

# 'When you pray...'

MARK 11:24

## Prayer isn't all talk

Two women getting on a jet plane said to the pilot, "Don't go faster than sound; we want to talk."

We are all inclined to talk too much. Even in prayer we are better at talking than listening. We've taken the grand word of Samuel, "Speak; for thy servant heareth" (1 Samuel 3:10), and we have turned it around to say, "Listen, Lord; for thy servant speaketh."

But the fundamental tone of prayer and of life must be receptiveness if we are to be guided by the Lord

This is what the Quakers call the "inner light." They encourage the practice of silently waiting on God, confident that when the mind is open and the spirit is still, God will speak to them—not through the ears of the head but through the inner ears of the spirit.

In Milton, Massachusetts, a teacher wanted to help her class learn the art of listening to God. She had been troubled about their need of discipline and lack of interest.

One day she said, "We will begin our class with a listening period. We will bow our heads, be very quiet, and hear what God will say to each one."

The effect was startling and transforming. When the children were asked what they had heard in silence before God, they were quite frank. One said that God told him not to cheat on tests; another said that God told him to obey his parents; and another said God had told him to be fair when playing tag.

You can't listen to God and be the same. It is truth heard in the heart that becomes power in life. The only condition is that we get still enough to hear His voice, and that we believe and heed what we hear.

This is not a substitute for Bible study; it is a process of heightening it and making it personal. So take time to listen when you pray.

-M. P. HORBAN

Why God should care I cannot say, Nor how He hears me when I pray; These things belong not to my care; But this I know: God answers prayer!

## God's fire of love

Burn in my heart, holy fire of love, Burn with a brighter glow; Burn that all dross may be consumed, His image true to show.

Burn that the fire of fervent prayer May cover earth's deep need; Deep in my inner self, O Lord, May love's clear flame exceed.

Only this holy burning, Lord,
With gracious purpose sure
Can yearning of Thy heart disclose
In all its passion pure.

-ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

## By wings upborne

O spread thy wings, faint eagle, Thy God doth bid thee rise! Thy wings were made for soaring— For mounting to the skies.

Grope not amid earth's drivel, Nor weakly cringe and cower; God's Spirit would release thee And fill thee with His power!

As heavenly dove descending Upon thee from above, This pure and gentle Spirit Now fills thee with His love.

As fire from off the altar Of God's eternal flame, His holy presence purgeth Thy sin, thy guilt, thy shame.

As rushing wind so mighty
He meets thee at this hour;
O spread thy wings, faint eagle—
Arise, and claim His power!

-MAXINE FENSTERMAKER

Doubt sees the obstacles;
Faith sees the way!
Doubt sees the darkest night;
Faith sees the day!
Doubt dreads to take a step;
Faith soars on high!
Doubt questions, "Who believes?"
Faith answers, "I!"

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T. F. Zimmerman preaching at the opening night of the Pentecostal World Conference, with Pastor Cho interpreting.

# Anointed to preach

Keynote sermon by T. F. ZIMMERMAN at the 10th Pentecostal World Conference, Seoul, Korea

In this creat conference there are ministers from around the world. Each of us can well remember when God laid His hand upon us and called us to preach the gospel. To some the call came instantaneously. Others became aware of the call over a period of time. God in His infinite wisdom calls people in different ways, at different times, and in different places.

It does not make much difference how the call comes. The important thing is that people become aware of the fact that God has laid His hand upon them, and that they have been set apart for the sacred purpose of preaching the gospel.

Jesus was aware of His calling and He spoke boldly of it as he sat in the synagogue at Nazareth. There was no doubt in His mind why He had come into the world. There was no temptation to waver from His mission. He announced it in a way that no one could misunderstand: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel" (Luke 4:18).

And may I say to you tonight that each of us must be seized with this sense of holy mission. The church of Jesus Christ has not lost its reason for being. The church is not outdated. It is not preempted by any other program. We hear much today about the tension that exists between proclamation and demonstration, but I submit to you that without proclamation no amount of demonstration will convict men and women of their sins and bring them to God.

In Old Testament times, to be anointed meant to be set apart and empowered for special service. Often the anointed person was very conscious of the limitations of his human abilities. He was overwhelmed by the fact that God had chosen a human instrument like himself. It left no room for self-glorification. There could only be a humble dependence upon the Lord.

When, like Jesus, we can say we are anointed to preach, it means we are set apart from other pursuits to become heralds of God's Word. It also means that God provides the enablement to preach as He wants us to preach.

In the case of Jesus He not only proclaimed the gospel, but He died to make the gospel possible. While very few of us may be called upon to die because of our ministry for God, we must *live* to fulfill our ministries. We must live for no other

purpose than to preach the Word to a lost and dying world.

Because the Bible places such a high priority on this, let us think for a while about the importance of preaching.

In the apostle Paul's day, as in our own, there were some who did not believe preaching was important. Paul wrote of them, saying: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness" (1 Corinthians 1:18).

The world in its natural wisdom does not know God (1 Corinthians 1: 21) nor believe in the value of preaching. God's wisdom, however, is high above man's wisdom, and Paul further wrote: "In the wisdom of God..., it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 Corinthians 1:21).

He did not say, Who needs preaching? He said what man counts as being foolish is nothing less than the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes (Romans 1:16).

Paul declared that "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." He asked an important question: "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

In Luke 16:19-31 we have a very important lesson. Jesus tells us about a rich man and a beggar. The two men lived and died. But Jesus gives us a glimpse into what happened to them after they died. The beggar was right with God and in paradise he was enjoying comfort-comfort such as he had never known in this world. But the rich man was not right with God, and Jesus said he suffered only torment.

Now the rich man who during his life on earth had no time for God or for his fellowman, suddenly began to be greatly concerned about his brothers whom he had left behind. He wanted the beggar to go back and testify to them so they too would not go to hell. But the rich man was reminded that his brothers had the Word of God and they could hear it if they wanted to.

The rich man countered by saying his brothers would repent if they saw someone arise from the dead. But the Lord made it very clear that if they would not respond to the preaching of the Word, they would not believe even if someone arose from the dead.

Miracles are wonderful and important in their place, but preaching the Word of God is more important, because it is through the preaching of the Word that people are saved.

I pray that in this conference God will anoint our eyes anew that we may see more clearly the vision of a lost and a dying world. In His last hours on earth Jesus gave the Great Commission, saying: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). After He ascended back into heaven His disciples "went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the Word with signs following" (Mark 16:20).

There is no greater work that anyone can do than to preach the Word. Social welfare and political service are important but preaching the gos-

pel is more important.

After World War I a great effort was made to guarantee world peace. For a few years the League of Nations tried to bring stability to the world through political action. When the League finally collapsed, someone asked Lord Robert Cecil of England, one of the League's founders, what the churches could do for the cause of world peace.

His answer was simple: "Preach

the gospel."

Let us not preach doubts and fears and frustrations. Let us not spend time answering questions that no one is asking. Let us preach the gospel, for it has power. The gospel is above culture. It is above race. It is above nationality. It transcends all human distinctions. Let us preach the whole gospel for the whole man -body, soul, and spirit-to the whole world.

WE HAVE SEEN HOW IMPORTANT preaching is. What then should be our method of preaching? God has not left us without specific instruction and examples concerning this.

Jeff D. Ray in his book Expository Preaching told about B. H. Car-

roll who showed a right conception of the royalty of the pulpit when in a sermon to preachers in 1892 he said: "In delivering addresses on other subjects, I am singularly free from embarrassment, but I never stand up to preach without trembling. Perhaps I am wrong, I would not judge harshly, but I cannot rid myself of the conviction that a man who can with seeming effrontery get up in the pulpit unstaggered with the weight of this responsibility resting on him, is disqualified for his holy office."

Richard Baxter was so overwhelmed with the responsibility of preaching that he said, "I preached as never sure to preach again, and as a dying man to dying men."

These men knew how Paul felt when he wrote: "Christ sent me ... to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect" (1 Corinthians 1:17).

If we would preach to glorify God and to help people become strong in the Lord, we must avoid anything that would attract attention to ourselves. We have this treasure in earthen vessels. There is no basis for pride or self-exaltation. We need with John the Baptist to say, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

Not only did Paul avoid those things which detract from the gospel, but he recognized that he must have the anointing of the Holy Spirit in preaching. His preaching was "in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power" (1 Corinthians 2:4).

Let the words that came to Zerub-

Thousands sat on the ground at Hyochang Stadium each night to hear the Word, while multitudes of others listened from the bleachers.



babel come to us tonight: it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6).

Dr. A. J. Gordon emphasized the importance of the anointing when he wrote: "Our generation is rapidly losing its grip upon the supernatural; and as a consequence the pulpit is rapidly dropping to the level of the platform. And this decline is due, we believe, more than anything else, to an ignoring of the Holy Spirit as the supreme inspirer of preaching.

"We wish to see a great orator in the pulpit, forgetting that the least expounder of the Word, when filled with the Holy Ghost, is greater than he

"We want the gospel. But, in the strenuous demand that it be set forth according to the spirit of the age, we

ignore the supremacy of the Spirit of God....

"The true preacher does not use the Spirit; he is used by the Spirit. He speaks as one moving in the element and atmosphere of the Holy Ghost, and mastered by the divine power."

Finally Let us consider the response to preaching. One might expect everyone to respond favorably to God's message of salvation, but unfortunately this does not happen. Some people believe the message and accept Christ; others refuse the message and reject Christ.

How we thank God for those who have listened and obeyed the messages from the Lord! They discovered that the Christian life was better in the world that now is, and their eternal destiny also was changed because of their faith in

Jesus Christ.

When Jonah preached in Nineveh, the entire city turned to the Lord, and divine judgment was averted.

When Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost, 3000 souls were born into the kingdom of God (Acts 2:14-41).

When Philip preached in Samaria, people rejoiced in the knowledge of sins forgiven and marvelled at the wonderful miracles which accompanied the preaching of the Word.

Charles H. Spurgeon, the great British preacher, told about his own conversion experience. He said a man who was almost illiterate was preaching from the simple text in



From the high pulpit at the apex of the huge cross, the preacher's voice rang out over loudspeakers to the throngs assembled in Hyochang Stadium.

Isaiah 45:22: "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."

Spurgeon said the preacher began by saying, "This is a very simple text indeed. It says, 'Look.' Now that don't take a great deal of effort. It ain't lifting your foot or your finger; it is just 'look.'"

The preacher went on: "A man need not go to college to learn to look. You may be the biggest fool, and yet you can look.

"It says, Look unto me. I am sweating great drops of blood. I am hanging on the cross. Look, I am dead and buried. Look unto me, I rise again. I ascend."

Spurgeon said, "He looked at me sitting under the gallery and said, 'Young man, you look very miserable, and you will always be miserable in life and death if you don't obey my text. But if you obey now, this moment, you will be saved."

Then, said Spurgeon, he shouted as only a Primitive Methodist could shout, "Young man, look to Jesus Christ!"

Spurgeon said, "There and then the cloud was gone, the darkness rolled away, and I could have risen that moment and sung with the most enthusiastic of them of the precious blood of Christ."

Spurgeon heard a simple message; he believed the message; he responded and was gloriously saved.

All people, however, do not respond to the preaching of the Word in the same way.

Noah's generation heard the preaching of a man Peter described as a preacher of righteousness (2 Peter 2:5), but all except Noah and his family rejected the message and were lost in the Flood.

God, through the preaching of His servants today, is offering to people everywhere forgiveness of sins, peace of heart, and assurance of eternal happiness.

Unfortunately Satan is doing everything in his power to destroy the souls of men. There are people who hear the gospel and reject the invitation of the Holy Spirit, and they are eternally lost. Every person must make his own decision whether he will be saved or lost. No one else can make that decision for him.

Preachers can preach the most important message in all the world with the anointing of the Holy Spirit and with the compassion of Christ in their hearts, but they cannot make a decision for others to accept Christ. God has placed this awesome responsibility on each individual.

God wants everyone here tonight to be saved. Do you not want to be saved? Of course you do. But at the same time Satan wants you to be lost.

You must decide whether you will accept Christ and be saved, or reject Christ and be eternally lost. The devil casts his vote against you. God casts His vote for you. You have the deciding vote. Will you be saved or lost? Will it be heaven or hell? The decision is up to you.

## A truly Pentecostal World Conference

Delegates from 47 countries participated in the 10th Pentecostal World Conference held in Seoul, Korea, September 18-23.

With over 1,000 delegates, the U.S. led all other countries outside the Republic of Korea in attendance.

The day sessions drew capacity crowds to the Full Gospel Central Church, which seats approximately 10,000 persons; and over 3,000 made decisions for Christ in the night sessions at Hyochang Stadium.

The conference was sponsored by an advisory committee representing 16 countries. The committee chairman, T. F. Zimmerman, and its secretary, Percy S. Brewster, together with Robert W. Taitinger and Howard P. Courtney, constituted the presidium.

His Excellency Yang Taik-Shik, mayor of Seoul, gave a welcoming address at the opening rally. The main speaker of the evening was Brother Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God in the U.S.A.

Other night speakers during the conference were Paul Tehupuring of Indonesia, G. W. Lane of U.S.A., Samuel Odunaike of Nigeria, and Eliezar Javier of the Philippines.

Daytime speakers were G. W. Gilpin, Oliver A. Lyseight, and Percy S. Brewster of the United Kingdom, F. P. Moller of South Africa, Benjamin P. Shinde of India, Antonino Bonilla Jr. of Mexico, Elvio Canavesio of Argentina, Gerhard Wessler of Germany, and J. Floyd Williams of U.S.A.

In most cases they spoke on some aspect of the conference theme, "Anointed to Preach." All the sermons were given in English and Korean. Interpreters were present in the au-

dience to serve other language groups.

Each evening, when the guest speaker had finished, the host pastor, Yonggi Cho, stepped to the pulpit and preached to the congregation in Korean without an interpreter. With great fervor and a heavy anointing of the Holy Spirit he exhorted the people to turn to the Lord, and they responded in large numbers. Hundreds stepped out each evening. Many wept. All joined in offering the sinner's prayer, after which the well-trained personal workers from Pastor Cho's congregation counseled with them individually.

An interesting feature at several sessions was "Windows on the World" when delegates brought thrilling news of revivals on the various continents.

The congregational singing throughout the conference was most



inspiring. Much of it was in the Korean tongue, but the tunes were familiar to all, so each delegate joined in the songs using his native language.

At prayertime also there was a profusion (but no confusion) of tongues as all lifted up their voices in unison, praying or praising the Lord in the languages of their homelands or in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

It was a truly Pentecostal conference—people of varied cultures all rejoicing in the same gospel of salvation, all trusting in the same Healer, all enjoying the power of the same Holy Spirit, and all looking for that same blessed Hope which is the Desire of all nations.

The theme for the closing rally, appropriately, was "Anointed to Proclaim the Second Coming of Jesus Christ." The speaker, J. Floyd Williams, eloquently exhorted the delegates to be faithful in preaching the Second Coming until they would meet again, either in the air or at the next Pentecostal World Conference.

It was announced that London, England, will be the site of the 11th Pentecostal World Conference in September 1976 if Jesus tarries.



ABOVE: People poured down the front steps of the Central Full Gospel Church in Seoul, Korea, after each service. Two meetings were held in this church each day during the 10th Pentecostal World Conference.

BELOW: T. F. Zimmerman, with Pastor Cho interpreting, speaks to the congregation gathered in the Central Full Gospel Church for the communion service during the 10th Pentecostal World Conference. The choir is seated to the right of the pulpit.





LEFT: Some of the throng that attended the Sunday afternoon meeting are seen here as they were gathering in Hyochang Stadium. Floyd J. Williams, general superintendent of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, preached at this great rally which



climaxed the 10th Pentecostal World Conference. RIGHT: Thousands sat in the bleachers while other thousands sat on the ground. A reputable newspaper reported there were 75,000 in attendance at this rally.



ABOVE LEFT: Each guest registering for the 10th Pentecostal World Conference was given a large apple at the table in the foreground and was offered a copy of "World Pentecost" (special souvenir edition). Many took advantage of the opportunity to subscribe to this quarterly magazine which is edited and published by Percy Brewster in Cardiff, Wales. ABOVE RIGHT: The gateway sign on Yoido Island near the Central Full Gospel Church was one of several which greeted delegates at various points throughout the city of Seoul. LOWER LEFT: John C. Broger of Washington, D. C., addressed a breakfast meeting of



editors and publishers at the Chosun Hotel in Seoul during the World Conference. He said the problems of society must be solved on the individual level, and this will come through a return to personal righteousness. "Deal with every contemporary issue," he said, "but deal with it as it concerns individual conduct, not as a class or group issue." LOWER RIGHT: T. F. Zimmerman addresses a luncheon sponsored by the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Several speakers were heard. The main address was delivered by Dr. Russell Spittler, Dean of Southern California College, Costa Mesa, California.





# A look at the worldwide Pentecostal movement

By P. S. BREWSTER / Secretary, Advisory Committee, Pentecostal World Conference

A WORLDWIDE SIMILARITY exists today among all Pentecostal movements:

- 1. There is a great passion for the lost.
- 2. There is an ever-increasing zeal for missionary work.
- 3. There is very generous and unselfish giving without many money-raising schemes.
  - 4. There is constant attendance to church life.
- 5. There is a cross section of the public in the Pentecostal services.
- 6. There is a recognition of the supernatural in all the assemblies.

I want to call your attention to four things: the triumphs, temptations, trends, and truths of the world-wide Pentecostal movement.

#### TRIUMPHS OF THE PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT

Around the turn of the century the Holy Spirit fell in various parts of the world and there was wonderful rediscovery of lost truths. There were many signs and miracles which also resulted in acute persecution from the established churches, driving the Pentecostal people into a type of isolationism.

In spite of that isolationism they did not sleep. Multiplied thousands of ministers and missionaries have gone into all the world with the full gospel. Bible schools have been opened, many thousands of churches planted, and many millions of dollars expended on fulfilling the Great Commission. Thousands of young men are in the ministry who otherwise would never have had the opportunity.

Today the Pentecostal revival is sweeping all con-



P. S. Brewster (right) speaking at the Pentecostal World Conference with Pastor Cho interpreting.

tinents. There probably are between 20 and 30 million people who now accept the Pentecostal message.

And God is doing a new thing. Since 1960 multitudes of members and ministers of traditional churches have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and are speaking in tongues. This penetration of Pentecost into all the churches is a sovereign act of God. There are new dimensions that leave us breathless, perhaps a little uncertain and overawed.

#### TEMPTATIONS OF THE PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT

Like every other revival movement in its infancy

## SCRIPTURES TO LIVE BY

... for December 16-22

Theme Verse: "But in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6).

## PRAYING ABOUT IT

Sunday—Psalm 141:1-10 Monday—Psalm 143:1-12 Tuesday—Matthew 6:5-15 Wednesday—Mark 14:32-42 Thursday—Luke 11:1-13 Friday—1 Timothy 2:1-8 Saturday—James 5:13-20





Ushers at the Central Full Gospel Church in Seoul bow their heads in prayer preparatory to receiving an offering during the 10th Pentecostal World Conference.

the Pentecostal fellowship has been exposed to serious temptations.

- 1. One of the obvious temptations is to conform rather than transform. Our movement was built and established with the evidence of the miraculous. But as the years go by there is a temptation to conform to a pattern. The glory of the Pentecostal movement is its freedom, spontaneity, and exaltation of Jesus as the Son of God.
- 2. There is also a subtle temptation to water down holy truth. This comes as a result of trying to seek a quick gain of prestige and power.

- 3. The third temptation is to sacrifice the gospel of the Cross for a social gospel. Helping the poor and elevating human standards is very necessary, but that is not preaching the gospel.
- 4. Another subtle temptation is to rely on human strength, organization, and ingenuity rather than on the power of God.
- 5. A further temptation is to succumb to the ecumenical surge now upon the world—without counting the cost.

#### TRENDS FACING THE PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT

Some of the trends to which we are exposed today are Satanic and extremely dangerous. Other trends are worldly and should play no part in a spiritual work. Still others are natural evolvements through growth and time.

- 1. One of the trends today is to be too sensitive to public opinion. Our early pioneers were immune to criticism. They sought to please God only and to make the Bible the blueprint for living.
- 2. Another trend is to accept the heritage of the past without a corresponding personal dedication. The Pentecostal movement was born in prayer. It is so easy to cast off all the past and have no appreciation for the legacy of Pentecostal truth.
- 3. Far too much time, money, and priority may be given to administration rather than to evangelism. To conserve what we have and live on our resources, rather than expand, will surely lead to spiritual suicide.
- 4. Yet another trend is the urge to build larger and more costly church buildings. Some of these are used for only a few hours each week. Yet there are multiplied thousands of cities and towns around the world



These members of the Advisory Committee met in Seoul, Korea, to make plans for the 11th Pentecostal World Conference which will be held in London, Engand, in 1976. They are (from left to right): Veronico T. Suan, Philippines; S. M. Crouch, U.S.A.; Paul Tehupuring, Indonesia; A. P. Vasconcelos, Brazil; Jacob Zopfi, Switzerland; J. Floyd Williams, U.S.A.; Andre Nicolle, France;

Paulo L. Macalao, Brazil; Samuel Odunaike, Nigeria; T. F. Zimmerman, U.S.A.; Robert W. Taitinger, Canada; Percy S. Brewster, United Kingdom; Howard P. Courtney, U.S.A.; Yonggi Cho, Korea; Samuel Edestav, Sweden; Kiyoma Lumiyama, Japan; Ray Hughes, U.S.A. Several members of the Advisory Committee were absent when the picture was taken.

which have not even one Pentecostal church. It could be we will have to create the trend of sharing our resources to reach around the world.

- 5. There is today a lack of balance in priorities resulting in an endless round of committees majoring on minor matters. To know what is important today is the height of spiritual wisdom. There is nothing more important in this whole world than to win a soul for Jesus Christ and to lead that convert to be filled with the Spirit, and then merge him into the work of the Church.
- 6. In some parts of the world there is an unhealthy move toward segregating the young and the old. In some sections the young people are taking over, and sometimes 90 percent of the church energy is expended on the youth. This is not Bible-based and should not be. We are all one. The older people need the zeal and energy of the young, and the young need the balance of the older people's wisdom and maturity. In the Bible we are taught that the old men dream dreams and inspire the youth, and the young men see visions of the need of their own generation.
- 7. In some sections of the world there is an unhealthy emphasis on demon power. Some dreadful extremes have been encountered. This trend must be halted by the teaching of the Word of God. We do accept the fact that there is a devil and that he is trying to bring down the work of God. He is endeavoring to seduce and divide and confuse the Church. But we must also recognize that he already is a defeated foe!
- 8. Another subtle trend is the frequent shifting of emphasis to meet changing opinions and weaknesses of men. This results in uneven growth and development. One of the most serious of all trends is toward a toleration of sin and an attempt to excuse it.
- 9. Another very dangerous trend is to substitute education for the call of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, or to attempt to use human psychology as a substitute for prayer and the anointing of the Spirit.

#### TRUTHS OF THE PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT

Today God is pouring out His Holy Spirit on people of all denominations around the world. Fifty years ago when the Holy Spirit fell upon the individual, he left his church and merged into the Pentecostal movement. But today many of our brethren, newly filled with the Spirit, are remaining in their churches. This is causing confusion, perplexity, and sometimes heartache. But we must recognize that God does not give His Spirit to institutions or churches or denominations; He is baptizing *individuals*.

Jesus is the only Saviour, and no one can receive the gift of the Holy Spirit without first receiving Jesus as Saviour and Lord. Pentecost and its manifestation must come into the whole activity of church life and not be relegated to special occasions.

## CONCLUSION

Where do we go from here? We will continue to evangelize at home and abroad until the second com-

ing of Jesus Christ. We will recognize that we are debtors to all men and we will offer the right hand of fellowship to all who recognize the Lordship of Jesus Christ and are seeking to be filled with God's Holy Spirit. We will contend for the faith without being contentious. And we will continue to offer whatever help we can from our experience to our brethren in all denominations who desire it.



A Literary Treasure

## 'To God Be the Glory'

By YONGGI CHO

At the urging of his English-speaking friends, Pastor Yonggi Cho prepared a book entitled *To God Be the Glory* which contains his personal testimony of divine healing and several sermons.

He inserted a photo section to show the crowds of Korean believers who have been saved, healed, and filled with the Spirit in the great revival that has swept Seoul. The pictures show the development of the Seoul church beginning in a house and tent and culminating in a three-million-dollar sanctuary.

There is a full-color foldout picture of the Korean congregation filling the huge new sanctuary.

The book was published the week before the 10th Pentecostal World Conference began in Seoul, and delegates seized the opportunity to purchase copies as treasured mementos of the historic event.

Now you may obtain a copy of this literary treasure through the Gospel Publishing House.

Pastor Cho's sermons emphasize the lordship of Jesus, His power to heal, and the need of walking and living in the Spirit. The book will build faith in the minds and hearts of all who read it.

For your copy, write to: Gospel Publishing House, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Ask for book number 38-0271 entitled *To God Be the Glory*, by Yonggi Cho. The price is \$4.95.

# LOVE MEANS GIVING

By RUTH LYON / Home Missions Promotions Editor

"Through our Christmas activities we have been able to reach about 80 percent of the people on the Indian reservation to which we minister," writes a home missionary from California.

"We provide a dinner on the grounds and then give the people a short gospel message. As a whole we find their hearts are opening to the Lord.

"Christmas for the children also is a happy time. We give each child a little gift and a bag containing candy, an orange, an apple, and mixed nuts. This is the only Christmas the children have."

This worker is one of many who count Christmas as one of the most important seasons of the year. Most of the missionaries have special programs in which children take part. This interests the parents, whether they are Christians or not, and many attend—often from 100 to 200. Some may not return again until next year; but the gospel seed planted in many hearts for the first time bears fruit eventually, if not immediately.

A missionary in New Mexico says, "Our real break-







Navajo congregation listens to a Christmas program.

through came just after Christmas; and those who sent the toys and other gifts, including quilts, were largely responsible!

"We fixed a box for each family, and put a few toys for the children and one quilt in it. I wish it had been possible for each of you to be with us as we bounced over the reservation roads delivering them. The people thanked us over and over, and some of the mothers even cried. Any little act of kindness touches their hearts. It also touches the hearts of the missionaries when others are interested enough to help us provide a merry Christmas for our people."

An Arizona worker tells about their busy Christmas season:

"At last all of the packages were wrapped! Our mobile home had been turned into a sorting station as boxes were opened and divided into respective piles. On Saturday we loaded the gaily wrapped packages into the van, then drove to the home we've used as a meeting place for the last few months. Young children wiggled with excitement as we unloaded gifts.

"Sunday morning came and mothers were busily preparing food for the dinner which would follow the Christmas program. In the church service little ones

Little Indians portray the manger scene.





Navajo young people enjoy a part in the Christmas program.

recited pieces as proud parents listened.

"After dinner, which we served outside beneath the blue Arizona sky, we had a program. A manger scene, with children dressed as shepherds, Wise Men, Mary, and Joseph, impressively portrayed the real meaning of Christmas which many of the visitors had never understood. Some had never heard the Christmas story!

"You who have shared of your blessings with us have made it possible for these people to have a real Christmas."

In another Arizona program, the missionary, taking the part of a chief, sat beside a teepee telling the Christmas story to several Indian children. As he talked, some young people and children acted out various scenes. A choir of little Indian maidens and braves sang traditional Christmas songs.

After their noon potluck dinner, the missionaries gave out the gifts at the Christmas party. Everyone received a small gift and a treat of candy and oranges, and each family received a quilt, thanks to several Women's Missionary Council groups who made them.

Some missionaries have released-time classes and have Christmas programs for these children.

Churches and youth groups of some sections provide

#### A missionary tells the Christmas story at released-time classes.





A potluck dinner follows the Christmas morning service.

gifts for the missionaries as well as the Indian people. Some have food showers for them.

Often pastors of new churches also are recipients of Christmas offerings and gifts provided by established churches and church groups. For instance, First Assembly, Kansas City, Mo., has honored home missions pastors at a Christmas banquet for several years. It is one of the most beautiful occasions of the church year, according to Pastor Clinton Vanzant. The adult classes sponsor the adults of the families. Various children's departments sponsor the children. The banquet also honors the district officials.

Each home missions family receives gifts, a check for \$100, and groceries that amount to well over \$100. The pastor says: "The church received more benefit from this occasion than the home missions families. It brought a greater spirit of love, cooperation, and consideration for others into the church. The church has this banquet in place of having gift exchanges and Christmas parties."

We wish it were possible for all who remember the missionaries and their people and pioneer pastors with Christmas offerings and gifts to witness the joy they had a part in bringing. To give without any expectation of receiving brings its own blessing.

Although home missionaries find great pleasure in seeing the radiant faces of their people as they receive Christmas gifts, still their greatest joy comes from being able to point them to Christ.

Missionaries to Indians reported more than 2,000 conversions last year; and the impact made upon the visitors who attended the Christmas programs and other activities no doubt accounts for many of them.

Behind all the missionaries have been able to do for their people is the loving concern of churches, WMC groups, and individuals of the nation which motivate them to help.

Jesus was God's Christmas gift: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." If we love the lost as God loves them, we will be constrained to give of ourselves and material blessings that they may be redeemed. Love means giving—with no strings attached.



# The birth of a church

By DAVID LEATHERBERRY
Pastor, Assembly of God, Lansing, Illinois

ONE OF THE GREATEST MIRACLES is the birth of a child. Another thrilling miracle is the birth of a church.

Through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit, the Lansing, Illinois, Assembly of God was born July 4, 1971. On that date my wife and I, Lucille Parry, an Invade team of four dedicated college students, and five visitors met for the first service in the gymnasium at Nathan Hale Elementary School.

The concept of Lansing Assembly took place on a Sunday evening in the fall of 1970. After a Sunday evening service at an Assemblies of God church in Indiana, Mrs. Andrew Ter Haar shared with the pastor her burden for an assembly to be established in Lansing. The pastor asked the people to reenter the church to

The Lansing congregation now worships in this attractive building which has been completely renovated inside and out.



pray that God would establish a Pentecostal light-house in that city.

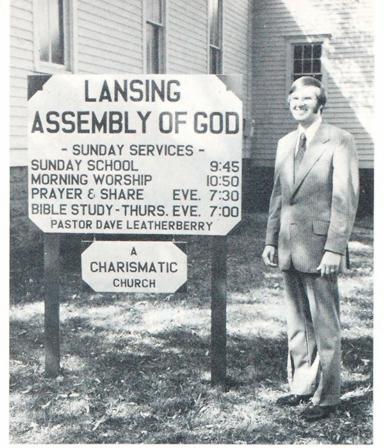
Unaware of this event Richard Dortch, Illinois District superintendent, and Robert Schmidgall, pastor of the Naperville Assembly, asked me, a senior in seminary, to prayerfully consider pioneering a new work in a southern suburb of Chicago. I prayerfully surveyed the area and felt led of the Lord to begin a work in Lansing.

God prepared and sent four Bible college students— Judy Bork, Connie Fritchy, Cliff Sanders, and Dave Campbell—to join us. Thus in the summer of 1971 the new church was born.

The young congregation met in the school gymnasium for 18 months. In an unexpected way the Lord provided a church building located on the main street in Lansing. The building fund totaled \$182 when the property became available. The church needed more than \$7,000 for the down payment. Norman Surratt, presbyter of Section One, and the Illinois District gave their approval for the new congregation to take a step of faith and purchase the building. In a short time God marvelously provided the funds for the down payment. In January 1973 the Lansing Assembly moved into the building.

September 16 and 17 were days of rejoicing for the Lansing congregation as they dedicated the building to God. Brother Dortch was guest speaker for the Sunday and Monday dedication services. Visitors from the community and other assemblies were present.

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL



ABOVE LEFT: The congregation of the new Assembly of God in Lansing, Illinois, continues to grow. ABOVE: Pastor David Leatherberry stands beside the church sign.

The interior and exterior of the building have been completely repaired, painted, and redecorated. The building cost \$29,000 and the church has invested an additional \$4,500 in it. The property has been evaluated at \$47,500.

The sanctuary will seat 150 persons including the overflow. The church is now quite functional and has the needed facilities to carry on an extensive Sunday school ministry.

Each person at Lansing Assembly can testify to what Christ has done in his or her life.

Betsy Taradejna, for example, was a skeptical college student. A year ago Christmas, Betsy was transformed when she surrendered to Christ.

Mike Fister was a computer salesman searching for the meaning of life. Last October Mike visited Lansing Assembly and found the answer. He is now preparing for the ministry at Evangel College and the Assemblies of God Graduate School in Springfield, Missouri.

God has blessed the new work in Lansing through (1) the intercessory prayers of Mrs. Ter Haar and others; (2) the vision and generosity of the Assemblies of God churches in Illinois; (3) the support of Community Gospel Church in Melrose Park which adopted Lansing Assembly as its daughter church; (4) the unity and hard work of the Lansing congregation; and (5) the vision of the Lansing congregation for missions.

In 27 months the congregation has given more than \$2,400 for missions. They help to support three missionary families and are anticipating their third missionary convention in March.

The Lansing congregation of 40 persons expects to grow. They have begun a promising bus ministry under the leadership of Robert Neuman, the minister of Christian education. Prospects for an expanding ministry in this community of 25,000 population are exciting.



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

# Go and tell

THE STORY of the birth of Christ is the story of home missions. It is the pattern of a successful outreach ministry.

At the outset we are brought face-to-face with the expression of the grace and mercy of God in making adequate provision for lost humanity.

Breaking the news was not left to man's ingenuity or to the communications media available at that time. Divine interposition made a great impact on the shepherds.

Heaven reechoed this joy as the heavenly host praised God saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Men had many reasons to feel that God was angry with them or did not care. What a tremendous message the angels proclaimed then, a message of good news which still is for us today.

The next step is the most important one. The shepherds were not satisfied merely to hear a report. They must find out for themselves!

Such a seeking, searching endeavor would not go unanswered. It is hard for us to appreciate fully the thrill of that experience.

Considerable emotion was involved for the shepherds too praised and glorified God. The spontaneity of this outburst of praise was fully justified.

Luke 2:17 states, "And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child."

The success of home missions does not rest alone with finances, buildings, programs, training, or physical labors. When those who have been personally exposed to the grace of God and have had a revelation of His mercy will make it known abroad, new churches will be established. Inner cities will be evangelized. Ethnic groups, the deaf, the blind, and prisoners will all share in the glorious news.



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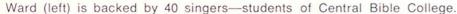
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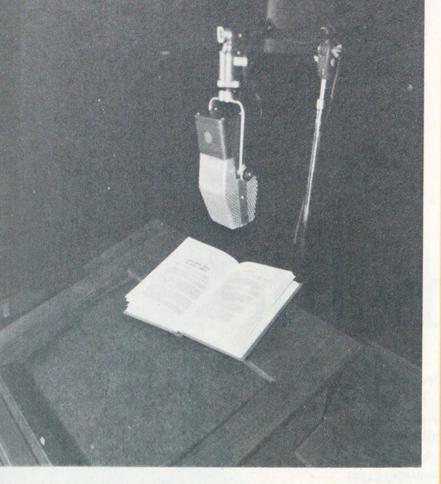
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## Wise Men worship Christ

Sunday School Lesson for December 23, 1973

MATTHEW 2:1-12

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

THE WISE MEN have been highly publicized in both sermon and song, but their background is veiled in mystery. And where the Word is silent, it is impractical to speculate. Yet we may derive great lessons from the little told us concerning these men. God grant that we may be as wise as they!

THE SEEKERS AND THE STAR (vv. 1,2)

- 1. These seekers were scholars and scientists. They came "from the east"—probably from Persia. They may have been members of a priestly tribe known as "Magi" whose chief occupation was studying the stars and interpreting dreams.
- 2. They noted the appearance of a strange star. Daniel and Balaam had both prophesied in Persia, and the Wise Men may have been acquainted with their predictions. (See Numbers 24:17.) Thus when the star appeared, they concluded that it spoke of the birth of the great Ruler who was to be sent from God.
- 3. They were wise in using their intellect and education. In their case it led to Christ! How sad that today men will profane God-given abilities so that intelligence becomes a snare and a curse and drives men away from Christ!

How is it with us who know Christ? Are we employing all our God-given powers to seek Christ and His glory?

THE SEEKERS AND THE KING (vv. 3-9)

1. The king's fear. "When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled." Christ brought joy to the Wise Men, but terror to Herod. There is always one of two reactions when we meet Christ. Either He is the source of our keenest troubles, or He is the beginning and continuation of our greatest joys. The presence of Christ in the life of a consecrated Christian is a rebuke to the halfhearted Christian.

Herod was troubled because he regarded Christ as a rival to his throne. Men often reject Christ rather than risk the loss of material and earthly things. Which means the most to us: Christ or personal security?

2. The king's feigned devotion. Pretending to desire to worship Christ also, Herod said to the Wise Men, "When ye have found him, bring me word again." His real purpose was to kill the One whom he regarded as a rival. What arrant hypocrisy!

Herod is not alone in his feigned devotion. Millions are pretending devotion to Christ—particularly at this season of the year. There are special services, religious entertainments, elaborate musical concerts, solemn rituals, colorful pageantry and plays—plenty of words

about Christ, but little real heart devotion to Him! Thank God for those true hearts all over the world which are lifted in transcendent joy and inexpressible adoration to Jesus their Saviour!

THE SEEKERS AND CHRIST (vv. 9-12)

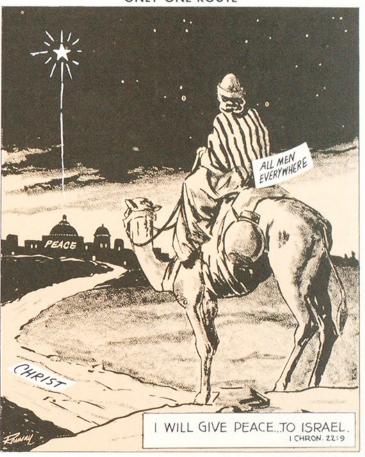
1. The seekers' search rewarded. The wisdom of the Wise Men is revealed once again in that they were not content merely to admire the star. The star was only a means to an end—to lead them to Christ. They "fell down, and worshiped him." The movement of the star was indeed supernatural, but these men from the East were wise enough not to become sidetracked—they worshiped Jesus, not the supernatural.

Have we stopped with stars? Have we become more taken up with the preacher, the evangelist, our church, or our denomination than with Jesus himself? Have we become more occupied with the gifts of the Spirit than with the Giver himself?

- 2. The seekers' worship. How wise was the manner of the conduct of these men in the presence of the Babe! There was nothing about the child or His surroundings to suggest kingly claims, yet they had implicit faith to see Him as He was—King, Lord, Saviour. Do we see more in Him than others do? Do we see Him as a "has-been" Christ? Or do we see Him as "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever"?
- 3. The seekers' sacrifice. Quite apart from their mystical and typical meanings, these costly gifts of the Wise Men involved sacrifice.

God so loved us that He gave His Son for us. Let us be sure our gratitude for that love is expressed in really sacrificial giving.

#### ONLY ONE ROUTE





Far East Field Secretary
WESLEY HURST and Foreign
Missions Editor DAVID IRWIN
interview JOHN HURSTON

IRWIN: John, you went out to Vietnam initially two years ago. Would you share with us the progress made

HURSTON: Yes, we have organized our first church Yung Tau in connection with the work of Don Wa

Hurston: My main purpose in going the first time was to secure a charter from the minister of interior that would give us registry as a mission. Vietnam has had 30 years of continuous war and is riddled with social problems. The government welcomed us as a mission but requested that we help them with some of the social problems also.

during this time?

IRWIN: What were some of the obstacles you faced in pioneering the work?

Hurston: In Southeast Asia, Buddhism is a very strong social factor. Family ties are deeply rooted in religion, and it's not easy for an individual to break away. In Vietnam, for example, ancestor worship is emphasized and the family unit is very strong.

IRWIN: This acts like a religious cement that holds society together?

HURSTON: Yes. Sometimes it's easier to convert a family than an individual. For this reason, we try to reach the heads of families.

Hurst: John, when the Vietnam government asked us to do social work, were there any restrictions placed upon us concerning evangelism and the establishment of churches?

HURSTON: There were no restrictions whatsoever. In fact, the minister of social welfare, Dr. Phieu, and the deputy under him, Dr. Dan, both said they prefer to have religious organizations helping solve their social problems because religious organizations add a dimension that purely social organizations do not have.

In our charter issued by the minister of interior, it is clearly stated that we have the authority to preach the gospel and to establish churches. Every official of the Vietnam government I have met with has impressed upon me that there is total religious freedom in the country.

HURST: John, have we established any local churches since we began evangelizing in Vietnam?

HURSTON: Yes, we have organized our first church in Vung Tau in connection with the work of Don Warren who started a servicemen's home, a foster home for children, and a chapel. There has been an outpouring of the Spirit, and we have now been able to solidify the work. Our church now has 67 members.

HURST: Do you know of other groups that will likely become churches?

Hurston: We leased the downtown USO in Saigon and began services there on June 15. We have quite a large group of believers now and are in the process of organizing a church.

IRWIN: Have we started any special ministries such as Teen Challenge or literature programs?

HURSTON: Aaron Rothganger reports 6,000 students enrolled in International Correspondence Institute. In Vietnam as everywhere else in the world, there's a strong desire to learn. Light-for-the-Lost supplied over a million tracts for distribution in Vietnam last year. We have been distributing them as fast as we can print them.

IRWIN: John, is the Vietnamese government doing anything to help us get established?

Hurston: They have heard for many years about the Assemblies of God. Last year one of their embassy officials visited the Assemblies of God headquarters in Springfield and was favorably impressed. The news got back to Vietnam about the interest we have in their problems and about our belief in the miracle power of Christ.

Polls taken recently in the schools brought out information about the drug problem that surprised even the Vietnamese. Also, hospitals have been getting calls from parents who want to know what to do because their children are hooked on drugs.

These problems opened the door for me to have an appointment with Madame Thieu, the first lady of Vietnam, who is the head of a woman's social organization.

HURST: Is it true that the government made appeals to approximately 30 religious and social organizations

for help with this drug problem and got no response? HURSTON: That's right. All these agencies could promise no help because they have no experience in the drug culture. I told Madame Thieu that Teen Challenge had good results in helping solve drug problems. The first lady was very happy to hear this.

Before I left the Presidential mansion on Thursday, she told me they would give us a piece of property. I estimated we would need 60,000 square feet of property. She said, "Well, that's no problem. We'll have a signing

Monday."

On Monday we signed the agreement which will allow us the use of this property as long as we are using it for social and religious activities. In return we are to build a 50-bed drug addiction cure center with a chapel. I explained to Madame Thieu and the officials that the spiritual side was most important in curing the drug problem, so we'll have a chapel on this choice piece of property in Saigon.

Our work will be not only with the drug addicts, but with the families of the drug addicts as well. When we help solve the drug problem of an individual, this will open the door for evangelism of his entire family unit. The demonstration of the power of Christ is the only thing that will cause the people of Southeast Asia to break loose from the religious traditions that

have held them for centuries.

Our first project in the program will be the drug addiction cure center in Saigon. Second, we will build centers and churches in four other leading cities of Vietnam. We plan to develop a training program on some property that the government has allotted us in a beach area in Phan Rang.

Hurst: John, how will this open the door to other spiritual ministries in Vietnam?

Hurston: As Brother Hogan said to me, "Our primary purpose in any country is evangelism and church planting." What better medium for direct evangelism than God working miracles in solving drug problems in families? This will provide the opportunity for us to accomplish the purposes that Brother Hogan has stated—church planting and evangelism.

IRWIN: I'm sure that *Evangel* readers are interested in the safety of our missionaries. Are there any special problems regarding their welfare?

HURSTON: There is always tension in Vietnam. All of the missionaries knew that before they went. God has given us the devoted kind of missionaries who live by Paul's principle that the devil can't kill us until God is through with us. Our staff is out there because they feel that God definitely called them to that country. IRWIN: We understand that the Swedish Free Pentecostal mission is working with your team.

HURSTON: Yes, the Pentecostal church in Sweden is greatly concerned for the refugees in Vietnam. The

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Assemblies of God, Division of Foreign Missions 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802 Swedish brethren expect to raise \$500,000 by the end of the year to help build homes and relocate refugees in rich farm areas.

The Swedish church also plans to send nurses and later missionaries. We have called ourselves the *Tin Lanh Duatan* church which means "Gospel Pentecostal Church." We believe that together we can make a greater impact upon Vietnam than if we splintered into separate groups.

IRWIN: Does relocating the people upset many of them who still hold to the traditions of ancestor worship that tie them to their birthplace?

Hurston: Of course, it upsets them, but war doesn't give people alternatives. They all want to go back to their homes but their homes have been destroyed. In areas held by the Vietcong it is unsafe for them to return. According to the truce agreement the Vietcong are allowed to stay where they are, but they cannot advance. However, the relocation does give the people a new hope for the future.

IRWIN: There is one more important question. Are there any Vietnamese who are qualified for church leader-ship?

Hurston: We now have four mature Vietnamese men: Major Liem, Mr. Phat, Mr. Kim, and Professor An. These men have had Bible training and they're qualifying now to become licensed preachers with the Assemblies of God.

IRWIN: I'm sure the Holy Spirit who has called these men will urge many people to pray for them and to respond with funds to carry this program forward in Vietnam.

TITLE PHOTO: Missionaries Aaron Rothganger and Glenn Stafford observe as John Hurston signs a land agreement between the South Vietnamese government and the Assemblies of God. BELOW: Missionary John Hurston and Madame Thieu discuss the establishment of a drug addiction cure center in Saigon.





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NEWS OF OUR TIMES-



## Pilgrims from many lands visit Jerusalem for Christmas

JERUSALEM—Though the number of visitors may be smaller this Christmas than last, due to the current crisis, Jerusalem is gearing up for a flood of pilgrims. Christians from all over the world regularly stream to this area to celebrate Christmas.

In recent years, an average of 14,000 pilgrims have observed the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem, the town where He was born.

On Christmas eve, about 1,000 worshipers will crowd into the Franciscan Church of St. Catherine for midnight mass. The church stands beside the Greek Orthodox Basilica of the Nativity, the focal point of which is the underground Grotto of the Nativity. It was here, according to ancient tradition, that Christ

was "wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger."

Pilgrims unable to get into the church will gather in Manger Square outside and follow the mass on a huge closed-circuit television screen.

They will be able to greet the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem when he arrives after the sixmile procession from Jerusalem to Bethlehem early in the afternoon of Dec. 24.

The procession marks the beginning of the annual series of ceremonies and celebrations in the Holy Land by Protestants, Roman Catholics, and western Orthodox who observe Christ's birth on Dec. 25.

Greek and most other Eastern Orthodox Churches will celebrate Christmas on Jan. 6.

Each year at Christmastime,

Church bells will soon ring out over the little town of Bethelehem, once again proclaiming the birth of Christ the Lord.

Bethlehem's Manger Square is gaily decorated and brightly illuminated at night.

In front of the Basilica of the Nativity, which faces the square, is a tall pole topped by an illuminated Star of Bethlehem. On a building next door flies the Israeli blue and white flag with the Star of David—a reminder to pilgrims that Israel has been administering the Jordanian town since 1967.

Calls to prayer ring out from atop the minaret of the Muslim mosque on the opposite side of the square. In the square itself, Arab boys vie with one another in efforts to persuade pilgrims to hire their donkeys for a ride along part of the route which Joseph and Mary followed in their journey to Bethlehem some 2,000 years ago.

Soon after midnight the quiet of the little town of Bethlehem will be shattered by the pealing of church bells to announce once again the beginning of Christmas day in the Holy Land.

# Report on pope's stand is applauded by Catholic charismatics

ST. PAUL, MINN.—Roman Catholic charismatics, attending a regional conference here, vigorously applauded a report that Pope Paul had decided to allow the Catholic charismatic movement to go on with "gratitude and encouragement."

The report was given to some 4,500 persons by Harold Cohen, a chaplain at Loyola University in New Orleans.

The priest read to the conference a statement which he said the pope made to 11 leaders of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement at an audience during an international meeting in October at Grottaferrata, outside Rome.

## J. Edwin Orr scores term 'revivalism' as ambiguous

COLUMBUS, OHIO—During his keynote speech at the annual Conference on Faith and History here, J. Edwin Orr criticized strongly the use of the word "revivalism" in the church history establishment of the U.S., characterizing its use as illogical and imprecise, ambiguous and pejorative.

"Originally in America and to this day in Britain and other countries," Dr. Orr told his audience, "the word 'revivalism' signified the promotion of prayer and preaching of revivals of religion, always evangelical Christianity."

He holds that the prime factor in such an evangelical awakening is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which produces an extraordinary burden of prayer and an extraordinary conviction of sin. Human response may vary, he said, so far as emotional behavior is concerned, but the usual result is the cleansing and reviving of the body of believers, the awakening of the masses, and the upsurge of evangelism and social action by believers to meet the needs of the people.

"Jonathan Edwards believed the First Great Awakening to be a work of God and not of man," Dr. Orr reminded "but Charles Finney insisted that 'revival' was nothing more than the right use of the appropriate means, or something for man to do. They were talking about two different things—Edwards about outpourings of the Holy Spirit generally, and Finney about local efforts properly described as evangelistic campaigns rather than revivals."

Orr pointed out that in Finney's lifetime there were three major awakenings: the Second Awakening beginning in 1792; the Third Awakening in 1830; and the Fourth Awakening in 1858, none of which was planned, promoted, or programmed.

Dr. Orr currently is visiting professor at Fuller Seminary's School of World Mission in Pasadena, Calif.

## UN SUBCOMMISSION TACKLES ISSUE OF SLAVERY

NEW YORK—A little known agency of the United Nations called the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities has announced its intention to launch a crusade against slavery.

Far from being a relic of the 18th century, slavery reportedly flourishes in at least 40 countries, enslaving as much as one percent of the world's population, the subcommission stated.

The services of a child reportedly can be bought for about \$37 for 10 years in many Eastern countries from Lebanon to Indonesia, the "Buffalo Evening News" reported.

Monitor News Service stated that 50 schoolgirls from Ghana

were sold to buyers in Lebanon recently.

Four 16-year-old Asian girls of Persian descent have endured three years of forced marriage to members of the revolutionary council on the East African island of Zanzibar, officials have determined.

Outlawed by the United Nations, slavery has been spared international policing since World War II, but the subcommission is determined to focus public opinion on the issue and stamp it out.

Skeptics doubt whether the measures will be effective, citing the inability of the United Nations to enforce its ban on debt bondage, serfdom, exploitation of children, and servile forms of marriage.

## Florida satanists hold sex masses in churches

OAKLAND PARK, FLA.—Half a dozen times since Easter, Satan worshipers have broken into churches in this southeast Florida city and performed what police term "sexual black masses."

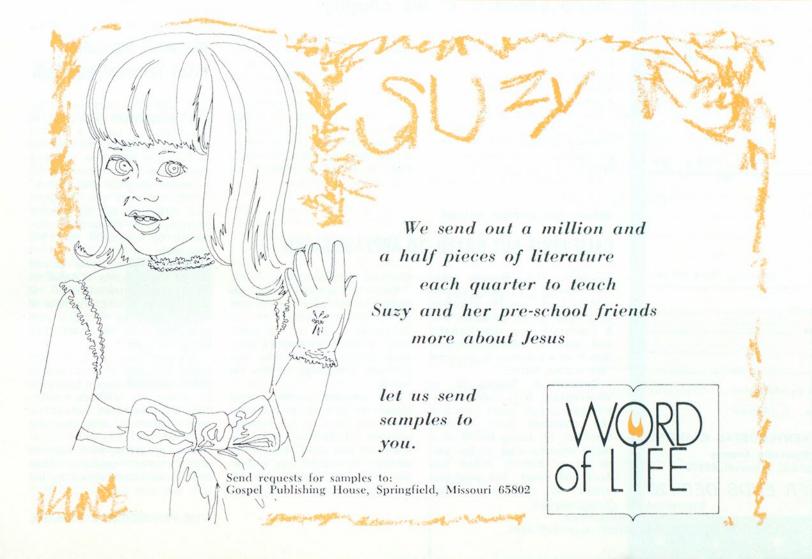
The liturgical churches have been most frequently hit, but in September the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church was vandalized by someone who signed the guest book "Satan."

Oakland Park Police Deputy David Truman said the vandals were "Satan worshipers who are using these churches for their sexual black masses."

Following the masses, the participants seem bent on wrecking furniture and ornaments of the sanctuary.

#### AT A GLANCE

- • The 10th InterVarsity Missionary Convention will meet Dec. 27-31 on the campus of the University of Illinois in Urbana. Theme of this year's conference will be "Jesus Christ: Lord of the Universe, Hope of the World."
- • The rate of absenteeism among fulltime nonfarm wage and salary workers increased by 10.3 percent from 1967 to 1972. Women generally have a higher absenteeism rate than men. Surprisingly, divorced men had a rate of 2.5 percent in 1972, compared to 3.1 percent for married men. Absenteeism decreased with age. The rate for teenagers was 7.9 percent, compared to 3.3 percent for those between 55 and 64 years of age. The Labor Department defines absenteeism as an unscheduled absence of less than a week.
- • According to U.S. News & World Report, the major concern of American people is inflation and the high cost of living. Two other problems ranking high in the list of worries are corruption in high places/dissatisfaction with government, and the energy crisis. Because of frustration over national problems, declining confidence in the way the country is being run, lack of faith in key institutions, and disillusionment about standards of honesty, fewer and fewer people are satisfied with their prospects for the future. Over the last 10 years, the percentage of "satisfied" people in Gallup Polls has dropped from 64 to 53 percent.
- • Violence on television continues at a high level. One survey of a week's shows revealed 100 threats without physical contact, 136 acts of physical violence short of murder, and 45 killings. Critics have noted that in evening programs the language and situations are more frank and "adult" than ever before. However, there seems to be less violence in children's programs on Saturday mornings.



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## WAR AREA FROM SPACE

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## East German claims it's easier to be Christian in his country

MINNEAPOLIS—It is easier in some ways to be a Christian in East Germany than in the U.S., am official of the Christian Democratic Union in East Germany claimed here.

The reason Karl Ordnung gave for his assertion is that in America Christianity is too easily confused with secular culture.

Mr. Ordnung was one of a

group of eight overseas church leaders who came to the U.S. on a month-long tour sponsored by the U.S.A. Committee of the Lutheran World Federation.

He said it is not impossible to be a Christian and hold high political office in East Germany, but he conceded that to do so is not easy. He added, however, that it is difficult anywhere to be a Christian in politics.

Satanic cult member testifies

## CALIFORNIA BOY KILLED 'TO APPEASE SATAN'

DELAND, FLA.—Recent testimony here by a young woman who says she was the priestess of a satanic cult declares that a California boy was tortured and slain in nearby Daytona Beach as a sacrifice to appease "the master, Satan."

Deborah A. Shook, 22, of Washington, N.J., told a 12-member circuit court jury that she observed Ross Michael Cochran, 17, being bound to a black wooden altar in the cellar of a rooming house last April and killed. She said she wiped up the blood after

Cochran was taken away.

Other perversions were reported in the court which was trying David Hester, 17, of Greenville, S.C., as the cult's "high priest," the warlock who, Miss Shook said, "has the greatest knowledge of the religion."

The defense contends that Hester did not deliver the blow that killed Cochran but that the warlock hit Cochran twice on the head with a tree limb in an attempt to knock him unconscious so he could save his life after the others had gone.

## SMOKING NURSES BACK ANTISMOKING CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A recent survey disclosed that 85 percent of public health nurses believe people should be convinced to stop smoking—but one-third of the nurses were smokers themselves.

Published in a recent issue of the "American Journal of Public Health," a federally funded survey revealed that nurses polled overwhelmingly agreed that they should set a good example for patients by not smoking.

However, 70 percent of the nurses who smoked were smoking as much as they did a year ago and 8 percent were smoking more. One in 12 nurses said she smoked 25 or more cigarettes a day.

Of those polled, 85.4 percent agreed that it was the responsibility of the health profession to convince people to stop smoking. They said they understood the relationship between cigarette smoking and such diseases as lung cancer and chronic bronchitis.

Although 23 percent said they had the authority to prohibit smoking where they worked, this right tended to be exercised by nonsmoking nurses.

## Wisconsin legislature votes 'released time' bill

MADISON—The Wisconsin legislature approved and sent to Gov. Patrick J. Lucey a bill that will allow public school students to take up to three hours a week away from other classes to attend religious instruction.

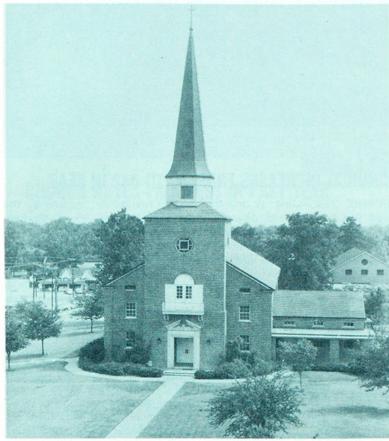
This "released time" program was made possible by a state constitutional referendum approved by voters in the 1972 Wisconsin primary.

The bill gives local school boards the authority to make released-time arrangements at their option. It limits the time of such classes to not less than one hour and not more than three hours each week.

Another provision of the bill states that any student who is permitted to be absent from public school for religious instruction, but who does not attend such instruction, may lose the released-time privilege.

Such programs, when held off public school property, have been ruled constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

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## Seven-district Prayer Conference scheduled for January

SHREVEPORT, LA.—The 37th annual Seven-District Prayer and Bible Conference will convene at the Brown Memorial Chapel here (above), Centenary and Kings Highway, Jan. 14-16, 1974. Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent, will speak at the opening service on Monday night. The entire conference is given to prayer, worship, and study. No business is conducted. Assemblies of God pastors in Shreveport will host the conference. Participating districts are Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, North Texas, Oklahoma, South Texas, and West Texas.

### Veteran minister is with Christ

WACO, TEX.—Hugh M. Cadwalder, 82, a veteran minister of the Assemblies of God, went to be with the Lord at his home here Oct. 21. He was active in the ministry for 62 years.

Brother Cadwalder was ordained in 1908 and retired from

pulpit ministry in 1970. He participated in the first organizational meeting of the Assemblies of God held in Hot Springs, Ark., in April 1914.



He served

briefly as a missionary to Egypt; and was district chairman for Western Canada (1918-1923) before the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada became an organization separate from the Assemblies of God. He was superintendent of Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona (Texico District) from 1924 to 1931.

The veteran minister was missions director for the North Texas District from 1955 to 1963 and also served as a general presbyter. From 1944 to 1945 he was dean at Southwestern Assemblies of God College in Waxahachie, Tex. He also served on the Board of Regents and Board of Directors of the college.

He pastored churches in Alton and Chicago, III., St. Joseph, Mo., Waco and Kerrville, Tex. At the time of his death he had served five years as pastor emeritus of First Assembly in Waco.

Brother Cadwalder is survived by his wife Mary, one son, Maurice, who pastors First Assembly in Corpus Christi, Tex., and two grandchildren.

## Elementary specialist assumes duties in Sunday School Department

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Ronald W. Clark of Warwick, R.I., has been named elementary age level specialist for the Assemblies of God Sunday School Department.

His assignment includes conducting research of needs and responses of the elementary age student, preparing and promoting teaching aids for Sunday school teachers of his age level, and serving as consultant on elementary age problems as they relate to religious education.

A native of New Jersey, Mr. Clark holds a Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Graduate School of Theology of Oral Roberts University, and a Bachelor of Arts from Central Bible College.

Before coming to the national office, he conducted survey studies of various communities in the Southern New England District in relation to establishing new churches. He was assistant pastor of the Assembly of God in Warwick.

Brother Clark and his wife Patricia have two children.

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## Wisconsin congregation dedicates new building

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WIS .-The congregation of the local assembly dedicated its new building to the Lord in September.

Guest speakers were Darwin Heuser and Lyle Curtis, superintendent of the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District.

The new building contains a sanctuary which will seat 300, eight classrooms, kitchen, dining hall, nursery, and offices.

Pastor Gordon Johnson states the congregation is en-

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joying the new facilities and expecting great things from God.

COLUMBIA CITY, IND.-Two were saved and six baptized in the Holy Spirit during a revival at Westgate Assembly here. Anthony Silva was the evangelist.

Pastor Thomas Jackson reports attendance was good with many visitors from other churches present. Two ladies testified to receiving healing for their bodies.



Pastor Don George baptizes new converts in a motel swimming pool prior to a Sunday night rally.

## CHURCH INCREASES FROM 59 TO 442 IN YEAR

IRVING, TEX .- Just 12 months ago the average attendance at Calvary Temple here was 59; today it is 442, with a record high attendance of 621 on one occasion.

The present church sanctuary will only seat 170 so it is necessary to schedule seven simultaneous worship services on Sunday morning, Pastor Don George reports.

The adults and teenagers meet in the church sanctuary, while the younger children attend six other worship services in various parts of the building.

The congregation presently is constructing a new worship center which will accommodate 1,000. The new facilities are expected to be completed in late spring.

A residence adjoining the church property has been converted into classrooms for the rapidly growing congregation. In addition, the church also is renting four large classrooms and an auditorium in a nearby elementary school for use on Sunday mornings.

The church secured the new convention center in Irving for a gospel rally on a recent Sunday night. More than 900 persons were present for this service. Prior to the rally, 18 new converts were baptized in water in a motel swimming pool adjacent to the convention center.

Brother George states the church plans to enlarge its present bus fleet of six buses to a total of 12 in the immediate

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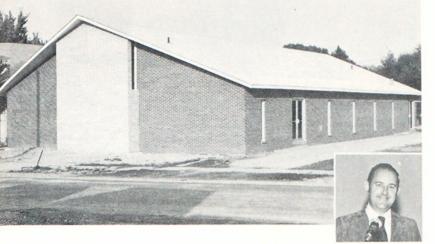
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## CHURCH NOTES PROGRESS IN PAST YEAR

SALEM, MO.—Since moving to a new building one year ago, the congregation of First Assembly here has enjoyed numerical and spiritual growth. Pastor Delmar Blase reports the average Sunday school attendance has increased from 154 to 216. A spirit of revival prevails in the church. The new church can accommodate 500 and is valued at \$100,000. It was dedicated in November, 1972.

FRANKLIN W. VA.—Pastor R. C. Lymburner reports First Assembly here recently was blessed through the ministry of Evangelist Edward T. Wines of Castleton, Va.

"The presence and power of the Holy Spirit was very evident in the conviction of sinners and the healing of sick bodies," Pastor Lymburner states. Seven were baptized in water the last Sunday of the revival.

Since the close of the meeting, several have been saved and two filled with the Holy Spirit. Ten have joined the church.

DAYTON, OHIO—God marvelously visited Bethel Temple here with an outpouring of His Spirit during a crusade with Roxanne Brant.

Pastor Charles A. Anderson reports that more than 500 people attended the service each night including several visitors from other denominations.

"A score of people made professions of faith and 30 to 40 testified of healings each night," Pastor Anderson reports.

Since the end of the crusade, reports continue to come in of healings and of lives changed through the power of God.

Following the meetings, five Catholics and eight from other churches enrolled in Bethel Temple's Christian Training Center for the fall term.

N. FORT MYERS, FLA.—God greatly proved His Word during a recent revival at Faith Tabernacle Assembly here. Under the anointed ministry of W. C. Mullis, the Holy Spirit fell and several were saved and others healed.

Dirk Hoffer is pastor of the church.

ALCOVE, N.Y.—Twelve were saved, four reclaimed, and two baptized in water during a recent meeting at the Full Gospel Church.

Mike and Bernadine Garland of Glen Rock, Pa., were the evangelists. Pastor Robert W. Rosin reports attendance was excellent during the meeting.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—God blessed the congregation of Bethel Temple here during a series of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Billy Frank Boren.

"We advertised this meeting as an indoor camp meeting and that is exactly what it was," states Pastor Gordon Zercher. "Night after night the Holy Spirit moved upon the congregation and many wonderful spiritual accomplishments took place."

Many were saved, filled, and refilled with the Holy Spirit. Many have been awakened to a new challenge of faith.

## 370 accept Christ during David Wilkerson rally

GREAT BEND, KANS.—More than 370 young people responded to the invitation to accept Christ as Saviour during a recent David Wilkerson Rally here.

First Assembly sponsored the meeting which was held in the city auditorium. J. P. McCamey,

pastor of First Assembly and coordinator for the event, reports the auditorium was packed to capacity for what was the largest religious gathering in the history of the auditorium.

An Afterglow rally helped in the follow-up of the new converts, Brother McCamey says.

GREAT BEND, KANS.—First Assembly recently enjoyed an excellent children's crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. John Paul of Fort Worth, Tex.

More than 300 children registered during the crusade. The evangelists presented a program in two elementary schools in the city, and also in a Catholic grade school.

Approximately 85 boys and girls responded to the invitation to accept Christ, according to Pastor J. P. McCamey.

TEXARKANA, TEX.—Seven were saved, 15 reclaimed, three baptized in the Spirit, and 10 refilled during special services at Lighthouse Assembly here. Tommy Calk of Lone Oak, Tex., was the evangelist.

Pastor Boyce Green reports the congregation was greatly blessed through Brother Calk's anointed ministry.

The church, formerly called Rose Hill Assembly, recently purchased over four acres of property on a major highway and is planning to relocate.

EVENING SHADE, ARK.—The congregation of the Assembly of God recently was blessed through the ministry of Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo.

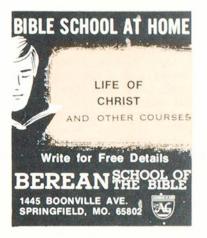
Pastor Sally Rodgers reports two were saved and two reclaimed. Several visitors from other churches attended the services.

The congregation is in the process of remodeling a large brick building which was recently purchased to use as a church.

DES ARC, MO.—One was saved, five reclaimed, six baptized in the Holy Spirit, and two refilled during a revival at First Assembly here with Evangelist Glenna Byard of Fredericktown, Mo.

Pastor Dewel Smith states the youth were especially blessed during the meeting. Among those filled with the Spirit was the daughter of the founder of the church.

First Assembly celebrated its 50th anniversary in July. Guest speakers included N. Cleo Tapp, superintendent of the Southern Missouri District; J. W. Allen; and P. T. Huffman.



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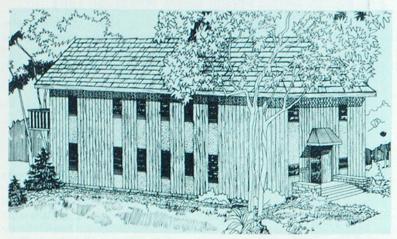
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This \$130,000 residence is under construction at the Walter Hoving Home, a rehabilitation center for young women.

## Walter Hoving Home adds new residence

GARRISON, N.Y.—The Walter Hoving Home broke ground in October for a \$130,000 residence which will nearly double its facilities for the rehabilitation of young women alcoholics and narcotics addicts.

The home named for the chairman of Tiffany and Company, now accommodates 15 young women. With completion of the new building in the spring, it will be able to house 12 more.

John Benton, director of the home, said it has been impossible to fill the growing number of requests for help for women addicted to drugs and alcohol. With the new structure, the pressure will be eased, he said, but there still is a tremendous need for more facilities.

The Hoving Home was established in 1967 as part of the Teen Challenge organization. Walter Hoving, a member of the Home's advisory board, was instrumental in obtaining a grant that helped finance the purchase

of the 23-acre estate on which the home is situated. The property overlooks the Hudson River 50 miles north of New York City.

The new two-story building will be of frame construction with cedar siding. Its 3,850 square feet will contain six bedrooms for residents, five bathrooms, and three rooms for staff members. There will also be a living room, a kitchenette, and a prayer room. Occupancy is expected by March 15.

Until a few years ago, most girls admitted to Teen Challenge came from inner-city slums. Today the population of the home consists mainly of girls from urban and suburban middle-income families.

Brother Benton said girls come from all parts of the country to participate in the program of religious education and spiritual therapy. The Hoving Home is supported mainly through contributions from individuals, churches, and foundations.

## Home missions loses dedicated worker

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Lois L. Carruthers, missionary to the American Indians, went to be with the Lord Sept. 9.

Sister Carruthers, 59, died of a heart attack at the Phoenix airport, where she had gone to meet Ann Ahlf, national WMC representative. Both ladies were scheduled to speak the next week at the WMC retreat at Prescott.

For several years Sister Carruthers has been assistant director of the Laveen Indian Children's Home and associate pastor of Laveen Indian Assembly. She had made plans to leave the Laveen Mission to begin a teaching and evangelism

ministry in the near future.

A dedicated worker, Sister Carruthers invested much of her own money in work among Indians.

In the past Sister Carruthers had taught at the American Indian Bible Institute, Phoenix, and was dean and instructor at the Aloha Bible Institute, Honolulu, for six years.

Memorial services for Sister Carruthers were held Sept. 13 at Faith Assembly, Phoenix.





Pastor and Mrs. Elmer Draper have started a new assembly at Apple Valley, Calif.

## Elderly couple begins church

APPLE VALLEY, CALIF.—Elmer T. Draper, an Assemblies of God minister since 1925, is pioneering a church in this desert community of 15,000.

First Assembly began services Aug. 12. Ernest Kumpe, secretary-treasurer of the Southern California District, and Vernon Nybakken, sectional presbyter, set the church in order.

Temporary use of the Senior

Citizens Club Building was provided in exchange for painting the building, clearing the yard, cleaning the interior, and polishing the floors. Brother Draper, 75, receives no salary from the church, so all money goes to a building fund.

Brother Draper reports that several have been saved and healed and that 26 have united with the church.

## TEEN CHALLENGE CHOIR TAKES SUMMER TOUR

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.—The New Creations, a choir from Mid-America Teen Challenge Training Center here, toured Iowa and Illinois last summer.

Besides ministering in churches, camp meetings, and youth rallies, the choir also sang at the State Juvenile Home in Toledo, lowa.

The New Creations, directed by Phil Breithaupt, is made up of 14 former law breakers, drug addicts, alcoholics, and other troubled youth.

The Mid-America Training

Center is a second phase program, receiving young men from 10 Midwestern Teen Challenge induction centers. Residents are in the program for a required seven months with the option of three additional months of specialized training.

After they graduate, the center provides reentry into society by recommending vocational training and job opportunities, further Bible training, assistance in obtaining a General Education Diploma, and direction toward college.

The New Creations from Mid-America Teen Challenge Training Center, Cape Girardeau, Mo., toured lowa and Illinois this past summer. Phil Breithaupt directs the choir.



\* Compiled by the Assemblies of God Division of Home Missions



Doyle Hughes (left) directs the choir at First Assembly. The J. L. Schaffers (right) are pastors.

## New church now self-supporting

SWEETWATER, TENN. — A church started here in 1971 by a group of people desiring Pentecostal fellowship with Assemblies of God affiliation, is now self-supporting.

In January 1971 the group expressed their interest to Jacob L. Schaffer, pastor of the Woodlawn Assembly in Knoxville. The same week, Brother Schaffer and Earl Blythe, district superintendent, met with the group to explain the relationship between the district and a local assembly. All 35 present voted to start an Assemblies of God church.

Brother and Sister Schaffer agreed to help the new church until they could find a pastor. In July the Schaffers felt the

Lord wanted them to resign their church in Knoxville to pastor at Sweetwater.

In September 1971 the church began work on a 34- by 80-foot building with a full basement. They received assistance from nearby churches, the Tennessee District, and the national Division of Home Missions (which gave a \$1,000 grant).

E. R. Anderson, superintendent of the North Texas District, preached the dedicatory message in March 1972. Sweetwater is Brother Anderson's hometown.

By September 1973 the church was supporting the pastor and carrying all of its financial responsibilities. Average attendance has now reached 65.

# Twin City TC holds open house

URBANA, ILL.—Almost 300 people attended a recent open house at the Twin City Teen Challenge Center here.

Promotion of the event included distribution of coupons which could be exchanged for a free copy of one of six books by David Wilkerson, founder of Teen Challenge.

Visitors received a tour of the three-story facility and saw a slide presentation concerning drug abuse and the work of Teen Challenge.



The chapel service at St. Louis Teen Challenge is an important factor in the center's success in working with troubled youth.

ST. LOUIS—Faith in God and discipline work for Teen Challenge in their ministry to disadvantaged youth, according to an article in the local "Post-Dispatch."

"The staff and the young people who come to them strongly believe that God alone has the capacity to cure addicts of their addiction, to cleanse sinners of their sins. For them and the youth they seek to guide, it works," said the newspaper.

According to the report, Teen Challenge has received excellent cooperation from the police department. One runaway referred to the center turned out to be the child of a high-ranking member of the St. Louis police department.

Strict rules and regulations were also cited as a factor in the success of Teen Challenge in preparing young people for the outside world.

Stories were related in the article of several people whose lives have been changed through the ministry of Teen Challenge.



EUGENE HERD APPOINTED AIBI ADMINISTRATOR

PHOENIX, ARIZ. — Eugene Herd has joined the staff of the American Indian Bible Institute as academic vice-president and business manager.

The Herds have been home missionaries for 16 years. They spent 14 years in Holbrook, Ariz., pioneering and pastoring the Indian work there.

Brother Herd will also serve as field coordinator between graduates and graduate pastors of AIBI laboring among their people on the reservations.

### MISSIONARY PERSONALIA

Alfred Brown, an American Indian, has received appointment as a home missionary. He will continue teaching at Good Shepherd Indian Bible School, Mobridge, S. Dak.

Joseph Orcutt, from the Oregon District, has been ap-

pointed home missionary to the American Indians in Arizona. He is part Cherokee.

Stephen Brown, an Apache Indian, has been appointed as a home missionary. He is pastoring the Indian Mission in Holbrook, Ariz.



#### ACROSS AMERICA

**NEW MEXICO**—Tessie Myers, Daggett, Calif., recently visited a 106-year-old American Indian convert. The Indian was saved at 95 years of age when she made a previous mission trip to the Navajo Reservation.

**ARIZONA**—The Tucson Indian Assembly (Virgil Zeigler, pastor) is sharing its facilities with a new church which is starting a much-needed work among the Spanish-speaking people, until the new church can get a building of its own.

**PENNSYLVANIA**—Philadelphia Teen Challenge has recently obtained a building to house 100 staff workers and provide additional office space.

**OKLAHOMA**—Three young men were saved and many reclaimed at the annual deaf camp at Oklahoma City. Eldon Post, national representative for deaf and blind ministries, was speaker.



#### CORRECTION

The Lemy Pikes are ministering to the Mescalero Apaches in New Mexico. An article about their work in the October 28 "Evangel" inadvertently included a picture of the Elmo Pierce family, home missionaries to the deaf, rather than the Pikes' picture.



# A prophetic testimony to the virgin birth

By FRANK M. BOYD / Santa Cruz, California

As a teen-ace Sunday school teacher more than 70 years ago, I often wondered what purpose the long list of names of Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-38 served. This was especially true since I found them difficult to pronounce, and since so many of the names were repeated in both lists. Why have the genealogy of Jesus in both places?

Of course, genealogical records do have a very important place in Scripture, for they establish the lineage of our Lord Jesus Christ. Luke 3:23-28 shows that Jesus was descended from Adam as the Son of man; Matthew 1:1-17 shows His descent from Abraham, the father of the faithful.

As you look at these lists, you will notice familiar names like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, David. In Matthew 1:1-17 you will also find names like Solomon, Coniah (Jeconiah) and Salathiel (Shealtiel). And there is Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Christ.

This is the genealogy of the kingly line, for those who followed David until the Babylonian captivity (Matthew 1:6-11) were kings.

But in this line a very definite prophecy comes, recorded in Jeremiah 22:24-30. It concerns Coniah (shortened form of Jeconiah), an obscure and wicked

king of Judah who reigned only three months and was taken captive with his family to Babylon in the second deportation in 598 B.C.

The importance of this prophecy is specially emphasized in Jeremiah 22:29: "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord." This seems to indicate the universal importance and application of this prophecy. It does indeed stress the verse which follows, which is the prophecy concerning Coniah and guards the truth of the virgin birth.

Verse 30 indicates that Coniah is to be written in the records as if he were childless, although he did have a son Salathiel (Shealtiel), born in Babylonian captivity. The prophecy indicates that no descendant of Coniah would ever sit upon the throne of David

"ruling any more in Judah."

Joseph, the foster father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as noted in Matthew 1, is a descendant of Coniah '(Matthew 1:12-16) through his father Jacob. The prophecy bars any son of Coniah from "sitting upon the throne of David," and this, of course, would include Joseph. If our Lord were Joseph's literal son, it would bar Him from occupying David's throne. Consequently if Jesus were not born supernaturally of the virgin Mary, He would have no right to the throne—and we would have no Saviour and no coming King.

At this point the genealogical record of Luke 3:23-38 comes in. Here Joseph is seen to be the son of Heli. He could not possibly be the actual son of both Jacob (Matthew 1:16) and Heli (Luke 3:23), so the logical reasoning is that Heli was the father of Mary and that Joseph was the son-in-law of Heli. According to Jewish customs, sons-in-law, foster sons, and adopted sons had the same rights and privileges as full sons.

In Matthew 1 Joseph is descended from Solomon in whom lay the royal line of succession to David's throne. In Luke 3:31 we see another son of David, Nathan; so that Christ, born of the virgin Mary, is actually descended from David through His mother Mary.

But in Mary's line there is no right to the throne; Solomon inherited the royal line. As we have seen, Christ, if He were born of Joseph, would be barred from ascending the throne because of this prophecy concerning Jeconiah in Jeremiah 22:30: "Thus saith the Lord, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah."

The acceptance of Mary's Son by Joseph, according to the instructions of Gabriel, gives Christ the legal right to the throne. And because He was not the actual son of Joseph, He avoids the curse pronounced upon Jeconiah's line. But other prophecies indicate that Messiah is to be David's son. So the union of the two lines of Solomon and Nathan through Joseph and Mary completely fulfills the prophecies; Christ avoids the curse on Coniah's line and becomes heir to the throne by the union of the lines of Joseph and Mary.

Thus the great truth of the virgin birth is authenticated and guarded. This truth is a vital article of our Christian faith, and God has wonderfully ordained the fulfillment of these marvelous prophecies in a way which strengthens our faith.

# Is there a missing ingredient?

It probably happens in every family at one time or another! The parents and children sit down to eat. Dad prays and the plates are passed. Mother, too busy serving to take a bite, notices the family isn't pitching into the meal with the usual gusto.

Finally she sits down and tastes the food. She exclaims, "Oh, I know what's wrong! I forgot to add the salt."

It happens in spiritual life too. Sometimes it grows tasteless or ineffective. Perhaps this is the reason—an important ingredient is missing. There is no salt.

Jesus said to His disciples, "You are the earth's salt. But if the salt should become tasteless, what can make it salt again? It is completely useless and can only be thrown out of doors and stamped underfoot" (Matthew 5:13, Phillips).

There is a saltiness in New Testament Christianity. Have we lost it?

In the beginning the Church was not very popular. The preaching of the apostles was as salt to the people, not sugar. They spoke out against sin and were slain for their courage. But the Church grew. Reliable historians tell us the martyrs were a great multitude.

Why did the Church grow when a man's faith in Christ might cost him his life? Was it not because the gospel was appetizing in those days? There was a saltiness to the message. It challenged people to give up all their sin and pride and obey Christ no matter what it might cost. There were no hypocrites in the Church then. It was all or nothing. They followed Christ all the way. They had the real thing, and their genuineness made others hungry for what they had.

When the apostles began to preach the gospel they

were ridiculed by the ablest satirists of the day. Every foul crime was charged against the converts. They were tortured, humiliated, thrown to wild beasts, but for every one who fell a hundred new believers took a stand for Christ.

Can't you imagine what texts meant the most to the believers in those days? No doubt one was 2 Timothy 3:12—"All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." And another was the saying of Christ himself, "I have not come to send peace on earth, but a sword!" These texts were relevant then. Should we ignore them today?

If mankind of Nero's day could not be regenerated without a baptism of blood, can we expect to see our generation changed without some persecution of the true Church? If aggression is one side of the coin of evangelism, persecution is the other. Opposition is the inevitable outcome of a true missionary spirit. The two are inseparable as action and reaction.

Persecution is no mere accident in the life of the Church. It is an essential ingredient. It may not come in the form of martyrdom; opposition these days may be very subtle, but it is none the less real and none the less hard on the flesh.

Is there saltiness in our message? Is there a sharp edge on our sword? Or have we ceased to strike at the world's sin—and is this why the world has ceased to strike back?

Persecution presupposes a live, spiritual, powerful Church. Lack of it may imply the contrary and indicate there is an important ingredient missing in our Christianity.

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