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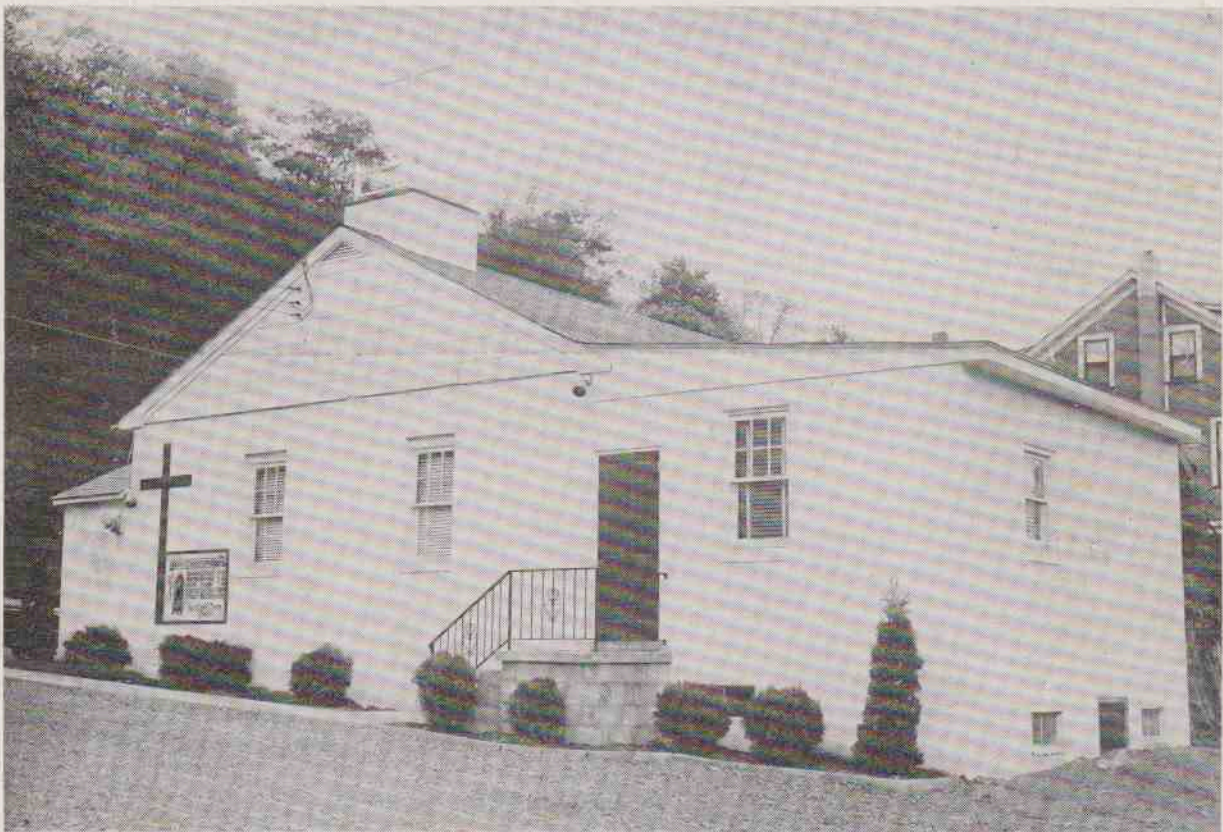
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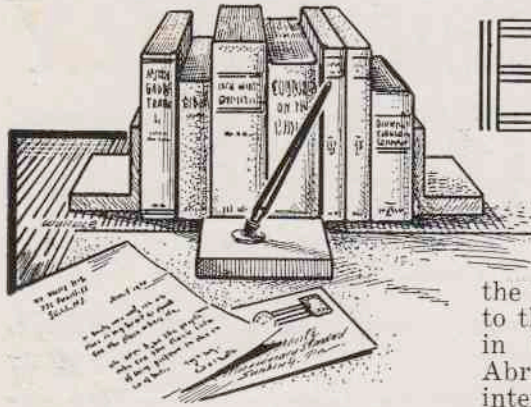
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Remodeled and improved Sanctuary at Shamokin, Pa., located on Bear Valley Avenue. Rev. Earl Deetz, Jr., pastor (See Report in this issue)

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# EDITORIAL

Thomas E. Frantz...

## The Greatest Church in the World

"And upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18.

It is quite interesting to note that the original Greek word, here translated, "Church," is: "EK-KLESIA," which literally means, "a calling out." What is true of this reference to "Church" is true of EVERY SINGLE New Testament reference translated the same. Never, Never, NEVER does the New Testament translate "Church" to mean anything but "the saints on earth, or in heaven." Thus, when we refer to a building as the "Church" we are not using Biblical terms to describe the sanctuary. In the wilderness, it was the Tabernacle, a portable, temporary set-up where Israel could meet with God while on the march. Later, it was the glorious Temple, where Solomon and his brethren officiated at such powerful services, when the Most High descended in clouds of smoke, sending down the fire to "consume the sacrifice." Therefore, with these facts before us, let us understand that the Biblical references to "Church" refer to God's people, the body of believers, rather than to bricks, mortar, glass, steel, or wood, however beautifully and artistically arranged to form houses of worship.

### The Church in Embryo

Let us remind ourselves of the fact that God has always had His people, before the New Testament era began. While the antediluvian wretchedness continued, "Noah, a preacher of righteousness," faithfully warned the people, and prepared the ark for the salvation of his household. As

the wickedness of Sodom came up to the nostrils of God as a stench, in the Plains of Mamre went Abraham to his knees with deep intercession and prayer for the salvation of family and friends. Babylon rocked with drunken parties and immoral activities, but Daniel prayed three times a day, "the windows of his chambers be opened toward Jerusalem." When King Saul raged and cursed, little David sat playing his harp, and singing sweet songs of Moses and the Lamb. During the time the hordes of Israel were "of unclean lips," Isaiah experienced the sanctifying power of God and went on to glimpse the Messiah in Chapter 53 of his prophecy, and further saw the coming Kingdom on earth in Chapter 35.

Peter, in defending his ministry among the Gentile brethren at Cornelius' house, styled Pentecost as "the beginning," and the beginning it was. But, before the "beginning," God still had His people in Old Testament days. However, the Advent of the Holy Ghost (not into the world, for He has been here since the early Creation days, when "The Spirit of God brooded upon the waters,") into the hearts of cleansed men set at liberty a mighty stream of salvation and preaching of the Cross that rocked the world with its effects. Jesus had told them, "Greater works than these shall ye do," and Pentecost with its 3,000 converts proved this was true, for the Holy Ghost empowered them to win souls as even Jesus had not done. Yes, 5,000 were fed loaves and fishes, but many followed for this reason alone.

### The Church in Exodus

As Israel spent some time in reaching the Promised Land, we can say that today the Church is moving toward the Heavenly Land. The Paschal Lamb has been already slain, the doorposts of our hearts (rather than the doors) have been sprinkled with the

Blood, and all we await is for the summons from the Leader to begin our march to the skies, taking with us the bones of the dead saints, as Israel marched away with the body of Joseph, who had predicted: "The Lord will surely visit you. . . ." What a glorious day it will be, as the Church goes into that last March toward Heaven! Methinks I can already hear the sound of "the going in the tops

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## Meditations by Moore . . . . .

Have you heard? It has been said, "When small men cast big shadows, the sun is about to set."

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We may be able to set the clocks to conform to the changes in time, but what do we do with the sundial?

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Think of the preparation that went into the first Astronaut's fifteen minute ride, while billions of souls leave earth for Eternity without one moment of preparation.

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The Bible frowns on begging and Beggars. We of the past generation knew little of Beggars — but now with grief and shame, we must admit that we belong to a nation that has literally become a beggar. We know of begging from cigarettes and drink to bartering for the souls of men.

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Much of the current Spiritual warfare seemingly is of the "Guerrilla type."

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The individual who manageth well his affairs and is upright, needeth not much credit, nor does he seek it. Mark that man or nation who ever standeth in need of aid.

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Isn't it true that if our Governmental affairs had been managed as well as most of our poor and common folk have handled their business, many white-collar pencil-pushing income-tax investigators would be doing something else besides living off taxpayers who are supporting them besides the glorious "Man-in-space" program.

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In this generation, are we listening to the "Voice crying in the wilderness" of reformed modernists and false leaders, or are we trying to hush the "Howls" from among the tombs of the Spiritually dead?

## America, — Civilized or Heathen — Which?

### *Just a Little Litter*

According to "Keep America Beautiful, Inc.," over \$50,000,000 in tax funds are spent each year to remove litter from primary highways. "Last year, the U. S. Forest Service budgeted \$3,000,000 just to clean up litter from our national forests," KAB says. The cost of litter-caused fires throughout the country is more than \$70,000,000 annually. Human losses also are great. "Between 750 and 1,000 Americans are needlessly killed and 100,000 seriously injured each year as a result of cars striking or swerving to avoid hitting objects thoughtlessly thrown on our highways," KAB concludes.

—Penna. Game News

## Something to Think About

With all the talk of the Mentally retarded;" with all the psychiatrists and psychologists, and the funds that are being channeled into providing psychopathic treatment for these unfortunates, have you ever wondered who is qualified to pronounce one another sane? We can correctly account for the numbers of individuals who suddenly are overcome by an impulse to kill, and brutally murder their loved ones, or neighbors? We believe in the fulfillment of God's Word, as we near the Rapture, and the great tribulation, when the Devil, in the form of the anti-Christ shall be in complete control, that by degrees, these things are coming upon the peoples of earth, and finally, all who shall not receive the *mind* of Christ, will be without power to control themselves. Let us consider the account of the Demoniac of Gadara found in St. Mark 5:1-21. Notice verse 15. When the people came to see what was done, they see the man, "SITTING, CLOTHED, AND IN HIS RIGHT

MIND." Here is a man who was not in his right mind, but when he received the *mind* of Christ, he had his right mind. *Sitting* speaks of *peace*; *rest*, which few of the people of this generation have. Daniel speaks of the end-age as folks "Running to and fro." *Clothed*, speaks of something that seems to be fast thought unnecessary by multitudes of people. Could it be that people who want to go undressed is in the same group as this poor fellow? The Bible says, "If any man have not the MIND of Christ, he is none of His. If we have not the MIND of Christ — tell me, whose MIND do we have? We feel that when the Rapture is past, and the Devil is in complete control, this old earth will really know something of "Mental" sickness, which is without doubt fast on the increase as the end approaches.

## The Great Tractor Trade —A Parable

Once upon a time there was a bearded dictator in a small Island country, who had successfully repulsed a tiny invasion force that sought to restore constitutional guarantees to their native land, which had once been liberated from the grips of another great country some sixty years previously by a nation that flew a flag with stars and stripes.

Having read that a modern-day Haman had once desired to barter 1,000,000 of the Chosen People for lorries to be used in furthering the war efforts of "Der Fuehrer," this afore-mentioned Bearded One demanded that 500 tractors be given in exchange for 1,200 prisoners taken during the unsuccessful invasion attempt at a Bay called Pigs. Mr. Bearded One forgot to mention that these prisoners were his own countrymen, whom he had once made threats to murder, but when other friendly countries who spoke his language objected, he conceived the great Tractor Trade.

Big Brother, from an atheistic country far away, had made friends with the Bearded One, even hugging him publicly in the General Gathering of the whole

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The Standard Family  
Anytown, U. S. A.

Christian Greetings!

As we write today, Friends,

There are some pressing problems that we would like to discuss with you, being concerned mainly about the delivery of this Gospel paper to you in regular fashion. Let us face several facts:

(1) In the past some deliveries of the STANDARD have been less than regular. Why? We are at a loss to explain. Our printer assures us they have been mailed, and the post office department at the point of mailing conducts their business in a proper manner.

(2) Something has to be done! We're doing it this month! You have received this copy of your paper in an envelope, which has been especially prepared for you, and the place of mailing now has been changed to the Editor's town, so that we can give personal attention to each address problem.

(3) We know you like the STANDARD! Hardly anyone who has read a sample copy ever tells us they do not like the messages and Bible Studies of the men of God who write for us. The Church of the Month series has drawn special interest to the congregations who had put forth extra effort to build the work of the Lord, even in great sacrifice at times.

(4) NOW, Will you assist us? If your paper does not arrive in regular fashion, write us at MILESBERG, PA.; or if you desire a bundle of sample papers, enclose a dollar or two for postage, and we'll send you a big box to distribute.

(5) Your comments? Send them in! We'd like to have a Letters To The Editor column, where proper communications can appear from our readers each month.

Yours, "Serving the Master,"

Thomas E. Frantz

Editor



# The STANDARD PULPIT

## A Gospel Picture

By Dr. Joshua Stauffer

(Continued from Previous Issue)

**Editor's Note:** The final part of Dr. Stauffer's message will be printed next month. If you are interested in obtaining these messages in booklet form, please write us. We hope to be able to bring out "A Gospel Picture" if interest is sufficient. The cost will be very low to our readers. Questions of type and shadow of the Old Testament era are answered in this spiritual treatise. Write us today!

The damsel was enriched and adorned with the gifts of the father and son, particularly the son for he was the heir. These were presented by the servant. The placing of the arm bracelets on her indicated that those hands were to do service for the giver. The earrings were a hint suggesting that those ears were to listen to him who was the giver. Gold is valuable and indestructible and symbolizes godliness, holiness and God. Silver symbolizes redemption. The person redeemed by God belongs to God. That which was outward then, must be considered as inward in this age. That which was literal to the Israelites is spiritual for the believer in the church age. It is not the outward man that is to be adorned now, but the wearing of modest apparel and that not to be too costly. The inward man is to be adorned by that which is symbolized by gold and silver—God and redemption. The Holy Spirit bestows the rich graces and gifts upon the church. The graces of the Christian experience bestowed on the believer are to cover our nakedness and adorn us in His sight, and the gifts given are to be used in His service to glorify the Giver. As the servant gave to Rebekah the gifts of Isaac, so the Holy Spirit takes the things of Christ and gives them to the believers.

### *Servant in the Background*

It is very significant how the servant kept himself in the background. Little did he say concerning himself. He was not the objective, but the executive. He was not the master, but the servant. In this he took his rightful place. All he said concerning himself was: "I am Abraham's servant." To have spoken of himself would have detracted from his master and the object of his coming. Even so in the divine plan of God, the Holy Spirit has little to say concerning Himself. Jesus said, "He shall not speak of Himself." The Spirit ever directs to the Son and to the Father.

### *Servant Talked About Isaac*

In telling his errand, the servant talked mostly about Isaac. The call of Abraham, his life of faith and pilgrimage and God's promises were related, which led up to the birth of Isaac, with his calling, riches, qualities and the promises made to him. He pictured Isaac as the successor and heir of Abraham,

and that he was of age and the time had come to secure a wife for him. In keeping with the divine plan, the Holy Spirit does not speak of Himself, but as Jesus said, "He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you." The office of the Holy Spirit is to reveal Christ to us. The great doctrines which the Spirit is pleased to reveal to us are: the miraculous birth of Christ; His holy life; His vicarious death; His miraculous resurrection; His triumphant ascension and His glorious coming again.

### *The Bride Consents To Go*

After the servant was through talking about Isaac and the remarkable answer to his prayer at the well, Laban her brother and Bethuel her father, had to acknowledge that the thing was of the Lord and there was nothing to be added to it, nor anything to be said against it. The servant does not consent to stay over night until the bride consents to go. Her father, brother and mother gave their consent, but the question had to be settled by the damsel, for it was a personal matter. She said, "I will go." The Spirit does not win any unwilling person. Before He regenerates us we must become willing, call and believe on the Lord. Before He comes in to cleanse us and fill us with His sanctifying power, there must be a consecration and an eternal "yes" to the Lord that we will be His and His forever. All of this is a personal matter, for it cannot be done by proxy, nor can we go through on our mother's or father's religion, neither can they decide for us.

### *Whom Having Not Seen Yet Loved*

Rebekah fell in love with a man she had never seen. No photo of Isaac was shown to her. All that she had heard from the mouth of the servant and God's guiding hand convinced her of the greatness of Isaac, his remarkable character and position. In the natural realm love generally comes by sight. Character and calling are not considered by many in their courtship. In Christian experience and the calling of the church, it is, "Whom having not seen yet loved." The Spirit, the inspired Scripture and the revelation of Christ in them convinces the believer of the beauty and glory in Christ when we say "Yes" to the Spirit and consent to follow Christ.

### *The Servant Returns*

The Lord having prospered the journey of Eliezer, he purposed to return immediately. His object being accomplished, he was ready to return to his master with the bride. The damsel's mother and brother thought this was all too sudden and that he should

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# Church of the Month

## Church in the Valley To Dedicate New Sunday School Annex

The newly-erected Sunday School annex of the Church in the Valley will be dedicated during services to be staged 2:30 Sunday afternoon.

Dedicatory message will be delivered by the Rev. Thomas E. Frantz, Milesburg, Pennsylvania, who pastors a church also known as Church in the Valley, Milesburg.

Special services in conjunction with the dedication of new departments will begin May 26 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Frantz will speak Friday, May 26, Saturday, May 27, and also 11:00 morning and at the dedication service 2:30 Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Thomas, pastor of Holiness Christian Church, Cressona, will speak during the 7:45 services May 29. Rev. and Mrs. Thomas will render special vocal selections.

Immanuel Church in charge. The Rev. C. W. Wolfgang, director of the Friendly echo hour, will be in charge of the June 3 program and will deliver the evening message.

Miss Helen Miller will serve as organist and Mrs. Ruth Deetz as pianist for the dedication service. The services will be highlighted with the addition of the Schulermerich Chime system installed recently in the church.

The new structure to be dedicated consists of four class rooms, new rest rooms, a pastor's study and nursery. Men of the church donated their labor and began last June to dig out the basement of the church. Every bit of ground was taken out by pick and shovel, according to the Rev. Earl Deetz, pastor, who said God has surely helped.

Rev. Deetz stated there were only approximately twenty attend-

the new annex to house Sunday School attendants. Fifty students can be seated in the Youth department, 30 in the primary department, and 20 in the junior department.

Rev. Deetz praised the people in Shamokin for their friendliness and cooperativeness and said he and his wife enjoy their work in this town. The pastor extends an invitation to the public to visit the Church in the Valley during these dedication days.



Young People Donate New Church Chimes

Rev. Earl Deetz, Pastor of the Church in the Valley, Bear Valley Avenue, Shamokin, inspects new chimes presented to church Tuesday by young parishioners. Sharon Miller, president of the Young Peoples Class, made presentation of chimes which will be dedicated at Sunday services.



Interior View of Shamokin Church

The Rev. Ray Steyers and singers from the Pillow Church will present a special program May 31 which will be a musical program. The Rev. Earl Heckman will deliver the evening message June 1. Young people from the Pilgrim Holiness Church, Augustaville, will be in charge of the musical program.

Gratz night will be observed June 2, with the Rev. Allen Russel and special singers from Gratz

ing Sunday School when he arrived in Shamokin two years ago. Eighty-five are now on the Sunday School roll.

Formerly using a rented building, the congregation bought the building and shortly after, purchased a parsonage home at 342 South Diamond Street. Young people of the church bought the organ. Rev. Deetz said although they thought they had enough room, it became necessary to build



## God Is Love

I cannot always trace the way  
Where thou, Almighty One, dost move,  
But I can always, always say,  
That God is love.

When myst'ry clouds my darkened path  
I'll check my dread, my doubt reprove  
In this my soul sweet comfort hath,  
That God is love.

Yes, God is love:—a thought like this  
Can every gloomy thought remove,  
And turn all tears, all woes, to bliss,  
For God is love.

Sel.

# The Preachers' Own Page

**Editor's Note:** We begin with this issue the first in a series of articles directed especially to the preachers, and we hope you will enjoy this first one, as well as those that follow.

## The Pastor and Special Meetings

By P. W. Thomas

Special meetings are those planned series of gatherings usually led by workers who are called to evangelism and experienced in this type of ministry. They are generally designated as a "Revival Meeting." We may also include conventions of shorter duration.

Such campaigns and conventions are a recognized part of our church program. In their proper time and function, they are wholly scriptural. They have been productive of much good.

There are many phases of the revival theme, as we all know. This discussion deals particularly with the matter of timing, although some mention is made of other closely-related aspects of special meetings.

### The Peril of The Special Meeting

Revival meetings that are poorly timed, wrongly conducted, inadequately prepared for can be most disappointing. Revival meetings, or other special campaigns, that do not meet the need of the church, or that are otherwise out of harmony with God's Word can do definite harm to the church.

It is a mistake to think that we can make a program of revival meetings carry the full load of the work of the church—that by having special campaigns to make up for lack of proper preaching—prayer—visitation in the community, etc. There have been churches whose leaders have tried to carry on after this program. This idea may promise much, but it invariably runs out and leaves things in worse condition than ever.

Revival meetings and conventions can be held too close together so that there is little or no time for the normal development of the church. Souls without a sound,

scriptural, pastoral ministry are apt to be dwarfed and otherwise hindered.

And may the Lord deliver us from the "Quickie Revival" which is becoming all too common. This is the revival that has little or nothing behind it of spiritual value, that consists chiefly of a mild form of religious entertainment attended by such synthetic joy as the workers can stir up by playing upon the emotions of the people. Such revivals are clouds without water, they promise much but produce little!

Revival meetings that adopt unscriptural and sensational methods may leave death in their wake. Some churches have lost both their ministry and field because they have been blighted by unworthy revival methods.

The popular idea that we must have some kind of "bait" to bring people to the house of God is also a dangerous notion and has led to foolish and hurtful things. Jesus said, "As ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." The healing, cleansing work was to come as a fruit of their ministry.

### Scriptural Revivals

A scriptural revival is one that is timed to meet the spiritual needs of the church. In the natural world, we do not always plow and sow seed, but there is a time for this work. And there is a time in the life of the church when nothing but revival will meet the need. This does not mean we are obliged to wait until the church is backslidden before we pray for an outpouring of the Spirit and plan concerted action to get souls saved.

Scriptural revivals must be prepared for, else we shall have little more than a preaching mission and a time of fellowship. Under pressure to see results in such meetings, the workers may try to get as many of the saints to the altar as possible, and in the end perhaps do more harm than good. We are never justified in unscriptural teachings or methods. A good end

does not justify questionable means.

There needs to be deep and protracted prayer-preparation. Six weeks or a month is not too much. Some of the greatest revivals followed months of prayer! Prayer and fasting, group prayer, house to house prayer, prayer chains that run through the 24 hour of the day, half-nights and even whole-nights of prayer must be the order of the day. There needs to be a going down before God until hearts are genuinely burdened for the glory of God and the salvation of the lost. We may have crowds without prayer, and good singing and preaching; but we cannot have revival without prayer—much prayer!

Hand in hand with the prayer-preparation, must go the visitation program of the church. Visitation lists may be made of the parents of the Sunday school children, friends and relatives of the members, the occasional worshiper, the backslidden member, and others. Calls at the homes, with prayer, if possible. Calls that are followed up with more visits, phone calls, and cards. And when the meeting comes, the visiting workers should be organized so that they can actually call and seek to bring the people to the meeting in cars or buses. We cannot reap if we do not sow.

Appropriate preaching needs to accompany all the preparation. There are so many wonderful revival texts and themes in the Word—At Ease in Zion—Lost First Love—Personal Soul Winning, etc.

We would not want to limit the Holy Spirit, but unless there are very unusual reasons for doing so, the Pastor should not precipitate the revival climax before the meeting. It is good to bring the people up to the revival meetings in expectancy and faith, ready to continue both their prayer work and visitation right through the campaign. Such a plan can result in much good.

Revival meeting finances may often be cared for in advance of the campaign. This is a good test of our sincerity and faith. Where it can be done, it keeps the meetings free for the preaching of the Word and other spiritual ministries.

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## The Bulletin Board—Items of Interest to All

### COMING . . . . .

#### PENNS CREEK CAMP MEETING

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Presenting the Sin-Less Saviour in the "Soaring Sixties"

#### CALLING CHURCH SECRETARIES

In the event you have not yet sent your yearly report to the Conference to the Statistician, do so today. Your blanks can be secured from: Rev. Russell T. Herr, RD, Newport, Pa., the General Secretary. When completed, mail to: Rev. Marlin Crock, 2127 Hill Street, Lebanon, Pa.

#### CONFERENCE REPORTS TO BE PRINTED

Reports of the 26th Annual Conference of God's Missionary Church will be printed in the STANDARD immediately after the session's conclude, and will appear, the Lord willing, in the September, 1961, issue, with pictures of the Camp Meeting workers, crowds, dining hall scenes, and—if we can persuade the delegates and officers to sit for a picture—of the Conference group. This should be an unusual issue!

#### NEW MAILING SCHEDULE FOR THE STANDARD

Beginning with this issue we hope to have our new mailing schedule in force, whereby it is our plan to seek to eliminate difficulties previously in mailing the paper. Each party's paper will arrive now in a specially-prepared envelope, so as to try to assure

prompt delivery. This is an extra-cost item, but if it gives us better service it is worth the expenditure and the effort. The Milesburg Sunday School children have been helping to "stuff" the papers into the envelopes, and one of the new converts has given her time to help prepare the stencils.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS IN PREPARATION

When our building was opened to the public on December 7, 1958, we did not have our basement divisions completed, and for some time we conducted Sunday School for the lower departments down there with no separate rooms. However, that is all changed now, as the brethren have been working hard to install the room divisions, and beautiful, pre-finished Phillipine Mahogany, in V-groove planking, has been installed, to make the basement auditorium very similar in appearance to the Sanctuary floor. When the basement plan was studied, it was discovered that the seven rooms could easily be provided, and that by using folding doors two separate auditoriums could easily be created for Young People's use. Also, a small corner room has been completed for the Mimeo-graph machine the Lord provided to run-off the Journeys of The Israelites

and Sunday School Teacher's Notes mentioned in previous months. We have about 100 in the school-age to late teens, and we want to provide them with every necessary facility to get a good Christian foundation in the Word in Sunday School, for they will be our Church of Tomorrow if Jesus tarries and stays His Second Coming. —Milesburg Reporter

#### HOW THE LORD PROVIDED OUR MIMEOGRAPH

For some time, and especially since we began the JOURNEYS OF THE ISRAELITES and the TEACHER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES, it was our prayer that the Lord would make it possible for us to have our own mimeograph machine. We discovered that the local High School was kind enough to run our stencils for us, and one day noticed they were planning to purchase a new machine.

The price of the older machine, an A. B. Dick electric, commercial-type, was to be decided when the new machine arrived. We knew that it had cost about \$500, and that the new one would be \$645, and so our faith needed extra strength. But, pray we did, and the Lord allowed us to obtain the machine for only \$95.

A very interesting feature of the entire operation was the fact that the pastor told the need one Sunday morning, and went on with his message. When the High School called to tell us that we could come for the machine, every last dollar of the \$95 had been supplied, and not one penny less or one penny more than that amount. Various individuals contributed, neither knowing what the other was giving. This was the "Lord's doings and it was marvelous in our eyes."

—Reported

#### SUBSCRIBE FOR A FRIEND

If you feel the STANDARD would be a blessing to your friends, why not sit down right now, and write down the names and addresses of these friends, and enclose \$1.00 for each individual chosen, and we'll do the rest. What a small investment to have the Silent Preacher bring 12 series of messages to your loved ones or friends!

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## Of Interest to the Young People

### Stan Northrop's SOS

Stan Northrop and his three week-end guests were exploring the cliffs near his home. Two of them were his cousins, Aleck and Brenda; the third was Brenda's girl friend.

"It's getting rather late—the tide will soon come in," Stan had said, "but if you really want to climb, I guess we'd be safe for about an hour."

So they were following the narrow ledges along the steep rock cliffs.

"Oh, look! A cave!" exclaimed Brenda, "Let's go in!"

"All right, let me go in first with my flashlight," said Stan, "Watch your footing." The four made their way back. The cave was dark, and the footing was slippery. After awhile they reached a larger part where the footing was better.

"Say, this would make a fine place for a secret meeting," said Aleck.

"Yes, wouldn't it!" said Brenda. "For those early Christians, for instance. They had to live in the secret caves like this, in order to be safe from the heathen soldier's swords, and they had to hold their meetings in places like this, too."

"Oh, they must have really loved Christ! They went through all kinds of persecution for His sake," said Aleck. "Wish I were a little more like them. I can hardly take it if the fellows call me 'goodie-goodie' when I refuse to smoke, or dance, or go to the theater."

"Are you like that?" asked Stan in surprise. "When did you get religion?"

"It wasn't religion I got—it was Christ," replied Aleck.

"We've been Christians for over a year," said Brenda—"ever since an evangelist came to our town and showed us the need of being born again."

"Religion's not for young people. It's for people who are about to die," said Stan. "As for me, I don't want to think about it until I'm old."

"That's taking an awful chance,"

said Aleck. "This cave reminds me of what will happen when Christ suddenly returns. Those who are not ready to meet Him will run into the caves like this and pray for the rocks to fall on them, hoping that might hide them from His wrath. There'll be a lot of young people living then, Stan. Some will be ready, and some won't. I'm certainly glad I'm ready."

Stan only shrugged his shoulders. He began talking about the interesting rock formations, and showed them the different passages in the cave.

"How late is it?" he exclaimed suddenly. "Seems like an age since we came in here. We'd better get out at once."

They hurried to the mouth of the cave, but they were too late! It was growing dark, and the tide had risen nearly to their level.

"Oh, I wish we hadn't come in here!" cried Brenda.

"We're trapped! What can we do?" cried Aleck.

"Nothing!" said Stan. "The ledges by which we came here are under water. We'll just have to stay here and trust to luck that this whole cave doesn't fill up with water."

"Don't trust to luck—trust the Lord," said Aleck, and he began praying. Stan said nothing, but only flashed his light about.

It grew darker outside. The tide kept rising. As it passed the entrance level the water began running into the cave. The girls clung to high spots in a vain effort to keep dry.

The four did not talk very much—they were all thinking too hard for that. But soon Stan noticed that the water had stopped rising.

"The tide is going out," he said. "But it will still leave us in a pretty pickle. It's too dark for us to return over those narrow ledges safely, even with my flashlight. It would be just too bad if anyone fell in, for the water's deep and it's pretty far to swim. We'll have to stay here all night. And all tomorrow morning, too, for by

the time it's light the tide will have gone out and have risen half way up again."

"Oh, our folk will wonder where we are!" cried Brenda. "They'll be sick with worry!" "I know what!" exclaimed Aleck. "Send an SOS with your flashlight, Stan! You know—three short flashes, three long, then three short. Maybe someone will see it and rescue us."

"No one would see it unless they are in a boat, and there wouldn't be anyone out on the cove at this time of night. However, there's no harm in trying, I guess."

He flashed an SOS. Three shorts, three longs, three shorts! Three shorts, three longs, three shorts! He repeated the signal over and over.

"Look! There's a light outside!" Stan splashed through the shallow water remaining in the cave, and poked his head out at the entrance. Yes, there was an old fisherman in a boat.

"Hey! Will you get us out of here?" Stan shouted.

"Will I? What do you think I'm here for? I saw your SOS," was the reply. He brought his boat to the mouth of the cave, and four wet young people climbed in and made for shore.

"Not very often I come out on the cove after dark," said the old fisherman after listening to their experience. "But somehow I just had an urge tonight. Lucky for you, eh?"

"Yes," replied Stan, "but it really wasn't luck. It was the Lord who gave you that urge."

"Say, when did you get religious?" asked Aleck, surprised.

"In that cave," replied Stan. "As the water kept slowly rising, I thought about death and the judgment, and I got scared. So while I was sending out that SOS with my flashlight, I was sending out an SOS with my heart as well, asking God to have mercy and let us all get home safely."

"Oh, thank the Lord," said Brenda. "I'm glad we went in that cave, now."

"Same here!" said Stan. "That brought me to my senses. Soon as we got dried out and rested I want to hear more about this 'born-again' business. I want to be sure I'm ready to meet God before I'm a day older."—R. C. C., in High-School Christian.



## The Greatest Church in the World

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of the mulberry trees," and "Just a few more days to be filled with praise and to tell the old, old story."

### *The Church in Eternity*

Apostle John, privileged beyond the others to live to see many, many years, and to witness the glory of Christ in the Revelation given by God on the Isle of Patmos, tells us that these white-robed figures are so numerous that "No man can number them," as they stood around the throne, singing praises to God, with palms in their hands. The song writer said, "They shall come from every tribe and nation . . . but they'll never crown Jesus 'til I get there." The old shall be young there forever, and death shall have been long banished from the glittering corridors of Heaven. Disease shall be forever past. Disappointments will be no more. Faith shall have turned to sight; hope shall have been realized; and love — the universal language of Eternity — shall rule from sea to sea.

What beautiful words Henry Wadsworth Longfellow has given us to describe the rest we will find in Eternity:

As a tired mother when the day is o'er  
Leads by the hand her little child to bed,  
Half willing, half reluctant to be led,  
And leaves his broken playthings on  
the floor,

Still gazing at them through the open  
door,

Nor wholly reassured and comforted,  
By promises of other in their stead,  
Which, though more splendid, may not  
please him more,

So Nature deals with us, and takes away  
Our playthings one by one, and by the  
hand,

Leads us to rest so gently, that we go,  
Scarce knowing if we wish to go or stay,  
Being too full of sleep to understand  
How far the unknown transcends the  
what we know.

—Editorial by Rev. Thomas E. Frantz

## The Great Tractor Trade

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world in their Great Headquarters in the land that once had liberated the Bearded One's country, the land, I say, that flew the flags with the stars and stripes. This same Big Brother had made threats to the nation that flew the flag with the stars and stripes, saying, "I will bury you," and it seemed to be coming closer to reality, with the Bearded One's country just moments away by air, and now the great Tractor Trade conceived, so that the Island country could easily prepare landing strips for modern and deadly jet airplanes, and more modern Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles.

How strange it seemed to loyal patriots, who had given sight and limb to defend the famous flag with the stars and stripes, to see famous people rise to the occasion and begin to collect a fund to pay for the tractors to trade the Bearded One. Suddenly, there came a loud noise that sounded like the fall of the walls of old Jericho, for the Old Rough Rider had just turned over in his grave, when he heard that the Harvard Body had also publicly appealed for money to pay the ransom.

This, then, was the parable of the great Tractor Trade!

## The Bulletin Board— Items of Interest to All

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### HELP US HELP YOU!

If you have recently moved, or are planning to re-locate, PLEASE send us your change of address, as if you have left instructions with your former post office to forward your mail, it will cost you forwarding postage, and if you have not, it will cost us 5 cents for each returned paper. Send us both Old and New addresses when you move. This will help us to help you.



### PASTOR, PASTOR, PASTOR:

We are planning to send each pastor a list of names of people who formerly subscribed to the STANDARD, and for some reason are no longer in our number. Perhaps you could help get them back as subscribers, and also you may find an opening to preach the Gospel to them, and get them into the Kingdom. We want to help further your local work, and we can do so if you will assist us in this manner. Your sermons, announcements, reports, pictures, etc., will greatly improve local interest, so may we hear from you with your literary contribution. Do it yesterday so you will not forget.

### THE CAMP MEETING

As this is written, and as this is read, camp meetings will be in full bloom all over the Nation. Many of them will be soul-saving stations, and some of them will be failures in this respect. Has it ever been brought to our attention that people will plan to entertain preachers, singers, and other Christians, who come from many miles to attend the great Camps, . . . yet, the people in the immediate area are completely forgotten and ignored. Would it not be sound reasoning to send a group of instructed workers out from each camp meeting crowd to do personal evangelism in the nearby homes, and leave a personal invitation for them to attend the meetings, rather than to allow them to go uninvited and unchurched? Could this be the reason that most camp meetings have turned out to be simply vacations or re-unions? Is this why we never have new seekers at some camps? Could this be the reason some Christians have time to talk, jest, laugh, and carry-on, for lack of something better to do in the way of soul-winning? It is the hardest thing in the world to get some people to get on out there to the neighbors to invite them to church or camp meeting, but no body needs to push them to town to shop, or to take off two weeks in the Summer to go to Canada to fish and boat! Shame on our disinterest in the lost souls of men all around us.

—Editor

## The Pastor and Special Meetings

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### The Convention Idea

The short three-day, or weekend conventions can prove a real blessing. Sometimes these are used very effectively in promoting special interests such as missions, church extension work, and Sunday school effort. The holiness conventions of other years which lasted only a day or so were very effective in emphasizing the great doctrine of full salvation.

Such conventions do not take the place of the regular church revival, but they can do much to give a tonic to the life of the church and fill in between times.

The convention idea, like the revival, can be overdone. We can have them so often that they become meaningless. If we are planning for conventions, let us make them something worthwhile, well prepared for, scripturally conducted, and synchronized with the needs of the work.

### The Matter of Timing

Because of the many factors involved it would seem presumptuous to try to lay down hard and fast rules. Conditions are never quite the same. But we can be sure of some things: God wants us to have victory and a work of grace in progress. This is the New Testament standard for the church.

All churches periodically need revivals; they need times of refreshing from the Presence of the Lord. It is scriptural and right to plan for concerted efforts to bring men to Jesus, just as the four men

organized themselves to bring the sick man to Jesus; and as the Lord himself sent the disciples into the cities where he planned to minister.

The fruitless fig tree, described in Luke 13:6-9, called for immediate attention on the part of the gardener lest it be removed. Churches that produce little more than the leaves of religious profession certainly need revival.

It is as true of the church as of the individual, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." The early church found this so, and the mighty manifestation reported in Acts four gives us some of the most stimulating reading in the New Testament.

In the messages to the seven churches of Asia, He who walks in the midst of the "golden candlesticks" called for revival:

When the church had lost her first love,

When the church became tolerant of sin and those who practiced it, as when the doctrine of Baalim and the teachings of Jezebel were tolerated,

When the church drifted into formalism as at Sardis,

When the lukewarm church surrendered to a materialistic concept of Christianity.

Surely the Holy Spirit will help us at this point. And we will do well to test our impressions by the Word and prayer, to consider the providences of God and the burdens and desires of godly people.

### Better Preparation

In planning ahead for revival meetings, it may prove wiser to plan fewer campaigns and prepare better, get into them more wholeheartedly, than to set up a pro-

gram which calls for special meetings every few weeks and hold revivals that have little put into them.

We say that one of the serious problems of our day is apathy—the "fed-up spirit." Let us be careful that we do not contribute to this by our own inept revival work. The best of people can and do become surfeited on a constant round of "revivals" that mean little more than special gatherings.

It is easier to get up a meeting in between times on our regular schedule if God so leads, than to try to eliminate a campaign already scheduled. And it is best at all costs to avoid the deadly, faith-blighting revival efforts that come and go, but revive nothing.

### God Will Give Victory

Real revivals are expensive. They cost in time and strength and money. They call for humility and heart burden. They mean prayer and sacrifice and suffering with Jesus. Perhaps we have few real revivals because we pay the price for so few of them. There seems to be little vision for revivals after the Bible pattern. Too many of us have been willing to settle for so much less, that the very term "revival" is in danger of wearing threadbare. This very thing has gone on in other church movements until the whole idea of special campaigns has been rejected.

Let us be scriptural, let us seek to honor our Lord and to trust his love and leadership in this as in all our living. Many churches are desperately in need of revival. And revivals will come if we mean business and pay the price for them.

between those who were resurrected and those who were changed, for all will be alike.

### Following the Man

The servant returned from whence he came, but not alone, for he obtained the sought-for bride. The Spirit, too, will return to the Father and Son in the heavens from whence He came on the day of Pentecost. Neither will He return alone, for the elect number, the Church, will be escorted to the Son. Rebekah followed the man. It was not the man following Rebekah. She went "his way," not her way. She followed the man who led her to the habitation of Isaac. In Christian experience, the Christian must follow the leadings of the Spirit. It is His way, not our way. By following the Spirit, He will lead us into the heavens and the home of Christ.

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## A Gospel Picture

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tarry at least ten days. To this he would not consent because his work was accomplished. As soon as the bride consents, he started to return. She had no preparation to make such as sewing and making new clothes, for all that was needful was provided for her and brought along. She did not even need to pack her old belongings. As soon as the Holy Spirit has gathered out the Church and every member necessary to fulfil the elect number is ready, the Church will be raptured and caught up into the heavens. The dead in Christ will be resurrected and changed as though they never had died and the living in Christ will be changed as though they had died and been resurrected, without dying and without crying. When this occurs, no distinction can be made

## IT'S CAMP MEETING TIME

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at Penns Creek, Pa. on Route 104,  
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7:30 a.m.—Breakfast  
8:30 a.m.—Prayer Meeting  
10:00 a.m.—Preaching  
12:00 Noon—Dinner  
2:30 p.m.—Bible Study  
5:30 p.m.—Supper  
6:30 p.m.—Children and Young People service  
7:30 p.m.—Preaching Service.  
(This schedule subject to change)  
Camp is sponsored by God's Missionary Church, Inc.  
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## BOARD AND LODGING

(Rates based on two persons to a room)  
Lodging for entire camp ----- \$ 6.00  
Rental of tent for camp ----- 3.00  
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Large room; 2 beds (4 persons) --- 10.00  
Meal ticket for camp (10 Days) --- 12.00  
Breakfast ----- .35  
Dinner ----- .50  
Supper ----- .50  
For use of hot plate (flat rate) --- 1.00  
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