

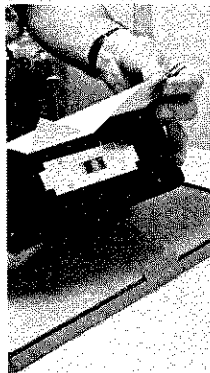
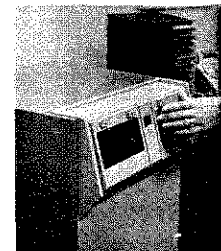
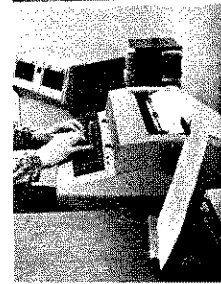
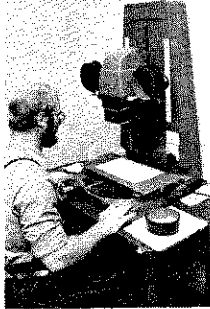
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THE HARVEST

The "Harvest" in scripture is interpreted to mean the gathering of people from sinful and worldly lives and bringing them into God's family. It is the harvesting of souls for God's kingdom.

All of us who have been "harvested" and are a part of the church have a responsibility to help bring others into the same fellowship. This is no new statement for it has been preached many times. The question that is worth discussing, however, is how do we react to our responsibility and how effective is OUR harvest work?

For instance, there are those who live good lives and by their very example have attracted their neighbors to seek the same faith they have. When they speak a few words to their friends the message is meaningful and often they are the instruments God uses to save others.

This approach often causes us to be slow about our efforts. We try to be careful and tactful. We try not to create animosity and make our message objectionable, but hope to find the proper opportunity to clinch the matter at some future time.

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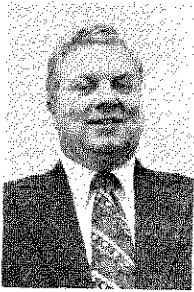
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The Church Hasn't Changed

Robert Coulter,
General Conference Chairman

In the preface to *The Young Church in Action*, a translation of the *Acts of the Apostles*, Dr. J. B. Philips makes this observation, "The reader is stirred because he is seeing Christianity, the real thing, in action for the first time in human history. The newborn church, as vulnerable as any human child, having neither money, influence nor power in the ordinary sense, is setting forth joyfully and courageously to win the pagan world for God through Christ. The young church, like all young creatures, is appealing in its simplicity and singleheartedness."

Reading Dr. Philips' words tends to strengthen our own romantic concepts of the early church. Most people conceive the church of the Book of Acts as having no problems; existing in complete unity, endowed with great power through the Holy Spirit and extremely successful.

Part of this concept of the early church is true. However, it does not portray the whole picture nor the complete truth. There is more, a lot more, to the conditions in and surrounding this infant body of believers.

Perhaps it would not be so important to emphasize the realistic side of this church if it were not for the frequent comparisons which are made. All too frequently, someone wants to compare the modern church to the community of faith in the Book of Acts.

Invariably, when such comparisons are made, the church of the Bible seems to indict the integrity of the modern church. The reason the modern church suffers so badly when directly compared to the early church is that many problems arising out of

the life and work of the early church are overlooked and forgotten, while these same problems are criticized in the church of today.

The early church began as a fellowship of the resurrected Christ. It was endowed with great power through the Holy Spirit and it met with immediate success. However, from the moment of Jesus' ascension into heaven, this church had problems. Yes, in spite of the fact that this congregation was composed of only 120 disciples including the apostles, they had problems which required their immediate attention.

The first problem confronting the church while it awaited in Jerusalem for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was the selection of a successor to Judas Iscariot, the betrayer of Jesus. This appears to have been accomplished in an amiable spirit resulting in the selection of Matthias.

But it represented a problem which was solved by first establishing the qualifications of Matthias and secondly the actual procedure for the selection. Hence, the early church became involved in its first organizational and internal political affairs while waiting in the upper room for the promised outpouring of power

(Acts 1:15-26) On the day of Pentecost the church began to grow. Three thousand souls were added to it on the first day the disciples experienced the power of God's gift, the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:41). Shortly, the company grew until the number of believing men was 5,000 (Acts 4:4). Later, the membership of the church is described as a multitude (Acts 4:32).

Ordinarily, a growing church is considered to be a successful church. But growth brought problems. Its problems grew out of the enthusiasm with which the church's message was received. Its new converts became so committed to God and His church that those who owned land and houses sold them and gave the proceeds of their sale to the apostles. A common fund was established from which every member of the church could draw in order to meet his daily needs (Acts 4:34-37).

Two things happened because of this generous membership gesture. One was a tragedy, the other one created a problem. The tragedy occurred when Ananias and his wife Sapphira sold a possession and laid a portion of the sale price at the feet of the apostles. In doing so, they lied. They said that the sum given represented the full sale price. They were struck down for lying to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:1-10).

The other problem which grew out of this common fund is recorded in Acts 6:1-6. It seems the Grecians felt that their widows were not receiving the same amount from the common fund as the Hebrews. Therefore, they began to complain.

The apostles considered they should continue to devote their time to preaching the Gospel rather than administering this fund. So they suggested the membership select seven Spirit-filled men to administer the common fund. This innovation solved the problem and established a new classification of assignment in the

church generally known as "deacons."

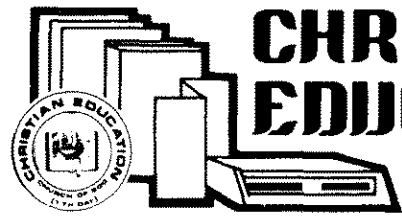
The church was faced with the problem of racial prejudice. Most of us think of this as a modern-day problem. But it was evident even then. Acts 10 and the first half of chapter 11 provides fine insight to the attitude of the Jews toward the non-Jewish disciples. Later, in Paul's letter to the church at Galatia, the seriousness of his problem was emphasized. He indicated that Peter would not eat with Gentiles in Antioch in the presence of Jews. In their absence, he had been free to keep company with Gentiles. Concerning this problem, Paul said, "I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed" (Galatians 2:13-21).

This question along with the dispute which erupted on the subject of circumcision is the first hint that differences had arisen between the leadership. Acts 15:1, 2 describes the seriousness and sharpness of this dispute. "And certain men which came down from Judea taught the brethren, and said, 'Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.'"

This was no minor eruption. Paul and Barnabas in Antioch (Acts 14:26-28) were in sharp debate with these men from Jerusalem, the birthplace of the church. The issue was a crucial question. Either man is "saved by grace through faith," or salvation included works of the law of Moses. It could not be both. This controversy was going to result in either unity or a split in the church. That is the reason the church in Antioch sent Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem to counsel with the apostles and elders.

In Jerusalem, the debate appears to

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Harvey Fischer, *Director*

The summer months will conclude the pilot programs of this agency in "Family Life Today" and "Young Adult Ministries." Of the two programs, the young adult ministries shows the most promise. Several of our churches have become involved in a program that will contribute to the church's outreach in days to come.

As in any new program it appeared at first that it would be difficult to drum up the enthusiasm such a program deserves but once the young adults became involved in it positive results became apparent.

This program will continue in the churches where it was operated this past year. This agency plans to provide specific guidelines for additional groups to be organized this coming fall.

Several surveys were conducted to assess the value of the FLT program. Without much question at all, the families involved with it enjoyed the magazine but indicated it was difficult for them to set aside the time suggested to actually conduct a family program. Most of the families responded to the survey indicated that perhaps they would not continue the magazine after the pilot program was completed.

This agency feels very strongly about the necessity of such a program. Indications are that our families are interested in it and recognize its benefits but find it difficult to set aside the time necessary. It will be our plan to continue to work with the pastors in the pilot program to draw from the observations those suggestions that

might help us to continue to work on the implementation of a Family Life Today program.

We will continue to review materials as well as methods. We will appreciate your suggestions.

This agency depends a great deal on the suggestions of our church membership. We are presently providing a response sheet to the Teacher's Guide for Adult Sabbath School Lessons and plan to continue to provide evaluation sheets for the lessons themselves.

It is important to us that you provide for us those comments and suggestions you feel will strengthen our education program. All suggestions are carefully considered and shared with our writers. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

We are hoping to begin with the revision of our Junior High School Curriculum. It is our intention to review the lessons as well as to provide a Teacher's Guide for them. (Please see note elsewhere in this Messenger.)

The sad news for the Christian Education Agency is that it will be losing the very excellent services of Debbie Davis. Her recent marriage no longer leaves her as a resident of Sacramento. Debbie has worked with me in this agency assignment since my original appointment. She has provided outstanding services to this agency in editorial and secretarial assistance. She was a very important part of every milestone in the productivity of the agency. Her inspiration and dedication will never be forgotten.

Ministerial Training Center

Ray L. Straub, *Director*

Excitement mounts as the newly revised Ministerial Training Program gains momentum. This milestone is important to *every* member of the church. It will have an impact on the quality of the church's ministry.

The director of MTC recently visited both Midwest Bible College and Spring Vale Academy. The new program was introduced at both schools. Elder Jerry Griffin was also present at Midwest Bible College. Besides having group sessions, conversations were held with students individually to discuss their status in the new Ministerial Training Program.

At Spring Vale Academy conversations were held with several prospective ministerial trainees, as well as others who wanted to know about the MTC. There is excellent interest on the part of several young men in the Lord's work on a professional basis. It is projected that such visits will be made annually to add stimulus to interest in the ministry. The staff and students at Spring Vale Academy were particularly warm and cooperative hosts.

While the new plan for ministerial training was being devised, it was considered unlikely that a student body would be assimilated within two years. With the minimal amount of publicity and recruiting, it now appears likely that a full course of studies will be offered the very first year of operation. While the student body will be small, interest seems to warrant offering the instruction. We must get trained ministers into the field as quickly as possible.

Teaching will be done by Elder Jerry Griffin, who will also be taking postgraduate studies, and by the director. Additionally, at least one of the students who aspires to attend is qualified to teach classes in sociology and philosophy among other fields.

Other teaching help has been offered by qualified personnel who will be living in Denver by the time the Ministerial Training Center opens.

The amount of interest in serving on the faculty of the Center has been near overwhelming! Elder Daniel Davila has been employed as pastor in Oklahoma City. He will enroll in an institution of higher learning, in addition to his pastoral responsibilities, in pursuit of an advanced degree. He aspires to join the faculty at MTC.

Elder Calvin Burrell will also pastor a church in Oklahoma and will enter postgraduate studies. Elder Jerry Griffin will transfer to Denver to teach and study there. Each of the three trainees is selecting a field of concentration.

It was learned recently that Elder Larry Moldenhauer, a psychology major, plans to return to the classroom for advance studies toward acquiring documentation to practice clinical psychology. He assures that his knowledge and skills will be available both inside and outside the classrooms of MTC.

Thank God for the superb vision of these leaders of God's church! They deserve enthusiastic support! Not many years hence, the Ministerial Training Center of the Church of God (Seventh Day) will stand out

academically and will provide the church with finely tuned human instruments to take the message of God's love to a needy world.

Work is proceeding on the classrooms. They will be housed on the lower floor of the General Conference offices. Much progress has already been made assuring they will be ready when needed this fall.

Communications from more than one source express concern that emphasis on intellectual acumen will compromise focus on the need to be refreshed and led by the true Spirit of God. It is felt that much learning will threaten our spirituality. This concern is noble and deserves respect. We want the church to meet God's expectations as completely as possible in *every* way!

The notion that the intellect threatens the Spirit is an unworthy one. The concern is appropriate, but the opinion is poorly thought through. Let's be alert to this misunderstanding!

The mind is not the devil's creation; it is the kind of miracle God produces. To develop it does not help Satan; it pleases the Creator. Truth is not the product of imagination, nor of the historian's evaluation. Truth is an accurate description of what is. The suggestion that studying threatens godliness is as logical as the belief that God is challenged by truth.

The Ministerial Training Center will reflect a heartfelt love for God and the precious truths that reveal Him more clearly and compassionately. Those involved will seek to know and to experience more deeply the Divine Presence in their lives.

Ignorance is not the garden in which spirituality grows. To the contrary, ignorance breeds harmful illusions. God is with Truth. The message of salvation must be told as attractively, compelling, truthfully, and persuasively as possible.

MTC needs your generous support

NOW! If you see the need for more skilled ministers to serve God's church, please declare your insight by sending your financial help. No amount of willingness, knowledge and planning can have value without good support from brethren who are aware of the needs. Give freely and regularly. Send your financial help to:

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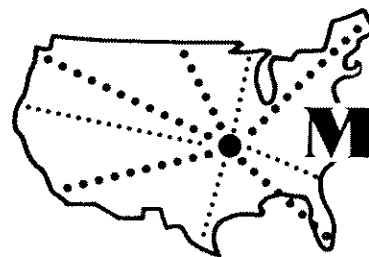
It is not too idealistic to suggest that a concerned, God-directed, growing church should offer enough support to allow her ministerial trainees to attend class without tuition costs. Such an ideal would lift the morale of trainees as they are blessed with such support. Tuition costs will run about \$250.00 per quarter, or \$750.00 for the entire school year. Will you stand behind the trainees with your help?

After attending a college or university for at least four years to get a degree, students feel pressed financially. They have already sacrificed much for their education. Training for the ministry demands more. It is appropriate that all of the brethren share the financial burden of postgraduate work. For this particularly worth cause, please send your donation to the "Student Aid Fund." This gift will be especially encouraging!

B.A.P. Offices Closed for Vacation

The Bible Advocate Press offices and printing plant will be closed June 21 through July 4 so the staff can enjoy a much-deserved time of relaxation.

The staff regrets the inconvenience this may cause some who will find it necessary to order items during this time. Such orders will be filled just as early as possible in July.



Midwest Bible College

Max M. Morrow, Director

Anticipation is always exciting, especially to young people. This was a definite factor in the good student morale to the end of the semester. Anticipation of the spring break carried folks through the "February blahs." Then, anticipation of the spring banquet stimulated more enthusiasm through April. And, of course, anticipation of summer vacation provided the impetus to bear the burden of end-of-the-term pressures.

Renewal During Vacation

During the spring break most of the student body took in Bill Gothard's Basic Youth Conflicts Institute in Kansas City. It gave a rejuvenation to the entire college family that was remarkable. Students who had felt "down in the mouth" about so many things came away with new insights and renewed spirits.

One student in particular who had thought of himself as a martyr, having experienced a rift between himself and his father when he accepted God's truth and joined the Church of God, came to see that it really was a case of rebellion. Accordingly, he called home, apologized, and promised the respectful submission a Christian son ought to give; whereupon the father welcomed his son home and offered to pay the remaining cost of the son's training for the ministry.

Attendance was made possible by a family who had previously attended and then contributed funds to cover

the fee for the students who chose to attend. Around 30 from the Stanberry area attended; about half of them, Midwest students.

Reflections Time

The spring banquet, which traditionally has been to honor the graduating class, had a broader purpose this year. Centered around the thought of "Reflections," it was to pay tribute to as many as could be present who personally invested time and energy for the advancement of Midwest, as well as to honor the graduating class.

Regrettably Brother and Sister Don Lawson were not present due to his health. They had been forced to leave only a few days early. Much regret was felt and many prayers were given for his recovery. (Reports are that his condition is much improved.) Since they were not present to receive their tribute, it has been mailed to them.

As a special guest of honor, Sister



Dr. Albert L. Carlin, President of the College Board, awarded the Bachelor of Religion degree to Jerome H. Camero.



Students pleasantly surprised the staff by singing "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You" during the Tassel-Time Praise.

Rosa Wharton was seated at the head table with the College Board members and their wives. Sister Wharton was given a corsage in appreciation for her willing assistance at previous banquets when she was always serving the food.

Tribute was given to men who in former years served on the College Board, and corsages were given to their wives. The current College board members were also recognized with verbal tributes, and they with their wives were presented the bicentennial center pieces that decorated the head tables and the speaker's stand.

MBC Sabbaths

Events away from campus that enhanced the final weeks of school were hosted by area churches. Special MBC days were held at Jingo (Kansas), Central City (Nebraska), and St. Joseph (Missouri). The Kansas City church had sponsored an MBC day earlier. On the given Sabbaths the students went to these points and presented programs. Guest speakers from the college were featured each time for the morning worship service, and then a rally-type program was presented each afternoon.

Climaxing Week End

The real highlight of the year was graduation-homecoming day. For the occasion there was an attendance of approximately 250. Alumni were here from as far away as Washington with others from less distant points. At least ten states were represented in the audience. It was a memorable week end.

Friday evening's consecration service featured Elder Ray Youngs as the speaker. Sabbath morning during the worship hour Elder Daniel Camero delivered the baccalaureate sermon. After sundown Sabbath evening Elder S. J. Kauer brought the commencement address.

In the afternoon on Sabbath during the "Tassel-Time Praise" service the students and alumni were spotlighted. The graduate, Jerome Camero, gave a sermonette, and so did Ross Van Horn, though he did not graduate.

Brother Camero has been assigned an internship in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, under Elder Wesley Walker. He assumed his duties early in June.

Brother Van Horn was approved for the Ministerial Trainee License upon completion of this year — his third — at Midwest. He awaits an internship assignment.

In the commencement exercises all



The former publishing house print shop made a lovely setting for the spring banquet. The red, white, and blue decorations were reminders of national as well as college reflections.

of this year's students were presented diplomas to certify completion of the work they had done. (The College Board had decided to give this recognition since the college was to close.) Also as a part of the exercises Elder Kauer was given a plaque in recognition of his 14 years in service to the Lord at Midwest. As he arose to receive the plaque, there was a spontaneous response in a standing ovation.

With classes now ended the office personnel have last-minute details to finish and then the operation will cease. This is a chapter in the memory of many of us that will always will be held dear.

It has been a rewarding experience to have a part in Midwest's history. Special gratitude is felt for everyone of you who had a part in making this history possible. May God reward you.

THE CHURCH HASN'T CHANGED

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have been lengthy and difficult, but a decision which pleased everyone was finally agreed upon. The decision was one which upheld "justification by faith" while at the same time pacified the Jewish disciples who still had

difficulty understanding what "freedom from the law" meant (Acts 15:6-21). The decision was delivered to all the churches by Paul, Barnabas and Silas through a letter written by the brethren in Jerusalem. Peace and unity were maintained.

All of these difficulties had arisen within the church in a space of not more than 25 years. None of these problems include the external forces which were working during this time against the church — prosecutions, dispersion of the saints from Jerusalem, the martyrdom of Stephen, the beheading of James and Paul's persecution of the saints before his conversion. When combined, the problems arising from internal and external forces did not permit the church the peace and tranquility we usually associate with it.

Considering all of these accounts, there isn't all that much to romanticize about in the early church. Just as today, it was composed of God's people who had problems and differences. They, like us, sought to solve their problems in the will of God, with wisdom and, where needed, innovation. So, in this manner the church hasn't changed all that much over the years.



Robert Coulter, Director

Missions Abroad

The work of Missions Abroad is conducted by faith. We have faith that the Church of God will support a sound missions program with its material things. The many missionary workers in the eleven different fields now supported by Missions Abroad are working by faith. Their faith is that we will help to supply them with their temporal needs so they can work at preaching the Gospel full-time.

For the last two months, Missions has forwarded funds to all its workers. This was an act of faith! We did not have enough funds in our current receipts to meet our payroll. We borrowed from our United Missions Assistance Fund in order to see that all the workers were paid. But, this cannot be repeated. We do not have enough funds in this account to borrow again and again. Thus we have acted out of faith by supplying our workers an uninterrupted wage. Now, it is your turn to act by becoming a regular supporter of Missions.

The combined budget for this current year for the united work of Missions Abroad and the Conference's missionary program is \$30,336. Missions has a standing commitment of funds from the United Missions Assistance Fund of \$11,029. This is the fund from which we have drawn our payroll for the past two months. It is derived from the United Missions Fund.

In order to make our budget for the year we need offerings and gifts equal to \$1600 per month. This amounts to \$19,200 for the year. If we can receive this amount, we will be able to assure all of our workers their wages. We will

also be able to send them the literature they need to conduct a viable gospel ministry in their respective fields.

The budget of Missions Abroad is almost entirely directed to salary subsidies and the cost of literature. Of our \$30,000 annual budget only 7% is budgeted for overhead expenses. This amounts to \$2,000 which is used to pay a part-time secretary and mail out newsletters to our regular supporters. Thus, you can see that almost all of your support goes directly into the preaching of the Gospel. There is hardly another area of the ministry of the Church where so much of every dollar is used directly in the field.



This congregation was established by Elder Elias Flores (back row center) within the past two years in Mapait. It is located in central Mindanao and meets in his house.

Thus Missions is a good investment in the Gospel work.

Inflation Hits Missions

Inflation is one unwanted world-wide problem. It is not a problem just in the secular world but has become a very real threat to the Gospel work of Missions Abroad.

According to recent figures released by the United Nations, inflation has hit many areas of the world very hard over the past five years. In the United States inflation has been 40% between 1971-75. In Nigeria, one of our missions fields, inflation has reached 75%; in Colombia, 150%; in Japan, 75%; in Mexico, 100%; in Indonesia, 140%. The average world-wide rate of inflation has been 80% for this five-year period.

At this rate of inflation our \$30,000 annual budget will have to be raised to \$54,000 in 1980 just to keep our missionaries even with the cost of living. According to economic forecasters, we will have to raise \$81,000 in 1985 just to maintain the purchasing power of our 1976 budget.

This means that Missions is going to have to review and adjust its support

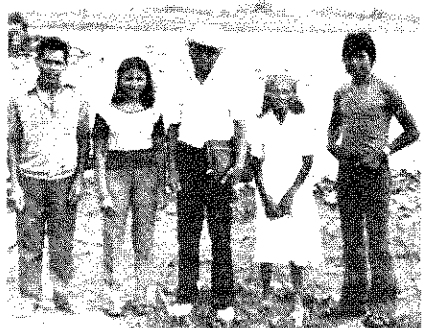
to the field each year in order to maintain its current level of activity. We have already fallen behind to some degree because our field support has not been adjusted to the rate of inflation in recent months. This factor makes it all the more imperative that Missions establish a solid base of support for its world-wide missionary endeavor. It also means that where we are now sending \$1.00 we will soon need to be sending \$1.80 just to keep abreast of inflation.



A baptism in Quezon on the last Sabbath of March.

Philippine Report

The Republic of the Philippines consists of about 7,100 islands and islets, lying about 500 miles off the southeastern coast of Asia. The Philippines had a population of 38,000,000



Elder Benjamin Dingal, shown with four candidates for baptism.

in 1971. These islands are the location of one of Mission Abroad's most active missions.

Presently, our major mission activity is located on the large, most southern island of Mindanao. There are churches and Sabbath schools located in numerous places across this second largest of the Philippine Islands.

Missions Abroad also has a less extensive but active work in the largest island, Luzon. We also have numerous prospects located in the central areas of this island just north of Manila.



This is the Church at Quezon, located in east central Mindanao.

There is some scattered membership on some of the smaller islands.

Recent reports from the field indicate that 41 souls were baptized into Jesus Christ during the months of March and April. Worker reports indicate that more than 200 members gathered in various locations on Mindanao for the Lord's Supper service. Total attendance was greater but to date our report of attendance is incomplete.

Our monthly salary subsidy for our workers in the Philippines is \$300.00 per month. This amount assists five workers to be fully employed in the work of the Church. In addition to our paid staff, we have several other ministers who assist in the work. Together these brethren conduct a very active pastoral and evangelistic program in their churches. One of their chief tools of evangelism seems to be their person to person Bible studies. Some of the brethren report that they hold an average of 25 Bible studies per month. All of this is carried on in addition to their regular weekly church service and preaching.

A recent contact on the island of Luzon reports that he is acting as a leader to several congregations. He has never been associated with a church organization but wants to affiliate with a general organization in order to become properly registered with the government. He has studied our doctrinal statements and reports
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The Don Carlos chapel located in west central Mindanao.



Calvin Burrell,
Director

LOOKING BACK

Perhaps more than any year of recent memory, the school year just past at Spring Vale Academy was a success in terms of achieving spiritual goals. No less than 28 students accepted Christ as their Saviour and were baptized during the past ten months. Tens of others reached out for the benefits which the Heavenly Father sent to campus, and were strengthened and improved for it. Nearly all of the 74 students report at term's end that this has been one of the best years of their life — and the Christian emphasis has predominated. For this we praise God!

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Seventeen singers and two sponsors made a 3,000 mile trip from April 16-25 through eight states in the Central District, visiting local Churches of God with the musical, "Celebration of Hope." The S.V.A. Sound, as the group is called, will also have made a second trip by the time you read this: another 3,000 miles to churches in Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas, and Colorado, between May 24 and June 5.

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This year's 19 seniors and sponsors experienced the nation's 200th birthday firsthand when they visited Washington, D.C., for five days in early May. Graduation weekend for this class was May 22-23. Elder Dale Lawson was the baccalaureate speaker, and Ken Moldenhauer gave the commencement address. Ann

Carl in from Stanberry, Missouri was valedictorian, and Sylvia McNeal from Clarks, Nebraska was salutatorian. Attendance during the weekend was about 400 people.

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The following 1975-76, staff of S.V.A. will be pursuing other areas of service next year: accountant, Paula Wilson is returning to Houston, Texas, for a summer marriage and probable employment; girls' dean, Ruth Camarillo, will continue her education in St. Paul, Minnesota; boys' dean/cook, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brunson, will move to Denver for employment; teacher, Daniel Davila and family will pastor the Oklahoma City church and attend graduate school; and teacher/secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Burrell and family will move to an undetermined location where he will begin a masters program and assist a local church.

LOOKING AHEAD

The following 1975-76 staff of S.V.A. will be returning to serve another year at the Academy: Ronald Grubis, Vernon Patchen, Paul Heavilin, Judy Williams, Elsie Eyer, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Truman.

Several new additions to the staff have been approved by the Academy board: Ken Keim, science teacher; Ken Moldenhauer, music instructor and administrator; Gerry Schlenker, communication arts teacher; Mrs. Gerry (Sandra) Schlenker, girls' dean and homemaking teacher; and Wesley



1975-76 SENIOR CLASS. First row, left to right: David Forkel, Ipswich, South Dakota; Tami Sweet, Detroit, Michigan; Julie Gandara, St. Paul, Minnesota; and Gabriel Zaragoza, Riverside, California. Second Row, left to right: Ann Carlin, Stanberry, Missouri; Cindy Buchanan, Junction City, Oregon; Kathy McCoy, Conroe, Texas; Sylvia McNeal, Clarks, Nebraska; and Toni Collins, Marion, Iowa. Back row, left to right: Terry Schlenker, Adrian, North Dakota; Steve Caswell, Niagara Falls, New York; Ron Merriam, Saginaw, Michigan; Diane Lawson, Springfield, Oregon; Keith Noble, Muskegon, Michigan; Steve Feigum, Albany, Oregon; Andy Hassen, Midland, Michigan; John Brann, Conroe, Texas; and Bill Tengler, Port Hope, Michigan.

Wood, boys' dean and auto mechanics teacher.

An enrollment of eighty or more students is expected for the fall of 1976. Bulletins and application blanks are available by writing to Spring Vale Academy, Route 5, Owosso, Michigan 48867.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

Dover, Oklahoma
July 18-24

Registration Notice

Special attention is being called to the fall registration and enrollment date for Spring Vale Academy. The students who plan to attend should be there August 24.

The school is also interested in the services of VISTOC workers for the coming school year. A kitchen assistant, librarian and grounds and custodial help are all needed.

WNA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Sandra Lawson, *President*

The *Wand* (Women's Association News Digest) is the official publication of the Women's Association. It is felt that each woman in the Church of God would enjoy receiving this magazine in their home.

The *Wand* is printed quarterly and has a variety of articles which should be of interest to women. Information is included to keep Women's Association members up to date on what the National Association is doing. Also there are usually reports from local Women's Association groups. This is really an opportunity to pick up some new ideas to try in other local associations.

The Pots, Pans, and Proverbs section always has some real tasty new recipes to try. It also presents poems, sentence sermons, and short readings.

Many issues have "The Spotlight is on you . . ." articles where a special person's life story is featured.

There are usually several inspirational articles which are outstanding for personal meditations, or for a devotional at the local Women's Association meetings.

The "Faithful Servant Memorial Fund" page gives a list of people who have made contributions to the fund during the past quarter, and who the donations were given in memory of.

As a plus each issue contains special announcements and many other items of interest.

Emogene Coulter is the present editor of the *Wand*. She has been doing an outstanding job in keeping each issue enjoyable. Emogene has a full

time job outside her home, plus being a housewife and mother of four children. She is also active in her local church and has many other things to fill each of her days. The time she donates to the *Wand* is greatly appreciated.

If you are not presently receiving a copy of the *Wand*, you will receive it free by becoming a member of the Women's Association. To become a member just send \$5.00 to: Women's Association, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, Colorado 80201. Otherwise, the subscription price for the *Wand* is \$2.00 per year, which should also be sent to the above address.

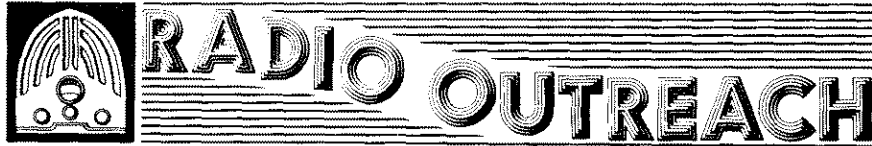
SPECIAL NOTICE

Junior High School Sabbath School Teachers

The Christian Education Agency is in the process of reviewing the present curriculum materials for the junior high school students of our Sabbath school program.

If you are teaching or have taught this class we would like to ask you to share your suggestions for corrections and improvements for this curriculum. We will also appreciate helpful hints you have been able to use in your teaching to make your teaching assignment and the learning process of the student more effective.

Christian Education Agency
4110 Stillmeadow Way
Sacramento, CA 95821



RADIO OUTREACH

Ray L. Straub, *Director*

Faith For Our Time radiobroadcasts are now completely my responsibility. I am now making both the daily and the weekly broadcasts. The radio equipment has all been transferred to our recording studio here in Bloomington, California. We are using the facilities granted to us by the Bloomington church, for which we are grateful. My wife has also accepted some of the responsibilities. She is duplicating the tapes, packaging, labeling, dating, etc. This is almost a full time job for her.

One of the highlights of Faith For Our Time progress is the new Spanish program started in El Paso, Texas. Check the radio log in the *Bible Advocate* for details. This is a daily program, Monday through Friday. The brethren of El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico decided to launch out in this evangelistic effort. The program reaches a large population of Spanish speaking people. The brethren are greatly excited about this new effort. We are confident God will bless the church in that area.

We have also added more radio stations to our radio log. Please check the radio log for more details.

Again I would like to encourage ev-

ery local church to make an effort to establish a radio program. The only way we are going to win souls is for us to sow the seed of salvation. Radio is a wonderful way of getting the gospel to homes, hospitals, cars, etc. It is our Christian obligation to get the good news out before it is too late. I believe we have but a short time.

The United Missions Board has granted funds to purchase a new duplicating system. This system will enable us to do better work and do the work much faster. You should notice a difference in the programs in the very near future.

It takes money to purchase equipment and keep it going. God will bless you if you remember the Radio work in your offerings. Remember, that if you cannot preach, or go to homes to reach people, the radio can. So do your part in giving to God's work NOW.

It is my prayer that the truth the Church of God has been entrusted with will be heard from coast to coast in the near future. This can only be accomplished by your concern for lost souls. Please try to get a radio program going in your city. The fifteen minute daily program is the best investment.

Northeastern District Bible Conference

August 9 - 14, 1976 — Camp St. Marys, St. Marys, Ohio

For rates and reservations write:

Elder Melvin Sweet, P. O. Box 20236, Ferndale, Michigan 48220.

THE HARVEST

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In some instances this psychology has been effective. But in other instances, it has been responsible for letting many opportunities pass by, and perhaps many have been lost by our delay.

While we are waiting for the proper time for harvest, the season has passed and we have failed to gather in the "grain."

Jesus said, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

The point is we often fail to recognize when the harvest is ready. There is a terrible danger in this. It is like watching the fruit on a tree get prettier each day as it ripens. We keep thinking that another day will make it better only to find it has spoiled on the tree. We have missed our opportunity.

In the Gospel harvest we must not delay either. In fact, Jesus had declared the harvest is now ready. A good look at the situation is sufficient to prove we should be gathering in the grain and the fruit. Time cannot be turned back to give us those opportunities again, and many times we never have the same favorable occasions a second time.

Ecclesiastes 3:7 says there is "... a time to keep silence, AND a time to speak." While we must recognize the time to keep quiet, we must also take our cue and speak when there is something to be said or done. Today is a time of action.

Radio Outreach Emphasis Offering,
August 21, 1976.

Spring Vale Academy Registration
and Enrollment, August 24, 1976.

DEADLINE for copy for next issue
of *The Harvest Field Messenger*,
September 15, 1976.

Jim Fischer, *Director*



A member of the FYC Coordinating Committee will represent the Youth Agency at each of the District Conferences this summer. One of the goals of the Youth Agency is to promote the FYC work on the local level and to establish good communication with local FYCs. Our representative's presence at your district conference will help us realize this goal.

Although our representative at each conference will conduct a workshop for pastors and a workshop for FYCers, his primary purpose for being there will be to communicate with YOU — you the pastor, you the parent, you the FYC sponsor, and you the FYC'er. He wants to become personally acquainted with you, answer your questions about FYC, and hear your ideas for the work of Youth Agency. Be sure to visit with the FYC Coordinating Committeeman at your district's conference — you'll be glad you did, and so will we!

1976 registrations of FYCers continue to arrive in the FYC office with a total of 724 individual young people registered so far. This figure represents 66 churches and Sabbath Schools. There are still about 50 churches and Sabbath Schools that have not registered their FYCers. It's not too late for you to send in the names and addresses of the young people in your church so they can receive *Challenger* and other beneficial materials supplied by the Youth Agency.

Please remember to support the work for the youth of the church through the special Youth Emphasis offering on Sabbath, June 19.

Central District Bible Conference

at the

Midland Lutheran College, Fremont, Nebraska

(40 miles northwest of Omaha)

July 13-17, 1976

Cost per person for the duration of camp—\$32.00
or \$7.50 per day and \$2.00 for Tuesday evening lodging.

For reservations please write to:

Elder Vernon Dickinson, P. O. Box 884, St. Joseph, Missouri 64502

"I Would Like to Know . . ."

Question: I enjoy being a Sabbath School teacher but for some time I have felt my teaching lacks enthusiasm. What can I do to make my class more interesting and stimulating?

Answer: One of the best ways to maintain interest and generate enthusiasm in your class is through preparation. As the teacher you must project enthusiasm. This can best be accomplished if you convey your love for your teaching assignment. You should continually seek new ideas and keep abreast of educational methods to make the class sessions interesting. It is important that you take a personal interest in the members of your class so you will be able to learn how they will be able to apply what the class is studying.

Individuals in several of our churches have taken advantage of the ICL (International Center for Learning) seminars and clinics which are held each year in various cities throughout the United States and Canada. These seminars offer teaching techniques which are used successfully for all age levels. In many cases your local church board will be happy to pay the modest registration fee in order to allow teachers, Sabbath school superintendents, pastors, youth leaders, etc., to attend. The Christian Education Agency has a listing of the ICL sessions which are planned for this year.

Another valuable source for teaching ideas is the reviewing of reference books available at your local Bible and book store. Your church has copies of the booklet, "Teaching Adults Successfully," which was prepared by the Christian Education Agency. If your church does not have a copy you may obtain one from the Bible Advocate Press or Christian Education Agency.

Teaching simply is sharing with people. If you like people and love God's Word it will be easy to share His goodness through your teaching experience.

TWO MEMBERS ADDED TO HOUSTON ENGLISH CHURCH

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him?" (Job 38:5-7)

God: the Eternal is mindful of man. The membership of His church reflects the



front row (left to right), Jim Thompson, Myrtle Thompson, Danny Cupp, Myrtle Thompson, Steve Kurtright. Back row (left to right) Carrie Munro and Corrine Munro.

breath of His Spirit. The Houston, English assembly is delighted to have been blessed by the concern of our God.

In the seven months that I have been here as pastor six have made decisions to serve God and the Kingdom of His church. Two were baptized at summer youth camp and

received their membership after my arrival. Two have buried the old man of sin since my arrival, and two joined God's people in membership on their profession of faith.

We just want you to know that God still cares and is mindful of man and his needs. —Steve Kurtright

CALENDAR

North American Regional Ministerial Council, October 5, 1976, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico.

International Ministerial Council, October 5-9, 1976, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico.

1977 General Conference Meeting, July 11-16, 1977, Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma.

MISSIONS ABROAD

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that he is in almost complete accord with the Church of God. This group of churches is not far from Elder Ortaleza, who also resides in Luzon and is in the work full-time. Thus, we have asked Brother Ortaleza to make the acquaintance of this group. We believe that there is an excellent chance that we have enough in common to work together. If this prospect materializes, it will greatly strengthen our mission in Luzon.

UNITED MISSIONS CALENDAR

The Harvest Field Messenger is something of a special issue this quarter. It has attached in the center fold a special gift to you from the United Missions Board. It is our special edition of the United Missions calendar.

We hope that you will proudly display your copy of the United Missions calendar. It has a great deal of helpful information about your church's program. Many important dates of general interest are emphasized as a guide and help in planning your participation in the program of the Church of God (Seventh Day).

CAMP MEETING IN CANADA!

July 26-31 — SDA Camp Ground, Bowden, Alberta

Enjoy an old-fashioned Canadian Camp Meeting in a comfortable facility: Special Speakers — Workshops — Bible Lectures and Studies — Youth Activities — Children's Program — Recreation Time — Good Food — Fellowship.

ACCOMMODATION RATES

Rooms at Lodge: \$5.00 for one or two people; 50 cents for each additional person per room. Trailers, campers and tents: \$1.50 per night with no hookup.

Rooms With Bath at Lodge: \$8.00 for one or two people. Meals are \$5.95 per day per person, children under 6, \$3.75 per child.

A \$5.00 deposit is required with each reservation.

For reservations please write

Elder Paul Chalus, 18 Varslea Pl. N.W., Calgary, Alberta T3A 0C9, Canada

WEST COAST BIBLE CONFERENCE

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, SALEM, OREGON

August 2-7, 1976

We hope to see you at the opening service of a grand meeting, at 7:30 p.m., Monday evening, August 2. There are full-service accommodations to make the meeting more enjoyable.

Room and Meals for Complete Meeting

Over 14 years, \$55; six to 14 years, \$40.00; two to five years, 50 cents per day; babies, free.

Meals Only

Dinner, \$3.50 (\$17.50 for week); All meals, daily, \$8.50 (\$42.50 for week). Meals are buffet style.

Rooms

Rooms only, \$6.50 per day. Bedding and towels are not provided.

Motels

Excellent motels are available in the area.

You may make your reservations for meals and rooms by writing, Gerry Pedersen, P. O. Box 248, Marion, Oregon 97359. Reservation deadline is July 21, 1976. A deposit of \$5.00 per person should accompany your reservation. Reservations are necessary for accommodations.

ARKANSAS

Van Buren

FBDF (1280 kHz)—1:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

CALIFORNIA

Delano

FCHD (1010 kHz)—7:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri.
11:45 a.m. Mon.-Fri.

Haverdale

FHBL fm (99.1 MHz)—10:45 a.m.
Mon.-Fri.

San Clemente

FHAK (1140 kHz)—9:00 p.m. Sun.
FHAK (1140 kHz)—9:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

GEORGIA

Dunwoodyville

WGTA (950 kHz)—6:00 p.m. Sun.

Waycross

WACL (570 kHz)—10:00 a.m. Sun.

INDIANA

Ellettsville

WIHL (1540 kHz and 107.1 MHz)—
7:45 a.m. Sun.

IOWA

Cedar Rapids

FLOF fm (104.5 MHz)—10:15 p.m. Sun.

KANSAS

Lawrence

F5AL (1150 kHz)—8:45 a.m. Sun.

MICHIGAN

Bay City

WGBR fm (102.5 MHz)—5:30 a.m. Sun.

South Haven

WJHR (940 kHz)—12:45 p.m. Sun.

MINNESOTA

Coon Rapids

FHBL (920 kHz)—6:45 p.m. Sun.

MISSOURI

Butler

FMAM (1130 kHz)—8:45 a.m. Sun.

NEW MEXICO

Roswell

KBIM (910 kHz)—8:00 a.m. Sun.

NORTH DAKOTA

Jamestown

KSJB (600 kHz)—6:45 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

OHIO

Oberlin

WOBL (1570 kHz)—8:00 a.m. Sun.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City

KBYE (890 kHz)—12:30 p.m. Sat.

OREGON

Eugene

KPNW (1120 kHz)—7:30 a.m. Sun.

Salem

KSLM (1390 kHz)—9:30 a.m. Sun.

Springfield

KORE (1050 kHz)—12:15 p.m. Sun.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pottsville

WPPA (1360 kHz)—9:15 a.m. Sun.

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga

WFLI (1070 kHz)—10:45 a.m. Sun.

Dayton

WDNT (1280 kHz)—10:15 a.m. Sun.

McMinnville

WBMC (960 kHz)—12:15 p.m. Sun.

TEXAS

El Paso (Spanish)

XEYC (1460 kHz)—7:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri.

WASHINGTON

Seattle

KBLE (1050 kHz)—9:45 a.m. Sun.

WISCONSIN

Chippewa Falls

WAXX (1150 kHz)—9:15 a.m. Sun.