

The Harvest Field
Messenger

The Children of God Press on

*Possessed with a hope which bringeth no shame,
Unspeakably joyous praising His name,
With holiness glowing in each mortal frame,
The children of God press on.*

*Though ranks may seem thinning, souls going astray,
The righteous He loveth; they hear Him today.
All perish who turn from the path of His way;
The children of God press on.*

*Filled to o'erflowing with God's oil of grace,
Tho' wearied their feet by the course, yet their faith
Flies them high as the eagle o'er tedious waste;
The children of God press on.*

*When they come to the end of their earthly abode
There comes one to meet them along the road,
Who bids them to rest in a heavenly mode;
The children of God press on.*

*He had heard their weak cry from the clinging mire,
He also was there when they passed through the fire.
Now He calls them with robes and palms to come higher,
The children of God press on.*

—VELMA B. HOFFMAN

Midwest Bible College: May 25 in the Stanberry church

Baccalaureate

Sabbath at 11:00 a.m.—Sermon by Elder K. H. Freeman

Commencement

Saturday Night at 8:15 p.m.—Address by Elder A. B. Craig

Two young men will be graduating from the 4-year ministerial course:

Garland R. Brunson (Okla.) and Alfred P. Walter (Ohio)

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND

Graduation Exercises

Spring Vale Academy: June 1, in the academy auditorium

Baccalaureate

Sabbath at 11:00 a.m.—Sermon by Dr. A. L. Carlin

Commencement

Saturday Night at 8:30 p.m.—Address by Elder S. J. Kauer

Eleven students are in the graduating class this year: Mack Baker (Mich.), Julia Camero (Mich.), Dan Coulson (Mich.), Betty Crawford (Mo.), David Gjesdal (N. Dak.), Esther Martin (Ill.), Lois Martin (Ill.), Carol Millican (Ala.), David Sherman (Mich.), Edward Turner (Mich.), and June Walton (Tex.).

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An Inside Look

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With each issue of the *Messenger* it becomes more evident that the field work being conducted is far too extensive to cover thoroughly in this small magazine. Only the highlights can be presented, and even they have to be abbreviated.

Response from readers, some of which appear under "Pulse of the Church," indicates that the efforts being put forth by the local reporters are deeply appreciated. We, too, extend our appreciation—especially to the many reporters who have not missed a time sending in news items!

Included in the features that you will find of interest are:

What Wilt Thou Have Me to Do?

...to be a Christian it is not the most important thing to always have the approval of others, but to become an ardent believer in Jesus Christ.

VBS Is for God

...a job to perform—a great job of molding lives for time and eternity!

To Solve All Problems

...meet in one place, under one roof, and stay there, praying and fasting, until victory from God comes.

Debt Free and Growing

...now worth about twice the original cost to the brethren, and the debt has all been paid.

Pulse of the Church

Frankton, Indiana (4/8/63)—I will be seventy years old June 5, 1963, and have been reading the "Advocate" and other church publications ever since I could read. I first read the "Little Missionary" paper and wrote several letters for the children's correspondence column. My father was taking "The Bible Advocate" when I was born, and he and mother read from it to us children many times.... Mother and Father passed on several years ago, but I still receive and enjoy "The Bible Advocate."

St. Louis, Missouri (4/7/63)—Am sending \$2.00 to help with your good work for Christ. I listen to Kenneth H. Freeman almost every Sunday, and enjoy the program very much.

Vineland, New Jersey (3/27/63)—I thank the Father for "The Bible Advocate" magazine and your publishers for sending me the past subscription. I should have written before and not just to complain of my affliction, but still have been prevented in doing many things.

It is a joy to pick up the paper, one that advocates the true Bible Sabbath, especially today when the apostasy is thick around about us in this world—substitutions and neglect of standing firm, even with some who are not substituting. There is not the fellowship of close companionship.

Here in Vineland there are no Sabbath believers except the small assembly of S.D.A.'s and they are even worse in wrong on other portions of the Bible.

Watsonville, California (5/2/63)—We would love to continue to get the "Messenger" of the harvest field, so I am enclosing my check for \$2.00. I appreciate every word that is written by the Church of God workers.

Salem, Oregon (5/1/63)—Will you please send me the following free literature for distribution? I am enclosing 25¢ for postage. My husband isn't working yet this spring, but I would like to distribute some tracts while I have time. I would be so happy to have this literature to give to others that the Lord's work might prosper. I am thankful to each one who has made it possible for this free literature to be available.

Ahoada, Nigeria (4/7/63)—I am happy to tell you that I am now converted to your group of the Church of God by Pastor Dimkpah in Nigeria when he with other brethren came to Agbada for open-air preaching last year. During our camp of 5th January 1963, I was baptized with other souls by Bishop B. I. Tikili on the 6th of January at Idu River Niger. I glory in my Creator for my baptism and pray that I may stand fast to the end.... I want to know why there are so many churches of God in America with different leaders and what is the cause? Which is the better one? I have read and found that the Bible forbids division—Romans 16: 17.

what wilt thou have me to do?

by harvey d. fischer

As one accepts the call into Christian service, he does not expect to have everything come easy to him. He does not expect a life that has no problems, one that means no sacrificing. Our friends at school may tell us that we are "throwing our lives away" when we could be having all kinds of fun. We are told that we are accepting a life full of sorrow, a life that consists of no real enjoyment, and one that consists of dull, straight-faced experiences.

We then learn by Christian experience, as we really get to KNOW Christ, that Christianity can become real and meaningful in our life. We learn that to be a Christian it is not the most important thing to always have the approval of others, but to become an ardent believer in Jesus Christ. His revelations and blessings then become so real to us and we learn how He cares for us. His promise is of a life far richer and more satisfying than one lived according to conventional standards. His formula is for a life based on

concern for others in harmony with God's laws.

How can we be satisfied with less than a Christ-filled life? How can we live a life that is empty and centered upon our own selfishness when we know that masses of humanity are hungry for physical and spiritual food when we have extras? How can we be satisfied with less than a dedicated life of Christian service when we see crime, delinquency, mental illness, divorce, etc., on the increase? We realize that the teachings of Jesus go to the root of all this. Until more Christians, young and old alike, realize that this is what they must give their lives to, these problems will continue to increase.

Yes, there is a place where you will fit in—a place specifically set aside for you. We do not know exactly where this place may be. It is impossible for our finite minds to determine this, but we need to spend much time in prayer and in seeking His will. God will give us the answer. It may take a

proving of ourselves first. We may need to be tried and tempted first, but God has promised in His Word that if we diligently seek Him we shall find Him. (Read Jeremiah 29.)

God will bless us in direct proportion to that with which we serve Him; we cannot sit back doing nothing and still expect God's calling. If we exercise the time and the talent He has given us, He will multiply His blessings unto us and help us to realize where we can be of help. It is our duty to serve in every small way we possibly can.

As we look to many of the immediate needs of the Church of God, we see that of sending a missionary to help our foreign brethren. This can only be accomplished if each of us is willing to work individually and collectively to accept this challenge. If we are true to our name, we will accept this as a real place to serve. It may seem a huge mountain and its fulfillment may seem afar off, but if we can learn that enough faithful church groups such as yours will contribute an amount to this cause which may seem small to you but most helpful to us, we can accept such a challenge. Yes, we believe that we can meet this challenge and conquer this mountain so that we may all share the dividends together. How about you? Will you help?

From District Offices

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Quarterly All-day Meeting

On Sabbath, April 20, the Freeland church was host to the Michigan quarterly all-day meeting. It was a beautiful spring day, and folks from all over the state seemed to express their appreciation for such a fine Sabbath by attending throughout the day. Nearly all the area churches were represented.

Following the Sabbath school, Elder Robert Coulter, District Overseer, spoke for the morning worship service. In the afternoon Elder Roy Keim, Principal of Spring Vale Academy, brought the message.

The theme of the young people's program for the afternoon was "What Are You Doing with Your Time?" The whole program served as a reminder that time is very precious and should be used wisely.

Perhaps two important events of the day topped all the other blessings. The first was the consecration and rededication service held at the altar at the end of the morning service. The second was an anointing and prayer service held in the afternoon. Several were anointed with oil and prayed for in accordance with James 5.

Additional Radio Programs

Upon meeting recently, the District Two Board decided to investigate the possibilities of supporting a weekly

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The 1963 General Conference and Camp Meeting will be held next August 16-24 at the Assembly of God Campgrounds on South Broadway, Denver, Colorado. For reservations write to: Mrs. Delvin O'Banion, Church of God (7th Day), P. O. Box 2370, Denver 1, Colorado. Rates for accommodations will be:

Per person per night—	
Dormitory rooms	\$1.25
Per night—	
Cabins	2.50
Tents	1.00
For the duration—	
Electricity for	
own tents	2.00
trailers brought in	3.00

Reservations are being made as they are received through the mail by Sister O'Banion. However, preference is given to those who pay for the duration of the meeting. **Deposits** for at least two nights' rental are required no later than July 15. No refunds after August 10.

The drive to raise funds for the General Conference Campgrounds and Land Project was postponed due to urgent needs for funds in other phases of the church program.

A 16-page informational booklet about Midwest Bible College will be available by June 1. This is a combination of an annual and a publicity circular. It contains many pictures of student activities, in class and out, as well as data on the curricula and the premises. An offering of 50¢ will be welcomed for each copy.

The highway church signs, approved by the Ministerial Council, can still be ordered. They are baked enamel scrolls on 14 x 22 inch sheets of metal. The wording "The Church

What

of God 7th Day Welcomes You" can easily be read as people drive by slowly within city limits. Even the local address can be added for a few cents. Order from the conference office: P. O. Box 2370, Denver 1, Colorado.

Elder Nathan Straub's address now is: 6019 S. E. 87th, Portland 66, Oregon.

The Bono, Arkansas, church is planning a revival and church dedication early in July.

The Portland, Oregon—Vancouver, Washington, area now has six broadcasts weekly of Faith for

Our Time. They are over station KVAN, 1480 on the dial, Monday through Sabbath. This is the only daily broadcast of the program and it is at the very good price of \$125 a month.

Midwest Bible College has less than 20 hi-fi, l.p. records of sacred music by the choir and smaller groups of local church members. These records, "The King's Songs" (No. 2) are going at \$3.00 postpaid while they last. Box 86, Stanberry, Missouri.

Elder and Sister Trinidad Padilla's beautiful singing has been captured on 12-inch, hi-fi records. They request only an offering of \$3.00 (more or less) toward the Bloomington (Calif.) radio work for each record. If three or more are ordered, they will send a free one as a gift. Address: Elder Trinidad Padilla, 11651 Cedar Avenue, Bloomington, California.

Pictures of previous editors are needed for the anniversary issue.

Where

Church News

Squeezed Out Last Month

Local Services Dismissed

SPENCER, O.—Sabbath school was held in the Clarence Raver home at Clarksfield on March 9 instead of at Spencer. After a delicious dinner there, the members drove to Oregon, Ohio, for the fellowship meeting that afternoon and the social that night.

Rummage Sale

TECUMSEH, OKLA.—The Willing Workers of the Mid-Way Church held a rummage sale in Shawnee and netted over fifty dollars. This will be applied to the women's fund of the local church.

Week-end Mission

SPENCER, O.—Brother Edwin Coulson called on Sister Della Jacobs of Lima, Ohio, on March 22, then drove to the home of Elder S. R. Tedrow for the weekend. He gave the Sabbath morning worship message at the Oregon church [a suburb of Toledo] and attended the District Board Meeting there on Sunday.

Local Elder Fills In

NORTH SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—In the absence of the pastor on March 16, a local elder brought the eleven o'clock message. The title of Brother Harvey Fischer's message was "Joy." He spoke of the joy in serving Christ and the joy which the apostles had.

It was a blessing to all, and much food for thought.

Day in the Snow

STOCKTON, CALIF.—On Sunday, March 22, the young people of the Stockton and Lodi churches went to the hills for a day in the snow. It was a time of wonderful enjoyment for all.

Children's Choir

TECUMSEH, OKLA.—A children's choir has been organized with Janice Lane (12 years old) at the piano and Debra Scott (11 years old) directing.

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FROM DISTRICT OFFICES

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Faith for Our Time broadcast over another radio station. The possibilities suggested were Rapid City, South Dakota; Billings, Montana; and Bismarck, North Dakota. Elder Freeman's inspiring weekly sermons are now heard over J S K B, Jamestown, North Dakota.

EXECUTIVE EXCERPTS

In recent action of the Executive Board the Home Missions Department's indebtedness to the General Fund was decreased by \$1,000. This cancellation, plus prorated receipts for the department through the United Fund put the department out of the "red."

This was done as an expression of appreciation for the donated work by numerous individuals during the past two years.

DISTRICT ONE

(Fort Morgan, Colo.) Elder Delvin L. O'Banion of Denver was present to help in commemorating the observance of the Lord's Supper. Three men and seven ladies partook of the emblems and participated in the foot washing.

(Curtis, Nebr.) The service for the local group was held in the home of Brother and Sister Holcomb at Holbrook. There were 30 present with 24 taking part under the direction of Elder Roland Pedersen, the pastor.

(Nekoma, Kans.) The service was held at the Albert Seltmann home after sunset on April 7. Four took part in the service, led by Brother H. O. Cummings.

(Denver) Approximately 85 attended the service at the Clayton Street church. Elders Craig and Bernal each made a short talk appropriate for the occasion, Elder Craig speaking in English and Elder Bernal in Spanish. Many of the Spanish Seventh Day Adventist congregation were present.

(Bassett, Nebr.) There were 18 present with 15 taking part. Four were from Hawthorne, California, four from Denver, Colorado, and two from Burwell, Nebraska. Elders Emmett Presler and Alex. F. Dugger were present to take charge.

DISTRICT TWO

(Eureka, S. Dak.) A congregation of about 40 gathered at the appropriate time to participate in the sacred event. The pastor, Elder Reuben Moldenhauer, was in charge, assisted by the local elders. The deacons distributed the emblems. A liberal offering of \$43.12 was received, and a blessed testimony service followed.

Lord's Supper Reports

This is admittedly not a complete list of reports, but it includes all that were submitted.

DISTRICT THREE

(Tacoma, Wash.) Elder Archie Stiede conducted the service, giving opportunity for testimonies before the sermon and the observance of the ordinance. Thirty-one partook of the emblems and joined in the foot washing at the church, and three away from the church. A love offering of food was given for a needy family.

(Harrisburg, Oreg.) Seventy gathered to observe the service. Sixty-one partook of the emblems and participated in the humility service. Elder Rudolph Haffner had charge of the service, being assisted by local elder, Theo McGill, and deacons Anton Kaynor and Jim Crowson.

(Marion, Oreg.) There were 64 who partook of the emblems in the church with the pastor, Elder Ray Straub, officiating.

(Nampa, Ida.) The service was celebrated under the leadership of Brother Bill Blankinship, assisted by Elder Carl Bentz. There were 49 present and 39 took part.

(Lewiston, Ida.—Clarkston, Wash.) The service was conducted by Elder Nathan Straub with 14 present. Twelve took part in the service. Sister Straub, Brother and Sister Nona Blankinship, and Brother Max Kelley, all from Spokane, were present.

DISTRICT FOUR

(North Sacramento, Calif.) Elder

Israel Haeger, with the assistance of the local elders, Harvey Fischer and Philip Jarwin, conducted the sacred service. There were 104 in attendance with 64 brethren standing to partake of the emblems. Brethren from Olivehurst, San Jose, Healdsburg, and surrounding areas were present.

(Lodi, Calif.) Brethren from Stockton, as well as a few isolated brethren, gathered with local brethren near sundown and enjoyed a good song service while Elder Wesley Walker and Brother Art Brenneise went to the homes of two who could not be at the church. There were 48 who took part in the service which Elder Walker led as the brethren stood.

(Fresno, Calif.) The service was conducted in the home of Sister Dora Bailey with 17 partaking of the emblems. Six came from Visalia, two from Coalinga, one from Paso Robles, and Elder E. A. Straub (who was in charge) from Lodi. Thirteen of the brethren were absent because of flooding conditions. One brother called, saying he had come as far as he could and had to turn back.

DISTRICT FIVE

(Lane, Okla.) The ordinance was observed at the church with 15 taking part in it. Brother Joe Smith had charge of the service with Brother Lowe assisting.

(Three Rivers, Tex.) Twelve were present for the service. Brother Paul Harrod led the service.

(Claremore, Okla.) In preparation for the Supper a table, reaching the entire length of the chapel, was spread with white linen. Forty-five brethren gathered around the table; some of them were from Tulsa. Elder Ross Johnston, the pastor, was in charge.

(Tulsa, Okla.) The service was conducted in the home of Brother Ernest Johnson as Brother Johnson had just returned from the hospital and was advised not to make the trip to Claremore for the service in the church. Some of the folks from nearby gathered at Brother Johnson's home also.

(San Antonio) Thirty-one English-speaking brethren were present at the service with 15 partaking of the emblems. Also three others took the Lord's Supper in their homes.

(San Antonio) The Spanish-speaking brethren numbered 73 who partook of the sacred emblems. Elder Ermilo Duque was in charge, being assisted by Brother Arnulfo Salazar, Jr., Juan Castellanos, Thomas Martinez, and Jose Sanchez.

(Crystal City, Tex.) Elder Manuel Solis from San Antonio directed the service. There were nine who participated.

DISTRICT SIX

(St. Paul, Minn.) The Holy Supper was thankfully received by 23 persons, including Sister Betty Bismarck and her mother from South Dakota. Elders Louis S. Sanchez and Ralph M. Bravo officiated.

(Joplin, Mo.) There were 17 present for the service. Local elder, Brother Harold Bullard, was in charge.

(Marion, Ia.) After the timely sermonet, "Jesus' Darkest Night," by the pastor, Elder James Kuryluk, 29 took part in the foot washing and shared the sacred emblems. Inspiring testimonies added to the blessing of the evening.

(Rich Hill, Mo.) Isolated brethren of the area gathered at the home of Brother and Sister Earl Smith.

There were five who took part with Brother Smith presiding.

(Stanberry, Mo.) Seventy-nine brethren took part in the Supper in this area. This included some isolated members from a distance who gathered with the local brethren in the chapel, as well as three who were served at Brother and Sister Horace Munro's rest home, one local member who was served in a St. Joseph hospital, and one other sister who was served in her home in a nearby town. The pastor, Elder R. C. Moldenhauer, was in charge of the service at the church.

(Bono, Ark.) Sister Marie Rosamond of Lepanto was buried with Jesus in baptism in the early evening; then the brethren gathered at the church for observance of the ordinance. There were 18 men and 27 women partaking of the Supper and joining in the foot washing. More than 100 persons were in the church building. Elder Ivan Harlan, who was holding meetings there at the time, was in charge.

(Kansas City, Mo.) Forty-seven people met at the appointed time for the service. Elder L. L. Christenson, pastor, was in charge, and Brothers John Kelso and Clifford Tuttle assisted with the sacred emblems.

DISTRICT EIGHT

(Farmville, N. C.) There were 33 who took part. The offering amounted to \$39, and is to be sent to the Tract Fund.

(Canton, N. Y.) The service was held at the home of Brother and Sister Fulton Caswell. There were eight members present who took part in the service and one visitor who abstained. Brother Caswell was in charge with others present assist-

ing. The offering was \$8, which was used for the publishing work.

(Newark, N. J.) Members of the Hempstead and Bronx, New York, churches celebrated the service with the local group. Elders T. U. Connor and Eric Mattis officiated. There were a number of young people present (most of the older ones have passed on, moved too far away, or could not attend due to illness). Fourteen persons partook of the Supper.

DISTRICT NINE

(Parkersburg, W. Va.) Twelve adults participated in the service held at the church. Brothers Lawrence Bee and Wayne Thompson were in charge. Each one present offered a testimony of praise and thanksgiving. The offering amounted to \$11.81.

(Freeland, Mich.) There were 35 present to partake of the emblems of the Saviour's broken body and spilled blood. An offering of \$14.70 was received for the United Fund.

(Port Huron, Mich.) Due to the illness of Sister Ethel Harper the service was held in her home. There were five who took part.

(Detroit, Mich.) The anniversary of the Lord's betrayal and death was observed at the church by the local membership. The pastor, Elder Robert Coulter, was the leader.

(Macomb, Ill.) The service was held at the home of Brother and Sister Harold D. Carlson with Brother Carlson in charge. Nine were present to enjoy the blessings and share in the service.

(Petersburg, Mich.) At the appointed time the congregation gathered to observe the sacred ordinance. A short message was given

by the pastor, Elder A. E. Lidell, prior to the act of humility and the sharing of the emblems. Fourteen took part in the foot washing and 15 partook of the emblems. Elder Lidell was assisted by Elder William McCann and Brother Howard Friddle.

(Owosso, Mich.) There were 36 who gathered in the Spring Vale Academy auditorium for the service. This included three children. Elder Floyd Turner officiated, with the assistance of Elder Roy Keim and Brother William Brumm, as 31 persons participated.

(Moundsville, W. Va.) Brother Hubert Smith was in charge of the service with 22 present, 15 women and 7 men. An offering of \$12.39 was received for the United Fund.

(New Auburn, Wisc.) The church was well filled the night of the Lord's Supper. Forty-two partook of the emblems and enjoyed the washing of one another's feet. Again this year a healing service was conducted for several with faith in God.

Before and after the service at the church, the pastor and his wife, elders, and deacons traveled to

various homes to hold the service with those who are handicapped.

(West Olive, Mich.) The service was held at the church at the appointed time with Brother Eugene Clements in charge. Twenty-one persons observed the event. An offering of \$8 was received.

(Clarksfield, O.) Nine adults participated at the home of Brother and Sister Clarence Raver. These included brethren from not-too-distant places.

CANADA

(Mission City, B. C.) The brethren gathered at the home of Elder and Sister Peter Hrenyk to commemorate the Lord's death. Elder Hrenyk was in charge. Fifteen took part in the service.

WEST INDIES

(Seaforth, Jamaica) In the absence of the pastor, Brother O. Cockburn, lay leaders A. Barrett and O. Lee of the Seaforth and Georgia churches respectively and two deacons presided. About 30 partook of the Supper, including brethren from the Georgia church.

"THE DESTINY OF THE EARTH"

Finally the tract with the above title is off the press and ready for distribution. All the back orders have been filled; however, if you had a back order for this tract and still have not received it, please send us a new order.

Some of the subtopics discussed in this 16-page pamphlet are: Corruption in the Earth; A Great Destruction to Come; A Great World Conflict; After the Conflict, Christ Rules; The End of the Desolation; A Time of Restoration and Restitution; The Eventual Destiny—the New Earth.

As already announced last month, another new tract, "The Bible and Man's Food," is also ready for distribution. This tract is a study on clean and unclean meats.

VBS is for God

This excellent instruction from the children's leaders in the New Auburn, Wisconsin, church comes from a background of successful experiences with children and an information session with others in a convention for leaders in church school activities. As evidenced by reports of increased attendance and continued zeal among the young people of this church, there are great rewards for careful attention and guidance given to youth.

As in every area of the gospel work, Daily Vacation Bible School should be a challenge to us. We must realize we are not just trying to keep an organization going or to keep the machinery operating. We have a job to perform—a great job of molding lives for time and eternity!

Specific goals should be set. They are listed very completely, for the most part, in the materials provided by our publishing house at Stanberry as printed by Scripture Press Publications. Each local church will have to adjust to their own particular needs and arrangements, and perhaps set

additional goals, as well as find it unnecessary to use some of those as listed in the materials.

Some of the wonderful ideas and helps received by the teachers and the pastor who attended a convention last month were (these may be applied to our work in Sabbath school, too):

Be prepared IN HEART. We teachers and workers must believe I Corinthians 15:58, assured that any "work of the Lord" is not "in vain," and be sure our lives do not hinder the testimony of the lessons we teach. We must also *be prepared IN PRAYER.* Start early, months previous to VBS, to pray for the entire needs of the school, teachers, supplies, boys and girls, etc. Believe that God will supply our needs as we ask in faith. Pray for the burdens of our children and their parents; pray for the teachers as they prepare their lessons, crafts, supplementary materials, etc., that God will have His complete way in their work for Him. This then means we should *be prepared IN PERSONNEL!* Even if we feel inadequate to the task of reaching and winning boys and girls for Christ, God will help us and use us to His glory if we but rely on Him and do all within our reach to prepare

VBS Time Is Almost Upon Us

Public schools will soon close for this school year. Then will come a most enjoyable event for the youngsters—Vacation Bible School time.

Is your local church prepared to meet the challenge of filling eager young minds with the Word of God? Do not neglect this important ministry. Order your materials immediately.

ourselves for the task ahead. His Holy Spirit is ever present and ever willing to grant us grace and power in our ministry. We have mentioned the importance also of *being prepared IN BIBLE LESSONS*. We should *know* the Bible and teach it in a meaningful way.

It is much better to conduct VBS for two weeks because most decisions are made the second week—but if the cooperation is keen on the part of all workers, a successful school may be experienced in one week. This then would limit the amount of crafts, memorization, and requirements for the closing program by each pupil.

We at New Auburn require a minimum amount of memory work for the demonstration program for parents and friends at the close of our school because we plan only a one week session this summer. We feel that our efforts will be fruitful just the same because the teachers are nearly prepared already and will have in mind what highlights of the Bible lessons we will expect the boys and girls to hide in their hearts for presentation the closing night. The program should surely be a blessing and inspiration to those who attend.

Our one-week school will have both morning and afternoon sessions,

so all ten days of prepared material may be covered adequately.

The material's theme "Traveling God's Highway" is very challenging for the day in which we live. The Bible lessons and applications are geared to the immediate needs of the boys and girls of this age. The missionary family that it is suggested we study about and support, is from Germany; so we have written to Brother Grover Davis of the Foreign Missions Department for all the material, written and pictures, we can get on the work of Helmut Strauss. We then will study his work, needs, and progress, and support him with our VBS offerings this summer. We will not use the missionary material printed in the lessons this year, because we find it much more inspiring and challenging to learn of one in our church who is dear to our hearts in the blessed work.

Perhaps more could be said from what we learned at the convention—but these are the most important. We feel the need for frequent "close communion with God in prayer and study" to enable us as workers and teachers to perform this great job for Him and His Kingdom! Too much cannot be said for preparation of all the above-listed areas of work.

Another Quarter Speeding on Its Way

It is time to place your orders for Sabbath school supplies for the third quarter of 1963. If you lack information on all the materials available for all age groups, write and ask us about it.

Are you tired of sending an order each quarter? Why not consider establishing a year's subscription or a standing order for your Sabbath school supplies? Besides avoiding a late quarterly order, you would also save dollars with a yearly subscription.

Send your orders to:

Church of God Publishing House, Stanberry, Missouri

Thank God It Happened

Sale for Missions

NORTH SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—On April 11, the women's group held a bake sale. The proceeds, which amounted to around \$80, were donated to the Foreign Missions Department for the express purpose of sending two missionaries to the foreign fields.

Many were sick or out of town, but those who remained were more than willing to do their share.

Another Worker

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.—Following the District Board meeting on March 31, it was made known that another full-time minister is going to be located in the Ohio Valley. This is the promise of a fulfilled dream, held for several years.

Brother Garland Brunson, who will be graduating from Midwest Bible College this spring, is the one who has accepted the call.

Elder Robert Coulter and Brother

Edwin Coulson were here for the meeting. Elder Coulter was back on April 13 for a preaching service and a joint meeting of the Moundville and Parkersburg churches the next day. At this meeting plans were discussed for the work under the direction of the new worker.

Church Organized

SAN ANTONIO—A meeting was held April 16 at which time Elder K. C. Walker organized the English-speaking church. Brother E. J. McDonald and Lonnie Crisp were appointed elders, and Brother Nathan Crisp was appointed deacon.

At the close of the church meeting the newly appointed church board held its first meeting.

A number of other business matters were discussed, including the appointment of a board of property trustees. Brother Elroy Gold, E. J. McDonald, and Nathan Crisp were appointed. Proceedings are under way to purchase a lot for a future building site.

Record Attendance

EUREKA, S. DAK.—The fellowship service on April 13 set a new Sabbath record attendance at the Eureka church when 115 gathered for the all-day services. The Kulm and Alfred, North Dakota, congregations dismissed their services and were well represented in attendance.

Elder Noah Camero of Alfred was the speaker in the morning, and Elder Reuben Moldenhauer brought the afternoon message. Several numbers were presented at each service, and an inspirational service followed Elder Moldenhauer's message.

Spiritual Help

•MARION, IA.—Four nights of revival meetings were of great spiritual help and encouragement as Elder Ray Moldenhauer presented timely messages.

To climax the special meetings, Midwest Bible College students and faculty members presented a special program on Sabbath, April 27, in which music and sermonettes were heard. Two of the instructors, Elders Stanley Kauer and John Kiesz, also added much inspiration with their sermons.

To complete the big day, a song-fest was held after the evening meal, and after the Sabbath there was a time of recreation for both young and old in the YMCA. The whole recreation area of the building was rented so as to create a better atmosphere. The time was well spent with many of the brethren taking part in the various games.

Happy Anniversary

STANBERRY—Elder and Sister R. C. Moldenhauer were surprised by an anniversary party for them on March 31. A beautiful tiered cake had been decorated by Sister Uva Howard, one of Elder Moldenhauer's recent converts. A set of melmac, service for eight, was given to them as a gift from the local people.

State Conference Meeting

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.—The Colorado State Conference met here on April 13. An all-day meeting was held with Elder Archie Craig preaching in the morning and evening services. There was a basket lunch at noon, served in the yard of Brother

and Sister Floyd Wishart.

The young people had charge of the afternoon service, at which time Elder Delvin O'Banion gave the message. Some very good musical numbers were presented.

The state board business meeting followed the evening church service.

Revival and Youth Rally

CLAREMORE, OKLA.—Elder O. T. Whitten held a revival here, starting April 21 and ending April 27 with a youth rally on the 27th. There was a good attendance for the revival, and also for the youth rally.

Birthday Party

HARRISBURG, OREG.—The young people sponsored a social on April 20. It was called a birthday party for all. Those who attended gave a penny for each year they were old. A total of \$12.86 was received. This will be used for a scholarship to summer youth camp.

Baptismal Service

CLAREMORE OKLA.—On the 13th of April the local group went to the water's edge where Brother Stuff was baptized, and rose to start out to live a life of service to God.

Recreation in High School Gym

NORTH SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—On March 30, the young people were host to an evening of recreation at the Peter Lassen Junior High School gymnasium. Brother Harvey Fischer is a teacher there; this is how it is possible to obtain the use of the building.

Young people from Stockton and Lodi joined with local young people

for an evening of volley ball, basket-ball, and a good time in general. The gymnasium is rather large and even the smallest youngster had a "ball."

A Good Sign

MARION, IA.—The financial support of local and national projects by the group here is a good sign of their love for the gospel. The church has almost met its United Fund goal, besides supporting a half-hour radio-broadcast every week and other local projects.

Attend Fellowship Meeting

PETERSBURG, MICH.—Most of the local brethren attended the Fellowship Meeting at the Christ Our Righteousness (7th Day) Church on Sabbath afternoon, April 27. Elder Lidell was the guest speaker.

All enjoyed the good music and the talks.

Good Food for the Soul

FRESNO, CALIF.—Beginning with April 13, Elder Wesley Walker was the speaker in the Sabbath day services for two Sabbaths straight. He brought wonderful sermons. On the 13th he spoke on "Leaven, a Type of Sin," and on the 20th the topic of his sermon was "Onward with God." At each service there was an altar service and a good testimony meeting.

Half Century Together!

STANBERRY—Brother and Sister Lester Allis were honored on April 21 for their golden wedding anniversary, which was April 20. At eleven o'clock in the morning a preaching service was held in the chapel. At

noon, a basket lunch was enjoyed in the church basement. Punch and cake were served in the afternoon to the callers. And that was followed by a program on the theme, "That Wonderful Year," bringing back many songs and memories from 1913 when the honored couple were married.

Sale for VBS

CLAREMORE, OKLA.—On April 11 the Lydia Group had a bake sale and bargain sale to raise money for Vacation Bible School.

A Quartet of Workers

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.—A concentrated effort is being made to spread the Word of God by the three churches in this area. Brother R. C. Mangles in New Jersey, Brother Jerry Lee and Sister Imogene Walter in Hempstead, and Elder Eric Mattis in the Bronx are all trying to interest more people in the church by distributing tracts and conducting Bible study classes.

In the Pastor's Absence

NORTH SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—Elder E. A. Straub brought a soul-stirring message, entitled "An Abundant Entrance," on April 20 in the absence of Elder Haeger. Many thoughts of the evils of the present day were brought out. At the conclusion of the sermon many went to the altar for an enjoyable blessing to all.

Business for God

HARRISBURG, OREG.—The annual church meeting was held April 13. The secretary gave a summary of the year's activities and projects, showing good progress in the church.

In the election Brother Theo Mc-

Gill was renamed as first elder and Brother Francis Haffner as second elder. Brother Numan Haffner was re-elected as deacon.

Other officers for the following year include Brother Anton Kaynor, deacon; Sister Agnes Haffner, secretary; and Sister Esther Dailey, treasurer.

Fellowship with Spring Vale

PETERSBURG, MICH.—Spring Vale students from here visit the home church whenever possible. It is always a blessing to have them, plus the students they bring home with them.

Some of the local people attended the Friday night services at Spring Vale when Brother Garland Brunson was there holding a revival.

Money for the Master

STANBERRY—A rummage sale on April 26 netted the local women's Missionary Circle approximately \$150. A portion of this amount is to go to the National Women's Association.

Among their other projects, the women plan to sponsor two young people to the youth camp near Joplin, Missouri, this summer.

Once-a-month Special

THREE RIVERS, TEX.—April 27 was the time for another glad occasion since Brother and Sister Melvin Sweet were with the brethren for a service. Brother Sweet's evening sermon was "Life, and How We Live It." The Scripture reading was from Matthew 19.

Prospective Minister

DALLAS, TEX.—Elder K. C. Walker recently called on a man here who desires to attend Midwest Bible College. It is hoped that he will prove to be good material for the college. He desires membership with the church, having been baptized by Elder Archie Craig of Denver some time ago.

Baptized Radio Listener

AUSTIN, TEX.—Elder K. C. Walker planned a baptismal service for a sister here recently. She is a listener to Faith for Our Time and his local radio program. The baptism was postponed since the sister was sick when Elder Walker arrived.

Others here show an interest in the message of truth besides the regular members.

District Five Camp Meeting

Dover Camp Grounds

Off Highway 81

Dover, Oklahoma

Sunday evening, July 21 — Saturday evening, July 27

For a week of wonderful fellowship plan to attend this meeting on our own camp grounds, five miles east of Dover, Oklahoma. Meals will be served in the dining hall three times daily at as near cost as possible. Plenty of dormitory room is available on the grounds, as well as room for tents and trailers. Cabins and hotels are available in nearby towns.

Make plans now to attend.

Sermons by Visiting Minister

LANE, OKLA.—It was the opportunity of the local group to hear Brother Ross Johnston from Claremore bring two wonderful sermons: one on Friday night, April 12, another on Sabbath morning, April 13, and a third on Friday night, April 19, following a wedding, which is announced in the marriage column.

Added to the Church

FARMVILLE, N. C.—On April the sixth the church met for an all-day meeting. Elder Olson was present to deliver the messages. During the program of the day two persons united with the church and were baptized.

New Songbooks

EUREKA, S. DAK.—The local congregation received a new set of hymnals, "Hymns of Truth, Number Two," at the beginning of April. They are a real asset to the services, since the old books were badly worn and contained many unscriptural hymns. The local women's group donated \$25 on this purchase.

Visiting Spanish Minister

FRESNO, CALIF.—On April 20 Elder E. A. Straub came for the services. Elder Adame, the Spanish-speaking minister from Sacramento, was with him. Elder Adame spoke to the group and promised to return and bring his young folks to sing for the services.

Literature Distribution

CLAREMORE, OKLA.—As a part of their activity for the month, a few of the youth distributed some literature in the country north of the city.

All-day Meeting

JOPLIN, MO.—There were 25 present for the all-day meeting on April 27. Brother and Sister Ivan Harlan, their two girls, and a visitor from Fort Smith, Arkansas, were here.

After lunch a youth program was enjoyed.

Saturday night Brother Harlan preached the first night of the revival. It continued on through Wednesday night.

Welcomed Visitors

BASSETT, NEBR.—Sisters Winnie Adams and Ora Haeber of Hawthorne, California, spent one Sabbath in fellowship with the little group here. They were once residents of Bassett when they were known as the McCance girls.

For the last Sabbath of April, Brother Max Morrow and family and Brother and Sister Ed Lewin all of Stanberry, Missouri, were present for the service. They had brought Sister Morrow's parents home, Brother and Sister Ora Litz, who were also in the services. Both Brothers Morrow and Lewin gave interesting talks after Sabbath school. Brother and Sister Lewin also sang a couple of specials which were enjoyed very much.

CAN YOU HELP US?

We are missing copies of the Junior Sabbath School Quarterly for the third quarter of 1961. We urgently need copies of this quarterly to complete our files. If you have a copy, would you please make it available to us? It makes no difference if the copy has been used. Send to: Church of God Publishing House, Stanberry, Missouri. Thank you.

Successful Rummage Sale

MARION, IA.—The local women have made wonderful progress, the last project being a rummage sale which totaled over \$125. Half of this amount is to be sent to Foreign Missions and the other half towards the Searchlight Bible Course.

Blessed Messages

STOCKTON, CALIF.—In the absence of the pastor, who was conducting services in Fresno at the time, the local congregation enjoyed the sermons of other brothers. On Sabbath, the 13th, the church was blessed by the message, "Sins of Sodom and

Gomorrah" by Elder E. A. Straub. The Spirit of God moved upon the group and two souls repented of their sins.

Then, on Sabbath, April 20, the church was blessed with the sermon by Brother Harvey Fischer, entitled "Be Satisfied with What You Are."

Women's Meeting

SAN ANTONIO—The San Antonio Women's Association held their monthly meeting on April 21. The highlight of the meeting was the secretary's report, showing a donation of \$223.32 to the church building fund.

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Diligently Seeking

FRESNO, CALIF.—Two Mexican sisters from Visalia were present in the home of Sister Dora Bailey for the Lord's Supper. They could not speak or understand English, but the older lady's son was with them and interpreted for them. They sang "No, Not One" in their language. It was beautiful.

They went to a lot of trouble to find out where they could take the Lord's Supper. They first wrote to Elder Padilla, and he sent them Sister Bailey's address. Then they called to seek directions. They brought along two young girls and two sons.

Silent Ministry

NEW AUBURN, WISC.—Again last month a large group of FYCers canvassed a nearby town of nearly 3,000 people, spreading gospel tracts from door to door. They have faith to believe that God will bless their efforts and bring forth fruit for His Kingdom.

"Radio Fruit"

FORT WORTH, TEX.—A visit here by Elder K. C. Walker just recently revealed some new interest. One young man with a wife and baby desires baptism and offers to help in any way he can to promote the truth in his city. One member lives there already. She is fruit of Faith for Our Time radio programs.

Youth Rally

ELMIRA, OREG.—The Oregon FYC Rally was held April 16. The program was based on the Ten Commandments, showing how "bad influ-

ence" strives to win the "good influence" and the decision is left up to each individual.

Spiritual Transfusion

KANSAS CITY—The local church received new blood in March as three people took up fellowship with the brethren. The group is happy to welcome Brother and Sister Roland Inman and Sister Adeline Ricketts into the family of God.

Annual Birthday Banquet

NEW AUBURN, WISC.—Members and friends of the church family here celebrated their birthdays at the annual birthday banquet last month. The gala event was held in the church basement.

An offering of \$23.42 for Foreign Missions was cheerfully given in praise and thanksgiving to God for His love and His care to all throughout the past year.

Relief Speakers

LODI, CALIF.—On the 13th and 20th of April when Elder Walker went to Fresno and Visalia to minister

HATS OFF!

Special commendation is due District Two (the Dakotas and Montana) for their generous gift of \$1,000 to the United Fund. This is doubly praiseworthy since District Two already heads the list for per capita giving in the General Conference. This gift was in excess of the district's already-high United Fund goal.

to the brethren there, guest speakers filled the pulpit here. Elder E. A. Straub spoke on the 13th, and Brother Harvey Fischer from North Sacramento spoke on the 20th. Everyone appreciated the good messages and admonition given.

Service for Old Folks

CURTIS, NEBR.—The church group here, previously known as the Farnam Sabbath School, held a program at the Sunset Haven Rest Home late in April. The program was well received and seemed to be appreciated by all.

Growing Interest

HOUSTON, TEX.—Services were conducted recently on a Sabbath in Pasadena, a suburb. Interest is growing slowly, but enough to keep up hope in the work in this city. Elder K. C. Walker is the one who is primarily responsible for cultivating the work.

Missionary Work Appreciated

OLIVEHURST, CALIF.—The little group here is grateful to Brother and Sister Israel Haeger and many of the young people, also Sister Gordan (about the oldest member in the North Sacramento church) for their very faithful visits each Sabbath afternoon to help in the services.

Welcomed in the Services

SAN ANTONIO—The Spanish-speaking brethren are happy to have Elder E. Bernal and his wife back. They spent the past several months in Denver doing evangelistic work among the Spanish brethren there.

The group also enjoys having a

young sister, Marie Magdalena Mendez, from Loredo, Mexico.

Meeting of the Ladies

BASSETT, NEBR.—The missionary ladies met with Sister Neva Leonard for their meeting in April. The devotional study was on the word *charity*.

Recently the ladies sent \$25 to Midwest Bible College.

Chili Feed

ELMIRA, OREG.—A chili feed, sponsored by the local FYC, proved not only enjoyable but profitable. The proceeds, \$63.10, are to be used for the building fund.

Selling Watkins Products

STOCKTON, CALIF.—The ladies have been selling Watkins products to help with reaching the local church budget.

Enjoyable Midweek Studies

NAMPA, IDA.—The brethren here are enjoying the studies Brother Bill Blankinship has been presenting at the midweek meetings and on each Sabbath. Both Brother and Sister Blankinship are a help to the group, and their services are greatly appreciated, even though only for a time during the spring.

Filling In During Revivals

FORT SMITH, ARK.—While the pastor, Brother Ivan Harlan, held revivals at other places for two weeks, other ministers took charge of the preaching services here. Then the young people had charge of one service, too. After special music, group

singing, and readings, a short sermon was delivered by Brother Travis Woodruff who recently gave himself to the Lord.

Faithful Attendance

CLARKSTON, WASH.—The Lewiston, Idaho—Clarkston, Washington, Sabbath school missed only one meeting last quarter. That was on February 2 and was because of sickness. Fifteen visitors attended the services during the quarter, bringing the average attendance up to nine.

On the ninth of March Elder Nathan Straub and family, and Brother Carl Knott and family were present.

Prayer of Faith Still Effective

BONO, ARK.—Special prayer has been made for the little Smith girl who was diabetic from birth. She re-

cently was taking 12 units of insulin, morning and evening. Her doctor said she could never be without her shots. Now she is taking very small doses, and that only once a day.

Another little boy of ten can hear only high tones like a whistle. He, too, is being prayed for by the brethren.

Putting Money to Use

FRESNO, CALIF.—The ladies' group, The Willing Workers, sent \$40 to the Free Tract Fund recently. They also sent \$40 to help with Elder Freeman's radiobroadcasts over KTRB. Money is no use in the bank.

Our Captured Schools

KANSAS CITY—At a recent midweek Bible study, under the direction of Elder Christenson, a lady from an-

WHEN YOU MOVE . . . TELL US

We are not trying to be nosy—just helpful. And we want you to help us. When you expect to change your address, and you know what your new address will be, please notify us about 3 weeks in advance. To help us make the change properly, please state your old address and when the change should become effective. If you plan to move to a distant location and you don't know what the address will be, just ask us to hold your papers until you can notify us of the new address.

Undelivered papers, returned to us by the Post Office, cost us 10¢ each whether the Post Office has the addressee's new address or not. Third class mail (such as circulars and subscription reminders) so returned cost us 8¢ each.

A month ago we made a mailing to 1,076 church members who are not presently subscribers. Of these, 85 have been returned thus far because they were undeliverable (and we had used this same file not too many months back). Incidentally, this mailing was a letter to encourage folks to subscribe to some of the papers. And how many have responded thus far? Fifteen!

Do you have a solution to this problem? We are getting bald—scratching our heads too much, I guess.

other denomination showed some enlightening films on how the public schools are becoming dominated by a religious sect.

Signs of Enthusiasm

DELAPLAINE, ARK.—Spring cleaning is all done at the church here, as the brethren met last month and washed windows and seats, and cleaned the floor.

Brother Harlan and family were back on the third for his monthly appointment. Wonderful services were enjoyed on Friday night and again on the Sabbath.

A new man is now attending the services regularly. He seems to be interested in the truth.

Busy Ladies

ALFRED, N. DAK.—April was a busy month for the ladies of the local church. The project of laying the carpet runners down the church aisles was completed. The church looks even more attractive with the carpet.

On the 27th the women had a bake sale and fancy goods sale. Lunch was also served in the evening. The lunch consisted of tortillas, hot beef weiners, cake, pie, cookies, coffee, and kool-aid. The sale netted \$59.55.

FYC Organ Fund Project

NEW AUBURN, WISC.—The local FYC sponsored a box social (supper) last month and brought in over \$90, which will be added to their fund for an organ for the church. A local brother, Jule Weir, served as auctioneer for this fun-filled event held in the town hall nearby.

Pre-Lord's Supper Services

BASSETT, NEBR.—Brother and Sister Emmett Presler and Brother and Sister Alex. F. Dugger came on Thursday before the Lord's Supper and held services each evening through Sunday night. It had been so long since any special meetings had been held here that it did everyone "worlds of good."

District Nine Annual Camp Meeting

JULY 10—13

Spring Vale Academy

Route 47

Owosso, Michigan

Write for room reservations: Mrs. Floyd Turner, Route 5, Owosso, Michigan

Phone for room reservations: SA 3-1127, Owosso, Michigan

Meals will be served in the Academy dining room at reasonable rates. Beds in the dormitories can be used at the rate of 75¢ per night, but bring your own bedding. Motels and cabins are available in the Owosso area. Space is also available on the grounds for trailers and tents.

Spend a delightful vacation in "America's Water Wonderland." Attend every service of the camp meeting. It starts Wednesday morning, July 10, at 10:00 a.m. and concludes Saturday night, July 13. Be inspired every evening with the evangelistic preaching and good gospel music. Everyone will enjoy a daily program for all ages, children, youth, and adults.

To Solve All Problems

THERE is a solution to the church's problems. Yes! That is what I mean—a solution to ALL our problems, the many problems we are plagued with, but above all the problem of unity.

Some will contend that it is God's will that the Church (His Church) be divided. Not so! This sort of reasoning is neither Scriptural nor logical. But where does the fault lie? With God or with man? The fault, my brethren, lies solely and positively with *you* and *me*—with every member of the church.

But what is the solution? It is very short and simple: prayer and fasting of the church as a whole. Yes, prayer and fasting, this is our only hope.

Specifically, I would like to see *all* the leaders of the churches of God meet in one place, under one roof, and stay there, praying and fasting, until victory from God comes—until the place is “shaken with the power of the Holy Spirit.” Let them remain there until God has spoken and answered all questions and given the solution to all problems.

And while the leaders are there, fasting and praying, let the church as a whole be fasting and praying. Let this be done until victory is won, no matter how long it takes. Whether it be one day, two, three, or a week, let every member fast and fervently pray. Oh, what glorious victories would be ours! The power that would be bestowed on the Church of God to witness to the world would be limitless. We would surely see “mountains” moved.

How long will we wait? “Mr. K's” son-in-law visited the Vatican recently, and the Communists now say there can be peaceful co-existence with the Roman Catholic Church! Castro has said his differences with the Vatican have been cleared up! How quickly prophecy is being fulfilled. Therefore, I say, it is now or never!

Call a solemn assembly. Afflict your soul. And beseech God for His kind mercies. Tell your pastor and leaders you want to see a general fast if you are concerned about this problem. Awake, O Church of God! Awake now or forever sleep!

Are you going to stand before the judgment bar of God divided and empty-handed, at least relatively empty-handed? What excuse will we use? Will we say we did not have enough time? Oh, but we surely have wasted more than enough time already. When are we going to become Christian people of action instead of just words?

Awake, brethren, and let us go to work for God before Christ comes and finds us standing—talking.—*Charles Ward*

Debt Free and Growing

The Church of God (7th Day) had its noticeable beginning in Kansas City in 1944. There were less than a dozen active members here at that time who helped make up the nucleus of the work. That year at the camp meeting at Stanberry Brother Burton Rodgers suggested to Brother John Westfall that a Sabbath school be started in Kansas City. The suggestion was well taken. Members were contacted and the next Sabbath several met in the Westfall home.

For several weeks Sabbath school was held in different homes, but a more suitable place was needed. An I.O.O.F. hall at 812 Westport Road was rented. Services had been held there about a year when the attendance began to increase. The church was then organized by Elder B. F. Marrs. Preaching services were conducted twice a month by ministers from Stanberry who came to fill the pulpit without pay (except for mileage) from the small local group.

In the spring of 1949 Elder W. T. McMickin moved to Kansas City and served as pastor for about a year. He had also preached here a while before moving to the city. Later, when Elder B. F. Marrs moved to St. Joseph in the winter of 1952 he preached at both the St. Joseph and Kansas City churches for a while. The church grew and a full-time minister was desired.

In 1954 Elder Ennis Hawkins was hired to be the Kansas City Church of God pastor.

In 1955, Elder R. C. Moldenhauer moved to the city and pastored the church for several years. The work grew and in 1957 a stone building was purchased for \$15,000. It was, at the time of purchase, being used for church services, but remodeling work needed to be done besides a sandblasting job on the exterior. Brethren donated time in doing much of the work.

Before Elder L. L. Christenson moved here in 1961 to serve as pastor, Elder Roland Pedersen had ministered to the church for the greater part of a year.

The church is at a very good location two blocks west of Broadway at the intersection of 36th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue (at the edge of the Valentine shopping center). The

The Kansas City church building





The spinet piano and electric organ

property is now worth about twice the original cost to the brethren, and the debt has all been paid.

The present remodeling project in the basement is to furnish finished classrooms for Sabbath school classes, and the long task is about half done. Only a little help has been hired so far. (A kitchen will occupy one section of the basement.)

Last summer the young group paid for sanding and finishing the chapel floor, and before this it sponsored and raised the funds to purchase an electronic organ. It has supported a missionary in India for two years and continues to do so.

The women's Mustard Seed Circle has contributed in several ways to the attractiveness of the church's interior. In the chapel itself they provided draperies for the area behind the pulpit and decorated an arch-shaped window behind the pulpit in various colors to resemble stained glass. The pulpit itself was built by Brother John Westfall, from materials purchased by the Mustard Seed Circle. Brother Westfall donated his labor. They made a \$75 donation toward the purchase of the organ bought in 1961

by the young people's group, and in 1962 they purchased a new piano for the chapel which was paid for by bake sales, a chili supper and surprise package auction, individual offerings, and a donation from the young people's group.

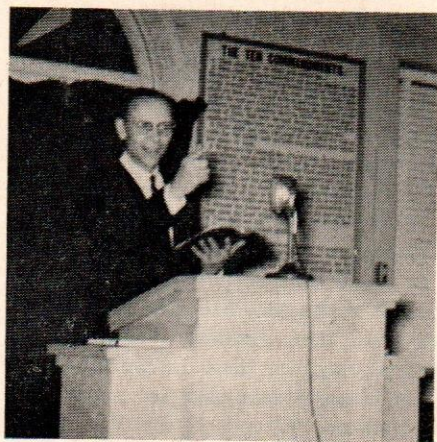
In the nursery, the women painted six bunk-type cribs, painted the walls, and made curtains for the windows. They also painted and made curtains for one of the classrooms. As soon as the basement remodeling is completed the women plan to campaign for kitchen furniture and equipment.

In the Sabbath school there are seven classes. Bible study is conducted Wednesday evenings. Vacation Bible School has been conducted in previous years, but because of the youth camp which many of the children will be having a part in this summer, it is likely that the local church will not conduct V.B.S.

The Kansas City Church of God enjoys being a part of the Northwest Missouri fellowship which includes the St. Joseph and Stanberry churches.

God is to be thanked for the progress of the Church of God in Kansas City during its less than 20-year history. The zeal of the brethren is to reach out to more and more of the thousands in the area.

Elder L. L. Christenson



News from the Departments

"Come and Teach Us"

FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Our hearts are often heavy because of the pleas of so many for someone to "come and teach us." Hungry souls thirsting for the knowledge of Christ, the only hope of salvation. But in the shadows of spiritual starvation a ray of hope shines forth, sometimes in a very small group, far removed from personal guidance, but being sustained and led by a Greater Power to carry the Word of God to more remote places. This we count as joy and we share with you a letter by Elder Exequiel Barangot, who is one of such a group in the Philippines.

"Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name. I received your letter a few days ago. We are very glad to hear that you still remember us here in this country.

"I read your letter to our brothers and sisters the first Sabbath after I received it. The brethren were very glad to hear that plans were being made to extend assistance to the foreign work in the countries such as the Philippines. That idea is the dream of our brethren for many years now. For we need your personal assistance in establishing our work or expanding the work of the Church of God here in the Philippine Islands.

"I'm sure God wants to see His people in unity and in order so that they will have strength to overcome the evil forces of this world.

"As far as I have observed, brethren, with the help of God, personal assistance of the American brethren is much needed in promoting the work of the real, true Church of God here in these islands. Of course, we are trying our best in working for the Master's sake; but we need your assistance. . . .

"A few days ago we went to Cota Bato with my brother Jacinto, to visit some of our relatives. There on the way I distributed tracts, the ones I received from Sister Ora. Besides distributing these tracts, I was able to give a short Bible study to a group of people while we were standing by waiting for a ride home. That was in Tacorong Town market.

"Tacorong Cota Bato is a busy town and the words of God must need to be planted there.

"While on this trip we passed many busy towns, especially that of Cota Bago, where our doctrine is not known. I realized the truth of 'the words of God must need to be planted' in those places. But one thing hinders us sometimes is our living conditions which do not permit us to visit these places very often. However I promised to visit them again someday.

"Lastly may the Lord hear our prayers, bless His words planted in the hearts of people in and out of the church, bless His works and workers and all of the members of His body—especially those who are weak and weary—to give them courage in the faith. And above all may the Holy Spirit abide in us to guide us in our daily lives. . . ."

Brother Barangot adds a postscript, listing some of the needs, which in-

clude the following: Good used clothing is needed for men, women and children. For his further studying he wishes some reference books, a concordance, a Bible (especially one with dates), and a copy of *The Harvest Field Messenger* so that he may know the progress of the work of the church and also serve to encourage the brethren there. He requests also some song books ("Hymns of Truth") for the young people there. (Note: any one wishing to contribute to these needs, please contact your Foreign Missions Dept., 5409 Grant Avenue, Carmichael, California.)

Another area that we have not reported on for some time is Trinidad. Since we last reported concerning Trinidad they have had a conference which was held in February. In a letter from Elder Hubert Weekes he gives us a report of their Conference. We are happy to share the letter with you:

"Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

"Our work here has reached the place where we need a trained minister from the United States to direct the ministers who serve here now into the right and proper methods of approach to the work as regards to planning, organization and ministerial approach. This is not to say that we are utterly unable to carry on the work; but you see, all other churches are headed by a trained minister and as a result make a better showing, at least, than we are able to make. This is solely because their ministers are quite well educated and are thus recognized. But not one of our ministers is trained. We have had to learn by the process of trial and

error, but this will not do for these days.

"We see our future very discouraging indeed if we cannot have at least one trained minister with energy and drive to give the local work a real surge forward to victory. We face other Sabbath-keeping people who, you may well know, have colleges where they train all their ministers. So how do you imagine we look before them? It is not that we cannot represent the doctrine well, but we need the trained leadership which will enable us to move out forward of this group here.

"Our headquarters we have planned to build will have quarters for a trained minister from the United States who will lead in the work here. There is wide despair here over the lengthy delay on the part of the Church in the U.S. to properly set the work in order. . . .

"On Feb. 10, 1963, the ministers and most of the members of our Trinidad Conference of the Church of God (7th Day) met at our church building at Morvant for the purpose of organizing the National Young People's Organization. The meeting was presided over by the overseer, Elder Wilfred Saunders. It was at this meeting that the overseer announced the plans he had in mind for the young people. He expressed his desire to see a goodly number of young people baptized and take their places, having a leading role in the work of the church. So the meeting continued and a proper young people's organization was formed.

"Yesterday, Sunday the 31st of March, as a direct result of that plan, twelve young people were baptized. A very large gathering of brethren and friends assembled at the river-

side in the Santa Cruz Valley to witness the baptism of these twelve young Christians.

The service was a very inspiring one, conducted by Brother A. Thomas, Deacon of the Comunto church. We sang two hymns after which the services were started with the singing of a third hymn. This was followed with prayer by the leader himself. Scripture reading was read by Elder W. Saunders. Then the message was delivered by the writer, who gave a sermon on "Sin and Its Danger," and warned the candidates to allow the new birth to stay with them. He also questioned them as to what sin is and outlined the Ten Commandments showing that it is a sin to break any one of them. After this the leader led the hymn, "Just As I Am," as the candidates gathered to the water's edge where they awaited the call of Elder Richard Lindo, the minister who performed the baptism.

"All in all the work here is on the move. Last year we began and established work in D'Abadie, a central eastern location. Thus, we now have

four branches instead of three in the island.

"But we are still very much in need of our headquarters building which we all anxiously are expecting to see go up before long.

"In the field we have only one full-time minister. This means our activities cannot be very extensive. We hope and pray that you will do your best to help us increase our witnessing force. Our monthly financial assistance from you in the U.S.A. comes for about eight or nine months of each year; and though we are very glad and thankful for it, we have to bite into our building fund to pay our worker for the other three or four months of each year.

"Also we need a National Radio Program for the spreading of the Word of God here in Trinidad, but with a trained minister this will come as a natural action. We have every reason to believe that you will heed this request and that the brethren in the U.S.A. will desire to help us here in the work of Christ. We want someone down here to stay and to lead out in the work of God. Please do not tell us no. . . ."

In response to calls such as the one above, your Foreign Missions Departmental Committee is active, planning means of sending ministers to these various foreign countries. Ministers have been contacted and some have agreed to go. Now it is up to each individual member of the Church of God to make this plan a reality. Soon you will receive instructions as to how you may help support this great work. May you very prayerfully consider this plan and the need of a minister to go to the foreign brethren to help them, and give as you are led to give.—*Grover D. Davis, Chairman*

MEMORIAL LOAN FUND

Faithful Servant Memorial Fund is the name chosen by the Memorial Fund Committee. This is a loan fund for Midwest Bible College ministerial students, started by the National Women's Association shortly after the sudden death of Elder Carl Stacy.

Watch for further announcements about this fund.

Contributions for this fund or questions about it should be sent to the Women's Association treasurer, Opal Coulson, Route 1, Spencer, Ohio.

Services, an Outstanding Feature

MIDWEST BIBLE COLLEGE

Special church services were an outstanding feature of life at Midwest during April. These began with Consecration Services the evenings of April 3, 4 and 5. Elder S. J. Kauer, Director of the College, presented the special pre-Lord's Supper messages. These dealt with the theme "God and His People," first in Old Testament times, second in the days of Christ and the apostles, and third in our own time, emphasizing what it means to be a member of this company. The services were well at-

tended and it was felt that a blessing was gained.

On Sabbath, April 6, the college group attended the all-day fellowship meeting held in the Stanberry church. The students took part in various ways, including the singing of a special number by the choir.

The students met with others of the church on Sunday evening, April 7, for the Lord's Supper and the foot washing service. This is a time when we show our faith in salvation through Christ by outward actions in accordance with the teachings of the Bible. The two senior students, Garland Brunson and Alfred Walter, assisted

SUPPORT THE TRACT FUND FAITHFULLY

In the past months and years there has been a steady flow of tracts out of the publishing house and into the various regions of the vast harvest field. This is as it should be. We are grateful for every tract we can make available to help win and direct souls to Christ.

Of course, everyone realizes that to keep tracts on the shelves and available for distribution, it is necessary for periodical re-printings. Of the more popular tracts we need to make fairly large printings about once a year—some more often, others less often. Therefore, even when there are months when no new titles are added to our list, there still are large expenditures in reprintings.

Thus far in the month of May, for example, we have printed four different, fairly large, pamphlet tracts; and we expect to print two more before the end of the month. The tract fund balance of \$878 on hand at the beginning of this month will not be sufficient to cover the expense of printing these six pamphlet tracts, plus half-time salary for the chairman of the Literature Committee.

We are counting on our brethren to help meet these continual needs. You have done very well in the past and the needs have been met; we feel certain that this will continue. May the Lord bless you for your help.

the local pastor, Elder R. C. Moldenhauer, in conducting the service.

Sabbath, April 27, was a time when the college group was widely separated in attending different church all-day meetings. Six of the students along with others of the Stanberry church attended services at Marion, Iowa. This church is pastored by Elder W. J. Kuryluk who is a graduate of Midwest. Sermons were delivered by Elders Kiesz and Kauer and the college group presented the afternoon youth service on the theme "Living for Christ in Our Time."

Two of the students and their families attended the all-day meeting at Claremore, Oklahoma, where Elder O. T. Whitten was holding evangelistic meetings. Three other students and the wife of one, attended the all-day meeting at McAlester, Oklahoma, where Elder Trinidad Padilla was holding meetings.

All returned safely and reported good meetings with the blessings of God.

May will be another month filled with activities which will culminate in the graduation day program on May 25. These will include Sabbath school, followed by the Baccalaureate service with the sermon by Elder K. H. Freeman. There will be a special college program in the afternoon. In the evening after sundown the Commencement program will be held with an address by Elder A. B. Craig. The two seniors will be presented with diplomas and also will be dedicated for the gospel ministry. Many visitors are expected for the day and everyone is welcome to come.

The College Bulletin, announcing plans and giving information for next school year, will be ready to send out

soon. It will be sent to prospective students who are now on our list, and to all others upon request.

Friends and relatives are also invited to send the names and addresses of young people who may be interested in attending Midwest. Address: Midwest Bible College, Stanberry, Missouri.—S. J. Kauer, Director

A Look at the First Quarter

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Looking over the Sabbath school reports for the first quarter of 1963, I find they are encouraging. One thing is lacking—not enough Sabbath schools are reporting.

I wonder if it is because we are not giving the composite report as we at one time did. We would like to have your quarterly reports, for they give information to the Sabbath school department that is vital in helping plan some of our work as your servants, the Sabbath School Departmental Committee.

I note that some of the Sabbath schools reporting have had good increase over the last reports. I did get new reports this time that I had never received before. On the other hand, some did not report who generally do give reports of their Sabbath school activities. Michigan, Oklahoma and California have the highest number reporting.

Whether your number is one hundred or more, or whether it is 10 or less, we are just as interested in your Sabbath school and its success as we are in any number. It thrills us to get reports of new Sabbath schools, even though they are few in number.

We appreciate your words of encouragement to us as you send in

your reports, and we are glad that you like your quarterly lessons; but we hope to make them better as we go along in our work. Your suggestions are welcome.

If you are a representative of a Sabbath school and have not been reporting each quarter to the head of the Sabbath School Department, why don't you do that next time? I would like to hear from you.

—K. C. Walker, Chairman

IN MEMORIAM

Sister Isabel Salazar was born in Nobazolo, Mexico, on March 3, 1903, and passed away on April 12, 1963. She was a member of the Church of God from 1962 until the time of her death. Survivors include her husband, five sons, one daughter, and 11 grandchildren.

Elder John H. Anderson of near Albany, Missouri, passed away April 24 at his home, being 82 years old. Brother Anderson will be remembered by readers of the papers for his contributions to the church publications under the title "Signs of the Times," which he faithfully circulated by local newspaper and leaflets.

In 1929 Brother Anderson united with the Church of God (7th Day) and for many years was a credentialed minister of the gospel. In recent years he had retired ministerial papers, but he maintained his zeal to carry out the instructions Christ left to His followers: "Ye shall be witness unto me."

Just two days before his death, another of his leaflets reached the editor's desk. Enclosed with the leaflet was an offering for the Lord's work and a short letter in which he commented, "It is wise to give that which you cannot keep to gain

that which you cannot lose."

Survivors include his invalid wife; one son, Elmo; and one daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Noble.

Officiating at the final rites was Elder Edgar Lippincott.

PERSONALS

Brother and Sister Al Brenneise were privileged to entertain Sister Louella's parents, Brother and Sister Weavill from Oregon, during the third week of April.

Brother and Sister Donald Rodgers and baby daughter were back home last month with greetings from the Bloomington, California, church. They attended church in Fort Smith, Arkansas, on two Sabbaths. Four grandparents and five great grandparents were glad to get acquainted with little Janice Ann.

Brother and Sister Noah Camero and family, pastor of the church at Alfred, North Dakota, plan a two-week vacation to go to Michigan during the latter part of May to take in the graduation at Spring Vale Academy. Brother Camero's sister, Julia, will be one of the graduates.

BIRTHS

A son, to Brother and Sister Lloyd Orth of Little Rock, Washington.

A daughter, Cynthia Louvella, to Brother and Sister Dennis Wallen of Elmira, Oregon, on May 1.

A daughter, Jill Marie, to Elder and Sister Robert Coulter of Detroit, Michigan, on May 5.

MARRIAGES

The marriage of Roy Williams and Carol Moore was solemnized the night of April 13 in the home of Carol's parents with Brother Ross Johnston officiating.

The Lane (Okla.) Church of God was the scene of the wedding ceremony for Jerry Malone and LeNell Knight on April 19. Brother Ross Johnston officiated in the ceremony.

The Clayton Street Church of God in Denver was the scene Sabbath evening, April 6, of a lovely wedding in

which Doris Hendershott, daughter of Brother and Sister Cecile Hendershott of Shawnee, Oklahoma, became the bride of Gary Weir, son of Brother and Sister Otis Weir of Boyd, Wisconsin. Elder Delvin L. O'Banion officiated.

Marita Miller, daughter of Brother and Sister Julius Miller of Boise, Idaho, and Michael Andregg of Eagle, Idaho, were united in marriage by Elder Carl Bentz on Thursday evening, April 18. The wedding was at the home of the groom's parents with close relatives of the couple present.

Radio Log

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FAITH FOR OUR TIME

- Canada, Chilliwack, B. C.*
CHWK (1270 kc)—5:30 p.m. Sun.
- Mexico, Monterrey*
XEG (1050 kc)—10:30 p.m. Mon.
- Alabama, Scottsboro*
WROS (1330 kc)—7:15 a.m. Sab.
- Arkansas, Van Buren*
KFDF (1580 kc)—8 a.m. Sun.
- Arkansas, Walnut Ridge*
KRLW (1320 kc)—6:45 a.m. Sun.
- California, Modesto*
KTRB (960 kc)—9 a.m. Sun.
- Colorado, Brighton*
KBRN (800 kc)—9 a.m. Sun.
- Colorado, Grand Junction*
KEXO (1230 kc)—7 p.m. Sun.
- Iowa, Cedar Rapids*
KHAK (1360 kc)—9 a.m. Sun.
- Kansas, Iola*
KALN (1370 kc)—9:15 a.m. Sab.
KALN (1370 kc)—9:15 a.m. Sun.
- Kansas, El Dorado*
KBTO (1360 kc)—9:30 a.m. Sun.
- Missouri, Joplin*
WBMA (1100 kc)—6:05 p.m. Sat.
- Missouri, Maryville*
KNIM (1580 kc)—9:15 a.m. Sun.
KNIM (1580 kc)—12:45 p.m. Sun.
- Missouri, St. Louis*
KXEN (1010 kc)—10 a.m. Sun.
- North Dakota, Jamestown*
KSJB (600 kc)—9:45 a.m. Sun.
- Oklahoma, McAlester*
KTMC (1400 kc)—9 a.m. Sab.
KTMC (1400 kc)—9 a.m. Sun.
- South Carolina, Orangeburg*
WTND (920 kc)—12:45 p.m. Sun.
- Washington, Puyallup*
KAYE (1450 kc)—9:30 p.m. Thurs.
- Washington, Tacoma*
KMO (1360 kc)—9:30 a.m. Sun.
- Wisconsin, Eau Claire*
WEAQ (790 kc)—8:30 a.m. Sun.

June Is Youth Camp Month

Three Camps will be conducted
in the Month of June

First — June 12 - 19 — Oregon

Silver Falls State Park. Write to Elder Rudolph Haffner, Rt. 3, Box 707, Junction City, Oregon, for information.

Second — June 18 - 22 — Missouri

Sagmount Bible Camp, Joplin. Sponsored by Missouri and Oklahoma Conferences. Write to Elden Fischer, 1403 Franklin, Independence, Missouri, for brochure.

Third — June 23 - 30 — Michigan

Caseville Outdoor Center. Write to Elder Robert Coulter, 20100 Omira, Detroit 3, Michigan, for information.

Time is running out! Make your plans
and reservations now!

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CANADA

"Unto the Uttermost Part of the Earth"

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world"

As a part of the Christian charge, it is every individual's responsibility to do a reasonable share to spread the gospel. The apostles were to begin at Jerusalem and then branch out, finally reaching "unto the uttermost part of the earth." This commission was to hold fast "even unto the end of the world."

Now that this mission has been in the process of fulfillment for over 1,900 years, there still are vast portions of the earth that are without the saving message of salvation. The witness still needs to be given, else multitudes of unsaved people will die unsaved.

From every quarter of the globe come urgent "Macedonian calls" for help. Government regulations are becoming stricter by the year. Heathen powers are taking control of the schools. Unconverted officials are filling the offices. The message of God's truth needs to be heralded in the unsaved lands.

The Master said, "Go ye into all the world." This command is for you! It is up to you to see that good news of salvation is spread abroad. By prayers, by offerings, by personal dedication you can do His bidding.

Missions in other lands need your support now as never before.

Missions Abroad Stir Missions at Home