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## My Chum

“.... None of us liveth to himself” (Rom. 14:8)

“.... And he that winneth souls is wise” (Prov. 11:30)

He stood at the crossroads all alone,  
With the sunrise in his face;  
He had no fear for the path unknown,  
He was set for a manly race.  
But the road stretched east and the road stretched west;  
There was No one to tell him which was the best.

So my chum turned wrong and went down, down, down,  
Till he lost the race and the victors crown,  
And fell at last in an ugly snare,  
Because no one stood at the crossroads there.

Another chum on another day  
At the selfsame crossroad stood;  
He paused a moment to choose the way,  
That would stretch to the greater good.  
And the road stretched east and the road stretched west;  
But I was there to show him the best;  
So my chum turned right and went on and on,  
Till he won the race and the victor's crown;  
He came at last to the mansions fair,  
Because I stood at the crossroads there.

Since then I have raised a daily prayer.  
That I be kept faithful standing there,  
To warn the runners as they come  
And save my own or anothers chum.

—Author Unknown.

“If you cannot be a lighthouse, be a candle.”—D. D. Moody

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## PROPHECY I—

### The Purpose Of Christ's Return To Earth

By MARIE GIPSON

We have all been made to realize in the last few years that the coming of the Lord is near at hand. We know this because of the prophecies that are being fulfilled.

When the Lord shall come to earth again He will come to receive His own unto Himself. John 14:3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Jesus is our lawyer now. Rom. 8:34 "It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." When He returns in power and great glory He will be our judge in righteousness. Rev. 19:11 "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war." Micah 5:3 "And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off . . ."

After the judgment, Christ will render unto every man according to his deeds. Matt. 16:27 "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works." I Peter 5:4

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## NOTICE

We wish to thank everyone in a most gracious manner who has given funds sufficiently enough to make possible the purchase of the most needed filing cabinet. This was not an ordinary, but an intricate cabinet and could not be made outside of factory tools and supplies.

Solitude shows us what we should be; society shows us what we are.  
—(Richard Cecil).

"And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." We should all so live that we might be accounted worthy to receive this crown.

At His second coming He will reign as King. Luke 1:32,33 "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." He also shall become King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Rev. 19:16 "And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

To those who love and serve Him, His coming shall be life. Rev. 21:6, 7 "And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that it thirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things: and I will be his God and he shall be my son."

Unto those that are not prepared, His coming shall be death. Rev. 21:8 "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers and whoremongers and sorcerers, and idolaters and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

Let us heed the words of Jesus as He said, "And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch (Mark 14:38) lest we be as the five foolish virgins and be without oil in our lamps when the Bridegroom returns for His bride.

## Revival At Nineveh

By HOMER ALLEN

Nineveh was the capitol of the first Assyrian Empire. The worship of many gods was common, and their religion was corrupted with gross impurity. If any city needed a revival it was Nineveh. All kind of sins were committed by the people from the king to the poorest of peasants. Imorality and unfaithfulness was common practice. The people gave no thought of God. They gave no thought of the hereafter, they just thought of satisfying their own sinful lust and desire.

In the reign of Shalmaneser II, the sins of Nineveh reached to the heavens, and came up before God. The time of her end had come. If she would not repent, destruction would be sure. God sent the Prophet Jonah to warn her of her destruction. Jonah, however, did not want to go, because he knew of the wickedness of the city and thought it would be a waste of time and to much of a job. But God wanted Jonah to go.

Jonah went down to Joppa and got a boat to go to Tarsus. God sent a great storm at sea. Jonah knew it was because of him that this storm had come so he told the men to put him overboard. A great fish came and swallowed him. Jonah then repented of his sin so God made the great fish to put him out on dry land. Jonah was now ready to give Gods' message of destruction to the people of Nineveh.

Jonah entered the city and proclaimed that in forty days Nineveh would be destroyed. By the power of God, the words that Jonah spoke struck fear and conviction to all of the people that heard him. The words that Jonah spoke spread from the streets to the utter most parts of the city, even to the King's palace. The King thought that if God had gone to the trouble of sending a prophet to warn them of their destruction, then maybe He would change His mind if they repented of their sins. So the King proclaimed a fast throughout all the city. No one was to eat, from the King down to the beast of the field. Everyone was to fast for a day.

God saw that they were truly sorry for their sins, and had repented

## LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA—

For many years a Watch-Night service has been conducted in this church and while we were not able to attend it has been reported to me that it was a wonderful meeting. The inspiration of the Lord and the anointing of the Almighty made each minute from the beginning of the service to the in coming of the new year a time of rejoicing because the Lord had wrought a great work in their midst.

Man's day is short at Best, but God is Eternal.

of their ways. So He did not destroy them like the prophet had said He would. This made Jonah angry because of the sinful things they had done. He did not seem to understand that God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. But rather joy in their salvation. So God made a small tree come up one night, and the next night he sent a worm to destroy the tree. Jonah felt sorry for the tree. Then God said to him, "You feel sorry for the tree; how much more does the people of Nineveh that know neither their left hand from their right hand deserve mercy.

The results of this revival was this. They turned from the worship of many gods to that of one God who they called Nebo. Nebo was part of the Babylonian trinity. "According to Winckler, the reformation which resulted in the establishment of montheism in the form of the worship of Nebo was as decided as that under Luther."

"If this revival in the time of Shalmaneser was the result of the preaching of Jonah, then the use of their national name for the Son of God is exactly what we should expect. Jonah did not preach repentance to the Ninevites in the name of Jehovah, but in the name of Elohim, the strong one, the Deity. And they believed Elohim, the Deity, and repented." (Ancient History in Bible light; Ruth Miller.)

Jesus said this nation shall rise up in judgment over you because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and a greater than Jonah is here. Matthew 12:41.

## DOCTRINE I—

### SIN

By ROSS BRILES

We as Christian people today live in a world full of sin. On every side we see the fruits of sin, in the form of the binding power of alcohol, dope and tobacco. We see sin in the failing morals of our people and the degeneracy of the peoples of the earth. The Christians of today must be able to combat these evils as well as many more that we run into in our modern way of life.

In Genesis 3:6 we see the origin of sin was in the garden of Eden when man partook of the forbidden fruit. Due to this first fall of man we are all born in sin. In Psalms 51:5, David tells us that he was shapen in iniquity and in sin did his mother conceive him.

Because Adam and Eve transgressed the law of God a blood sacrifice became required so the sins of the people could be pushed forward until Christ shed His life blood on Calvary for the remission of all sin. We as people living under Grace do not have to offer a blood sacrifice but we must come to Christ with a broken heart and a contrite spirit and repent of our sins. The Bible tells us in I John 1:8, that if a person says he has no sin he deceives himself. Again in Romans 3:23 we find that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

But the people of today have the chance to receive forgiveness of their sins. In John 6:37 Christ tells us that whosoever will come unto Him, He will in no wise cast out.

We as individuals have a right to choose which path we want to take. No matter which path we take we will have a reward waiting for us at the judgement day. Romans 6:23 tells us that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is not willing that any should die without salvation, but He was willing to die that we might have eternal life. So each christian must do his part in spreading the wonderful message of salvation that Christ has already purchased for us.

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## From My Viewpoint

By Gail Schultz  
(EDITORIAL)

Greetings to our readers again this month.

Owing to the fact that my health is quite impaired I shall give only a brief editorial. Mainly the paper this time is dedicated to the Apostolic Faith Bible School, an institution of which we are justly proud and appreciative. As you read keep in mind that most of the lines of this issue come from young minds, strong hearts, and steady hands of the youth of our movement; an investment whose total value will be revealed in eternity.

The Lord willing and my health permitting we will begin a Revival and Bible Study at Katy, Texas, February 9. We invite and urge everyone within driving distance to come to this meeting. Pray for us and may God bless each one of you is our prayer.

Every loss is meant to be filled up by His presence; every sorrow is meant to make His fellowship mean more to us.—Andrew Murray.

## Thank You Note From The Supt.'s Desk

By R. D. WOOSTER

Greetings to one and all of you fine folks of the Faith.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank each of you who have helped in seeing the Bible School blessed of the hand of the Lord. God has wonderfully supplied the need to keep the school running in every way and we are so very grateful to you folks whom we feel have obeyed the Lord in sending your tithes and offerings, along with many other things for the Bible School.

We know that the Lord will bless and repay all of us for things that we do for the glory of the Lord. We would also like to state, that since we have been your Supt. for the past five years, we have appreciated so much all that you have done for us. We have enjoyed being in every church and so many wonderful Christian homes. God's blessings rest on each of you is our humble prayer. We feel that this will be our last year to serve the school as Supt. We are aware of the fact that we haven't been able to please all students and all of the folks of the Movement; but we will assure you that we have done our very best to please the wonderful Lord. We are happy to state to everyone that the Bible School is up to this date, free of all debt and that not a bill will be left unpaid.

We hope to be back in our home in Alvin, Texas, by the middle of April, the Lord willing. We too want to express our thanks to the Board of Directors for their work and faith in the school. They are worthy of your prayers as they try to keep this good work going. Also, a word of thanks and appreciation is expressed to the Faculty, who have worked hard in the school. May the good Lord bless each of them.

A word of thanks to the wonderful church folks of Baxter Springs. We have found everyone of you to be wonderful people. We will greatly miss each of you. God bless your dear hearts is our prayer.

Your Bro. in Christ.

## Lines From The Co-Editor

Greetings to our wonderful readers for the first time in 1958. God has been good to us and His blessings are abundant. It is so wonderful to know our God.

This edition is the Bible School edition, and we feel it will bring a message of hope into your hearts, and stir your pure minds of what God expects of his people.

We feel like more than ever before that the call rings out to God's people to embrace the pure doctrine of our God and hold fast their faith in the unchanging Saviour of man; To stand fast for the undying truth that has made us free. Even though the raging waves of satan are thrown against you, remain anchored firm and deep in the Rock of Ages. For we know when the battle is over we shall shine forth as the stars in the heavens. So let's work so much the harder for God in '58.

Love and prayers,  
M. D. METHVIN.

## NOTICE

There may be church information or notices that have been given that will not appear in this issue because of my illness and I am not able to keep up with all this as I should, but I assure you that I have done the best I could under these conditions so please accept my apologies for any mistakes or errors that may arise from the above mentioned circumstances.

Your editor,  
GAIL SCHULTZ

### PERRYTON, TEXAS—

Bro. and Sis. W. O. Nunn are in a revival in Perryton, Texas. Their last report to us was of good attendance and fine interest and they are looking forward to a break that is needed to make this meeting a success. Bro. Nunn's services at Union Chapel have been taken care of by different ones from the Bible School during his absence and report of some mighty good services have been given.

## PROPHECY II—

## The Seventy Weeks Of Daniel

By CAROLE POOL

The Seventy Weeks of Daniel is a period of 490 years during which there were several important events to take place concerning the nation of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

The word translated weeks throughout the ninth chapter of Daniel is hebdomads meaning literally sevens. Whether the weeks means seven days, months, or years, must be determined by the study of these Scriptures in Daniel 9:24-27 along with history. In this case it is plain that each seven is a period of seven years. With this point clear in mind let us now study these weeks in their three separate divisions.

Daniel 9:25 says, know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks. Artaxerxes Longimanus gave the decree on March 14, 445 B. C. authorizing Nehemiah to restore and build Jerusalem, therefore we have the date of 445 B. C. as the beginning date for the fulfillment of this seventy weeks or four hundred and ninety years of prophecy. The first seven weeks is probably the forty-nine years which was the period of time for the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem.

Let us take the seven weeks and the threescore and two weeks and add them together; thus, we have sixty-nine weeks. When we multiply the 69 by seven we have an answer of 483 years. The Scripture said from the going forth of the commandment to Messiah the prince should be sixty-nine weeks or 483 years. It was exactly 483 years from the time the commandment went forth until Christ made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Matt. 21:1-5.

Notice the twenty-sixth verse says after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself. This was to take place after the sixty-nine weeks and before the seventieth week. Jesus' crucifixion fulfilled this prophecy.

## PIANO

By FRAN WATERBURY

In the last few months I have become aware of the need of good pianists in the most of our churches. Pianists who are dedicated and consecrated to their work.

In thinking of a good pianist, there are several things to be considered. Perhaps the first thing our mind would think of, is how accurate the player uses the keys. This is important, but I feel that more important is ones attitude toward their work. One must enjoy playing and constantly strive to improve! Never should a pianist become completely satisfied with their work. There are greater achievements to attain always.

One must be willing! Our service to the Lord is in vain in any capacity if we do not serve with a willing heart.

Most important I feel, is to trust the Lord. To be a successful player is to be an anointed player. Some

The latter part of verse 26 states "and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. After the Messiah was cut off or after His crucifixion, the city Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans under the leadership of Titus in 70 A. D. The prince that shall come is the Antichrist so this gives us reason to believe that the Antichrist will be a Roman.

The clock of prophecy, as far as the seventy weeks is concerned, stopped after Christ was crucified. The seventieth week is totally unfulfilled. This week begins with the Antichrist (verse 27) making a covenant with the Jews, then in the middle of the week or after three and one-half years he will break his covenant and cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease or stop the the worship of God in the Temple at Jerusalem. From there for the remaining three and one-half years of time will be great tribulation during which the Antichrist sets up his image. The return of Christ to earth will end the seventieth week, and bring about the complete fulfillment of Dan. 9:24.

limit the anointing of the Spirit to only the preaching of God's Word but a good pianist knows the value of this wonderful blessing of God.

Perhaps our shortage of pianists may be because we as parents have failed to have a vision along this line. Too many parents fail to see the need of developing a musical knowledge in their children. They leave the choice for the child. Some feel it is a waste of time and money to give their children music lessons unless the child ask for them. Not all children would choose to go to public school to be educated, neither would they all choose to go to Sunday School. But we as guardians must make decisions for our children in their early age that will be beneficial to them in later life. Not only will a musical knowledge be beneficial to them but it will be a wonderful blessing to others.

It is true some are blessed with greater talent along this line, and it is easier for them, but everyone can develop a musical talent. A talent must be cultivated. Let us begin to encourage children to prepare themselves for service to the Lord while their little minds are susceptible. The eagerness of young minds, if given the right training can develop into a wonderful vocation or talent that can be used to the Glory of God.

Let us remember the words of the wise man Solomon, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

### ROCKDALE, TEXAS—

Brother and Sister Austin Morgan report that the work is progressing nicely and they are enthused with the work the Lord has given them to do. They are praying for God to send them an old fashioned revival which will no doubt be granted in the days that lie ahead.

### OPEN FOR CALLS

Bro. Allen Long of Forty-four, Arkansas is open for calls as an evangelist or pastor. Bro. Long has proven his faithfulness in the Lord's service for several years.

Patient waiting is often the highest way of doing God's will.—Jeremy Collier.

## Teacher Training

### "Are We Giving the Best Possible 52 Hours to the Children?"

Yes, though it may seem little in comparison, we only give 52 hours out of 8,760 hours each year, to the children.

The question then faces us, if we only have such a few hours to reach the children, are we really doing all we can to reach them.

Teaching should not be taken lightly. If we teach because it falls our lot, because duty compels us to, then we will be a failure. We should want to give what we've been given.

Teaching is a God given call as we find in Eph. 4:11, 12 where He gave some apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. God does not aimlessly call men and women to teach, but calls them for a purpose. That purpose being, to implant His word in men's hearts that they might believe.

Teaching is important because the price was paid by Jesus as he suffered in agony on the cross of Calvary. Also when we see the souls won to Christ as the results of our teaching, we will fully realize the importance of teaching.

Christ's ministry to his disciples and followers was primarily a ministry of teaching. When Jesus was among the multitudes, he had compassion towards them, and began to teach them many things. Mark 6:34.

Christ considered teaching important enough that in Matt. 28:19,20 he commanded us to Go, and teach all nations to observe His commandments.

So with this commandment in view, taking Christ's life and message as an example, let's reach the children, making the most of our 52 hours.

Christ was a man with a message. His message was from the Father: to individuals, concerning the individuals relation to God.

We like Christ, must have a message. We must have God's word in our heart as a burning fire, until we cannot contain it, as Jeremiah the prophet told us in Jer. 33:3.

With this message, we need a vision that encompasses the world, to

take it forth to lost humanity, that lies in the valley of decision.

We need to know the hearts of men like John, for John said he knew what was in man. A knowledge of men's hearts will enable us to teach them a better way of life.

We must be master of our subject we teach. Christ knew what he taught. He taught with authority of not as a scribe. It was once said of Christ, that never a man spoke as He.

We must be aptable in teaching that we can reach from the least to the greatest, from the illiterate to the educated. We must speak in the language of the people so they can know salvation and deeper blessings. Jesus taught the most profound truth so simply that all understood.

Most important in teaching, we must live what we teach. Christ taught meekness, self resignation, forgiveness, service, and need of righteousness, yet he lived it all, and he lived no greater example than he wanted us to follow.

All these things which Christ taught and the way in which he taught are important to follow, but the key to success in winning children to Christ is prayer.

Our teaching must be backed by prayer. We need to learn why we teach by sitting at the feet of Jesus. All power and authority and the right message comes from the Father.

Now with God's call on our life, seeing the importance of teaching and taking Christ as our Master teacher, let's fill every minute of those 52 hours with the best possible.



## Piano As A Subject

By CAROLE POOL

A person might think of piano as being a minor study but I would like to differ with that opinion. The study of piano requires many, many hours of hard practice, if a person ever expects to be a good pianist. It takes a lot of patience on both the teacher and student's part. The teacher must take each pupil individually and work to understand his ability and endeavor to do everything she can to help the student apply himself to the study of piano. She spends hour after hour with the students to teach them the many things one must know to learn to play the piano. Each student must practice daily and put work into his study, for one can never expect to obtain something unless it has been worked for.

There is much to learn in the study of piano. After the notes have been learned, then you must learn the time, cleff signs, key signatures, and many other things. There is really no limit to the study of piano. Even the best of pianists must practice and study to be always at her best.

One thing not to be taken lightly in the study of piano is we must depend upon the Lord for guidance in this subject even as much as we would in the study of Bible subjects. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Master Teacher, therefore He is able to teach us in anything we endeavor to do for Him. Some have much more natural talent for learning to play the piano than others do, but we must all realize our dependence upon the Lord in all things. He is able to teach where otherwise it would seem impossible.

It is possible to conduct a religious service without a piano, but in my viewpoint the piano is a great asset in the services of our Lord. Even the sounds coming from the piano can be anointed with power from on high as the sermon the Minister brings can be.

With all of these things in mind, let us not take the study of piano lightly; instead put forth much effort to learn for the edifying of the Lord and His Kingdom.

## CHILD EVANGELISM— A Child's Faith

By LEORA WOODSON

**Two little eyes to look to God;  
Two little ears to hear His Word;  
Two little feet to walk His ways;  
One little mouth to sing His praises;  
Two little hands to do His will;  
And one little heart to love Him still.**

This poem was written about a little boy. His Mother and Father took him to Sunday School and Church every Sunday. He was very young when he accepted Jesus as personal saviour and he loved God with all his heart and wanted to do just exactly what God wanted him to.

Every morning his little eyes would look to God and he would ask, "what will you have me do today God?"

He would listen very carefully so he would not miss hearing when God spoke to him.

When he went out to play his feet would never take him to the places God wouldn't want him to go and he was always singing a song of praise to his Lord. The little boy told everyone about Jesus, the Saviour. Young or old, he would always ask, "do you know my Jesus?"

His little hands were busy working for God. In Sunday School, Daily Vacation Bible School, Children's Church and at home the little boy worked for God.

Love for the Lord grew and grew in his heart and his faith was unlimited.

One day a man, seeing the boy laboring over a sheet of paper with a pencil, asked him what he was drawing.

"Just a picture of God," said the boy casually.

"But nobody knows what God looks like," said the man.

"They will when I get through," replied the boy.

Even though he didn't have much drawing ability he had a strong and resolute faith.

As the boy grew older his mother and father began to lose interest in taking him to Sunday School and Church. They told him he was old enough to go by himself and finally

## EL CENTRO, CALIF.—

Progress is being made in the El Centro Church and God is moving in a great way, with Bill Allen as the pastor. At the present, prayer meeting is conducted in homes and the Sunday service is in a rented hall. God has blessed in recent services, where two have been saved. But the desire is for a permanent building for services, and they're earnestly praying for a revival soon.

Bro. Bill Allen has begun a Young People's Service and Mrs. Florence Walls is working with the junior age group. Through the work and vision of this people a youth rally has been started. Let's pray that the Palm City, Spring Valley and El Centro youth will go forward for God.

Bro. Bill has sent in a request for this portion of country. Fanaticism has flourished in that district and Bro. Bill and his people need prayer for help and wisdom from God to cope with that problem.

they wouldn't even listen when he tried to talk to them about God and what he could do for Jesus.

Little by little the boy lost interest in the things of God. He quit going to Sunday School and he never talked about God to his friends any more.

When the boy started to high school he was considered one of the worst boys in school. He was always getting into trouble and in his later years he was in prison for the sinful things he had done.

Now the boy is an old, old man. He can do nothing but weep over the lost years of his youth when he could have been serving God. He has accepted Jesus again as his personal saviour but he is too old and feeble to work for Him.

The faith of children, once firmly founded, is a lasting faith. This is why it is vitally important that parents start early to give their children a faith to live by.

Yes, parents, that could be the life story of your boy—or girl. Children need encouragement and training to be able to withstand the trials of life. No other provision you make for your family will ever take the place of God in you and your children's hearts and home.

## Divine Healing Is Of The Lord

It seems proper for us to place before our readers each month a few words about our Lord's healing power. If you have a testimony of healing, send it to us for this spot. We are all aware of the joy of healing—sometimes the enemy of our souls makes it seem far away, yet we know that just as Jesus is our Saviour—so He is our Healer. To me the words of Jer. 17:14 are most precious. They read, "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise."

Stretch before, I pray O Lord, a deep - wide blue sea of healing and let me dive beneath its waves—when I arise it will be in life and health and strength to glorify thy name. Let me hear the command that bids Satan let go in your name, and I know that all will be well with me in spirit and soul and body. Out of darkness create light—but of sickness—health, so that a more perfect way of service may be rendered thee.

Yes, healing is of the Lord and for this month may we all accept Jer. 17:14 as our verse for Scriptural deliverance. Surely prayer and faith can mend the broken wire so that the Royal Telephone will be in constant use and there are no delays or over charges, but to who-so-ever-will, the word of Healing is real. Let us not look at our afflictions or to others who have been buffeted by Satan, but to Jesus, the Lamb without blemish who desires that we reflect His image. Praise the Lord for healing.

## LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA—

This is the new address of Brother and Sister Jimmy Wallace who have felt that their work is finished on the western slope. While we know their many friends out there will miss them we welcome them to this section of country where they will be busy in the evangelistic field. They are open for calls. You that are interested in their services address them at Laverne, Oklahoma.

**Attend Katy, Texas, Revival beginning February 9, 1958.**

## Character Study

By BETTY WELSH

Tucked in between the mighty deeds of Sampson and the wars of the Israelites is found the beautiful, heart touching love story of Ruth. The story of sorrow, and joy, of loneliness, and friendship, of famine, and abundance. The story of a young woman from the land of Moab, southeast of Judah, who lived during the latter time of the twelfth century before Christ. In the first chapter of the book of Ruth our story starts.

During the time of the judges, a very severe famine gripped the land of Israel. It was because of this that the man Elimelech took his wife Naomi and two sons beyond the dead sea into the land of Moab where food was plentiful. Here they established their home and lived in the fear of God of their fathers, although in an idolotrus land. It is in places like this that the light of God's word can shine the brightest. The darker the night, the brighter the stars. No matter what our circumstance and environment it is our duty as Christians to let our "light so shine".

Hardly had the family gotten settled when Elimelech died, leaving Naomi with only her two sons. Shortly after this, the sons found them wives of the Moabites. Mahlon married Ruth and Chillon was married to Orpah, and for ten years they lived together before what was apparently a great tragedy occurred: both Mahlon and Chillon died.

Hearing that the famine in Israel had ceased, Naomi, in the loneliness of her older age, decided to go once again the land of her people around Bethlehem. As was the custom in those days, Ruth and Orpah went with her to the outskirts of the city as she started on her long journey. Reaching the place of parting, Naomi urged them to go back to their parents' house, but they were determined to go with her. Orpah, however decided that it was best to return and after a sorrowful parting, turned back, leaving Ruth to make her decision. Ruth's statement of her devotion and determination is worded in such beautiful

## BIBLE HISTORY—

### False Evolution

By L. J. EHRlich

God is not the author of confusion. There are people in the world today that will admit that they do not know for sure whether or not there is a God, and doubt whether he is the supreme being that has created the universe. These people that are in this condition are confused, mixed up, and are in darkness. II Pet. 3:5-8 —For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the

poetic form that many Bible scholars believe that it was through her that David received his gift for writing poetry. "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me." Seeing her steadfastness, Naomi with Ruth by her side, made the journey to Bethlehem, where the barley harvest was in progress.

Going out to glean in the fields one day, Ruth happened into the field of a relative, Boaz, who after discovering who she was and how she had so kindly cared for the aging Naomi, showed her many favors. In their conversation, Boaz pronounced a wonderful blessing on Ruth, saying, "The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust". How true it is that when we come to trust fully in the Lord, that he will not fail to reward us abundantly in His time.

The nearest relative of Elimelech had the privilege of redeeming his inheritance of land and having Ruth for a wife as was the custom, but because of other obligations, he refused, leaving Ruth free for Boaz to marry. This he did and to them was born a son, Obed, who became the grandfather of David. This household became of the lineage of Jesus Christ. How wonderfully was Ruth recompensed for her sacrifice!

heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water. Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. God help you and me to accept the truth of the scripture. It is prophesied that in the last days there shall be men who shall ever be learning and never be able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Isaiah 55:8 —"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Darwin himself did not believe 100% his own theory because he admitted that he **never observed even one change of species, nor has any other trained observer!**

Luther Burbank succeeded in producing no new species; though he produced many sterile hybrids, incapable of reproducing themselves **naturally**, but possible of multiplication, **ONLY ARTIFICIALLY BY BUDDING, GRAFTING, OR SLIPPING.**

Genesis 1:25 tells that God made each plant and each animal "after his own kind" and that they should bring forth "after their own kind." There are no new species that have come into creation since God has created the earth.

To say that man has been derived from ape is pure ignorance? An ape will never leave his mate, nor will he hoard his bananas from his neighbors. There are a lot of apes today that have more manners and as much sense as some who cannot realize that God is the Creator of the universe and that he did not have to depend on evolution to bring man into existence.

### BUFFALO, OKLAHOMA—

Sister Grace Strickland writes that they now have a small prayer group that meets each week and while she states that the membership is not large it gives them soul food from the presence of the Lord. Let's pray that this will grow into a much larger work for the Lord.

## Evangelism Through Missions

By J. D. RAY

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Of the commandments of Jesus Christ to His followers this is paramount. Putting the "GO" into "GOSPEL" is the duty of all the believers. This statement of Christ is not to be held in question; there is no controversy as to its fulfillment in your life and mine. This direct command was as God's people must obey without question or understanding. His simple statement "Go to all nations" leaves us with an inexcusable charge. Are we fulfilling His last Command? Are we expanding every effort to do what He considered the alpha and omega of christian service? Reaching the lost of the world?

Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem; and all Judaea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8 does not appeal to many of us because we refuse to let the Holy Spirit work in our lives. Please note this scripture does not say; as many interpret it, first in Jerusalem then in Judaea etc. but all places are equally important.

Some say "charity begins at home" and indeed this is true. Our ministry of soul winning must begin on the home front and with our neighbor but God forbid that we should limit our out reach to our own city or state or country when Jesus included "the uttermost part of the earth". If the early church had waited until every Jew was saved the cause of Christ would long ago died in exhaustion.

Others feel we should "leave them alone, their own religion is good enough." I would to God that many

of us both preachers and layman could visit and see the actual effects of heathen worship. Immorality, illiteracy, filth, disease and every imaginable curse of sin to say nothing of misguided hearts, blinded souls, emptiness and yearning. Indeed our hearts would break within us and we would spend our lives unselfishly to win them to God. Those who are critics of missions are those we never investigate the need.

Some imply "We can't afford to support mission work." Material support is far from being the only way to contribute toward the furtherance of reaching the lost of the world. Prayer is the greatest contribution one can make for the one who has left home and loved ones to carry the message of life to sin blighted lives. But on the other hand we who would withhold material assistance to such work are guilty of error. It has been proven over and over that "we can't afford not to support this endeavor". If our means is our method of service then it is our duty to give of our means not selfishly or grudgingly for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Christianity brings to any nation, country, village or people the blessing of life we take for granted and possessively cling to. Christianity brings freedom of womanhood, abolating of slavery, and of illiteracy, promotes hospitals, schools and churches. But above all this is the emancipation of souls from heathen worship and satan's grip.

Can any christian be so selfish as to keep to himself and his own people the enumerable blessings of God? T. B. Granger has said "Evangelism isn't out of date; just neglected." Have we not neglected the last command of our Lord? While time remains let us as God's people put forth new effort to reach the unreached and to fulfill the words of Jesus by promoting Evangelism through missions.



## Music In The Church

By HAROLD BOLLINGER

O' come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with singing.

Music may be defined as tones systematically arranged so that they sound pleasing to the ear. Music when properly taught stands for as much mental development and general culture as any other subject in the curriculum.

The people ought to sing the praises of God in worship, and not permit this department of devotion to be preformed wholly by a few selected singers. When the entire group are privileged to participate, they will feel they have a part in the service. Use as many as possible in the rendering of special music. Train your singers to become more accomplished. If practicable every church should secure competent instruction in the elements of vocal music, during a part of the year.

So great and so beneficent a power is sacred song, as a means of grace and an aid to devotion that every pastor should labor with all legitimate means, to promote its best uses and its highest culture in the church.

The leading of the Holy Spirit should be our guide when selecting songs, both for choir and also for special numbers.

Appropriate singing is almost the life of the service, no effort should be spared to make it effective there.

And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord. Ps. 40:3.

### LEREOY, KANSAS—

Brother Gene Raney of Roswell, New Mexico, assisted by Bro. and Sis. Ray Michener of Baxter Springs, Kans., are conducting a revival at this church at this time. We understand that the meeting is very good and hope to hear of lasting results. Bro. and Sis. Harold Nease, Pastors.

Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.—John Wesley.

## DOCTRINE II—

## Divine Healing

By LaMOYNE BARKER

Divine Healing is the Act of God whereby the sick, afflicted, and demon possessed are brought back to health, without the assistance of medical aid.

Let us go back several thousand years and see what God has been and always will be to his children. Ex. 15:26. "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and will give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord that Healeth Thee." If God was mindful of his children then, I am sure he will do the same today for those that obey and trust in Him.

Now let us think of the words of the great prophet Isaiah in the fifty-third chapter and the fifth verse, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed." This scripture was written by Isaiah through inspiration of God about seven hundred and twenty years before the birth of Christ. In this fashion Jesus was scourged. In John 19:1, we find this scene; "Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged Him". Forty stripes save one were placed upon his back. Jesus the Son of God purchased healing for our bodies just as much as he did the saving of our soul. His perfect body was broken that our imperfect bodies might be healed of any and all afflictions.

Jesus went about healing all manner of sickness. Matt. 4:23, and sent his disciples forth to heal and have power against unclean spirits, Matt. 10:1.

Peter looking back to the sacrifice and sufferings of Christ said "Who His own self bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed", I Peter 2:24. This wonderful blessing is already purchased for us, and if we have knowledge of

## NEOSHO FALLS, KANSAS—

Brother and Sister Elmer Christenson came to the Convocation and asked to make mention of the fact that they are still open for calls either for pastors or evangelists. No doubt these young people could be a blessing to you.

Divine Healing, the Lord is going to expect us to trust Him for the healing of our bodies. Jer. 11:5. "Thus saith the Lord, Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord". In II Chron. 16:12-13 we find an example of a man who put his faith in Physicians. "And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not the Lord, but to the Physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign".

To obtain our healing we must acknowledge Jesus the Son of God, as the great I Am, the same yesterday, today, and forever, and realize that he is no respecter of persons. We must honor the stripes placed upon our Lord, and put our faith and trust in Him. James instructs those who are sick to call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him; anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up". James 5:14-15.

The healing of the man at the Beautiful Gate is a wonderful example of the healing power of God. Peter said upon him, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, give I unto thee; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise and walk." The man who was lame from his birth was instantly made whole. When such faith is shown today the same results follow. Even now we can look with the eye of faith back to the judgment hall of Pilate, where Christ was scourged, and believe that through his sufferings, we too may receive Divine Healing for our bodies. "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and BODY be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." I Thess. 5:23.

Why Spend Time  
In Church?

When given an invitation to attend church services, many reply, "Why, I can worship at home!" One mid-west church recently carried the following article in its church bulletin concerning this problem. It is called—"DO-IT-YOURSELF CHURCH KIT".

The kit contains the following:

1. A portable lightweight seat shaped like a pew.
2. One small paper covered hymnal—one dozen songs.
3. One harmonica, or **mouth organ** . . . to substitute for the church organ. It will be hard to play and sing at the same time . . . but you can master it. After all, there must be some challenge.)
4. One abbreviated New Testament . . . selections all designed to be read in less than two minutes.
5. One set of responsive readings. These can be effectively used in a room with a good echo.
6. One small offering plate to be held in the right hand while putting in coin with the left. Denomination doesn't matter . . . you get it back anyway!
7. One brief sermon, titled "What a Good Boy I Am." You will feel much better after reading this sermon. It may be read aloud or silently. We have included only this one sermon as our initial tests have proven this to be a type that can be used again and again!
8. Then, at the end of the "Do-It-Yourself Service" you can get an extra lift if you will rush over to the mirror and shake hands with yourself!

Oh, yes! One more suggestion . . . Why not prepare your own "Do-It-Yourself" funeral service! Make your own recordings, but . . . **DON'T FORGET TO HAVE THE RECORD PRESSED IN ASBESTOS SO THAT IT WILL WITHSTAND EXTREME TEMPERATURES!!**

—Selected

A cowardly decision, leading to a wrong course of conduct, piles up a fearful reckoning for an inevitable pay day.

## Fruit of the Spirit

GAL. 5:22-23

By EDNA MICHENER

Much is said today about the gifts of the Spirit, as in I Cor. 12. It is true they are needed and to some extent we do have some of these gifts. We also do need today the fruit of the spirit as spoken of in Gal. 5:22-23. We notice Paul said, Fruit, and not fruits. Sometimes we misquote it and say fruits. Just one cluster of all nine graces reveal the beauty of true Christ likeness. A bunch of grapes that have had about half of it picked off or missing isn't perfect and not beautiful. A peach that is half-ripe and the other half green isn't what it ought to be, or if part ripe and part rotten, by the time the rotten is cut away not much good remains, and it might look all right outward and a little worm inside of it when we break it open. We might be all right in public and in the home rotten and sour.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Against such there is no law. Love is first and foremost and it all hinges on love, God loved us so much He gave His Son. John 3:16. And Jesus loved us so much He died to redeem us. The gospel came to us by love. A religion without love is just a religion and not salvation. It takes love to make a church more than just a nice building and nice pews and a good program, nice people, etc. It takes some love. Also some other things are necessary just as a home needs more than just love which is first and foremost. There is joy in serving Christ. People say and think well, I'd get saved but I can't endure so many things! The way some professors act, it sure is an endurance contest and joy is withered away! What a peace the child of God has in his heart when all around is turmoil and men are saying we don't know which way to turn. "Let not your heart be troubled", Ye believe in God believe also in me. Along with love there must be long suffering — don't misunderstand — not long faced but long suffering — with husband or wife, children, pastor or congregation. Paul speaks of the gentleness

of Christ. Think of the gentleness he used with humanity. It means much to have the gentleness of Christ, and gentle to the aged, sick and needy and down right goodness. Do we possess it? Just good because Jesus makes us so. It took a lot to make the peach perfect, some pruning, moisture, sunshine and other things. We want a good apple not half good and half bad, but good through and through. We can't use the bad. It will just be thrown in the garbage. The test is in the tasting. It might look good but when we take a bite, it isn't good. A minister may look good in the pulpit but come close and taste. We want to spit him out. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Psa. 34:8.

Faith is badly needed today. So many need deliverance, healing and salvation. People talk of needing so much in a material way but I know I need faith—pure, unadulterated faith in God. In a world that doesn't know which way to turn, oh, that we might trust Him. Faith not only to trust Him for Healing but also to give me all the fruit of the Spirit. Some may be long on trusting God for their healing but, don't have any joy, no gentleness, no meekness or temperance, or else come far short. Some have goodness but no peace. They continually fret about something and worry about what will be. Worry isn't Faith and feeling isn't faith. We walk not by feeling but by Faith. Read Heb. 11.

God has left some promises to the meek. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Some are so forward, brazen and many times unkind. They have as one has said, more of the thunder of Sinai than the grace of Calvary. They defeat the doctrine better than they adorn it. Last, but certainly not least is Temperance. Self restraint or self control.

If one was in possession of all the other fruit of the spirit and was just about well rounded out almost complete and had no self-control, he wouldn't be acceptable—"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." It isn't how much we can get someone told as we say sometimes, but, do we take pride in being meek, gentle, long-suffering and temperate? Do

## OBITUARY CHARLES PARHAM

Funeral services for Charles F. Parham, 19, who died Saturday morning of injuries received in an auto-ambulance accident in Wichita, were held Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 17, at 2 o'clock from the Cheney Methodist church. Charles is the son of Mrs. Pauline Parham, pastor of the Cheney Apostolic Faith church.

Clergymen in charge were the Reverend Elvis Bishop, pastor of First Apostolic Faith church of Wichita; Henry L. Dorsey, pastor of Cheney Methodist church; and Albert Durham, pastor of Wichita Evangelistic Chapel.

Music was given by Mrs. Marion Heath, organist, and a quartet from Wichita, Misses Leneva, Glenna and Gaylene Bishop and Beulah Ott.

Pallbearers were Darrel Unruh, Billy Walker, Isaac Goodvin, Mearl Taylor, Bill Evans and Paul Woolf.

Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. another service was held at Bethel Community church at Baxter Springs. Here ministers in charge were the Reverends Audley Hervey and Glayron Rees.

Organists for this service were Mrs. Glayron Rees and Mrs. P. J. Hutchison, Jr., and singers were Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hutchison, Jr., Mrs. Glayron Rees, Mrs. Tony Drachenberg and Mrs. Chester Cobble.

Casketbearers who carried Charles to his final resting place by the side of his father in Baxter Springs cemetery were DeWayne Rardin, Audley Hervey, Jr., Wayne Drachenberg, Jackie Cornell, George Bingham and Bob Binns.

Wulf mortuary of Garden Plain was in charge of both services.

we show off our temper instead of the fruit of the Spirit? We will know a tree by its fruit! You can't fool very many people anyhow. They can see what fruit we bear. We can speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have gifts of prophecy, knowledge and faith and other great things in our lives but if we have not charity we are nothing. We may have lost our influence with man and God because of lack of some of these things. Let us carefully inspect our own lives and see if we have the fruit of the Spirit.

## Choir Directing

By KATHRYN BOOTH

Choir directing has a great effect on how the remaining portion of a service will be. The presence of the Lord is needed in this as in preaching.

Conducting consists of leading a group of singers in the rendition of a musical composition. The conductor should indicate the tempo, dynamics and the rhythmic structure of the song by movements of our arm and hand. Also we must have an inner personal response to the music which we are interpreting. We must be enthused and realize we have something to sing about, for our wonderful Lord, is the theme of our songs.

The choice of our songs which are to be sung should be led of God. If possible we should have our songs along one line of thought. If we know what subject the minister is going to use, it will make the choice easier.

Good conducting should be first of all, clear. Our hand and arm movements need to be graceful and have a steady rhythm. Feel at ease so your choir and audience will feel the same. We should be sincere in our leading for we want a genuine response.

A good choir should always stand and be seated at the same time. Let them know by a motion of the hand. The number of the song should be repeated and said loudly and clearly enough so that both your choir and audience will hear.

Our singing should be inspiring as inspiration is the goal of our efforts.

Be sure as a conductor your singers will think of you as their director, one whom they will want to follow and you will find a genuine response.

### MIDWAY, OKLAHOMA—

Bro. and Sis. Jimmy Wallace are in a revival in this church and as far as we know everything is going as expected. Bro. and Sis. Bennie Stansberry of Katy, Texas, are assisting in this revival. Bro. and Sis. K. Kerr are the pastors. This group should inspire any audience to greater things in God.

## Character Study

By DELILAH WOOSTER

James 1:12. "Blessed is the man than endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

No character in the Bible (aside from our Lord Jesus) depicts a life of resistance and endurance so much as Joseph. As a child he endured the envy and deriding of his brothers without harboring bitterness toward them. After he was sold by them into Egyptian bondage he gained a position of high standing in Potiphar's household because he was a living testimony of integrity and faithfulness. He surely couldn't have been a complainer about his misfortune or his relationship with the Lord would not have been mentionable.

The story suggests that Joseph was a handsome young man, which, along with his good qualities would make him desirable as a lover, Potiphar's wife, a beautiful and gracious woman was attracted to him and used her wiles to gain his attention. However, his desire to keep the favor of God, combined with gratitude to his master, helped him to resist this attack upon his character in the form of flattery. His sense of moral uprightness took him to prison for a few years, but even there, his influence was so outstanding that he was given a place of authority.

All of this maltreatment and the twists of fate could have made him bitter, as so often is the case with

## PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

By MARTHA S. NICHOLSON

Help me to spend  
Carefully,  
Prayerfully,  
Substance Thou lendest me.

Help me to tend  
Prayerfully,  
Carefully,  
Tasks which Thou sendest me.

Help me to use  
Carefully,  
Prayerfully,  
Talents Thou gavest me.

Help me to choose  
Prayerfully,  
Carefully,  
O Christ who savest me!

us today; and he would have had an excuse—so far as excuses go. But—excuses will not be sufficient when we stand before the Judge of all the earth. I Pet. 1:7. "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

The years of loneliness and separation were followed by a happy reunion with his aged father and brothers, whose hearts are now free from envy and hatred. He recompensed good for evil in the reunion, which is very gratifying to the soul.

We have no way of knowing from which angle Satan will throw his darts, but II Cor. 12:9 tells us "My Grace is Sufficient For Thee."

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