evangelism*. Establishing new churches cannot be left to a few pioneer pastors; it must be of primary concern to every Assemblies of God member. Some of us may have to leave what we are doing or extend our ministry to launch new churches wherever there are opportunities or needs.

Each of us has a mission to fulfill. It will never be done if we just "look one to another." What Jacob asked his sons to do was not the impossible. It was within their ability, know-how, talents, and strength. God is not requiring of us today that which is impossible. Let's get going.

## WHIPLASH PAIN IS GONE

IN APRIL 1971 I received a whiplash injury in a car accident. For about 20 months I suffered severe headaches, nausea, and neck pain.



Then Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla., came to conduct special meetings in our church and one evening he said the Lord was healing someone who was suffering from whiplash. I knew beyond a doubt that the Lord had healed me.

I had been prayed for many times, but I knew this was my night. Ever since that time I've had freedom from headaches and pain. Praise the Lord!—Mrs. Linda Covey, Kingsville, Tex.

(Endorsed by Pastor James R. Fields II, First Assembly, Kingsville, Tex.)

## CHILD HEALED OF HEART CONDITION

OUR BABY GIRL Polly was born August 31, 1967. Soon afterward the doctor thought she had thyroid trouble because she wasn't gaining weight. He gave her thyroid medicine for a while, but it didn't seem to help.

When she was about nine months old, we took her to Iowa City. The doctors there told us she was mongoloid and that she had an enlarged heart with two holes in it. They prescribed heart medicine which helped slow her heart down.

Polly was weak and caught cold easily. This usually ended with her in the hospital. We came close to losing her two or three times.

When she was almost two, she still couldn't sit by herself very well and didn't even try to walk.

In January 1970 I was invited to take Polly to the Assemblies of God church to be prayed for. I decided to do so and I thank God I did. Pastor Yates and the congregation prayed for her. The Lord touched her and healed her heart.

Polly is now five years old and will start school this fall. She eats better. She can walk, sit up by herself, and talk. Every day she shows improvement. She hasn't had any medicine for almost two years. Praise the Lord.

She has been in the hospital only once since she was prayed for.

The week after Polly was healed I returned to the church and accepted Christ as my Saviour. I praise God for what He has done.—Mrs. Joleen Norton, Correctionville, Iowa.

(Endorsed by Pastor Elmer Yates, Central Assembly, Sioux City, Iowa, who was pastor in Correctionville at the time Polly was healed. He writes, "The healing of this child was the most impressive miracle of God's healing power I have ever witnessed. When I first saw her, she was taking a drug for her heart, without which the doctor had stated she would die within 24 hours. I saw her again two years later. She was walking and was healthy and strong.")



"Books are not men and yet they stay alive"

—STEPHEN VINCENT BENET

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Consider the value of the return brought by a few books sent by *Revivaltime* to Emma R. Hall of Geneva, Alabama. She sent this testimony:

"I am so thankful to you for the books you sent me. They have been a great blessing to me.

"Brother Ward, I have been wonderfully saved and baptized in the wonderful Holy Ghost. Praise God!"

Who could count the eternal value of a Spirit-anointed book placed in the right hands? Perhaps Arnetta McDaniel might be able to tell you. She says:

"I read the book you sent, and it really caused me to think. I found myself asking, 'Where do I stand as a Christian? Do I really love Him?' The answers didn't satisfy me, so I asked God for help. I've gotten it!

"I know that God is real in my life now. I am so happy because He's forgiven me. I know He loves me."

Or ask Cleveland O. Clark, a man who found freedom while in prison. He tells what one book did for him:

"I read the book you sent, *Life's Greatest Questions*. I loved the chapter, 'How Much Do I Have To Understand To Be Saved?'

"For the first time I feel different. I don't have much time during the day to speak to God, but I talk to Him in my heart while I am working.

"I am doing one and a half to three years because of drugs; but I am sure that if I believe in God, He will make a way for me.

"Some day I want to see you and tell you how, through God, you turned me around."

Or you might discuss the value of "the right book at the right time" with Juanita Knight of Norman, Oklahoma. Here's what she had to say to the *Revivaltime* evangelist:

"I received my copy of the book *Heaven*, and it was such a blessing to me. I had just gotten home from a brother-in-law's funeral. He was killed in a car accident. We had also lost a sister-in-law in July with



# WONDER

By E. S. CALDWELL  
*Revivaltime Publicity Director*

cancer and another sister-in-law in August as a result of a heart attack.

"I wish I had words to express how this book has helped me. I feel like our loved ones have truly gone to heaven."

And Sandra Davis would agree about the blessing a book can bring. She wrote from Dayton, Ohio: "Several months ago I was given the book, *Is It Unbelief To Ask Why?* by my pastor. This was after the loss of our baby, who was stillborn. The book has meant so very much to me. I would like to have about 10 copies to give to others in need."

Even after years roll by, the memory of how God used a book remains. Francis Bartley of Ashland, Ohio, treasures such a memory.

"Just a note to let you know how God used your booklet, *I Was Sick*. Though I was at the time, 1965, a long-time Christian, I ended up with much frustration and oppression. I was taken to the psychiatric ward at a nearby hospital. I requested that a Church of God minister visit me. He brought this booklet with him and gave it to me.

"I eagerly looked into it, believing that in it was something from God for me. I saw the verse, 'He healed all that were oppressed.' That was my deliverance! The doctor in charge noted a change for the better, and I recovered rapidly."

Delmar Bond used one of C. M. Ward's printed sermons to avert a tragedy. He reported from Plano, Illinois, as follows:

"I want to say a word of thanks. I asked a while back for copies of your sermon, 'Divorce Is Not the Answer.' My sister-in-law was bound and determined to divorce my younger brother. I asked her if she loved the Lord, and she said yes. I gave her a copy of your sermon.

"Within a week she called off the divorce, and they are back together. Their family is whole again."

And Mrs. Murl Hall used one of *Revivaltime's* publications to reach her relatives for Christ. She wrote this note from Van Buren, Indiana:

"Thanks so much. Your Bible prophecy booklet has been so blessed of the Lord among my loved ones. Two families have started to go to church."

Many people use *Revivaltime* literature as a means of bringing the gospel to others. And people receive these attractive publications with appreciation. Mary

Shidell of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, wrote to tell us about a minister's thoughtfulness:

"Here at this apartment home we are very fortunate to have church in the community room every Tuesday morning. A few weeks ago an Assemblies of God pastor left a packet of the books you are now offering. We appreciate them so much."

Walter T. Sapp of Abilene, Kansas, invests in *Revivaltime* literature for use in personal witnessing. He tells us why:

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READERS WRITE THE EDITORS

## Evangel helps serviceman

I appreciate the *Evangel* so much. Stationed here in Germany, the Assemblies of God church is too far away for me to attend. I was raised in the Assemblies and do miss the church so much.

But the *Evangel* is a real encouragement to me and answers many of my questions.

MARVIN D. MABB  
Germany

## Wasting literature?

For a long time, I have been concerned about Christians wasting their *Evangels* and other gospel papers. They store them in the attic, or just toss them in the trash can.

I cannot bring myself to do this for I know others can be blessed by those wonderful stories, testimonies, and Bible studies.

One way to spread the gospel

is to gather up Christian literature and distribute it in hospitals, bus depots, libraries, laundromats, waiting rooms, etc. Let's give the message to the people who really need it.

READER IN CALIFORNIA

## Faithful until death

Mrs. Jane Orcea was a reader of the *Evangel* and prayed faithfully for the work it represents, until Sunday, March 11, when she was suddenly promoted to Glory (without a time of suffering). We believe many of the victories won in this work in the last several years were due to her prayers.

Her finances were very limited, and any contributions she made were truly a huge "widow's mite."

Please remove her name from your mailing list.

PARKWAY TERRACE  
NURSING HOME, Illinois

## Who added the "H"?

Why do we say "Hallelujah" when the Bible spells the word "Alleluiah" (Revelation 19:1, 3, 4, 6)?

Are the English responsible for adding the "H"? They often drop an "H" where it belongs and add an "H" where it doesn't!

READER IN CALIFORNIA

**Editor's Note:** Hardly. In the ancient Hebrew, the word was "hallelujah." However, the Greek language had no "H" sound so in the New Testament it became "alleluia." But most of the modern versions render it either "hallelujah" or "praise the Lord."

## Pentecost 'Down Under'

We recently concluded a combined crusade with the Church of England and the Assemblies of God here in Townsville.

Four of the sisters from the Church of England College here, and 10 of their senior girls were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Since then, we have heard of a

number who have received the Baptism through the ministry of the sisters.

The senior girls and staff are holding Bible studies on the Baptism and the class is well-attended. Their curate has also received the Baptism.

Praise God, something is happening in Townsville that has never happened before. You may be accustomed to this kind of thing in the U.S., but it is quite a new thing here "down under."

ERNEST HOOKER  
Australia

## Thanks for 'Jesus Movement'

Praise the Lord for the great article, "The Jesus Movement" by Owen C. Carr (*Evangel*, July 15).

I am 25 and have been in the Assemblies of God all my life. My prayer is that more of our ministers will open their hearts to this movement and see that God is really changing people today, although it may be by different methods than in years past.

MRS. KEN THOMAS  
Arkansas

## Self-censorship needed

I appreciate your excellent and pointed editorial, "Television Needs To Be Censored" (July 1, *Evangel*).

I plan to read this in my adult Bible class and wish every pastor would read it from the pulpit.

ANNE SANDBERG  
Illinois

Thanks for the good editorial, "Television Needs To Be Censored."

Personally I go one step further than the "off" switch. I prefer the "out" method of not even having a TV in the home.

PAUL H. GETTEL  
Oklahoma

## Thanks from NEF

We feel so indebted to the *Evangel*. You are so generous to let us reprint articles that relate to our field of activity and you so kindly run stories about our national conventions. We do greatly appreciate all this.

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E. A. PATCHEN, executive secretary, National Educators Fellowship, California

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## NEWS OF OUR TIMES

### Six senators, congressman, endorse prayer amendment at hearing

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Six senators and a congressman, who have introduced resolutions this session proposing a constitutional amendment permitting prayer in public schools, appeared before a Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments hearing here to state their views.

The session was the first of two planned by the subcommittee chairman, Sen. Birch Bayh (Ind.). The next, open to interested citizens, probably will be held in September.

Sen. Bayh told newsmen he expects subcommittee members

**More than 1,000**

### HIGH SCHOOLS OFFER COURSES ON RELIGION

WASHINGTON, D.C.—There are 1,000 or more public high schools scattered around the country offering non-devotional religion courses, according to Dr. Nicholas Piediscalzi, chairman of the Department of Religion at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio.

He was one of five panelists discussing "Religion Studies in the Public Schools" during the 23rd annual national awards program of Religious Heritage of America, Inc.

Dr. Piediscalzi said there are probably more than 1,000 public high schools (among them some junior high schools) which offer courses on the Bible, world religions, philosophies of life and related areas.

The two-hour discussion centered around what has been developing in the country since the U.S. Supreme Court's 1963 Schempp decision outlawing state-prescribed devotional services. A number of universities have developed high school level religion courses since the court's decision, in keeping with that part of the decision which stated that a course of study about religion is constitutional.

to vote in favor of a "prayer amendment" after the fall hearing, but he expressed doubt it will receive the required two-thirds vote when it reaches the Senate floor.

In his opening statement Sen. Bayh stressed that the purpose of the hearings was to enable the subcommittee, "by obtaining and carefully examining testimony representing all shades of opinion on this issue . . . to make a reasoned and unemotional decision on the course it should follow."

"This is not a simple issue," said the senator, who is a Methodist. "It is not a question of being for prayer or against prayer; for God or against God. Any effort to put the issue in such emotionally charged terms could only prove harmful.

"It is a question involving deep theological considerations, such as whether a nonsectarian prayer has any real meaning or value. It is a question involving the propriety of the state, through its schools, mingling in an intimate area generally reserved to the family in the home and in the church."

### Majority of physicians support abortion ruling, many with reservations

MINNEAPOLIS — Almost two-thirds of the 33,000 physicians who answered a poll on abortion by "Modern Medicine" magazine here were in favor of the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling on abortion.

"Yet the bulk of these respondents, no matter how they voted, still expressed deep reservations about the ruling," the magazine reported. "All through the study—in their answers and in their comments—doctors demonstrated clearly that the Supreme Court decision has created some very basic technical problems for them as well as unprecedented emotional dilemmas."



Jews for Jesus protest "Superstar" because it is anti-Jewish and anti-Christian. (Photo by Glenda Alford)

### Jews for Jesus oppose 'Jesus Christ Superstar'

SAN FRANCISCO—A group of 20 young people who call themselves "Jews for Jesus" picketed the movie "Jesus Christ Superstar" here this summer in protest against its blatantly anti-Christian and anti-Jewish stance.

One member of the group told a "San Francisco Chronicle" reporter: "The movie perpetuates the myth that it was Jews who killed Jesus. The movie makes it look as if He was a victim. According to the Bible, everybody's sin killed Jesus. He made the choice to lay down His life. The film is a distortion."

John Streater, pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, says, "I support the Jews for Jesus protest of the movie. It is both anti-Christian and anti-Jewish. In the Gospel of John, Jesus Himself says, 'Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father' (John 10:17, 18). This film stands against the true statements of Jesus Christ as well as possibly planting new seeds of hate for God's chosen people, the Jews."

Moishe Rosen, a spokesman for the Jews for Jesus, said, "As a Jew and as a Christian I could do nothing less than warn

others of the anti-Jewish and anti-Christian bias in this film. It would be a tragic thing for a young child to go and see this 'G' rated movie and walk away with a view of Jews as 'bad guys,' a view of Jesus as a whimpering, petulant, shrieking hippie leader, and conversely, Judas portrayed as a hero."

### DIVORCES EASIER TO GET

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Divorces are becoming easier to get with about one-third of the states now having some form of "no-fault" divorce laws. Couples are allowed to end their marriages without blame to either partner and without long periods of prior separation.

Divorces are granted on such grounds as "irreconcilable differences," "irremediable breakdown of the marriage," and "incompatibility." Some states allow dissolution of marriage if a man and wife have been apart for one or more years.

In the 12-month period ending last February, there were 851,000 divorces in the U.S., an increase of 8.7 percent over the previous year.

Divorces and annulments rose from 413,000 in 1962 to 839,000 in 1972. Over the same decade, the number of marriages in the U.S. increased 44 percent from 1,577,000 to 2,269,000.

## U.S. LIVING STANDARDS INCREASE AT UNPRECEDENTED RATE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Since 1947 the United States has seen the greatest growth in average-man living standards in the history of mankind.

In that span, average weekly earnings went up from \$45.58 to \$140.23. Personal income hit an annual rate of more than a trillion dollars. That's 20 percent above the level of early 1970.

The number of automobiles on the road jumped from 30.7 million in 1947 to 96.4 million in 1972. Some 2.7 million were manufactured in the first quarter of 1973 alone, 20 percent more than last year.

Women spend \$3.5 billion a year in beauty shops. Sales of beer, wine, and liquor by wholesalers total \$6 billion yearly. An-

## 'Lip service' of U.S. to Judeo-Christian ethic scored

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The United States cannot "point the finger at other nations that transgress against moral principles until it first acknowledges its own transgressions," states an editorial in "Christianity Today."

The editorial, titled "The Christian as Patriot," declares that "while proclaiming certain ideas and adopting a tone of moral superiority, America has fallen prey to the same intrigues it deplores in 'banana republics' and police states."

The writer maintained that much of the nation's "professed adherence to Judeo-Christian ethics" has been only lip service that is an "insult to the God whose principles it has espoused."

The finest patriot, the editorial concluded, "should be the Christian who takes his faith seriously, who acknowledges his leaders' shortcomings, who judges the country fairly for what it is, and who works to make it what it ought to be under God."

nual spending in bars and restaurants is \$35 billion.

In the last decade, production of beef rose 45 percent and broiler chickens 68 percent, while the population went up 12 percent.

## PROBLEMS OF MIDDLE-AGED STUDIED

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Problems of the middle-aged—the 90 million Americans between 25 and 65—are drawing increased attention from health and labor officials, educational specialists, business executives, anthropologists, and doctors.

According to reports, the greatest difficulties surface in the 40-to-60 age bracket, the so-called "mature years." Among the major problems are lack of identity, emotional instability, alcoholism, drug abuse, obesity,

and lack of physical fitness. It is estimated that half of all hospital beds are occupied by persons with emotionally based troubles.

Dr. John MacGregor, an anthropologist, traces these problems to materialism. He says: "We are highly alienated. We are strangers to things, to people. No other society has carried materialism to such absurdity as we have."

This attitude, he believes, locks people into job systems and ways of life that keep them from looking within themselves. If a person is bored, Dr. MacGregor suggests that he "look immediately around himself—at the unmet needs of other people, of society."

One positive side-effect of this will be the impression on young people. "Kids are desperate for signs from adults that they are interested in things other than the dollar," he says.

## NEWS OF OUR FELLOWSHIP

### PFNA CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 29-31 IN FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE—The 26th annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, scheduled here for Oct. 29-31, will have as its theme, "Now Abideth Faith, Hope, Love."

A speaker to be selected by the Pentecostal Holiness Church will bring the opening message on Monday evening at a rally in the Jacksonville Civic Auditorium. His topic will be "The Work of Faith."

Day meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday will be held in the Hilton Hotel. The morning Bible hour speaker both days will be Hollis Gause, chairman of the School of Religion at Lee College, Cleveland, Tenn. His topic will be "The Charismatic Movement."

The Bible hour will be followed by a "Contemporary Church" session. Robert H. Spence, pastor of Crichton Assembly of God, Mobile, Ala., will speak on "The Controversies of the Contemporary Church."

Tuesday afternoon activities will include a communion service, followed by workshops for the PFNA missions commission, editors, and Women's Auxiliary, all in the Hilton.

The Tuesday evening rally in Civic Auditorium will feature a speaker from the Pentecostal Church of God. His topic will be "The Patience of Hope."

Following the Wednesday morning Bible Hour in the Hilton, Dr. Harold E. Helms will speak on "The Consistencies of the Contemporary Church." Dr.



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### WITH CHRIST

**George L. Swearigin, 48**, Raymore, Mo.; on June 9, 1973.

Brother Swearigin died after being struck by a car. A member of the Southern Missouri District he pastored several churches in Missouri and was in a building program at the Mullendike Assembly at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife Ruby and four children.

**Alexander B. George, 80**, Mansfield, Ohio; on July 5, 1973.

Brother George was a member of the Ohio District and had pastored several churches in Ohio and Indiana. He also ministered as an evangelist for a time. He is survived by his wife Vernie.

**Grace J. Clow, 76**, Olathe, Kans.; on May 20, 1973.

Sister Clow was a member of the Southern Missouri District. She pastored churches in Kansas City, Mo., and Mishawaka, Ind.

Helms is a minister of the International Church of the Four-square Gospel.

On Wednesday afternoon the PFNA business meeting will be held, with Robert W. Taitinger, general superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, as chairman.

Workshops on missions, Society for Pentecostal Studies, and youth will follow the business meeting.

The final evening rally in the Civic Auditorium will feature a speaker from the Open Bible Standard Churches on "The Labor of Love."

on the headquarters level, are the result of a seven-month self-study by the department. The study included articulation of basic concepts to serve as an operational guide for the more than 9,000 Assemblies of God Sunday schools. These concepts include the premise that the Bible is the official textbook for the schools. The Statement of Fundamental Truths as articulated in the Constitution of the General Council of the Assemblies of God is the doctrinal basis. The individual is the focal point; and the curriculum produced by the Assemblies of God is the basic course of study.

To assist local Sunday schools in serving the needs of individuals of all ages, the department will appoint age-level specialists to conduct research and communicate the results of

their research in usable form to local schools. This will involve use of a variety of media, from publications to audiovisual materials.

The concept of a Committee of Curriculum Design has also been approved by the Executive Presidency. This committee will involve personnel from both the Sunday School and the Church School Literature Departments. It is intended to "more closely relate curriculum content to methodology," by bringing specialists of the Sunday School Department into direct working relationship with editors of church school literature.

Reassignment of most of the present personnel in the Sunday School Department and the naming of additional personnel in line with the new structure will be announced soon.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CHANGES PHILOSOPHY, SERVICES

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Assemblies of God Executive Presidency has approved recommendations for a change in philosophy and services offered by the national Sunday School Department.

William E. Kirschke, secretary of the department, said the new

approach involves a change of philosophy—"a moving away from providing mainly administrative and special day helps to a focus on meeting the needs of the individual in the Sunday school."

The changes to be implemented as soon as possible

### NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATIONS



The new Assembly of God, Minot, N. Dak., will accommodate 700 in the sanctuary. Pastor and Mrs. R. E. Orchard, inset.

## CONGREGATION DEDICATES NEW CHURCH

MINOT, N. DAK.—Dedication services for the new Assembly of God sanctuary here were conducted on Aug. 19. Special speakers for the occasion were F. J. Lindquist, former pastor, and Lloyd Jorgenson, superintendent of the North Dakota District.

The building was constructed under the ministry of R. E. Orchard who has pastored the

congregation nearly five years.

The structure, which is all on one level, will accommodate 700 in the sanctuary. A fellowship hall will seat 300. Other facilities include Sunday school rooms, nursery, and offices.

The pastor reports the growth of the church was aided by a two-year youth revival in which scores were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Interior view of Minot Assembly.



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VINELAND, N.J.—Full Gospel Assembly here recently enjoyed a four-day Inner church life seminar with Evangelist Levi Storms of Rockway, N.J.

Pastor Donald A. Richardson states that the ministry on the gifts and fruit of the Spirit was edifying and challenging to the church.

STRAFFORD, MO.—Two were saved, nine reclaimed, nine baptized in the Holy Spirit, and six refilled during a revival at Mt. Calvary Assembly here with Evangelist Ken Krivohlavek of Springfield, Mo.

Many people testified to receiving healing from various ailments. Eight were baptized in water during the revival.

Pastor Harold L. Peck reports the congregation grew spiritually as a result of the nightly teaching on the gifts of the Spirit. Many of the congregation manifested the gifts of the Spirit for the first time.

FRESNO, CALIF.—The congregation of Glad Tidings Church here, led by Pastor Stan Bragg, burned the mortgage on the church building in June. Participating in the day's activities was William Robertson, superintendent of the Southern California District.

The day also marked the second anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Bragg's coming to the church.

Larger Sunday school facilities are needed, and plans are being made to build in the near future.

Pastor Bragg reports the church is progressing spiritually and the Holy Spirit's presence is very real in every service.



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ASSEMBLIES OF GOD SUNDAY SCHOOLS

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Dothan	Grandview	Sept. 18-23	Jim & Donna Snyder	W. T. Meadows
	Phenix City	Faith	Sept. 19—	Nettie Parham	Emory Evans
Ark.	Bonanza	A/G	Sept. 12-21	Roger & Colleen Ortlieb	Lester Black
	Cushman	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Sept. 23-28	Charles J. Aaron	Jack Thorn
	Hot Springs	First	Sept. 16-23	John Jacob	Harold Thompson
	Little Rock	<sup>1</sup> Evangel	Sept. 16-21	Charles J. Aaron	David Wiggins
	Siloam Springs	First	Sept. 19-30	Doherty Evang. Team	Lonnie Nelson
Calif.	Anderson	First	Sept. 16-23	Bob McNew	Jim Logan
	Imperial	First	Sept. 23—	Marcus Alexander	William Brewer
	Los Banos	A/G	Sept. 18-30	Larry & Myrna Franks	Leonard Couchman
	Sonora	A/G	Sept. 18-23	E. Elsworth Krogstad	Gary Lee Thomas
	Taft	A/G	Sept. 16-Oct. 1	Lula M. Dennis	Samuel White
Colo.	Aurora	Faith Tab.	Sept. 19-23	John Pratt Family	Charles Chambers
	Denver	E. Denver	Sept. 23-30	John Pratt Family	M. F. Hankins
	Fleming	A/G	Sept. 16-23	L. A. Duke	Kenneth Page
Fla.	Clearwater	First	Sept. 19-30	Keetah Jones	Arthur Shell
	Durant	Pleasant Grove	Sept. 23-28	Bill & Viv Katter	Hubert Wallace
	Tarpon Spgs.	First	Sept. 19-23	"Little Joe" Peterson	R. A. Rieben
Ga.	Ft. Valley	First	Sept. 19-30	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	Johnnie Carroll
Ill.	Clinton	A/G	Sept. 18-23	William Caldwell	Leroy Thompson
	Flora	A/G	Sept. 16-23	Dale Everett	Gary Royer
	Hamilton	Faith	Sept. 19-30	King's Daughters	Samuel Hays
	Lombard	A/G	Sept. 16-28	F. R. McAdams Team	Jerry Stroup
	Quincy	Faith	Sept. 23-30	B. R. Minton	V. L. Amsler
Ind.	Rantoul	First	Sept. 18-23	Jack & Sharon Malone	Guery Clendening
	Columbia City	Westgate	Sept. 18-30	J. Anthony & Arlene Silva	Thomas Jackson
	Linton	A/G	Sept. 17-23	Bob & Maxine Wilkes	Louis Yendrek
Iowa	Ottumwa	First	Sept. 16—	Loren & Mrs. Wooten	Robert Palmer
Kans.	Cherryvale	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Sept. 17-23	James Hull	Galen Martin
	Eudora	A/G	Sept. 23-Oct. 7	Glenn Dorsey	J. Walter Leppke
	Kansas City	First	Sept. 16-30	Ossie B. Jones Trio	U. S. Grant
	Olathe	A/G	Sept. 19-30	I. D. Rayborn	E. E. Henley
	Oswego	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Sept. 17-21	Street Evang. Team	Robert Courtney
	Salina	Rose of Sharon	Sept. 23-30	Russell Rexroat	Gerald Eden
Ky.	Hopkinsville	West View	Sept. 16-20	Danny Frazee	Mark Terhune
Maine	Searsport	<sup>1</sup> Full Gospel	Sept. 17-21	Gene & Judy McKinney	Robert Brown
Mich.	Flint	Bethel	Sept. 18-23	Daniel D. Roehl	Lyle R. Phillips
	Grand Rapids	<sup>2</sup> Faith	Sept. 19-30	Charles & Mrs. Blythe	Bob Rutledge
	Rapid City	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Sept. 23-28	Bruce White	Arthur Austin
	Reed City	<sup>1</sup> Calvary	Sept. 16-21	Bruce White	William Stevens
	Schoolcraft	A/G	Sept. 23-Oct. 7	Larry & Gail Riley	Robert Monroe
Minn.	Spring Lake Park	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Sept. 16-21	Phil Appenzeller	Orville Larson
Mo.	Belton	A/G	Sept. 18-30	Billy Frank Boren	Bill Popejoy
	Independence	Central	Sept. 18-30	Arnold & Anita Segesman	J. O. Howard
	Kansas City	Berea Temple	Sept. 16-30	Ken & Diane Alder	Vernon Porter
	Manchester	A/G	Sept. 18-23	The Gospel Sounds	C. F. Hembree
	Mountain Grove	A/G	Sept. 16-23	Musical Lambertsons	D. E. Roderman
	St. Louis	Glad Tidings	Sept. 18-23	David Hargis Trio	R. E. Wright
	Springfield	Eastside	Sept. 23-Oct. 7	Andrews Brothers Team	Albert Pyle
	Sweet Springs	A/G	Sept. 17-23	R. C. Pickney	Vergil Cannon
Mont.	Missoula	Glad Tidings	Sept. 16-21	Charles J. Senechal	W. A. Redmond
	Ronan	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Sept. 23-28	Charles J. Senechal	Ernest Enget
N. J.	Flemington	A/G	Sept. 23-28	Al & Bev Weesner	Richard Zabrickie
N. Mex.	Santa Fe	First	Sept. 19-30	Dave E. Laughlin Family	Allen Davis
N. Y.	Hankins	A/G	Sept. 16-19	Levi & Alma Storms	Lawrence Reed
	Niagara Falls	First	Sept. 18-30	Lloyd & Carol Portin	Jack Piper
Ohio	Mt. Vernon	Trinity	Sept. 19-30	Basell-Brown Team	Richard Bailey
	Tipp City	Bethel Tab.	Sept. 19-30	Moses & Ruth Copeland	Paul R. Wright
Okla.	Bartlesville	Tuxedo	Sept. 23-30	Mike & Mary Purkey	Joe Calabrese
	Bluejacket	A/G	Sept. 23-30	Rick Pfiel	Terry Wilson
	Edmond	First	Sept. 23-Oct. 5	Whitnack-White Team	Nick Schubert
	Enid	North Ten	Sept. 16-23	M. David Powers	Larry Henderson
	Oklahoma City	<sup>1</sup> Lighthouse	Sept. 16-23	Karen S. King	Glen R. Lee
Oreg.	N. Bend	First	Sept. 19-23	Burl Rogers Family	Everett Olp
	St. Helens	A/G	Sept. 16-21	Irene Abrahamson	William Gallaher
	The Dalles	A/G	Sept. 16-30	Cliff Murray	G. L. Cowart
	Turner	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Sept. 23-28	L. O. & Mrs. Triplett	Vernon Morgan
	Vernonia	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Sept. 16-21	L. O. & Mrs. Triplett	Dan Billings
Pa.	Barnesboro	North End	Sept. 18-30	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	Lee C. Lockett
Tenn.	Crossville	Faith	Sept. 23-30	Jeremiah Hanley	Barney Walker
	Lewisburg	First	Sept. 12-23	James & Peggy Hazelton	Larry Pinchard
	Memphis	Rugby Park	Sept. 16-21	Jeremiah Hanley	Gaylon Echols
	Union City	First	Sept. 16-23	Jackie & Kay Roberts	William Martin
Tex.	Bowie	Lighthouse	Sept. 12-23	Loyd & Neoma Blake	L. C. Smith
	Canton	First	Sept. 17-23	Tommy Calk	T. L. Thompson
	Ft. Worth	North Side	Sept. 19-23	Luis Torres	James Singleton
	Harlingen	First	Sept. 23-30	Jerry & Kelly Morgan	R. C. Davis
	Humble	Faith	Sept. 17-23	Lloyd & Mrs. Bates	Steve Samford
	Humble	First	Sept. 16-23	Glen Shinn	J. D. Countryman
	Kennedale	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Sept. 17-21	Travis & Mrs. Corder	Roy Drumm
	Olney	A/G	Sept. 19-30	Esther Palmer	Troy Frazier
	Paris	First	Sept. 16-23	B. P. Carroll	D. R. Decker
	Whitehouse	First	Sept. 23-30	David & Liz Freeman	Jerry Shipman
Va.	Salem	Faith	Sept. 18-23	Corbett & Miriam Berthelot	Glenn Strickland
Wash.	Chewelah	A/G	Sept. 16-21	Paul & Ona Seaton	Cedric Wilcox
	Makah AFB	<sup>1</sup> Chapel	Sept. 16-20	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	V. Zumwalt, Chap.
	Olympia	Evergreen	Sept. 16-20	Maynard Oss	Glen D. Cole
	Seattle	<sup>1</sup> Richmond	Sept. 16-21	Christian Hild	Benny Birkeland
	Spanaway	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Sept. 18-23	Paul & Myrtle Hild	Dan Johnson
W. Va.	Paw Paw	Lighthouse	Sept. 19-30	Wm. & Irene Van Winkle	Edward Allen
Wis.	Appleton	A/G	Sept. 16-23	Gordon C. Hofer	Roger Koeshall
	Cornell	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Sept. 23-28	Phil Appenzeller	Daniel Cuffle
	Rice Lake	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Sept. 17-21	Larry & Carolyn Campbell	Andrew Eytzen
	New Castle	<sup>1</sup> A/G	Sept. 17-23	Ed & Sonja Corbin	Duane Smelser
Wyo.		<sup>3</sup> Bethel	Sept. 16-21	Victor Etienne	Keith Sprckett

<sup>1</sup> Children's Revival

<sup>2</sup> Deeper Life Crusade

<sup>3</sup> Youth Crusade

**Cover photo story**

**A/G GRADUATE SCHOOL OFFICIALLY OPENED ON SEPTEMBER 4**

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Assemblies of God Graduate School, which officially opened for classes Sept. 4, has been a focal point of interest to headquarters visitors in recent months.

Approximately 450 guests viewed the attractive facilities during an open house hosted by the school's administration July 12.

Groups touring the international headquarters of the Assemblies of God have also had opportunity to view the recently completed school, located on the sixth floor of the International Distribution Center of the headquarters complex.

Sixty-five students, enrolled in a missions session June 25 to July 27, made initial use of the chapel, classrooms, library, and other facilities.

The chapel, which can accommodate 180, has been furnished with specially designed chairs so it can also serve as a large classroom or assembly hall. (Six well-equipped classrooms of various sizes seat from 20 to 75 each.)

In the cover picture Executive Vice-president C. C. Burnett is giving instructions to summer school students preceding a chapel service. On the platform with him are some of the faculty members: (left to right) Delbert Tarr and Melvin L. Hodges, of the school's Department of Missions; and Stanley M. Horton

(part-time professor) and Anthony Palma, of the Bible Department.

Green wall-to-wall carpeting in the chapel, recessed ceiling areas which provide indirect illumination in combination with crystal chandeliers, and pale-green wall coverings with natural wood trim create a pleasing decor.

The accompanying pictures show some of the key personnel of the Graduate School and its spacious facilities.



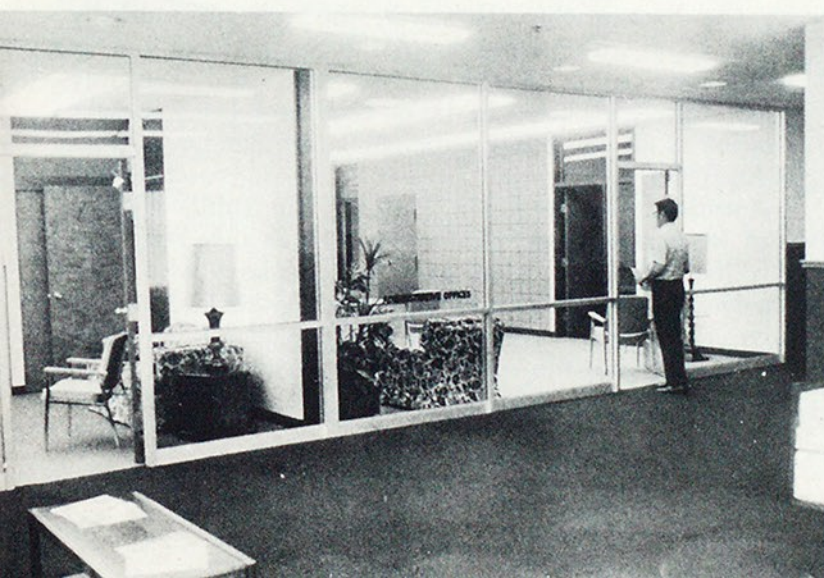
Melvin L. Hodges (left) and D. R. Guynes have the attention of their wives. (Mrs. Guynes is at the right.) Brother Guynes is dean of the Department of Missions; he continues his responsibilities as personnel secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions. Brother Hodges, who is completing 20 years as field secretary for Latin America, is assistant professor in missions. A portion of the main corridor is visible from this corner of the lobby.

Photos by Elva Hoover



ABOVE RIGHT: Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God and president of the Graduate School, chats with some of the many visitors who attended open house. Brother Burnett converses with another guest at the lobby entrance. Earth-colored carpeting in the lobby is accented by upholstered furniture covered in shades of gold, cinnamon, and rust. Ceramic tiles in the background feature a sculptured design in shades of green and tan. BELOW LEFT: Administrative offices adjoin the lobby. In addition to the usual office equipment, there is a large

fireproof safe to store and protect vital records. The lobby also provides direct access to faculty offices, chapel, classrooms, and library. A faculty lounge is off the lobby to the right; student lounges are also readily accessible. BELOW RIGHT: Librarian Ronald M. Jorve is in charge of this largest area of the school's facilities. He is assisted by Mrs. J. T. Morar (left), coordinator of records; and Mrs. Dale Shumaker, secretary. The stacks will hold 80,000 volumes. Shelves at left are now filled with periodicals. The library also contains a study area.



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# SHOWING MERCY

By EARL GOODMAN

PLEASING GOD does not require an elaborate display of sacrifice and religious ceremony. The Old Testament prophet Micah proclaimed: "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8).

I believe one of the most important characteristics of a Christian is to love mercy.

Man's natural tendency is to love special ability, skill, strength, achievement, and independence. Few are willing to cry for mercifulness—fewer still have any affection for it.

Although this was one of God's requirements, Israel completely failed in this matter of showing mercy. Hosea presented a charge against Israel because "there is no truth, nor *mercy*, nor knowledge of God in the land" (Hosea 4:1).

With only one exception men have continued to come short of God's requirement. In Jesus we find One who satisfied God's demands. In Christ's coming we see God's love for mercy, and this remains the world's greatest example. But in the life of Jesus we also face the reality of divine mercy. Concerning His ministry, Jesus said, "I will have mercy, and not sacrifice" (Matthew 9:13). The Christian is to proclaim the same.

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The power and authority of Jesus over sickness and every need of man has challenged all Christians who try to live as He lived. I suspect we tend to overlook some of the obvious steps to this power and authority.

In the case of blind Bartimeus the healing occurred following this cry, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me" (Mark 10:47).

Before Jesus healed the sick and delivered those possessed of demons, He had mercy on them. Jesus loved mercy, lived mercy, gave mercy. Before we will have the power and authority of our Lord, will we not have to ask God for something of Christ's love of mercy?

Romans 12 lists some of the gifts of the Spirit we are to "wait on." Verse 8 speaks of showing mercy with cheerfulness. I believe one of the "best" gifts that I should "covet earnestly" (1 Corinthians 12:31) is showing mercy with cheerfulness. Oh, how needed are those dear saints who will obey the Holy Spirit and exercise themselves mightily in this gift.

The Early Church knew the power of God. Peter and John were instruments of God in the healing of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate, but was this miracle not preceded by their primary emphasis on being merciful?

If we long for a powerful ministry in our world, let us incline our love toward mercy and those who need mercy. Just a few are crying for it, but everyone needs it. Perhaps out of the quietness of a simple gesture of mercy will come the sudden awareness that in this situation God will reveal Himself in delivering power.

Jesus found fault with the Pharisees because they ignored the more important things—"judgment, *mercy*, and faith" (Matthew 23:23).

We must let the mercy of God so fill our lives that we have the same merciful response to the needs of our world as did our Lord. To those who so live come the words of Jesus: "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy" (Matthew 5:7).

## DESTROYED AGAIN?

POMPEII MAY AGAIN be facing ruin. The city was destroyed by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. The ruins were not discovered until 1748, and since that time large areas have been excavated.

Over 800,000 visitors tour Pompeii each year—a boon to the Italian economy. But officials now fear that the hot Mediterranean sun, heavy rains, and wind erosion will wear away the excavated buildings.

The ruins reveal that Pompeii was a place of pleasure for the Roman elite. However, the volcano suddenly erupted and within a few hours the city and many of its inhabitants were buried by volcanic ash. Probably none of them expected to die on that fateful day in A.D. 79, just as no one today anticipates the manner or hour of his death.

Yet death is inevitable for all. The Bible tells us that "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Those who have received Christ as Saviour will be accepted into eternal bliss; those who have rejected Him will be cast into the lake of fire—the *second death*. That's why it is so important to be prepared to meet God. Are you ready?

—TOM W. MILLER

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

# Council delegates rejoice over biennial reports

THOUSANDS OF DELEGATES gathered in Miami Beach last month for the 35th General Council of the Assemblies of God, and rejoiced over the progress made by our Fellowship in the past biennium.

General Secretary Bartlett Peterson said there was a gain of 64,180 members, the largest increase since 1957, for a total of 710,071 members in U.S. assemblies.

Foreign Missions Executive Director J. Philip Hogan reported the overseas constituency in 91 countries is now 3,869,643 which is double the number of six years ago.

General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman told of advances made on many lines, including such major steps as the erection of a six-story Distribution Center at the Gospel Publishing House, opening of a 120-bed nursing home (Maranatha Manor) at Springfield, Mo., and inauguration of an Assemblies of God Graduate School.

Assistant General Superintendent G. Raymond Carlson, who has been serving as General Treasurer since the Homegoing of M. B. Netzel, told the delegates that 70 percent of all offerings from the churches are designated for foreign missions.

Inspiring reports from the various divisions and departments at national headquarters were presented in a 32-page full-color brochure. The delegates showed their pleasure with the biennial reports by reelecting Brother Zimmerman for another four-year term as General Superintendent, and returning every other incumbent to office on the Executive Presbytery for another two years.

Raymond H. Hudson was elected General Treasurer to succeed the late Brother Netzel. For the past year Brother Hudson, a former district superintendent, has been the Assemblies of God Church Loan Officer. Prior to that he was national secretary of the Stewardship Department.

Great crowds attended the Council sessions and were richly blessed by the prayer meetings, preaching, and periods of fellowship. Two "extra special" blessings were heart-warming addresses by Reubin Askew, Governor of Florida, and Col. James Robinson ("Robbie") Risner, USAF. Colonel Risner, an Assemblies of God layman, was released from prison in North Vietnam last February after spending nearly eight years in enemy custody. He related some of his POW experiences to show how prayer and faith in Christ can sustain a man in the most adverse circumstances.

Important legislation was passed in the business sessions. The Constitution and Bylaws were revised to conform with the new organizational structure authorized by the 1971 General Council. Resolutions were adopted on divorce and remarriage, world ministries giving, college youth ministries, ministerial relations, morality on radio and television, prayer for civil leaders, and other subjects. A significant report was received from the Spiritual Life Committee.

Details of these and other developments, together with photographs of General Council activities and reports of sermons, will be published in future issues of the *Evangel*.

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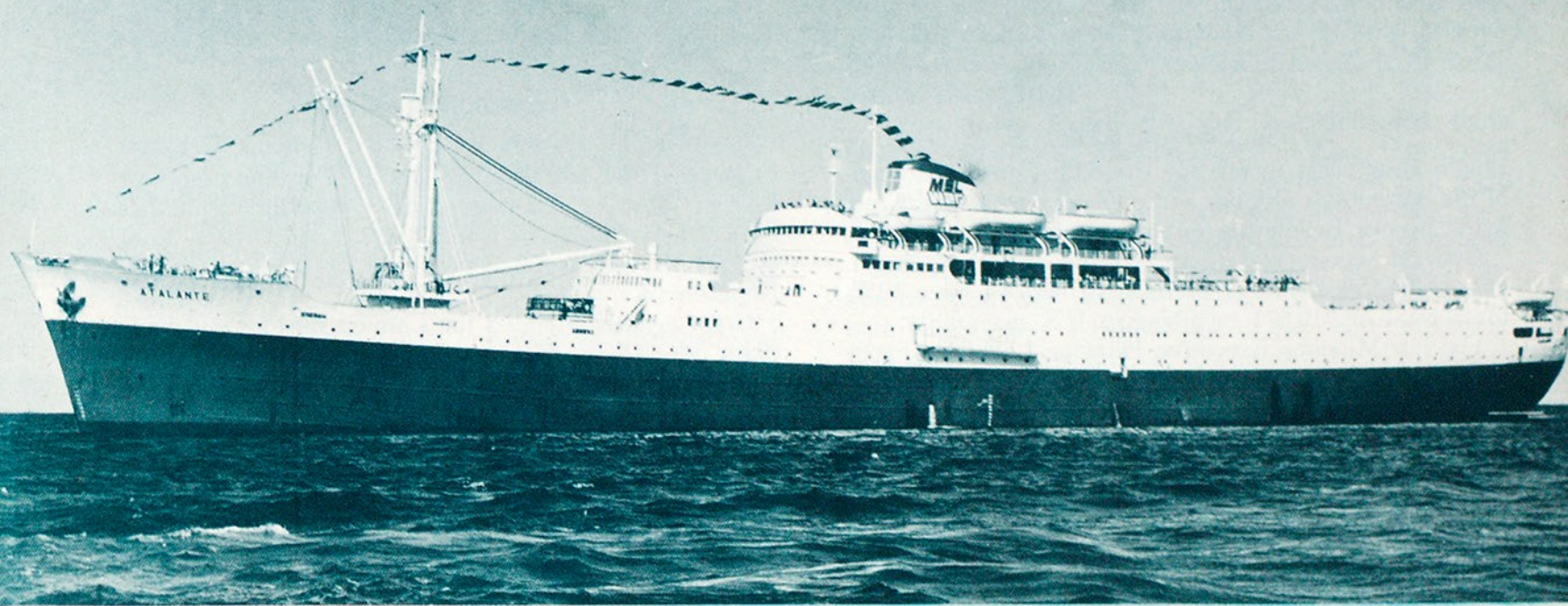
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