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## Prayer and Pentecost

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**P**ENTECOST was the fulfillment of the promise of the Father. God had spoken by the mouth of the prophet Joel, "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh" (Joel 2:28). Jesus confirmed the Word of the Lord, saying, "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you" (Luke 24:49). It is evident that the day was set in harmony with the foreknowledge and purpose of God. It could not come before the ascension of Jesus. He said, "If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:7). It came fifty days after our Lord's resurrection, on the long-established occasion of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Nevertheless, prayer had much to do with Pentecost. First, there was the prayer of Jesus, who said, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, . . . even the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16-17). Second, there was the prayer of the disciples themselves, which was an important factor in their preparation for Pentecost. "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14).

The Spirit could be received only by those who were prepared for His coming. It was prayer that made the hearts of the one hundred and twenty ready to receive that which the Father had promised and for which Jesus had prayed. Their obedience in

tarrying in the Upper Room in prayer and supplication was the difference between them and the aimless, milling masses that were in Jerusalem for the great feast. That mighty and glorious invasion of the Holy Spirit into the conscious experience of the Church came first to a few; then moved on to convict, convert, purify, and empower many.

As they prayed, their desire increased. Asking became seeking and seeking became knocking—demanding. The Heavenly Father is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to them who ask than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children. But He will give only to those who have dominant desire to receive Him.

As they prayed their spirits were all blended into a holy oneness. They were all with one accord in one place when the Day of Pentecost was fully come. The Holy Spirit has never come to a divided, contentious, strife-torn church. He comes to those who are of one spirit.

As the one hundred and twenty prayed, their faith increased until it had lifted them to the high pitch of expectancy for immediate fulfillment of the blessed promise. That faith was rewarded. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost.

Prayer is the preparation for a new Pentecost today. Let us all pray with strong desire and eager expectation. God will answer as He did long ago!

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**"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing."—I Thessalonians 5:16-17**

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## TELEGRAMS

**Nampa, Idaho**—Rev. I. F. Younger, pastor of Nampa First Church, elected superintendent of Idaho-Oregon District.—C. W. ELKINS, Reporter.

**Nashville, Tennessee**—Nashville's thirty Nazarene congregations co-operating in simultaneous revival; hundreds of our people visiting house-to-house this afternoon (May 4), distributing forty thousand invitation folders; with visitation, May 4 to 10, followed by public services in all churches, May 11 to 18. We expect real revival for this area.—D. K. WACHTEL, Superintendent of Tennessee District.

**Birmingham, Alabama**—The Board of Trustees of Trevecca Nazarene College had its annual meeting at the college on April 30. Dr. A. B. Mackey re-elected president for three-year term. All reports indicate a year of blessing and progress. First unit of the Fine Arts Building under construction; the Board voted for construction of the second unit to begin immediately. The atmosphere of the meeting was characterized by unity of purpose for a better and bigger church college.—OTTO STRUCKI, Secretary of Board of Trustees.

**Nashville, Tennessee**—Wonderful day as Nashville Grace Church recalls Pastor Ralph Schurman. Vote unanimous for one year; 153 out of 155 for three years. Wonderful unity.—D. K. WACHTEL, District Superintendent.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Special prayer is requested by Pastor Edward Hurn of Richland, Washington, for Ila May Wooten White of that city; she has suffered a nervous breakdown.

Pastor W. Shelburne Brown sends word from Alhambra, California: "Our church completed payment of \$5,000.00 home-mission gift for new church in Azusa on Easter Sunday. This project additional to regular budgets, 10 per cent giving for foreign missions, and fine Easter offering."

Pastor C. G. Hansford sends word that "Regina, Saskatchewan, church shattered all records, with 244 in Sunday school, and \$450.00 in Easter offering. Great spirit of enthusiasm prevails."

Rev. E. D. Messer has resigned as pastor of the Homestead church to accept a call to the church in Tallahassee, Florida.

Rev. J. W. Ellis has resigned as pastor of St. Paul's Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, Missouri, to accept a call to pastor First Church in Pasadena, California.

Rev. Ellis G. Blythe has resigned as pastor of Northside Church in Jacksonville to accept the call to pastor the church at New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

Rev. Paul R. O'Brien has resigned as pastor of the College Hill Church in Beaver Falls to accept the pastorate of the church in Butler, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Harold Buckner has resigned as pastor of the church in Oakdale, California, to accept the pastorate of the church in Peoria, Arizona.

Evangelist Dewey Mounts writes that he is leaving the field, and is now in home-mission work near Chicago, Illinois.

Rev. W. E. Carlton has resigned as pastor of the North Side Church in St. Louis, Missouri, and is re-entering the field of evangelism at the close of their district assembly, August 8.

*Them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed (I Sam. 2:30).*

Those among us who have respect for and worship God will be repaid in kind, while those who show contempt for God and despise Him must suffer His displeasure.—EARLE F. WILDE.

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CENTRAL OHIO has consistently been a leader in HERALD OF HOLINESS subscriptions. Year after year they have set their goal above the generally accepted quota and have come through with impressive results. This year with an assigned quota of 5,050 they set a goal of 7,500. A letter from Rev. Joseph Nielson, the campaign manager, states they "went over the top."

We have pointed often to the achievements of this fine district and again we want to commend Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, district superintendent, Rev. William O. Blue, district N.Y.P.S. president, Rev. Joseph Nielson, and all the pastors and churches.

The campaign director has provided a list of twenty-six churches which have secured subscriptions equal to 100 per cent of their membership. Though we have requested a further list including those who exceeded the quota of 60 per cent, we are publishing the list of this elite group of "100 per centers." They are:

Marion, Wooster, Newcomerstown, Bucyrus, Willard, Wheelersburg, The Plains, Obetz, Jackson, Gallipolis, Union Ridge, Rowsburg, Portsmouth Nauvoo, Point Rock, Newark East Side, Moorehead, Medina, Newark First, Gibsonburg, Galena, Darbydale, Columbus Fairwood, Caledonia, Big Run, Bellevue, Mt. Gilead.

Award certificates for the amount of five dollars were given to Dorothy Lamp, who secured the third largest number of subscriptions, and to the following churches:

Church	Members	Subs.	%
Gallipolis	80	320	400
Union Ridge	15	41	274
Wooster	135	225	163
Marion	291	303	103

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# The Descent of the Spirit

By J. Kenneth Grider\*

JESUS ascended; after forty days in the resurrected state, He went with His apostles to Mt. Olivet (Acts 1:12; also Luke 24), and "was received up into heaven . . ." (Mark 16:19).

Contrary to what is sometimes supposed, the disciples were not a discouraged lot. Their Friend and Master had been taken from them, but their hearts had been prepared for His departure (John 14:1-3). They consequently worshiped Him, and walked back into the city "with great joy" (Luke 24:52).

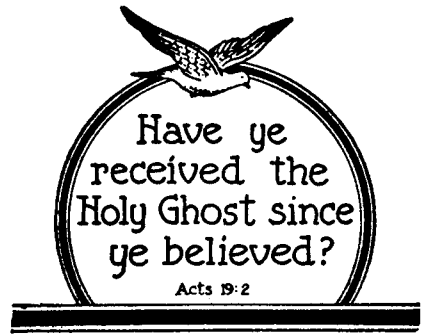
There seems to have been a spirit of expectancy among them. One of the number, possibly John, must have reassured the group by reference to these words of their now risen Master, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:7). Peter, usually the most forthright of the company, probably reminded them all of the command later to be incorporated into Acts where we have marked it as chapter one and verse four, "And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father . . ." I think this caused another of them to mention that the Master had said, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you . . ." (Acts 1:8).

Their hopes high and their hearts obedient, they gathered about them the inner circle of discipleship and retired to "an upper room" (Acts 1:13) in the Holy City, where they began a period in which they actively waited for the descent of the Spirit.

Preparation for the descent. The "upper room" might have been at the home of some disciple, for it was customary in those days to read the law and discuss religious matters in the upper rooms of private houses; but it was probably at the Temple because Luke says that upon their return from the place of ascension they "were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God" (Luke 24:53). Whether or not it was in God's Temple, it was in an "upper room"; it was therefore a place removed from the chattering, clattering crowds below.

The Master had not said how long they were to wait. He had only told them to "tarry until." Most of them had likely assumed, however, that it would be but a brief period. When nothing happened, some of them must have wondered if they had misunderstood the Master. Others might have been tempted to believe they had been *let down* and that their Lord either could not or would not fulfill the promise. Yet others might have still had faith, say after the third or fourth

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day, but their normal obligations of work and of family life perhaps had begun to claim their concern.

But although some of them must have had periodic questionings, I think they were encouraged from time to time by those whose faith was strong. And I conceive that as time went on, the entire group thought less and less of their obligations elsewhere, and even less of the event of their anticipation, and gave themselves to introspection. They stood off from themselves and looked in upon their hearts. In so doing, they were assured that their overt acts of sin had been forgiven and were no longer there; but they realized that yet in their hearts there were pride and arrogance and willfulness. Seeing this state, they began the process of consecration, whereby they were finally able to exercise faith for a complete cleansing.

Perhaps there were scenes like this: James walks quietly over to where John is kneeling, puts his arms on his brother's shoulder, and says: "John, it doesn't matter any more to me where I am placed when we get to the Master's kingdom. I am so unworthy of His presence that I only hope I am given a place a long way from Him." John answers, "Well, Brother, I also have been thinking of that arrogant request we made of Him, and I feel as you do; it does not any longer matter to me, either."

The process of consecration was interrupted once by an administrative matter which Peter figured he should bring before the group, but for days they were coming more and more into accord with one another and with God. Misunderstandings among themselves were cleared up; promises to God were made.

Finally, they could do no more—there was no more which needed to be done. Their minds were His mind. Their hearts responded only to His loving heart. Their wills were His will. They were fully yielded. More passively, now, they waited—and the appointed time had come.

The descent itself. It was Pentecost, the day on which the Jews commemorated the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. Half a million Hebrews had come from the rural areas and from fifteen foreign countries to Jerusalem, the population of which was normally about that same number. At nine o'clock in the morning, while in the outer court of the Temple the money-changers were "swamped" in their traffic in religion, and while

the whole city was agog with the throb of double its life, yonder in the Upper Room it happened: the waiting 120 were "all filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:4).

When the law had been given on Sinai, "all the people saw the thunders, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet . . ." (Exod. 20:18); now, there was "a sound from heaven . . ." (Acts 2:2). At the giving of the law "the people saw . . . the mountain smoking . . ." (Exod. 20:18), and later "the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel" (Exod. 24:17); now there were "cloven [parted] tongues like as of fire . . ." (Acts 2:3). At that early time "the glory of the Lord abode upon mount Sinai . . ." (Exod. 24:16); now the manifest glory of God "filled all the house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:2). The Sinai revelations having come to Moses, he spoke to the people words which were not his own; now the disciples speak to the several nationalities in "other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). Earlier, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai the skin on his face shone while he was talking (Exod. 34:29); when the disciples came down from the Upper Room, they must have manifested joy, because the people said, "These men are full of new wine" (Acts 2:13).

Centuries previously Joel had prophesied, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; . . . and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in these days will I pour out my spirit" (Joel 2:28-29).

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## I Touched a Soul Today

By Emmett E. Taylor

*I touched a soul for Christ today,  
And, oh! the joy I felt  
When shameless tears flowed down his face  
As at the Cross he knelt!*

*He knelt and cried and prayed, "O Lord,  
My sins wilt Thou forgive,  
And help me from this very hour  
My life for Thee to live!"*

*When he arose a heavenly shine  
Was seen upon his face,  
For Jesus Christ, God's Son divine,  
Had saved him by His grace.*

*And now eternal life he hath,  
No more in sin to stray;  
His feet were set upon the path  
That leads to endless day.*

*Oh, glorious task! I now rejoice  
That in my feeble way  
I used for Jesus Christ my voice  
And reached a soul today.*

**Let every Nazarene remember to pray daily that God shall pour out His Spirit upon all the services of the conventions and the General Assembly, June 19 to 28.**

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Peter referred to this prophecy when he told the mocking multitudes, "This is that . . ." (Acts 2:16).

*Results of the descent.* After the descent of the Spirit, the early disciples were different men and women. The ways in which they were different are numerous. Only two or three can be mentioned here.

One of the most evident of the differences was *a new power for witnessing*. Christ had promised, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . ." (Acts 1:8). This power they now possessed. Many who had judiciously forsaken Christ at His dark hour were now quick to own Him. He who had openly denied the Lord was now bold to proclaim Him. He who had questioned Jesus' resurrected reality was now empowered to affirm Him and it, wherever he went, even to distant India.

Another conspicuous difference was that they now had *far greater success in recruiting*. Of all those who had been touched or fed by Christ, of all those who had witnessed such miraculous mercy, of all those who had marveled at His teaching and at His majestic death, and of the thousands who themselves had seen Him in His resurrected state, only 120 had comprised the Church upon whom the Spirit descended. Now, however, the situation began to change. Phenomenal success attended the preaching of these Holy Ghost-filled disciples. The Church was enlarged to 3,000 members on the morning of Pentecost Day, and to 5,000 that afternoon—only counting the men (Acts 4:4). What success, this! And it continued from martyrdom to martyrdom.

Yet another difference, not wholly divorced from these two, was that *they now had a victorious faith*. Greater was He that was in them than he that was in the world; greater was the power derived from their God-possession than was the opposing power resident in the devil-possession of their enemies. They were imprisoned! They were exiled! They were stoned to death! They were beheaded! They were crucified! Yet they now possessed a faith which made them triumphant even while being murdered—which is more than the triumph of faith in natural death.

Not every detail of the descent of the Spirit nineteen hundred years ago is repeated in our personal pentecosts today. Yet for us there is a period in which we prepare our hearts by consecration; there is the time when we rise on wings of faith to believe that the Holy Ghost does now cleanse us and fill us, the evidence of which is as certain to us as were the "sound" and "wind" and "fire" and "other tongues" to them; and, as the lives of those so baptized testify, results innumerable and significant follow.

# The Comforter Has Come

By P. J. Bartram\*

**T**HE DISCIPLES were very downcast, for Jesus had told them repeatedly of His going away. Just where Jesus was going did not seem to be their chief concern, for none of them asked where He was going. Sorrow filled their hearts because they were being left alone, as sheep in the midst of wolves. And so He told them, "It is expedient [that is, for your good] for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:7).

Mysterious as it may seem, Christ was telling them, and us, that in His bodily presence He must ascend to the Father in order that the Holy Spirit, the spiritual Presence, may be fully released into the world in the spiritualizing, the universalizing, and the energizing of the gospel of redeeming grace.

It is obvious that if Christ had remained bodily with the disciples, He could not have been in more places than one at the same time. The presence of the Spirit whom He sent down to earth would fill every place where believers were assembled in His name, in every part of the world. He would indwell and infill every heart, everywhere, no matter how many hearts there were to indwell and to infill, if God's children would only invite Him to full possession of their hearts and lives.

The Apostle Paul wrote both of the indwelling Christ and of the indwelling Spirit. There is no conflict here. He simply means that Jesus Christ indwells and infills the believer's heart in the person of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the blessed Trinity. Jesus himself in John 14:7 spoke of the indwelling of the Spirit, of His own indwelling (vv. 18-21), and of the indwelling of the Trinity (v. 23). Glorious promise, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: . . . and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him!"

This glorious promise may become a glorious reality in experience. Dr. Daniel Steele speaks for many of us in his personal testimony, "Five Years with the Indwelling Christ." You'll find it recorded in his *Milestone Papers*. He testifies in part:

"In my previous Christian experience of twenty-eight years there always seemed to be a vacancy unfilled, a spot which the plowshare of the gospel had not touched. My nature had not been thoroughly sub-soiled and thrown up to the light and warmth of the Sun of Righteousness. I loved Jesus, studied His character with increasing admiration, and preached Him with delight. But there was always a painful sense that my love was fractional, the response of only a part of my being, a meager tribute from the wealth of my

capacity—but the heavenly Tenant has changed all this. He has unlocked every apartment of my being, and filled and flooded them all with the light of His radiant presence. The vacuum has become a plenum. The spot before untouched has been reached, and all its flintiness has melted in the presence of that universal solvent, 'Love divine, all love excelling.'—O the indescribable sweetness of this perfect love, after many years of love painfully imperfect and divided! What that void within me was—what that untouched core of my being, whether it was selfishness, unbelief, original or inbred sin—I leave to the theologians to discuss. I aver that it was something very uncomfortable. Praise the Lord Jesus, it is gone, never to return! Joy did not go with it, but stays behind it. The Man of Calvary, the Son of God, treads all the avenues of my soul, filling its emptiness, melting its hardness, cleansing its impurity and pouring upon my head 'The blessed unction from above, comfort, life and fire of love.'"



## Pentecost and the Church

By Lloyd B. Byron\*

**F**OR THE Church of today to accomplish the high ends that God intends, it is as necessary for her to have a Pentecost as it was for the disciples who composed the first church. A mere handful they were, folk without wealth or standing or influence, with the whole world arrayed against them; and yet they conquered. They were put in prison, threatened, persecuted, put to death; but none of this stopped their onward march. Like a mighty army moved the Church of God! Pentecost had come!

Churches by the thousands fill up America, with some traits common to all; and the most common are impotence and failure. Dean Inge of England is quoted as saying that organized religion in his day had ceased to be one of the greatest forces making for the regeneration of the world. He was known as the "Gloomy Dean," but that was more than one of his gloomy utterances; that was a realistic appraisal, for the Church of today is a far cry from the Church of Pentecost.

Some point to existing conditions as an explanation of the Church's failure. Survey some of

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them: "The heterogeneous character of our American population, the masses of the people in our great cities, the prevailing materialism and laxity of the age, the bewildering advance in human knowledge, our restless commercial activity, the domination of the physical sciences, the stubborn moral obtuseness of the masses, the insatiable modern desire for pleasures and excitement."

But must the Church stand defeated, a failure, impotent in the face of these conditions and obstacles? Not if her Pentecost has come! In the human, men may tremble before such a depressing picture; but not the Church filled with the Spirit, throbbing with the power of the Spirit, aglow with the radiance of the Spirit, exultant in the victories of the Spirit. Such conditions challenge that Church to demonstrate her spiritual power, to vindicate her divine origin, to prove what God can do.

The Church of today needs Pentecost today. Ordinary religion is failing, and spiritual unrest is in the air. This is the day for a church filled with the Spirit. Racial hatreds are smoldering in our metropolitan areas; our whole social order is in turmoil; the alien forces of greed and corruption are whittling away at the core of our nation; pleasures and indulgence enslave young and old; moral laxity is bringing on a complete breakdown. And what is the Church doing? What effect does the Church have on our day? What happens when she collides with these forces? What is the evidence of her power? Oh, for a Pentecost upon the Church of today!

The Early Church spread rapidly through Palestine and Asia and the Roman Empire. In an impossibly short period of time she had brought light and promise, life and salvation to every part of the known world; and the secret of her expanding power was not in her teachings alone, her organization, her rites and sacraments, but in her experience of Pentecost. Without Pentecost, the Church would have been unknown; with Pentecost, she became a spiritual force for regeneration, for transformation, a power to change the world. There is no other source of effectiveness for us; not our rules and regulations, not our doctrine, not our polity, not the spontaneity of our services—naught but Pentecost!

Multitudes today are seeking reality; multitudes are dissatisfied with the weary round of pleasure spots and practices; multitudes are fearing the dread possibilities of atomic destruction; multitudes are disillusioned with life. The Church of the Spirit can help those multitudes; she has the message for them; she holds the cure for their soul, the light for their darkness, the truth that will set them free. And she has the workers to bear that help; her members, informal missionaries living in the Spirit, at work, at home, in the market place—men and women living in the Spirit contagiously everywhere. That is what Pentecost will do!

The Church needs Pentecost; needs it for the fulfillment of her mission, needs it for her own

inner peace. Destitute of the Spirit, there are jealousies and frictions, bickerings and wranglings, petty grievances and wounded feelings, emphases that are secondary and lacks that are primary, a people social but not spiritual, a worship formal but not forceful, a liberty spontaneous but not sacred—that is the Church without Pentecost.

*The Church needs Pentecost today!*

## The Pentecostal Outpouring

By C. R. Lee\*

THE VITAL need of the twentieth century is a Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We are living in the most modern day in the history of the world when the field of science is going all out to perform seemingly the impossible. There are at least three words which characterize the day in which we are living and they are speed, drive, and pressure. In spite of all three, the world continues to be sick with sorrow, heartaches, and confusion. With all of our systems of transportation, communication, organization, and education, the hearts of men are failing them and their minds are perplexed. The vital need of our day for this poor, sinsick, faltering world is a Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Ghost like they had on the Day of Pentecost.

We love our nation with its Stars and Stripes and the democratic ideals for which it was founded; but political strategy, governmental agencies, and military might are not supplying the vital need of the world. I am reminded just now of that scripture which says, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 4:6).

How shall this vital need be inaugurated, and how can we have one more Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit? The Church of Jesus Christ holds the key to the situation. When I speak of the Church I am not speaking of mere organization alone, but I mean the real Christians who have had their sins washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ and are willing to walk in the light and the teaching of the Word of God, putting into practice the commandment of Jesus when He uttered those wonderful words recorded in the Gospel of Luke, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (24:49). What a tremendous challenge! Analyze this verse of scripture. The blessed Holy Spirit is not an *it*, *thing*, or some means of *mechanism*; but *He* is a living, divine Personality, the Third Person of the Godhead.

Let us as ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ tarry until our own hearts have been recharged, refueled, and rekindled with live coals of holy fire from the altar of prayer; and then, having

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Elijah "prayed earnestly," and God heard and answered. Elijah's God still lives, and hears and answers prayer. Don't forget to pray for the General Assembly.

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secured a personal Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we are far better qualified to serve the people and help them to get the vision.

What is this Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and how would it affect the world and the Church today? Just as the appearance of God on Sinai was the birthday of the Jewish nation, so was Pentecost the birthday of the Christian Church. The typical significance of Pentecost is made clear from the events of the day recorded in Acts 2.

The great mission of the Holy Spirit and His effect on the world are beautifully described in the Book of Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified" (61:1-3). The power and strength of the Church lies in the teaching, experiencing, and practicing of the doctrine of holiness.

The Spirit-filled Church, endued with power from on high, is the world's greatest hope. The power of the Spirit-filled life Christianizes all our relationships. The Word says, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," but we never experience this truth until we realize the Spirit within us. Instead of seeking revenge, we seek reconciliation. Instead of reveling in personal hatreds, class, racial, ecclesiastical hatreds, we abound in brotherly love and charity. The power of the Spirit-filled life spiritualizes home life. The Spirit of God fills family life, and the family knows the language of prayer and the blessedness of Christ's love, loyalty, sweetness, helpfulness in home relations.

We must prevail with God as Jacob of old if we want a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost. We are living in a power age, and yet the world is dying for an old-fashioned demonstration of Pentecostal cleansing power. In closing, I quote from *Gems from Genesis*, written by the late Dr. W. G. Heslop, in describing what the power of the Holy Spirit is not and what it is: "It is not physical power, not mental power, not magical power, not demon power, not independent power. It is God's power, it is spiritual power, it is miracle-working power, it is power to witness, it is power to win!"

# Epistle to the Philippians

By H. Orton Wiley

## Article One

ST. PAUL'S Epistle to the Philippians represents the flower and fruitage of Christian experience. It has no doctrines to expound, no errors to correct, no discipline to be enjoined, and no perplexing questions to answer. Here is seen the living Christ in the beauty and fragrance of mature Christian experience. Though writing from a prison, St. Paul does not speak of stocks and stripes and bonds, but only of rejoicing in the Lord. There is not a note of sadness in the entire epistle, but instead it is permeated throughout with the sweetness of song and service. Here is a message which lifts the heavy burdens of God's people, and gives wings to their feet as they journey on to the heavenly city.

It has been pointed out by different writers that the four short chapters of this epistle present four aspects of Christ: (1) Christ within as our Life; (2) Christ back of us in history as our great Example; (3) Christ before us as our Ultimate Goal; and (4) Christ above us as our all-sufficient Saviour. These views of Christ create within us certain spiritual attitudes, or what the Apostle calls "mind," a term of frequent use in the epistle. (1) The spiritual Christ within us gives us an evangelistic or missionary mind; (2) the incarnate or historical Christ creates within us a humble mind; (3) the Christ of the Resurrection inspires us with an eager mind; while (4) the ascended and interceding Christ produces within us a contented mind.

Carrying this thought still further, these views of Christ outline for us the simple duties of the Christian life. (1) To the spiritual Christ we must surrender fully; (2) concerning the historical Christ as our Example, we are to work out the pattern which He gives us, without murmuring and complaining; (3) to the ascended Christ as our Goal, we are to constantly look for inspiration and strength; while (4) to the interceding Christ we are to look for the supply of every

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## Prayer for Contentment

By Frieda S. Dause

*To be content to walk each day,  
Along the God-appointed way  
That may not gay and carefree be  
But still the way He planned for me,  
This is my prayer!*

*To be content when skies are gray,  
And dark and sullen is the day;  
To thank Him, for the clouds I find  
Are very often silver-lined—  
This is my prayer!*

need, being careful for nothing, but in everything with prayer and thanksgiving making our requests known unto God.

The occasion of this epistle is as follows: The brethren at Philippi, having heard of the imprisonment of St. Paul at Rome, sent Epaphroditus, one of their most esteemed pastors, to that city to comfort him by bearing at once an expression of their love and by supplying him with sufficient funds that he might not want anything necessary to make his confinement as easy as possible.

After Epaphroditus arrived in Rome, he gave himself to preaching with such assiduity and in ministering to the Apostle with such attention that, through sheer fatigue, he fell into a serious illness that almost cost him his life. He recovered indeed, but so slowly that before his health was established the church at Philippi became greatly concerned, and wrote him in such a manner as to make him extremely desirous of returning to them. As soon therefore as it was safe for him to begin the journey, the Apostle dismissed him, giving him this letter to carry back with him. In this letter he told the Philippians of the serious illness of Epaphroditus and of his longing to return to them. At the same time, he gave testimony to his worthiness and faithful services in the gospel, and not only made apology for their pastor's long absence, but recommended him more than ever to their esteem, soliciting for him an affectionate reception when he should return.

This epistle then is born, not only out of affection for the church at Philippi, but also out of appreciation for one who had rendered such faithful service to him, and whom he commended highly for his work's sake.

God's Word says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Let's pray mightily for an outpouring of God's Spirit upon all of us during the General Assembly.

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## Think on These Things:

By F. Lincicome\*

**T**HE CARNAL mind is the Christian's worst enemy and the devil's best friend. It disturbs our spiritual peace, weakens our faith, reduces our influence, spoils our job, beclouds our vision of heaven, cheapens the estimation of our neighbors, keeps us from praying and studying the Bible. It makes us selfish, sarcastic, easily offended, angry and unforgiving, resentful and deceitful. The carnal mind is Satan's fifth column ally within the heart and mind, or human nature, of all believers who know only the new birth. This "mind" or "the sin which doth so easily beset us" (upsets and offsets us too) is also called hatred, envy, jealousy, covetousness, pride, and unbelief.

What is carnality? Carnality is that inherited principle born within us. It is that infernal offspring that is in league with hell. Carnality is the base and foundation of every crime in the catalogue. Carnality is enmity against God, and is not subject to the will or law of God. Carnality is the Delilah of our hearts, that which would rob us of our power, passion, and influence. Carnality is the Judas of our hearts, that which would sell us out for a little of the world's foam, fun, and nonsense.

Carnality is the Achan of our hearts which would impede our progress toward the heavenly shores and also the development of our own heart life. Carnality is the Ananias and Sapphira that would tempt us to hold back part of the price and make a fractional consecration. Keep the carnal mind and we live with sin and rebellion, with danger, with disorder, destruction, and death within our hearts. In this state, are we really ready to die? Yea, are we even prepared to live for Him?

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The Calvinistic doctrine of eternal security presents salvation as a "paid-up life-insurance policy," entitling the holder to heaven, regardless of a subsequent life in any course of sin he might choose to follow. This dangerous teaching is without foundation anywhere in the Bible except where it was formulated and used by the devil in the Garden of Eden to deceive our first parents. It is part of the teaching of Calvinism, but not the teaching of the Bible. But the error goes further and asserts that just as "we cannot be lost after we are once saved," so "neither can we be cleansed from all sin this side of heaven."

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## A Soul Has Gone Home

By O. A. Crofford

*A soul has gone home today,  
Away from earth's toil and fears,  
Away from the cares that infest the way,  
Away from its pain and tears.*

*A soul has gone home today  
To joys no tongue can tell,  
To the home at the end of the narrow way  
With the saints of light to dwell.*

*A soul has gone home today  
The Saviour's face to see,  
With loved ones, clad in holy array,  
Forevermore to be.*

*A soul has gone home today;  
Mortal night has settled down.  
Triumphant, she laid the cross away  
To receive a conqueror's crown.*



In other words, holiness of spirit, entire sanctification and purification of the heart by faith, which became the state of grace granted the apostolic Christians through baptism, the infilling Pentecostal presence and power of the Holy Ghost, is only imputed, but never imparted until after death. We cannot accept Calvin's teaching that we cannot get rid of sin until we die.

This theory would make the body the seat of sin, and revive that old exploded philosophy that matter is necessarily evil. This theory would make death a necessary agent to man's redemption, making the work of death supplement the atonement. It is absurd to think of God using the effect of sin (for death is the effect of sin) to take away sin. In the last analysis, the advocates of this theory say: Man fell and God undertook to recover him; so He called in the devil, and death is the result of sin to help do the job!

## Remember This Day!

By John T. Donnelly\*

"Here was the spot," said the sea captain, sweeping his hand out over the turbulent waves, "where years ago my poor ship went down." One seeking to find the spot in the horizon of so many miles could see only the surging ocean. There was no sign, but the sign and the scar were in the captain's heart.

So have rolled these waves of the years and the swift events of our national history over great events which once filled our hearts with such an agony of sorrow and of prayer. I call you to stop and look. "Here is where they went down, right here": Valley Forge and Flanders Field; Bataan, Gettysburg, Tripoli, and Guadalcanal; the Aleutians and Tunisia; and on the hills of Korea they have sacrificed the only life men can ever live on earth in their country's service.

Since very ancient times, it has become a part of good morals to keep fresh in the memory of the living the sacrifice of patriots who are dead. Memorial Day has a power to disturb us. It is a potent holiday. The grim tragedy of frequent wars has kept it alive.

But the vagueness of the impulse is married to our uncertainty as to just what to do in making a commemoration worthy of our respect. We are apt, under the fluctuating influences of the present age, to do the superficial thing. Nothing is more disastrous than superficiality. The reason for Memorial Day should be set forth in clear terms. Symbolic expressions of flags and flowers are not enough. The vague impulse to express ourselves through symbols must become a well-defined purpose if the symbol is ever to mean anything more than a futile gesture.

Consider the situation of the personnel of our armed forces. Facts are disturbing them. They

are disturbing the whole world. Facts quench our patriotic fires. Facts about the causes of war have robbed the soldier of his old-time veneration. They reveal that he has often fought for a "mess of pottage." Some facts are confusing him; current facts about a war that is no war and a truce that is not peace; and facts concerning a stalemated fictional police action that drags on and on with no victory in a military sense, yet having reached the scale that places the conflict among the great military operations of history. We instinctively hesitate to act when we are confused. Issues must be fairly clear before they challenge us at all.

However, the need of Memorial Day is not altered because we have learned that the soldier's heroism often has been betrayed. Nor does the fact of selfishness in some belittle the sacrifice of those who died. It is not an easy thing to die when one is yet young. Yet, as it has always been, individual sacrifice is the price of social gain.

We Americans need a Memorial Day—a day of memories. This is a busy world in which we live; it is a busy age, and this land of ours is the busiest country of the age. In the intensity of the struggle for future achievements, we are prone to lose sight of the past. We do not think often enough of the cost of our liberties, of the price paid for a united country. Memorial Day recalls our fading memories, revives our reminiscent love—"Lest we forget, Lord God of Hosts, lest we forget."

So we journey forth to the silent chambers where sleep these warriors of America and leave there garlands of flowers, symbols of our love and gratitude. The graves of our patriots have become the nation's shrine to which we make pilgrimage to renew our devotion to the principles for which our fathers died. Every crowded city

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## Memorial Day Comfort

By Norman C. Schlichter

*Never was earth so torn and bleeding!  
Never tears ran so wide!  
Never did men of evil so  
The forces of good divide.*

*Yet never was God more able  
To succor the hurts of His own;  
Never have waves of His mercy flowed  
More widely from His throne!*

*Never was He more willing  
To comfort the prison-bound ones,  
The mothers for lost sons weeping,  
The brave youth manning the guns.*

*And never was He more eager  
To hear on this Memory Day  
The prayers of His trusting faithful  
For His early coming and sway!*

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cemetery, every country graveyard, is studded and starred with our country's flag on Memorial Day. The green mounds need no storied monuments to invest them with a special consecration—the nation's flag does that. We know they hold the dust of heroes; we approach them with reverent steps, for out of their solemn silence we believe the message will carry to unborn generations telling how great is their country's worth and cost!

## Not Disobedient

By Arthur H. Townsend\*

**T**HE APOSTLE PAUL said, "Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision" (Acts 26:19). Obedience is pleasing to the eyes of God, and is to be commended in man. It is better than sacrifice. Samuel said, "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry" (I Sam. 15:22-23).

When God speaks, we should obey. Paul said, "I was not disobedient." At times, however, we may be more apt and ready to obey a great injunction than be obedient in the little things of life. We are more apt to bypass the whispered command than the thunderclap of Sinai. Too, we should realize that the "whispered" command—"a still small voice" of God—often leads to manifold blessings and great victories.

Elijah obeyed God on Mount Carmel; he experienced a great and immediate victory. There was no mistaking the answer that came by fire. But the Mount Horeb experience was different. God manifested himself with "a still small voice." God's plan was not readily unfolded; neither did the answer come immediately. There was a sequence of events, too. We read, "And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: and Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay" (I Kings 19:15-17).

Elijah was obedient, and the ultimate victories were more widespread and gloriously devastating than the Carmel experience. When we learn to obey God at all times, we are progressing spiritually. Paul said, "I was not disobedient."

We have said that people who see visions, dream spiritual dreams, or have spiritual revela-

tions, are spiritual. But this reasoning is not always correct. When God appeared to Gideon, he was not necessarily spiritual (Judges 6:17; 6:37, 39). God chose him; but Gideon desired any amount of signs. Paul, on the Damascus Road, was a persecutor and murderer. God gave him a heavenly vision. My father, when a young man, was converted through a vision of Christ. He was contemplating suicide.

It is true that spiritual people receive spiritual visions and revelations at times. But not all people who are visited of God are necessarily spiritual. When we obey God's Word, we are spiritual. Gideon was not disobedient to God's Word; he became blessed of God. Paul obeyed; he said, "I was not disobedient." He became a spiritual giant. Obedience to God's Word produces spirituality.

Today God is looking for men and women who will obey His Word—implicitly, unreservedly, and without faltering. We should be obedient and ready always to obey. Whether the trumpet sound, or "a still small voice" of God speaking to us through His Word and Spirit, we should obey—obedient in the small things and large; obedient when the answer comes immediately or is delayed; obedient at all times. For the small things often become large, and the answers often come sooner than we think. In any eventuality, God desires obedience.

What a glorious testimony Paul witnessed to Agrippa! "I was not disobedient!"

## A Purposeful Heart

By E. D. Messer\*

*Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank (Dan. 1:8).*

**T**HIS WITHIN itself was a negative purpose, or a purpose not to do certain things. It was not difficult for Daniel to take this stand, because he had previously "purposed in his heart" to live for God and do right regardless of the circumstances. His all-consuming purpose was a positive purpose, and because of this it was not hard for him to say, "No," when the testing time came.

Living a victorious Christian life means more than a purpose not to do certain things. For one to try to build his life on negatives is to live a defeated life. An all-consuming purpose to live for God and to please Him will within itself solve the problems of all the purposes of the heart, both positive and negative. The commands or even the general rules of the church, one will naturally observe and do if he has "purposed in his heart" to live wholeheartedly for God.

A purposeful heart will set everything else in order.

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# Home Missions and Evangelism

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## Pentecost Sunday

WHAT is the most important day of the year for the Church? Is it Christmas, Easter, or Pentecost? Christmas and Easter have been more popularized (and secularized), but the fact is that our Christian faith would not be complete without all of these great days and the events they represent.

Pentecost is the anniversary of the advent of the Holy Spirit, and is the birthday of the Church. It is doubtful if we would know very widely in the world today about Jesus and His atonement for our sins were it not for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And beyond that, we recognize that Pentecost brought us the fulfillment of Jesus' promise of the coming of "the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name" (John 14:26). In Him, Jesus' atonement is made complete. Not only could the sinner find pardon for his sins, but the believer could receive cleansing of the principle of sin from his heart by the baptism with the Holy Ghost. With many churches ignoring this essential Bible teaching today, Pentecost Sunday becomes even more significant to the Church of the Nazarene. We have a great heritage in Pentecost.

June 1 is Pentecost Sunday this year. As we celebrate it in our churches, let us thank God for the Holy Spirit, the Third Person in the Holy Trinity, and His great ministry among men. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, . . . they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:1, 4).

### Another By-product In the Crusade for Souls

We have mentioned in this column before the by-products of personal soul growth and church growth as a result of an active Crusade for Souls program. We must never lose sight of the main purpose of the Crusade—bringing men to Christ by personally dealing with them about their salvation. This must be the ever-consuming desire of genuinely saved men everywhere. Nothing can supersede the importance of this main objective. But as the by-products in material enterprises are important to their success, so the by-products of the Crusade for Souls are important.

We wish to mention the *personal and material benefits* which will come to the individual who seriously gives

himself to the work of personal evangelism. No one, preacher or layman, can become actively engaged in a sincere effort to win a soul to Christ without personally benefiting because of the effort. And this benefit will be more than a spiritual enlivenment. The soul winner's own personality will be improved. It has been well said, "We will never win a soul to Christ until in a very real sense we have won him to ourselves." A winning personality is an asset in any realm of life. As you succeed in this unselfish task of winning others you will unconsciously grow in win-

some graciousness. This better self will make you more worth while to your employer or your customers.

Today we have many talented young people who stand or sit by their machines doing routine work—work that requires little thought and no initiative. They are just a part of the machine which they operate. They have latent talents which will be forever buried unless they are put to work. If they will become actively engaged in the program of personal soul winning they will be drawn out of the shell of personal reservation. Their personalities will begin to sparkle even as they operate their machines. Foremen and executives are looking for leaders. A winning personality is an asset in any field. You can improve yourself by becoming an active crusader for souls.

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## THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for June 1: Christ's Standard of Moral Purity

Scripture: Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-32; Mark 10:2-12

(Printed, Exod. 20:14; Matt. 5:27-32; Mark 10:2-9)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Thou shalt not commit adultery* (Exod. 20:14).

Would you know the seriousness of a disease? Then note the rigorosity of the cure prescribed. That seems to be the principle that Jesus is urging in today's lesson. And if that is so, we are face to face with something desperate when we come to verse 29 of Matthew 5. If the cure must be that drastic, then the disease must be terrible indeed. In very few places in the entire Bible do we find language so blunt and so frightening. The truth is this: moral purity must be maintained regardless of the cost.

It is doubtful if any generation, at least in modern times, has faced so desperate a moral problem as confronts us today. The movie industry polluted the thinking of the country by glamorizing sensuality and throwing a halo around immodesty. Then the advertisers and the publishers took up the strain, and now everywhere we look sex is placarded in immodest abandon. Young men who want to keep their minds pure must battle against an almost ceaseless stream of suggestive thoughts hurled at them from all sides. This truly is a visual age and "the eyes have it"; at times it seems as though Satan has about taken over the visual medium.

Christ's standard for moral purity enjoins men to keep their eyes away from forbidden sights, even at a heavy cost. That is what Jesus meant when He said, "If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out." The eye must not be allowed to pollute the soul, for the soul of man is of more value than even the right eye, and oh! how we do appreciate our eyes!

But the story doesn't end there. If Christ demands that kind of vigorous program for moral purity for men, what about women? There must not have been the seminudity problem in His day or He undoubtedly would have spoken out frankly about it. While men are guilty for permitting their eyes to feed on sensual things, women are surely equally guilty for providing an atmosphere of moral temptation. Those women who parade in public places with abbreviated costumes—shockingly immodest—are as guilty as the men who contemplate immoral conduct. Yes, this matter of moral purity is to be fought out by both sexes. Let the men regulate their eyes, and let the women cherish modesty; those are the twin cures for a desperate plague on our modern life.

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**T**HE CHURCH of the Nazarene believes in Pentecost. Its central teaching is the baptism with the Holy Spirit unto entire sanctification. It has been called out by God to emphasize this truth. Because of this, Pentecost Sunday should be an important day for our church. In fact, it is through the Pentecostal experience that the living Christ comes back to earth again and lives in and works through human personalities. Easter would have soon been forgotten if there had been no Pentecost. Jesus Christ lives today! He walks and talks with me along life's busy way. I know He lives, because He lives within my heart!

*Pentecost was prophesied.* Isaiah says, "For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: and they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses" (44:3-4). Likewise, Ezekiel sees what is coming and describes it in these significant words: "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God" (36:25-28).

Isaiah and Ezekiel take us to high mountain peaks and give us a glimpse of the coming Pentecost, but it is Joel who views the coming Pentecostal event from the highest pinnacle. Listen to his glorious prophecy: "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit" (2:28-29).

*Pentecost was promised.* Here we bring you the words of Jesus: "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" (John 7:37-39). Again the Master says, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). Once more let's hear the Son of God speak: "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the

Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (John 14:15-18).

*Pentecost was expected.* Jesus was with His disciples in Jerusalem on the eve of His ascension; and He commanded them not to depart from that city until they had received the promise of the Father, the baptism with the Holy Spirit. By this time they had heard so much from the lips of their divine Leader about this coming event that they obeyed the command and stood by in an attitude of expectancy. This is proved by this one verse: "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place" (Acts 2:1). How many were waiting there? One hundred and twenty (Acts 1:15). How long did they wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit? Ten days. How do we know? Because they went to the Upper Room immediately after Jesus' ascension, which was forty days after His resurrection and ten days before Pentecost. Here is the account:

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren" (Acts 1:9-14).

*Pentecost was received.* It was not enough for Pentecost to be prophesied, promised, and expected; it must also be received. Above everything else, Christian men and women must experience the mighty baptism with the Holy Spirit. This is what happened to the 120 Christians in the Upper Room: "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit

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gave them utterance" (Acts 2:2-4). That this was the Pentecostal experience which was prophesied, promised, and expected, no one could doubt. These further words substantiate its genuineness:

"And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? . . . And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: for these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy" (Acts 2:5-18).

*Pentecost was lived.* Peter preached in the power of the Pentecostal experience on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14-40). In this ministry he was supported by the presence, prayers, and faith of the others who received the Pentecostal baptism when it was first outpoured. What happened? About three thousand souls were saved (Acts 2:41). And this was not all. The Christian community was so marked by steadfastness in doctrine and fellowship, unity, gladness, and singleness of heart that many of those about them were not only saved but also brought into the Church (Acts 2:42-47). Then followed the healing of the lame man by Peter and John; the coming together of another crowd of amazed people to whom Peter preached; the brief imprisonment of Peter and John; the conversion of another large group—the men alone numbering about five thousand; the preaching of Christ to the rulers, elders, and scribes; the manifestation of great boldness on the part of Peter and John, in spite of the presence and orders of the leaders in Jerusalem; the united and confident praying of those "of their own company"; God's unmistakable response to their praying; and the wonderful manifestation of His presence with them in unity, the power to witness, and in the provision for all of their needs.

This brings us to the fifth chapter of Acts. We cannot follow further at this time the triumphant lives of those who were baptized with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. I have given enough to prove that it was a thrilling adventure—marked by difficulties and victories—to give one's self wholly to the occupancy of the Holy Spirit.

*Pentecost is for you.* It has been many years since the first Pentecost; but the Pentecostal experience, which baptizes with the Holy Spirit and cleanses from all sin, is just as much for you today, my Christian friend, as it was for the 120 on the Day of Pentecost. Peter in his first sermon said: "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). We know also that Jesus' prayer for the sanctification and unity of His disciples took in more than just those who had already believed on Him. He clearly rules out this limitation in these words: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word" (John 17:20).

Thus there is no reason to believe that the following words of John the Baptist applied only to those to whom he spoke them: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire" (Matt. 3:11-12). Jesus' baptism is for the Christian today as it was for those who had received John's baptism unto repentance in John's day. If you have not yet received your Pentecost, consecrate your all and trust the Holy Spirit to come in now in all of His fullness and cleansing power.

## Daffodils, Daffodils!

**D**AFFODILS, daffodils, beautiful daffodils—a row of them greets me as I drive in home after my day's work. From its six-petaled background, each bell-shaped center waves me a welcome in the gentle evening breeze. Their faces never turn backward toward the house along whose front they stand. Soft and frail in their pale yellow gowns, they ever look toward the light, and not the darkness.

Jesus said, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these" (Matt. 6:28-29). And, since Easter is fresh in my mind, I would say, "Consider the Easter bonnets and gowns, how beautiful many of them were in color and design; and yet not one of them could compare with these daffodils."

Sometimes, with men, there is "much ado about nothing," but this is not so with daffodils—they bloom on in their simplicity and are not given to

pride and parading. Without noise or display, they fill their place with humility, never seeking to be roses or dahlias. With their open faces, they represent frankness. They are not smeared with the corrosion of sophistication and deceit. Many men have so misrepresented themselves to those about them that they hardly realize any longer who or what they are. They have ceased to know how to be what they are. It is no wonder that we are living in a topsy-turvy world, rather than an orderly one.

I have not given much time to daffodils in the past, and I wondered as I watched them this

spring how long their blossoms would last. Their persistence has surprised me—they have been in bloom for about two weeks now, and many of them still look dressed up. In spite of their tenderness and frailty, they stay with us through rain, wind, and sunshine. Can you do as well?

As I have gazed at the daffodils, they have symbolized openheartedness to me. They stand for readiness to receive the truth. Do you and I have a genuine receptiveness toward the truth?

God bless the daffodils! Hunt some up and take a look at them. They will make your life happier and better.

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## The Young People's Society

*L. J. Du Bois, Secretary*

### The Mind a Holy Place

IT is well for us to keep ever before us that the consecrated mind is a holy place. It is a part of the temple of the Holy Ghost which we are; and it must be kept as such. It is not difficult at the time of consecration, when God is near and our hearts are moved, to promise God that our minds will henceforth be His, to think those thoughts, to do those tasks, to meditate upon those things which will be to His glory. It is more difficult to keep that promise down across the years. But indeed this is our job—to keep our minds clean.

This cannot be done without some effort. We must apply ourselves and watch ourselves. The devil is active in the business of throwing suggestions of evil and vileness into our minds. It is our business to throw them right out again. The suggestion of an evil thought is not sin. Rather it is when we harbor it, cherish it, and think on it that it becomes sin. We must see that if we are to keep our minds pure in this day of obscenity and moral paganism we must many times a day turn our heads, close our ears, and cast from us the suggestive thoughts which are thrown at us. But this is not enough; we must then fill our minds with thoughts which are good and viruous and noble and Godlike.

Every one of us should covenant with God that he is going to keep his mind as a holy temple of God. Just as Jesus chased the money-changers out of the Temple at Jerusalem, so we too must do with those ideas which would defile and pollute our minds. A pure mind is evidence of a holy character. A pure mind is necessary for an effective witness.

### Prayer Tower Requests

May 18-24

Bolivia

The difficulty of reaching Bolivia, because of the mountain ranges that surround it, has kept this nation in spiritual darkness for centuries. Our present work is among the Aymara Indians. Rev. and Mrs. N. R. Briles are on furlough at the present time. Rev. and Mrs. Jack Armstrong are

carrying on the work. (Rev. and Mrs. Earl Hunter are under appointment to go to this field to supervise the work.) Let us pray for these missionaries and for the native leaders that God will bless the work and give them souls.

May 25-31

*Unsanctified Believers*

June 1 is Pentecost Sunday. Let us pray for the unsanctified young people in our own churches. Let us pray that our churches everywhere will live in the full benefits of this dispensation of the Holy Spirit, and that each of us as individual Christians might more fully walk in the Spirit.

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## THE QUESTION BOX

*Conducted by Stephen S. White*

*Q. Does Mark 4:12 mean that certain ones are denied salvation by divine decree?*

A. No. One commentator rightly says that this is a quotation from Isaiah 6:9-10, and simply means that Jesus, like Isaiah, faced people who were so blinded by materialism and worldliness that they could not receive His message. What a warning to many people of our day!

*Q. Here are three questions about the American and the Christian flags. In a procession, which flag is carried on the right? If placed in a standard on the main auditorium floor, which flag is to the audience's right? If placed in a standard on the platform, which flag goes to the right of the speaker?*

A. I am in no sense an expert in my knowledge as to the use of these flags. However, after consulting with several who ought to know about these matters, I give as the answer to all three of your questions—the American flag. It should be carried

on the right in a procession, placed on the right of the audience when used in a standard on the main auditorium floor, and placed on the right of the speaker when used in a standard on the platform. Thus the American flag which is to the right of the audience in the auditorium is on the opposite side from the American flag which is to the right of the speaker on the platform.

*Q. It is becoming embarrassing and really shocking to me the way our Nazarenes are chewing gum during the church service. It is certainly a breach of culture as well as irreverent. One of our great leaders said that it was a mark of ill breeding. This should be enough to make people refrain from it. What do you think?*

A. I agree with you one hundred per cent.

*Q. Who was the first Hebrew?*

A. From the standpoint of the Hebrews as God's chosen people, Abraham was the first Hebrew. He was

# FOREIGN MISSIONS

*Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary*

## Brava Church Progresses

the father, the racial progenitor, of the nation of Israel, the people that God chose to be the instrumentality through which all of the families of the earth were blessed. It was through this people that Jesus was born into the world from the standpoint of His humanity, and through Him all of the nations of the earth have been blessed.

If you want to trace the term Hebrew back farther than Abraham you can go back to Eber, who was a descendant of Shem and the progenitor of a group of peoples among whom were Terah and Abraham and the descendants of Abraham, who became the Hebrews in the sense indicated above (see Gen. 10:21-24 and 11:16-26).

Q. *Isn't a local church in grave danger when more interest is shown by its membership in social gatherings than in its midweek prayer meeting?*

A. Yes.

Q. *Have Nazarenes done their duty, that is, are they as loyal to their church, pastor, and God as they should be, if they attend the Sunday morning service but are careless and indifferent about the Sunday evening service?*

A. Not by any means.

Q. *Is it proper to substitute the W.F.M.S. meeting for the prayer meeting?*

A. If this is improper, then I have been guilty a few times myself when I have been pastor. However, I do think that if it is done it should be only very occasionally. The W.F.M.S. is a very important part of the work of our church. I am sure that the writer of this question would be quick to admit this. The cause of foreign missions cannot be overemphasized. Nevertheless, we must, as a rule, permit nothing to interfere with the prayer meeting. The first sign of spiritual decay in a church is the degeneration of the prayer meeting.

Q. *Should not the midweek prayer meeting be a time when all have the privilege of prayer and testimony if possible? To my mind it is the time for real spiritual upbuilding instead of too much program and special singing.*

A. Yes, you are right in what you think about the prayer meeting.

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*The things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel (Phil. 1:12).*

If we are real Christians, and living in the will of God, everything that happens unto us will prove to be of divine permission, and will redound to the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom.—EARLE F. WILDE.

YOU WILL rejoice with us that as we are building the material temple of the Lord at Brava, He is continuing to build His spiritual temple and many are coming to the Lord. It is great to see men and women, boys and girls seeking and finding the peace and pardon for which their hearts have been craving for so long a time. Thank God! —“The gospel is the power of God unto salvation,” and, “He breaks the power of canceled sin and sets the prisoner free.” The prayer that rises from my heart at this moment is:

*My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
And spread through all the earth  
abroad,  
The honors of Thy name.*

It is just wonderful to be in Jesus' service out here and to see the hand of God working in our midst.—ERNEST A. D. EADES, *Cape Verde Islands.*

## Do You Know That—

1. There are over 400,000 people in British Guiana, most of whom have not heard the message of full salvation?

2. Thousands of Amerindians still roam the jungles of British Guiana, living in tormenting fears, and dying without hope?

3. It is said that one-third of the income of the people of British Guiana is spent for rum? Directly this

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## Save a Few Minutes for Jesus

By Elizabeth Lockhead\*

*Save a few minutes for Jesus.*

*Early each day draw near,  
Till He calls you in the inner circle  
And you're conscious His presence  
is near.*

*Oh, wait not for the tomorrows,  
When tragedy may strike on your  
door.*

*Hark! He is calling today, friend;  
Tomorrow He may call you no more.*

*Oh, haste while He tenderly calls you.  
Delay not, for the enemy is near;  
He will blind your eyes to the atoning  
Christ  
And fill all your heart with fear.*

*Oh, list to His call today, friend,  
While He lends a listening ear.  
When you call with all of your heart,  
He has promised He will hear!*

\* A Nazarene for thirty-seven years

causes drunkenness, immorality, crime, insanity, cruelty, malnutrition, disease, and poverty. Man's remedy for these is only dealing with the symptoms; God's remedy for most part of the ills of man is Jesus Christ. He has never refused to go anywhere He is taken.

4. Georgetown Church of the Nazarene and a small Canadian Presbyterian church sit on the border of a section of the city with over 12,000 people and we are the only churches?

5. In at least twenty-five districts, we could have an open-air Sunday school if we had someone to run it? This means the only hope of evangelizing the colony is through a trained national ministry. Pray for our Trinidad training college.—LELAN J. ROGERS, *British Guiana.*

## Mothers of Israel

Two of our dear old grandmothers have recently gone to be with Jesus. They suffered intensely, but their hearts were filled with prayer and praise until they finished their course on this earth. One was the mother of our head teacher and the other was his aunt. Down through the years they had faithfully worked to give him an education, later to help keep his children in school. This makes four of our Christian grandmothers who have passed away in the last year, but all with victorious testimonies. A few years ago when Matita, the Bible woman, started a Bible class for these elderly women, there were only a few at the beginning, but others found the Lord until their class had around twenty women. They could not read, but all have hid many scriptures in their hearts, which has been a great blessing and stay to them in their trying hours. These old women have been truly faithful to the church and to the W.M.S. “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.”—MARY M. COOPER, *Portuguese East Africa.*

## Ennor Memorial Church

You will be glad to know that the Ennor Memorial Church here on the main station is now complete except for a few finishing touches in the decorations. Wish you could be here to help us open it and dedicate it on May 7. We are killing an ox, cooking two bags of mealie rice, and expect more than 1,000 people. Brother Esselstyn and the other missionaries of this district will be here at that time for an annual meeting.—ELMER SCHMELZENBACH, *Transvaal.*

# THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

## "The Chance of a Lifetime"

IN A RECENT W.F.M.S. devotional meeting, Miss Georgia Anderson related the following story:

Ethel, who was a student in a Christian workers' school, was given the special assignment of visiting in the county hospital each Sunday afternoon. Every Sunday she prayed, sang, comforted, and encouraged the sick. For several visits she spent quite some time with one very sick woman who was down-and-out both physically and spiritually.

One Sunday as she was leaving the bedside of the down-and-out, Ethel said, "I'll pray for you this week and next Sunday I'll come again."

By the next Sunday, however, the students of Ethel's school were filled with excitement. The famous Jane Addams of Hull House was to speak in the afternoon. Everyone planned to hear her—that is, everyone except Ethel. When her friends found out she was not planning to hear the famous woman, they were shocked. "Why, Ethel, this is the chance of a lifetime! You mustn't miss!" But Ethel quietly replied, "I promised to go to the hospital for a visit with a sick woman this afternoon, and I must not fail her." Her friends became disgusted with the determined young woman but, true to her promise, Ethel went to the hospital.

When she reached the ward in which the sick woman lay, a nurse came to her.

"You may stay as long as you wish this afternoon. All restrictions on visiting hours are lifted. You see, this sick woman was to have been operated on this last week, but she told the doctors that she was not ready to die and that she wanted to wait until you came this afternoon. The doctors refused to go ahead, so you do whatever you think you should."

As Ethel walked toward the sick woman's bed, all the eyes of those in the ward were turned toward her.

"You did come," the sick woman exclaimed as Ethel walked up to her bedside. "I told them you would. They said that people say they are going to do something and then don't. But I told them you'd come!"

That Sunday afternoon, the poor down-and-out woman was saved by the blood of the Lamb. Ethel went back to her room with a sweet peace in her heart.

One week later she visited the hos-

pital and the same ward. Again the nurse approached her. "Our sick friend was operated on this week. She never did regain consciousness, but before her operation she asked me to tell you that she was ready to go."

Ethel had the chance of a lifetime in her hand! She had the chance to lead a dying soul to Christ! Yes, she had two chances of a lifetime! But she chose the sacrificial one, and she was rewarded with the greatest prize of all! A soul went out into eternity with hope and trust and faith—and all because Ethel took her "chance of a lifetime."

## A Beginning Christian

*Learning to be a better Christian* is like a child learning how to ride a tricycle. At first you say, "Why, a tricycle is easy to ride. It has three wheels and is well balanced." But it isn't so easy for the two- and three-year old.

Many years ago, Ken and Joyce were two and four years of age. For Christmas that year they received tricycles. Joyce had ridden on her cousin's "trike" before, so she sat down on the little red tricycle and started right off riding. Ken had never ridden a tricycle nor had he even tried to. He placed his hands on the handle bar. He pushed a little and then walked slowly beside the blue trike while it rolled across the living room floor.

Finally Ken's father went over, lifted the lad, and placed him on the seat. But the child's feet barely touched the pedals and, when they

moved, he was frightened. He didn't get off, however. When the rolling stopped, he sat and watched Joyce ride back and forth across the floor. By accident, he managed to pedal the tricycle backwards, and soon he was able to go backwards quite often. He backed into a chair; he backed into the table; he backed into the divan. In order to get it away from those articles of furniture, he had to get off, pull the trike away from the hindering object, and then try again. But it would move only backwards.

Before the day was over, his parents had come to the conclusion that the child would never learn, for they feared he would become discouraged. They tried to help him, but it was so hard for him to push forward on the pedals.

But the next day Ken went to the tricycle, begged to be lifted to the seat, and soon was trying again. All day he tried. Near the end of the second day, the lad managed to move forward a little. By the next week, he could move rather slowly but surely forward. Nearly always when he seemed to be discouraged beyond endurance, he would look at Joyce. She rode so smoothly and so fast. With new effort, the boy would try again. It was not many weeks until he was an expert tricycle rider.

When you first become a Christian, you may see experienced Christians going along over the rough places in life, never falling and seemingly never becoming discouraged. If as a young Christian you turn your eyes toward these experienced people, and try with all your strength, you will become a better Christian as the days go by. At times you may go backwards a little, but that is all in the learning process. If you determine with all your heart to keep on trying until you gain the victory, you will become a dependable follower of Christ, the Saviour.

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## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

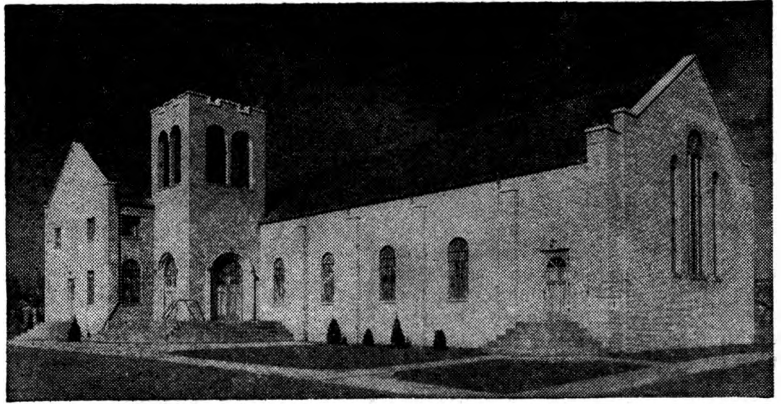
Yukon, Oklahoma—Our church recently closed one of the deepest and widest-felt revivals we have ever had. Rev. R. A. Isbell of Louisiana was the evangelist. His messages were plain, convincing, and brought lasting results. Professor Ramon Unruh, our own minister of music, was the song director. The singing was joyous, spiritual, and uplifting. Attendance was good throughout the three-Sunday campaign. Never before has there been so much praying among us during a revival. Every morning from six o'clock to seven o'clock and every afternoon from two o'clock to three o'clock, there were meetings at the church. One prayer

meeting lasted all night and all the next day. A chain was organized that continued around the clock for a week. There were ninety seekers (counting as they came) and the work at the altar was the old-fashioned kind, praying through and full surrender that will never be forgotten. Our church is now entering into another building program. The proposed plan is a two-story unit that will house eight or ten classes, and on the ground floor an auditorium for social activities, etc. Our people are united, spiritual, aggressive, and consecrated to the task of advancing the Kingdom.—Otto C. Perry, Pastor.



## Hooker, Oklahoma

The foundations for this building were poured in April of 1949, under the leadership of Pastor Loy Watson. During the year of 1950, materials were purchased and placed on the grounds under the leadership of Pastor Maurice Turner. On March 5, 1951, construction of the walls began. We came as pastor in the fall of 1950, and the building has since been completed. Members and friends of the church have stood by faithfully; many have sacrificed in time and money to see the building erected. Over \$10,000.00 was saved through donated labor by members and friends, and careful planning and buying by the building committee. Total cost of the building, including fixtures and furniture, is \$70,000.00; architects and insurance companies estimate the value at \$81,000.00 and the present indebtedness is \$19,000.00. Normal seating capacity in the church auditorium is 300. There are rest rooms, fifteen Sunday-school classrooms (which include two assembly rooms large enough to be partitioned for extra classrooms), a nursery, pastor's study, and baptistry in the building. The central heating system is sufficient to heat the entire building by thermo-



stat control. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool dedicated the building on March 16, with more than 500 persons present. During the day, \$2,000.00 came in, and the debt on the new pews was paid in full. On Easter Sunday we closed a good revival with District Superintendent Mark R. Moore and Song Evangelist Bruce Wade as the special workers. There were 227 in Sunday

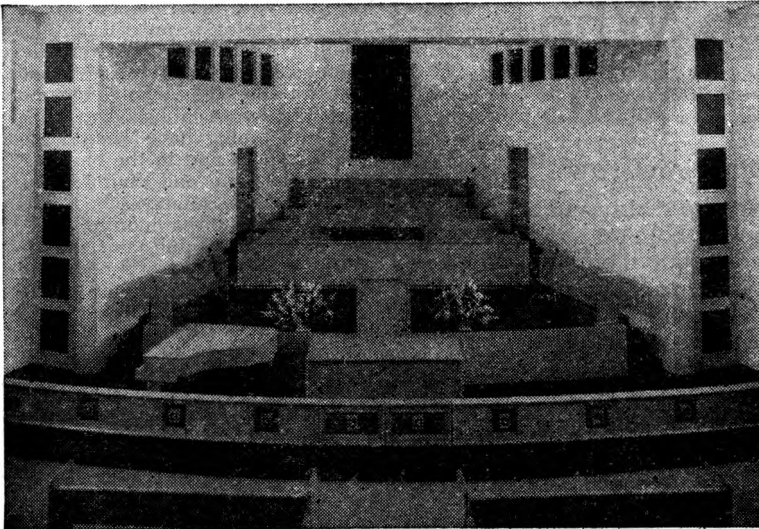
school, and our Easter offering was \$523.00. This pays our General Budget in full; other budgets will be paid in full two months prior to our assembly. During this assembly year we have received twelve members on confession of faith. Truly, the Lord has been gracious to us. We are completing our second year with this church.—Jack H. Lee, Pastor.

Salina, Kansas—We have recently closed a revival with the Leverett Brothers here at First Church. This meeting was one of the most profitable the church has had in months. Brother Homer Leverett brought stirring and scriptural messages. Also the singing of Brother Wilbur Leverett was a very definite help in making

each service one helpful in the winning of souls. Our church was well pleased with the ministry of the Leverett Brothers, and the auditorium was well filled each night. Many souls found the Lord at our altars during this revival, and four new families were added to the church. On Easter, which followed immediate-

ly after our revival, we had 192 in Sunday school, and the people brought in an Easter Offering of \$500.00. We praise the Lord for His many blessings and also for the fine group of Christian people that we have here in this church; they are a willing, working, praying, and giving group.—James L. Hull, Reporter.

## First Church, Detroit, Michigan Platform and Choir Loft of Sanctuary



On Sunday afternoon, April 6, Dr. G. B. Williamson and Dr. W. M. McGuire, superintendent of Eastern Michigan District, dedicated the first unit of our new building. The new church is located in the northwest area, fastest growing section of the city, on Fenkell and Stahelin Avenues,

two blocks from Grand River Avenue, Route 16. Construction began in October of 1950, when Dr. Williamson preached in the building formerly occupied on Hudson and Maybury Grand, and received \$45,000.00 in pledges for the building program. For fifty-three consecutive Sundays, from

October 1, not less than \$1,000.00 was received for the building project, and an average of \$1,285.00 was maintained. The old properties owned by the church were sold for a total of \$98,000.00 cash, and the church maintained use of the old building during the building program. In the last fiscal year, the church received \$102,000.00 in tithes and offerings for an all-time high. The total cost of the new building is \$306,921.00 and the indebtedness secured by the mortgage loan from the National Bank of Detroit is \$62,700.00. The new building is contemporary Georgian in design, and has a seating capacity in the sanctuary, balcony, and overflow wings of 1,280. The sanctuary is now complete, and when the plans are consummated there will be added two wings, one for the Sunday school and another for the youth groups. Dr. Williamson preached a masterful dedicatory sermon in a church crowded to capacity. The church recently extended to the pastor a three-year call with only fifteen negative votes. With the pastor, the minister of music, Gerald Moore, and the choir ensemble telecasting regularly from WXYZ-TV, Channel 7, the church is receiving new people every Sunday, and the church is realizing her greatest day of opportunity in Detroit.—E. W. Martin, Pastor.

Evangelist Jim Ashcraft reports: "On Easter Sunday I closed a five-day revival with Brother M. D. Hewitt and his people at Shamrock, Texas. While this was a short meeting, yet we had some glorious services. The people love and appreciate their pastor, and they have a bright prospect for a good church there. The people were encouraged in this meeting. Write me at Lorena, Texas."

Spencer, Indiana—We recently closed one of the best revivals in the history of our church with the A. C. Rowland Evangelistic Party. Brother Rowland preached heart-searching, Bible messages anointed by the Holy Ghost. At least fifty bowed at the altar of prayer during this meeting, and most of them are showing evidence of the saving and sanctifying power of God. The ladies' trio in this party—Sister Rowland, Mae Barrick, and Pat Van Tine—sang, and the Lord came and blessed the services. The last Sunday morning God came in such a marvelous way the altar was lined with seekers without any preaching. The church has been blessed by the ministry of these workers and we praise the Lord for sending them our way.—Retha Ford, Reporter.

Salem, Oregon—First Church has enjoyed a mighty Holy Ghost revival under the anointed ministry of Evangelist Sammy Sparks. God wonderfully honored the ministry of Brother Sparks, and more than 135 people

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sought God in the two Sunday night invitations alone. For more than six months the church has been in fervent prayer for a real revival. The Sunday night before the meeting opened, a night of prayer was held. Eight consecutive noon prayer-and fasting meetings were held during the revival and God broke in, in Pentecostal glory day after day. The revival has resulted in a new spirit of

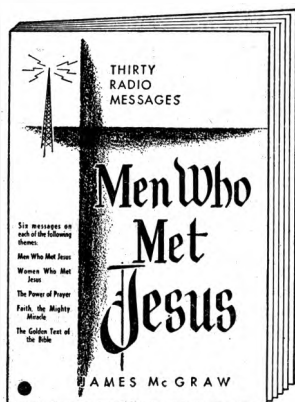
Holy Ghost freedom in the church and we sincerely believe a new day has dawned for Salem First Church. Brother Sparks has been invited back to hold a two-week tent meeting in June of 1953. We are now in the process of completing a new \$50,000.00 educational building which will be dedicated on Sunday, May 18, by Dr. D. I. Vanderpool. Sunday, May 25, has been set as Anniversary Day, commemorating our fortieth year in Salem. Dr. B. V. Seals, superintendent of the Washington Pacific District, will be the special speaker for the day, with the Lacy Colored Trio as musicians. District Superintendent W. D. McGraw and Dr. Fletcher Galloway, former pastor, will also have part in the day's activities. There are no finer people anywhere than the Salem Nazarenes, and we are enjoying our work among them to the full.—Eugene Stowe, Pastor.

Auburn, Maine—Our church recently closed one of its best revival efforts with Rev. Wilfred Mulley as the special worker. Brother Mulley was with us from Sunday to Sunday, and there were seekers in every service with the exception of one. Over sixty bowed at the altar during the week. Our people truly enjoyed the old-fashioned holiness preaching of this consecrated man. God was with us in mighty power to the saving and sanctifying of souls.—C. Weston Jones, Pastor.

Burlington, Colorado—March 31 marked the close of a mighty revival here. Brother Eddie Clark was our evangelist, and he was wonderfully used of the Lord. Sister Clark did a fine work with the children, and also aided greatly in the spirit of the meeting with her fine solo work. We feel Burlington never can be the same again. The revival tide went beyond the people of the church and made an imprint on the whole community. Several were established in the faith, and new folks have been added to the Kingdom and to the church. God is still blessing and giving us an increase. The Sunday-school average for the last three months has been forty-one, fifty-nine, and sixty eight. There have been several records broken because of a fine group of praying and calling people.—E. George Greiner, Pastor.

Evangelist A. D. Holt writes: "My family and I wish to thank our many friends from the various churches and states for the beautiful flowers, letters, cards, and gifts received during my recent illness, telling me how they were praying for my early recovery. God has answered in a marvelous way. Because of my illness, I was forced to cancel meetings slated in April and the first part of May. Nevertheless, I believe I am now better in every way to herald the glad tidings of full salvation. Write me, 3906 Sauls Drive, Greensboro, North Carolina."

## Rich Thoughts for Meditation



# Men Who Met Jesus

By James McGraw

Here are thirty brief messages with both an evangelistic and a devotional emphasis, one of which was given daily over the radio for the period of a month. Their widespread acceptance has prompted publication.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Concerning the General Assembly



**R**EGISTRATION of delegates and visitors to the General Assembly will begin at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 19, 1952. This will include delegates and visitors to the pre-assembly conventions.

★ We have been informed by the Housing Committee that hotels in downtown Kansas City (within walking distance of the Auditorium) have been completely filled. A limited amount of space is still available in outlying hotels which can be reached by automobile or public transportation. Some tourist cabins are available. If interested, write to the General Church Secretary, 2923 Troost Avenue, Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri. A list of tourist courts will be sent to you and you can make your arrangements direct with the Motor Court.

★ All persons coming to Kansas City by automobile may have a bumper card advertising the General Assembly. This will be sent you FREE. Write the Publicity Committee, Nazarene General Assembly, 2923 Troost Avenue, Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri.

★ Excellent travel facilities are offered by America's railroads to Kansas City. Consult your local agent for specific routing and cost of round-trip fares.

★ The United States Post Office in Kansas City will have a postal substation in the Municipal Auditorium for the convenience of delegates and visitors. The mailing address for the Assembly will be as follows:

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All mail can be addressed in this manner and it will be promptly taken care of by post office personnel.

★ To conserve time and avoid confusion there will be one official tape recorder for use of the General Assembly. Individuals are requested not to bring their own recorders with the expectation of using them in the Assembly sessions. For those who wish to take copy from the official recorder, opportunity will be provided for this service free of charge.

★ There will be official news photographers taking such historical pictures as may be necessary during the sessions of the Assembly. To save time these will be held to the minimum. Individuals will be requested not to take flash pictures during the business sessions or the evening services.

Your co-operation in the above announcements will be deeply appreciated by those responsible for the orderly and efficient conduct of the Assembly's business.

**ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE**  
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Evangelist Ira E. Fowler writes: "I have open dates, July 2 to 13, and July 16 to 27; would be happy to slate either of these dates for a revival or tent meeting. My program is complete. Write me at Hollywood, Maryland."

Evangelist William N. Harrington reports: "Recently closed good and fruitful meetings at Bon Secour and Brewton Chapel, Alabama, with Pastor F. W. Koehler. I am now headed for our Florida District Assembly, then will conduct a meeting in June at Magnolia Springs, Alabama; after that have some open time which I'd be glad to give to some of our churches in Alabama. Write me, Rt. 3, Box 666, Gainesville, Florida."

Catlettsburg, Kentucky—Recently First Church gave our pastor, Rev. W. M. Hodge, a three-year call and, along with this, a substantial raise in salary. This is the second time the church has increased Brother Hodge's salary, besides buying a parsonage. Our church is making good progress along all lines. In our regular services, during the past few

weeks, a good number of souls have sought and found the Lord as Saviour and Sanctifier. Our Sunday school is making good progress, with 190 present on Easter Sunday.—Reporter.

Burlington, Iowa—Flint Hill Church had an excellent revival in April with Rev. Wm. H. Phillips as the evangelist. God blessed, and the meeting closed with a number of seekers at the altar, including some new converts. After having been sick, Brother Phillips is much better, and God blessed his ministry to our hearts. He carries a burden for souls and is a man of prayer.—A. G. Edwards, Pastor.

Toledo, Ohio—Beginning with a revival last November, under the fine ministry of Rev. L. K. Lutz, Sylvania Avenue Church has had continued increase in our monthly average. We have had a good six week's climb with ninety-six in Sunday school on Easter Sunday. We have more than doubled our membership since last August. We thank all who prayed and helped make this fine progress for souls in God's kingdom.—Gordon L. Kennedy, Pastor.

Van Nuys, California—Our church is enjoying one of the best years we have had. On Easter Sunday we had a great overflow crowd in our worship service; 386 present in our Sunday school, plus the best Easter offering in the history of the church. We are reaching new people in this heavily populated area. Two weeks before Easter we had 91 new people in our Sunday school. We were happy to be one of the two churches on the Los Angeles District that reached 30 or more non-Nazarene families for membership during the last fiscal year. We feel that our church is reaching the community. As pastor we are beginning our fourth year. The co-operation of the people has been excellent; our able assistant in our Sunday school, Rev. R. J. Kunze, has worked hard and faithfully. The church has its own radio broadcast each week, a visitation program, and we have co-operated with our ministerial union and taken interest in community affairs, which has helped to put our church before the people. We thank God for His gracious help and for the blessings around the altar in many being saved and sanctified.—C. A. McClain, Jr., Pastor.

Rev. R. E. Elzey writes: "After spending four very happy years pastoring our First Church in Gainesville, Florida, and receiving all but three votes to continue for the fifth year, we felt led of the Lord to accept the call to our First Church in St. Petersburg. The Lord wonderfully blessed our efforts at Gainesville, and we had most wonderful cooperation from the people. Moving to St. Petersburg, we found a beautiful church seating about four hundred, and a fine group of Nazarenes. After preaching one Sunday here in St. Petersburg, we were stricken with appendicitis and rushed to the hospital. The operation showed that the appendix had burst and that peritonitis and gangrene had set in. We feel that it is in answer to the prayers of the saints that we are here today. After missing four Sundays in the pulpit, we are now preaching again and busy in the work of the church and the Lord."

Rev. M. M. Snyder writes: "Leaving New Orleans, Louisiana, in February of 1950, I came to the El Dorado, Arkansas, Central Church. After these two years of sweet fellowship with that great crowd of Nazarenes and businessmen of El Dorado, I feel that I should return to New Orleans and the Louisiana District in the interest of home missions and the Negro work. I am leaving a most wonderful company of people and our fellowship has been most sacred. We are leaving the church property completely out of debt, all current bills and pastor paid in full; district budget, church school, N.Y.P.S., schools and college, and N.M.B.F. paid in full for the assembly year, and the largest Easter offering in the history of the church. We have overpaid the General Budget for the year. My New Orleans address is 3606 Magazine Street."

Tallahassee, Florida—In February our church had a profitable winter revival meeting with Evangelist W. F. Miller, and he was at his best. Having known Brother Miller as my pastor for ten years and having had him in numerous meetings, I would say his recent serious illness has tended to enrich his ministry. He made many friends for the church as he spoke on the radio, at civic clubs, and both junior and senior high school chapels. There were twenty seekers finding victory at the altar.—William E. Wineberg, Pastor.

St. Louis, Missouri—Some time ago First Church closed a very splendid meeting with Evangelist J. C. Dobson and his wife. This meeting was one of the best that our church has had. The crowds were excellent and there were seekers at the altar. A fine class of members was received into the church as a result of this meeting. I am now entering my sixth year as pastor of this church and our work is going better than we ever have seen it. On Easter Sunday we had

780 in Sunday school, and the past month our Sunday-school average has been 550. Many new people are coming into the services and for the past three months, at every invitation, we have had people seeking the Lord. Since January 1, we have received 32 members into the church. We appreciate our staff of the church and the faithfulness of our members.—Holland B. London, Pastor.

Oatsville, Indiana—Last July our pastor, Rev. Harry Westfall, resigned to continue his education and we had no regular pastor until the first of September. During this time we redecorated the church, varnished the floor, and also redecorated the parsonage. In September Rev. Elsie G. Martin came to be our pastor and her

work has been blessed of the Lord from the very beginning. Our Sunday school has been growing with about a 40 per cent increase in attendance, and every department has enjoyed an increase. In October we installed a new furnace at a cost of \$1,150.00, which was paid for in full at the time of installation. In November we had a wonderful one-week revival with Rev. Mrs. W. T. Lynn. This was a great blessing to our church. The church board voted to have our pastor conduct our revival in March; it ran for three weeks with interest increasing each night. A good number were saved and some sanctified. Good interest prevails in the regular services and our prayer meetings are wonderful.—Marion Jenkins, Secretary.

## Sunday-School Easter Attendance

District	Attendance		Percentage
	Easter Attendance	Records Broken	
Northern California	23,347	47	39.8
Western Ohio	20,421	20	18.8
Central Ohio	18,823	20	19.2
Akron	15,285	28	36.8
West Virginia	15,000	7	7.7
Southern California	14,962	27	49
Southwest Indiana	14,349	19	25.3
Northeastern Indiana	14,161	24	31.5
Los Angeles	12,950	22	43.1
Illinois	12,046	6	6.3
Eastern Michigan	11,647	14	22.5
Michigan	10,886	9	12.3
Arkansas	10,808	17	18
Pittsburgh	10,722	*	*
Alabama	10,700	25	29.7
Kansas City	10,355	16	21
Missouri	10,300	1	1.5
Oregon Pacific	10,187	14	26.4
Washington-Philadelphia	10,156	32	32.3
Northwest	9,742	20	35.7
Kansas	9,571	14	17.9
Tennessee	9,500	*	*
Florida	8,864	22	37.2
New England	8,790	28	32.5
Southwest Oklahoma	8,316	10	17.2
Northwest Indiana	8,113	14	24.1
Northwest Oklahoma	8,102	60	100
Indianapolis	7,931	26	37.1
Abilene	7,690	10	13.1
Iowa	7,617	10	12.9
Idaho-Oregon	7,511	9	17.6
Canada West	7,265	60	86.9
Colorado	7,174	19	32.2
Dallas	7,160	5	9.2
Northwestern Illinois	7,151	10	20.8
East Tennessee	7,025	*	*
Washington Pacific	6,938	9	20.9
Georgia	6,776	6	9.8
Kentucky	6,736	*	*
South Carolina	6,609	20	60.6
Northeast Oklahoma	6,331	8	21.6
Eastern Kentucky	6,263	15	33.3
San Antonio	6,000	14	24.1
Chicago Central	5,963	14	27.4
Southeast Oklahoma	5,613	*	*
Louisiana	5,602	16	23.1

District	Attendance		Percentage
	Easter Attendance	Records Broken	
Arizona	5,008	10	40
North Carolina	4,760	6	16.2
Albany	4,725	4	10.2
New Mexico	4,437	17	47.2
Houston	4,323	8	25.8
Rocky Mountain	3,887	14	35.8
Virginia	3,827	*	*
Nebraska	3,456	5	11.1
Mississippi	2,800	1	2.7
Minnesota	2,762	5	13.8
Ontario	2,715	5	20.3
New York	2,672	10	33.3
North Dakota	2,278	6	18.1
British Isles	2,128	*	*
Nevada-Utah	1,354	1	7.1
Maritime	1,168	2	10
South Dakota	1,089	5	25
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>514,186</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>26.4</b>

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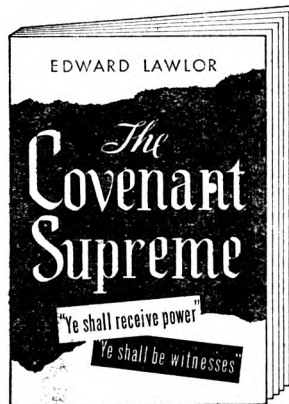
ERWIN G. BENSON, *Field Secretary*  
Department of Church Schools

Miami, Florida—This has been a good year for First Church financially, numerically, and spiritually. God has blessed in every department of the church and we are thankful to Him for His many blessings. We have had three revivals during the year: with our pastor, Rev. H. A. Casey, and with Evangelists Edward R. Ferguson and Gene Hulsey. God blessed in all these revivals and souls were saved and sanctified. Many victories have been won since instituting an all-night prayer meeting from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. These have been carried on largely by our young people, and we praise God for young people who will dare to hold high the standard of holiness. God is blessing First Church under the leadership of our fine pastor, Rev. H. A. Casey. Our Sunday school is growing—we had 407 in attendance last Sunday. We won the HERALD OF HOLINESS contest on the district with 175 subscriptions. Forty new members have been added to the church. If you have friends or loved ones which you would like for us to contact, write and send their address. —Frances Rodgers, Reporter.

Evangelist U. E. Harding and wife report: "We left Florida last October and held meetings in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Then we were with Rev. J. G. Wells of the Inglewood Church, Nashville, Tennessee; then at Chanute, Kansas, with one of our fine Seminary boys; at Garfield, Washington, with another one of the Seminary boys, Wallace Roseboro; and at Palouse, Washington, where Rev. Carl Lindbloom is the good pastor. On our way to the Northwest, we stopped over at the Northwest Nazarene College and met many old friends of our former pastorate there. We spent the Christmas holidays around Portland and Salem, Oregon. District Superintendent W. D. McGraw and wife turned their nice home over to us for the holidays, while they were in the East. What kindness! Since the first of the year, we have worked in our First Church, Oakland, California, with Rev. Herman Smith, who is the pastor; had a fine, eight-day meeting with Rev. Leroy Daniels, pastor of our church in Downey, California; then to Bakersfield, California, with my good friend and former assistant while at the College Church in Nampa, Idaho, Rev. Edward T. Lancaster. Then back to the Northwest for a zone meeting at Potlatch, Washington, with five other Nazarene churches co-operating. We had stops along the way at many of our churches, but space forbids mentioning all of them. Five years ago Mrs. Harding and I went to Florida to operate a school for boys and a guest home. We have discontinued our work there and are now moving back to California to live. Those desiring our services may write us at 1006 E. 17th St., Long Beach, California."

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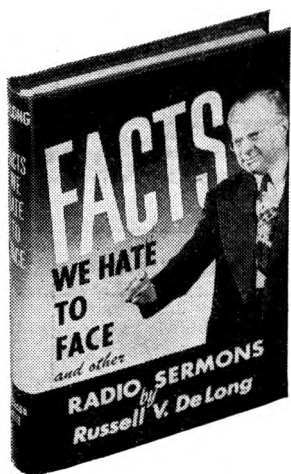
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Tefft, Indiana—Our church recently closed one of the best revivals it has had in many years, with Rev. J. W. Steen as evangelist, and Ralph and Lois Humble as song evangelists. As direct results of this campaign, we received a fine class of seven into membership. God is leading and we are on the praise committee.—C. W. Brown, Pastor.

### Dr. Edward S. Mann Lectures At Trevecca Nazarene College

Dr. Edward S. Mann, president of Eastern Nazarene College, was guest speaker for the student council lecture series at Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tennessee, April 7 to 11. For faculty and student body this was indeed an enriching and stimulating series of messages.

The chapel lectures were on the general theme "Your Life." The evening lectures followed the theme "Your Day, or Vital Issues for '52." These were messages that lift horizons, give clarity of vision concerning high and noble living, and challenge one to live at his best all the time. Enough practical and helpful advice was packed into these lectures to change the course of many lives, and to save others from the perils of the way. Surely we shall be better able to carry the torch high and pass it on to the next generation as a result of this week.

Dr. Mann not only endeared himself to us, but also increased the feeling of close relationship between our school and other Nazarene colleges. Trevecca will move forward to fill well its place in the Church of the Nazarene.

K. W. PHILLIPS, Reporter

### Chicago Central District Home Missions—Chicago

We are having our very best year in and around Chicago in every way. Dr. C. B. Strang is God's providential man in solving major problems on Southside Chicago, and is moving our dear old First Church to a fine, growing neighborhood of new homes, which is providential in every way. We are now in possession of a \$35,000.00 new parsonage, and a commodious location in the purchase of \$50,000.00 worth of lots. We are getting sufficient cash together to put up the first unit, not to exceed \$150,000.00. Dr. and Mrs. Strang and the great old First Church are really doing a great work.

Brother Willard Taylor and his wife, likewise, are in the miracle-performing business in providing lots 260 by 125 feet, in moving our Woodlawn Church on Southside Chicago to a new community where we shall have a plant which is modern in every way, and disposing of our old plant in the heart of the colored section. Brother and Sister Taylor have gathered around them one of the finest personnels, and the people are with them in this \$150,000.00 advance.

In what we have called the Rose-land Church and is now the Emerald

Avenue Church, likewise, are building a new \$100,000.00 church as the first unit. Brother A. T. Smith, pastor, has everything in hand and hopes to dedicate the first unit in August, with a debt of only \$20,000.00. We have organized a new Bethel Church in this general location. Brother J. J. Gough has moved into a new addition of a thousand new homes and put in a \$40,000.00 basement. Likewise Robert Shurman has moved into another new community of a thousand new homes.

A little farther on the west side, we have organized three new churches out of the Argo church. At the same time, Argo has built a new \$35,000.00 parsonage. Of these three churches, we have the Southwest, a new church the last few months, with everything going well and a Sunday-school enrollment of 120. Also Brookfield, a fine and growing new church, has purchased a new lot for \$3,600.00. Brother Carl Jessee, a leading layman, and Brother Mollar are doing miracles here. Brother Yarbrough is the power behind the throne in the Southwest Church. At the Orland Park community, we have a new Sunday school and a new church. It was largely through the ingenuity of the Argo church that we have these three new churches. They are very competent; also the pastor, Rev. Howard Hill.

We have organized another new church in Tinley Park, Southside Chicago. This has come through the unselfish efforts of Brother Robert Sheppard; and everything is promising with a Sunday school of around seventy-five. In the midst of all this, on the south side of Chicago, we are getting the beginning of a colored work. Brother Franklin Peoples is living a good life, and has purchased property with the assistance of the church extension board.

We have about twenty churches on Southside Chicago, in the midst of a million and a half people, of whom 500,000 are colored; hence the movements and the aggressiveness that it takes to plant our churches in new communities. Our dear Dr. Strang and all these great young men in Southside Chicago are putting on a great effort for home missions in the real sense of the word. We have great people in these churches who are rallying to their pastors. In the last eighteen months, of my thirty years on Chicago Central District, we are making the greatest progress in this great section.

There are said to be within one hundred miles of Chicago seven million people, and Dr. G. B. Williamson was right when he said we could have 200 churches in this section. We have the human beings here, we have enough money to go forward, we have the willingness to go forward, and we are in the beginning of the Nazarene advance in home missions on the great Southside Chicago.

E. O. CHALFANT,  
District Superintendent

## DEATHS

MRS. JENNIE CLAY, mother of six minister sons, died March 11, 1952, in Van Wert, Ohio, at the age of sixty-three years. Although neither she nor her husband was a minister, yet all six surviving sons are Nazarene ministers: Rev. R. V. Clay, pastor of Manhattan Boulevard Church in Toledo; Rev. W. F. Clay, pastor of Minneapolis First Church; Rev. M. E. Clay, pastor of Lima First Church; Rev. D. E. Clay, pastor of Circleville church; Rev. R. L. Clay, pastor at Berea, Ohio; and Rev. Kenneth Clay, studying for the ministry at Olivet Nazarene College. The only daughter, Mrs. O. O. Welker, is also a Christian. Mrs. Clay was born July 16, 1889, in Celina, Ohio. In 1906 she was united in marriage to O. M. Clay. She was converted when only eleven years old, and since that time had lived a sincere, consistent Christian life. Funeral service was held at the Van Wert church, where she held her membership, with the pastor, Rev. Howard S. Sylvia, officiating, assisted by District Superintendent W. E. Albea.

MRS. VIOLA MAE COBB died September 15, 1951, at the age of eighty years. In 1900 she was united in marriage to Mr. Bert Cobb; for nearly half a century she lived in the area of Boise, Idaho. She and her husband were converted many years ago, and were leaders in the holiness work of their area, giving liberally of both their means and their talents. She died at the Nazarene Samaritan Hospital, and was buried from First Church of the Nazarene in Boise, with her pastor, Rev. E. H. Edwards, officiating.

JASPER M. GLOVER of Wheeler, Texas, died February 25, 1952. He was born February 10, 1868, in Georgia. He came into the experience of entire sanctification in 1898, and united with the Church of the Nazarene about forty years ago. He attended services regularly until his last illness. He is missed in the church, the home, and the community. He is survived by his wife, Susie Eagan Glover; three sons, W. M., C. L., M. H.; and one daughter, Mrs. H. G. Smith; also two brothers, one stepson, and two stepdaughters. Funeral service was held at Wheeler with Rev. W. E. Hudnall, Nazarene pastor, officiating; with chapel and graveside service at Bethany, Oklahoma, where interment was made.

MRS. ANNIE HOPKINS ROBINSON, age seventy, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died February 29, 1952. She was a member of Calvary Church of the Nazarene in High Point, North Carolina. She lived a triumphant life for Christ, and did much good with the talents God gave her. Her testimony and life bore eloquent witness to the saving and sanctifying power of God. She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. A. H. Johnson, wife of Nazarene pastor at High Point; and Mrs. Harold Mongerson, wife of Nazarene pastor in Moline, Illinois; also two sons, T. N. and H. H. Robinson. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. A. Middendorf, assisted by Rev. J. H. Eades.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE—Rev. J. Kenneth Grider, who has been teaching at Hurler Nazarene College, Glasgow, Scotland, and evangelizing in Britain the last two years, will be returning to the United States in June. He will be available for revival meetings, conventions, young people's institutes, and camps following the General Assembly until September 1. Brother Grider is an excellent preacher and has had a very successful ministry. Mrs. Grider joins him in assisting in the musical program of the meeting, and in special work with children and young people. Until June 3, he can be reached by air mail, at Hurler Nazarene College, Nitshill, S.W. 3, Glasgow, Scotland. Following that date, correspondence should be addressed to him at 2923 Troost Ave., Box 527, Kansas City 41, Mo.—S. T. Ludwig, General Church Secretary.

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. Norman Howerton of Crescent, Oklahoma, a son, Curtis Troy, on April 18.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED for a young man who feels he is called to preach, that he will obey God and not let others discourage him, and that he may get sanctified and be true to God; for several new converts, and for several unspoken requests;

by a lady in Illinois that a satisfactory and much-desired adjustment may be speedily brought about with a friend, and that her family may see the light on sanctification as a second work of grace;

by a brother in Pennsylvania that "my people may be saved"; that God will give a real revival in that town; for a young man in the U.S. Marines who needs God; an urgent unspoken request, and that God will touch him in body, soul, and mind, that he may be a better Christian;

for a preacher and his wife—wife in very poor health after three operations—that God may specially touch her body;

## NOTICE

We owe a debt of gratitude to our pastors, church treasurers, and W.F.M.S. treasurers for their promptness in sending in the Easter Offering. Although the offering was taken a little more than two weeks before we closed our books for the quadrennium, more than one-half million dollars reached us in time to be included in the report. The total offering received to May 7 is \$553,058.76. We are blessed and encouraged when we think of the response of our people to world evangelism.

JOHN STOCKTON,  
General Treasurer

by a man soon to be released from prison, who has been saved while there, and has been reading the "Herald of Holiness" regularly; also for his loved ones.

## District Assembly Information

LOS ANGELES—May 27 to 29, at Bresee Avenue Church of the Nazarene, Washington Street and Bresee Avenue, Pasadena, California. Entertaining pastor, Rev. J. G. Taylorson, 1400 Bresee Avenue. Dr. G. B. Williamson, presiding officer.

ALBANY—May 28 and 29, at Church of the Nazarene, 240 Main Street, Binghamton, New York. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Arthur Fallon, 66 Grand Blvd., Binghamton, New York. Dr. Samuel Young, presiding officer.

ARIZONA—May 29 and 30, at Phoenix East Church of the Nazarene, 2515 East Street, Phoenix. Entertaining pastor: Rev. George Gardner, 2515 East Harvard, Phoenix. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, presiding officer.

NEW MEXICO—June 2 to 5, at the campground on State Hi-way 37, ten miles southwest of Capitan, New Mexico. Rev. Thomas McClain, Capitan, entertaining pastor. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, presiding officer.

NORTH DAKOTA—June 4 and 5, at Jamestown College, Jamestown, North Dakota. Entertaining pastor, Rev. A. E. Gerdes, Box 303, Jamestown. Dr. Hardy C. Powers, presiding officer.

NEW ENGLAND—June 4 to 6, at College Church of the Nazarene, 37 E. Elm Avenue, Wollaston, Massachusetts. Dr. J. Glenn Gould, 29 Dunbarton Rd., Wollaston, entertaining pastor. Dr. Samuel Young, presiding officer.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN—June 11 and 12, at Church of the Nazarene, Third Ave. at 33rd Street, North, Billings, Montana. Pastor, Rev. Murray J. Pallett, 444 Yellowstone Ave., Billings. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, presiding officer.

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## SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

CHAPLAIN Lloyd Hail has been transferred from the hospital work in San Antonio to an assignment with troops in Europe. He writes: "Certainly the work in the hospital was most pleasant, but I am glad to be back with troops. While at the hospital I called on 17,000 patients, saw several of them get to the Lord, and had the privilege of hearing good testimonies from a number of the men who were dying, that they had found the Lord under my ministry to them at their bedside and were now going to be with the Lord."

"I trust that you will request prayer from our church in general for the work overseas, as we extend the arm of the church into yet another part of the world."

"It has been my privilege for the past week to attend a revival at the First Church in Brownwood, Texas. I am stationed down here while on maneuvers in Exercise Longhorn. The Lord has made a way for me to be in church while on these maneuvers and it has been a great blessing to hear Evangelist Fred G. Stockton. The revival is really beginning to roll now and we expect a number of people to gain complete victory before the meeting is over. Brother Roy D. Terry is the pastor and he and his wife are really going out of their way to make this revival a great success. Thank the Lord for these people." JERRY P. WILLIAMS

"I would like to commend you for the fine work you are doing through N.Y.P.S. publications, especially Conquest.

"Speaking for myself and many other servicemen who receive the fine papers of our church, I can truthfully say that these monthly and weekly publications have brought a blessing and given cheer in time of sorrow and feeling downhearted.

"I miss my friends back home in Texas, but I do not miss God in His salvation. He has been merciful toward me, and I thank Him for it."

HENRY EUGENE BASDEN  
Scott A.F.B., Illinois

Chaplain Elbert Atkinson is hospitalized at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C. He requests the prayers of our people. I trust we shall take this request seriously. Chaplain Atkinson has given his best to the church and his country during the war and since the war.

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"Joshua's might, Jehovah's armor,"  
They would tell us, "turn the tide—"  
Adding with a quiet smile,  
"And the soldier at my side."

Washington had his loved Martha  
Waiting at Mount Vernon's wood.  
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Crowned each place that Lincoln stood. . . .  
Even military larkspur,  
Brilliant in midmorning light,  
Feels the unobtrusive presence  
Of soft rain within the night.

Are there ever planets conquered,  
Are there ever races run,  
Where no lamplit, violet shadows  
Show an unassuming one  
Brave in routine, strong in trial,  
Keeping bright her fire within?  
For Generals, medals—but the laurels  
To each gentle heroine!