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**The More Science Discovers The More Science Proves
The Scientific Declaration Contained In The Bible:**

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED"

BY ULRIC JELINEK

Scientist, Inventor and Manufacturer

THE BIBLE is the measuring stick with which we measure scientific principles. I realize that God cannot be found by scientific knowledge, or by scientific ignorance. But science can throw light on Biblical truth. One of these truths is contained in the first verse of the first chapter of the first book of the Bible: "In the beginning God created."

"In the beginning" takes us beyond the seen to the unseen. It takes us behind the sensual to the spiritual. It takes us beneath the passing to the permanent. It takes us before the temporal to the eternal. "In the beginning" recognizes a starting point. "In the beginning God" recognizes a cause or a Being that is separate from and sufficient for everything that is hereinafter described.

"In the beginning" describes to us a unit of time in eternity: eternity before, then a unit of time, and eternity continues. Man has divided time into eras — geological eras. An era is sub-

divided into a period, a period into an epoch, an epoch into an age.

The oldest era we have is called the *archeozoic* era. This means primitive. Next is the *proterozoic*, which means less primitive. Then we have the *paleozoic*, ancient; *mesozoic*, intermediate; and *cenozoic*, recent, which is only 50 million years old!

What light does science give us on this age? "In the beginning." As we break open an archeozoic rock, the oldest, we find in it radium and lead. We assume that one day it all was radium. We know that radium changes to lead. The measurement of the amounts of lead and radium allows an estimate of the age of the rock. A value of 5 billion years has been obtained for the oldest rock.

If geology tells us that the earth is between five and six billion years old, dare the Bible say anything differently? It doesn't. God wrote them both.

Something comes to us from outer space, a meteorite. We break it open.

CONCERNING PHOTOGRAPH ON FRONT COVER

Few men have the distinction of achieving a place of prominence as a scientist, as an inventor, and as a manufacturer, but Ulric Jelinek, featured on the front cover of this issue of Full Gospel Men's Voice, has that distinction. He has taken some of the seen and unseen things with which the scientist works, has applied some of the knowledge to invent devices necessary for outer-space exploration and adaptability, and then proceeded to supervise the manufacturing of these devices he has invented as a result of his scientific knowledge. All his scientific research confirms the truths contained in the Bible, the Word of God, which he declares is the measuring stick with which to measure scientific principles.

It has in it uranium and lead. We assume that one day this was all uranium. We know that uranium loses 1/637th of its part every 10 million years. Here again we get an age between five and six billion years.

We look up at the galaxies, those great big wheels. We are living in one of the wheels called the Milky Way. These wheels are going away from a common center that Einstein has called the universal center of gravitation. We assume that one day these wheels all started from the same point and are going outward at a definite rate. When we measure the rate of separation, we get an age. This age is between five and six billion years.

So this term, "In the beginning," is in perfect harmony with science. Science says there was a beginning of this unit called *time*.

"In the beginning *God*." There are only two possibilities. Either it was happenstance or it was planned. God not only transcends His creation, but He also permeates it. He is not only separate from but he is also sufficient for it.

We look at creation, at the universe, at its design. We look at its motion, and at its sensitive balance, perfectly designed. The very smallest thing we have is the atom. We know that the atoms of outer space are the very same kind of atoms we have here on earth. Look at the design of the atom: a center with electrons rotating around it. This is exactly the same design as the solar system: a sun with planets revolving around it. Our sun is one of about 100 billion stars in a wheel we call a galaxy. It is located at about one-third of the distance from the center. The galaxy is in the process of rotating, making one revolution every

200 million years. There are billions of other galaxies all rotating about a common center.

So we have, from the tiniest atom which is so tiny that there are half as many protons in a cubic inch of copper as there are drops of water in the Atlantic Ocean, to a wheel which is so big that if you got into a space ship and traveled at the speed of light (186,000 miles a second) it would take you 100,000 years to go from one end of the wheel to the other; we have evidence these are in mathematical proportion one to the other. A similarity of design indicates a designer.

"In the beginning *God*." Look at the motion of the planets. Jeremiah 31:35-36 says, "Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever." They function according to the laws that God has put there.

Consider the precision of this earth in its rotation around the sun. Genesis 8:22 tells us the seasons must come in their time. If the earth lost only five seconds every million miles in its rotation around the sun, the seasons would have been six months out of kilter from Adam's time until now. But no, God doesn't operate that way.

In all of the motion of this earth, traveling in three directions at the same time and at different rates, because it doesn't travel in a true circle, and all the pull of the other planets, it does not lose more than 1/1000th of a second every hundred years. Precision!

An eclipse can be foretold hundreds of years before it happens.

Now, let's look at the sensitive balance of this whole thing. The earth is *exactly* the right distance from the sun. If it were 10 percent closer, it would be so hot that life couldn't be maintained. If it were 10 percent further away, it would be so cold that life couldn't be maintained. It is rotating on its axis at exactly the right speed for the right length of day and night. With any change there, life could not be maintained.

The size of the earth is exactly right to maintain the atmosphere with exactly the proper density to filter through just enough actinic rays of the sun to kill bacteria, but not enough to kill man.

No matter where you look, in design, or in motion, or in sensitive balance, or in mathematics, we have only one alternative: "In the beginning *God!*"

In II Tim. 1:9 we read, "Who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus *before the world began.*" Five or six billion years ago, my name and your name were written in the Lamb's Book of Life! "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you *from the foundation of the world.*" (Matt. 25:34)

When I read things like this, I am convinced that the destiny of this world is not being determined by Khrushchev or Eisenhower, MacMillan or De Gualle. God has it all in the palm of His hands and nothing happens in your life or in the universe except God allows it to happen.

"In the beginning God *created.*" This we must couple with Hebrews 11:3, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." This has bothered the theologians for a long time, until Mr. Einstein came along. The physicist's view of this whole situation is that everything in the universe is wave-motion. Matter is bottled up waves, and radiation is unbottled waves.

All matter is reduced to three common building blocks: proton, electron, neutron. But Einstein has given us a concept of E equals MC squared. Energy is equivalent to mass times a constant which is the speed of light multiplied by itself. The fact that we have the atom bomb is adequate proof that out of mass you can get energy. If you could get all the energy out of one pound of *anything*, it would be equivalent to the energy you would receive if you burned 2 million tons of coal. If you could get all the energy out of one teaspoonful of water, you would have enough energy to drive an ocean-going vessel from New York to England.

With energy you can create mass. And now for the first time we understand that this was all framed by the power of God. "In the beginning God *created.*" This earth, 6,000 million, million, million tons — and yet so tiny you can put a million of them into our sun! Our sun is just an average star of 270 million other suns — all in this one wheel. And there are billions of other such wheels. The *New York Times* earlier this year told of the discovery of two more wheels, galaxies that are traveling away from the center at half the speed of light. And they are six billion light years away! If

you travel at 186,000 miles a second, it would take you six billion years before you reach these galaxies; but by the time you got there, since they're traveling at half the speed of light, they'd be three billion light years away.

When you think of these facts, can you conceive of the power of God involved when He called this universe into existence? I can't. All I can do is fall down and worship Him and say, "How great Thou art!" Have you ever worshiped the Lord for who He is?

The building block of the entire universe is the atom, the center of which contains protons all positively charged. One of the basic laws of magnetics is that like charges repel. What is holding this whole thing together? Science doesn't know. The Bible says in Colossians 1:16, 17, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist"—or are held together. He, Jesus Christ, is the holding force of the entire universe. But this whole thing was designed for dissolution! That includes the body in which we live, because it's made up of the same kind of atoms.

II Peter 3:10 says, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

The unit of time will end! In Rev. 10:5, 6, we have a picture of an angel with one foot on land, one foot on the sea and a hand lifted to heaven, declaring that "*time shall be no longer.*"

This is the end of what was started "in the beginning." Everything created in this unit of time — including these bodies in which we live — will pass away. Jesus says in Rev. 21, "I am the Alpha, and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Behold I make all things *new*. Everything goes except *one*, and that is *man!* *The only abiding product of this unit of time is man.* There is no human being who was ever born that will ever die. Man is eternal. God said, "Let us make man in our own image."

Man is added to eternity. Where he spends eternity will depend on what he has done with Jesus Christ. Man has the choice of being "one with Jesus Christ" or to be with the devil and his angels in the lake of fire which burneth with fire and brimstone for ever and ever and ever because man can never die.

May the Lord give us a vision of what it means to be lost; to draw back the curtain of eternity and see a dying soul who has not accepted Christ.

This decision is so important that God says to John (Rev. 22:17), "Just before you close the Book, John, give one more invitation." "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come, And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely."

ATLANTIC CITY CONVENTION

Although numerous efforts have been made, and publication date has been held up as long as possible, at the time of going to press, no reports nor photographs of the Atlantic City Regional Convention have been received by the Editor.

**The Amazing Pentecostal Outpouring Among The Episcopalians
Brings To Mind The Declaration Of Jesus Christ To Peter
Concerning When The Son Of Man Shall Sit In His Glory:**

"AND THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST!"

BY THOMAS R. NICKEL

IN THE NATURAL, it could well be said that the Episcopalians have attained a front-line position in the Pentecostal movement without intent to do so; but we are not dealing with the natural: this is a supernatural act of a sovereign God!

In addition to the testimonies and reports carried in Full Gospel Men's Voice, the January 1, 1961, issue of "The Living Church, "A Weekly Record of the News, the Work, and the Thought of the Episcopal Church," established in 1878, is heavily loaded with tremendous treatises on "Speaking in Tongues."

One of these reports is from the commission appointed by Bishop Gerald F. Burrill, of Chicago, composed of William H. Baar; William F. Maxwell, Jr.; Christopher Morley, Jr.; G. F. Tittman; William H. Nes; and Chairman J. Ralph Deppen. This commission, appointed to investigate the manifestations of speaking in tongues in the diocese, came up with six suggestions. One of these suggestions was that: "Our strongest apostolic authority is Saint Paul in I Corinthians 12:14. The principles which support his directions to the church of Corinth in the matter of spiritual speaking are valid today."

Three of the suggestions are warnings against the dangers of separatism, sectarian spirit, irrationality, emotional excess, and fondness for the new and

bizarre. Two of the suggestions are: "All Christians must be ready to submit special experiences of this type to the judgment and decision of their pastors"; and "Methods of instruction and prayer which are unquestionably grounded in the Holy Scriptures and proven through centuries of Christian practice are to be given priority over methods which rest on tentative if not dubious foundations."

The commission concluded their report with a statement that the Apostle Paul, no doubt, would have been pleased to have penned in one of his Epistles: "In profound and ever-renewed humility, we must submit our judgments in these high matters to God the Holy Ghost, who leads His Church into all truth, who sustains His Church by His love. Let us strive together in patience and in love to witness to His working in us by showing forth the fruit as well as the phenomena of His working. 'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.'"

Observations made in the process of the commission's investigation were recorded as follows:

(1) This is a special kind of ecstatic activity. It can become routine and imitative, but it can also be unquestionably genuine. There can be no doubt

whatever that it is a practice enjoyed by certain sincere people who attribute to it the clue to a complete and desirable change in their outlook and way of life.

(2) Its participants are not theologically articulate or systematic. They are divided as to whether it is (a) a latent faculty in everyone (Christian or not), (b) a special gift only meant for some (Christian or otherwise). They seem to agree that it can be given or awakened by the laying on of hands with prayer by a group — with the earnest desire of the recipient.

(3) The practice consists of two phases: (a) a rapid, unintelligible series of utterances, eyes closed, voice quiet, body relaxed — sounding like true language in its inflections and pauses and intonations, seeming very close to various tongues which might be heard any day in the United Nations, and (b) an "interpretation" done in the same manner except in English, consisting of an introduction, "Thus saith the Lord," and an opening form of address which is always plural and affectionate in the Johannine manner, "My little ones," "Little children," "My beloved ones," followed by various admonitions and general promises or warnings, some hackneyed, some sounding rather original, concluding with "Thus saith your Lord" — after which the group joins in "Amen."

(4) It is said that it can all be private and silent, that interpretation can take place without the preliminary "tongues."

(5) Upon questioning, the participants clearly distinguish between the activity of tongues with interpretation and the work of the Spirit: that is, their indebtedness is not to the practice itself but to the sense of the power

and indwelling of the Spirit Himself to which the activity attests. As is to be expected, this distinction is not likely to be firmly maintained in personal attitude and general feeling but only during the attempt at objective analysis.

(6) There is no sign of disorder, over-excitement, etc. The activity can follow, almost immediately, light conversation and ordinary party-talk, and when all have had their turn, the resumption of casual chatter and objective observations of what has happened is instant and easy.

(7) Without exception, all the participants testify that their having discovered this faculty and their regular sharing together of it have made the most profound and permanent change in their lives from top to bottom, all day, all night; that it has launched each and every one of them into a moment-by-moment "practice of the presence of God" for which they are obviously grateful to the Lord beyond telling; that the daily routines in home and at work and play, as well as the regular practices of the Churchman's life, have all taken on new meaning and new joy and quiet excitement; that they feel in their spirit and conversation and faces the marks of real and sustained conversion to lives of faithfulness and obedience to God.

An appendix to the report under the title, "Glossolalia in the New Testament," by The Rev. William H. Nes, D.D., Professor of Homiletics, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, and a member of Bishop Burrill's investigating commission, is in the form of a commentary on the various references to speaking in tongues in the New Testament, together with an interpretation of what Paul meant in his numerous references to this phenomenon, conclud-

ing with this summary: "But behind his effort to regulate and control, and clearly fundamental to his argument, is his effort to divert the zeal for spiritual manifestations to other channels: 'Pursue the better gifts, and above all that, pursue the far more excellent way of faith, and hope, and love.' For these are the supreme *charismata* and the intrinsically and supremely Christian *pneumatika*."

A graphic account of Episcopalian prayer meetings in which speaking in tongues is a regular part of the worship procedure is given by The Rev. Dennis J. Bennet, Vicar, Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, Seattle, Washington, which account appears in this issue of Full Gospel Men's Voice.

In an editorial in the same issue of The Living Church, Editor Peter Day and his Staff summarize the findings of the Chicago commission and conclude the editorial with these observations:

"There are two things prominent in our own thinking as we read these reports. The first is the rational, logical, factual character of Christianity. Christian faith is not based on occult knowledge or esoteric illumination or any other suspension of the mental faculties. Even though the exercise of Christian faith may bring many deep spiritual experiences, the Church's message unto salvation is, 'We speak that we do know and testify that we have seen.'

"The second is an entirely different matter. It is the fact that Christianity as Christ preached it and as the Apostles lived it was primarily 'good news to the poor.' The Churches in which Pentecostal manifestations have been taking place in recent generations seem to have carried good news to the down-trodden much more effectively than the standard brands of Christianity. We wonder whether this point has any relevance to the resurgence of speaking in tongues in the Episcopal Church!"

THERE IS A PLACE

By ADELAIDE A. POLLARD

There is a place where thou canst touch the eyes
Of blinded men to instant, perfect sight;
There is a place where thou canst say, "Arise,"
To dying captives, bound in chains of night;
There is a place where thou canst reach the store
Of hoarded gold and free it for the Lord;
There is a place on some distant shore
Where thou canst send the worker of the Word.
There is a place where Heaven's resistless power
Responsive moves to thine insistent plea;
There is a place, a silent trusting hour
Where God Himself descends and fights for thee.
Where is that blessed place, dost thou ask, "Where?"
O, Soul, it is in the secret place of prayer!

When Episcopalians Start Speaking In Tongues

BY THE REV. DENNIS J. BENNETT

Vicar, Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, Seattle, Washington

From The Living Church

IN A NUMBER of parishes all over the country, in widely separated locations, an ancient type of prayer meeting is being renewed by God the Holy Spirit. In I Corinthians 14:26-33, St. Paul describes this type of meeting in detail:

When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at the most three, and each in turn; and let one interpret. But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silence in church and speak to himself and to God. Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. If a revelation is made to another sitting by, let the first be silent. For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged; and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. For God is not a God of confusion but of peace."

The people who attend such meetings are not "fringe" people or religious "hobbyists." For the most part they are leaders in the parish. As one parish priest, who has had such a group in his large mid-western church for over five years, puts it: "The prayers, the penitents, the tithers, the workers, the regular communicants, the core of the parish, are taking part in this activity." The group is about equally divided between men and women, and mostly made up of married couples. There is nothing exclusive about it. It is open to any persons who are truly interested

in a deeper fellowship in the Spirit, and greater spiritual power in their lives. In a parish of nearly 1,000 communicants, where the prayer group numbers over 100, three or four members a week are being welcomed to the prayer group.

The setting of the meeting is informal. The people who attend are the same people who take part in, and rejoice in the highly-structured and formal services of their Church at public worship on Sunday, and would be the first to object to any modification of it. This is a different kind of meeting. It may be at the church or it may be in a private home. The members sit around the room in a relaxed manner, and prayers are offered without special posture.

The spirit of the occasion is light-hearted and joyful, and there is a period of just plain visiting among friends. After this, the leader, who may be the priest, or in his absence a capable lay person, may lead Evening Prayer according to the Prayer Book Office, and may follow this with a brief sermon or instruction, or there may be some specific study or instruction in Holy Scripture, or in some phase of the religious life. The group may decide to sing some hymns or Gospel songs. After this come intercessions. One of the group may function as prayer leader, and offer the larger part of the intercessions, or other members of the group may speak out for themselves in offering their requests to God. These intercessory prayers are informal and spontaneous, beautiful yet archaic words

and phrases being laid aside in favor of direct modern English. The form of the prayers, however, is cast carefully in the Christian manner: offered to the Father, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. In like manner, thanksgivings and other prayers may be offered.

After the intercessions, there may be a period of silent prayer, and then, "out of the silence," may arise any one of a number of different offerings to praise or prayer. One person may speak in simple praise to God, quietly giving love and thanks to the Father. Another may be moved by the Holy Spirit to speak prophetically. This "prophesying" is, needless to say, not used in the sense of "foretelling the future" but in the Scriptural meaning of "thus saith the Lord," and is always, as St. Paul describes it in I Corinthians, "for edification, exhortation, and comfort." While one member of the group is praying, praising, or prophesying, others may be quietly responding to what is being said. The whole tenor is one of quiet joy. There is no overt emotionalism, although there may be deep religious emotion.

After an hour of such activity, the group may break off for coffee, tea, and perfectly normal, light-hearted, human fellowship. Happy laughter is characteristic of the attitude throughout, rather than tears or sanctimoniousness. After a period of chatting, the group will again "center down" for prayer and worship. This time several may speak, testifying to what God has been doing in their lives during the past week. There may be discussions as to the best way to deal with a spiritual problem. At any point the group is open to the moving of the Spirit, and a member may be moved to speak from

God in prophecy, or in an "unknown tongue." Without any emotional buildup or preliminary, and just as simple as he speaks in his own language to pray or praise God, a person will begin to speak in another language. This will not be gibberish but a strongly-inflected and usually beautiful expression, clearly recognizable as a language and inspiring to the hearers, even though not directly understandable. After the person has spoken in the "unknown tongue," another will immediately interpret what has been said. The interpretation will again be for "edification, exhortation, and comfort," and often will be in a flowing and beautiful English, beyond the ordinary ability of the person speaking. So objective and real is this gift of interpretation that many times, after the first interpreter has spoken, one or two others will say, "I received essentially the same interpretation." Occasionally, another person will continue further with the same interpretation, in the same style and vein. Listening to the whole process, one finds it difficult to deny that its source is God the Holy Spirit.

Such a prayer meeting as this may last from 8 p.m. until 2 o'clock in the morning! And people may be still unwilling to go home, so strongly do they feel the presence of the living God among them. So powerful are the prayers of such a group that, on several occasions, the person prayed for has telephoned, while the group was still in session, to give thanks for an instantaneous healing!

What happens to the members of such a prayer group in their private everyday lives? Emotional problems are stabilized and overcome, besetting sins are conquered. Each member of such a group discovers a new and in-

tense interest in every phase of the Church's work. They read the Holy Scriptures with a new eagerness and understanding. Most of them become tithers, and the rector is amazed to find that he has people who feel called by God Himself to be real helpers and workers in the parish. But the most wonderful thing is the new conviction of the reality of God and the work of redemption through Christ that dawns in their lives. These folks *know* that they are inheritors of the Kingdom, for they have a foretaste of it in this dynamic fellowship in the Holy Spirit. Their lives show a radiance and joy that is unmistakable.

One member of such a group was asked, "What church do you belong to?" She replied, "Episcopal." The questioner said, "Yes, but there's something else!" The "something else" is the power of the Holy Spirit moving with a new directness in lives willing to be yielded to Him. This power can irradiate and transform the Church, and can show us all how to give glory and praise to God!

If you are contributing regularly to the International 300 Club of FGBMFI, you are having a part in the work of all our Chapters and of Full Gospel Men's Voice, as well as helping the International. New contributors are invited.

FGBMFI CHAPTER OFFICIAL ENROLLS IN UNIVERSITY

Stanley Lamb, Secretary-Treasurer of the San Gabriel Valley, California, Chapter of FGBMFI, has resigned in order to enroll in Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

He writes: "I feel deep gratitude to have been selected as Secretary-Treasurer of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter. May God's richest blessing rest upon each of you as you endeavor to spread the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

AT THE NEW YEAR'S GATE

BY CARYLEE STARK

I stood at the gate of the New Year,
And the way seemed dark and drear;
As I looked down the future pathway,
My heart was filled with fear.
"Oh give me a light," I shouted,
"For it's dark and I'm all alone,
That I may tread with safety,
The path of the year unknown."

A voice came out of the shadows:
"Go out in the darkness and night,
And put your hand in the hand of God;
He will guide your footsteps right.
With Him you will walk more safely
Than you would in the brightest light;
It is safer to walk by faith with Him,
Than to go alone by sight!"

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Tulsa Chapter Witnesses One Of Greatest Meetings

AN OVERFLOW CROWD came to the Tulsa, Oklahoma, Chapter Banquet meeting in December, and it was necessary to crowd in additional tables and chairs.

Director Bill Brewster, who owns the largest children's department store in Oklahoma, opened the meeting with prayer. Bill's weekly television program of one hour each Saturday morning attracts a multitude of children as an audience, and Bill gives away thousands of dollars worth of toys each year. Vice-President Monte Troxel led the group in a number of choruses.

About sixteen came from Durant, Oklahoma, where we are planning on opening a chapter in the future. One of our own chapter members, L. F. Martin, was present. He just recently retired as a mail carrier after walking the same route for thirty-two years, having walked a distance equal to five times around the world. He received the Pentecostal experience forty years ago, and he says the Lord walked every step of the way with him. He saw generations of children toddle out, grow up, go through school, get married, and other children toddle out, as he made his rounds. He was late only twice in the thirty-two years. Once a mad dog bit him and later died of rabies. Martin took no treatment, but the Lord delivered him from any harm, although his fellow-workers kidded him about keeping away lest he bite them.

Marc Burbridge, a Methodist Industrial Chaplain, who has travelled around the world twice, brought with him Joe Naydu, a native of Bombay, India. Joe once was on his death-bed, with one lung completely gone and the other half eaten away. A Pentecostal minis-

ter prayed for him and he was healed and saved. His voice was lovely as he sang for the group.

D. B. Wilkerson, automobile dealer, testified, and Charlie Hazelton, office manager for Oral Roberts, told of how God had blessed his family through the undertaking for his daughter, Mary, who was confined to the hospital in a serious condition after returning from a youth mission around the world.

Paul Henry, a very successful lawyer from Fontana, California, made one of the most outstanding presentations ever experienced by the Tulsa chapter as he prepared the way for the principal speaker, painting a stirring picture as a setting for the testimony to follow.

FGBMFI Director Frank Foglio, real estate dealer from Fontana, California, gave one of the most-anointed and most-rounded testimonies including salvation, holiness, Pentecostal experience, divine healing, preparation for the second coming of Jesus, financial prosperity, and a dedicated day-by-day walk with God.

Tongues and interpretations came forth, and the services ended with a real estate man on his knees, where he prayed through to salvation and the Pentecostal experience.

A Baptist man and a Lutheran man accompanied Frank and Paul to their hotel room where both men pressed through to the Pentecostal experience about one o'clock in the morning.

This meeting was similar to those witnessed during the convention. Frank Foglio and Paul Henry make a wonderful team as they go about in the service of the Lord through FGBMFI.

Convention At Phoenix, Arizona, January 27-30

IN ADDITION TO the thrilling testimonies of Full Gospel Business Men and the stirring messages of ministers of many denominations, two of the best-known Evangelists in the world, Oral Roberts and William Branham, are to be heard at the Southwest Regional Convention to be held at Hotel Westward Ho in Phoenix, Arizona, January 27th through 30th.

FGBMFI Director Carl E. Williams, Convention Chairman, is actively getting everything in readiness for what is believed will be one of the very best Conventions FGBMFI has ever experienced.

The Convention will open with a Mass Meeting on Friday evening, January 27th. A breakfast will be held Saturday morning. A Mass Meeting will be held Saturday evening. On Sunday morning and evening, Conven-

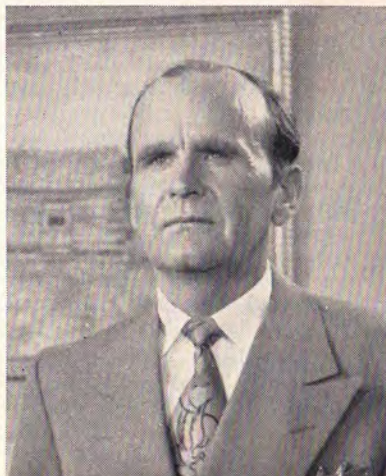
tion visitors will attend the churches of their choice, many being used as guest speakers. Sunday afternoon, William Branham will bring a Mass Meeting message, "We've Been On This Mountain Long Enough!" Monday morning, a breakfast will be held. Monday evening, Oral Roberts will speak at the Banquet, at which a Communion Service will be held.

A large number of the FGBMFI Officers and Directors have indicated their intention of being in attendance, and each is confident that God will move in the gathering as He has in the past, bringing great blessing to the hearts and lives of those who worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

Unusual interest in the Convention is being shown among the clergy as well as among the laity, both men and women.



ORAL ROBERTS



WILLIAM BRANHAM

Assemblies Camp Meeting To Follow Convention

THE GRAND CANYON Mid-Winter Camp Meeting of the Assemblies of God will be held at Phoenix, Arizona, beginning on January 31, the day following the closing of the FGBMFI Regional Convention, and will continue until February 10.

The morning services will be held at First Assembly of God, 901 North 11th Street, and the evening services will be held at Phoenix College Auditorium, 1202 West Thomas Road. Special services will include Men's Fellowship Breakfast, a Youth Rally, a Sunday School Convention, and an Ordination Service.

The camp speaker will be Kenneth G. Schmidt, Pastor of the First Assembly of God Church, Grand Junction,

Colorado.

The officers of the Arizona District Council of the Assemblies of God, who also are General Council Presbyters, will be in charge of the camp meeting. They are: J. K. Gressett, Superintendent; V. Ernest Shores, Assistant Superintendent; and W. E. Cummings, Secretary-Treasurer.

SPANISH BOOKLET OFFERED TO OUR SPANISH READERS

Harold J. Stone, of the Los Angeles Chapter of FGBMFI, has published ten thousand copies of a booklet, "Aviso! Armagedon," in Spanish, which is interpreted in English as, "Warning! Armagedon."

Although this edition was produced at considerable outlay of money and an untold amount of labor, a free copy will be provided each reader of Full Gospel Men's Voice who understands Spanish if request is made to Harold J. Stone, General Delivery, Los Angeles 53, California.



Kenneth G. Schmidt, Pastor of the First Assembly of God Church, Grand Junction, Colo., will be the camp meeting speaker.

RADIO LOG

The FGBFI broadcast is heard as follows:

KIEV—Glendale, California
8700 Kc. — Sat. 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

KRKD-AM—Los Angeles, California
1150 KC. — Sat. 9:00 - 9:30 p.m.

KRKD-FM—Los Angeles, California
96.3 Meg. — Sat. 9:00 - 9:30 p.m.

XEG—Fort Worth, Texas
1050 Kc. — Sun. 11:00 - 1:30 p.m.

XERB—San Diego, California
1090 Kc. — Sun. 11:30 - 12:00 p.m.

Down Through The Christian Centuries God Has Used Men Both Outside And Within The Church To Help Pastors

WIN ETERNITY-BOUND MEN TO THE SAVIOUR

BY D. N. BUNTAIN

WHEN J. Wilbur Chapman was pastor of the Bethany Church of Philadelphia, he was greatly assisted in his work by an organization known as the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

It was a body of men held together by two rules—the rule of prayer, in which the members bound themselves to pray every day for the spread of the Gospel of Christ—and the rule of service, an agreement in that at least each week, each member would invite someone to attend the services of the church. He found in this organization a great force which, when properly trained, won many to Christ.

The brotherhood was the result of one elderly man meeting the pastor at the foot of the pulpit one Sunday morning, following the service, and telling him that he had covenanted with two other men that the pastor be a winner of souls. The three men became ten, and the ten grew to twenty; the twenty grew to one hundred.

Finally, each Sunday morning between 9:45 and 10:45, from four hundred to six hundred men met regularly for prayer and conference. The result of such a band was that souls were converted at every service. Sometimes this great group would form a choir in the gallery and lift the meeting with their praises.

At other times, they would scatter throughout the auditorium and watch for souls. They would accompany Dr.

Chapman and stand by him as he preached in the market place. When he would go to open a new point, they would go along, as a great battalion, drawing whole communities to the meetings.

When the writer was in the active pastorate, he found that the group who stood second to none in power and interest in the church was the men's prayer group which met every Tuesday evening and sought to win other men to Christ.

God has given men talents and genius, not merely that they might be a success in the various lines of human endeavor, but to be used in directing eternity-bound men to the Saviour—before it is eternally too late.

It is the solemn responsibility of pastors to see that every talent is marshalled in the great battle for souls.

THE CLOCK OF LIFE

The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed;
To lose one's health is more;
To lose one's soul is such a loss
That no man can restore.

The present only is our own;
So labor with a will,
And boast not of tomorrow's dawn:
The clock may then be still!

FGBMFI President Honored By Evangel College



Demos Shakarian, President of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, has been chosen as one of the members of the Council of Evangel College. The above photograph was taken during a recent meeting of the Council of Evangel College, the Liberal Arts College owned and operated by the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri. Left to right are: Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God; Grant Wacker, Council Executive Secretary; J. Robert Ashcroft, Evangel College President; Al Rediger, Council President; Demos Shakarian, President FGBMFI and a principal speaker; James Brown, Spirit-Filled Presbyterian Educator and a principal speaker.

THE MEN WHO WALK WITH GOD

How lovely are the faces of the men who walk with God,
 Lit with an inner sureness of the path their feet have trod.
 How gentle is the manner of a man who walks with Him;
 No strength can overcome him, no cloud his courage dim.
 Keen are the hands and feet of those who wait upon His will,
 And clear as crystal mirrors are the hearts His love can fill.
 Some lives are drear from doubt and fear, while others merely plod:
 But lovely faces mark the men who walk and talk with God!

REGIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN

THE NATION'S CAPITAL, Washington, D. C., will be the setting for a Regional Convention of FGBMFI February 16th through 18th.

The headquarters will be the Continental Hotel, located right on the Capitol Plaza, within walking distance of the Capitol Building.

FGBMFI Director Linwood P. Saford has been busy making arrangements for another great gathering of business men and ministers to witness the goodness of God and to have Him pour out His blessings upon them.

The Convention will open with a Breakfast on Thursday morning, February 16. Other Breakfast meetings will be held on Friday and Saturday morning. Mass Meetings will be held Thursday and Friday evenings. A Banquet will be held Saturday evening.

Youth Meetings will be held Friday and Saturday evenings. Prayer meetings will be held each morning previous to the Breakfast Meetings.

Along with Demos Shakarian, President of FGBMFI, and many others of the Officers and Directors of FGBMFI, some of the most outstanding speakers of the nation will bring messages that will inspire and transform lives, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Among these special speakers will be Spirit-filled Presbyterian Educator James Brown; Internationally-known Pentecostalist David J. duPlessis; Scientist, Inventor and Manufacturer Ulric Jelinek; and Spirit-filled Episcopalian Surgeon William Standish Reed. No greater men can be found than these.

James Brown, Jr., and Bill Swad will be in charge of the Youth activities of



Rev. James Brown



David J. duPlessis



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THE NATION'S CAPITAL FEBRUARY 16-18

the Convention, which will be many.

The Friday morning Breakfast has been designated as FGBMFI Congressional Breakfast. It is requested by Chairman Safford that individuals planning on attending the Convention send invitations to their Congressmen and Senators to be their personal guests at the Breakfast. This meeting, alone, could prove of untold value to our Nation.

Congress will be in session during the Convention, and the new administration will be in charge of our Government. Many will be interested in seeing, first hand, watching history being made before their very eyes. The convenient location of the Continental Hotel on the Capitol Plaza, very near to the Capitol Building, will be a decided advantage to those who wish to

walk back and forth from the Convention Headquarters to our seat of Government.

No doubt a genuine cross-section of humanity will be represented at the Convention Mass Meetings. Each and every one should find his or her place there in Fellowship with others and with their God.

Reservations for accommodations may be made directly to the Continental Hotel, Capitol Plaza, Washington, D.C. In case the Continental Hotel cannot take care of the entire Convention guests, the Dodge Hotel nearby has been designated as the Overflow Hotel.

Any information concerning the Convention may be obtained from Convention Chairman Linwood P. Safford, 8507 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.



Shakarian



Ulric Jelinek



William Standish Reed, M. D.

Before Leaving To Spend Eternity With The Saviour,
This Spirit-Filled Congregationalist Asked The Question:

"HAVE YOU SEEN JESUS?"

BY DR. CHARLES S. PRICE

SOMETIME AGO I was standing with a group of men discussing some phases of religious experience that were interesting to us all. So engrossed were we in our conversation that we hardly noticed the approach of another man. For awhile he listened intently to what we had to say. Then I noticed a sneer come over his face. Looking out of the corner of his eye, he declared:

"It beats me how men that are as intelligent as you seem to be can fall for such stuff as that. For a long while I believed that *all* preachers and *most* Christians were hypocrites. I have come to the place now where I am convinced that many of you are sincere."

I interrupted his statement and said: "Thank you for that my friend. If we can convince you of our sincerity, we are going a long way toward winning you for Christ."

Never shall I forget the look on his face as he said with biting sarcasm: "Has anybody here seen Jesus?"

Three or four at once jumped to the challenge. The atheist listened in amazement as we shot statement after statement at him with the rapidity of machine gun fire, for everyone of us in that group had seen Jesus.

In the days of the early church the Christians were invincible for two reasons. The first was that they had been filled with the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost. The second was that they had seen Jesus. They knew that He was alive. Nothing in all

the world could have spurred them on to activity and fired them with Holy enthusiasm and zeal like the witness of the living Christ. God might have planned a heavenly oratorio—but that would not have satisfied. He might have caused the stars to march in their courses with a brilliancy that the eyes of man had never seen—but that would not have availed. No spiritual impulse falling like rain from heaven upon the parched ground would ever have caused the resurrection of their dead hopes, as did the vision of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. He was alive. That was enough for them. They had seen Him.

One morning they were eating breakfast while the murmuring sea sang to their waiting hearts a hymn of praise and victory. I am convinced in my own heart that no matter what spiritual manifestation might have been theirs, they never would have had the ministry that turned the world upside down had it not been for the fact that they had beheld the face of Jesus. There was no hallucination about it. It was real.

To many people of the day in which we live, Jesus is nothing more than a historical figure. If they see Him at all, they see Him dimly. He belongs more to the past than He does to the present or the future. How tragic is such a view. The reason that the church is slumbering in the closing hours of its history is because it has lost the vision of the face of Jesus.

It does not feel any more the pressure of His nail-pierced hand. It does not look any more into the pools of love that are mirrored in the infinite depths of His eyes divine.

I have been convinced that a man can have a real experience only when he has come in contact with the real Christ. He can only enjoy vital, living, throbbing religion when he has heard the pardoning voice of a living Jesus. The echo from the corridors of the centuries of the years that are gone is not the voice that satisfies. The healing of the man by the pool of Bethesda is not the story that stirs great cities into religious inquiry and fans the flame of revival. Not for a moment would I detract from the glory of the story of the Christ of yesteryear. I would, however, burn into your hearts the great eternal truth that it is the Christ of today that is your need and mine.

Scores of times as I have prayed for little children, my soul has been lifted to the very gates of glory by expressions that have come from those sweet little lips. Robed in the garments of innocence, and without the slightest bit of subterfuge, I have heard testimonies that to me are the most wonderful that have ever fallen on my ears. When childish hands are lifted and youthful eyes dance with joy, and innocent little voices testify to the presence of Christ, then the heart of stone must melt.

In the Roseburg Armory some years ago, a man and a woman brought a little child to the meeting who was a victim of infantile paralysis. The mother was a formal Christian and the father made no profession at all. I believe they were both convinced, however, that healing was taking place. They stood before me with a bewild-

ered air. I have never believed that God uses the suffering of little children as a whip with which to bring parents to Christ. So I did not talk to the parents—but I did ask the little girl a few simple questions. She told me that she knew it was Jesus who healed. She believed the Bible—she knew the promises were for today. Then, in recognition of her great need and with the consciousness in her little heart that only Jesus could help her, she suddenly raised both of her little arms and cried out to the Lord. In the midst of that prayer that touched me to the very depths of my being, she suddenly stopped. A look came over her face that thrills me even as I think of it now. In a Holy whisper she said:

“Daddy, I’ve seen Jesus.”

The face of that man turned white. I saw him shake from head to foot. The mother dropped to her knees and implored the touch of the Master’s hand for her little girl. Even as she prayed the waves of heavenly glory rolled over the body of a little cripple and the rays of the sunshine of the Sun of Righteousness drove away all the suffering and the pain. She was healed! That father’s prayers resounded through the auditorium. Before very long he was on his feet testifying with streaming eyes that he, too, had beheld the pardoning face of the Matchless Man of Galilee.

Is it any wonder that men and women came to Jesus by the score that night? I might have told them how God appeared to Abraham on the plains of Mamre in the days of the long ago—an interesting and profitable story—but it would not have filled the altars. I might have told them about Moses in the burning bush, or the three Hebrew Children in the fiery furnace—

inspiring and blessed stories these—but they would not have filled the altars. But when a little girl saw in these present days the face of Jesus, then immediately the Master became real. When an unsaved man cried out for pardon, the breezes of revival blew through the Armory building until angels sang for joy at the sight of lost sheep coming back to the fold.

Has it ever occurred to you that it is because men do not glimpse the face of Jesus that we have our modern altars erected to the "unknown god?" The tragedy of the Christian church and its sectarianism is that it has placed the unnecessary emphasis upon creed and not upon Christ. I presume it has ever been so—and it probably will be until He makes His glorious appearing in the clouds of heaven. But one great fact remains true. The men and women who through the centuries have accomplished mighty things for their Lord are not the people who are contending for creed and fighting for dogma. They are those simple souls that have seen the face of Jesus—and having seen Him, they love Him enough to put their lives upon the altar of complete surrender and consecration. Have you forgotten that when in the midst of the deep dark night of his persecution, Martin Luther received the power that enabled him to go through, because of a vision of Jesus? In later years when he was one day interrupted in his work by a knock at the door, he said something that will forever be connected with his life through time and all eternity. Answering the pull at the bell rope, he opened the door. A stranger stood without.

"Does Martin Luther live here?"

"No, Martin Luther is dead. Jesus Christ lives here," was the reply.

Christ walked the roads of old Assisi with St. Francis, and the good monk became rich by becoming poor. Madam Guyon could never have turned her prison cell, as did Paul of old, into a cathedral had it not been for the inspiration of the presence Divine. John Wesley could never have stood on his father's grave stone in Epworth, and preached the fiery gospel of holiness, if he had not beheld the purity and spotlessness of Jesus.

Not so long ago, the wife of a farmer in one of the counties of Southern England was drawing near to the pearly gates. The cottage in which she lived was very close to the church. Every once-in-awhile the strains of the singing of hymns used to delight the old lady. But on this night, as the angels were getting ready to carry her to the land beyond the stars, she seemed to be a little more inspired than usual. Turning to her aged husband and her children, she exclaimed:

"The choir is singing so beautifully tonight. I have never heard them sing so sweetly."

They looked at one another and smiled. They knew that it was not the night for choir practice. The music to which she was listening came not from the throats of those simple folk who toiled in the fields and homes through the week, and sang the praises of the Lord in the little village church on Sunday. The music to which she was listening came from the place where streets are paved with gold, and God wipes the tear from every eye. Suddenly a gasp of mingled astonishment and praise left her lips. The look on her eyes and the smile on her face told that she was recognizing an old friend. It was Jesus! She saw Him just as truly as the moment before she

had seen the face of her white-haired husband. The chamber of death was touched by the fingers of Christ, and behold it became the doorway to Heaven. The grave in which they laid her was hallowed by the presence of the resurrected Jesus, and angels seemed to be hovering near. We sometimes sing, "What the World Needs Is Jesus." I believe that is true, but I am also convinced that what the church needs is another glimpse at His beautiful face.

You remember how He promised to be with His disciples. They would have grown discouraged, and would have fled before the call of duty a hundred times, had the Master's words been nothing more than a promise. Suppose they had never seen Him—never heard His voice—never felt the touch of His hand. Yes, and I speak of the time subsequent to the ascension. What would have been their reactions? I am convinced they never could have continued. If there had been nothing but the highways of faith along which to walk without the concrete, positive results of faith—then the New Testament would never have been written, and the Acts of the Apostles would never have been recorded. Jesus did not only promise to be with them—*But He Was With Them!* Where they traveled, He went along with them as well. It was the presence of Jesus that gave them the inspiration to go through. Jesus, then, is not a myth. He is a person. He is not merely a figure of history, He is the Christ who lives today. The man who said he was an atheist could sneer and say: "Has anybody here seen Jesus?"

And we, men, who are Christians by the miracle of the new birth, can answer: "Yes, for I have talked with Him today!"

THOUSANDS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS POURING INTO VOICE OFFICE

It is extremely gratifying to witness the thousands of new subscriptions to Full Gospel Men's Voice pouring in from all over the world, from men and women in all walks of life and every conceivable faith and denomination.

God's anointing not only accompanies the Voice as it goes all over the world, but He is stirring up men and women, ministers and laymen, Fellowship directors and members, old friends of the movement and total strangers, to send in ever-increasing subscriptions.

Even at the very time of going to press, Joseph Priore, Treasurer of the Camden County, New Jersey, Chapter of FGBMFI, sends in a check for eighty-six subscriptions. At the same time, J. Byron Klaue, FGBMFI Director, sends over three hundred and fifty subscriptions, including every minister of the Greater Spokane Council of Churches, Spokane, Washington. He requests that their subscriptions begin with the issue featuring Rev. Bennett.

Bundle orders for recent issues of the Voice, together with the multitude of new subscriptions, have flooded our mailing department. In addition to the large regular edition of the issue featuring Rabbi Jack Robins, there have been three other editions of 5,000 each. In addition to the regular edition featuring Rev. Dennis Bennett and the Episcopalians, another edition of 9,000 was run. Orders have been very heavy for the Jewel Rose, John Osteen, Geraldine Derstine and Dr. William Reed issues.

For all this we are deeply grateful to God and to all of you who are so graciously responding to His moving among you to get the Voice out to a needy world!

**Beginning Among The Young People In A Mennonite School,
Moving Into A Mennonite Church Two Hundred Miles Away,
Then In A Mennonite Home With Supernatural Manifestations,**

We Saw The Visitation Of God To The Mennonites

The same God who manifested Himself supernaturally to Moses and the Children of Israel in the Old Testament and through Jesus Christ to those of His day in the New Testament, moved through the Holy Spirit among the Mennonites in these times. The Book of the Acts of the Apostles records no greater supernatural manifestation of God than this record of His visitation to the Mennonites, first in the School, next in the Church, and then in the Home.

BY GERALD DERSTINE

THE STRANGE HAPPENINGS in our home was noised about the community. People became alarmed. They insisted that the sheriff investigate. He replied that he could not intervene unless there was bloodshed. The people insisted so much, however, that a deputy sheriff decided to look into the matter. Before he arrived, the Holy Spirit told me he was coming and directed that I was to meet him at the door and that I would be given the words that I was to speak to him.

Everything occurred exactly as the Spirit had revealed to us. He came, I met him at the door, and I told him that very unusual things were happening but that everything was under Divine control and that all would be well. He said many rumors were going around that furniture was being smashed, people were being hurt, and strangers were in our house, causing confusion.

He left, satisfied that he had nothing to worry about, and rumors eased.

We went through experiences where we would have to pray for a certain period of time — pray with all our heart. The Holy Spirit would tell us to weep and pray unto the Lord for a

particular purpose. At the end of this period, because of our faithfulness, the Holy Spirit would cause us to rejoice in a tremendous manner.

This was a supernatural joy and rejoicing. It was not of any ordinary effect. It was from the Lord, and He caused us to do unusual things. We were as victims of circumstances. We did not want to be battling the Powers of Darkness through prayer, but we yielded completely to the Lord, took part as He directed us, and great victories were won through our prayer.

Then the Lord asked me, "What would you think if holes would be made in the ceiling of your living room?" This seemed very extreme to me, but the house had actually been given to me by the Lord, so I replied, "If it is for the glory of God, it will be all right." The Lord then told us that the holes in the ceiling would be a sign to us that the things we had prayed for would be answered.

In the midst of all the most unusual and supernatural visitations from God, we did not question the fact that it was God because of the peace and joy and glory and perfection being manifested and because Satan was our constant ad-

versary against whom we were battling in prayer.

At the end of seven days and seven nights, many holes were in the ceiling. They seemed a strange thing to us who saw it and it may seem strange to those who are now learning about it. In the Old Testament, God used prophets to do many strange things. He works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform. He has declared: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." The things that took place were not our thoughts and they were not our ways. We were moved at the will of God and did only as He directed us.

Upon the completion of the seven days and seven nights, my mother



Spirit-filled Mennonite Evangelist Gerald Derstine photographed as he spoke at the breakfast meeting of the FGBMFI Chapter in Los Angeles, California.

asked my father to replace the celotex panels in the ceiling where the holes were. We were directed by the Lord to leave the house while it was being repaired and we were told where to go. Obediently, we complied with these instructions.

After my father and my older brother had replaced the punctured celotex panels with new ones, my mother came into the house and became astonished and frightened: the new celotex panels formed a perfect cross in the ceiling! This caused my mother to wonder and she was made to realize that the things that had taken place in our home had truly been a visitation from God. She had constantly been praying in her home that God would keep us from anything that was false or error. The Holy Spirit had given her assurance that she need not have fears. Now her assurance was confirmed by this supernatural placing of a cross in the ceiling of the room in which God had been moving and about which she had been praying to Him for His watchfulness!

Then the Lord showed me that I would be relieved of my pastorate, but that I would have a much greater ministry and that I would go from city to city and minister to multitudes, teaching them things of the Spirit that He would have them to understand. I asked the Lord about my Mennonite people and He said that at that time they would not understand His ways but that later they would understand.

The prophecies and the promises the Lord gave me have come to pass exactly as they were given me, and He is continuing to move greatly at this very hour. Now I can give forth this testimony as transpired facts, substantiating the supernatural events in the

School and in the Church and in the Home as truly a visitation of God among the Mennonites!

A great awe comes to my heart as I realize that the Lord is working in my life and in the lives of multitudes of Christians all over the earth, with supernatural experiences and manifestations. I have worked with and among groups of Episcopalians, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Pentecostals, and Independents, all being moved similarly and tremendously by the will of God. I have had the privilege of ministering in many communities of my own Mennonite people whom I love very dearly and have been used by God to bring blessings to great numbers

of them who were hungering for the realities of the Holy Spirit.

This is the hour when God is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh. He wants to give his children the desires of their hearts. If they desire nothing but to please Him, He will give them all good things. If they are willing to lose their life, they will find their life. Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it shall bring forth fruit. We must be so possessed by and so filled with the Holy Spirit that God will be able to direct our lives into all fullness! Let each of us cry out to God: "Abba, Father, what will you have me to do next?"



This was the home of Gerald Derstine, Pastor of the Mennonite Church at Strawberry Lake, Minnesota, where the visitation of God produced supernatural manifestations, following a visitation in a Mennonite School two hundred miles away and in the Strawberry Lake Mennonite Church not far from the home.

FGBMFI Chapter Established In Hannover, Germany



A new Chapter of FGBMFI has been established in Hannover, Germany, through the efforts of FGBMFI European Director Dr. Adolf "Bob" Guggenbuhl, standing above, and his fellow-workers. Seated left to right are: Walter Lauster, Interpreter; Evangelist Tommy Hicks, Speaker; Willi Bolender, Chapter President; and FGBMFI Director William Roll, Speaker. The Secretary-Treasurer is Gerhard Marchel. The Assessor is Heinrich Giese. Below: a partial view of those who were present.



**According To Scriptures Recording Statements Of Christ,
Without A Born-Again Experience, It is Possible To Be**

CONVERTED, BUT LOST

BY CLIFFORD FORD

THE APPALLING APOSTASY that is prevalent in the church of today is alarming, to say the least. What is the reason for this lifeless body that is supposed to be a member of that glorious, abundant in life, Body of Christ? A partial answer is they are "Converted, but Lost." Satan, in his cunning way of deception, has substituted conversion for salvation. To be saved is to be converted, but to be converted is not necessarily to be saved.

To experience a change from sin and death to righteousness and life is to be born again, or spiritually converted. This conversion is truly the new, or second, birth, about which Jesus spoke to Nicodemus. This experience changes one's citizenship from that of Satan and Hell, to that of God and Heaven. This is the adoption that makes us become the sons of God and joint heirs of all things with Jesus Christ our Lord. This experience causes all things to become new. New birth causes a person to hate that which he once loved and love that which he once hated. This conversion causes men and women to become true examples of the believers.

There is another conversion that Satan is using as a substitute for salvation. This conversion is of the mind and not of the heart. This conversion is the changing from one ideology to another. This conversion can be the changing from being a sinner without church membership, to being a sinner having church membership. This conversion can be changing from being a Com-

munist to being a Catholic, or vice versa. This conversion can be changing church denominations, such as giving up the Baptist doctrine and accepting the Presbyterian or Assembly of God doctrine. This conversion, or change, from one ideology or church denomination to another, without experiencing the new birth, as Jesus says, makes a person a two-fold child of Hell. To experience conversion of the mind, without conversion of the heart in new birth, only intensifies the effectiveness of Satan's spiritual anesthetic that dulls the consciousness of man to his need of God and to his need to be truly born again. These are the type of converts



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that fill so many of today's churches. These are the members of the church and church boards who constantly pressure the pastors into a less spiritual message and church program. These are the converts, not of God, but of Satan, who are filled with carnality and continually resist the moving of God's spirit. This is the cause for a church to be more like a tomb for the dead than a house of prayer for the living.

Now is the time when holiness should begin in the house of the Lord! Now is the time when salvation needs to be preached to those spiritually-dead church members. Revival will not come until the ministers of God become so anointed and baptized with fire that their messages convict the self-righteous, thus causing their stony hearts to be truly converted.

It apparently is not difficult to fill a church with programs and people, but to be filled with the Spirit a church or person must submit all upon the altar of God, and in obedience to His will, become living sacrifices to the glory of God. Without doubt, the church is God's ordained sheepfold, and the pastors are the Lord's under-shepherds. The great problem of today is that many are within the fold, but without food. The Lord's command today to the shepherds of His flock is as it was to Peter, "Feed My sheep!"

Well-cared-for sheep naturally pro-

duce healthy lambs, but sheep that are starved and too-often fleeced produce weakly offspring. Healthy sheep that have been well provided for not only produce many healthy lambs but can be fleeced many times.

May God, in these last days, send forth His ministers as a flame, so that the sheep of His pasture shall carry His light into the highways and byways, in order that the harvest may be garnered before the storm strikes and the night comes when no man can work!

A. G. WARD PASSES ON

Word comes to us of the passing away of Rev. A. G. Ward in Toronto, Canada, on December 13th at the age of 79. He is the father of C. M. Ward, Assemblies of God Revivaltime Radio Evangelist.

A. G. Ward was a pioneer in the Pentecostal movement, his experience dating back to 1907. He had served as pastor of Central Assembly, Springfield, Missouri; pastor of Central Church, Toronto, Canada; teacher at Central Bible Institute and North Central Bible Institute; and as secretary-treasurer of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.
Matt. 10:32.

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WHAT CHRIST MEANS TO A TEEN-AGER

By CHERYL McSPADDEN

CHRISt IS MY EVERYTHING! These words live in my heart. This was my testimony as a child. This is my testimony as a teen-ager.

My parents gave me to God at birth and they have instilled in my heart the fact that I belong not to *self* and not to *family* but to the *Lord*. I walked securely on the prayers and faith of parents and church until, one day, the Master called directly to my heart. He made *me* responsible to *Him* for my own walk of faith and communion with Him.

While only an infant, Jesus healed me of allergies that were taking my life. I am healed by His stripes and redeemed by His blood. I am not my own, but I am purchased with a tremendous price!

I find Christ, in the youth of my life, much more than adequate to meet every challenge of life and the Devil. But I also find that my degree of consecration determines whether my daily walks are in His footprints or in my own way. Like Daniel and the Hebrew children, I have determined in my heart not to be defiled by any "meat" of the king of this world!

I have been on missionary tours with my parents, Evangelist and Mrs. Boyd McSpadden, to many countries and islands of the sea, and I know Christ to be sufficient for all. His love is the same to all races. I have prayed with young people of many races and pigments — white, yellow, red and black

— and have embraced them while tears of joy flowed because of sins forgiven.

The Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International has been a decidedly wonderful influence on my life, as well as on the lives of many teen-agers around the world. I shall never forget the FGBMFI Convention held in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, as Richard Shakarian and the other youth counsellors directed us through glorious days in the Lord. But the deeply inspiring experiences came



CHERYL McSPADDEN

A Daughter of The King

during the periods of consecration as we sought the Lord upon our knees, when Christ, Himself, came and ministered unto us!

I am eagerly anticipating the fellowship of Christian youth from all over the world at the Miami Beach, Florida, FGBMFI Convention, and another deeper walk with my Lord.

Daily, the Lord proves again and again that He is willing and able to meet my every need and *even the desires of my heart!* This is what Christ means to a teen-ager. Christ is my everything!

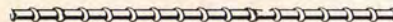


CHRIST IS COMING SOON!

In the glow of early morning,
In the solemn hush of night,
Down from heaven's open portals
Steals a messenger of light,
Whisp'ring sweetly to my spirit,
While the hosts of heaven sing,
'Tis the wondrous, thrilling story
Of the coming of the King.

Oft methinks I hear His footsteps
Stealing down the paths of time,
And the future dark with shadows
Brightens with a hope sublime;
Sounds the soul-inspiring anthem,
"Angels, haste your harps atune,
Earth's long night is almost over,
Christ is coming, coming soon!"

Long we've waited, blest Redeemer,
Waited for the first bright ray
Of the morn when sin and sorrow
At Thy presence flee away;
But our trial is nearly ended,
May be midnight or at noon,
In the East the glow's appearing,
Christ is coming, coming soon!



ORDER OF ST. LUKE TO HOLD CHRISTIAN HEALING RETREAT

As we go to press, announcement comes from Mary Welch, Editor of The Explorer, and a great booster for FGBMFI and Full Gospel Men's Voice, that a Christian Healing Retreat is to be held at Hotel Fredonia, Nacodoches, Texas, January 23-27, 1961, under the auspices of clergy and lay members of the Order of Saint Luke The Physician. Chairman will be The Rev. Paul H. Kratzig, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Victoria, Texas.

The retreat will begin with a supper on the 23rd and end with a breakfast on the 27th. The retreat will stress a three-fold ministry of Preaching, Teaching and Healing.

Speakers will be Episcopalian Dr. William Standish Reed, M. D., Consulting Surgeon, Samaritan Hospital, Bay City, Michigan; The Rev. Richard E. Winkler, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton, Illinois; and Jewish Rabbi Jack Robins, of Houston, Texas.

Music will be under the direction of Miss Rita Reed, of Tampa, Florida, a sister of Doctor Reed, who goes far and near in the work of the Episcopal Church and many other Christian activities.

Registrations should be sent to Mary Welch, Route 2, Box 169, Henderson, Texas, accompanied by a fee of \$10. Hotel meals for guests will be \$3.50 per day. Rooms will be \$4 for singles, \$3 each for doubles, and \$2.50 each for three or four in a room with two double beds.

Applicants for healing should attend the preaching and teaching services in preparation for the healing ministry of the retreat.



I enjoy seeing the photographs and reading the testimonies in Full Gospel Men's Voice about other groups than the Full Gospel denominations who are receiving the Pentecostal experience and then going out to tell about it. Your reporting the facts about Presbyterian James Brown, Baptist John Os-teen, Methodist Jack Robins, Episcopalian Dennis Bennett and Mennonite Gerald Derstine causes us to know that this is a work of God and that God is not limited to one group or denomination. "In every nation, he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him." As it was in the tenth chapter of Acts, the Pentecostal experience can come to any house, not just to the house of Cornelius. Enclosed is \$2 to renew my subscription to the Voice. I am a missionary, not a business man, although my business is to make Christ known to men; and if there is any way I can help you establish FGBMFI chapters throughout India, please let me know - William Pospisil, Missionary, Church of God in India, Mulakuzha, Kerala State, South India.

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We would like to enter a standing order for one hundred copies of Full Gospel Men's Voice each month. We have found the Voice to be a very valuable asset to our monthly meetings. God has blessed our Chapter abundant-

ly the past year and we are looking forward to an even greater year in 1961. May God's richest blessings rest upon each of you in a special way is my prayer.—Burnell Price, Secretary-Treasurer, FGBMFI Chapter, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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After reading Full Gospel Men's Voice for some time, it is my joy to write you that this is truly a wonderful magazine, an IMPACT of testimonies and news of God's dealings around the world in these last days. The Lord continue to bless you and this wonderful magazine to all parts of the world! I would like to receive some back copies to give to friends and fellow-labourers through the kindness of someone in the office who wants to share the Full Gospel message. I also can use audio-visual aids from those who want to help evangelize the 7,000,000 people in Malaya. I am a Pentecostal National working with the Assemblies of God of Malaya and Singapore. The Lord Jesus Christ bless your every effort in circulating this wonderful magazine.—Ronney Kon, c/o 97, Jalan Gasing, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaya.

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After reading Full Gospel Men's Voice each month with great enthusiasm and enjoying reading about the wonderful work you are doing, I pass

my copies around among my friends. I would like, so very much, to be able to contribute to all your worthy efforts to take the Gospel to the unsaved, but since I am retired on a greatly-reduced income, this is impossible. The enclosed offering, however, comes to you with my prayers and my interest in your work, and I will contribute more, as I am able, from time to time. May God increase the scope of your endeavors in the years ahead and bring many blessings to the workers as well as to those to whom the message is given.—Mrs. Withers Woolford, Sarasota, Florida.

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Last week I wrote and told you about a little Swedish lady in our church that expressed her desire very much to have a subscription to Full Gospel Men's Voice. I told her I would send in her subscription for her. Immediately she received her first copy and was so pleased with it that she just insists on paying for the subscription herself. The Voice is so good that I now want to subscribe to it for myself. Enclosed is her remittance and mine. There are six of us who ride home from church together, and you will never know what a blessing we get from discussing your wonderful work. All of us just about have a good old-fashioned "shouting spell" when we hear about those wonderful testimonies.—Mrs. Dean Coates, Pasadena, California.

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I want to help circulate your wonderful magazine, Full Gospel Men's Voice. The issue with the Rabbi's

testimonies is the best ever. Enclosed please find remittance and gift subscription.—Pastor Emily Smith, Four-square Indian Church, Petoskey, Mich.

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I have seen a copy of Full Gospel Men's Voice and am favorably impressed by it. I would like to obtain a subscription to your publication. Sincerely in His grace.—Ted D. Nickel, Central Christian High School, Hutchinson, Kansas.

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It is always a blessing for me to receive Full Gospel Men's Voice. The magazine inspires me because such a warm feeling is manifested in fellowship like Jesus at the table with His disciples. May God bless your work for Christ for ever.—Miss Akiko Nishikawa, Baltimore Bible College, Baltimore, Maryland.

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Full Gospel Men's Voice is getting better and better. Enclosed please find fourteen gift subscriptions. I would appreciate it if at all possible you would start them with the November issue. It is so good. Thank God for the Full Gospel Business Men. God bless your efforts.—Mrs. Jack Moore, Shreveport, Louisiana.

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Here is my renewal. I like Full Gospel Men's Voice because God is speaking by the Spirit through men, for which I praise God. He raised up Full Gospel Men's Voice for His purposes!—Paul R. Smith, North Wales, Pennsylvania.

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Enclosed are some gift subscriptions to Full Gospel Men's Voice. Just a note to let you know that we think

We have room for only a fraction of the multitude of fine letters we receive but we appreciate every one!

the Voice is getting more wonderful every month. We can hardly wait for each new issue to arrive. Then when the issue arrives, the problem arises as to who is to get to read it first. We have solved this problem by having a family reading circle each time the Voice arrives. Thank you so much for the opportunity of having this wonderful periodical.—Ray G. Mills, Lakeport, California.

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The issue of Full Gospel Men's Voice containing the Rabbi's testimony is the most inspiring and thrilling Christian magazine I have ever read. Enclosed is check for fifty copies and fifty envelopes.—Mrs. W. M. McClain, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Enclosed are gift subscriptions to Full Gospel Men's Voice. Each issue of the Voice thrills me as I read of the wonderful things God is doing through the ministry of FGBMFI. May the Lord continue to bless you in your great work for Him.—Pastor A. A. Anderson, Calvary Temple, Watsonville, California.

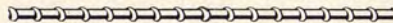
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I want to thank you for the good job of publishing my testimony in Full Gospel Men's Voice. I am well pleased with the editing. Inclosed find check



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for one hundred copies of the November issue and one hundred copies of the December issue.—Gerald Derstine, Pastor, Revival Tabernacle, Sarasota, Fla.

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I was given a copy of Full Gospel Men's Voice by Dr. William S. Reed, of Bay City, Michigan, and I am sending you my subscription. My wife and I enjoy the articles and received many blessings in reading them. It is truly wonderful the way our God is moving in these days and pouring out His Spirit.—W. C. Hawley, Hawley Nursing Home, Adrian, Michigan.

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Praise God that I can write you, telling you how much I enjoy and appreciate Full Gospel Men's Voice. I have been reading it for some time and I enjoy every article in the magazine. Praise God for what He is doing through FGBMFI. I was a member of the Singapore Chapter but now am a student at the Assembly of God Bible Institute in Malaya. Enclosed is my renewal and a gift subscription for a friend. The Lord bless you and use you mightily. With prayers and love.—Alan Leong, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

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We have enjoyed so much and received such great blessings from reading Full Gospel's Men's Voice. As you so kindly gave permission, I have been using a number of your good articles from the Voice translated into Japanese and published here in The Gospel Herald. These articles from the Voice have brought great blessing to our Japanese friends. I wish to thank you for your kindness and I pray the Lord will continue to bless and use your splendid magazine for still greater blessings the world over.—Evert Anderson, Missionary From Sweden, Kofu-city, Japan.

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"OUR BANNER IS LOVE!"

By THOMAS R. NICKEL

Jesus Christ, our Leader, made the following declarations.

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use and persecute you."

"I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." "I appoint unto you a Kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me." "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do: because I go to my Father." "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: ye shall be witnesses unto me." "And as ye go, preach, saying The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." "And, lo, I am with you always."

"Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd." "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God." "He that is not with me is against me." "Ye shall know them by their fruits."

Satan has raised up a banner of Hate, and Communists, the Children of Darkness, all over the world, are rushing to the red flag of Death. Christ has raised up a banner of Love, and Christians, the Children of Light, all over the world, are uniting under the white flag of Life. There can be no neutrals and no idlers in this world-wide Conflict. Choose you this day whom you will serve.

As recruiters, throughout the earth, for the Children of Light, we welcome you to join Christ's united forces. Our banner is Love!