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Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Bow down before Him His glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
Bring, and adore Him; the Lord is His Name!*

*Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
High on His heart He will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.*

*Fear not to enter His courts, in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
Truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on His shrine.*

*These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the Name that is dear,
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.*

—JOHN SAMUEL BEWLEY MONSELL, 1811-75.

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An Inside Look

Summer time has made its usual inroads into church programs, and as a consequence the news items from local churches is lessened in this issue. The news from the departments is also experiencing its usual slump for the season.

This leaves an excellent opening for including more instructional features in the *Messenger*—features like:

“Thinking Mink”

... saving—not for a rainy day but for God’s great sunrise.

Testimony

... helped convince me that anyone with any reasoning power at all could not doubt this church’s teachings.

District Camp Meeting

... together where God was being worshiped in Spirit and in truth.

The Minister’s Wife

... not easy, but it is rewarding in many ways in this life—and in the life to come will bring immortality.

Have You Wondered Why?

... most helpful plan of operation was sought.

Carefully and thoughtfully read each feature, realizing that the summer months are the months of vacations, relaxation, and general “let up” before the vigorous and active months to follow. All instruction gained can soon be applied in gospel work.

Pulse of the Church

Lebanon, Missouri (6/1/64)—I am enclosing one dollar and would like to have the following booklets. I use them to help friends and loved ones to know Jesus and God's plan and will for the world.

Seoul, Korea (6/26/64)—Thank God for your spiritual, life-giving literature, which has brought great comfort. It helps me to follow Christ and rescue many more souls for Christ's glory. . . . Praise God! Now in Korea many are starting to rejoice with us in the truth. Many have been baptized by the Holy Ghost. A total of 144 have been immersed in the eternal Redeemer's name.

Kent, Washington (6/12/64)—I am unemployed and unable to send \$2.00 for "The Harvest Field Messenger," or to help in the radio work. I am so sorry and feel very bad about it. If you are able to send the magazine I would really appreciate it. And I will send a contribution when I am able.

Surrey, England (6/30/64)—I want to say that the Lord has been blessing our efforts in this country, and as a result souls have been added to the church. Because of that we are now placing an order for eighteen more quarterlies, eighteen more Christian Service songbooks, and one "Bible Home Instructor."

If God wills, my husband and myself will be leaving for Africa on the 20th of August to take up mis-

sionary work in that side of the vineyard, as God has impressed us so to do. We will be leaving from here to Nigeria, Lagos; then after that to the Congo. An official letter will be sent to you by my minister here.

St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin (7/3/64)—Please send me the following: "The Punishment of the Wicked," "If a Man Dies—Does He Still Live?" "Danger of Counterfeits," and "World History Foretold." I am interested in prophecy and what the Bible really teaches.

Chadron, Nebraska (7/1/64)—I was handed one of your tracts to read. I would like the following ones you have listed, if I may: "The Change of the Sabbath," "The Return of the Jew and Jerusalem," "The Resurrection of Christ Not on Sunday," and "Has Time Been Lost?"

Grand Rapids, Michigan (8/6/64)—I want to say how much I enjoy "The Harvest Field Messenger." It seems to have so much news that is encouraging. I seem to sense from the articles a growing awareness among the people that we must be about our Father's business. . . .

As a means of building the Free Tract Fund, I have two suggestions: 1) that each congregation sponsor a benefit of some type at least once a year; and 2) that a box be provided in the churches that will be available at all times to receive Tract Fund offerings.

Quest Editorial

by elden w. fischer

"thinking mink"

On Independence Day last month all Americans were aroused to thinking about their many freedoms. To be independent and free is part of the American heritage we treasure. Some, upon graduation from school, know exactly what they want to do with their lives, but many others will start a liberal arts course in September to explore several fields before they decide on a profession. Before a decision is reached, a young man or young lady will usually "think mink." This phrase is short for, "How many luxuries in life will I be able to afford in my profession?"

The church encourages its people to get into jobs with good salaries, for in this way the tithe will be able to support more laborers in the field. Men with sound business principles are needed by the church since offerings (and even tithe) are hard to come by. High salary, however, should by no means be so important that it supersedes Christian principles and robs God of the time due Him. Too

many times the sight of gold leads people into a pit of no return. Good people sweat and toil to save for retirement, but as soon as they breathe their last breath they are as poor as the proverbial church mouse. The dust of a Rockefeller has the same composition as that of the beggar at the pool of Siloam.

To this extent, "think mink"—figure dollars and cents but don't hide behind a tithe receipt when the Lord needs you rather than your money. Give the Lord your "think," not just your "mink."

If you were now to analyze the dust of a Christian (preacher, teacher, evangelist, door-to-door missionary, foreign missionary) and the non-believer, again the composition of their dust or ashes is the same, regardless of their bank accounts. In heaven's bank of real values, the account shows a great difference. The Christian's safe deposit box is heaped with treasures, while the other fellow has only column on column of zeroes and

emptiness. God's bank doesn't close when one closes his eyes the last time. You hold a key to the treasures in the kingdom of God.

*Ashes to ashes, dust to dust;
In God's bank alone your treasures
won't rust.*

*There thieves cannot steal,
God's treasures are real.*

Too many times thoughts of "mink" will crowd out thoughts of greater Christian service. Today in the church we love there is an urgent need for workers. A church building and means of support for a worker are available in many areas where a flock is waiting for a shepherd. Would you suppose that the Lord is not calling enough workers today—or could it be that "mink" calls louder? To answer God's call may mean turning your back on the "mink," but remember the little verse about God's bank in heaven.

For each pastor the Lord calls, He calls teachers, leaders, assistants, and secretaries—all to pray and many to pay. Even though you have not been called to be a pastor you may have been called to serve in one of several other capacities. Not all of these positions reward your checking account, but you'll be saving—not for a rainy day but for God's great sunrise. *Think not mink and work, don't shrink*; add not to God's unemployment problem.

The church's need for more ministers is increasing from New York to California. The call for volunteers on the local fronts is great, and person-to-person witnessing seems to be declining. People go up and down highways and camp along byways, but do we compel them to come in? We need specialists to write and gath-

er materials for children's classes; we need editors; we need teachers at Midwest and Spring Vale; we need printers, lesson writers, youth leaders, youth speakers, evangelists, missionaries in the United States and abroad, librarians, story and article writers, musicians, correspondents, artists, and many more. Why not train and work somewhere in your field until it's your turn to take the pilot's wheel? Our Lord knows the way through a wilderness.

Today's trend toward thinking "mink" has crowded out the church's donation. The offering goes toward payments on a boat or a camper while the tithe goes into the new car that takes the family to church and sometimes away from it. If a young man doesn't accept his contract to work for the Lord before he's married the mortgage on the ranch style home and furniture will take the best twenty years out of the middle of his life. The Lord doesn't want leftover years. *Avoid a "clink" of buying "minks" and sinks. Think!* Lay up your treasures in God's bank.

The idea of reaping without sowing, handouts to those who don't work, and unemployment checks did not originate in the Bible. The Lord can start you at any level, from smiling at visitors and handing out tracts to a position beyond that of king or president. The Lord can transform you into a pastor or evangelist. To answer God's call say, "Lord, rather than waste my life in riotous living or for selfish gain, I give my best to Thee. Use me if You can. Amen." Use what the Lord has given you and go to work.

*Dust to dust, and ashes to ashes;
Men's hearts are known by where
their cash is.*

All ministers are expected to be present for the 1964 session of the Ministerial Council. The opening meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. October 20 in the Church of God at 44th and Clayton streets, Denver, Colorado. In accord with a general conference resolution passed last year, no termination time is set; the session is to continue until all business is taken care of.

What

Another station has been added to the radio log. Radio station KVGB from Great Bend, Kansas, will begin carrying Faith for Our Time on August 30 at 9:30 a.m. It will continue each Sunday thereafter at the same time.

Your free merchandise catalog is waiting to be mailed—when your request is received. This catalog is produced by several Bible and book publishers, as well as manufacturers of other religious items, and made available to the publishing house. The things listed in the catalog that are not handled by the publishing house are marked out. Write for your free copy.

August is a 5-Sabbath month, which means that on the 29th all Sabbath schools and churches will be expected to receive an offering for the Free Tract Fund. If you do not have the privilege of giving your offering at church, you may send it direct to the publishing house.

Elder and Sister Trinidad Padilla still have many of their albums of gospel songs. You may obtain yours

while they last. They are selling the new album for \$4.00 each; or you may get both albums for \$5.00 total.

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You may order by writing to: Elder Trinidad Padilla, 11641 Cedar Avenue, Bloomington, California.

September 7 is registration day at both Spring Vale Academy and Midwest Bible College. Classes will begin in both schools on the 8th. All who wish to attend these schools ought to get their applications

When

sent at once. Spring Vale Academy, Route 5, Owosso, Michigan; phone—SA 5-2391. Midwest Bible College, Box 86, Stanberry, Missouri; phone—SU 3-2435.

Elder Archie M. Stiede, who has been pastoring the Church of God in Tacoma, Washington, has been named to succeed Elder Morrow as editor of "The Bible Advocate" and "The Harvest Field Messenger." The appointment becomes effective as soon as necessary arrangements can be made. A more detailed announcement is to follow next month, along with an introduction of Elder Stiede.

All churches that reached their goals for the United Fund last year (July '63—June '64) should report to the general conference office. A list of these faithful churches is planned for the September "Messenger."

AUGUST 29—LITERATURE DAY SABBATH

The Free Literature program is expanding every year. This is as it should be. Thousands and millions of souls must yet be reached with the gospel message. You can help by distributing tracts—and by giving offerings to the Free Tract Fund. August 29 is Literature Day Sabbath.

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 Steps to Salvation
 The Ordinance of Baptism
 The Second Coming of Christ
 Has Time Been Lost?
 Palestine, Jews and Bible Prophecy
 The Doctrinal Beliefs of the Church of God (7th Day)
 The Ten Commandments
 The Time Element in the Crucifixion and Resurrection
 The Punishment of the Wicked
 Which Day is the Lord's Day?
 Wondrous Grace
 The 1,000-Year Reign
 About Face
 Should the Seventh-Day Sabbath Be Observed?
 The Change of the Sabbath
 The Signs of Our Times
 What Christians Should Know About Easter
 Christmas Investigated
 The Destiny of the Earth... Destroyed or Restored?
 Where Did Christ Go After His Ascension?
 Scriptural Examination of the 1844 Investigative Judgment Doctrine
 Tithes and Offerings
 The Bible and Man's Food
 If a Man Die—
 Does He Still Live?

The Observance of the Lord's Supper
 Which Day Is the Lord's Day?
 Rich Man and Lazarus

Free Leaflets

Our Modern Crime Wave
Bible Baptism
World History Foretold
The Next World Dictator Is the Bible True?
Jesus Is Coming Again
The Only Way Out
Keeping Fit Spiritually
Adam's Apple
A Real Love Story
Forty Reasons Why the Seventh-Day Sabbath Should Be Observed
Faith and Repentance
Legal Advice from Heaven
The End of the Law
God's Libel Suit
The Devil on the Spot
The Law of God Versus The Devil's Scrapbook
Religious Surgery
Danger of Counterfeits
God's Memorial
Two Appointments with God
You Must Meet
The Resurrection of Christ
Not on Sunday
The Return of the Jews
What Must I Do to Be Saved?

Church News

Squeezed Out Last Month

State FYC Meeting

HARRISBURG, OREG.—The Oregon FYC meeting was held on June 6 with a good attendance. A film "Born to Witness" was shown.

The revolving plaque was won the second time in a row by the Marion church for having the most young people present.

New Pastor Moves In

MARION, OREG.—Elder and Sister Israel Haeger and son Milton moved into the parsonage to take up work in the local church. The people extended a warm welcome to the new pastor and family, and look forward to good times together.

Refreshments for Fellowship

PORTLAND, OREG.—The church began on June 6 to serve ades in the church basement after the preaching service each Sabbath. This is to promote fellowship and closeness among those who attend.

Visitors from Afar

HARRISBURG, OREG.—Visitors for the month of June included Brother William Blankinship of Kent, Washington (he delivered the message on Sabbath, June 13); Brother and Sister Arthur Brenneise of Lodi, California; Sister Emma Hoeger of Eure-

ka, South Dakota; Sister Mary Mounts of Springfield, Oregon; and Brother and Sister Kenneth Haffner of Medford, Oregon.

Annual Musical Program

LODI, CALIF.—The Sunshine Choir presented its annual musical program on May 30. The church was well filled, and the youngsters made a wonderful presentation of fourteen beautiful songs, all by memory. The theme of the program was "Tributes of Praise to God and His Wondrous Creation."

There were illustrated readings and a well presented dialogue, entitled "A Miracle that Paid the Debt," besides the musical numbers.

A good offering was received after the program for the Foreign Missions Department.

Also participating in the program were the FYCers, who presented several beautiful numbers. After the program they sponsored a pie and ice cream social in the church basement for the same worthy purpose that the program offering was designated.

Grounds Development

EUREKA, S. DAK.—We are thankful to Sister J. J. Keim who donated ground for future development of church property at the June business meeting. The church voted to pay for water tap, curbing, and gutter for the lot.

FYC Held Fish Fry

NEW AUBURN, WISC.—At lunch time on Sunday, the day of the state conference meeting here, the local FYCers prepared and served a deli-

icious fish dinner. The offering received was used to help meet transportation expenses to the Michigan youth camp.

Many of the fish were caught by the young people during their week-end retreat the week before.

Spring Face-lifting

KANSAS CITY—The congregation is enjoying the new face-lifting given the interior of the chapel this spring. The old dark painted pews have been replaced with newer ones of light finish; the walls have been repainted and the floor polished.

Also, the generosity of two church families made it possible to have an air conditioner installed in the church.

Host Tri-Fellowship Meeting

TOLEDO, O.—In the afternoon of May 16 the Tri-Fellowship Meeting, which consists of several seventh-day churches, was held in the local church. The service was led by Elder S. R. Tedrow.

Many musical numbers were rendered consisting of solos, duets, trios and several instrumentals.

The guest speaker for the program was Brother Edwin Coulson of New London, Ohio. His message on "A Living and Working Faith" proved to be very enjoyable. He used several kinds of seeds as objects to illustrate faith.

All who attended this afternoon service truly received a blessing.

Sponsor Youth

HARRISBURG, OREG.—The Deborah Circle sponsored two youth to the Oregon Youth Camp.

Ex-Pastor Returns

PORTLAND, OREG.—The church was delighted by the visit of the Ray Benight family on June 13. Elder Benight spoke to the congregation on the need for steadfastness.

Elder Benight was pastor of the local church before moving to Nampa, Idaho, where he now pastors the Church of God.

A potluck was served in the basement, and a program was presented in the afternoon.

Elder Benight and his family returned to the youth camp near Silverton later in the evening.

Youth Retreat

NEW AUBURN, WISC.—The local FYCers and their sponsors had the privilege of attending retreat services at the Heavilin cottage on Gull Lake the first week in June. A truly blessed time was spent in meditation and fellowship in God's great outdoors.

Blessed with Visitors

EUREKA, S. DAK.—Visitors during June were Elder Emmett Presler from Denver, Colorado; the Marvin Dais family from Cedar Rapids, Iowa; the LeRoy Dais family from Stanberry, Missouri; the Aaron Dais family and Brother and Sister Art Brenneise from Lodi, California.

Elder Presler and Brother Art Brenneise were guest speakers on Sabbath, June 13; Brother Aaron Dais on June 20th; and Brother LeRoy Dais on June 27th.

Talent Cultivated in VBS

MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA.—From June 8 to 18, Vacation Bible School was

conducted in the local church. On the first day there were 45 enrollees. The number climbed to the fifty's and held close to the fifty mark throughout the school. In the closing program on June 18, forty-seven were recognized with completion certificates.

It certainly was a blessing to see talent cultivated among the young folks of the community.

Much Accomplished in VBS

CLAREMORE, OKLA.—Vacation Bible School was held from June 1 to 12 with 44 enrolled. Hand crafts and wood shop, as well as workbooks, were enjoyed by the students.

Five classes were conducted.

Sister Betty Eddy brought several children from the Tulsa church each morning, a distance of about 30 miles one way.

A nice program was presented the night of June 11, after which the guests viewed the accomplishments of the students. The next day a picnic was held at the Tulsa Mohawk Park and Zoo.

The staff is to be commended for showing such interest in so worthy a program.

Parents Honored

HARRISBURG, OREG.—On May 30 the young people of the church had a program of special songs and poetry in honor of the mothers and fathers. Corsages were presented to the mothers, and boutonnieres to the fathers.

Women Elect Officers

EUREKA, S. DAK.—At their annual meeting in May the ladies elected

new officers as follows; president, Wilma O'Banion; vice president, Delores Fischer; secretary, Florence Dais; treasurer, Mary Fischer; and national committee woman, Ruth Dais.

Visitors at their June meeting were Sisters Oleda Pedersen from Nebraska and Esther Brenneise from California.

The group recently received an 8-piece stainless steel saucepan set by earning Gold Bond points.

They discontinued their monthly meetings for the busy summer months.

Successful VBS

NEW AUBURN, WISC.—Another successful Vacation Bible School was held from June 3 to 10 with 35 boys and girls sharing in the Bible lessons on the Christian's time and talents. Classes were conducted Wednesday through Friday and again Monday through Wednesday giving the teachers six days, with morning and afternoon classes each day, to complete the ten lessons and prepare

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the closing program, which was held Friday evening, June 12.

Fellowship Meeting Held

SANTE FE, N. MEX.—Several of the brethren from the Albuquerque church came here to meet for services on Sabbath, the 27th of June. Brother Gabino Martinez of Albuquerque was in general charge of the services throughout the day. Brother Juan Martinez of the local group taught the adult Sabbath school lesson. Sisters Jo Ann Velarde and Viola Perea were in charge of the children's classes. Elder Archie Craig brought the message following Sabbath school.

Services reconvened in the afternoon, at which time many hymns were sung, both in Spanish and English, as led by Brother Martinez. This was followed by another sermon by Elder Craig.

There are not sufficient members here to have a church, but the few who are here meet occasionally. The brethren from Albuquerque come about once a month for the fellowship.

Out-of-state Guests

MARION, OREG.—On June 13 Elder Israel Haeger of Sacramento, California, was guest speaker for the Sabbath morning worship hour. Elder and Sister Haeger and their son Milton were in Oregon for the youth camp.

Brother and Sister Harvey Fischer and their sons from Sacramento California, were present for services Friday night, June 19, and again Sabbath morning. They had come to Oregon for the youth camp. Brother Fischer spoke in the Friday evening

prayer meeting, explaining some of the needs and functions of the departments of the church with special emphasis on the Foreign Missions Department.

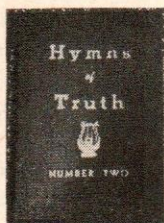
Brother and Sister Marvin Cory and children of Kent, Washington, were guests on Sabbath, June 20.

Rummage Sale

KANSAS CITY—The women's association, the Mustard Seed Circle, held a rummage sale May 21 and 22 in the basement of a hotel in Independence. Profit from the sale was a little over \$70, which will go toward the new pews in the church. The group is also sponsoring two young people to youth camp this month.

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Testimony

*The true testimony
of a 21-year-old young man*

I, like many other young people, have grown up attending a first day church. Where I attended happened to be a Baptist Church; and not knowing the teachings of the Bible, I thought it as good an organization for bringing glory to God and peace to men as any could be.

Once, not too long ago, I started attending a Church of Christ group and due to wrestled-around points of doctrine I believed this organization to be closer to God than the Baptist Church.

Soon, however, I was trying to be a home Christian again, supporting radio programs I thought were the truth. This is leaving yourself wide open for Satan, simply because Christian people need each other's fellowship and a place to meet in the name of Jesus, young and old alike, for there is no respect of persons with God.

One Sunday while riding around listening to the car radio, I heard the Kenneth H. Freeman program. I found out that his sermons were somewhat different, yet he had Bible scriptures to back them up. I began supporting his program and receiving literature. After reading many of the Church of God pamphlets and a great deal of Bible study, many things were being cleared up for me. The Word of God seemed in harmony, not contradicting itself as it sometimes seemed to do.

Elder and Sister John Kiesz visited me at my home and we had a few Bible studies. Elder Kiesz's turning to the Scriptures on any subject I desired, as if he had written them, helped convince me that anyone with any reasoning power at all could not doubt this church's teachings.

I thank God for leading me out of darkness into the light on many Bible doctrines and prophecies still yet future.

I'm hoping for and looking for God to make a great change in my life, to do His service, feeling peace within.

Having fellowship with Church of God people has been a boost in helping me work out my own salvation.

I hope many more will come to it for guidance into the truth in these last days.

Richard Trigg, St. Louis, Mo.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."

Honor Roll

GRADUATES FROM SENIOR HIGH

Duane Schlenker
Stanberry, Missouri

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Jefferson, Oregon

Larry Tilley
Jefferson, Oregon

Phyllis Hayford
Tecumseh, Michigan

Betty Friddle
Petersburg, Michigan

Gerry Pedersen
Curtis, Nebraska

Don Gitthens
Denver, Colorado

Ernest Bedsaul
Denver, Colorado

Kenneth Knoll
New Auburn, Wisconsin

Darrell Dais
Lodi, California

Lynn Sheffield
Nampa, Idaho

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Don Brenneise
Lodi, California

Calvin Burrell
Fairview, Oklahoma

Ken Schock
San Jose, California

Esther Parmenter
Gentry, Missouri

Lucille Fischer
Eureka, South Dakota

Joann Sheffield
Nampa Idaho

District Camp Meeting

REPORTED BY ELDER FLOYD TURNER



Spring Vale Academy campus was the location of the (recently re-zoned) District Six Camp Meeting for 1964. The services began on the morning of July 15 and continued throughout the week, with the meeting closing in the evening after the Sabbath, July 18.

A camp meeting always leaves memories of Christian fellowship and spirit-filled meetings where the people of God are blessed with His presence. This meeting was no exception and will be long remembered by those who were privileged to attend.

Ministers present included Elders Nelson Caswell, C. J. Heywood, Garland Brunson, O. T. Whitten, Tiemen DeWind, K. H. Freeman, Ivan W. Ijames, C. W. Wilkinson, A. E. Liddell, William H. McCann, W. H. Olson, Roy Keim, and Floyd A. Turner.

Services during the mornings consisted of morning devotional services, followed by miscellaneous features before the eleven o'clock preaching service. The afternoon program each day consisted of various features of our district program. These included such things as the financial plan of the church, the local church program, different ways in which the Word is being preached (radio, printed word, personal ministry), and the necessity

for the whole church to work together as a unit for a common cause.

Elders Whitten, Olson, and Freeman shared the evening evangelistic services, which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. None volunteered for baptism, but the altar calls showed interest by quite a number in drawing nearer to the Lord. Sabbath morning the sermon was brought to us by Elder Ivan W. Ijames of North Carolina.

The attendance throughout the first three days of the meeting was not large, but beginning with the Friday evening service more people began to arrive. The Sabbath services were well attended with the auditorium well filled for the main services.

Everyone seemed glad for the experience and the privilege of another meeting together where God was being worshiped in Spirit and in truth. Many of the people stayed right on the academy campus which permitted abundant opportunities for getting better acquainted.

The people of God should cherish these opportunities and make the most of them. We do not know what the future holds and how many such blessing will be ours to enjoy. These are perilous times even though everything seems normal, and we should

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Thank God It Happened

Blessings Abundant

PETERSBURG, MICH.—Many blessings were received during the revival held in the local church. Elder O. T. Whitten from Oklahoma delivered very inspiring sermons each night from July 6 through the 14th. Several from other churches attended the meetings several times.

Man in God's Hands

FRESNO, CALIF.—Elder Wesley Walker was the speaker on Sabbath, July 25. He brought a wonderful message. God is using Brother Walker. It causes thankfulness for young ministers, for it gives the assurance that they will take care of the work when the older ones are no longer able.

Hosted Choral Concert

NORTH SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—On July 25 the Melody Chorus from Riverside, California, presented a

sacred concert in the local church. This choral group is a non-denominational group.

Choral, novelty, and spiritual numbers, as well as instrumentals, solos, and duets were presented.

It was a new experience for the church here, but a very enjoyable one.

Prayer Hour Added

NEW AUBURN, WISC.—A new service has been added to the schedule for the local church. Aside from the regular prayer meeting on Wednesday night, a prayer hour is now being held every Saturday night from eight to nine o'clock. Anyone may go to the church during (or after) that hour to pray silently.

A list of names is posted each week on a blackboard at the front of the chapel so that all may know who is particularly in need of prayer.

God is being praised for several healings in the local group, but even more gratitude is felt for the souls who have been brought closer to the Lord.

Buried with Christ

ALFRED, N. DAK.—After a blessed Sabbath morning service, people of the local church and several brethren from Eureka and Kulm met on the water's edge in the afternoon of July 11. There, Elder Delvin O'Banion, district overseer and pastor of the Eureka church, baptized Brother and Sister Ben Schlenker, to see them rise to walk in newness of life.

Building Improvement

MUSKEGON, MICH.—The outside of the church building looks much bet-

ter with its new coat of paint. Plans are now in the making to paint the sidewalls of the basement and put on acoustical ceiling.

Impressionable Teen Rally

MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA.—On July 12, six teenagers, Pastor Garland Brunson, and Brother Paul Smith attended Teen Rally, held in the Syria Mosque Auditorium in Pittsburg, Pa. The Kuhlman Foundation Choir furnished the music. Nicky Cruz spoke on his work with drug addicts, after which Dave Wilkerson spoke on "The Responsibilities of Young People."

The whole program was an impressionable one. The Holy Spirit moved over the young people as many of them gave their hearts to Christ.

First Pastor Returns

FRESNO, CALIF.—On June 27, Elder Ray Straub was with his father, Elder E. A. Straub, who is the pastor of the local church, for his usual Sabbath appointment. It was a blessing indeed to the congregation to hear another message from the younger Elder Straub, for he was the first full-time pastor of the local church. His good sermon was on "How God Extends Himself."

Week-end Retreat

NORTH SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—A hardy group of campers spent the week end of July 31—August 2 among the beauties of God's creation. The FYCettes and their adult sponsors had a joyous time.

Never have so many meals been eaten so fast. There were too many activities for the children to spend

their time eating. Yet, the children acted like a group of responsible adults.

Sabbath school services, baseball, games, and hiking filled a very busy week end. Everyone had a lovely time as Christian fellowship and fun were the order of the day.

Cheer Band Continues

NEW AUBURN, WISC.—Young and old alike continue to enjoy singing for the shut-ins at the nursing homes in this area. The older people especially enjoy the singing by the little children and have expressed their appreciation for them.

New Women's Group

FORT SMITH, ARK.—The women of the local church organized a Women's Association group the first of July. The regular meeting time is set for the first Tuesday night of each month. The first project is to make a friendship quilt.

Birthday Supper

MUSKEGON, MICH.—The Willing Workers group had their annual birthday supper June 9. Plenty of fried chicken was served with all the fixin's, topped with pie alamode.

Services Added to Schedule

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Lately a new door opened, surprisingly unexpected. This came in the form of another church service added to the weekly schedule. It is held on Sabbath (Saturday) nights.

Another new feature in the local program is music or singing school sessions with Elder and Sister John Kiesz in charge each Monday night.

The rudiments, or theory, of music are taught, as well as sight-singing, ear-training, and part-singing. This is expected to help improve congregation singing.

Pastor Absent

TACOMA, WASH.—For the first two Sabbaths of July the pastor, Elder Archie Stiede, and his wife, were away, attending the Regional Districts Camp Meeting in California. In his absence Brother Marvin Cory delivered the Sabbath messages.

Trip to Holy Land

CALAGARY, ALTA.—Everyone enjoys talking to Sister Barbara Fischer and looking at the pictures she took while on a trip to the Holy Land in May. She says it was a trip worthwhile, only one should take more time than three weeks. "Too many things to see," she notes.

Signs to Advertise

MUSKEGON, MICH.—The plan has been set into motion to have four signs made, each advertising the location of the local church. Also, Brother Clarence Kline is going to make an enclosed, lighted sign to be placed in front of the church.

Vacation Slump

MARION, OREG.—The attendance dropped during July as several families vacationed during the month. Among those absent July 11 were Pastor Israel Haeger and family, who were attending the camp meeting in Sacramento. Local elder Kenneth Severance had charge of services while the pastor was absent.

National FYC Chairman Spoke

EUREKA, S. DAK.—Brother Elden Fischer, chairman of the Youth Department, talked with the young people at their July 18 meeting. Then in their business meeting on the 25th, he explained some of the national projects to them.

As a recent project the FYCers locally are running ads to publicize Faith for Our Time programs in area newspapers.

Vacation Bible School

MUSKEGON, MICH.—Vacation Bible School was held here June 29 through July 10. The children presented a fine program Friday evening, July 10, before an audience of about 35 people.

Double Beginning

NORTH SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—July 4, the beginning of a new fiscal year, saw a new beginning locally in another way. After having the privilege of having Elder Israel Haeger and his family for over 10 years, the church here saw its first new pastor in the pulpit. Elder Ray Straub and his family have come here to minister to the spiritual needs of the flock.

In his first pastoral sermon here Elder Straub spoke on "The Challenge," which was a very good way to get started in the new year.

Ice Cream Social

FORT SMITH, ARK.—The young people of the church here sponsored an ice cream supper in a city park last month. A nice offering was received for their project.

The Minister's Wife

by Katherine Kiesz



Over thirty-four years ago I married a minister. Shortly after that I attended a revival meeting in the Church of God where I was converted and baptized. At first I did not realize fully my duty or responsibility as a minister's wife. Yet, I worked right alongside of my husband. But the time came when God let me see the need of gospel work, and He gave me a burden for those that needed salvation. Since then I've put my life into God's work.

Since 1943 Brother Kiesz and I have labored for the Lord more extensively. God's work is not easy, but it is rewarding in many ways in this life—and in the life to come will bring immortality.

Following are a few suggestions offered to our sisters who are also laboring in God's vineyard, and who will welcome some exhortation.

The minister's wife must be consecrated for her work so she will like it, and thus be a blessing. Ask God to make you a "... vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the

Master's use, and prepared unto every good work" (2 Tim. 2:21).

To be successful in your work, you must know how to pray, trust, and obey. It may sometimes be necessary to fast as well as pray. Fasting is not practiced much, but is sometimes necessary in order to accomplish God's work. The minister's wife will pray for the success of her husband's work. She will pray for the problems he faces. "He will have confidence in her when he knows she is trusting God instead of worrying." Without prayer and the power of God in your life you will remain unfruitful in such an important work.

The wife of a minister should be an example according to 1 Peter 3: 1-4. "Likewise, ye wives, be in sub-

jection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

The position of a minister's wife demands a lot of hospitality. Very often the need arises to prepare food for unexpected company. It is not necessary to get a big meal. Learn to make impromptu meals that can be simple and good.

At church the minister's wife makes it a practice to get acquainted with visitors and strangers. She will see to it that the neglected will get a little more attention.

You should know your Bible well enough to be able to explain what your church teaches.

Do not neglect to write letters of encouragement, or send cards to those who are ill or bereaved.

You may help promote all seven departments of the Church of God. You should know enough about them that you can explain the need to every one for the furtherance of the gospel work.

You can pass out tracts, and other literature. Keep the members of your church encouraged to get our church papers, especially the isolated folks. It would thus bring a sermon into

their homes when no preacher is around. It is also very important to get subscriptions from others outside of our denomination to bring some truths to them that they would not get otherwise.

Peter one time said to Jesus, "... Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?" In this respect the minister and his family feel the same. Let us not be like one minister who, when asked to move to a new place, said, "I must first go home and ask the children." God wants his servants to forsake brethren, sisters, father, mother, children, houses and lands. Unless we do, we will not receive that hundred fold that was promised in Matt. 19:29. When a minister is asked to move to a new field the wife should not say, "I'm not leaving my home." She can become a burden to her husband with this attitude, and in time this sort of mood could become a hindrance to the work of God.

The wife of the minister must submit to her husband's work. "This is God's order, and she must find her success in her husband's work." Many ministers cannot do their work because of their wives' weaknesses. Keep your house clean and orderly, it will mean a lot for your husband's influence, and it will teach your children to be good homemakers. "One minister was turned down from a job; the board told him, 'We like you just fine but your wife just isn't our type'." Another minister had to give up his church and become a Navy Chaplain, because his wife Emily "was a hopeless housekeeper, and her sloppiness made trouble." A wife's ineptitude has

a great deal to do with retarding her husband's ability in the Lord's work. If he is under the strain of a disorderly home life, his influence is drained.

A real minister's wife would not be extravagant with her husband's salary, or with God's tithe. She should use every discretion in spending the money. She can help her husband greatly by giving him the confidence that she will spend the money wisely. Keep within his allowance.

Boost your husband's work. Remember that the gospel work comes first. You should see to it that your husband will have some spare time to seclude himself so he can meditate and pray when he comes home. If possible get your work done so you can listen to him and share part of his day.

Have your husband's meals on time, so he can make his appointments on time. And when he is there don't make yourself an intruder by phoning a number of times to inquire when he is coming home.

Ministers' wives either help their husbands to be respected, and realize their potential, or hold them back.

"She should demonstrate complete confidence in him. You cannot ridicule your husband at home all the time and then have him hold up his head in confidence among men. Treat your husbands like they were the head, and not like little boys who still need bringing up." Please read Ephesians 5:22-24; and Proverbs 31:10-31.

A good minister's wife will curb her tongue, and not tell the secrets

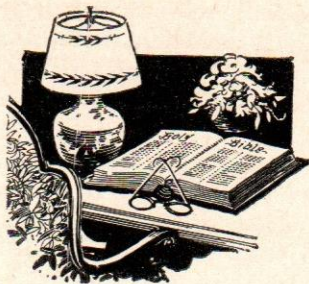
her husband has told her as private information. And then there are even times the wife should refrain from telling her husband what other people have confided to her.

"If you have a steady tongue, and you married a man that is a slow talker, you should hold your tongue and give your husband a chance. You might be able to explain everything before he starts speaking, but there are those who want to hear what HE thinks and prefer to learn of his wisdom. Some girl made the remark about her splendid dad, 'One word from dad is more than ten words from mother,' and the mother took it graciously."

When visiting in a home the wife should give way to a Bible discussion rather than to carry on her own conversation. Her husband cannot do all his work from the pulpit. So if a Bible study can be had in the home this would be one way of bringing the truth to the people. The wife may show an interest in such a study with all reverence and quietness, with the children about her.

Do not refuse when necessary, if at all possible, to accompany your husband in home visitations, calls to the hospital, or to any other institutions. Your presence will bring cheer to the down-hearted.

Be happy in your work. The joy in the Lord is your strength. Complaining and grumbling should not be done in the least. Never act like you are defeated in your work. Bear your burden with a smile and keep your chin up.



Moments Alone with God

IT'S HIGH TIME we Christians wake out of sleep and get on fire for God!

We've slept long enough. It's now time to let the Holy Spirit come into our lives—time to give ourselves wholly to the Lord.

When I say "ourselves," I mean to give self **completely** to God. This means our time, our money, our energy!

"...Faith without works is dead..." (James 2:26). You say you are a Christian—how much time do you spend telling others of Christ, passing out literature; how much money do you actually give to God and to help others? Just how many hours a week, or a month—or dare I say, a **YEAR**—do you spend doing missionary work?

"But, I work hard all day. I'm too tired to.... I have so many bills that I can't.... I have to do this.... I just must buy this...."

Yes, these excuses are good ones, and they serve for excuses; but will these excuses be good enough for Christ? On that final judgment day will "I didn't have the time or money for you, Lord" be enough?

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..." (Matt. 28:19).

How many missionaries does the Church of God send out? Are we doing enough? Are we giving enough so that others who have never heard of Christ may know this blessed truth?

It isn't the church that fails to send out missionaries. **It's US!!**

Yes, we fail to give all the money we could. Do you really need that new car? Do you really need that new coat? We buy many things we do not need.

In 1 John 2:15 it says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world...." Is it too much of a sacrifice to give up that new car, that new coat, or some of those other things we don't really need in order to spread the gospel and to send out missionaries? Christ died for us! Isn't this enough to make us want others to know about our Christ and our Saviour?

If the Holy Spirit is in our lives, we will give our time and money—and we will be on fire for our Lord. Then the work will go forward in leaps and bounds, and many boys and girls, men and women who never before knew the peace that salvation brings, will have a chance to accept Christ for their Saviour, too.

Is your life on fire for your Lord?—**Joy Meader**

News from the Departments

Last month we gave a brief report on the financial status of the publishing house during the 1963-64 fiscal year, but at that time the report was incomplete. A more complete analysis follows.

During the last fiscal year we suffered an overall setback of approximately \$2,500. This was due to two main factors: the receipts dropped by about \$3,700—mostly a decrease in support through the United Missions Fund and Free Tract Fund; and the over-all operating costs were somewhat higher than the previous year, mainly due to necessary increases in salary expense. Aside from actual money paid out as shown in our expense column, our printing costs also necessitated a \$2,470 decrease in the supply inventory, and a \$405 drop in the accounts receivable and bank account combined.

We should mention that a portion of our United Missions Fund support is placed in the Equipment Fund to build up that fund for future needs, and to offset the depreciation. This last year we had increased the amount placed in the Equipment Fund to 20 percent from 10 percent the year before. This accounts for about \$400 going into this fund instead of to our general fund. During our present fiscal year we must cancel assistance to the Equipment Fund will our general fund recuperates.

This past year our tract supply dwindled considerably as our tract mailings increased and the tract printing decreased in comparison with a year earlier. Of the pamphlet tracts we printed 2% fewer and mailed out 27% more than last year. In the leaf-

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lets we printed 25% fewer and mailed 2% more. This will help you to understand why our tract bins are running low, and why much tract printing must be done immediately. Even at this writing the press is putting out the leaflets by the thousands.

We are always concerned about somehow bringing our publications into more homes, so we were very thankful for a suggested program sent in by one of our ministers. This plan calls for a cooperative effort between the local churches and the publishing house. It provides that the publishing house will make large numbers of THE BIBLE ADVOCATE available to local churches for distribution at half the printing cost.

These copies will be distributed either from house-to-house or through the mail to the non-members living in the community where the participating local church is located. Each copy will contain a card inviting the person to send an attached card to the publishing house and receive a year's free subscription to the *Advocate*.

Each participating local church will be assigned a code number, which will be printed on the enclosed cards of *Advocates* used by the respective local churches. As the cards are received by the publishing house, the

local churches whose code numbers appear on the cards will be billed at a reduced subscription price of \$2 each.

The original cost to the local church to participate in this program is only \$20.75 per 1,000 copies of the *Advocate*. This pays for only the paper and card stock used to print the 1,000 copies of the paper and the enclosed card—the publishing house will stand the labor cost. And, of course, the local church will then pay \$2 for each subscription so received.

Our suggestion is that the local churches try to give this program the personal touch by going from house-to-house to pass out these papers. The publishing house can send out a certain number each year as sample copies at the regular publisher's rates, but whatever number we mail above our allotted percentage will cost 4¢ each, or \$40 per 1,000. A local church might want to use a combination of these two methods of distribution—distribute them house-to-house in the towns and cities, and mail them to the rural communities.

We are very much enthused about this program. Details have been sent to all the churches to encourage their participation. In September we will have a specially compiled issue with which we want to start this program. The local church whose pastor sent this plan to us has already ordered 1,000 copies of this special issue, and we are hoping that orders for many more will be coming in. The orders should be in by September 9. If someone is further interested in this program please feel free to write for the details.

—LeRoy Dais, Chairman

Composite Report of the Sabbath

	Aver. Attend.	Aver. S.S. Off.
<i>Arkansas</i>		
Delaplaine	19	2.34
<i>California</i>		
Bloomington	84	11.97
Lodi	35	6.36
North Sacramento	73	9.87
Stockton	53	14.18
<i>Canada</i>		
Calgary	26	6.25
<i>Colorado</i>		
Denver	76	27.62
<i>Idaho</i>		
Nampa	34	7.26
<i>Iowa</i>		
Marion	37	10.02
<i>Michigan</i>		
Freeland	36	8.12
Muskegon	35	7.83
Petersburg	22	5.37
<i>Missouri</i>		
Stanberry	80	27.83

Reports from Sabbath Schools

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The number of Sabbath schools reporting for the 2nd quarter is much smaller than usual. Evidently many secretaries neglected to send in the report. The uniform secretary's record book has a blank for the secretary to fill out at the close of each quarter. If the uniform book is used, the secretary is reminded to send in the report. Please do not neglect to do this. Let us have the report from all the Sabbath schools each quarter that all may see the progress of the work.

—S. J. Kauer, Chairman

Schools for Second Quarter 1964

<i>New Mexico</i>		
Roswell	16	5.15
<i>North Carolina</i>		
Farmville	41	8.45
<i>North Dakota</i>		
Alfred	52	8.41
<i>Oklahoma</i>		
Claremore	39	5.58
Dover	4	1.75
Lane	13	4.19
McAlester	20	5.12
Mid-Way	45	7.96
Oklahoma City	48	9.89
<i>Oregon</i>		
Elmira	55	7.15
<i>South Dakota</i>		
Eureka	52	14.20
<i>Texas</i>		
San Antonio	53	9.96
Three Rivers	13	1.54
<i>West Virginia</i>		
Moundsville	31	3.58
Parkersburg	18	4.08

Principal's Appealing Testimony

SPRING VALE ACADEMY

Share the following testimony with me.

To my regret I have had people come and say, "Why not do this or that? It would help S.V.A." or "I was disappointed when I first saw S.V.A. I thought it had more facilities and better buildings." Well, Spring Vale is only what people make it—Church of God people!

It is a fact that the academy needs a full-time maintenance man. The grounds and buildings have been developed to this point. The school board

has asked me to do this work—and I want to use the summer months for some important maintenance work—but there are not enough finances to pay a salary, let alone the repair bills. [Brother Keim is on salary nine months out of the year for the academy.—Editor] As a consequence I must find employment elsewhere to take care of my family obligations during the summer.

The strange thing about my summer job is that it is exactly what I should be doing at Spring Vale. I am working as a maintenance helper at another school, a small class-D school that employs two caretakers the year around. Each day I work I think of the work that needs to be done for our school; and yet, here I am doing it for another school.

I believe the school's situation in this respect will be corrected when the people of God respond even as they did in Bible times after they were made to realize that God meant business with His people.

I have had a great burden for S.V.A. and I want to see it develop and prosper. This is what I feel I should do, but how can I do it? This may be the real question.

—Roy L. Keim, Principal

Preparations for a Good Year

MIDWEST BIBLE COLLEGE

As the *Messenger* goes out this month it is almost time for the opening of the fall semester of Midwest Bible College. Applications are being received from prospective students. All possible preparations are being made for a successful college year.

At the time of publication, the Central Districts Camp Meeting is in

progress. It is expected that some who have come to the camp meeting will decide to remain as students of the Bible college.

If at all possible, students should be enrolled and begin college work on the opening date which is September 7. However where circumstances make it impossible for a student to be on time, it is possible to enroll late, with special arrangements made in advance. It is better to enroll late than to miss the entire first semester.

While college is often thought of as primarily for young people just out of high school, we wish to continue to emphasize that older students are welcome. Many men do not get the call to the gospel ministry until

they have been in other work for some time; they may even be married and have children. Most of the men who at this writing are planning to attend Midwest this year, are married. Apartments at low cost are available in Stanberry.

The need for full-time pastors in the Church of God is very great and is increasing. Several congregations with church buildings, are now looking for pastors. Consecrated men who have trained at Midwest are much needed in the work of the Lord. Truly "the harvest is great but the laborers are few." Now is the time to answer the call of God and train for active service in the ministry.

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Radio Log

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FAITH FOR OUR TIME

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| <i>Mexico, Monterrey</i>
XEG (1050 kc)—10:30 p.m. Mon. | <i>Michigan, Holland</i>
WJBL (1260 kc)—4:45 p.m. Sab. |
| <i>Alabama, Scottsboro</i>
WROS (1330 kc)—7:15 a.m. Sab. | <i>Missouri, St. Louis</i>
KXEN (1010 kc)—10 a.m. Sun.
KXEN (1010 kc)—8:15 a.m. M—F |
| <i>Colorado, Brighton</i>
KBRN (800 kc)—9:00 a.m. Sun. | <i>New Jersey, Newark</i>
WVNJ (620 kc)—8:30 a.m. Sun. |
| <i>Colorado, Grand Junction</i>
KEXO (1230 kc)—7:00 p.m. Sun. | <i>North Dakota, Jamestown</i>
KSJB (600 kc)—9:35 a.m. Sun. |
| <i>Iowa, Cedar Rapids</i>
KCRG (1600 kc)—7:45 a.m. Sun. | <i>South Carolina, Orangeburg</i>
WDIX (1150 kc)—9:00 a.m. Sun. |
| <i>Iowa, Des Moines</i>
KIOA (940 kc)—7:15 a.m. Sun. | <i>Washington, Puyallup</i>
KAYE (1450 kc)—9:30 p.m. Tues.
KAYE (1450 kc)—9:30 p.m. Thurs. |
| <i>Kansas, Iola</i>
KALN (1370 kc)—9:15 a.m. Sab.
KALN (1370 kc)—9:15 a.m. Sun. | <i>West Virginia, Wheeling</i>
WWVA (1170 kc)—7:40 a.m. Sun. |
| <i>Kansas, Great Bend</i>
KVGB (1590 kc)—9:30 a.m. Sun. | <i>Wisconsin, Eau Claire</i>
WEAQ (790 kc)—8:30 a.m. Sun. |

Have You Wondered WHY?

On July 1, 1964, approximately one and one-half months ago, the various districts of our denomination in the United States were changed. These modifications were announced in **The Harvest Field Messenger** as early as last March. They involved changes in boundaries, and in some cases, overseers.

The number of districts was reduced from nine to six. Consequently, all districts are now larger. This calls for added administrative work for district overseers, and it implies that the district administration might not be as "close to the people."

Was this change in districts a wise move? Perhaps some question the necessity of this action. Some may wonder what motivated it.

Logically, a move of this size will deserve more than six week's testing to prove its validity. It is too early to tell whether it was wise. Nevertheless, the concern of the membership in various significant moves of the church administration is to be sincerely appreciated, and queries based on such deserve honest answers.

How did this move come about?

The possibilities of redistricting were first introduced during General Conference. It was considered widely enough to where a committee was appointed to consider the possibilities of reducing the number of dis-

tricts to three following the General Conference session of 1957.

By the General Conference session of 1963, sentiments in favor of redistricting were sufficiently strong and organized to produce a resolution on the General Conference floor which passed. It instructed the Executive Board to give serious study to the possibility of redistricting, and if indicated, to change the number of districts, providing there be no less than four and no more than nine.

The Executive Board, with the mandate of the General Conference, gave serious study to this matter. After lengthy study by a committee of the Board, and the Executive Board in session, a new set of districts was presented.

In considering the plan, the following reasons were set forth which merited favorable attention.

(1) The growing membership of the church placed increasing responsibilities upon the district administration. It is becoming necessary that the overseership be a full-time job. This transition can more easily be implemented if the districts are larger, giving more churches opportunity to share the added financial burden. More time devoted to district work would allow the overseer to be responsible for a larger area. While there are few full-time overseers, the new arrangement provides more easily for this eventuality.

(2) The growth of the church began to demand the hiring of secretarial labor to handle the correspondence and treasury work. While it was once possible to receive donated labor to get these tasks done, the growing demands make this less workable. Fewer districts would

more easily allow for the employment of secretaries, who will in turn provide more free time for ministers to work in the field.

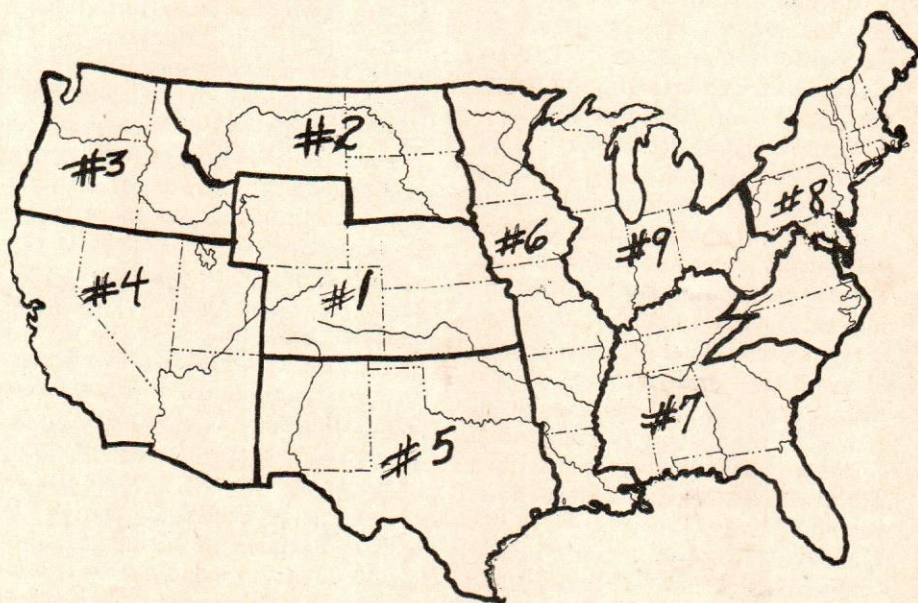
(3) The reduction in the number of overseers allowed three ministers to be released from administrative work to pursue other important ministerial duties. This streamlining of our organization provides more efficient use of our available ministerial manpower.

(4) Since all district treasurers use the same financial report forms, the fewer districts will bring about fewer reports to be processed in the various administrative offices of our church; particularly in the General Conference office.

(5) The enlargement of the districts presents each district with an

enlarged ministerial staff. Previously, some districts maintained larger staffs, while others had but one or two ministers. This better distribution of administrators and ministers will equalize the work, bringing more unity of effort, and actually a greater sense of fellowship amongst more pastors and other church workers.

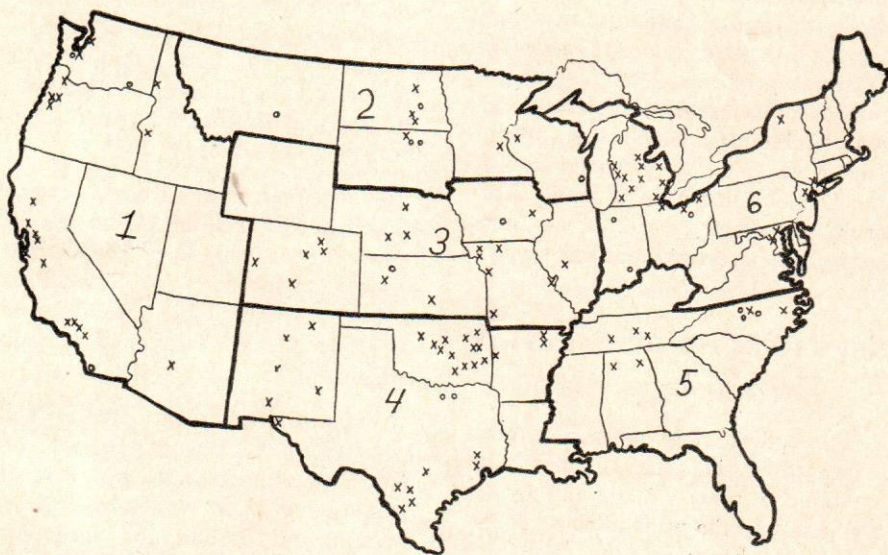
(6) The economy of the various districts is more equalized. There were those whose boundaries restricted their financial development for various reasons. This necessitated subsidizing some districts through receipts of funds from others. The new boundaries have been set so that soon it should no longer be necessary for some districts to be supported indirectly by others.



The former district names and their overseers were: 1. CENTRAL PLAINS, Emmett Presler; 2. NORTH CENTRAL PLAINS, Delvin O'Banion; 3. NORTH-WESTERN, Ray Straub; 4. PACIFIC, E. A. Straub; 5. SOUTHWESTERN, K. C. Walker; 6. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY, W. J. Kuryluk; 7. SOUTHERN, W. W. Mcken; 8. NORTHEAST, W. H. Olson; 9. GREAT LAKES, Floyd Turner.

The names of the present districts and the overseers are as follows: 1. WEST COAST, E. A. Straub; 2. NORTH CENTRAL, Delvin O'Banion; 3. HIGH PLAINS, W. J. Kuryluk; 4. SOUTH CENTRAL, K. C. Walker; 5. SOUTHERN, Ennis Hawkins; 6. NORTHEASTERN, Floyd Turner.

Churches and Sabbath schools are marked by an "x." Places with promising interest are marked with a small "o." The numbers indicate the numbers given to the separate districts.



(7) The general organizational plans and programs of our entire denomination should be more skillfully integrated as a result of the more specialized efforts. Overseers, having more time to devote to efforts of coordinating the activities of the local churches, will be able to see to it that the information about church activities will find its way into the programs of the local churches.

This presents portions of the thinking which brought passage to the plan to change district boundaries. While any significant change in church activities causes, in itself, a

certain uneasiness, it is hoped that this explanation will offer some assurance. All efforts have been made to serve the church and her work for our Lord. With such ability as God's grace provides, all the interest of the various members and church agencies were considered, and the most helpful plan of operation was sought.

With our obligation to follow God's will in mind, let us rest in the truth that He does direct, and that we shall sense this as we sacrifice ourselves and shun everything that would detract from happy and fulfilling Christian service.

—Ray L. Straub

DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

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help each other all we can so our faith may be built up to face the problems that may be our lot in life.

Sunday morning following the camp meeting the Michigan Conference met for their annual business meeting. Conference business was not heavy, the main interest being the election of officers. The new board consists of James Hassen, Chairman, Artis Cummings, David Ross, Elden Taylor, A. E. Lidell, Edmond Roche, and Daniel Camero. Mrs. Jennie Hosteter was again chosen as the state conference secretary-treasurer.

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NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

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The college classrooms have been improved during the summer with varnish on some of the floors and new paint on the walls in some of the rooms. Members of the Stanberry church donated their time and some of the funds for this worthy work.

During the first two weeks of August, Elder Kauer was away on a tour of some of the churches with Brother Rufus Nwatelewu of Nigeria. Much interest was shown in the work of Christian education, both in this country and in Nigeria.

All who are interested in any way in Midwest Bible College, either as students, future students, or supporters of the work, are invited to have a copy of the college bulletin, which gives full information about the college. For your free copy write to: Midwest Bible College, P. O. Box 86, Stanberry, Missouri.

—S. J. Kauer, Director

BIRTHS

A son, Roy Allen, born to Art and Marie Roche of Toledo, Ohio, on May 30. Grandparents are Elder and Sister S. R. Tedrow of Toledo, and Brother and Sister Edmond Roche of Freeland, Michigan.

A son, Gary Kevin, born to Francis and Mary Sue Edwards of Elmira, Oregon, on April 20. Grandparents are Sister Ollie Edwards of Eugene, Oregon, and Brother and Sister Don Lawson of Elmira.

A daughter, Lisa Ann, born to Elder and Sister Fred Walter of Elmira, Oregon, on May 16. Grandparents are Brother and Sister Paul Walter of Perry, Ohio, and Brother and Sister George Turcott of Albany, Oregon.

A daughter, born to Dennis and Lou Wallen of Eugene, Oregon, on June 26. Grandparents are Brother and Sister William Wallen of Eugene, Oregon, and Brother and Sister Joe Walker of Corvallis, Oregon.

A son, Eugene Upton, born to Larry and Helen St. Clair of Cochise, Arizona, on July 25. Grandparents are Brother and Sister Upton St. Clair and Sister Carrie Lakin.

A son, Gregory Allen, born to Donald and Eileen Rodgers of San Bernadino, California, on August 2. Grandparents are Brother and Sister Eugene Rodgers and Brother and Sister Ira Henderson. Elder and Sister L. I. Rodgers are great grandparents.

A daughter Coleen Rene, born to Elder and Sister Nathan Straub of Portland, Oregon, on August 1. Grandparents are Elder and Sister E. A. Straub and Brother and Sister Fleet Cory.

A daughter, Jennifer Jaye, born to Brother and Sister Paul Downing, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on May 20.

A son, Kerwin James, born to Brother and Sister Lester Forkel of Ipswich, South Dakota, on July 15. Grandparents are Brother and Sister Matthew Forkel and Brother and Sister Francis Neeland.

PERSONALS

The Dale Howell family, members of the Marion, Oregon, church, spent two weeks vacationing and visiting friends and relatives in California and Oklahoma.

Elder and Sister Reuben Moldenhauer of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, accompanied Karl Fischer, Sister Barbara Fischer, and Rita to Mission City, British Columbia, on July 16 for services on Sabbath. Enroute, they took in the beautiful handiwork of God while driving through Rodgers Pass.

Open house was held at the home of Brother and Sister Si Christenson on June 28 in honor of her parents, Brother and Sister M. M. Weir. The honored couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on the 27th. Brother and Sister Weir have long been with the Church of God.

Sister Winona Havranek, home economics teacher at South Salem High School (Salem, Oreg.), is attending summer school at Oregon State University.

Elder and Sister Vernon Patchen of New Auburn, Wisconsin, attended the Full Gospel Businessmen's convention, held in Philadelphia.

Brother Dale Jenness was injured in an accident on July 17 at the mill

where he is employed. He was hospitalized with internal injuries, but is now recuperating at home.

The church at North Sacramento was happy to have Brother and Sister Christ Kiesz present for the 18th of July. Elder Kiesz spoke in the eleven o'clock service.

Brother and Sister Howard Friddle, Brother and Sister Walter Williams, Brother and Sister Clarence Mooney, and Phyllis Hayford took the young folks from Petersburg, Michigan, to youth camp near Caseville on June 21. They helped in various ways at the camp while there.

Sister Veneda Friddle entered the hospital at Monroe, Michigan, on July 14 and underwent surgery on the 16th.

(Personals from last month)

The McCoys (Mickey, Verna, and little John) have moved to Columbus, Ohio, from Texas. They will be fellowshiping on Sabbath with the little group at Brighton, Ohio.

Sister Alice Meier and children of Eads, Colorado, are spending several weeks at the parental George Dais home in Eureka, South Dakota.

During May, Quincy and Patsy Adams and daughter moved to California. They are missed very much from their home church, Claremore, Oklahoma.

Elders Robert Coulter and Roland Pedersen and their families were visitors among the New Auburn, Wisconsin, brethren briefly as they went from Spring Vale Academy to Jamestown, North Dakota, for the District Two Camp Meeting.

Sister Anna Coulson, who has been making her home in Michigan, returned with her daughter-in-law, Sister Opal Coulson, from the Michigan Youth Camp for a two-week visit in Ohio.

Miss Kathy Patchen, a member of the Toledo church, graduated June 7 from Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, Ohio, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree. She is employed in Toledo.

Brother and Sister William McCann and family from Dundee, Michigan, motored to Brighton, Ohio, to attend the all-day meeting on June 6. Brother McCann spoke at the morning service.

Brother and Sister John Westfall of Kansas City and their daughter Sharon, who is a student at Spring Vale, visited the Petersburg, Michigan, church on June 6. They were guests of Brother and Sister Howard Friddle

and Betty; Betty is also a student at Spring Vale.

Sister Zora Mullens of Arkansas has been visiting her daughter and family, the Howard Friddles of Petersburg, Michigan, for the past several weeks.

In Memoriam

Carrie Leona (Childs) Sybrant was born December 12, 1873, and died June 26, 1964, at the home of a son at Drain, Oregon. Her husband preceded her in death in 1962 after they had spent 67 years together. She united with the Church of God (7th Day) in 1861. Survivors include three sons and a daughter. Funeral services were held at the Church of God in Bassett, Nebraska, with Elder A. F. Dugger officiating, assisted by Pastor Wayne Hall.

Is a Sinner Worth Two Cents?

"I wouldn't give two cents to..." do this or that is often the statement heard when no concern or desire is felt. Well, would you give two cents to witness to a sinner?

This is all it will cost you, except for a bit of effort, to reach 2,000 people with the message of salvation—just two cents per person. Actually, it is better than this. It really is two cents per household.

Is your sinner friend worth this much investment?

Read the Publishing Department report on pages 23 and 24 to get the details on how you can witness to a sinner friend for only two cents investment.

Jesus asked the question, "...What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" We would ask, "What will you give in exchange for some sinner's soul?" Surely you would give two cents!

Daniel L. Johnson was born November 28, 1890, and passed from this life July 17, 1964. Services were conducted at Harrisburg, Oregon, with Elders Joe Walker and R. A. Barnes officiating.

Maumelle Billeter was born November 6, 1882, and departed this life July 13, 1964, at Fort Smith, Arkansas. She was a member of the Church of God over 30 years. Survivors include two sons and four daughters. Funeral services were conducted by Elder L. I. Rodgers with the assistance of Elder Jesse Rodgers.

Mabel Pauline Langford of Moffett, Oklahoma, passed away in her sleep August 12 at the age of 77 years. She was a member of the Church of God from 1934 until her passing. Survivors include a son and a daughter. The funeral was conducted by Elder Ivan Harlan.

Clyde Eugene Peters passed away at Fort Smith, Arkansas, on August 4. He had attained the age of 64 years. He was a member of the Church of God for many years. Elder Ivan Harlan officiated at the funeral.

Doris Prasolowisz passed away July 18, just six days after being baptized as a last wish. Death came slowly as a result of cancer. Elder Wesley Walker is in charge of the funeral service.

MARRIAGES

On June 21, at 2:00 p.m. Mack T. Baker and Bonnie Howell were united in marriage in the Spring Vale Academy auditorium. The couple will make Owosso their home since his place of employment is there. Elder Charles Monroe performed the wedding ceremony.

Sue MacDonald and Kenneth Ogren were joined in marriage July 5. The groom is the son of Brother and Sister Otto Ogren of Linden, Calif.

Pray One for Another

Brother Charles H. Benkey (Okla.) seeks the touch of God to restore his voice.

Brother Forest Tuller (Nebr.) was recently admitted to the hospital for observation.

Brother George Tolbert (Mo.), a member of the publishing house staff, underwent surgery August 12.

Brother Eddieburn (Calif.) is in need of healing for his body.

Sister Ida Smith (Calif) is recovering from surgery.

Sister Mae Bradshaw (Calif.) wishes prayer for her brother.

Sister Doris Grantham (Oreg.) is in need of healing of a serious nervous condition.

Is Your Order In?

Orders for Sabbath School Quarterlies will be filled at the publishing house in early September. If your Sabbath school needs to renew its order or make a change on your subscription, please send word about it real soon. Send to

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Press-Time Ponderings

There is the saying that the educated fool is the worst fool there is. "The fool," the Bible says, "hath said in his heart, There is no God..." (Psa. 14:1).

Education is a vital asset to every young person in our day—to older folks, as well. Statistics verify the frequently repeated statement that one's chances of getting ahead in life are in proportion to his education.

But education alone is not really what is needed. It must be education that increases faith in God, that promotes simple acceptance of Bible truth. Any education that detracts from these basic concepts is useless.

The sad picture staring our generation is that the educational institutions are being used of the Devil to draw young people away from God. Catholicism, atheism, communism—every type of ism that opposes God—seeks to conquer the minds of tomorrow's adults.

Church of God people have caught a glimpse of the vision that others have followed for years. We have only begun, though, and must continue to press onward. The two schools that are in operation—Spring Vale Academy and Midwest Bible College—must never be thought of as our total educational program. They are only a beginning.

Academies and colleges for our

young people need to be established throughout the country. Hundreds of our young people are going to public schools, and are being weakened in their faith while they do it. At the same time only a small number of youth attend our two schools.

Praise God for what has been accomplished through these two schools. It goes without saying that their influence is greatly felt throughout the conference, through the men and women who have attended. Their service testifies to this without question. But it is a shame more young people are not among the alumni.

Other young people need to strengthen their faith and Christian experience while they are young. If faith wanes in youth, what is there to go on in adulthood?

School is about to reconvene. Young

"No amount of education is worth much unless it is backed up with absolute honesty and truthfulness."

—W. E. Isenhour

people are realizing that the place for them is in our church schools. Many others are not aware of this—**BECAUSE WE ADULTS HAVE NOT IMPRESSED THIS TRUTH UPON THEM.**

Who is to be blamed, then, when young folks drift from the Lord?

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"Our Hands into Other Lands"

The missionary team is making final preparation for the first hitch of a scheduled tour to our various foreign fields. This team is to make Germany and Nigeria their chief destinations.

Enroute to these countries they will also visit England, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Austria. In all of these countries we have growing interest.

Because of a lack of funds, and other less formidable obstacles, the team is being delayed. Departure on this trip is set for this fall, and it is estimated that a minimum of three months will be spent in making this lengthy trip.

Hasten these brothers on their way by giving a liberal offering to the Missions Tour, and by giving consistently to the United Missions Fund.

"OUR HANDS IN OTHER LANDS"

depend upon us for strength