Church Construction Still Booming
Fifty-nine million dollars' worth of church buildings were started in May, setting a new record for a single month. Church construction for the first five months of 1955 was one-third greater than the same period in 1954.

Observing Christmas in July
It is the custom of a church in Chevy Chase, Maryland, to hold a Christmas service in July. The pastor preaches on a Christmas text; members of the choir and congregation sing Christmas carols; and the people bring Christmas gifts for their missionary in India who receives the gifts about December 25.

Christian College in Japan
There is now a Christian college in Japan, which is thoroughly evangelical. The president, Donald E. Hole, announced that when the Japan Christian College opened on April 12 there were 108 students enrolled, representing a cross-section of evangelical Christianity in Japan.

Something to Sing About
It is said that in a wealthy residential section of Richmond, some new owners complained that the singing at a small Christian church nearby disturbed them. They therefore circulated a petition to be presented to the city council asking that the church be silenced.

The solicitors brought the petition to a Jewish resident and asked him to sign. He read it and said, "Gentleman, I cannot sign it. If I believed as do these Christians that my Messiah had come, I would shout it from the housetops and on every street of Richmond, and nobody could stop me."

100,000 Sunday School Children Parade in Brooklyn and Queens
More than 100,000 children participated in the giant parades at Brooklyn, N. Y., marking the 139th anniversary of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union. The theme of this year's parade was "Christ, the Great Teacher." Boys and girls from more than 450 Protestant churches took part in the simultaneous parades, held in 26 Brooklyn communities. Similar parades were held in a dozen communities of the neighboring borough of Queens, N. Y.

More than a hundred civic leaders were whisked by automobiles, with motorcycle police escorts, from place to place in the boroughs to review the local parades.

The Real Issue
Commenting upon the struggle between the free world and Communism, President Eisenhower made this statement: "At issue is the true nature of man. Either man is the creature whom the Psalmist described as 'a little lower than the angels' or man is a soulless, animated machine to be enslaved, used and consumed by the state for its own glorification. It is, therefore, a struggle which goes to the roots of the human spirit, and its shadow falls across the long sweep of man's destiny."

Catholics Claim Many Converts
The Official Catholic Directory for 1955, just released, states that there are now 32,575,702 Roman Catholics in the U. S. and its territories. This is an increase of 927,278 in the past year, it states. For the ninth straight year the number of adult baptisms (that is, converts to Catholicism) topped 100,000.

The Directory states that the number of ordained priests rose to 46,970 last year, an all-time record, but the number of candidates for the priesthood was only 32,294 which is a thousand less than in 1953.

Offers Reward to Quit Smoking
J. S. Bridwell of Wichita Falls, Texas, owner of a big ranch and oil company, has offered to pay his employees $50 each if they will quit smoking. In a letter to his 250 employees, Mr. Bridwell said that he had been reading "with great interest what some of our great medical men have had to say regarding smoking. Doctors tell us that we are on a great increase in lung, throat, and stomach cancer and many other troubles. I have watched some of my very good friends become seriously ill and some to their death, all because of smoking."

Free Methodists Remove Restrictions on Use of Musical Instruments at Church
The General Conference of the Free Methodist Church, meeting this summer at Winona Lake, Indiana, voted to remove restrictions as to number and kind of musical instruments that may be used in public worship services.

Prior to 1943, musical instruments were not allowed in the worship services of the denomination. For the past twelve years, only piano or organ has been permitted; but now the local churches will be free to use any or all of the musical instruments they wish to use in their services.

Even Teachers Read Comics!
The best-read publications in the U. S. next to newspapers are the so-called comic books, according to a report issued by the University of California's Bureau of Public Administration. "Comic-book circulation exceeds a billion copies yearly, and the hundred million dollars spent on them is (1) more than U. S. grade and high schools spend for books and (2) four times the book budget of U. S. public libraries.

"Readers are not all children. Comic books are regularly read by 25 per cent of high-school graduates, 16 per cent of college graduates, and 12 per cent of U. S. teachers."

New Laws to Curb "Comics"
Harmful "comics," which should better be called "tragic," are being curbed in a number of states by new legislation designed to protect young and old from temptation.

The North Carolina House and Senate recently passed a bill which makes it unlawful to sell any so-called "comics" which portray mayhem, sexual acts, or the use of narcotics.

A somewhat similar bill was signed by Governor Allan Shivers of Texas. It provides stiff penalties for distributors of "lewd, lascivious and obscene" literature.

In Maryland, Governor T. R. McKeldin signed a bill outlawing the sale of crime comic books and sex magazines to children under eighteen.

New York State now has a similar law. Governor Harriman, in signing the bill, commented that "the state must step in and help" to protect the children. "While it is the responsibility of the parents to protect their children from bad influences," he said, "the practical situation is that it is difficult if not impossible for parents to keep improper comics away from their children" without the new law.

While legislators in other states study the situation, newsstand operators in Philadelphia and druggists in Minnesota began waging a war of their own against indecent literature. Six hundred members of a newsboys' union in Philadelphia pledged their cooperation with church and civic groups in cleaning up the newsstands. Their action was hailed as the "biggest victory" to date in the local "clean-up" drive. At Minneapolis, the Minnesota Pharmaceutical Association announced that it will proceed with its own ban of indecent literature, without waiting for action by the state legislature. Co-operating druggists will be given window decals and signs to be placed over their newsstands, proclaiming that they are working with the anti-obscene literature campaign.
Maintaining a Holy Curiosity

Just before his death, Einstein gave an interview to a rather discouraged young man. He said this: "One cannot help being in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery each day. Never lose a holy curiosity. Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value. He is considered successful in our day who gets more out of life than he puts in. But a man of value will give more than he receives."

By the intimate presence of the Holy Spirit the Assemblies of God ministry is distinctively blessed and compensated for what may be thought to be a lack of some technical and theological advantages. Pentecostal preachers are peculiarly adapted and fitted for maintaining this holy curiosity. The Holy Spirit urges in and through us a mission of investigation: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Cor. 2:9, 10).

To the genuine Pentecostal preacher there can never be any boundary of possibility. All things become possible to the believer. The goal of this graduating class is to find possibilities in God not yet discovered by my generation. Dare to find out what "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man!" Such discoveries are awaiting you through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Don’t take things for granted! Don’t stop with what someone else has found out about God! Make new discoveries.

This was the spirit of Elisha as he moved beyond the Bible schools of his day. Here it is in 2 Kings 2:14: "And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? And when he had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over."

Elisha had seen a lot for one day—"a chariot of fire" and a "whirlwind finish" to the ministry of his teacher. But when asked what he wanted, he replied: "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me."

There was in this spiritual adventurer a holy curiosity. He set as his target "a double portion." And God honored it. If you will make a comparison between the recorded miracles wrought by Elijah and the recorded miracles wrought by Elisha, you will find that Elisha wrought exactly twice as many as Elijah. Elisha not only raised one person from the dead, the child who had come a reward to the prophet’s chamber” as an addition to their home, but even after his death a dead soldier was revived when he was thrown into Elisha’s sepulchre. It has been men and women refusing to limit themselves by the usual who have brought progress to the world we now live in. There is a sense in which we all must say, “Don’t fence me in!”

Have you ever heard the story of William Morris, the great English artist? When Morris was a young man he was a great admirer of Dante Gabriel Rossetti. In many other ways their beauty was to be spoiled by their surroundings. Into this custom strode Morris. What could he do? He actually changed the wallpapers of England.

And in many other ways this man’s life took direction from the desire to take beauty out of its artificial frame and shed abroad its spirit over the everyday things of life. He insisted that the art of an age is not to be judged by the work of its few great artists but by its pots and pans, its curtains and carpets. And so instead of becoming a famous architect or painter as was expected, he became a designer and a manufacturer, including in his work tapestries, carpets, embroidery, tiles, furniture, paperhangings, printed cotton goods, and general house decoration. He let beauty spill over! He took art out of the frame.

Jesus did the same thing for religion in His day. He made it a thing of life instead of some mysterious taboo with a

We should all admit that you could not hang an unframed picture upon an ugly wallpaper. A shrinking wallpaper would kill an unframed picture, and English houses at that time were full of such wallpaper. Paper and picture would cancel each other. In that day the better pictures were framed with heavy gilt plaster. It was positively necessary unless their beauty was to be spoiled by their surroundings. Into this custom strode Morris. What could he do? He actually changed the wallpapers of England.

But there is something more than wallpaper in a room—there is furniture. Again the same thing happened. When Morris was getting married he went to all the shops in London but he could not find a single new table or chair that he could endure. It was not mere fastidiousness—to him vulgarities in table legs was as distressing as vulgarity in table manners. What happened? Why, he made drawings of chairs and tables, drawings in simple lines, and had them carried out by a local carpenter.

Hear C. M. Ward on REVIVALTIME...

GOLIATH’S SWORD (1 Samuel 21:9)

SERMON SUBJECT FOR JULY 10

SUNDAY 10:30 P.M. ABC NETWORK

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CALLED UNTO FELLOWSHIP

EVANGELIST NIELS P. THOMSEN

Throughout the New Testament there are various things mentioned to which we have been called. I propose to present to you one of these callings as mentioned in 1 Corinthians 1:9—the calling to fellowship with the Son of God. No calling could be higher. Here is the eternal, spiritual and heavenly calling.

The first statement of the verse is that God is faithful, or trustworthy. This fact is foundational to all of our fellowship with His Son. It is the faithfulness of God that makes such fellowship possible. It is good to know that God is trustworthy whether He rebukes or promotes; for all of His rebukes have promotion as an end, if heeded.

The word “fellowship” is of interesting connotation. It comes from a Greek word meaning partnership or participation. In Acts 2:44, the same word has been translated “all things common.” I would like you to carry this translation over into 1 Cor. 1:9; “Ye were called unto having all things common with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.” The soul stands in amazement before such a prospect. I, a child of hell, with the seeds of death in me, to have things common with the Author of Life and the Joy of heaven. What marvelous grace!

Take note of with whom we have this fellowship or partnership. It is with God’s Son, who is the Heir of all things. I have fellowship with Jesus, the Saviour—the manifestation of God among men; who by His death and sacrifice made full atonement for my sin, and opened the way back to God for me. I have also been called into partnership with Christ, the anointed One. And as I share with Him I receive of His anointing. This is a glorious participation designed for me in the call of God. He is not only the anointed One, but also the Anointer. The call is also to have fellowship with our Lord, the One in authority. The only way to have things common with the Lord is to walk in perfect obedience.

The Son shares with us His life, power, possessions and characteristics, including His nature. To have things common with Him we also must share all that we have (our abilities, talents, energies and possessions) with Him. This partnership is not to be onesided. It is not a fellowship unless both share fully and completely. Do I want all there is of His? Then He must have all there is of mine.

Since I am called into partnership with the Son, there are three things that must be true in our relationship, if our partnership is to be effective.

First, there must be mutual interests. One cannot read the Bible without realizing that He interests Himself entirely in man. All His prophecies, promises, sacrifices and acts have man as their view. He has taken man’s being, spirit, mind and body. To this end He planned and executed redemption’s plan; and to this end He sits as High Priest today on the right hand of the Father. To share with Him I must interest myself wholly in Him, until all within or about me moves to glorify the Son. My thoughts, motives and energies are to praise and glorify Him.

Secondly, there must be mutual devotion. I am glad to claim all His resources as mine. We like to remind ourselves that “In Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.” And we claim the privilege as sons to partake of it all. We sing lustily, “Every promise in the Book is mine.” Yes, He has called us to partake of His wisdom, power and attributes. But this partnership cannot be onesided. When all things are common with Him and me, then all my resources must be His—I must yield all things to His control. We have not really entered into fellowship with Him until it is a mutual arrangement. He cannot give me all He has until He can control all I have. I have so very little, and He has so very much; yet He only asks my little in order that He may give me His much. All of His and all of ours, united, can shake the world and bring joy to heaven.

Thirdly, there must also be mutual activity. He said on one occasion, “Take My yoke upon you.” It was an invitation to join with Him in co-operative activity. But my mind asks, What can I do in a yoke with Him? I would be a drag. At best I would only tag along. But the Bible reminds us in many ways of this tremendous truth: that in all co-operative activity He accommodates Himself to our weakness. This is astounding condescension, but it is His plan and calling to bring us to the place where we are co-laborers together with Him. Since He accommodates Himself to our weakness, it is our privilege and duty to rise to co-operate with Him in His strength. This is the secret of fellowship—all things common. All our activity must be to the end that we make Him known, and emblazon His name to the ends of the earth.” Ye shall be witnesses”—or, as Williams translates it, “Ye must be witnesses.”

In a fellowship, responsibilities fall on each member in the fellowship. If we avoid the responsibilities we cannot share in the privileges. He shares with me in order that I may share with Him. A failure on my part to share with Him will shut off the flow from Him to me. It is to be mutual, or not at all. He places all of His resources at my disposal in order that I may place all of my resources at His disposal. A withholding on my part from Him, will inevitably mean that He must withhold of His from me.

An example of this is found in the great trial of faith that God sent to Abraham, as recorded in Genesis 22. In vv. 16 and 17 God said, “Because thou hast not withheld... in blessing I will bless thee,” etc. The blessing is withheld from many, because they are guilty of withholding of theirs from the Lord.

He accommodates Himself to my weakness in order that I may rise to cooperate with Him with all my abilities. Yes, we are called to have all things in common with our Lord. He receiving all mine, as well as I receiving all His. In all this God is trustworthy and dependable; but are we? Could this be practiced fully from our side we would again see the mighty movings of God in the Church and in the world.

To respond to His call is to glorify Him; to fail to respond is to dishonor Him. God has called us unto fellowship and partnership with His Son. Let us arise and enter.
You are sitting on a crag high in the Bernese Alps of Switzerland. The sun has already dipped behind the western peaks. Below stretches a vast panorama of beauty. You are absorbed with the scenes and sounds of eventide—the rough alpiner's shack, the tinkle of cowbells on the slope, and the placid lake in the valley. It is a spectacle long to be remembered.

The sun has disappeared but light remains. The once-white clouds blush from the parting kiss of the sun. The snowy summits still reflect the sunset, and congregated hues of beauty radiate from the crests and ravines. There is no visible source of light, and yet a lingering phosphorescence covers the whole majestic view. At such a time as this, the mighty Alps belately reflect the beauty of the sun and cling to it as if reluctant to give up its effulgence. Men call it the afterglow.

Then your mind goes back to an ancient mountain scene and another type of afterglow. You recall that rugged mount called Sinai, between the Red Sea and the Gulf of Suez. While on its summit, Moses fasted forty days and experienced uninterrupted communion with God. Triumphantly he started down the incline with the tables of the Ten Commandments. The Scriptures say, "And it came to pass, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony...that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone" (Exodus 34:29). The literal meaning is that his face "shot out rays" or was irradiated.

What made the mountains to glow even after losing contact with the sun? What made the countenance of the prophet to shine as he talked to his people? In both instances the answer is the same. It was the afterglow. The snowy peaks absorbed and reflected the rays of the sun; and Moses was saturated with the white light of the holiness of God so that it could not help but shine through his features. What a glorious afterglow follows a tryst with God!

The radiant face of Moses was the hallmark of heaven. It was the outgrowth of his communion with God and signified that he was qualified to speak for God. To the Israelites it gave a practical demonstration of the Glory of Jehovah. Our reading of the account today brings to us certain aspects of the holiness of God that cannot be overlooked.

Someone has said, "He who would know what glory is must go where glory is obtained." God is the source of such a radiance as Moses experienced. The shine of glory does not come by merely withdrawing from the throne to an isolated place. It is not a result of going through pious actions or mouthing spiritual phrases. It does not come through buffing or exterior application. Such holiness and radiance is a reflection of the brightness of God, and can only be gotten through close and constant communion with Him.

The experience of Moses is a picture of all true spirituality, in that he was unaware of his radiance. The radiance was understood and known by everyone but himself. He was so absorbed in his contact with God and in bringing God's message to the people that he was unconscious of the heavenly beauty upon his countenance. He had never entered his mind that his face would shine. He did not see the afterglow, because he had seen the far greater glory of the Sun Himself. The highest spirituality is that which is unconscious of itself. Beware of self-conscious spirituality!

There is a self-conscious humility that is merely a subtle species of pride, and there is a self-conscious spirituality that is only masqueraded carnality. Do you know why the Lord took a child and set him in the midst, and told the Jews they needed to be converted and become like little children? It was to teach them innocence and self-effacement. The charm of children is their innocence. The things they say and do are unaffected by self-consciousness. When children begin to learn they are cute, they cease to be cute. So it is with spirituality. When a man suspects he is spiritual, he begins to be carnal. The one who highly esteem his own spirituality is of low esteem in the eyes of discerning men and God.

Many of us are prone to check the pulse of our spirituality. We are tempted to look in a mirror to determine the degree of radiation from our countenances. Is it any wonder we see so little? Better far to be engrossed in God, and in our service to fellow men, and ignorant of the existence of any evidence of God's glory.

When the glory of God is manifest through an individual, the masses will not always be drawn to that person. Some people revel in any manifestation of God, but others seem to be repelled by it. Even of the people who knew God, it is said, "And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him" (Exodus 34:30). The visible evidence of God's presence makes some people miserable. The holiness of God makes them acutely conscious of their sin. It could well be that Israel's recent idolatry haunted them when they saw the glory of God upon the face of Moses. That may have been the cause of their fear. It was only after Adam sinned that he was afraid and tried to hide from God. Some people will be drawn to a Moses with radiant face, and others will flee from him.

The true child of God longs for a close communion with God. His motive is not to seek a shining countenance but to have fellowship with his Maker. The face that radiates is often a result of such a meeting with God. Oh, that we might have more shining faces—and less personal awareness of the shining!
Three thousand five hundred Africans gathered to witness the dedication of what is considered to be one of the largest and most attractive churches in all of West Africa. The Kumasi Assembly of God building was begun under the supervision of missionary J. Burdette Wiles, who pioneered the Ashanti work, and was completed under the supervision of Edwin Ziemann.

The great crowd had gathered from the city of Kumasi and the surrounding villages of Ashanti. Many of these Christians were representatives from nearby Assemblies of God churches, and from mission stations in more distant sections of the Gold Coast. Others travelled all the way from their homes in the adjoining countries of North Togoland, Dahomey and Upper Volta. Before the great church doors were opened to the people, they waited under a large brush arbor among the grass and stone, with fetish charms bedecking their bodies. Had they not lived for the Devil—in fear and superstition? Sin bound them. Disease and sickness of every kind had afflicted their bodies. But through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ they had been delivered from their sad bondage. These people had seen the dead raised, the lepers healed, blind eyes opened and the kune disease cast out. And most wonderful of all: they had been forgiven of their sins.

At 11 a.m. a black limousine entered the compound, bearing the personal representative of the Paramount Chief. Clothed in a very colorful robe, and carrying an equally colorful umbrella in his hand, he was ushered to a prominent seat under the brush arbor among the waiting crowd. Then came the long awaited moment! Brother Ziemann stepped onto the open-air platform and announced the beginning of the dedication ceremonies. The great crowd rose as one man and sang that royal hymn of the church, “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name.” A national pastor, J. O. Appiah, offered the invocation; and the church elders, pastors and resident missionaries officiated in the laying of the corner stone. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Brother Wiles.

J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, officiated in the opening of the church. The moment the great doors swung open, the great crowd moved, en masse, from the brush arbor into the building. The ushers tried in vain to find seats for all.

The national pastor from Takoradi, E. K. Yamoa, introduced the chairman of the meeting, Elvis Davis from Accra. The interpreter was E. B. Sampong, another national pastor.

Following the congregational prayer by J. S. Kessler (a new missionary to Ashanti), various chiefs and Mr. Baidoo, a member of the Gold Coast Legislative Assembly, were introduced by R. S. Quayson. The official welcome was offered by the local pastor, E. B. Akoto, and resident missionary, Edwin Ziemann. A history of the church was read by the church secretary, H. C. Derx.

The preliminaries over, Brother Savell stepped to the pulpit, and after voicing a greeting from the headquarters brethren he preached a splendid dedicatory message... God's blessing rested upon the entire service.

W. F. McCorkle, Superintendent of the Gold Coast field, offered the dedicatory prayer; after which an offering was received for the church building. The evening service was a time of great blessing also. During the forepart of the meeting, while the offering was being taken, God began to bless the audience in a remarkable way. As the people gave liberally of their means, a spirit of praise broke forth; and for almost half an hour they stood with hands raised to God.

These dear people had a right to praise their Lord. Had they not, a few years before, bowed down to idols of wood and stone, with fetish charms bedecking their bodies? Had they not lived for the Devil—in fear and superstition? Sin had bound them. Disease and sickness of every kind had afflicted their bodies. But through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ they had been delivered from their sad bondage. These people had seen the dead raised, the lepers healed, blind eyes opened and the kune disease cast out. And most wonderful of all: they had been forgiven of their sins.

No wonder they stood that night in the newly dedicated house of God singing, “We Praise Thy Name; We Glorify Thee. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!”

**CONFERENCE FOLLOWS**

**CHURCH DEDICATION**

The week following Dedication Sunday, the West African Conference for missionaries and nationals was held in the new Kumasi church. Brother Savell ministered under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, bringing a refreshing to every heart. A wide representation of workers was seen in the gathering. This conference proved to be a time of great profit and fellowship. The workers had come from Upper Volta, Togo-Dahomey, Nigeria and Gold Coast. This particular conference, linked with the church-opening ceremonies, was a powerful influence for God in the city and surrounding area. The new Kumasi church seats 3,000 people. It was begun in 1951 under the leadership of J. Burdette Wiles, and completed in December of 1954 under the leadership of Edwin Ziemann.
Priest Leads Mob Against Missionary

Brother and Sister Walter Erickson, missionaries in Peru, write:

"The above photo shows our Speed-the-Light vehicle as it appeared after a mob, led by a priest, had finished breaking its windows.

"This did not happen in some remote mountain village, far removed from civilization, but in one of the suburbs of Lima, capital city of Peru.

"In this section of the city a new church has been opened and the Lord had been blessing. The Devil cannot stand that, apparently. There had been some disturbances for a number of weeks but no violence. This particular night, however, a mob appeared at the door of the church, led by a priest. They hurled rocks into the church; broke out a section of the door; and since the house car was near the door, they proceeded to break out six windows with stones. Three of the tires were slashed in the attack.

"Some of our national Christians escaped through the back door and called the police. The police soon dispersed the mob, and called for an investigation of the affair.

"When the believers asked for police protection in future services, the same priest appeared at police headquarters and assured them that it would not be necessary since there would be no repetition of this proceeding. And there has not been to date.

"We are glad to report that our brethren are not in the least bit dismayed by mob violence, because they believe that if, God be for us, who can be against us?

"We covet the prayers of the EVANGEL readers for the Lord's work in Peru, South America."

Calling All Believers With A Vision!!

Let's face the facts! Every day thousands of souls are dying without once hearing the gospel of salvation! And you, and others like you, are the only ones that can save them. Of course, you are not their eternal Saviour, but you are the hands, the feet, the heart and voice of Christ to a dying world. Jesus is not here on earth now; He returned to heaven two thousand years ago; but He left orders that we, His followers, should give the gospel message to the lost and dying. Did He not die for all?

Missionaries can't reach the lost without money. Funds are necessary, very necessary, to do what Christ told us to do—evangelize the world. That's why the Assemblies of God are announcing another great W-E DAY OFFERING this year. This special World Evangelism offering will be received from all of our local churches across the nation.

It is recommended that your church take up this offering on Sunday, August 28, and report the amount by regular mail to the General Council in Oklahoma City before September 4 when it will be announced publicly.

We urge every pastor, evangelist, church leader and church member to get behind this special World Missions offering. Let's make this year's W-E Day effort a record-breaker. Don't fail our missionaries! Don't fail the millions who are now dying without Christ! Make yours a generous W-E Day Offering!

Christian Families Left Destitute by Earthquake

The third earthquake disaster in Greece within three years hit the town of Volos on April 19, 1955. More than 50,000 people were left homeless in Volos and the twenty-eight surrounding villages.

The Greek government estimates that only fifteen per cent of the homes were left habitable. Many Christian families are destitute, having lost everything.

Please send relief to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, U.S.A.

—George Carmichael
MONDAY, July 11

DAVID ACCLAIMED KING—2 Samuel 5:1-12

“And David perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel’s sake” (v. 12).

David was not a self-made man. He was God’s triumph, not his own. Once a humble shepherd, he had learned vigilance in the care of his father’s sheep. The preparatory discipline of hardships taught him obedience and dependence upon God. When the people came with a reminder of God’s command, “Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel” (v. 2), he obeyed without hesitation.

David realized the necessity for a sheepsfold as a central place of government and worship. The hills of Zion—lofty, strongly fortified and seemingly impregnable—became the objective. So secure felt the controlling Jebusites that blind and maimed persons manned the battlements as an act of derision. Hence David’s command, “Smite them!” David took the stronghold of Zion, “and the Lord God of hosts was with him” (v. 10).

Establishment is the prime desire of God for His people. The day calls for unflinching courage and obedience without hesitation. Faithfulness to prayer, with constant attendance to God’s Word, will help usher in that eternal victory when we shall rule and reign as kings and priests with Christ.

—MRS. MARJORIE LOOMIS

TUESDAY, July 12

DAVID KING OF JUDAH—2 Samuel 2:1-7

“And the Lord said unto him, Go up” (v. 1).

Happy is the man who will maintain through life that intimate communion with God so that he may hear the blessed voice of the Holy Spirit. Saul had begun well. He, too, had been anointed with the Holy Spirit. But because of his determination to have his own way instead of waiting for God’s way, the Lord departed from him and let him run his own life, which ended in tragedy and despair and suicide.

David learned to walk with God as a shepherd lad. All through life he prized the anointing of the Spirit and communion with God. It is written that David was a man after God’s own heart. Not that David never failed. But David was quick to repent and to turn from his sin; and God forgave and restored to him the joy of his salvation.

There is no life on earth so positively gratifying as the Spirit-filled life. The man who lives with his will surrendered to the will of God and his ear in tune with the voice of God is a wealthy man. His life is rich; for he, like David, is a prince with God.

—ATWOOD FOSTER

WEDNESDAY, July 13

ISHBOSHEH SUCCEEDS SAUL—2 Samuel 2:8-11

David reigned in Hebron; but Abner took Ishbosheh, the son of Saul, and made him king over all Israel.

Three men point up the lessons in this story. David reigned in Hebron over his fellow tribesmen. Tribal jealousy and failure to understand David’s actions as related to the Philistines contributed to his rejection by the northern tribes, although his designation by Samuel to the kingship was universally known. David shows us how faith in God can lead to possessing one’s soul in patience until “the vision” comes. He was willing to let events shape themselves—or better, to let God shape the events. God had given him Hebron; he would be patient until He gave him Jerusalem also.

Ishbosheh, a “King Do-Nothing,” would never dare to resist David but for a stronger will behind him. A weakling in a world of tempters, a character without moral stamina, is sure to drift into the way of the wicked.

Abner was not capable of the self-effacement involved in acquiescing to David’s ascensions, having been in a high position when the stripping from Bethlehem fought Goliath. He represents that self-deception with which men gloss over ugly selfishness with fine names and high-sounding phrases, and in their madness set themselves against God’s plan—only to find they have not succeeded in the end.

Do not be an Ishbosheh or an Abner, when by God’s grace you can become a David.

—U. S. GRANT

THURSDAY, July 14

CIVIL WAR IN ISRAEL—2 Samuel 2:12-32

This passage of Scripture records for us a tragedy that could have been averted. Abner, a brilliant military man of Saul’s army, decided to establish a kingdom in competition

WILL THE DOOR BE OPEN?

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, O YE GATES; EVEN LIFT THEM UP YE EVERLASTING DOORS; AND THE KING OF GLORY SHALL COME IN. PSALM 24:9
to David and the kingdom of Judah. Then there arose a bitter rivalry between the soldiers of each camp, and one day it erupted into armed conflict. There was bloodshed, and hundreds were needlessly killed. Thousands were wounded in spirit, and bitter lamentations filled the land. Abner’s net gain from his revolt was absolutely nil.

It is a tragedy of gravest proportions when civil war breaks out in a spiritual unit. Often the sad repercussions are never completely healed. The dread virus of divisiveness infects the bloodstream of both the home and the church. We are living in the days of “clay and iron.” The tendency is to pull apart, but “how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” Every Christian ought to become a crusader for harmony among God’s people.

—LLOYD CHRISTIANSEN

FRIDAY, July 15

The Story of Abner—2 Samuel 3:6-39

Abner said, “As the Lord hath sworn to David, even so do I to him; to translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David” (vv. 9, 10). David said, “Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?” (vv. 9, 10, 38).

Abner took a great step when he transferred his loyalty from Saul’s dynasty to David’s. Abner, a close relative of Saul’s, had also been his chief bodyguard and captain of his host. Now he acknowledged the Lord’s promise to David and stated that he would work wholeheartedly to bring it to pass. What God was going to do for David, Abner would also do.

There is a sovereign will of God. Abner would oppose it no longer. David, in turn, voiced freely his unqualified respect for Abner and honored him in the eyes of the nation, following his death.

When we walk with grace in our hearts before the Lord, God can make even our enemies to be at peace with us. David’s noble words at the death of Abner not only honored Abner, but also showed the sincerity and great-heartedness of David. They are still quoted with appreciation in our own day.

—ZELMA ARGUE

SATURDAY, July 16

The Death of Ishboseth—2 Samuel 4

“Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy life” (v. 8).

Revenge! There is so little satisfaction in it. Revenge often comes after weeks of brooding and planning. It takes so much time and pays so few dividends. One never can “get even.” Two wrongs can never make one right. When it comes to settling accounts there is none quite like the Lord for this task: “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord.”

The young men in this scripture were conformed to the world. Their motto was, “An eye for an eye. If someone hits me—then I’ll hit him. If someone says an unkind word about me, then I’ll tell something unkind about him.”

David made it clear that the news about Ishboseth did not make him happy. David was much like Jesus who said, “Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.” David turned away those who would take the matter of vengeance into their own hands. He knew that “all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.”

Christ taught His disciples to pray with a forgiving spirit, and to say, “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us.” If we do not forgive others, our heavenly Father will not forgive us—and where is the man or woman who does not need His forgiveness?

—T. E. HOLLINGSWORTH

Sunday School lesson for July 17, 1955—“David Acclaimed King” (2 Samuel 5:1-12).

This Week’s Cover

Bethel Full Gospel Church in Rochester, N. Y., has a new home. The building is not new; in fact, its venerable vine-covered walls could divulge many an interesting episode from the religious history of bygone days, if walls could talk; but it is a much larger building than the Bethel Church has had in the past and it opens up new doors of opportunity for growth and ministry.

The spacious auditorium will seat a thousand people. There is also a chapel which will seat about seven hundred. It would be easy to accommodate a Sunday School of twelve hundred in this church.

The Bethel congregation, under the leadership of their pastor, Warren B. Straton, purchased the building from the Asbury First Methodist Church and were expecting to move into their new location last Sunday, July 3. They plan to dedicate it in October after the interior has been repainted and somewhat remodeled.

The Sunday School attendance is increasing steadily. The average for March was 213; in April it was 256; in May it reached 285. The goal is to have 500 by dedication time. Through the efforts of a group of eager workers, laboring under the blessing of the Lord, they expect to reach the goal. The church has two Sunday School buses, and charters five additional buses, which help to bring the people in.

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"PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP IN ACTION" TO BE THEME
OF ANNUAL CONVENTION IN TORONTO, CANADA

The eighth annual convention of The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America will be held November 1st, 2nd and 3rd in downtown Toronto, Canada, in Cooke's Presbyterian Church, seating 2,500.

The Fellowship is composed of 10 Pentecostal organizations—9 in the United States and 1 in Canada—representing 10,000 ministers and local congregations, with an active adult membership of more than 1,000,000.

Large delegations from distant places are expected. Already it is announced that buses will be chartered to bring the choir of Berea Tabernacle, St. Louis, Missouri. Under the direction of its pastor-conductor, James Cockman, it will furnish special music throughout the convention.

The opening Tuesday night service with the accent on youth, will be addressed by T. F. Zimmerman, Executive Director of the youth department of the Assemblies of God, Frank W. Smith, representative of the Open Bible Standard Churches, will preach on Wednesday night. The closing Thursday night gathering will be addressed by Howard P. Courtney of Los Angeles, representing the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. Representatives of the Pentecostal Holiness Church and of the Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.) will speak at the afternoon services. Communion service will also be held on Wednesday afternoon.

Missionary and Youth Seminars will be held prior to the Convention, on Monday night and Tuesday morning.

In keeping with the 1955 convention theme, "Pentecostal Fellowship in Action," all member fellowships are impressing upon their adherents the need of intercessory prayer, and urging God's people everywhere to pray for a mighty outpouring of the blessed Holy Spirit.

Executive officers of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America for the current year are—Chairman, E. J. Fulton, Open Bible Standard Churches; Vice-Chairmen, T. A. Melton, Pentecostal Holiness Church, and Rolf K. McPherson, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; Treasurer, Gayle F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God; Secretary, W. E. McAlister, General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

The Board of Administration is as follows: Howard P. Courtney, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; J. A. Synan, Pentecostal Holiness Church; J. Roswell Flower, Assemblies of God; Frank W. Smith, Open Bible Standard Churches; Chester I. Miller, Pentecostal Church of Christ; W. Spencer, International Pentecostal Assemblies; Clayton Lawson, Church of God Mountain Assembly; Howard R. Morehead, Church of God; and C. M. Wortman, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

Correspondence concerning the convention, or enquiries for lodging, should be addressed to the Fellowship Secretary, Walter E. McAlister, 50 Euston Avenue, Toronto 6, Ontario, Canada.
Neighbor, there are still unexplored areas in the victory of Christ that await graduates clothed with “a spirit of holy curiosity.” What challenges are expressed in these words: “All things are possible to him that believeth.” I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.

What discoveries await faith? On Friday night, May 20, I ministered to a great Revivaltime Rally in the new auditorium of the First Assembly of God in Eugene, Oregon. After the message, two women pressed their way down an aisle, the one to give a testimony and the other to substantiate it. The one giving the testimony lifted up her voice to say: “Brother Ward, I had become so completely blind that during the past year I could barely distinguish between light and darkness. I would walk into open doors and bruise and cut myself.

Then,” she said, “a week before Easter of this year I heard your announcement of the intercessory prayer service for the sick and afflicted, to be held Easter Sunday night at Revivaltime headquarters.

“I had offered prayers and had had prayers said for me, but that night something gripped my heart. I felt that if I could only get word to you in time God would undertake for my blindness. I memorized the address as best I could and in the morning urged my husband to get a letter off by Air Mail, Special Delivery. It was then that my pastor and his wife met me, and I told them how urgently I needed word to reach you before that Sunday night service. My pastor’s wife gladly wrote the letter and we awaited the service of intercession.

“Brother Ward, I sat back in this audience tonight and saw you distinctly. I saw that you had a white shirt. I saw you lift your arms. I followed you readily as you walked back and forth across the platform.” Standing next to her was her pastor’s wife, who gladly confirmed every word of her testimony. A hundred others around the altar in Eugene must have seen this woman and heard her testify.

She continued, “As soon as the intercessory prayer service for the sick and afflicted began last Easter the fog and confusion before my eyes lifted. It has never returned.” She said that shortly afterward she and her husband took a bus trip together to be present at a relative’s funeral, and that she had been able to pick out the color of buildings along the highway a half mile away. Neighbor, here is an act of God worthy of our curiosity!

What if I were not to pray for the sick during the Revivaltime broadcast? Some theologians might be happier; some evangelicals might be friendlier; but people would go unhealed because of my lack of faith.

I remember when I put that neon heal-

ing sign on the outside of the Tabernacle in Bakersfield, California, and promised to pray for the sick every Sunday night. I remember it was a venture. I wanted to know how big this religion could be. I wanted to know what power Jesus had upon earth. His claim is all power. I know what happened. The Tabernacle was packed on Sunday nights. Families were saved and added to the church through the ministry of healing. God performed miracles that reverberated through that community. And yet ashamedly I know that I haven’t begun to touch the possibilities there are in God. My need is to seek counsel of the Holy Spirit—to be a yielded vessel.

“. . . But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”

What must those “deep things” be like? Have we yet tested God as to what He can do in deep miracles of financing? Mueller made a start at it in his great orphanage work in Great Britain a century ago. Lillian Trasher is being shown further possibilities in her great Egyptian orphanage these days. What about you, graduate? Are you filled with a holy curiosity to know how unlimited the funds of God are and how God can really “supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus”?

Have we yet fully tested the possibilities of prayer? Praying Hyde has pointed the way. David Brainerd could pray with such intensity that he was quite oblivious to a coiled reptile that shared the tent with him. Daniel found out what prayer could do—deliver him out of the lions’ den and give him the ability to read strange writing on the palace wall, interpret dreams, and wrest historical secrets from the heart of God.

Has anyone sought to find out what God will do for the heathen and outcasts of this world? David Livingstone and Hudson Taylor made a start. Scores of...
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faithful missionaries have sought to know the answer to the divine challenge: “I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance.” We have seen revivals in mission fields, great turnings to God, but have we ever yet fully witnessed what God has promised?

Paul said, “For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.” Notice the order: by word; by deed; by mighty signs and wonders; by the power of the Spirit of God. Hasn’t the day come when the Spirit of God wants to harvest these mission fields by mighty signs and wonders? Isn’t this your challenge as you graduate tonight?

Have you allowed a holy curiosity to re-examine our own peculiar Assemblies of God testimony to the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost? In my humble opinion we need to re-emphasize this marvelous phenomenon of speaking with other tongues, and never soft-pedal it.

People today are in a state of frustration. Jesus said: “Men’s hearts [will be] failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.” With the shadow of universal destruction overhanging the world this generation longs for a gospel of reassurance and security. The big sellers of today have been those books dealing with “peace of mind.” This is the day of the psychologist and the psychiatrist. Men’s minds are giving away under the pressure of inner conflicts.

We Pentecostal people have the God-given key for this situation right within our hands. We have the greatest potential market any group of churchmen could dream for. This is our message: “To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; this is the refreshing.” What is this “rest”? What is this “refreshing”? Neighbor, God has placed the answer right within our hands. The answer is “stammering lips and another tongue.”

Nothing that an Almighty God can provide—to quench the awful thirst in man for reality, for reassurance of God’s love and care for him—can ever satisfy like the spontaneous, miraculous moving of the Holy Spirit within the temple of man himself. This is the antidote for today’s “war of nerves;” it is the refreshing manifestation of assurance that comes through the miraculous moving of God within your body, so that suddenly you can hear Another and not yourself.

Here then is a message to preach for today! Find out its power! Discover its attraction! Explore its possibilities! Your fathers have only barely shown you the way. Graduates of my own Alma Mater, yours may be the final generation to preach this gospel. Precipit it then in “power and demonstration of the Spirit.”

Centuries ago there were no lights on London streets, and dangers lurked on every side of the lone traveler at night. When Parliament ended the day’s sessions, a watchman’s voice sounded through the corridors of the House saying, “Who goes home?” That was the signal for a company of linkmen to assemble to escort the members to their several abodes. Their torches were lighted to show the dangerous pits, and their numbers were sufficient to insure the members against being molested by questionable characters.

Today this scene is changed so far as the lighting of London streets is concerned, but there is no change in the old customs in Parliament. At each day’s close this same cry still resounds within the walls of the House, “Who goes home?”

You and I need to bear that cry in mind. Our day’s work is drawing to a close. The shadows are deepening. It’s about time to go home! And when that challenge comes to you and to me, “Who goes home?” let us rejoice that we need not travel the difficult trail alone. At the door through which we must all pass to “the land that is fairer than day” stands the divine Linkman whose torch will light our footsteps and whose strength will undergird our weakness all the way.

New Features Planned for General Council

For the first time in the history of the Assemblies of God, the General Council this year will feature a series of workshops with discussion of various problems facing the average pastor. These sessions will be held in the Municipal Auditorium at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 1-6.

The workshops and respective leaders will include:

The Part of Women in Our Church Life, Mrs. Arthur Berg; The Part of Men in Our Church Life, James E. Hamill; The Church and Its Young People, Melvin M. Brewer, Jr.; The Church and its Teaching Ministry, E. Eksworth Krogstad; Relationship of the Pastor and the Evangelist, John H. Bostrom; The Church and the Use of Radio, C. Morse Ward; Evangelism in the Local Church, Roy H. Weed; The Church’s Responsibility to World Missions, Andrew Stirling; Christian Education Opportunities in the Assemblies of God, Irvine J. Harrison.

The theme of the General Council will be, “By His Spirit,” taken from the scripture used for so many years on the front page of The Pentecostal Evangel.

In addition to the general workshops, two sessions will be held in which the ministries of various headquarters departments will be featured. The Executive Directors will preside over these seminars, assisted by the National Secretaries.

Another innovation at the 26th General Council will be exhibits presenting the services of various commercial concerns as well as the departments from headquarters. Commercial exhibits will include such items as church furniture, musical instruments, and office aids. Service organizations having exhibits will include such groups as the American Bible Society and the Boy Scouts. General Council branches having exhibits will include departments from headquarters, the Gospel Publishing House, and Assemblies of God schools.

All exhibits will be in the Zebra Room in the basement of the Municipal Auditorium. This room contains approximately 38,000 square feet of space, or enough to accommodate 100 exhibits. Because so many of the ministers and delegates are expected to be interested in the exhibits, open hours will be adjusted so as not to conflict with business sessions and worship services.

With so many aids offered and so many important items on the program, the largest attendance in the history of the Assemblies of God is expected at this General Council. To be assured of reservations, write for accommodations immediately. Address all inquiries to: Housing Committee Co-Chairman, Douglas Friesen, Box 4, Bethany, Oklahoma. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for a reply.
COUNCIL of the New Jersey District, held here the nine months' existence of ministry .... 'tIS a creative blessing to our new District. The Holy Spirit. 'tIS a blessed moving of challenges to ADVANCE this coming year, and in World Missions offerings. Delegates were called to extend to this office. Conference on the nominating ballot. R. C. McCollister was re-elected as Superintendent. R. L. Key was elected to this office. Clarence Bottzman was re-elected as Sunday School Director on the nominating ballot. Mrs. James Reb was re-elected as W.M.C. President. The Sectional Presbyters are: L. B. Allen; A. W. Urquhart, Missionary Secretary; Miss Esther Schroder, Sunday School Director; R. E. Mulley, C. A. President; and Mrs. C. L. Fannin, W.M.C. President.

A marked spirit of unity and purpose was evidenced at the Council meeting. The reports showed gain and development in every department of the work. James Van Meter of Springfield, Mo. was guest speaker and his anointed messages were timely and effective. Eight men were ordained to the ministry on the final evening of the convention, and the delegates went back to their posts of service anticipating a great year under God throughout the New England District.—David W. Flower, District Secretary.

AGENDA

A large attendance was on hand for the first and last sessions of the annual session of the New Jersey District Council. The meeting opened with a prayer by Dr. H. E. Lamb, praying for the success of the work during the year ahead. The responses were given by Dr. R. C. McCollister, President, and Mrs. H. E. Lamb, First Vice-President. The General Presbyters held the题主会 session, with the call for the election of the officers of the district. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: R. C. McCollister, President; H. E. Lamb, First Vice-President; A. C. Wilson, Second Vice-President; J. W. Wills, Treasurer; Mrs. H. E. Lamb, Secretary; and the following were re-elected: W. M. C. President, Mrs. H. E. Lamb; Miss Esther Schroder, Sunday School Director; Miss Betty Ford, Secretary; R. E. Mulley, C. A. President; and Mrs. C. L. Fannin, W.M.C. President.

Among the Assembly

GALENA PARK, TEX.—We recently concluded a successful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Elrod of California. Several were saved, about 11 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and some were re-baptized. The whole church was benefited by this service. —M. A. Lake, Pastor, Cottage Grove Assembly of God.

KENDRICK, IDAHO.—For four weeks, Evangelist Johnny Hopkins of Oregon was with us. Our hearts were thrilled night after night as the Word went forth under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Some who had been backsliding for years prayed through to a wonderful restoration. Many others wept and prayed their way through to victory. Several with afflictions of many years standing were wonderfully healed by the power of God. The all-time Sunday School record was broken during the meeting.—H. L. Deweese, Pastor.

SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT SHOWS FINANCIAL GAIN

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.—The third annual South Texas District Council convened here June 6-9. The financial report showed an increase of $7 per member over the previous year. Kermit Renuz, District Superintendent, and Willis E. Berry, Secretary-Treasurer, were re-elected. The General Presbyters are Mr. S. Graham and F. D. Davis. Linnie Bowlen was elected as Assistant Superintendent; and W. N. McDaniel was elected as Secretary-Treasurer. Each will hold office for a two-year term. Murray McLees resigned as C. A. President and R. L. Key was elected to this office. Charles Bottzman was re-elected as Sunday School Director on the nominating ballot. Mrs. James Reb was re-elected as W.M.C. President. The Sectional Presbyters are: Clifford Case, Murray McLees, J. E. Overstreet, William Harms, and Harry Dreyer.

God has blessed us with a number of ministers who are laboring faithfully to establish new churches in Texas.—W. N. McDaniel, District Secretary-Treasurer.
SELMA, ALA.—Our church recently closed a two-week meeting with Evangelist Don Carroll of Columbus, Ga. Souls were saved and several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.—Woodie G. Lee, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

FRISCO, TEX.—We had a meeting with Evangelist F. Lankford of Dallas, Tex. People were reeled and filled with the Holy Ghost. We had a goodly number in Sunday School. The church was revived and blessed.—M. L. Milton, Pastor.

VIRGINIA, ILL.—During March, we had a two-week meeting with Evangelist B. G. Ogden of Memphis, Tenn. Brother Ogden's drawings attracted many of the people to the church. Souls were saved, and our church was blessed.—Helen Cox and Babel Brown, Pastors.

SAMBURG, TENN.—We had a successful meeting with Evangelist Benny Walden of Brytheville, Ark. A number were saved, and many testified to definite healing. We are still praying the Lord for this meeting.—Virgil Spahn, Pastor, Assembly of God.

THORN, CALIF.—Our Sunday School has increased from about 30 to as high as 106. The average now is above 90. We enjoyed a wonderful three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Steve Bass. Around 40 knelt at the altar for salvation, healings were reported, and the entire church was drawn closer to God.—H. R. and Mrs. Parish, Pastors.

SALISBURY CENTER, N. Y.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. James Bean of Welland, Ont., Canada. God's Word brought conviction as it was preached under a heavy anointing of the Holy Spirit. Three were saved, five received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and others were reclaimed and refilled. The whole church was stimulated and revived.—Joseph A. Falcone, Pastor, Full Gospel Church.

TAVARES, FLA.—God gave us a glorious meeting with Evangelist Roy E. Wadlin. Hisointed singing and preaching was the means of bringing many visitors into the church, and several were saved.

The remodeling of our building is nearing completion. This was accomplished by much prayer and sacrifice on the part of our people. Praise God for His goodness to us.—Clyde B. Wadlin, Pastor, Assembly of God.

ELIZABETH, N. J.—We had an outpouring of God's Spirit during the three-week meeting with the Musical Vandefords. Thirty-six received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, many were refilled, and around 75 were saved or reclaimed.

These services were characterized by the supernatural. Many times the Holy Spirit moved on the people in such a mighty way that we did not have any preaching. Many received healing for their bodies.—Frederick H. Huber, Pastor, Ebenezer Church.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA.—The Lord gave us an unusual visitation of the Holy Spirit during the meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. C. Stanley Cooke. A large number sought the Lord for salvation, several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and a number testified to bodily healing. The meeting reached a climax at the last Sunday morning service with an outpouring of the Spirit like the "old-timers" talk about. As the congregation worshipped and praised the Lord, one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We were again made to realize that there is no substitute for a Holy Ghost visitation.—H. M. Stickland, Pastor.

BLANCHARD, IOWA.—On October 17, 1954, we held our first service here with 33 in Sunday School. At first we met in private homes; then we were in a theater building for two weeks. On November 13, God opened the doors of a church building where we are now worshipping. Evangelist Elizabeth DeGroote of Newton, Iowa, was with us for two weeks. God poured out His Spirit, a number were saved. A baby was healed after the doctors had given it up.

In April we had another meeting. Around 13 were saved, and the Sunday School broke all records with 109 present on April 17.—Cleo Graham, Pastor.
SEDALIA, MO.—June 16—Evangelist and Mrs. A.R. VanderPloeg of Toledo, Ohio were here for a meeting last February. Over 40 came to the altar for salvation or to be reclassified. Large crowds attended the services.

We are now in a meeting with the Jimmy Adams Evangelistic Party of Davenport, Iowa. A real spirit of revival is in our midst and the church is moving forward in Christ—Floyd T. and Mrs. Buntenbach, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

BRAZORIA, TEX.—On May 21, we closed a three-week tent meeting. The attendance was up good every night. Sinners were saved, backsliders brought back to God, and believers filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. Six are now ready for water baptism, including a man about 65 who was gloriously saved and filled with the Spirit. Our pastor, Robert Foel of Lake Jackson, Tex., was the evangelist. This all came as the result of two ladies who felt led to go into the suburbs of Brazoria to start a cottage prayer meeting. We praise God for the way He poured out His Spirit upon us—Evelyn Cameron and Ruby Stout, Co-workers.

COMING MEETINGS

NOTICES should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangelist is made up 19 days before the date which appears on it.

OSHKOSH, WIS.—Gospel Tabernacle, July 12–17; Evangelist Christian Hild—by Elmer G. Bilton, Pastor.


VERSAILLES, MO.—Assembly of God, July 10–24; Anspach Chord Makers, Napanee, N. B. (William N. Sachs is Pastor.)

BRUSH, COLO.—Assembly of God, July 10–21; Evangelist and Mrs. Clinton Vanmet, Portales, N. Mex.—by Paul F. Moore, Pastor.

VERSAILLES, KY.—First Assembly of God, July 13–24; Evangelist and Mrs. Martin Gerdes, St. Cloud, Minn.—by LaVern Snyder, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 3449 W. Center, began June 27; Robert L. Oney Evangelistic Party. (I. A. Duke is Pastor.)

PARK RAPIDS, MINN.—Assembly of God, July 6–24; Evangelist and Mrs. Orin Kingsrider, Payneville, Minn.—by R. E. Smith, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—Bethel Assembly of God, 2247 Buchanan, begins July 10; Evangelist Billy Wolfe, Davenport, Iowa. (Holland Edmundson is Pastor.)

PASADENA, TEX.—Southmore Assembly of God, July 1–17; tent meeting with Evangelist Kenneth Bernard and Boys, Houston, Tex. (W. C. Harding is Pastor.)


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Seattle, Wash.—The Church by the Side of the Road, July 19–31; children's revival with Evangelist Virgil and Edythe Warrens, Fallerton, Calif. (Frank N. McAllister is Pastor.)

MISCELLANEOUS

TEACHERS WANTED.—Christian high school needs teachers of English, foreign language (Spanish preferred), history, physical education, and music. Also needs cook and dean of girls. Write to Canovenille Bible Academy, Canovenille, Oregon, listing qualifications and references.


WITH CHRIST

CHRISTINE A. GIBSON, 78, Providence, R. I., passed away on May 29. Sister Gibson was an old-time leader in the Pentecostal movement. She was founder of the Zion Evangelistic Fellowship (that disbanded about a year ago) and was founder of Zion Bible Institute at Providence, R. I.

JOHN A. LINN, 60, Miami, Okla., went to be with the Lord on June 2, 1955. Brother Linn was ordained in 1922. He was one of the first ministers to join the Oklahoma District Council and served as the first Assistant Superintendent of the District. At different times he served as Executive Presbyter or Sectional Presbyter. Most of his ministry has been in Oklahoma, and he was instrumental in starting a number of new churches.
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to Build a church

It takes vision, courage, and effort to be a pioneer pastor—but it is a rewarding work. Every time he prays, every hour he toils, the pioneer has the joy of anticipation. His heart beats high as he looks forward to the happy day when the new church will be finished.

So he lays the foundation with care. He builds the walls with the vision of accommodating a large congregation. Is not this the Lord’s doing? The cornerstone of the new building will declare to all, “The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty.”

Every Assemblies of God church in existence today stands as a tribute to the sacrificial giving and unselfish labors of men and women who loved the Lord with all their hearts. The accomplishments of the past are the result of sacrifice, and success in the future must come by the same means.

Thank God, the vision of reaching the lost has not dimmed. Young people are still arising to the challenge and going forth to new conquests in His name. But the measure of these pioneer pastors’ success will depend in part on you.

You can help build a church. You can share in the vision and in the accomplishments of the pioneers by giving to the Share Plan Loan Fund. Through the funds made available by this plan our pioneer pastors will be able to complete new churches. New Assemblies of God congregations will join the constituency to strengthen every phase of our ministry. Won’t you give to the Share Plan Loan Fund? Send your offering today!

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