

as well as those factors that have been affecting the Church directly over the last nine months. We are confident that this trend will soon bottom out and that with the strategy of increased media coverage, both radio and television, and an effective direct mail campaign, we will soon find ourselves back in a new growth mode.

I feel it is as well to be candid with all of you, and God's people should be aware of some of the problems we are having in the financial area. The power of prayer is still a *very effective tool in solving problems!* Rather than letting down, we should be increasing in fervency and asking God to give us the direction His Church needs to take at this time.

One piece of good news I can close with just reached me. The Professional Grounds Maintenance Society has awarded Ambassador College its honor award for the best maintained and landscaped campus in the United States. This is not any small thing since the PGMS is *the* professional association in this particular field and the awarding of this honor to us means that we have, in their opinion, the most beautiful campus in the United States! Many of us have known this for a long time, but it is good to have it "officially" confirmed by such a prestigious organization.

We trust that you will have a profitable and enjoyable Feast of Tabernacles, and I will be reporting the financial situation to you as soon as possible and what the plans will be for next year.

— Frank Brown

Church Administration

Hi again everyone!

The Festival of Tabernacles is now very nearly upon us. Personally, I am excited about the opportunity of seeing so many of you during this coming Feast!

I can't really emphasize how important this year's Feast of Tabernacles is. There has never been a time when it has been more important and more necessary for God's people to meet together in *unity, love and joy* — to be inspired and reminded about the fantastic calling shared by every one of us.

Those of us in the ministry should be "right out in front" in setting the right example as positive, happy, thankful Christians, sincerely grateful for the opportunity of knowing deep and "spirit-dis-

cerned" truths that are profound mysteries to the world.

We may indeed have our trials. We may have our internal problems, *BUT this is the Church of the Living God!* I don't read in my Bible that the people of God — the very Church of God — has ever been without elements of human nature and resultant difficulties. We are certainly no exception today.

But can anyone reasonably conclude that God has not revealed wonderful, precious knowledge, not humanly understood, to this Church?

One of the most exciting revelations possible to know is the fact that every person who has ever lived will have ample opportunity for conversion. And the truth about the purpose of God in creating man — the enlarging of the Family of God — is tremendous knowledge. Fellow ministers, these plus other exciting points of truth we learned in *this Church of God!*

So indeed we may *struggle* onward, but *God is with us*, has been with us and will continue to be as we yield to Him.

Some changes in doctrine have recently occurred. Changes can be unsettling, but it is encouraging to see that *growth into Truth* is an on-going process. Major studies are underway to prove and re-prove many of the teachings of the Church.

Let us all be encouraged and also be encouraging to those around us, especially at this Festival period. By diligent prayer and some hard work on our part, this Feast can be a turning point in dispelling many of the negative feelings that have spread among many in the Church.

Mr. Ted Armstrong has invited the GN readers to attend the Feast this year. We don't expect a *large* number of such people who are not members to attend, but let's make any who do come very much welcome. I sincerely hope our members will set good examples for any "new" people they may meet. We are not "behind a bush" somewhere. Indeed we should not be. Rather, the Church of God should be right out in the open doing its job of being a "light to the world."

Certainly one of the main times during the year that God's way of life is on public view is at the Feast of Tabernacles. Will you please say some of these things to members in your areas if you have an opportunity yet before the Feast?

Healing Booklet

Please read carefully Dr. Hoeh's report in this *Bulletin* on healing. We have reached a significant

milestone in the administration of this important doctrine.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong has been working on the manuscript of a new healing booklet for several months. In addition to his own work he has recruited the services of several of us at Headquarters to prepare material on administrative questions and problems which relate directly to the practical side you ministers are involved in in applying the principles of healing. (As you know, the Doctrinal Committee has been working for some time on healing with Mr. Dave Antion and Mr. Paul Flatt leading the discussions.)

Dr. Hoeh, Mr. David Jon Hill, Dr. Robert Kuhn and I have had two long sessions in Mr. Armstrong's office listening to sections of his manuscript and offering constructive criticism. In the second of these meetings with Mr. Armstrong, Dr. Hoeh read his paper regarding the administration of the healing doctrine (which he had prepared in conjunction with the rest of us) pointing out important details necessary for consistent teaching and application by our members — stressing *both* God's omnipotent power to heal *and* the impossibility to draw any lines between "right" and "wrong" medical techniques, surgical operations or chemical agents. Mr. Armstrong wholeheartedly agreed with this basic approach and offered a few minor suggestions which are included. Dr. Hoeh's report in this *Bulletin* contains much of what was covered in the discussion with Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Ted Armstrong has been kept fully up to date on the progress in this important study area and is pleased that new material is about ready to be distributed on this subject so *personally* close to every one of us.

Commercial Ventures at the Feast

There is one other item I want to discuss with you prior to the Feast. We've received several letters from the field describing products such as medallions, books, etc. which individual members want to market during the Feast of Tabernacles. They've mailed letters across the country introducing themselves to members of other congregations and asking them to be sales representatives for them during the Feast. *This should not be done.* (If there are any exceptions to this, they must be okayed by Mr. Bill McDowell.)

Please announce this in your congregations. We don't want to turn the Feast of Tabernacles into a "county fair" or "house of merchandise" with people displaying and selling their handicrafts either on the festival grounds or city property. We

assemble at the Feast to worship God and enjoy a foretaste of the World Tomorrow — not to make money thru commercial ventures by advertising and selling products we have originated or invented.

Again, fellows, I'm looking forward to seeing many of you soon. God be with you in every way.

— C. Wayne Cole

BIRTHS

Bill and Kathy Miller (Grand Rapids, Mississippi): Whew!! During a labor of 76 hours, we played 27 hours of golf (Kathy rode the cart for 18), canned 17 quarts of carrots, played 9 games of Hollywood Gin, and delivered our second girl (7 lbs., 12 oz.), *Elizabeth Ann*, at 1:18 p.m., August 27. All are doing very well and we couldn't be happier with our latest blessing from God!

Stephen and Barbara Smith (Valdosta, Georgia): We are very pleased to announce the birth of our daughter, *Meredith Anne*, born August 24, at 8:46 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz. All are doing fine. Meredith was born on the Sabbath just before services, so mom worked and dad took the day off.

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Accreditation

This past week we received a call from Dr. Eugene Dawson, President of Redlands University. He will be serving as chairman of the accreditation visiting committee. Dr. Dawson will be on campus for preliminary discussions Friday, September 27, 1974.

Final arrangements are under way for the full committee visit scheduled for October 23-25. Present indications are that the committee will consist of five educators including the chairman. Dr. Earl Pullias, our accreditation commission consultant, will be on campus to speak to the faculty this Thursday. So far everything looks to be in the college's favor.

Speech Classes

One of the students asked a question regarding fourth year speech at last week's open Forum. This prompted several thoughts. One being the gradual growth that has taken place in our speech classes for the last ten years.

In 1959 when I came to Ambassador College