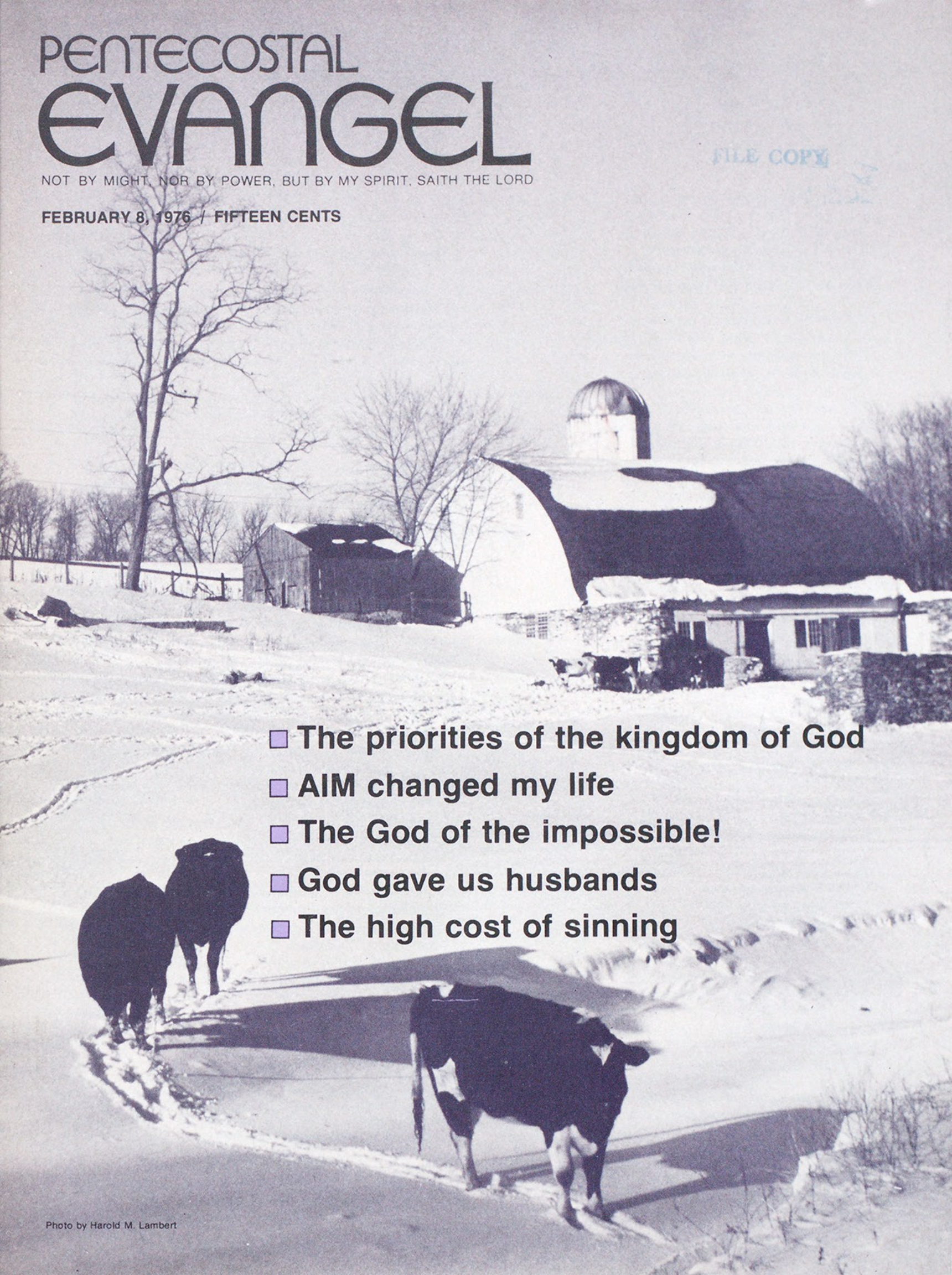


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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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The shepherd's heart

*You are the trip I did not take.
You are my silver and my gold.
You are the temple I did not make.
You are the joy that makes me bold.*

*Others may say my life was vain.
Others may question, "Why this waste?"
They did not see you in your pain—
Lost and alone, in sin encased.*

*I heard your cry, "O Lord, forgive. . . ."
I saw the tears that cleansed your soul.
I saw you rise and walk and live!
God's grace alone had made you whole.*

*For you I gladly take the cup—
The thorns, the nails, the jeers, the loss.
You are the life I've given up.
You—the fulfillment of my cross.*

—ROBERTA LASHLEY BONNICI

Beautiful feet*

*The Macedonian cry still rings
From dim antiquity,
But world-deaf ears have quenched the sound,
And blind eyes cannot see
The hoards of heathen hands outstretched
In shadowed lands afar.
The zeal for souls has been replaced,
And now the church bazaar
Is reaching out to dying men
Who plod their way to hell.
But oh! The Lord still has His few
Who blaze new paths to tell!*

*How beautiful the feet of those
Upon the mountain trail
Who bring good tidings, publish peace,
And glory in travail!
How beautiful those precious feet,
Though calloused, bruised, and sore,
Who take salvation's word of hope
Beyond their favored shore.*

*The God of Israel still reigns
On Zion's holy hill.
The Macedonian cry goes forth
To 'whosoever will.'
So quit you now this bed of ease;
God's army won't retreat;
Oh, come ye out and bear the news
On swift and lovely feet.*

—MARY MASON

*Based on Isaiah 52:7

Plop! comes the mud

We were driving on a graveled road in a park. It had rained the night before, and at one undrained spot we had to drive through a large pool of mud.

Just beyond the mudhole we met a car, perhaps from a nearby church camp, for on its front we noted the motto, "For Christ and the Church."

I noticed this car was going to meet the car behind us right at the mudhole, and I had visions of his splattering the car with mud because he was moving at a pretty good clip.

No, that won't happen, I thought. The driver is a Christian, probably a preacher, and he'll be courteous.

I watched in my rearview mirror to see what would happen. The Christian driver's announced profession hadn't affected his road manners. The car behind us was thoroughly splattered, motto notwithstanding.

Really ridiculous, isn't it? First one sees the noble ideal: "For Christ and the Church." Then plop! comes the mud.

Is this the impact of our Lord and His church?

No doubt this little incident should be called an accident—and not a serious one. Cars can be washed. But doesn't the whole thing strike you as symbolic?

Millions profess to be followers of Jesus. Churches dot our landscape. The Bible is distributed as the blueprint of the Christian life. Shouldn't Christians be different from those who make no profession?

Many of them are. Christ has transformed countless lives and made them a beautiful contrast to what they once were. But the unpleasant fact remains that many Christians are still throwing mud.

Those outside the faith have no trouble pointing out numerous examples of inconsistency between our profession and our performance. Our believing doesn't always issue in behaving.

Are we the same people we have always been, living our unchanged lives in an unchanged world? Or does the gospel actually have the power to grab hold and set life on a new course? Questions like these need tending to.

One friend told me of a man in his town who beat his wife with a wall motto which read, "God Bless Our Home"!

—M. P. HORBAN

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A Sunday school teacher addressed her class one morning with the question, "What is a Christian?" One young fellow answered, "A Christian is somebody who doesn't cheat the preacher, or tell lies on Sunday, or cuss in church."

Well, perhaps that's the idea he had learned at home. A lot of people reveal a basic misunderstanding of what constitutes true religion and morality.

It's easy to miss God in religion—any religion.

One way is to think of religion as only a form. Obey the rules. Follow the procedures. Go through the ceremonies. Say the right words. Observe the right days. Know the right doctrines.

It's all very neat. No fundamental principles to guide us. No eternal values to challenge us. We simply learn "how to do it," and God doesn't even have to get involved in our lives or change our priorities.

That's the way the Scribes and Pharisees did it. They paid "tithe of mint and anise and cummin," Jesus said, but "omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith" (Matthew 23:23). They could murder the Son of God, and yet be religiously scrupulous about where to put the blood money.

It is said that although Herod the Great would not eat pork because it was against his religion, he thought nothing of murdering members of his own family.

So if religion consists only in outward form, it can be adjusted quite easily to fit our personal plans and desires. Moral principles become irrelevant. So does God.

Another way to miss the real point is to put the main emphasis

in religion on relationships. In this approach, "belonging" is the thing. Don't talk about a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Just be firmly tied to the institution. Be a member. Hold office. Get involved in projects. Spend time and money on good causes. Be accepted. Have a rich spiritual heritage. Point with pride to the preachers in the family.

Or mix in a little patriotism. "I'm

THE PRIORITIES OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

a patriotic American, standing firm for God and country. Doesn't that make me a Christian?" A personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and obedience to Him as Lord somehow get lost in the shuffle.

Mrs. Randall is not her real name, but that is what we'll call her. She attended church quite regularly, but showed no evidence of a real commitment to Christ.

So one evening her pastor approached her about her standing with God. Immediately and with a great deal of indignation, she informed him that she had identified with a little white church back in Oklahoma when she was a girl.

The pastor looked at her and replied quietly, "But what would happen if that little white church burned down? Your religion would be gone."

And then another way to miss the truth is to center religion in the emotions. This makes religion a

matter of metaphysics, not morality. It puts it all in the mind and the feelings.

When this happens, religion becomes long on subjective experience but short on objective truth.

Several years ago I walked into a store and proceeded to buy some food items. As I talked with the proprietor, our conversation turned to spiritual things. As long as I live I'll never forget her attitude. I tried to present the objective facts of the gospel to her, but she looked at me esoterically with starry eyes and a tranquil smile. Then she proceeded to inform me that God is in everybody, everything, and that I would discover the Universal All within me through meditative exercises that would release the cosmic dynamic locked within my Godlike potential. (At least, I think that's what she said. Maybe it was the Godlike potential locked within my cosmic dynamic. Or was it the cosmic potential locked . . . ?)

Anyway, this never comes to grips with the real issues of true religion: God, sin, and salvation.

We never find God by rummaging around within our minds or by surfing on the waves of our emotions. We must look beyond ourselves—to Calvary.

The real issue is forgiveness for sin, justification by faith, moral reconciliation with a holy God. The guilty soul does not need meditation; it needs mediation, and the only Mediator between God and man is Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5).

Before we go any farther, it is important to emphasize that observances, relationships and experiences are valuable and proper when they are consistent with Scripture. But they are the result of true religion, not the content of true religion.

And what is the essence of true religion? What really matters with God?

The Bible expresses the answer

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God is not hard to please—
all He asks is the impossible.

THE GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE!

By FORREST SMITH

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Sell everything?" The robed arms lifted imploringly. Black eyes seemed to search heaven for a better answer. "Sell everything, He says!"

Shaking his head, the rich young ruler turned away. The Bible says "he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions" (Matthew 19:22).

This story had a beautiful beginning. The young man came running to Jesus, "and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" (Mark 10:17).

No free rides for him! He was ready to pay. How much is eternal life? Five dollars to the church? Fifty dollars to charity? He was able to pay the price, whatever it might be.

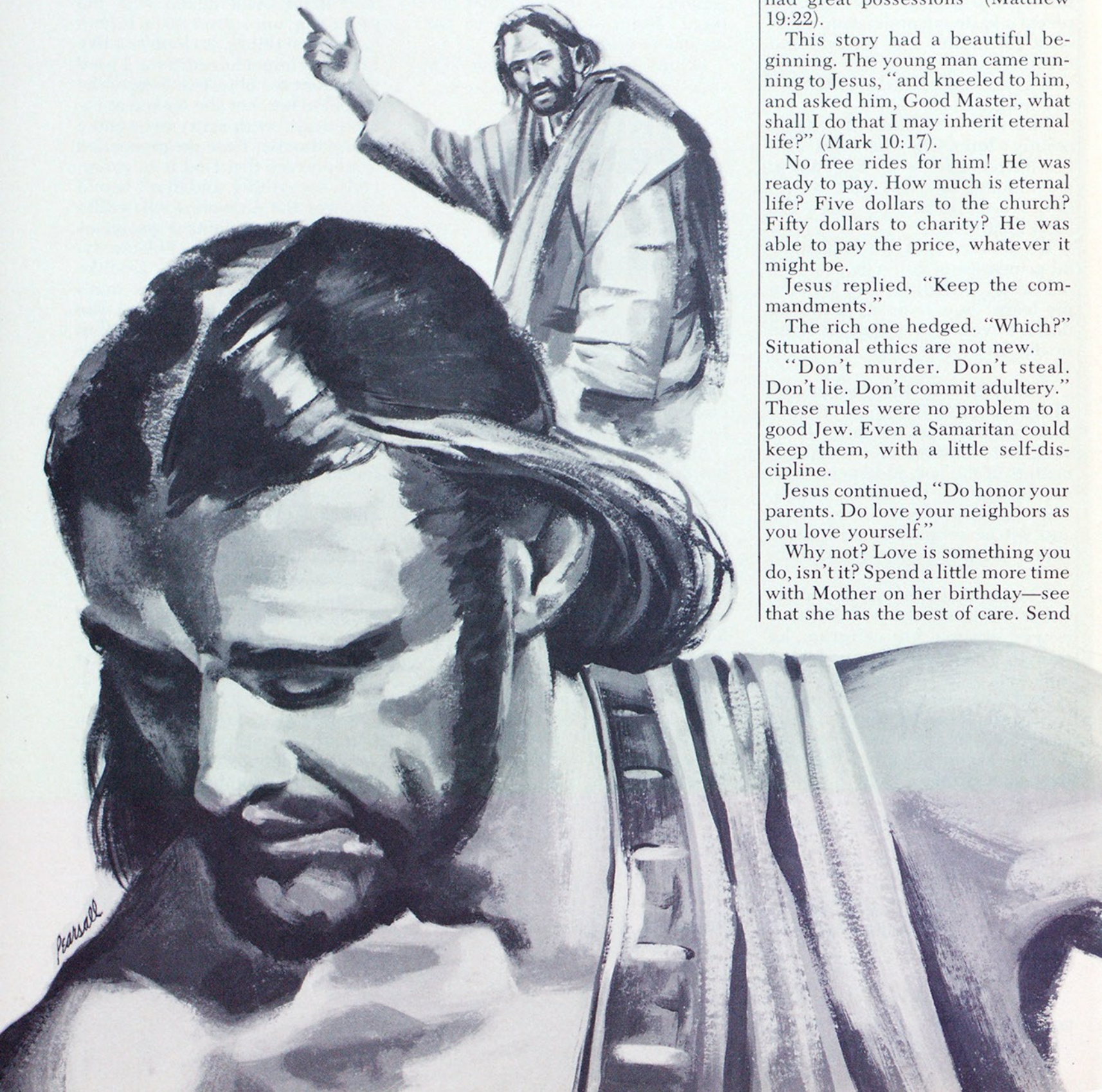
Jesus replied, "Keep the commandments."

The rich one hedged. "Which?" Situational ethics are not new.

"Don't murder. Don't steal. Don't lie. Don't commit adultery." These rules were no problem to a good Jew. Even a Samaritan could keep them, with a little self-discipline.

Jesus continued, "Do honor your parents. Do love your neighbors as you love yourself."

Why not? Love is something you do, isn't it? Spend a little more time with Mother on her birthday—see that she has the best of care. Send



another fifty dollars to Missions. It's deductible, anyway.

Eyes shining, the ruler exclaimed, "Master, I've done that all my life!"

But if everything was so beautiful, why did he still have that void in his soul? Where was the joy of being on good terms with God? He said uncertainly, "What lack I yet?"

And Jesus replied, "If you will be perfect, go and sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me" (Matthew 19:21).

Why didn't Jesus tell him that he simply did not love God? Many of us would have said, "Why, you rascal, you don't even love God! How do you expect to go to heaven?"

But Jesus let him judge himself. The first commandment isn't a matter of self-discipline. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37). How can you fake that?

This man had a real problem. Consider the stringent conditions Jesus placed on his service.

First, *sell* everything. Don't just walk away from it, or turn it over to a committee. Administer it properly. Whether you acknowledge God or not, you're a steward over His goods, and will be held accountable.

And second, give the proceeds of the sale to the *poor*. That isn't as easy as it sounds.

It isn't always possible to sell property. By comparison, this man was a first-century John D. Rockefeller, taking into account the size and nature of his holdings. How do you liquidate an estate like that? The sale of one parcel of land may take many months. A hotel may be on the market for years before the right buyer comes along. Even a used car may sit on the dealer's lot until he almost gives it away to get it out of inventory.

Even if the estate could be sold

in a reasonable period, there would be the problem of distribution. It shouldn't be difficult to give money away, but people who start handing it out in the streets are looked upon with suspicion, and may be in danger of apprehension by men in white!

I was reading about the efforts of an elderly woman to donate some oil property to a church. Her attorney advised against the gift. Then her heirs got into the act, and when she passed away the property was still in her name.

The biography of an American industrialist tells of his efforts in middle life to give away his fortune. He found that his wealth increased faster than he could give it away. When he died, he was still a multimillionaire.

Assuming the rich man could sell the estate for cash, there was still the problem of identification. Jesus said we have the poor with us always, but He didn't identify them.

We may say waggishly, "We searched for the poor, and they are us." But precisely who are the poor? Our modern bureaucracy, with all its computers and swelling personnel rolls, has failed to make a realistic determination. How then could this young ruler make a just distinction between the needy and the greedy?

Some might feel that handing the money to a charitable organization for distribution among the poor is the answer, but statistics in that department are grim. The poor may receive only 7 percent of the money collected for them, the remainder going for administration.

To intrust such a task to hirelings is to invite abuses in the system. The solution seems to be charity on a one-to-one basis. Each case must be judged on its own merits. The obvious drawback is that it

would require several lifetimes to do this.

Evidently Jesus made an impossible demand on the rich young ruler.

But should that seem strange? God has always required the impossible.

He told Moses, "The children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea" (Exodus 14:16).

He told Joshua, "The wall of the city [of Jericho] shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him" (Joshua 6:5).

Jesus told the disciples, "With God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

God desires to reveal himself to man as the God of the impossible!

Some Christians were discussing the virgin birth of Jesus. A tape had been played in which a liberal theologian opted for Joseph as the natural father of our Lord.

As the group kicked the subject around, someone finally exclaimed: "Why should anyone stagger at the virgin birth of Jesus Christ? If God is not the God of the impossible, He is not God at all. If He cannot perform miracles, why serve Him?"

I feel sorry for the rich young ruler. Jesus challenged him to a high calling, and he blew it. Think of the fun he could have had, seeking out the poor and alleviating their suffering. Jesus offered him a lifetime career as charitable administrator, plus eternal life!

Has God made impossible demands on your life? Accept the challenge! Let God prove himself in your situation. Let Him launch you into a career of space-age miracles.

Remember, God receives little glory from the possible.

"Jesus, what lack I yet?"

When He answers, don't run.

All He asks is the impossible!



'BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM'

Just before His ascension to heaven, Jesus commissioned His disciples to "go . . . and teach all nations." Luke's rendering of the Great Commission has always intrigued me: "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47).

This was a pattern for evangelism. Christ reemphasized this when He said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It was His plan that the gospel be preached first at home, then in Judea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth.

The apostles in the Early Church followed this pattern. Peter's message on the Day of Pentecost was preached in Jerusalem. In a brief time the apostles had filled the city with their doctrine (Acts 5:28). They were evangelizing the home front. Their first concern was their own city.

Then persecution scattered the church abroad and soon the gospel was carried to Judea, Samaria, and eventually the uttermost part of the earth; but it had started in Jerusalem—at home.

The Great Commission has never been rescinded. Believers must continue to fulfill this task of evangelism until the Lord comes.

Our ultimate mission is to reach the uttermost part of the world with the gospel, but we must begin where we are right now. Our ability to continue to reach our world effectively through our foreign missions effort depends on broadening and defending our home base. We cannot separate the two. The success of our foreign outreach hinges entirely on the personnel and support supplied by the churches at home. Therefore, we cannot be consistent in fulfilling the Great Commission if we neglect to minister in our Jerusalem.

While we dare not lessen our en-



thusiasm for reaching the world, there must be a proper balance. We need to realize that world evangelism begins at home. Missions starts with our families, our jobs, our towns. We must not neglect those nearby.

In 1971, the 34th General Council meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, felt a great burden for strengthening and expanding our ministry at home. In keeping with this burden, delegates to the General Council expressed a strong sentiment that priority emphasis in the Division of Home Missions be placed on New Church Evangelism. This was to be implemented by creating a department of New Church Evangelism. The prime responsibility of this area was to be the founding and establishing of new churches.

I am happy to report this department has been established and John Ohlin has been appointed as

coordinator of this vital ministry.

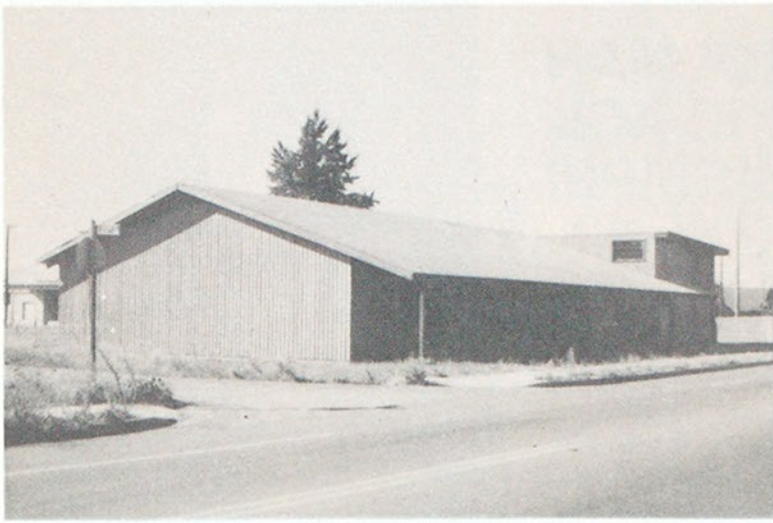
This year the annual Home Missions Rally Emphasis is being given to New Church Evangelism. It is highly appropriate during this Bicentennial, as we celebrate the founding of our great nation, that we keep in sharp focus the vast spiritual needs of our nation. Many of the 215 million persons in our country have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Bicentennial provides an excellent opportunity to remind our fellow Americans not only of the past spiritual heritage, but also of their present need for God. There is no better way to meet this need than to launch new soul-winning outreaches which will develop into new churches.

Let all of us examine our situation to see if we are reaching our home fronts to the best of our abilities. We must maximize our efforts and more fully mobilize all available personnel and resources in the task that lies before us.

Our "Jerusalem" needs to be won for Christ. It will take the united effort, support, and prayer of every Christian to achieve this goal.

JB

By T. F. ZIMMERMAN
General Superintendent



OREGON DISTRICT LAUNCHES NEW ASSEMBLY

Eugene, Ore., with its population of 100,000, is the second largest city in the state. Five-months-old Calvary Assembly, one of four Assemblies of God churches in Eugene, is in an area by itself in the south part of the city.

The new church already has a congregation of 45 and recently added 3 new families. The congregation meets in a smaller chapel while they are remodeling the main sanctuary. The remodeled building will comfortably accommodate 400 people. Remodeling of the educational unit is in the finishing stages.

The Lord has prospered the church until they will be able to take over their \$400 a month building payments soon. Pastor James R. Nielsen advises, "We expect to be running from 100 to 150 in services in six months."

The church is strategically located on one of two main arteries running north and south through the city. It also is in a general residential area with suburban shopping centers.

The University of Oregon with 17,000 students is located only one mile from the church. In fact, the church is on the outer fringes of the university housing. Several apartment complexes house only university students.

There is a story behind this thriving new church.

Pastor Nielsen felt the call of God to Eugene while pastoring in a neighboring city and serving as presbyter over the South Willa-

mette section of which Eugene is a part. But nearly four years and a move out of the section transpired before circumstances made it possible for Brother Nielsen to acquire a building and the backing of the Oregon District to begin a new church there.

The building formerly housed another church which was unable to maintain the facilities. The district assumed the mortgage and obtained an additional loan of \$25,000 for remodeling the building.

Pastor Nielsen and his wife Melvina received official appointment from the district and clearance to itinerate to raise support for salary and loan payments. The district established a beginning monthly budget of \$1,200.

Brother Nielsen conducted the first service August 3, 1975, with a Sunday school attendance of 17. Five families committed themselves to assist in launching this new church. These people were not a part of any other church congregation in the area.

Several Oregon churches got behind the new work and sent volunteer work crews to help get the

Above left: Remodeling on the building for the new Calvary Assembly in Eugene, Ore., is nearly completed. Above: These people make up the congregation of Calvary Assembly. Below: Pastor and Mrs. James R. Nielsen and their children.



remodeling project under way. Pastor Nielsen is a journeyman carpenter by trade and is acting as superintendent of the job. The men of the congregation also help when their schedules permit.

Contributing churches have been requested to consider a two-year commitment to Calvary Assembly and the Niensens; but it appears the congregation will be self-supporting within a year. Thus, funds now supporting the Eugene church may be rechanneled by the district Home Missions Committee into another pioneer project in one of Oregon's several fast-growing areas.

Dedication services will be scheduled early in the year.

The property will have an estimated value of about \$200,000, and indebtedness on the plant will be only \$44,000.

The potential for Calvary Assembly's growth and full-gospel ministry is almost unlimited. *EB*

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HIGHWAY PATROLMAN PASTORS NEW BLACK CHURCH IN MISSISSIPPI

A new Assemblies of God church opened in Bay Springs, Miss., September 12, 1975. One of many new Assemblies of God churches opened in 1975, it would not appear to be a unique occurrence except that the congregation is black and the pastor is a white highway patrolman.

The story of the church is woven in the following testimony of the patrolman, O. W. Eubanks.

A Christian should not say what he is going to do or what he is not going to do, as far as the Lord's work is concerned. If a Christian obeys God, he might find himself doing things he said he would never do. That's what happened to me. I never dreamed I would be doing this kind of witnessing.

I have been a Mississippi highway patrolman for over 11 years. I joined the patrol in 1964 during the racial crisis in Mississippi. I was on riot detail a lot and most of the time was involved in everything rough. I was a sinner, and I liked that rough stuff.

I also had a foul mouth and said anything that came into my head. But God dealt with me, and if He could change me, He can change anyone.

I came out of the Army in 1950 and went to work in Memphis, Tenn. I also met my wife there.

I was saved in a Baptist church in Memphis and later ordained as a deacon. Of course, they don't teach the baptism in the Holy Spirit, so I let the devil get the best of me.

In 1970, the Holy Spirit started convicting me again. Sometimes it seems the Lord has to hit you between the eyes to get your attention. One of my daughters was killed in a car wreck. She was 20 years old and had been married about a year. That accident got our attention, and my wife (whose father was a Pentecostal preacher)

started going to an Assemblies of God church with her sister.

About this time I was having terrible pain from a pinched nerve in my back. Two Assemblies of God ministers came to visit me in the hospital where I had gone for tests. Before they left they asked if I wanted them to pray for me, and I told them I did. When they started praying they acted as if they knew the one they were talking to.

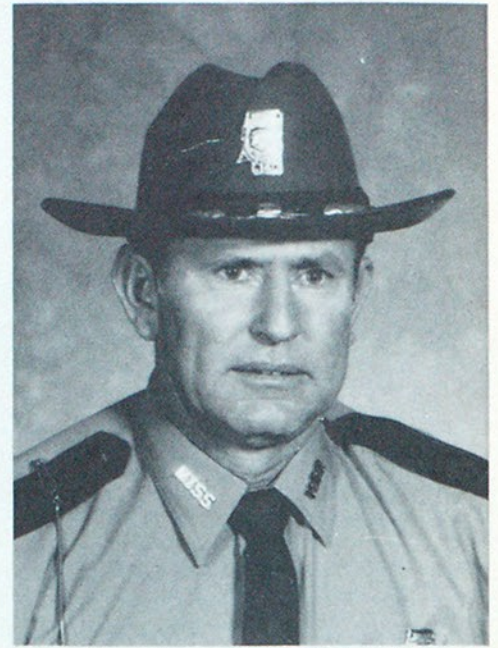
God touched me, and the next day the doctor came and checked my back. He had me get up and bend over. He said he had never seen anyone with back trouble like mine. He asked if it hurt anymore, and I said *no*. He let me go home, and I went to church with my wife that Sunday.

My back began hurting again during the service. After the service the preacher asked if I wanted to be prayed for again, and I said *yes*. The church people gathered around me and prayed. Instantly the pain left. The Lord had healed me.

I started going to church again and living for the Lord. On January 30, 1971, God filled me with the Holy Spirit, and I really got down to business.

After I was filled I began to witness to people. I'd take my Bible with me in the patrol car. When an opportunity came I'd tell people about the Lord and about the Holy Spirit.

One night at a roadblock on Interstate 59 a young patrolman and I were checking everything that came through. Two black fellows in a car we stopped had some beer with them. Since it was a dry county, I had to charge them with possession of illegal liquor. I began telling them about the Lord and said that liquor was a tool of the devil. One of the men was really interested and listened hungrily to what I was saying.



Patrolman O. W. Eubanks

A few days after the incident, this man, Joe Pickens, came to see me. He told me I had done something to him the other night; but I told him God did something to him, not me. He broke down and started crying. Before long he and four of his daughters were saved and received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The news soon spread. Brother Pickens and I both talked to many people. Black people would ask me to come by their houses when I had time to talk to them. They would get their friends and neighbors, and we would pray.

A white minister from Laurel, Miss., told District Superintendent F. L. Langley that we were having a Bible study. Brother Langley contacted us and told us he wanted to give us district support. I told him we hadn't been having a regular Bible study but we would certainly start one.

In the summer of 1974, we began holding a Bible study in Ada Parker's one-room church, with five people present including my wife. The work grew, and we started a Sunday school that met at 2 p.m. because we were still involved Sunday mornings in another Assemblies of God church. But we soon felt we should give all our attention to this new work.

In December of 1974, we began to share the facilities of a black church, the Morningstar Baptist Church, which had a big auditorium and two Sunday school rooms.



Sunday morning attendance at the new Assemblies of God church in Bay Springs, Miss., averages 40 for worship and 35 for Sunday school.

Our Sunday school attendance was in the low 20's. We began to have revivals, and in one revival 11 people received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Now most of the attendants have received the Holy Spirit.

About 45 people have been saved since Brother Pickens was converted. The average church attendance now is 40 on Sunday morning and 35 for Sunday school. We have a Sunday school superintendent, four Sunday school teachers, and three assistant teachers.

Our Sunday school superintendent used to be a bootlegger. He accepted Christ as Saviour one night when we were praying at his house. His wife had visited my wife; they had prayed, and the woman was saved and filled with the Spirit. Some time later while we were praying at her house, her husband came home after having a beer or two. The Holy Spirit convicted him, and the man surrendered to the Lord that night.

Later he gave his testimony and said, "After you left, I could taste that beer in my mouth. So I went in, got the Ivory soap and toothbrush and washed my mouth out. I said, 'Lord, you've forgiven me all this, and I'll never put that junk in my mouth again.'" Later he and two of his children were filled with the Holy Spirit.

There has been some grumbling and opposition to the church but nothing that God can't handle. The Bible says if you hate your brother it is the same as murdering him. If a man is a child of God, then he's your brother. I don't care what color he is, you have a duty to witness to him.

People I know have talked to me about the church many times. One fellow told me his minister (Baptist) said the black people should have their own preachers. I told him his minister had better get down on his

knees and talk to God because Jesus went to the Samaritans and anybody else that needed Him.

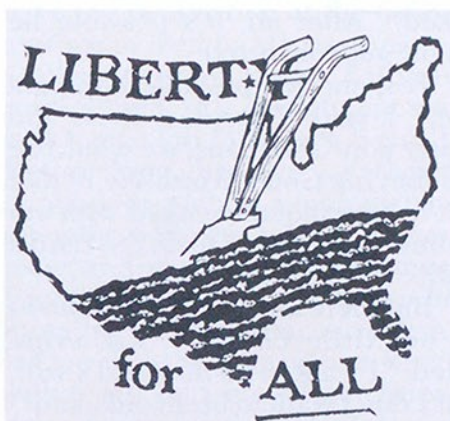
We have had help from other churches and people. Brother Langley has helped us financially, and a district home missions work gave us 12 pews from their mission in Natchez. We also received literature and songbooks from the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade.

We are not receiving any salary or money from this church. All the income goes for expenses or into a building fund. This year we took in \$3,400. That's not much, but we bought a piano and an acre of land. We're planning on starting a building before long.

Brother Langley and P. T. Palmer, district secretary-treasurer, came and accepted us into the Assemblies of God fellowship. We are now officially the Bay Springs Assembly.

My wife has backed me wholeheartedly with her prayers. She has a great burden to see souls saved. She visits so much for the church she hardly has time for her other work.

Since the Lord started this work, I know it is His will for many more souls to be added. It is evident His blessing has been upon the church from its beginning.

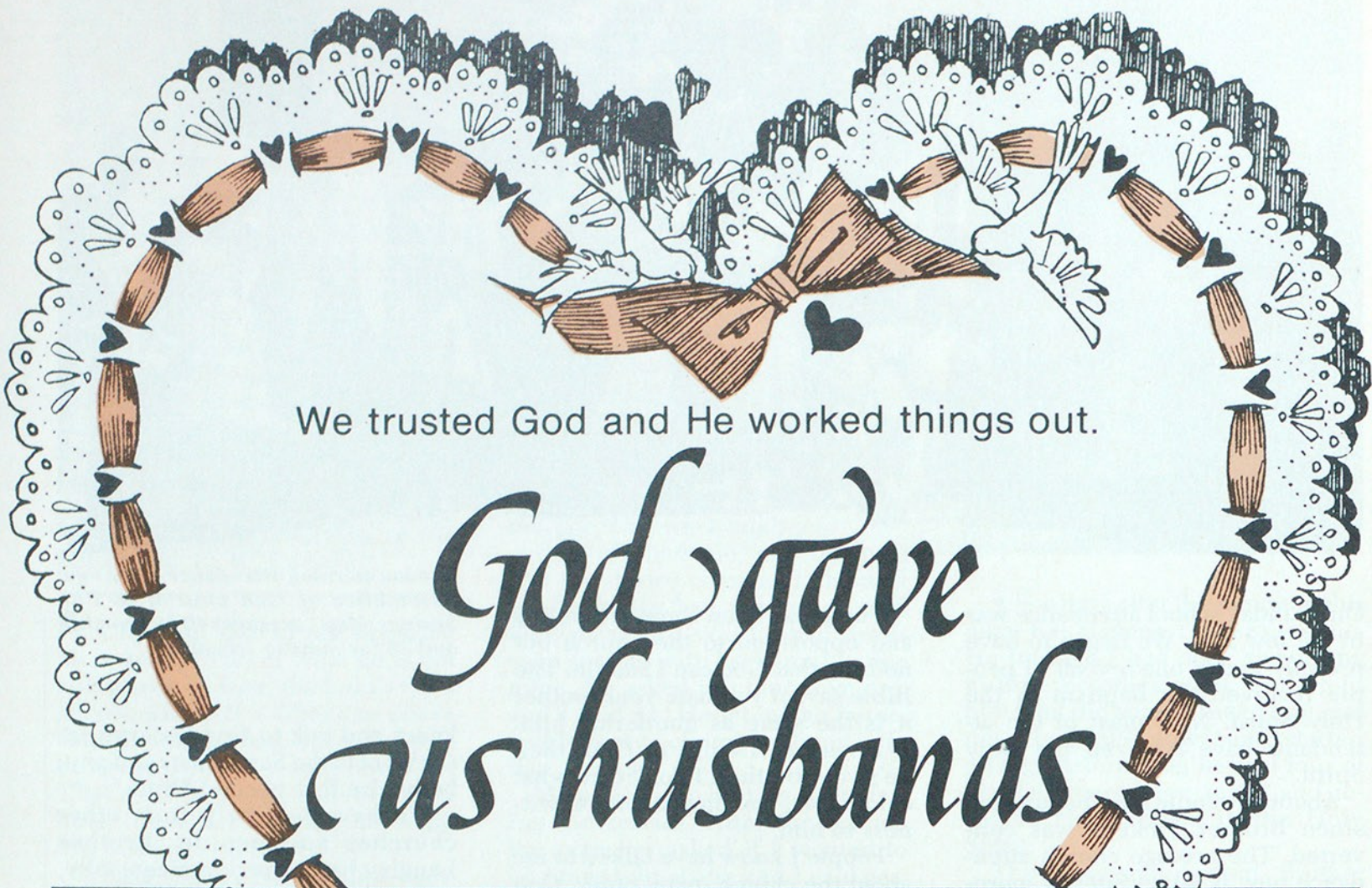


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I know the preacher says a believer shouldn't be unequally yoked with unbelievers," exclaimed my sister Katherine. "But do you think it would be wrong just to date someone who isn't a Christian? You know, that smooth-looking fellow, Bob, has been asking me for dates; and so far I've been turning him down. Do you really think it would be wrong?"

I nodded my head. "It isn't easy to turn down a good-looking guy," I said. "But you know what our pastor says. If a Christian dates a non-Christian, she might end up by marrying him and regretting it."

By **BERTHA RICH**
as told to Muriel Larson

"But would it be so wrong to marry a non-Christian?" Katherine asked. "After all, it's possible he might get converted."

"Yes, and it's possible he might not," I said. "Besides, if we did marry non-Christians, we would be disobeying God's Word. We're told not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers. We want to do the Lord's will!"

"But there are no eligible fellows in our little church!" Katherine cried. "I want to do the Lord's will, but I don't want to be an old maid!"

"Don't you think the Lord knows that, Katherine?" I replied. "But so far, we've prayed for the Lord's perfect will in our lives in everything. Why don't we just keep waiting and see what He has planned for us?"

"Well, okay," she agreed reluc-

tantly. "You're right, of course."

Katherine and I had grown up in a non-Christian home, never going to church. As teenagers we left home, and afterward we both came to know Christ as our personal Saviour. We started living for Him and trusting in His guidance.

The way He worked things out in the matter of marriage has made us both very grateful.

Shortly after the above conversation took place, Katherine met a Christian boy stationed at an Army base some miles away. He started coming down to see her, and before long they were engaged.

"Katherine, you're not really in love with Johnny, are you?" I asked, when she told me of the en-

gagement. "You certainly haven't acted like a girl in love."

"Well, no, sis," she admitted. "I don't love Johnny. But he's a nice boy, and he is a Christian. When he gets discharged from the Army, he wants me to go to North Carolina to meet his family and spend a few days with them."

"Do you really think it's a good idea to marry a boy you don't love, even though he's a Christian? Have you talked to the Lord about it?"

"Of course," she answered. "You know I want to do God's will. But I don't want to be an old maid."

"I have a feeling that even though you've prayed to the Lord about this, you may have closed your mind to His answer," I said. "Well, I'm going to pray for you, that whatever His will is, He will make it very plain."

Soon Johnny was discharged and Katherine went to North Carolina to visit his family. After she left, I started getting ready to visit some Christian friends of ours in Mississippi.

As I was packing, the phone rang. It was a call from North Carolina. "Your sister has been in an automobile accident, and she's in the hospital."

"Is she hurt badly?" I cried. "How is she?"

"She isn't hurt too badly," came the answer. "She'll just have to stay in the hospital for a few days and can then be released."

Reassured, I finished packing. My friends in Mississippi were expecting me, and I felt I should go ahead with my plans. But when I got there, I kept thinking about Katherine and wondering how she was. After a few days, I begged leave to go to North Carolina and check on Katherine.

"We understand," said one of my friends. "And maybe you two will give consideration to my invitation to come out here to Mississippi and live with us. We'd love to have you."

I nodded and smiled. "We'll pray about it," I answered appreciatively.

I didn't know it, but this was part of God's plan to lead Katherine and me to the place of His perfect will. He had a beautiful plan laid out for us.

When I arrived in North Carolina, I found Katherine had recovered enough to be released from the hospital. As we returned to Evergreen, Alabama, we talked.

"Having that accident made me realize that it wasn't the Lord's will for me to marry Johnny," Katherine told me. "And I did a lot of other thinking, too. I don't want to go back to working in the factory. I want to get into some better work. Besides, the doctor told me that for a while at least I won't be able to do the factory work."

"Well, what else can we do?" I wondered. "We don't have the education to do much else."

"We can try," she said.

"Our friends in Mississippi want us to come and live with them," I said.

"Well, why don't we pray about it?" she responded.

So we did, and we both felt impressed that this was God's will. I gave my resignation at the factory, and we moved to Mississippi.

When we got there, Katherine started work in a department store and I got a job in Kress's 5 and 10. Before long, however, Katherine applied for a job as a long-distance operator with the telephone company, and was hired. I applied, and I was turned down. Katherine had more high school education than I.

One day the manager at Kress's called me into his office. *Have I done something wrong?* I wondered. *Am I going to get fired?*

"You've been doing a good job," the manager said. "I have an opening in the office, and I would like you to take it. Would you like that?"

"Oh, yes," I exclaimed. "I'd love

to work in the office! But I don't have much high school education."

"Well, let's make a deal," he suggested. "You try the job for a few weeks, and if you don't feel you can do it, you can let me know. And if I don't think you can do it, I'll let you know. Okay?"

"Oh, yes, sir," I cried happily. I could hardly believe this was happening to me.

How I prayed that the Lord would help me to do the office work properly, in spite of my total lack of training in the field! And He did. I caught on quickly and enjoyed the work.

A year later my sister's supervisor at the telephone company said to her, "I understand your sister Bertha has been working in the office at Kress's. If she's able to do that work, then maybe she could work for us. If she's interested, tell her to come in and see me."

Shortly after that I went to work for the telephone company as a long-distance operator. Again I leaned hard on the Lord for His wisdom and help. Again He gave it.

By this time there was someone else I was looking up to, also. I was frequently asking his prayers, for he was a dedicated young Christian man I had met in our church in Mississippi. And we were now engaged.

Katherine also was engaged to a fine Christian man from this church, whom she loved very much.

I was married in October of that year at the ripe old age of 23. Katherine was married a month later to the man God had chosen for her.

We are glad we waited on the Lord for the right man. We both have had wonderful, happy marriages.

As I see how many Christian wives have to come to church alone, year after year, how glad I am that I never compromised by entering into an unequal yoke.

THE NEW 'BEDROOM

Modern marriages provide an affluent market. Male and female believers are being seduced by bits of shabbiness masquerading as Christian "sexperts" who ladle bedroom advice at best-seller prices.

A new interpretation for the believer's wife is being developed with alluring profit potential to the promoters. *It's a new packaging.* You wrap the charismatic sparkle in today's expression of sex, and hopelessly produce the ideal woman. The feeling is that it is something our mothers and grandmothers should have known. They were inhibited and suffered discrimination.

It goes like this: "In a few weeks' time she can revive romance, re-establish communication, break down barriers, and put sizzle back in her marriage. It is really up to her. She has the power." It's an enticing package.

This article is a condensed chapter from *Revivaltime's* new book, *Can You Mix Sex With Old-time Religion?* written by C. M. Ward.

No one will quarrel with the goal—to save marriages. It's our biggest social problem. Divorce is one of the church's most thorny questions.

The believer's wife moves in a world where the surge among women is to achieve *personal fulfillment*. The question pressing is how to accomplish this individual fulfillment and save her marriage.

Get ready for the new pitch: "Save them with super sex—a combination of fire within and flash without."

Some theologians, looking at this new advance, meet it head-on with unvarnished comments—"an unadulterated plea for the playboy/playgirl, he-man/sex bomb mentality, unbelievably baptized with a Christian veneer."

By C. M. WARD

The plea to save the believer's marriage with this new formula is alluring: "It is only when a woman surrenders her life to her husband, reveres and worships him, and is willing to serve him, that she becomes really beautiful to him. She becomes a priceless jewel, the glory of femininity, his queen." That ought to have unsaved men breaking down the doors of the church wanting to get in to partake of these rare benefits.

It's a promising text: "Get back in the home! Be homemaker, cook, nurse, and seductress. Accept him, admire him, adapt to him, appreciate him."

When you cut down into the marrow, there's a frightening aspect to this new evangelism. It asks the believer's wife to assume that every believer-husband is essentially unfaithful—that believing wives must daily predicate their conduct on this premise *since they can count on the infidelity of their husbands*—which leads to a frantic attempt to keep him interested.

THE PRIORITIES OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

(Continued from page 3)

in various ways. In Matthew 23:23 Jesus said that "judgment, mercy, and faith" are the "weightier matters of the law." In Galatians 5:6 the emphasis is on "faith which worketh by love."

And in Romans 14:17 we read: "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

These passages and others like them all refer to the same thing. They describe the substance of true religion (that is, true Christianity).

So let's examine the priorities of the kingdom of God as listed in Romans 14:17.

First, righteousness. True religion is a matter of the heart, that is, the will. Unless the heart is right, there is no acceptance or fellowship with God, no genuine Christian experience. Without holiness no man shall see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14). It is the pure in heart who shall see God (Matthew 5:8).

So then, morality has top priority with God. Calvary proves that. Christ came "to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Hebrews 9:26). He gave himself for us "that he might redeem us from all iniquity" (Titus 2:14).

God means business about righteousness. If He didn't, He wouldn't have done what He did at the cross to bring righteousness to us, and to make us righteous.

Then peace. Peace is more than a calm feeling. It is unconditional surrender, a cessation of hostili-

ties, reconciliation with God, total agreement with Him and full harmony with His will. It is the heart in a right relationship with God, resulting in a clear conscience and a satisfied mind. It implies trust, confidence, faith. Peace with God brings the peace of God to the soul.

Where the heart no longer struggles against the will of God, there God's kingdom rules. There is peace.

And then we have joy in the Holy Ghost! "The Spirit [himself] beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16).

Being God's children we obey the Spirit and walk in the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is evident in our lives. No longer do we resist the efforts of the Spirit to get

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It's hardly the marriage contract to which we pledged our troth, which stresses the mutual commitment. "And forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him (or her) so long as ye both shall live." The new evangelism would revise the vows to read: "And forsaking all other, keep thee only unto her so long as she daily keeps you *interested*."

I agree with practical, common-sense attitudes. They are inherent in a Christian woman, or they ought to be. But the thought that the Christian husband is some feudal lord has long since disappeared. Marriage isn't a certificate of ownership. *It's an agreement to partnership.* The gospel does not impose upon a believer's wife that she must be under her husband's rule. There's a difference between being a *serf* and a *sweetheart*.

She is told these victories can't be won in the prayer room or at the altar. They are won at the hairdresser's and the lingerie shop!

Oh yes! There is a spiritual sound

to the whole concept. You are, in the words of those showcasing these boudoir and marital victories, to "plug in" to the ultimate "power source."

There's tremendous faith that this new marriage of sex and old-time religion will reduce the casualties among believers' marriages. All that has been needed is to call upon the flesh to bolster the spiritual.

Seduction, with marriage certificate in hand, is the new order of the day—whatever, whenever, and wherever. And the idea is that after this total liberation of spirit and body, believer participants will be so "turned on" by these undreamed, titillating pleasures that they will crowd the churches to testify and give unending thanks for this harem-heaven-come-to-pass. It's a pitch that will find a lot of customers.

It's all in a religious framework. *As though putting a religious connotation to something makes it legitimate and spiritual.* It's the old


sales pitch that the end always justifies the means.

Paul posed this problem to the world-oriented and sophisticated Romans, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Romans 6:1, 2). *You can't use a world system to effect God's will.*

Marriage, to survive, has to be built on something more than sex and servility.

The new evangelism is a long way from a partnership of two equal, intelligent people. It is not just a putdown of women but of men as well.

Somehow the pulpit must find a better message. God always builds a "backfire" of genuine, Book-of-Acts revival in times of great social upheaval. Today is no exception.


It's another world than the world of grandfather. Today's world is one of rockets, revolution, and rock. But there are values which do not change. 

us to obey the truth. Instead, we have received the love of the truth and welcome the illumination of the Spirit gladly.

The Holy Spirit shows us "the things that are freely given to us of God" (1 Corinthians 2:12). His presence and ministry in our lives result in "joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:8).

This is the happy, abundant life. This is the real Christian life.

And it can be your life now if you accept God's priorities as your priorities. Jesus said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

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Sunday School Lesson for February 15, 1976
LUKE 19:28-44

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP / South-Eastern Bible College
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Christ was on His way to Jerusalem for the last time, moving toward Calvary. To fulfill prophecy and to make it clear to Israel that He was a king—whether they accepted Him or not—it was necessary for Christ to proclaim His kingship publicly. Otherwise, the Jewish nation would have said, “Why blame us for rejecting Him as Messiah? He did not claim to be our King.” For this reason Christ approached Jerusalem riding upon an ass, the symbol of peaceful rulership.

In Luke’s account of the Triumphal Entry, the following matters stand out:

THE PRAISE OF THE DISCIPLES (vv. 28-38)

As Christ rode along, the enthusiastic multitudes began to “praise God with a loud voice.”

1. They praised Him “for all the mighty works that they had seen”—particularly for the recent raising of Lazarus from the dead (John 12:17, 18).

2. They praised Him because they recognized Him as the “King that cometh in the name of the Lord” (v. 38).

HAVE YOU GIVEN YOURS?



THE PROTEST OF THE PHARISEES (vv. 39, 40)

The Pharisees objected to the display of religious emotion because they had no real depth of spiritual life themselves and so could not understand or appreciate it in others. Notice that they did not see Him as “King,” but only as “Master”; that is, a teacher.

Pentecostals have been criticized for their emotionalism and branded as spiritually immature, fanatical, and inconsistent in their living. While such criticism may be deserved by some, it certainly cannot be applied to all. Christ approved of the emotionalism of the multitude. Before ruling emotional display out of religious worship consider the following:

1. *Emotional expression is evidenced in every other realm of life.* For example, what would be the result if the emotional appeal were omitted from the stage and screen, from radio, from advertising, from athletic contests, and from the political platform? If a man experiences emotional response when participating in or surveying an athletic contest, why should it be considered strange and unnatural if he responds emotionally when he comes into contact with the living God?

2. *Those who insist upon religious worship without emotional expression will find no scriptural support for their views.* No one can read the Psalms, for example, or the Acts of the Apostles, and fail to discover there was considerable emotional expression on the part of those who loved the Lord in their day!

THE PAIN OF CHRIST (vv. 41, 42)

“At the grave of Lazarus He had dropped silent tears, but here He wept aloud. All the shame of His mockery, all the anguish of His torture was powerless to extort from Him a single groan or to wet His eyelids with one trickling tear; but here all the pity that was in Him overmastered His human spirit, and He not only wept, but broke into a passion of lamentation in which the choked voice seemed to struggle for its utterance.” He wept aloud because He knew what the nation of Israel would suffer for its rejection of God’s appointed Saviour.

Christ’s words contain a revelation of special privileges and a warning against dangerous possibilities.

1. *There are things which in this day belong to our peace*—salvation from the guilt of sin through Christ’s blood; deliverance from the power of sin in one’s life, by identification with Him in His death, burial, and resurrection; the ministry of the Holy Spirit for character development and Christian service.

2. *There is the possibility of these things being hidden from our eyes* through the blinding effects of sin, pride, selfishness, and indifference.

THE PREDICTION OF CHRIST (vv. 43, 44)

In about 40 years these terrible words were fulfilled. General Titus, at the command of the Roman emperor, Vespasian, invaded the city and leveled it to the ground, slaughtering women and children. Why?

“Because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.”

Is not our situation today similar? Surely this is *our* day of visitation—for our nation, our churches, and our individual lives. Let us be aware of our opportunities and enter into our spiritual privileges now while there is time!

UNIFIED FOR A PURPOSE

By THOMAS LaMANCE

There is something of a Dr. Jekyll and a Mr. Hyde in all of us; a Don Quixote trying to ride in every direction at the same time. For there are within us desires, hungers, ideals, affections, loyalties, and emotions which clash with each other, and very often within themselves.

When there is internal dissension through conflicting interests, desires, and purposes our inner resources are dissipated and burned up, and failure in some form is inevitable. Despair and unhappiness are bound to follow.

The very terms we use to describe the behavior of disorganized living tell the story in themselves. We say certain persons "go to pieces," "fly off the handle," "become scatterbrained." A mature and whole person is a supreme work of art—a symphony whose constituent factors are noises that by themselves can be raucous and dissonant, and whose glory lies in the way they are put together.

Such a person has learned how to achieve a balance among these competing inner forces. For this sort of person, life is organized around a common center, and that center makes possible a redirection of life forces. The psychologists call it "integration," which is another term for "making the human personality whole, unified."


But integration in itself is not enough. Much depends upon the center around which our lives are focused and organized. One of the most potent personalities of his-

tory was the French emperor, Napoleon. Someone called him "organized victory." To an extraordinary degree, he got himself together, and focused his life around a tremendous driving power. Psychologically speaking, he was all of a piece. But he almost wrecked Europe.

Napoleon illustrated the difference between a strong person and a good person. Unfortunately, a life of integration does not always mean a life of integrity. The fact is, life can be integrated on a high level or on a low level; it makes all

the difference in the world on which level the integration takes place. One of the most dangerous characters in the world today is a character integrated on a low level.

It is at this point that Christianity makes a great contribution. For Christianity offers us the highest possible level for focusing our lives. Millions of persons have discovered that when Jesus becomes the center around which life is organized, they achieve a quality of life unsurpassed.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." All these other things shall fall into their proper place and we shall be integrated personalities if God is put first. 

PRAYER ANSWERED FOR BABY AND MOTHER

OUR BABY GIRL was born in a breech position and as a result she did not breathe on her own for about 10 minutes. The doctor had to breathe for her. But God had His hand on her, and she then started breathing. The doctor told me it wasn't anything he did that saved her life, but the prayers that went up to God for her.

We praised God for this, but the Lord wasn't through showing us His healing power. The following day the baby doctor told me she might have some brain damage due to the lack of oxygen at birth.

I called our pastor and my husband back to the hospital, and everyone began to pray that God would again intervene for little Amanda Beth. Our church and several others in the area had special prayer for her. We were able to take her home 5 days after she was born.

The Lord kept reassuring me in

many ways that she was completely whole. But the devil tries every way to cause God's children pain and torment. I was haunted by fear that there might be something wrong with our baby, and it seemed I couldn't get victory over it.

During a revival in our church I went forward with my husband to be anointed and have prayer that God would deliver me from fear and give me the assurance I needed. God touched me, and His Spirit fell on me. I left church knowing that God had taken care of everything.

The following Wednesday I took our baby for her monthly checkup. The doctor told me there was no sign to indicate any brain damage. We are praising God for her healing and for the assurance that He is able to meet all our needs.

Our daughter is now a year old. She walks, talks, and is progressing normally for her age.—Mrs. Wanda Campbell, Dothan, Ala.

(Endorsed by Pastor Emery Evans, Faith Temple Assembly, Dothan, Ala.)

IN 1933 a national minister came to the African village where Daniel Compaore, then a young boy, lived with his parents. For the first time they heard a gospel message. Daniel and his father accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour. Because Daniel's father was next in line for the chieftainship, their new way of life brought persecution.

However, Daniel continued following Jesus. In 1937, he was baptized in water and later entered Bible school. The year he left school to begin his ministry, Daniel received the Holy Spirit.

After Bible school, Daniel worked with Missionary Harold Jones, printing literature in More, the language of the Mossi, on a Speed-the-Light press. For 20 years Daniel served as foreman of the print shop. At the same time, he had an active preaching ministry.

In 1967 the national church elected Daniel Compaore as general superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Upper Volta. His mature leadership has brought spiritual growth and a new evangelistic thrust to the national church.

Brother Compaore made a recent trip to the United States to present the need for enlarging the Bible school in Upper Volta. He discussed the Assemblies of God ministry in his country with Missionary Del Tarr who has served 14 years in West Africa. Brother Tarr is presently associated with the Assemblies of God Graduate School as Coordinator of the Missions Communication Division.



Missionary DEL TARR interviews DANIEL COMPAORE, Superintendent of the

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est evangelical group in Upper Volta, can we expect to see a great increase in evangelism in the future?

COMPAORE: I have a feeling that our easy days are behind us and the hardest days are ahead; but I don't see that this will limit church growth. In fact, often in difficult times the best growth occurs. I believe that God's Church is going to prevail no matter what the external circumstances are. I look for this rapid growth to continue.

TARR: In the ancient past the Mossi tribe became a great kingdom of warriors. Does this warrior spirit influence the preaching style of the ministers?

COMPAORE: The heart of today's Mossi is still like the heart of the ancient Mossi. The honesty, bravery, and courage of our people is substantiated in every West African country. We see this spirit of integrity as a gift that God has given us, and this gift is helping the Church of Jesus Christ.

TARR: When I traveled in West Africa I saw more organization and planning in the Mossi culture than in many others. Perhaps the ability to plan a job well is part of the unique Mossi talent, as well as integrity and perseverance.

COMPAORE: Our ancient empire

system, which is still in use today, is an example of what you are saying. The present government leans heavily on the ancient system of the Mossi where the emperor could send word to his subchiefs who relayed the message to subordinates, until the word came down to the last man in the kingdom.

We have been able to build on these ancient principles in the work of God. For example, the church organization that the Assemblies of God missionaries brought helped us to remember the tradition and organization that we had had in the past. We took what we considered good from each system and combined them. We're using the best of both worlds.

TARR: Are the pastors elected to their churches? And is the pastor's tenure at his church a lifetime matter?

COMPAORE: Early in the organization of the national church in Upper Volta, when a pastor went to a place, he could stay there as long as he wanted. But we saw that this wasn't the best, that sometimes a church would be helped by a change of pastors. So we've developed a plan to allow the in-

TARR: In 1971, thousands of Christians gathered for the 50th anniversary celebration of the Assemblies of God in Upper Volta. Has the church continued to grow since then?

COMPAORE: The crowd that attended the 50th anniversary was large, but last year, in our biennial convention, we had a much larger crowd. In 1971 we had 25,000 members and adherents; now we have nearly 45,000.

TARR: The Assemblies of God in Upper Volta has had good help from missionaries and also excellent leadership from the Mossi pastors themselves. Since we are the larg-



Assemblies of God of Upper Volta

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dividual churches to ask that their pastors be changed if they so desire.

When we first started this procedure, sometimes a church would abuse it. For instance, if a pastor would say to a particular member, "You need correction, you're not living right," then that member would try to get a faction going in the church to change pastors.

We, as a presbytery, sat hard on this situation. The churches know now that they can change pastors or they can ask a pastor they want to come, but they must follow the traditional Mossi system which is one of slow change, not hotheaded, quick judgments. We feel this has produced a better system.

TARR: The Mossi tribe represents many people in Upper Volta, but there are other tribes also. Are there plans to evangelize tribes such as the Bousanssi and others?

COMPAORE: The Mossi have been doing this for many years. Sometimes they went with a missionary and sometimes they went ahead of the missionary. I can name more than 40 preachers who have gone to other tribes. Five or six went to the Bousanssi tribe 25 years ago. Our present work among the Bousanssi can be traced to these men.

Five preachers have gone to the Gournsi tribe. Also, when our Assemblies of God missionaries wanted to start the work in Northern Ghana, they took Mossi preachers from Upper Volta with them. This procedure was followed when missionaries went into Dahomey, Togo, and Senegal.

When French missionaries went into Ivory Coast, they took Mossi preachers with them. So, with the exception of a few countries such as Nigeria, Mossi preachers have been the right arm of missionaries in all of West Africa. Also, the national church has sent workers to many places where the missionaries could not go.

We want to increase our missionary work. It makes me sad that until now we haven't been able to support those who have gone out, as you Americans have. Two years ago we met and talked about this as a church in Upper Volta. We are going to make a greater effort not just to send people but to take care of those whom we send.

TARR: Do you have particular locations that are target areas?

COMPAORE: Yes, we have sent one evangelist to Senegal but they are asking for more. Missionary John Mattox in Ivory Coast is asking for Mossi preachers to help in that relatively new work.

Niger and Mauritania are countries where missionaries have difficulty getting in. We hope to send some of our preachers there. Also we are supporting a member of the Fulani tribe while he studies in

West Africa Advanced School of Theology (WAAST) in Lome, Togo. When he comes back, he will represent us to the Fulani people in Upper Volta.

TARR: Is the Assemblies of God Bible school in Upper Volta an important part of the plan for advancing the church there?

COMPAORE: The Bible school holds the future for all advancement of the Assemblies of God in Upper Volta. We need more buildings—more dormitories and classrooms—and we are working on that project now. We have classrooms for about 40 students, but this year we've got 150 students studying in these cramped quarters. That's three times the number we normally have had, but even 150 is not enough. Our vision for the future includes young men and women who are willing to give themselves to God's work. If we cooperate by providing the facilities for training consecrated lives, God will see that the building of His Church takes place in Upper Volta.

TARR: Is this Bible school a joint effort of the American church and the Upper Volta church?

COMPAORE: The national church of Upper Volta now pays half the salaries of all the national teachers working in the Bible school. We also have pledged to pay 25 percent of the cost of the new buildings. Last year the Upper Volta church gave about half of the money needed to build two dormitories that we are now using. We have faith that in the future we are going to take care of this Bible school completely. But we need help from the American church for these immediate needs.

We are very grateful for the help we have received in the past. I know that those who have come to us as missionaries and those who have given for their support have done so because of their love for God and desire to see souls won for His kingdom.

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After preaching on a Thursday night, I was walking to the back of the auditorium when I heard someone calling, "Hermano Jones, Hermano Jones." I stopped and looked into the face of a man not over 5 feet tall. Tears were still streaming down his face, his clothes were shabby, his hair dirty

The waves of the vast Pacific Ocean beat against the sides of our Speed-the-Light boat. The salty water sprayed against my face.

It was dark—3:00 a.m.—and no land was in sight. It seemed everyone on board was seasick. Hurricane Val was taking its toll on body and soul as we ploughed through wind and high waves.

It had been 8 days since our departure from the comforts of our

Tears began to course down my cheeks as I thought about AIM.

missionary home in Nuku'alofa, Tonga. We had stopped in Ha'apai and conducted a week of meetings. During that time 40 people had accepted Christ, two were filled with

the Holy Spirit, and several testified to healings in their bodies. We were now on our way to the northern group of islands, Vava'u in the Kingdom of Tonga (the only Polynesian Kingdom remaining in the world) for another 10-day crusade.

Thoughts of home, loved ones, friends, and America were in my mind as I strained to keep my balance each time the boat took another 30-degree roll with the waves. What was I doing on this boat 8,000 miles from the USA? What had brought me to these island people of another language and culture?

I reflected on the churches I had pastored. I thought of Sunday schools that had grown, and missions programs that had developed swelling budgets. I remembered serving as a CA representative, promoting Speed-the-Light to an all-

By DWAIN JONES

Dwain Jones is now pastor of the Assembly of God in Mulberry, Arkansas. He formerly served as a missionary to Tonga, an island in the South Pacific.

and unkempt—but there was a glow on his face.

He said, "I want to thank you for what you have done for me." I did not know what he meant.

He continued, "I am from Ecuador and have been a very wicked man. I left my wife and family to seek joy, peace, and happiness, but have not found it. I have not been happy in all my life. But tonight you told me about Jesus' love and that He would give me joy, peace, happiness and a new life. Oh, to-

Thank God for AIM! It helped inspire a young man to become a missionary in the South Pacific Islands.

night I accepted Jesus into my heart and I feel so good."

In broken English he said, "I'm going home to my family and try to be a good man." He placed his hands on my shoulder and kissed me on each cheek. Falling to his knees, he said, "Thank you for coming all the way from America to tell me about Jesus."

Kissing my hand, he rose and went out into the night praising the Lord and rejoicing in his new life.

I couldn't help but think of a time almost 2,000 years ago when a man came all the way from heaven that I might enjoy the love, joy, and peace that only He can give.

After 2 weeks the AIMers boarded the plane and returned to America. Over 1,700 Panamanians had accepted Christ! All because AIMers had sacrificed their time and money and had shared from a heart full of love.

Suddenly, I realized I was soaking wet as another big wave came

over the bow of the boat. Wiping the salty water from my face, I could dimly see the small lighthouse near the harbour of Vava'u. Tomorrow we would be preaching again, telling the islanders that God loved them and gave His only Son to die, rise again, and give them hope

where there had been no hope.

Thank God for AIM! It helped inspire a young man to become a missionary in the South Pacific islands.

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Testimonies of Healing

Hearing restored

IN 1972 I had the pleasure of going to a Christian convention in Honolulu. I had looked forward to spiritual blessing, but, praise God, I received a physical touch too. The Lord delivered me from an impairment in my hearing.

In one of the services the evangelist concluded his message with an invitation for those with physical needs to come forward. I felt led to take off the hearing aid I had purchased several months earlier, and go forward.

Never before had I been slain under the power of God from a standing position, but it happened to me and others. From that day to this I have never felt the slightest need for the hearing aid.

In 1974 I had my hearing checked and it was all right.

Then in June 1975 I had a different problem in my left ear. It began to close the way it does from high altitudes. Later it opened some but not back to normal. It bothered me for about a week.

On June 8 during the song service in our Sunday school class at Central Assembly, the trouble became worse. My hearing was blocked off. My voice did not sound right to sing or to speak.

When prayer requests were taken, I asked for hands to be laid on me and prayer to be offered for healing. This was graciously done, and I noticed a change and a crackling in my left ear. I appreciated God's

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication. This can encourage others who need healing to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Please make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it. Then mail it to: *Pentecostal Evangel*, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802

touch but my ear still was not back to normal.

On the following Friday I attended a revival service at Eastside Assembly and after the service I asked Pastor Albert Pyle to pray for me. From that time to this my hearing has been perfectly normal.

Earlier I had made an appointment with a specialist for June 19. At first I thought to cancel it, but God impressed me to have the examination so that He would receive the glory. I did not tell the doctor what had happened but asked him to find what my trouble had been, for there had been a change in my ear problem. He cleaned some wax from both ears. His light revealed that my left ear looked even better than the right, for there was scar tissue in the right ear. Evidently God touched that ear also because the hearing is OK. I had the opportunity to witness to the doctor.

It is a joy to be healed by the Lord and to have the confirmation too.—Milton R. Searles, Springfield, Mo.

(Brother Searles is a retired Assemblies of God minister. His healing can be verified by Mrs. J. R. Flower and other Springfield ministers.)

Healed of Arthritis

FOR SEVERAL YEARS I suffered with my knees, wrist, and fingers. I didn't know what was causing the pain.

Then in 1970 I slipped on ice, and had pain in my knees and legs such as I had never experienced. At that time the doctor told me my problem was arthritis.

After I was prayed for, I knew definitely that God healed me although I still had some pain; so I

kept believing God. Then one day in 1974 I realized the pain was gone. I have had no more trouble with my knees since that time.

My pastor prayed for my wrist which was so swollen I couldn't wear my watch. The swelling disappeared, and I was healed because of the stripes that were placed upon Christ.

I praise God for the measure of faith He gave me to believe Him.—Eva Young, Bridgeport, Tex.

(Endorsed by Pastor M. L. Milton, First Assembly, Bridgeport, Tex.)

God gave me back my voice to sing His praise

APPROXIMATELY 5 years ago I had a severe case of the flu. It affected my throat, and at times I had severe coughing spells. My voice would get husky and hoarse. The doctor seemed to think it would clear up in time.

Instead it grew steadily worse. The coughing spells came closer together, and I was hoarse a big part of the time. It felt as if something was stuck in the right side of my throat. I went to several doctors, but they couldn't find my problem.

Then I was put in the hospital for a heart condition. My doctor became alarmed about my throat and referred me to a specialist. He found my voice box was badly infected. He took a biopsy which showed it was not cancer, then treated me for several weeks until the infection cleared up.

Although the infection was gone, I still was unable to sing. I was never a good singer but I loved to sing. I was prayed for a number of times but still wasn't able to sing. So I decided it was something I had to accept.

Then in the fall of 1974 Evangelist Ken Krivohlavek of Springfield, Mo., came to our church preaching Bible deliverance. He taught a half hour before the service on the gifts of the Spirit. He talked about taking God at His Word.

As he was teaching, I silently

called on the Lord, saying, "I know You can heal my voice box so I can sing Your praises again. Your Word declares I'm healed. I accept it, Lord, and thank You for healing me." I never dwelt on it anymore.

When the main service started, I opened my songbook and just started to sing. I sang every song. My voice never cracked or gave way at all. I was so thrilled.

I sang as I went home and walked up on the porch singing, "Praise God, I am free, free, free from this world of sin."

The next morning I woke up with a song not only in my heart but on my lips as well. I sang all day, went to church that night, and sang every song.

After 4 years of being unable to sing, I praise God I can sing again. How good God is. I can never praise Him enough for what He did for me both spiritually and physically in those revival meetings.—Carrie Thompson, Elmer, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor John A. Pugh, Assembly of God, Elmer, Mo.)

Healed of heart condition

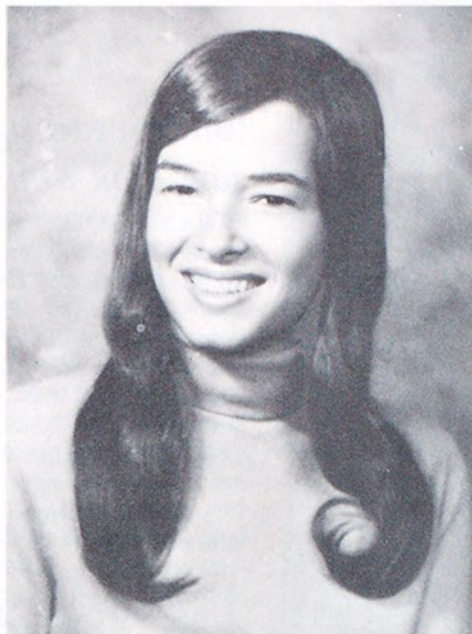
I HAD heart trouble and had experienced two heart attacks. I couldn't do my work without pains in my chest. Sometimes my heart would hurt so badly I would have to go to bed. I had to take pills for my condition.

One time after my daughter-in-law visited me, she went home and told my son he had better come and see me, for she didn't believe I would live long.

Then in October 1974 I responded to an invitation for people to go forward at church for prayer for healing. Since being prayed for, I haven't had any trouble with my heart.

I now can do my work without my heart bothering me, for I am healed.—Mrs. Ruby Smith, Lakeland, Fla.

(Endorsed by Pastor Alice Campbell, Assembly of God, Gibsonsia, Fla.)



Mrs. Nancy L. Gervais

Torn ligaments heal quickly

ON SATURDAY EVENING, October 26, 1974, I fell off our horse as she turned quickly during a gallop. I landed on plowed soil and saw the horse's hoofs fly past. (I thank God they didn't hit me.)

I stood up shakily and tried to walk, but both my ankles hurt, one more than the other. I decided it was just a sprain and committed it to God.

Later that evening my family and friends urged me to go to the hospital for X rays, so I did. The doctor told my husband and me that he could see hemorrhaging between the bones of my right foot and ankle, and that I had ripped some ligaments. He bandaged my foot and gave me medicine for pain.

My foot throbbed with pain all night and during the day on Sunday. I felt so helpless, for I couldn't even pick up our 15-month-old son or attend to any of his needs.

I borrowed some crutches so I could go to church. In the evening I attended my uncle's church and asked the guest evangelist to pray for me. I didn't think much about

how God's answer to prayer would come until the next Wednesday, just 4 days after the injury. Suddenly I realized I was walking without my crutches and doing my housework with little discomfort. Praise the Lord! It usually takes 6 weeks for a person in this condition to begin walking normally.

For a while my foot and ankle were weak and sensitive, but the whole healing was accelerated greatly. Through this incident I have been able to witness to many people who had never heard of divine healing.

Several others were healed that same night. The pastor himself had one leg shorter than the other. After prayer the leg grew. The next morning he found that a back problem he had had for a long time was gone, and he was a little bit taller than he used to be. I praise God for this and many other healings He has performed here in response to child-like faith.—Mrs. Nancy L. Gervais, Hallowell, Maine.

(Endorsed by Pastor Warren Benner, Gardiner Community Church, Gardiner, Maine, who adds to the testimony concerning himself: "I felt the touch of God immediately during prayer and felt different when I stood up. We thank God He is moving in these ways by His Spirit.")

Pain is gone after prayer

FOR MANY YEARS I suffered with pain and stiffness in my neck due to arthritis.

I also had extreme stomach pain for more than a year.

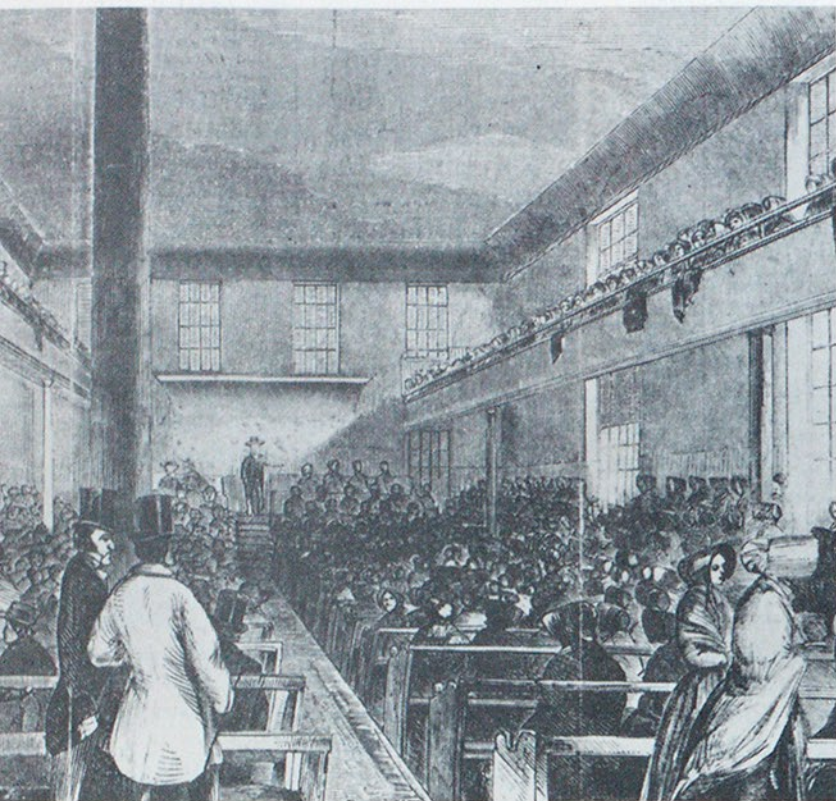
Prayer was offered for me during revival meetings in November 1974, and the Lord healed me. I praise Him for His wonderful love and healing power.—Ruth Youngs, Salttillo, Tenn.

(Endorsed by Pastor Glenn Wilcox, Christ Temple Assembly, Salttillo, Tenn.)



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NEWS OF OUR TIMES



Bicentennial feature

QUAKERS IN AMERICA

The first Quakers, as the members of the Religious Society of Friends were called, to arrive in the American colonies were two women. Sailing into Boston harbor in July 1656, they were greeted with search, several days in jail, and expulsion. Such was the fate in most colonies of the followers of the movement started in England by George Fox in the mid-17th century.

With the exceptions of Rhode Island and Pennsylvania, founded by a Quaker, William Penn, the Friends met with severe condemnation and some persecution in America, as they had in England.

George Fox taught that no priest or no outward rite was needed to establish communion between the soul and its God. Everyone, he believed, could receive whatever understanding and guidance in divine truth he might need from the "inner light" supplied in his own heart by the Holy Spirit.

In practical application, Fox and his fellow Quakers behaved trustingly to everybody, believing in the equality of all men and women.

They refused to pay tithes to the Anglican Church, or to take oaths, or to bear arms. Quakers' unorthodox beliefs were met with opposition but, despite this, their membership grew both in England and the U.S.

After 1776 the Friends no longer met with official intolerance and were able to worship freely. They became active in the anti-slavery cause, in prison reform, and in the cause of peace.

'Bible reading changed my life,' says 'Six Million Dollar Man'

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—"My whole life has changed since I started reading the Bible 3 years ago," Richard Anderson told a reporter recently.

The actor who plays Oscar Goldman on TV's "Six Million Dollar Man" series added: "Reading the Scriptures has given me an inner strength."

Anderson termed the Bible "the best book in the world," and

said: "It tells you what life is all about. The men who wrote it were wise men and they passed on something for all of us. There is no other book like it."

He turned to the Bible following a traumatic breakup of his marriage. He said the Scriptures changed him from a hard-driving career man to a man who looks at things objectively with inner peace.

'Las Vegas Nights' gambling for charity backed in New York

ALBANY—A constitutional amendment to allow charitable organizations to hold "Las Vegas Nights" was approved by New York State voters.

The vote was very close. The final official figures showed the amendment won by only 5,274 votes from nearly 3 million cast.

Before the amendment goes into effect, the New York legislature must pass special enabling legis-

lation. Also, gambling operations may not be set up in a given locality without the approval of local voters in a referendum.

Religious-sponsored gambling has become a controversial issue. In August 1974, New York City police announced a crackdown on gambling in religious institutions following the murder of a reputed Mafia mobster at a "Las Vegas Night" in a Brooklyn synagogue.

REPORT SAYS SCHOOLS DO VERY LITTLE TO OFFSET 'ADOLESCENT PREJUDICE'

PHILADELPHIA—A national study on "adolescent prejudice" indicates that very little systematic effort is being made in American school systems to change prejudiced attitudes.

"Prejudice is more evident than we are aware in American

school systems," according to Samuel Lewis Gaber, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. He added that educators, more by default than by design, are failing to do much about it.

Leaders of Britain's major churches oppose restoration of death penalty

LONDON—With the full backing of the leaders of the Anglican and other large Protestant churches, the House of Commons refused to restore the death penalty for terrorist murders.

A motion calling for capital punishment was defeated 361 to

232, a majority of 129. A year ago a similar motion was beaten by a majority of 152.

In each case the motions came on the tide of rising public sentiment for restoring the death penalty.

13 leadership seminars offered

Sunday school teachers, leaders to get intensive training

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Sunday school teachers and leaders will be offered intensive training this spring in 13 leadership development seminars sponsored by the Sunday School and Church School Literature Departments of the Assemblies of God. The seminars will be conducted March through June.

Each seminar will provide 7½ hours (a night and a day) of instruction. Age-level specialists and editors from the two departments will present the latest Christian education trends and methods. Simultaneous sessions, four age-level and one administration, will allow participants to concentrate on areas of interest or responsibility.

The spring seminars begin in Ohio. There will be seminars in Cincinnati, Toledo, and Warren, March 1 to 6.

Three more seminars will be

conducted in March, as follows: Assemblies of God Graduate School, Springfield, Mo., March 12, 13; Tri-City Tabernacle, Granite City, Ill., March 19, 20; and the District Tabernacle, Oklahoma City, Okla., March 26, 27.

The following month seminars will be at Huffman Assembly, Birmingham, Ala., April 2, 3; the Minnesota District (site to be announced), April 9, 10; and First Assembly, Grand Junction, Colo., April 23, 24.

Northland Cathedral, Kansas City, Mo., will host a seminar April 30 and May 1.

A seminar will be conducted May 7, 8 in San Diego, Calif., and another at Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahatchie, Tex., May 21, 22.

The seminar series will conclude June 3-5 in the New York District.

Announcements

Anniversary services and dedication—Evangel Assembly, Chicago, Ill., Feb. 11-15. Speakers will be Raymond Rueb, Alvin Sprecher, and Richard Dortch, district superintendent. Arthur Klaus, pastor

Anniversary services—Assembly of God, Cedar Run, N.J., Feb. 23. Guest speakers will be Alexander Wallace and John Paproski, district superintendent.—James Occhipinti, pastor



WITH CHRIST

Robert H. DeLancey, Sr., 69, Oklahoma City, Okla.; on Oct. 25, 1975

A member of the Oklahoma District, Brother DeLancey pastored churches in Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Nebraska. He also did evangelistic ministry for a time. He is survived by his wife Mary and three children.

William F. Snow, 78, Mountain Top, Ark.; on Nov. 9, 1975.

Brother Snow, a member of the Arkansas District, pastored churches in Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas. He is survived by one daughter and two sons.

Ethel Jones, 88, Double Springs, Ala.; on Nov. 19, 1975.

Sister Jones was an ordained minister in the Alabama District. She was the wife of Oscar Jones, a former district superintendent of the Oklahoma District and one of the early leaders of the Assemblies of God. She and her husband pioneered several churches in Oklahoma and Texas. They had five children. All their sons became ministers (including Ossie B. Jones, an Assemblies of God evangelist) and their daughter married a minister.

A Word To The Wise

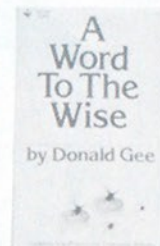


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Elva Hoover appointed secretary of Women's Ministries



the Church School Literature Department. In this post, she designed and developed a new quarterly publication called *Children's Church*.

In her new position, Mrs. Hoover will be responsible for the coordination and administration of the women's ministries which involve more than 80,000 women in some 7,000 groups. The women contribute more than \$3 million annually to the world ministries program of the Assemblies of God.

She will also have oversight of the national Missionettes program, designed for girls 5 to 15 years of age. There are now 135,000 girls in 11,500 clubs in the U.S. and other countries.

She will administer the Young Women's Auxiliary, a club for single high school, college, and professional women, ages 16 to 24. Called "Ys," it offers a three-fold program with emphasis on spiritual, physical, and social development. Approximately 2,500 young women now belong to the "Ys."

An ordained minister, Mrs.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Mrs. Elva Johnson Hoover has been appointed secretary of the Department of Women's Ministries, according to an announcement by Silas Gaither, national director of the Division of Church Ministries.

Mrs. Hoover is widely known for her writings and her work in several departments of the Fellowship, having served at the national headquarters for over 25 years.

Her most recent post has been as special assignments editor for

Hoover is a graduate of Evangel College, Springfield, Mo., and Southwestern Bible School when it was located in Enid, Okla.

She joined the Assemblies of God headquarters staff in 1950 as a writer for the Church School Literature Department. Later she became editorial assistant for the *Pentecostal Evangel*.

She has also served as promotions editor for the Division of Home Missions, and as national representative for the Depart-

ment of Women's Ministries.

She was employed as public relations assistant in the Office of Information for 6 years.

Before coming to Springfield, Mrs. Hoover pastored in Brooten, Minn., and Earlington, Ky. She had also been an appointed home missionary.

She and her husband Mario, who is on the faculty of the Columbia College Extension Center in Springfield, have three sons.

Don Argue named vice-president of A/G Graduate School

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Dr. Don Argue, dean of North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minn., has been named executive vice-president of the Assemblies of God Graduate School. He succeeds C. C. Burnett who held that position until his death last August.

Dr. Argue, an ordained Assemblies of God minister, is a graduate of Central Bible College. He earned his M.A. degree at the University of Santa Clara (California) and received his doctorate in educational counseling and psychology from the University of the Pacific (Stockton, Calif.).

He has been dean of North Central Bible College since 1974. Prior to that, he was dean of students and campus pastor at Evangel College for 5 years.

Dr. Argue is listed in editions of "Outstanding Educators of America" and "Who's Who in the Midwest." Honorary and professional societies to which he belongs include Phi Delta Kappa and the American Psychological Association. As a charter member of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, he has been very active in that organization and currently serves as president.

In addition, he has taken an active part in interdenominational endeavors. He presently is executive secretary for the American Association of Evangelical Students, an arm of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE). He is a member of the Board of Administration of NAE and also serves on its Commission on Higher Education.

In his new position, Dr. Argue will be the administrative head of the Graduate School, working under the direction of President T. F. Zimmerman and the board of directors.



Established in 1973, the Graduate School is the only Assemblies of God postgraduate institution in the U.S. It offers courses which lead to a master of arts degree in Bible, master of arts in mission, and a master of divinity. The school offers a strong practical program, including a minor in ministerial practice. From 41 students in 1973, the enrollment has grown to 126 in the fall semester 1975.

Regarding the appointment of Dr. Argue, Brother Zimmerman stated: "The Assemblies of God Graduate School is extremely fortunate in securing the services of such a dedicated and talented young educator as Dr. Don Argue. He is a third generation Assemblies of God minister and brings with him a very rich background of spiritual heritage as well as a high degree of academic excellence. He also brings to his office a background of practical experience as an associate pastor, an appointed home missionary, and a minister who pastored and built an Assemblies of God church."

Brother Argue will assume his new duties in the near future. He and his wife Pat have three children.

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Great Sunday school growth follows hard work, fervent prayer

ELMIRA, N.Y.—The Pentecostal Tabernacle in Elmira is "one of the fastest growing Sunday schools in America." In the recent *Christian Life* contest it was judged "the fastest growing in New York State."

The pastor, John Bedzyk, credits the remarkable growth to hard work and fervent prayer on the part of the church family.

Eight years ago the Sunday school was at a standstill. They could not get beyond 450 in attendance, no matter how they tried. Then the members began fasting and praying, and the situation started changing.

It began when one of their members was stricken with cancer and a small group set aside every Sunday to fast and pray for her. This weekly custom continued for nearly six years.

A new program of prayer was initiated last fall. Every other month an entire week is set apart for prayer with all regular activities suspended and the congregation meeting every night to pray.

In the past year, the average attendance was 1058.

Many means are used to reach more people and to get them involved in the church program. One important means is the bus ministry. Others are the ministries of radio, music, puppetry, object lessons, and visitation. The Christian Academy also is a contributing factor; and a basic factor, of course, is the dedicated staff of workers who apply themselves in a concerted, diligent effort to win people's hearts and teach the Word effectively.

But the key, the pastor says, is fasting and prayer—combined with a personal interest in individuals. Nearly every month a number of the members give up their noon meal and stay at the

church on Sunday afternoon to fast and pray until 3 o'clock. A good many make the whole Sunday a day of fasting and prayer.

Special efforts are made to minister to all ages. There is a class for retarded children with 30 enrolled.

The disastrous flood of '72 was a great blow to the church. Seventeen of its buses were flooded to the rooftops; the loss was estimated at over \$50,000. But through prayer and hard work the church recovered; and now its 23 buses are on the road every Sunday, covering a 25-mile radius.

When a Christian school in New York City closed its doors, Elmira Pentecostal Tabernacle purchased its \$10,000 library for its day school, the Christian Academy. This price has been paid off in full, after only two years.

In addition to books, the church has a large library of slides and movies which are used very effectively for teaching.

Elmira Christian Academy was opened in 1969 with grades 1 through 6, three teachers and 36 students. The following year grade 7 was added, and another grade each year. The school, which now has 180 students, will graduate its first class of 10 students in June 1976. Families of numerous denominations send their children to Christian Academy rather than to public schools.

At Christian Academy, each day begins with class devotions led by the teacher, and the Bible is taught as part of the curriculum. There is a chapel service once a week.

There is a marked difference between this Christian school and most public schools. Smoking, drugs, and drinking are not tolerated. The halls are quiet,



Buses reach people for Christ. (Inset: Pastor Bedzyk)

there is no writing on rest room walls, no cursing or swearing.

The work is suffering growing pains. Pastor Bedzyk's desire is to erect a new gym and high school building, and let the present buildings be used just for elementary school.

He is a strong believer in visitation. "The best way to share Christ's love and concern for people is to visit them," he says. "Visitation is a must. Thursday night is visitation night, and the greatest soul winners are the new converts. They are filled with the

flush of 'first love' for Christ and it's just contagious. They go into homes and share His love. Then they come back into the church Thursday nights, and we have a praise and hallelujah service.

"Each new convert goes out with an experienced worker, but it's the new converts who lead entire families to the Lord. We're in the midst of a revival right now. Nearly every Sunday night we have a water baptism service, mostly older teenagers. That's the group turning to Christ in greatest numbers now."

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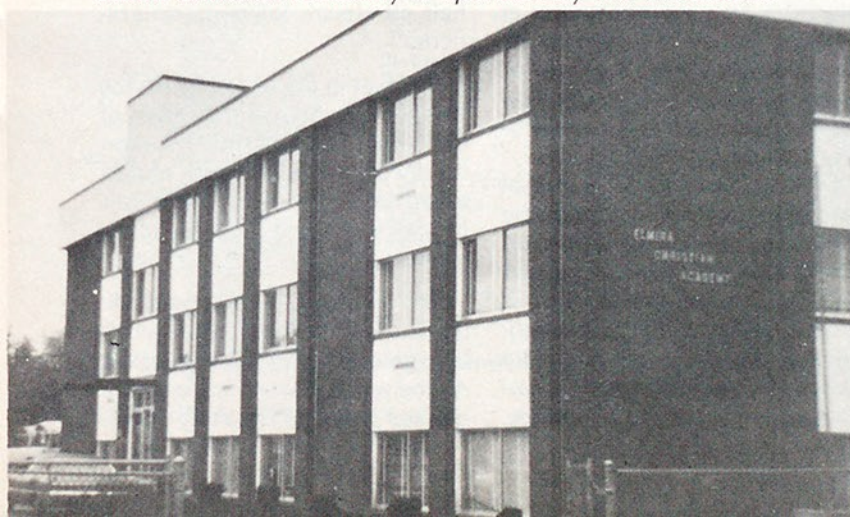
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LAMAR, MO.—“The Holy Spirit flowed like a river. Even the pastor was gloriously ministered to by the Holy Spirit.” This is the report of Marvin D. Gilliam, pastor of First Assembly, referring to a recent revival with Evangelist Tom Waggoner of Springfield, Mo.

One person was saved, 4 reclaimed, 6 baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 150 refilled.

Over 80 people were healed, including Pastor Gilliam's wife. She received instant healing of a serious back problem.

Capacity crowds filled the 160-seat sanctuary every night. It is hoped the 35-year-old facilities can be expanded to accommodate 300 to 400 people, as the church is growing.

WEISER, IDAHO—During 1975 First Assembly enjoyed the ministry of two young evangelists who blessed the church in many ways.

First Evangelist Bill Riggs, Memphis, Tenn., came and later Merle Cutler, Nampa, Idaho.

Pastor Raymond Harryman says several received the infilling of the Holy Spirit, and new families were added to the church.



EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Albertville	Calvary Tem.	Feb. 8-13	Ernest Pettry	Cary Rigby
	Birmingham	Center Point	Feb. 15-22	Grady & Janet Smalling	Don Dowling
	Elba	First	Jan. 28-Feb. 8	Don & Darla Bailey	Milton Dykes
	Ft. McClellan	Post Chapel ¹	Feb. 11-13	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	Edward Christoph
	Ft. Rucker	Post Chapel ¹	Feb. 15-17	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	Trevor Turner
	Hartford	First	Feb. 15-22	Ivor & Doris Hugh	Terry Wallace
	Hartford	New Post Oak	Feb. 11-22	D. J. & Anna Mary Paglia	Charles Glover
	Huntsville	Central	Feb. 8-13	Tony & Pam Garland	Gary Brady
	Megargel	A/G	Feb. 17-22	Esther Palmer	Ralph Francis
	Mobile	Calvary	Feb. 15-20	Ernest Pettry	Cecil Turner
	Montgomery	Westside	Feb. 8-15	John K. Pratt Family	Stan Broadus
	Opp	First	Feb. 15—	Nettie Parham	George Bradshaw
	Ozark	First	Feb. 10-15	Esther Palmer	Billy Johnson
	Saraland	Calvary Tem.	Feb. 19-22	William Caldwell	Aaron Gillman
	Phoenix	West Rose Ln. ¹	Feb. 8—	Travis & Mrs. Corder	B. H. Russell
	Tucson	First	Feb. 11-22	Hubert Surratt	James Brankel
	Tucson	Flowing Wells	Feb. 1-6	Alton Garrison	Richard Field
	Yuma	First	Feb. 8-11	Larry Joe Wright	Warren LaRose
Ariz.	Bauxite	First	Feb. 8-13	Ron & Debra Walker	Robert White
	Calion	First	Feb. 8—	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	J. E. Points
	Crossett	Beulahland	Feb. 15-20	Randy Hopkins	D. L. Rousey
	Fayetteville	Calvary	Feb. 3-15	The Gospel Sounds	Grover Kirksey
	Ft. Smith	Evangel Tem.	Feb. 11-22	Roger & Karetha Dalton	H. A. Brummett
	Lake Village	New Bethel	Feb. 8-14	Randy Hopkins	Wallace Eddleman
	Lincoln	First	Feb. 18-29	Sam Austin	Billy Burks
	Morrilton	First	Feb. 15-22	Ken & Alice Williams	Joe Hancock
	McCrory	Pumpkin Bend	Jan. 25-Feb. 6	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Paul Dorey
	Bakersfield	Planz	Jan. 28-Feb. 8	John Stephens	Kenneth Sisk
	Brawley	A/G	Feb. 18-22	Gene Forrest	Michael Lasky
	Campbell	A/G ¹	Feb. 15-20	Charles J. Senechal	Kirk Soper
	Concord	Calvary Tem.	Feb. 15—	Alton Garrison	Don Spradling
	Daggett	Trinity	Feb. 10—	Knouse-Stovall Team	Tessie Myers
	Fontana	First	Feb. 8-11	Alton Garrison	Thomas Botsford
	Hawthorne	Del Aire	Feb. 17-22	Glen Shinn	Robert Palmer
	Hayward	Bethel Tem. ¹	Feb. 8-13	Charles J. Senechal	Ronald Ballew
	Holtville	First	Jan. 28-Feb. 8	Ernie Rogers	Jerry Curtis
Ark.	Hughson	Full Gospel	Feb. 11—	John & Freda Bryant	E. L. Spears
	La Habra	Bethel	Feb. 11-22	John Stephens	John Keller
	Livermore	Calvary Tem.	Feb. 8-15	Glen Shinn	John Warren
	Lompoc	First	Feb. 8-14	Lanny Mempa Team	Fred Cruse
	Morgan Hill	First	Feb. 11-22	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Floyd Cagle
	Oxnard	First	Feb. 17-22	Lanny Mempa Team	William Porter
	San Jacinto	A/G	Feb. 11-15	Gene Forrest	Lee Coffey
	W. Covina	Faith Chapel	Feb. 15-22	Tony A. Gonzales	Burl McAlister
	Windsor	A/G	Feb. 10-22	J. E. Reddick	Paul Chantler
	Colorado Spgs.	Northside	Feb. 1-15	L. L. Ammons	F. Joe Henegar

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New facilities dedicated

SIX YEARS' WORK CULMINATED

DALLAS, TEX.—Dedication of the newly completed facilities at Pleasant Grove First Assembly on Nov. 16 was a happy event for Pastor Lakey and the congregation. It culminated a 6-year building program.

The first phase, the educational unit, was built in 1969 under the direction of Pastor Gordon Nelms. The new auditorium was completed in the fall of 1975.

Larry Lakey has been pastor since 1973. He writes: "The completed building has an auditorium with laminated arches,

13 large classrooms, a fellowship hall, all-electric kitchen, and 2 offices."

Speaker in the morning service was Joe W. Adams, secretary of the North Texas District. A noon luncheon followed and Hulon Hood, presbyter of the North Dallas Section, spoke in the afternoon.

The evening service was the beginning of a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Steve Davis. All the services were marked by a blessed move of the Holy Spirit.

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Fla.	Rocky Ford	A/G	Feb. 18-29	I. D. Rayborn	Ted Britain
	Bonifay	Pine Ridge	Feb. 3-8	Jack & Sharon Malone	T. M. Mears
	Bonita Spgs.	First	Feb. 15-22	Richard David Hooper	David Matheny
	Chattahoochee	First	Feb. 10-15	R. J. Snyder Family	Dee Cook
	Goulds	A/G	Feb. 6-14	Richard David Hooper	Ed Thames
	Lake City	City Auditorium ²	Feb. 8-15	John Stallings	Edgar Davis
	New Smyrna Beach	A/G	Feb. 10-15	Jack & Sharon Malone	Cameron Smith
	Pensacola	Faith Tem.	Feb. 17-22	Jack & Sharon Malone	Charles Price
	Tallahassee	First	Feb. 10-15	K. L. & Mrs. Claycomb	Larry Patton
	Tallahassee	Oak City	Feb. 1-8	B. R. Minton	Lamar Creel
Ga.	Dallas	First	Feb. 8-13	Calvin Smith	Carl Stewart
	Dexter	Glad Tidings	Feb. 8-14	C. W. Mullis	T. C. Darsey
	Macon	Evangel	Feb. 14-22	Don & Darla Railey	Ron McGee
	Soperton	First	Feb. 11-15	Corbett & Miriam Berthelot	Ted Miller
	Statesboro	First	Feb. 15-20	Calvin Smith	Kenneth Collins
Hawaii	Captain Cook	A/G	Feb. 15-20	Paul & Myrtle Hild	Porferio Gulfan
	Lihue, Kauai	A/G	Feb. 8-13	Paul & Myrtle Hild	William Ashpole
Ill.	Camden	A/G	Feb. 18-22	The King's Daughters	Harvey Anderson
	Chester	Calvary Tem.	Feb. 10-15	James & Ruth Hyllberg	Mick Thrasher
	Chicago	Stone Church	Feb. 8-15	David & Vera Wilcox	Owen Carr
	Cleveland	Community	Feb. 15-20	The Nelson Family	Richard Curtis
	Collinsville	State Park	Feb. 8-15	Ken Krivohlavek	Gary Awalt
	Effingham	First	Feb. 3-8	James & Ruth Hyllberg	Roger Boyd
	Lockport	First	Feb. 17-22	James & Ruth Hyllberg	Harry Melvin
	Vienna	A/G	Feb. 11-15	Harlon & Maureen Keel	Harold Harrison
	Decatur	First	Feb. 17-29	Joe & Kaye Hartley	D. E. Gardner
	Caney	First	Feb. 1-11	The Nelson Family	Don Henderson
Kans.	Great Bend	First	Feb. 8-22	LeRoy Duke Crusades	J. P. McCamey
	Haysville	First ³	Feb. 18-29	Moses & Ruth Copeland	Lon McVeigh
	Oswego	A/G ³	Feb. 4-15	Moses & Ruth Copeland	Richard Kindred
	St. John	A/G	Feb. 8-13	Loyd & Neoma Blake	Rex Rictor
	Stockton	A/G ¹	Feb. 17-22	The Happy Hulls	Howard Ray
	Topeka	Glad Tidings	Feb. 1-13	L. Wayne & Jean Wilson	Jesse Shaw
	Wakeeney	First ¹	Feb. 10-15	The Happy Hulls	William Russell
Ky.	Ft. Knox	Post Chapel ¹	Feb. 6-8	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	Jack Randles
	Madisonville	Christian	Feb. 16-19	John Jacob	Glendell Hobgood
	Paris	New Hope	Feb. 20-22	Mike & Bernadine Garland	Roger Syrews
La.	Bastrop	First	Feb. 1-22	Musical Vann-derploegs	Michael Cheshire
	Bayou Gauche	A/G	Feb. 15-27	Steve & Bridget Davis	R. C. Kitchell
	Belle Chasse	First	Feb. 15-20	Ron & Debra Walker	Louis Bartet
	Chalmette	Bethel	Feb. 15-22	Jeremiah Hanley	Forrest Hall
	Houma	West Side	Feb. 1-6	C. W. Mullis	J. F. Perry
	New Iberia	A/G	Feb. 4-8	William Caldwell	Don Neel
	Slidell	First	Feb. 16-18	William Caldwell	Ansley Orfila
	Springhill	First	Feb. 8-13	Steve & Bridget Davis	W. R. Craighead
	Westlake	First	Feb. 8-13	Jeremiah Hanley	Andrew Martin
	Westwego	A/G	Feb. 9-15	William Caldwell	Paul Rake
Mo.	Belton	A/G	Feb. 18-22	Paul Sandgren	Bill Popejoy
	Elwood	A/G	Feb. 18-29	Tom Waggoner	Richard Messner
	Flat River	A/G	Feb. 17-22	The Gospel Sounds	Lloyd Welch
	House Spgs.	Faith	Feb. 11-22	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	Elbert Mason
	Lebanon	First	Feb. 15-22	Johnny Davis	Jerry L. Cuneio
	Lee's Summit	First	Feb. 8-15	Milo Harmon	Leroy Butts
	Scottsbluff	First	Feb. 4-15	I. D. Rayborn	James A. Call
Nebr.	Alamogordo	First	Feb. 4-15	Ervin & Myrna Asiatico	Wesley Lange
N. Mex.	Lordsburg	A/G	Feb. 15-25	James & Vickie Alexander	W. L. Sanders
	Tucumcari	A/G	Feb. 18-29	Dave E. Laughlin Family	T. M. Barrett
N. Y.	Bath	Bethel ³	Feb. 8-22	J. Anthony & D. Arlene Silva	R. L. MacKillop
N. C.	Gastonia	Oakwood Park	Feb. 18-29	Tony & Pam Garland	Fenton Jones
	Hendersonville	Evangel Tem. ¹	Feb. 8-13	Ray & Jan Hodges	Randall Rogers
	Rutherfordton	Bethel Tem. ¹	Feb. 15-20	Ray & Jan Hodges	H. L. Cleveland
N. Dak.	Garrison	Bible Ch.	Feb. 17-29	Warren D. Combs	Clarence Brotzman
Ohio	Fostoria	A/G	Feb. 1-8	Roger & Karetha Dalton	Dale E. Neller
	Louisville	First	Feb. 3-8	Harold May Jr.	Jerry M. Hall
Okla.	Comanche	First	Feb. 8-15	R. I. & Pearl Wynkoop	Eldon Hicks
	Durant	Northside	Feb. 8-22	Virgil & Wanda Mangram	L. J. Choate
	Okla. City	Grand Blvd.	Feb. 15—	Lawrence & Patty Posey	E. D. Bagwell
	Soper	A/G	Feb. 16-29	Benny & Mrs. Ferguson	R. A. Fox
Oreg.	Reedsport	A/G	Jan. 27-Feb. 8	J. E. Reddick	Edgar Rasmussen
	Westport	A/G	Feb. 15-27	Bailey Evang. Team	Thomas Baker
Tenn.	Knoxville	Evangel Tem.	Feb. 4-6	Mike Murdock	E. Jerald Ogg
	Sweetwater	First	Feb. 18-29	Corbett & Miriam Berthelot	J. L. Schaffer
Tex.	Abilene	First	Feb. 8-13	Ronn & Cheri Glosson	Harold Stockton
	Arlington	Oakwood	Feb. 4-15	Ken & Christy Young	Frank Peugh
	Bedford	Evangel Tem.	Feb. 18-22	Paul & Nancy Williams	Zane Causey
	Buna	First	Feb. 8-13	Ken & Alice Williams	J. D. Hughes
	Clyde	First	Feb. 15-18	Ronn & Cheri Glosson	Doyle Oliver
	Fairfield	First	Feb. 15-22	Fred & Judy Calhoun	Jerry Womble
	Ft. Worth	Gospel Tem.	Feb. 18-22	R. I. Stewart	Charles Plunkett
	Gilmer	Oak Grove	Feb. 11-22	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	H. B. Byrum
	Granbury	Faith	Jan. 28-Feb. 8	Dave E. Laughlin Family	A. R. Aman
	Grand Prairie	East Side	Feb. 18-22	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Bob Skipper
	Henderson	Chalk Hill	Feb. 3-15	Richard & LaVera Havner	S. J. Underhill
	Kilgore	Trinity	Feb. 15-29	Richard & LaVera Havner	Roger Hoffpouwer
	Mexia	First	Feb. 15—	Bob & Sandy Parker	H. A. Tarkington
	Odessa	Bethel	Feb. 1-8	David Roeber	Leonard Ward
	Post	First	Feb. 11-15	Dave E. Laughlin Family	S. J. Bruton
	Seguin	Central	Feb. 18-29	J. W. & Ava Nell Walker	T. R. Shepherd
	Whitehouse	First	Feb. 9-15	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Jerry Shipman
	Wichita Falls	First	Feb. 15-22	David & Mary E. Dean	Sam Eldridge
	Goldendale	A/G	Feb. 9-15	Leo S. Gaston	Leonard Peugh
	Seattle	Calvary Tem. ¹	Feb. 1-6	Gene & Esther Fiddler	Charles Anderson
	Seattle	W. Seattle	Feb. 4-8	Paul Sandgren	Duane Palser
W. Va.	Toppenish	A/G	Feb. 16-22	Leo S. Gaston	Bob Unruh
	Clarksburg	Stealey	Feb. 11-15	Joe Peterson Team	Russell Harvey
Canada	Campbell River, B.C.	Pent. Tab.	Feb. 11-29	Charley Hudspeth	Maynard Beatty

¹ Children's Revival

² City-Wide Crusade

³ Victorious Life Crusade

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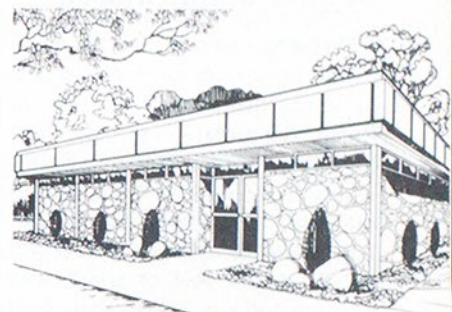
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BETTY S. HANEY

Assemblies of God member receives prestigious award from International Deaf Association

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf has conferred its Volta Award on Betty S. Haney, a retired employee of the U.S. State Department, for her outstanding efforts in focusing public attention on the plight of the hearing impaired in Korea, India, and Turkey specifically, and throughout the world in general.

The association, founded in 1890 by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, is a nonprofit international organization dedicated to promoting speech, lipreading, and the use of residual hearing by the deaf and is a world renowned disseminator of information on deafness. Miss Haney's award was presented Nov. 20, 1975, at a banquet held at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C.

While serving in Korea, Miss Haney became concerned with the conditions under which the hearing impaired existed in that

country. Upon learning that the deaf, as well as other handicapped persons in Korea, were considered "nonpersons" and therefore not included in the census, Miss Haney directed her efforts toward improving their status in that country, as well as in surrounding countries.

She assisted in establishing schools for the deaf, and during 1959-1966 developed academic and vocational education programs for children and adults in 10 cities in Korea while acting as administrator of the Korean Assemblies of God Evangelical Deaf Association.

During the same time period she was a teacher for the deaf at Seoul National School for the Deaf, Seoul, Korea; advisor for the Government of the Republic of Korea on Education; and advisor to the Korean National Deaf Association.

During 1966 she served as advisor to the All-India Federation

of the Deaf, New Delhi, India, and in 1969 assumed the position of Assistant Program Development Officer for the Agency for International Development out of Washington, D.C.

Miss Haney's articles on the deaf, which appeared both in Korean newspapers and journals, as well as in the *Pentecostal Evangel*, helped to inform the public about rehabilitative programs for the deaf.

In 1965 Miss Haney received two awards for outstanding service, each presented by a Korean school for the deaf, and a citation for Outstanding Achievement in the Area of the Deaf, granted by the government of the Republic of Korea. Miss Haney was also included in the publication, *Outstanding Young Women of America*.

Due to a serious illness, Betty Haney retired from the State Department in June 1970, but went

on to obtain her Master's degree in administration as part of the National Leadership Program, Area of the Deaf, at California State University in Northridge, Calif. She recently accepted a new and challenging job as State Coordinator of Service for the Deaf in Montpelier, Vt.

A recent letter from Mary Jayne Swanson, vice-president of the *Foundation for Others*, said, "This is only the second presentation of the Volta Award in the 85-year history of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf. The Assemblies of God should be proud to have this outstanding and influential member receive such high commendation and recognition from a well-known organization. I know of no monument that has been erected, but her monument is the living legacy which she has left in the lives of hundreds of people in Korea, India, and Turkey."

Oregon church begins construction

CENTRAL POINT, OREG.—Construction is under way on new facilities for the Central Point Assembly, reports Pastor Richard Ralls. The new building will include an educational unit with a sanctuary to be built later. The structure will provide 3,100 square feet of space and will include a fellowship hall seating 150, a kitchen, office, rest rooms, and five classrooms.

The church will use a house located on the property for additional classrooms and a youth center. The church is located on 3½ acres of land next to a school and has over 700 feet of frontage on an arterial street in Central Point.

The property was purchased 2 years ago after the sale of the old church and with the assistance of a loan from the Division of Home Missions. Since that time, the congregation has been meeting at the Jewett Grade School in Central Point. During this time the church has been able to repay the loan to the district and clear 1 acre of the new property so construction could begin.



Catherine Marshall

NOTED AUTHOR SPEAKS AT HOVING HOME DINNER

GARRISON, N.Y.—Catherine Marshall, author of the best-selling book *A Man Called Peter* was guest speaker at the fourth annual fall banquet of the Walter Hoving Home Nov. 25.

The Hoving Home, named for the chairman of Tiffany and Company, provides haven and rehabilitation for young women who are narcotics addicts and alcoholics. The Hoving Home provides rehabilitation for nearly 30 young women on 23 acres overlooking the Hudson River.

In addition to Mrs. Marshall's appearance, the program included selections by a choir made up of residents of the home.

Mrs. Marshall has written a number of books since her success with *A Man Called Peter* which told the story of the life of her late husband. These include *Beyond Our Selves*, *Christy*, and *Something More*. The Fleming H. Revell Company has published her newest book, *Adventures in Prayer*.

David Wilkerson appeal in Dallas brings pledges for Teen Challenge facilities

DALLAS, TEX.—Lyle Noah, director of Dallas Teen Challenge, reports the 10th annual Dallas Teen Challenge banquet was a tremendous success, with over 600 persons in attendance.

Master of ceremonies was Ed Fjordbak, vice-chairman of the Dallas Teen Challenge board of directors. Dallas Holm, soloist with David Wilkerson Youth Crusades, sang with a great anointing of the Holy Spirit and

was a tremendous blessing.

David Wilkerson brought an inspirational message emphasizing the hope of a Christian in our present time and in the future. At the conclusion of the message he asked people to renew their pledges to Teen Challenge for 1976.

He stressed the need for new facilities to increase the residence program of Dallas Teen Challenge. God moved by His Spirit,

and more than \$27,000 was pledged for new accommodations. Brother Wilkerson donated the down payment and the first two years' payments on 80 acres of land near Lindale, Tex.

The amount pledged and received will not be sufficient to implement full utilization of the proposed new dorm. More gifts are needed. Increased monthly pledge support also is needed to sustain the current ministries.

HAWAII TEEN CHALLENGE REPORTS ACTIVITIES

HONOLULU, HAWAII—The staff and residents of Teen Challenge in Hawaii praise the Lord for the response to urgent needs. Contributions include a piano, a refrigerator/freezer, a heavy-duty washing machine, an electric stove with double oven, 55 pairs of new leather sandals, a sign made for the street entrance to the Teen Challenge offices, a large ice cream storage freezer, and \$3,742.

Hawaii Teen Challenge recently completed all necessary arrangements for a long-term lease of a house on Oahu's north shore at Laie Point. The house will be used as a retreat center, primarily for the Teen Challenge staff who work as counselors, supervisors, and directors in the rehabilitation centers and halfway houses. It will be a place to relax and become physically and spiritually renewed.

Negotiations are in progress to finance the purchase of a home on the windward side of Oahu

which is ideally suited for a girls halfway house.

The executive director of Hawaii Teen Challenge, Don Hall, and his wife Pat, along with Orville and Billie Sexton, returned recently from a successful speaking tour of Australia, Fiji, and Samoa. Teen Challenge of Australia sponsored nearly 30 programs in schools, churches, and auditoriums during September. Brother Hall was also the principal speaker at the first Teen Challenge Leadership Conference held near Brisbane which was attended by more than 60 Teen Challenge personnel from throughout Australia.

Teen Challenge has extended a helping hand to a new ministry and outreach to the Vietnamese people in Hawaii. Mai Bien is pastor to the Protestant Vietnamese refugees. He is a refugee and has a true burden to present Jesus Christ to the Vietnamese in Hawaii. Teen Challenge is providing office space and use of its chapel to the Vietnamese.

Young people listen to a gospel song at the Hawaii Teen Challenge in Honolulu.



Free book to pastors who give rally offering

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Division of Home Missions is offering the book, *A Guide to Church Planting*, by Melvin L. Hodges, to every pastor whose church contributes a New Church Evangelism rally offering.

In the book, Brother Hodges sets forth Biblical patterns and concepts applicable for planting churches in the United States or on the mission field. The author says every true local church is a

living cell of the body of Christ and that God's plan is to reach the world through the local churches. This is a part of the Great Commission and is our responsibility until Christ's return.

The book will encourage every pastor to survey his community to determine which individuals and groups are not being ministered to, and then to devise a ministry to reach them.



ACROSS AMERICA

ARIZONA—Mrs. Lonnie Thomas reports from the American Indian Bible Institute in Phoenix that many of the 40 students are engaged in weekend ministries in Indian missions. Tribes represented this year are Navajo, Pima, Papago, Cheyenne, Choc-taw, Maya, Aztec, Maricopa, Yaqui, Apache, Mohave, and others.

ARIZONA—Paul Cagle, missionary to the Pima Indians, recently held a special evangelistic service at the Navajo Assembly in Houck, Ariz. The Pima youth choir ministered, and there was a great move of the Holy Spirit. One person was saved, one was filled with the Spirit, other young people rededicated their lives, and many were refilled. Pastor Robert Goetjen reports a revival in the Navajo language was held Nov. 3-7 with Navajo Evangelist Robert Tom.

ARIZONA—Betty Ayers reports from Payson that she helped sponsor a Child Evangelism booth at the Payson fiddlers' contest. They had 16 puppet programs in 2 days and distributed gospel tracts and children's records. Attendance at the presentations averaged 25-30, including some adults.

ARIZONA—A successful crusade was recently held at Bethel All Tribes Chapel in Prescott. Pastor Alta Washburn reports that in the crusade held by Evangelist Ed Stephens, 70 persons came forward for salvation. Over 200 attended. She expressed thanks for the new Speed-the-Light van and said it was useful in transporting people to the crusade.

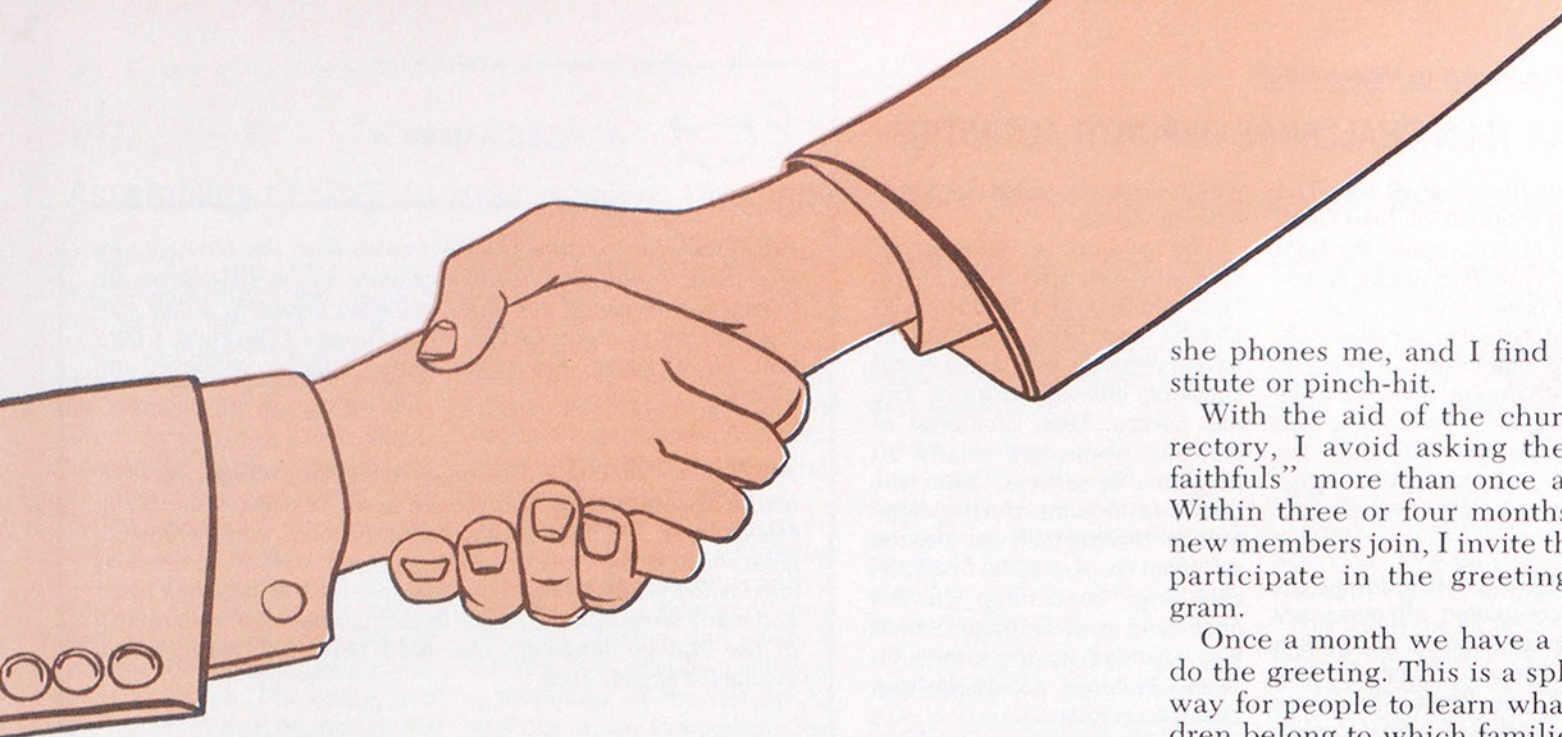
COLORADO—John and Phyllis Bowersock report from Ignacio that attendance at the Southern Ute Assembly they pastor has grown to an average of 39. This Indian church was started in June of 1975 and has had a high attendance of 49.

MICHIGAN—Dave Pace, district director of Men's Ministries for Michigan, reports the Holy Spirit was outpoured at the Laymen's Retreat at the Milan Federal Correctional Institution. Seven inmates received the baptism in the Holy Spirit at the retreat, held Oct. 17, 18.

MISSISSIPPI—Thomas and Frances Robbins report from the Chihowa i Chuka Assembly in Philadelphia, Miss., they were privileged to be present for the open house of the new Choctaw Tribal Administration Building. They heard the first "state of the Tribe" message ever given by a Choctaw tribal chief. Their hearts were blessed to hear the chief lift his voice in prayer, thereby proclaiming Christ to his people.

MINNESOTA—Calvary Indian Church in Minneapolis recently had a water baptismal service in which 12 people were baptized. According to Pastor John Gunderson, the Sunday school attendance in September was the largest in the church's history.

TEXAS—Westwood Farm of Teen Challenge is having great success among the youth in that area. Three young men recently accepted Christ, and three others were baptized in water. During October, 23 chapel services were held. In addition there were 40 hours of Bible classes and 45 hours of academic classes.



REMARKS OF A GREETER GRABBER

Does your church have an official greeter grabber? Ours does, and I'm it.

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shake hands with people as they leave, but it's the members who do the greeting before the service begins. Perhaps that's one reason why ours is known as a "friendly church."

To make even a small job run smoothly within the church organization, there must be several individuals to take certain responsibilities for the year. Such helpers as the altar committee chairman, usher committee chairman, and the individual who makes a calendar schedule for the greeters carry the responsibility for a smoothly running service.

The last mentioned job is mine, and I enjoy it thoroughly because I like people.

To avoid asking the same willing members to serve too often, I keep a calendar booklet for the year, and twice a month I spend an evening on the phone. I make out a two-week schedule and turn in the names to the church secretary who includes them in the bulletin notices.

If a person cannot serve, he or

she phones me, and I find a substitute or pinch-hit.

With the aid of the church directory, I avoid asking the "old faithfuls" more than once a year. Within three or four months after new members join, I invite them to participate in the greeting program.

Once a month we have a family do the greeting. This is a splendid way for people to learn what children belong to which families.

Also two young persons serve at least once a month. The youth enjoy this, especially when I ask a girl to serve with a boy, although at times I have two boys together, and again two girls will serve. So far, only one teenager has refused to participate.

A helpful side benefit is the opportunity I have to learn of illness in the homes. When I discover a case of sickness I notify our church visitor who makes a call at that address.

I also learn of handicapped persons who cannot serve because of arthritis, heart trouble, or other difficulty that prohibits them from standing for 15 minutes. I do not disturb them again. My calendar has many penciled notations that are helpful.

When I learn of the death of a church member, I write the date in the directory in order not to ask for that person again. In the case of a bereaved spouse, I wait and do not ask the widow or widower to serve until four or five months later. The act of helping in the church work is good therapy, and from this contact with others some of the bereaved ones overcome their feelings of aloneness and join in the activities of the church.

After three years as "greeter grabber" I have come to love my job and will hate to lose it when someone else's turn comes. Or perhaps the board will invite me to serve another year. Who knows? I can only hope, as I love it.

By **MABELLE B. MCGUIRE**

GREATNESS IS ALWAYS JUST A PRAYER AWAY

This is the month we do homage to greatness. We celebrate the birthdays of two great Americans—one the father of his country and the other the preserver of its unity.

As we recall the strength and wisdom with which Washington and Lincoln led our nation in two of its most crucial periods, we may be tempted to wish for the same quality of leadership today. If such leadership is lacking, it is not for want of mental genius. It is Christian integrity and a firm reliance on God that so many office seekers lack today.

"Ascribe ye greatness unto our God," sang Moses (Deuteronomy 32:3). God is great, and greatly to be praised; and He imparts to men those qualities that can make them great in whatever positions He has chosen for them.

Next time you feel weak or inadequate, think of the greatness of your God. In His hand is power and might, and to those who have no might He increaseth strength.

Turn to Psalm 145 and read David's song of praise. As you think of the majesty and power of the Lord—of His great creation, His marvelous works, and His bounti-

ful goodness to mankind—you undoubtedly will end up saying with the Psalmist, "My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever" (v. 21).

The song "How Great Thou Art" expresses it so well. Perhaps no song is more popular today than this one, penned originally around 1885 by Carl Boberg, a Lutheran minister and editor in Sweden. It's reported that Boberg was inspired to write "O Store Gud" (O Great God) as he viewed with awe the sparkling beauty of Sweden's lakes and meadows after a summer thunderstorm.

The hymn was translated into German, Russian, and other languages. The version that lifted it to worldwide notice was the English translation by Stuart K. Hine. George Beverly Shea sang it at the 1955 Billy Graham Crusade in Toronto, Canada, and from that time on it skyrocketed in popularity.

When you're tempted to "Sing the blues," sing this song instead. Your discouragement will vanish; you will be lifted out of weakness and doubt, and some of the greatness of God will enter your own soul.

There's blessing in singing hymns of worship. There's inspiration and help in reading the Psalms, for they draw attention away from oneself and fix it on Him who is strong and mighty.

Greatness is always just a prayer away. If you will take time to get quiet each morning and evening just to meditate on the Word of God, you will catch a sense of His majesty. As you communicate your prayer to Him, He will communicate His power to you.

Great Christians are great worshipers. They commune with their Maker until His strength enters into their spirits and makes them strong.

Study to be quiet. "Be still, and know that I am God." Spend much time in His presence. Then you shall prove the all-sufficiency of your God to satisfy your heart and make you adequate for each daily task.

Let your spirit rest in the strength of your Lord, singing with the hymn writer:

"Jesus, I am resting, resting
In the joy of what *Thou* art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart." —r.c.c.

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WE BELIEVE . . .

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

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

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

. . . in the Blessed Hope—the rapture of the Church at Christ's coming.

. . . the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.

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

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

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

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

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

THE HIGH COST OF SINNING

Did Aaron think the cost of the idol the Israelites demanded would change their minds about wanting it? If so, he was mistaken (Exodus 32). They were willing to pay.

It is amazing how readily people will pay big prices for sin.

Three months before, God had freed them from slavery. He had performed miracles to bring it about. Then He had made a contract with them: they would keep His commandments and He would be their God. One of those commandments was, "Have no other gods in addition to me." Another was, "Make no graven image." Another was, "Do not commit immorality."

One would think, considering all God had done for them, that they would have kept their part of the bargain. But no, they demanded an idol, and ended up breaking all three of those commandments.

It happened while Moses was up in the mountain with God. The people waited in the valley. Six weeks is a long time to wait. Excitement died down. Nothing happened. They became bored.

So they called for a celebration to break the monotony. A religious celebration. They said to Aaron, "Make us a god—something we can look at—for the festival."

Right then was when Aaron clamped a price on it. "This will cost you," he said. "It takes gold to make a proper idol. Go and get your jewelry."

Eagerly they ran to their tents. They brought out bracelets, rings, and stick pins. They even pulled the golden combs from their hair and the ear rings from their ears.

They helped bring fuel for the fire that melted their ornaments down into a blob of liquid gold. Aaron poured it into a mold.

They didn't resent giving away their ornaments. They didn't weep over the fond memories associated

with their treasures. They were glad to give them!

Rarely do people resent the cost of sin!

Ever figure up the cost of a night on the town?

The price of a night club? Strip tease? A month's liquor bill? A year's tobacco? Marijuana?

Have you any idea what it costs to gamble on the horses, or spin the wheels in a casino?

Ever since Adam and Eve laid their homestead on the board for the pleasures Satan flaunted, people have paid big prices for forbidden fruit.

Not to mention the hidden costs! People rarely consider these. After

the "dance" is over you have to pay the fiddler. You keep on paying long after the pleasurable stage is passed.

The Israelites got their idol. They feasted. They sang. They danced. They abandoned all restraints, just like their pagan neighbors!

Then Moses showed up and the excitement abruptly ended. They began to realize what they had done. The bills on the hidden costs began to come in. They had to bear a heavy load of guilt because they had shamed themselves and their God before their enemies.

They had to drink ashes. Three thousand of them died. They narrowly missed national extinction.

When you have finished committing sin, sin is not finished with you. The first cost is high, but it is only the down payment. You keep paying in your conscience, in your body, in the suffering you produce for your family, your friends, and your community.

And finally you will have to pay in hell. For "the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8).

But you can reverse the process. You can quit sinning now. You can turn to God for forgiveness and He will close the account.

There is no promise that you can do this tomorrow, though. At death all accounts come due immediately. And death is always only a heart-beat away.

But there is a promise for today. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). "Now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:3). "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Hebrews 3:7, 8).

By RUTH COPELAND