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## Time Marches On

by Leslie D. Wilcox



Some years ago this slogan was heard frequently, "Time Marches on." It may not be heard so frequently today, but it is still just as true as ever. When we come to this time of taking down last year's calendar from the wall and hanging up the new year's in its place, we are made especially aware that this is true. Time is marching on. We may wish

it would stop and let us enjoy the present pleasures of life a little longer. We may wish it would stop and not hurry us so rapidly on toward some dreaded event that lies in the future. Above all, most people would like to have time stop for they know (if they take time enough to think) that time is hurrying them on toward the brink of eternity and to a fateful hour when they must step across the limits of this life into what to them is a great unknown. But time will not stop for anyone. We have no Joshua who will halt the sun in its course just to gratify the whims or desires that we may have, nor even to help us avoid the dread future. Time still marches on!

This is a fact of which we should be well aware if we but paid a little heed to the swiftness with which events move around us, and to the rapidity of the changing seasons and changing years. But lest we fail to give heed to the march of time, the Bible has given us ample warning of the swiftness of time and of the brevity of human life. Let us listen to its testimony.

Long ago Job observed how swiftly life passes by. He compared life to a weaver's shuttle that flies back and forth across the loom. (Job 7:6) In the very next verse he said, "My life is wind." As swiftly as the breezes pass across the face of the earth, so, life passes away. It may not always be with hurricane force, nor tornado speed, but even the gentle zephyrs are here now and gone the next moment.

The Bible further likens life to handbreadth (Psa. 39:5). This is to show its shortness. At best it is only brief. We begin youth with rosy dreams of the future. Old age and possible death

seem a long way away. But from the Bible standpoint life is but a handbreadth. Or we find it again likened to a "tale that is told." (Psa. 90:9).

But the Scriptural view of life is not only one that stresses its swiftness and its shortness, but also its brevity. The writer of the book of James seems to have

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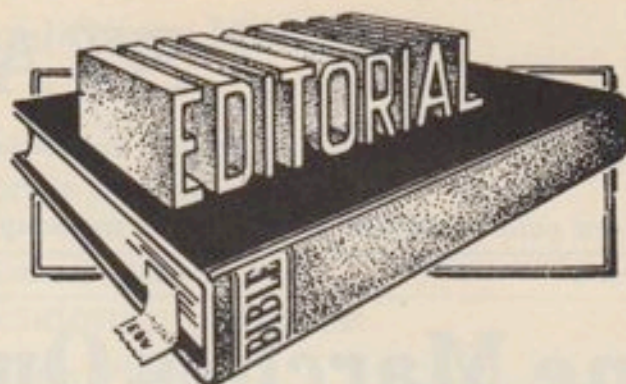
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## Drifting or Driving in 80?

As we face a new year and the beginning of a new decade we are moved to reflect and meditate not only on where we have come, but also where we are going. Each epoch of time is generally denoted in some way, eg. "The Roaring Twenties." What will the 1980's hold for us? Will the "Soaring Seventies" give way to the "Aching Eighties?"

We are faced with uncertainty all around us. Our country seems to be drifting from one crisis to another, never really articulating or implementing careful policies. The Iranian stalemate seems to emphasize our impotence and the general malaise which grips our leadership.

The same tendency to drift can be seen in the church world. We are drifting from doctrinal purity. We really don't know where we are in many doctrinal issues. Inerrancy questions keep plaguing Wesleyan scholars and some are hedging on the matter, which seems to be a first step to error. The charismatic movement is impacting us as well. A recent meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society was addressed by a scholar who encouraged a position of acceptance on the part of Wesleyans. The controversy regarding the position of the disciples at Pentecost has reached into churches, camps and schools until fellowship is being broken and institutions feel impelled to make clarifying statements on the matter. Yes, we are drifting! The anti-divorce, anti-innocent party brethren gather together and point their fingers at the innocent party people across the tabernacle and say, "Boy, I'm glad I'm not like one of them," while the

congregation sings, "Blest be the tie that binds." Incidentally, the width or color or lack of ties still seem to separate brethren and are made cardinal doctrines of the church. Are we drifting?

We are drifting from our evangelistic thrust and fervor. The recent Christianity Today-Gallup Poll revealed that around 40 million Americans can be classified as "evangelicals." Aside from the question of defining the term "Evangelical," my next question is, "Why are we not seeing genuine revival if these figures are correct?" If 120 people, filled with the Holy Spirit and ablaze with holy vigor, could burst out of the upper room at Pentecost and spread like a prairie fire around the world with the message of the Gospel - what in our world could 1 million - 10 million - 35 million people do? Mr. Gallup feels that the time is ripe for evangelistic action and activity? We can fold up behind the excuse that "These are the last days and people aren't interested" or we can begin driving in the area of evangelism.

What will the 1980's reveal about us as a church, a religious movement, as individuals. Shall we continue to drift or shall we halt the drift, get the spiritual ship under control and start driving through God's policies and programs in this new year and this new decade. Let's rally around the Word, reassert the centrality and authority of *Jesus Christ*, and move forward together. Drift or drive into the 80's, the choice is yours.

D. L. F.



# FACING the New Year

by Raymond E. Pollard

We stand just inside the door of the New Year. It holds before us an untrodden pathway. Each day holds secrets which only the passing of time will reveal. Axton Clark has appropriately characterized the days of the New Year by the expression, "the unopened tomorrows." Only time can open them. Therefore, in facing the New Year, there are four attitudes which should characterize our lives.

## Sober REFLECTION —

First, we should pause for sober reflection. The Bible says: "Examine yourselves\*\*\*." We are familiar with the importance of an annual physical check-up, and a periodic spiritual check-up is even more valuable. As the prudent businessman at the beginning of the year or at some stated season takes inventory, even so should a Christian make a spiritual analysis of the year. Such analysis often reveals unsuspected trends, or even alarming facts. It is well for the Christian, therefore, to pray, as did the Psalmist: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." The beginning of a new year presents a logical time for every individual to check up on himself.

Of course, when we consider the past, we become acutely aware of the fact that the time is gone forever. Concerning the record of the past, we are compelled to say with Pilate: "What I have written, I have written." The dawn of every new year silently reminds one that the past is gone forever and cannot be recalled. Therefore, one only wastes his breath in childish unreality when he prays:

**"Backward, turn backward, O Time,  
in your flight!  
Make me a child again, just for  
tonight."**

Efforts to recall and re-live the past often lead people into frustration and confusion. Torn between the past and the future, they are unable to adjust to the present. But, pausing for sober

reflection on the past year is needed, in order that we may have the next attitude: that of

## Sane CALCULATION —

Charles Lamb once said: "No man regards the first of January with indifference. It is that from which all date their time, and count upon that which is left." One must wisely close the doors upon the past, and bravely turn his face to the future. The New Year season should enable us to bring into proper focus the significance, the value, and the meaning of time. Benjamin Franklin wisely said: "Lovest thou life? Then do not squander time, for it is the stuff out of which life is made." Longfellow defined the brevity of life when he declared: "It is not until time, with reckless hand, has torn half the leaves from the book of life to light the fires of human passion from day to day, that man begins to see that the leaves which remain are few in number."

St. Paul revealed his appraisal in these words: "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." In the Phillips translation, that statement reads: "Make the best use of your time, despite all the difficulties of these days." That these are difficult days, no one can rightly deny. Paul is telling us to "buy up every opportunity" in these days of evil. To do so calls for sane calculation.

## Serious RESOLUTION —

Sober reflection and sane calculation should be followed by serious resolution. Like the steward of which our Lord spoke, we should say: "I am resolved what to do." Some people do not seem to believe in making New Year's resolutions, and it is true that merely formal resolutions are all too often carelessly made and easily broken. However, there are times when it is in order to make high and holy resolves within one's heart.

Like the Apostle Paul, we should resolve, first, to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." To do this, we

must forget the things which are behind, and reach out to the things which are before.

Second, we should resolve to make the most of every passing opportunity. Two separate passages of scripture serve to illustrate this point. Joshua 3:4 says: "Ye have not passed this way heretofore," and Deut. 17:16 says: "Ye shall henceforth return no more that way." Never before have we had the opportunities this New Year affords us, and never again will we ever have them. Therefore, resolve to glorify God in all you say and do. Since you have not passed this way before, and shall not pass this way again, determine to be the best possible Christian NOW!

Third, the Christian should resolve to claim the promise, said to be Alexander Maclaren's favorite Bible verse: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." After all, we can live only one day at a time. Jesus reminded us that "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." In other words, each day has its own problems; therefore, meet each day as it comes, and do not borrow on the future. God will supply new strength for each new day. Live one day at a time, and take one step at a time; but make sure that your steps are in the right direction — toward God. The Bible says: "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord."

## Sincere ANTICIPATION —

Following sober reflection, sane calculation, and serious resolution, there should be sincere anticipation, as we face the future. The New Year, like the ancient land of Palestine, is a land of hills and valleys. The experiences which we anticipate in the year ahead resemble the ancient "Promised Land," of which Moses said: "The land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, \*\*\* a land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year."

In the light of this, it is well that we anticipate the hills of joy and the valleys of sorrow, the hills of success and the valleys of failure. There will also be wildernesses of doubt, cliffs of trials, and valley of tears. All of this is in our life. The hills will try our courage, our strength, and our resources. They will challenge our confidence, our conviction, and our commitment. The valleys will try our

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Florida District News

Rev. George Schaefer was the speaker at a youth rally held on the Florida District. People from the churches at Fort Myers, Sarasota, Lakeland and Seffner gathered to hear the message on "Youth in Perspective." Special activities for the youth are planned with increased interest expected on the Florida District.

The schedule for future youth rallies is as follows:

January 5th - 1:30 p.m. - Orla Vista

March 1st - 1:30 p.m. - Fort Myers

April 5th - 1:30 p.m. - Kissimmee

June 5th - 1:30 p.m. - Seffner

## Missionary Crusaders

Greetings from the Missionary Crusaders, the youth organization of the God's Missionary Church. Hear we are, half-way through the 1979-80 conference year. Time is rapidly passing by, and so much yet to do. However we have held several youth rallies and a convention, which have been blessed by God.

On September 14 we travelled to Coopersburg God's Missionary Church for our first rally. The pastor, Rev. Marvin Reiff, and the people of the Allentown area gave us a warm welcome: for it had been the first time in several years that we were in that area for a general youth rally. Six different churches were represented, making a total of 74 in the service. Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Hicks sang, and Rev. Hicks delivered a wonderful message.

On October 20, we held our annual Sunday School Convention in the chapel of Penn View Bible Institute. Three sessions were held, with Rev. Barry Arnold speaking in the morning and evening sessions, and Leonard Raub and Dennis Weber both speaking in the afternoon session. Rev. Arnold opened the morning session, reading Ephesians 4:11-16, and centered his thoughts around the phrase "And Some Teachers." He said that in order to teach we must have God teach us. He showed the responsibility that rests upon the Sunday School teacher, for some of the class never get in another service. He said, the class is the teachers' congregation. Many other thoughts and suggestions were offered in this

session. All were well accepted. The afternoon session was shared by two laymen from the Lebanon church. The first to speak was Leonard Raub, who read from Acts 1:8, and stressed "What is necessary to win souls". Three points; one - Know we are saved, two - Know we are sanctified, three - Have a burning desire. He closed his message with a illustration of witnessing at the Green Dragon Auction, and the result of which was seeing Dennis Weber (who was the next speaker) get saved. He (Bro. Weber) then took the pulpit and shared with us how he is trying to win his nephew, Billy. He stressed the point, that regardless what we must do to win a soul, it is worth it. A JOB WELL DONE. We gathered in the chapel for the third session of the day, to hear Rev. Arnold, who spoke from Matthew 9:36 "When He saw the multitudes He was moved with compassion." The subject was **Evangelism and Sunday School**. Rev. Arnold told us how Sunday schools were originated in Great Britain, and the nickname it first had was "Bobby Wildgoose and his ragged regiment." Rev. Arnold said there are three things necessary to have a successful Sunday school: (one) Vision, seeing the lost; (Two), Compassion, a spirit of love and feeling the need; (three) Action, do something. The message was very stirring and challenging. May God help us to put it to action. We enjoyed the day, for it was like sitting together in Heavenly places, hearing the Penn View High School trio sing, and sharing the fellowship with God's people from twelve churches, and our General Superintendent, Rev. G. I.

## Items From Intercession City

Intercession City Christian School is just one of the many thousands of Christian schools here in America that run into financial difficulties. Our problem stems from the fact that we have just a few students and as a result, our income is low and fails to meet the expenses.

This situation disturbs me to some extent but the few students we do have are good students and they warrant our whole-hearted support in making a strong effort to keep the school open. It spells sacrifice but one soul is worth more than the whole world. I certainly can not think of closing the school and having our good young

Straub. The only thing I regret is that many of you weren't there. We missed you!

On November 12, we traveled to Millmont for a general rally in the Central Zone. This was the largest rally of the year, to this date, with a count of 267 in attendance, and fourteen churches represented. We had a wonderful time together, enjoying the presence of God, as Mrs. Jan Lassell sang two beautiful songs, and Rev. Ray Lassell preached, challenging our hearts to make an invasion for God in this world, by spreading the Gospel. Several knelt at the altar asking God to help them win souls for Him.

Our most recent rally was held at Helfenstein, December 10, where Rev. Gerald Moore is the good pastor. Ten different churches were represented, making a total of 124 in attendance. We praised God as we sang the Christmas Carols, and as we prayed together for Rev. Fred Watson, who was anointed because of having some physical problems, and as the Gessners provided the special singing. Rev. Kenneth Walter, president of P.V.B.I. brought the message from Daniel 1:8 and Daniel 6:10, using the subject "A Christian Principle Within". He said a principle is (one) a power within that works continually, and (two) a settled law or rule of action. We must set some principles. Thank God for the message and the messenger.

We appreciate those who have been faithful to all the rallies, and I trust you will continue. May God Bless You.

Next General Rally, Penns Valley, January 18, 1980. See you there...

people exposed to the atmosphere of the public school system.

We have appreciated very much those of you who have been praying for our school and those who have helped us financially. The Five a Month program is very helpful and effective. If God speaks to you regarding your personal involvement, please write to us and request a coupon booklet with twelve coupons which simply means you will help us financially for the period of one year. Five dollars a month means a great deal to us. Our mailing address is: Intercession City Christian School, Intercession City, FL. 33848. Thank you very much for your kind consideration and your prayers.



# The Progressive Aspect

of

# Holiness

by A. B. Simpson

*"Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God"*

(Rom. 12:2)

We are reminded by this beautiful expression that we may have fellowship with our Lord in his transfiguration, as well as in his death and resurrection. Christ's transfiguration was the outshining of a glory within. It was the same coarse tunic which he had worn in all his journeyings through Galilee that became resplendent as the sun and white as the light. No angelic attendant brought him a special robe for the transfiguration, but the glory of his deity covered his human frame and his homely garments until they shone above the brightness of the sun, even as sometimes a little bit of broken glass reflects the glory of the setting sun until it seems like a gem of incomparable value.

In like manner our transfiguration must come to us from within and from

above. Our commonplace lives and duties may become so glorified by the touch of God that even the humblest lot, like that of the slave girls of Crete, may "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."

The last clause of our text reminds us that this form of sanctification, or rather glorification, is progressive. There is a good, a better, and a best. And so we are represented as successively advancing from grace to grace, and grace to glory, as we prove first "the good" and then "the acceptable" and then "the perfect, will of God."

There is a moment when we put on Christ, and by a simple and comprehensive act of faith he is made unto us "wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

But there is also a process of deeper experience and fuller obedience. It is one thing to cross the Jordan by a definite transaction and transition. It is another thing to "walk through the land in the length of it and in the

breadth of it." This twelfth chapter of Romans gives us a fine illustration of comprehensive and progressive holiness, leading us out into all the relationships of life, and proving in all the "good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

There is a striking passage in the Epistle to the Colossians where Paul speaks of Epaphras "labouring fervently . . . in prayers," that they "may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God." One of these adjectives literally means "adjusted." It is a great thing to understand the law of the fitness of things and apply it to our Christian life and work. A good thing may be spoiled by a misfit. A word in season, even if very simple and ordinary, is better than a volume of inappropriate words.

We need to be adjusted to the will of God instead of trying to adjust it to our will. We need to be adjusted to circumstances and conditions instead of trying to bend them to our inclinations. We need to be adjusted to people instead of trying to make them suit us. We need to be adjusted to occasions and opportunities so that our lives shall be symmetrical and marked by fitness to the occasion and harmony with the situation. Our blessed Lord never did anything in bad taste or out of season. His life was marked by a beautiful propriety, and even his enemies were compelled to say, "He hath done all things well."

Beloved friends, let not our good be evil spoken of and our testimony marred by impropriety, foolishness and unseemliness.

The Christian worker needs, above all others, to learn this lesson. How often a lack of consideration spoils our best efforts to help people. How out of place it is to give an address on holiness or divine healing to a promiscuous audience, most of whom do not understand the first principles of the gospel. How wisely the Master adapted himself to his audiences and suited the word to the occasion. How exquisitely he led on the woman of Samaria from the simple incident of asking for a drink of water until without offense he had searched her deepest soul, showed her her sin, revealed to her her thirsty heart and manifested himself as the answer to all its longings and needs.

So let our "speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye (we) may know how ye (we) ought to answer every man."





## The Children Can't Come Today

We may have been a little late getting there that day but as we walked into the yard one of the children came running to us saying, "The children can't come today." When we asked why she told us they were having a feast for the devil and all the children had to take part! Our hearts were horrified at the thought that the little ones would be forced to take part in such a thing. But we decided to go visiting in the homes like we always do before the service. Perhaps we could find some that could come.

As we walked through the trees and lingered to look at a pretty open well that had green moss growing on the stones that lined it, we thought of how peaceful it was here in the country. So different than at headquarters in the city. But our peaceful atmosphere was soon broken by cries and screams as we came out of the forest into a clearing and saw a sight that we have never seen before. We had come upon the beginning of the "feast" itself!

To describe the scene is difficult for our hearts hurt so and we felt so inadequate to know what to do. None interfered with our drawing closer so that we could see more clearly. Two or three women were standing near a tree with heads of dead chickens in their hands, wringing out the blood and while doing so making queer noises with their mouths. Underneath a "special" tree they had cleared away all the underbrush and a small fire was built for the sacrifice. About six or seven small children were dancing around and singing. A demon possessed woman ran around in circles and screamed out incoherently. Upon seeing us she pointed her finger at us and laughed like a maniac. It was a horrible atmosphere and we shuddered.

In our longing to do something we moved closer to one of the main women and tried to talk to her about the Lord. She laughed in our face and told us it was her business what they were doing. Her face was dark with

the spell of the celebration and she could not hear anything we said. How unhappy we were and wished we could do something to help them. But by then a larger crowd had gathered and the noise was becoming deafening. Our better judgment told us that we had better leave and return to the meeting place. But our saddened hearts were bleeding for the dear souls who were so deceived by the enemy of their soul.

The path back to the yard led through the forest of trees again and we passed some of the huts where we had visited in times past. At the one house we stopped to talk to an older woman whom we had asked to come to the Saviour before and she had always told us that we must bring her something. She was busily cooking over an open fire and as I stood closer to her hut I could look inside and saw there pans and pans of boiled bananas (plantain in English). Often she had complained to us that she was hungry so I wondered at the amount of food that we saw there. Then it dawned on us, it was not for the people, it was for the "feast", for the devil to "eat." Not enough for themselves but for him who was their destroyer. There would not only be bananas but rice and sugar cane, bits of fruits and many other things given as offerings. We had seen bits of leftovers under a cottonwood tree that they worshipped when we had been there before. The old woman offered no explanation but we knew.

The woman who allows us to use her yard was not among the devil worshippers even though she is not a Christian, but she made no comment as we reentered her yard and began to sing and pray that some would come. Much to our surprise they did! How delighted we were! Some fifty children stood while we sang and told them the story and among them was the demon-possessed woman who had danced around us at the place of sacrifice. Our eyes could not believe it when we saw her sit on the porch

and listen to everything without making a sound.

When we had finished with the service and started to give out the pictures we had brought for them the demon-possessed woman stood in line and received one too! We gave her one with a prayer that she might be delivered.

They said the children could not come but they did. And since that day five people in that area have come to the Saviour. Will you continue to help us pray that more will come. They can be delivered from the kingdom of darkness and sin as we are faithful. Cry with us, pray with us, meet us at the throne as we intercede for these who oppose themselves.

your missionaries in Haiti  
Bonnie Cleaver

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been especially impressed with this fact. In James 4:10 he asked the searching question, "What is your life?" Then, lest we fail to get the right answer, he adds, "It is even a vapour (the morning fog or mist) that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away." Again he refers to the question of the brevity of life in his admonitions to the rich in James 1:10-11, where he likens all the wealth and glory that a rich man may have to the "flower of the grass." This is actually a reference to an Old Testament passage found in Isa. 40:6-8. Here all flesh is likened to grass. James has taken this universal truth applying to all human kind and applied it to the rich man, reminding him that in spite of his riches and in spite of any pleasures or supposed security that his money can buy, he is still but human, and so like all the rest of humanity his life is like "The flower of the field."

Another Bible writer approached the same truth in a little different way. The apostle John warned his  
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# For The BOYS and GIRLS

## RESOLUTIONS

BY Mrs. Paul King

"I resolve to study diligently every day," Danny said aloud to himself, writing the spoken words on a piece of notebook paper. "And I resolve to keep my room neat and clean so mother won't have to pick up and make-over after me."

"I further resolve to keep the garage clean for father, and to speak . . . ever and only and always! . . . softly and kindly to Daphne, my sister, biting my tongue (if necessary) to keep from saying hateful, nasty and unkind things to her. I firmly resolve, from this day forward, to never again shout at her, tease her, nor try to pick an argument with her and . . ."

"Oh, Danny, that's great. Just great!" Daphne exclaimed, coming in to the room and looking over her brother's shoulder.

Quickly Danny's hand covered the writing. Scowling angrily, he said, "This is **not** for you to see. Now move!"

"But . . . but Danny, I . . . thought . . ."

"Get out of here, Daphne. This is my very own personal business."

"But, Danny, you said . . ."

"Get away!" the boy shouted. "You have no business to meddle with my resolutions!"

"I'm sorry," Daphne apologized sweetly. Great tears gathered in the corners of her eyes and hung there like shiny jewels. "I was hoping you had changed," she added softly. "Mother and Father and I have been praying for you; I thought you had gotten alone somewhere and prayed through. How I wish you would! This is the beginning of a brand new year, Danny. It would be wonderful if you'd begin it with a **new** heart."

Danny merely scowled at his sister.

"All your resolutions are absolutely worthless and useless without the Lord to help you, Danny," Daphne continued tearfully. "Do you remember those very special scripture verses you and I had to learn about four years ago?"

"We're always having to learn new verses," the boy mumbled.

"This is good for us," Daphne replied. "Mother and Father said that everything we learn now, while we're young, we'll perhaps never forget. But the special verses of which I'm speaking became our memory verses for an entire week . . . after we pledged two dimes apiece for missions, then went down to the store and spent them on candy. Remember?"

Danny's eyes brightened perceptibly. "Do I remember!" he exclaimed, his mouth wearing a crooked half-smile now. "I'll never forget those verses! Daddy had me repeat them to him twice a day for a solid week. 'When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it'; he began quoting, 'for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin....' Ecclesiastes 5:4-6. Say, Daphne, I believe I see now what you're trying to tell me about my resolutions. They . . ."

. . . they really are worthless with . . . without . . . Jesus' help. Oh, I see it; I do! I was so foolish to . . . to think that I could **do** better and **be** better . . . by . . . myself." There was a catch in Danny's voice as he finished speaking.

"Would you like to pray?" Daphne asked. "I'll call mother . . ."

Bright tears filled Danny's blue eyes. Soon they were chasing each other down his ruddy cheeks in a stream. His chin quivered, and when he spoke, his voice trembled. "Please, Daphne, do call Mother. Tell her I want to get saved. **Right now!** And . . . and Daphne, can you forgive me for being so hateful and unkind to you? I'm truly sorry for the way I've treated you. You've been so kind and . . ."

"Oh, Danny, I freely forgive you! I do! And now I shall go and find Mother and tell her that you want to have a prayer meeting . . . a personal prayer meeting. Oh, I am so very, very happy!" Daphne exclaimed as she hurried away to find Mother.

### The Annual Indoor Camp Meeting

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February 22 - March 2

The Victory Trio

Make plans now to attend!  
Pray with us for a mighty out-  
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**FACING THE NEW YEAR** .....

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faith, and reveal the faithfulness of God. In all these experiences, we are to remember that our God is not only the God of the hills; He is also the God of the valleys. His resources can be ours. His strength can be ours. As the child of God enters the New Year, he should remember that the Lord's presence will go with him all the way, to the end of the way.

I close with this word to all who enter the New Year outside of Christ. Another year has passed, which you have wasted, and for which you will be held accountable to God. But God, in His mercy, has permitted you to step into another year, with its opportunities and its possibilities. Do not let another day pass without giving your heart to Jesus Christ. This New Year can be a happy one only if you put Jesus Christ first and give Him supreme place in your life. Turn to Him today without delay. He is waiting with outstretched arms to receive you!



### If God Went On Strike

It's just a good thing God above has never gone on strike because He wasn't treated fair, or things He didn't like. If he had ever once sat down and said "That's it - I'm through." I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do: I'll give my orders to the sun, "Cut off your heat supply." And to the moon, "Give no more light, and run the oceans dry?" "Then, just to make it really tough, and put the pressure on, "Turn off the air and oxygen, till every breath is gone." Do you know He'd be justified, if fairness were the game. For no one has been more abused or treated with disdain Than God - and yet He carries on, supplying you and me with all the favors of His grace, and everything for free! Men say they want a better deal and so on strike they go: But what a deal we've given God, to whom we all things owe! We don't care whom we hurt or harm, to gain the things we like. But what a mess we'd all be in, if God should go on strike.

— Author Unknown

### "Old Timers"

*They trimmed you up,  
They trimmed you down,  
They bent the "I" 'til it was round;  
The said, "The world you must for-  
sake,  
The cross for Jesus you must take",  
For gay and gaudy clothe you are  
not;  
Yourself and pride must be forgot;  
To death, the "Old man" now must  
go,  
If you real victory would know;  
Slay "Old Agag" nor heed his plea,  
And you will have real victory.*

I. K. Blowers

**TIME MARCHES ON** .....

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readers "Love not the world neither the things that are in the world." Then he gave his reason, "The world passeth away." But over against that he held out the hope of eternity for he added, "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

In the light of these Bible truths, and reminded by the swift passage of time, let us follow the advice of the Psalmist when he contemplated these same facts, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Psa. 90:12).

### Epochs in Life

E. E. Shelhamer

According to Dr. Joseph Cook, the great Boston lecturer, there are certain characteristics and developments in every life, these coming about ten years apart, as follows:

"Tender Teens" - When one is in the molding state.

"Teachable Twenties" - When one is an intaker; the time of absorption.

"Tireless Thirties" - When one can work day and night without fatigue.

"Fiery Forties" - Strength and self-reliance.

"Forceful Fifties" - Now he is a molder of men.

"Serious Sixties" - Life becomes serious, rather than silly.

"Sacred Seventies" - Here one should possess and create a scared atmosphere.

"Feeble Eighties" - Ripe for heaven.

"Shortening Breath."

"Death." "The Sod." "God."

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# Spotlight

## on Home Missions

by Rev. John F. White  
Home Missionary Superintendent

### "For I Am With Thee"

Acts: 18:10a. **FOR I AM WITH THEE, AND NO MAN SHALL SET ON THEE TO HURT THEE.**

Among the many promises from the Scriptures one could claim for the new year of 1980 this one found in Acts chapter 18 is among the best. When one knows that God is with him, and put a hedge about him so no man can hurt you, what more does one need. This is victory in troublesome times, victory in danger, victory in an unknown future. The Home Missionary Department claims this promise given by our Lord to Paul as ours for the days ahead. We closed the year of 1979 with victory and press on in this victory for the days ahead.

The reports from our brethren on the Home Missionary field are good. Bro. Glover, pastor of the Ekin, Indiana church, tells us the revival held with Bro. and Sis. Tillis was a good one. Several victories were gained, new families which gave feelings toward coming to the church, and a sweet personal fellowship with the Evangelists and pastor's family.

The work in New York among the Indians is going well. They too have just closed a wonderful revival with Bro. and Sis. Rickey Rhoads. Several found victory and the attendance is up. Bro. Straub also was up for a week end and gave Bro. Hoskins some help

that took care of the water problems in the new church basement.

Reports from the Seffner church are good, attendance on the increase.

Bro. Hays and his wife do a lot of visitation. This is a must in any church.

The church at York is holding its own under the direction of a good pastor and wife. The Martins are doing their best for the Lord in this new work. Continue to pray for them, pay them a visit as well when in that area.

Several Home Missionary Rallies have been held. Bro. John Zechman and wife conducted one at Beavertown church Wednesday night before Thanksgiving. A good attendance, spirit and response was gladly received. Bro. Zechman spoke on the subject of **Fishers of men**, and his wife sang a solo "I'd Rather have Jesus". Bro. Zechman was greatly encouraged. My wife and I traveled to Coopersburg, for a Rally on November 29th. A good attendance and spirit and offering characterized this rally. I spoke on Witnessing at home and Sis. White and I sang, "Learning to Lean". The people received us so well and we noticed improvements in the church as a lovely new piano was purchased.

The Roaring Springs church is conducting regular services under Rev. Burl Ryder and wife. The Avis church is being pastored by Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Sassaman. These works need your prayers. The response to our special offering drive has not been good. Please take this upon your heart. The work is being completed at the Wolfs Store church. This was a big job and cost a lot, with much donated labor by the church men and pastor. The work at Fort Myers goes on each day reaching the needy. Do not forget this work in prayer and offerings.

We were saddened to hear of the illness of Rev. Earl Deetz Jr. who served so faithfully on the Home Missionary field. Pray much for him, send him a card of encouragement.

If your church would like a Home Missionary rally contact us at once. Our address is Box 321 R. D. No. 1, Allenwood, Penna. 17810. If you would ask the churches that have had a rally if it helped their church I am sure they would tell you, "Yes." The Lord has been with us, he is with us, and he will be with us. The Home Missionary work faces problems that no other work comes to grip with. We are working on a over-churched people, a religious people, church members of all kinds who feel no need. We work with people that are busy working, shopping, sporting, pleasuring and running. We are not on an isolated island, away from modern life but in the midst of all the hustle of America, with a people who have had a better religious day, a back slidden America. Pray much for your Home Missionary Department, back it with your prayers and monthly offerings. Every church must be Home Missionary minded or the school, foreign missions, everything we do will be done with. We must have an evangelistic thrust. We must see a revival here at home, in our hearts, in our own churches. God is with us, and promises to keep us but we can not be idle, resting and comfortable as we face the year 1980. God bless you all, God be with you and thanks for helping Home Missions another year.





# Religion In The News

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND STUDY OPPOSES HOMOSEXUAL BANS

LONDON (EP) — "Scandal apart," there is no good reason for excluding from church membership and communion persons who "in good conscience have entered into a responsible homosexual union." This is a conclusion of a four-year study of homosexuality by a top-level panel of the Church of England, which also recommended that homosexuals not be barred from the priesthood.

The release of the 94-page report — and its attached 3,500-word critical comments — entitled *Homosexual Relationships: A Contribution to Discussion*, follows a recent decision by the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church in the United States that it is "not appropriate" to ordain a practicing homosexual. The three million American Episcopalians belong to the 65-million-member Anglican Communion, which has its center in the Church of England.

## CHICAGO DOCTOR REPORTS SEEING HEAVEN AND HELL

MINNEAPOLIS (EP) — Dr. Richard E. Eby claims to have seen both heaven and hell.

He says he glimpsed Paradise during the hour and a half in 1972 he was regarded as dead following a two-story fall in which he split his skull open. And he was shown two minutes of hell, he says, in 1977 when a light was extinguished while visiting Lazarus' tomb in Israel.

Dr. Eby, a retired California osteopathic physician and surgeon, told about his experiences in Minneapolis recently when he addressed a regional convention of the Full Gospel Business Men's Association. Lee Nystrom, FGBMA Director, said Dr. Eby hadn't planned to go public with his experiences, fearing that he would be regarded as "a nut." But then he felt commanded by the Holy Spirit to do so and to tell people that "Jesus is coming back sooner than you think." Dr. Eby is a "solid doctor type" and "not at all a charlatan," Mr. Nystrom said.

When he fell from the balcony of a suburban Chicago home, Dr. Eby hit his head on a broken cement slab.

When his wife, Maybelle, discovered him, his body was already grey-white and the blood had quit flowing. "Instantly when my head hit that cement on the ground," Dr. Eby related to the audience there, "I found myself standing in paradise. Jesus was trying to show me, a physician, a few things I could come back and tell. Instantly I noticed that I had a new body exactly the same size and shape as the old one but with no defects. It was made of an entirely different material that could best be described as a most beautiful self-illuminated cloud. I was shining with about 40 watts of brilliance. My body was perfectly blissful and free from pain. I heard the most angelic music and I smelled the perfume of heaven."

SCHROON LAKE, N.Y. (EP) — "I never dreamed I'd ever tape radio broadcasts from Communist China," said JACK WYRTZEN, International Director of WORD OF LIFE here, "but it happened. Our weekly radio broadcasts for the month of October were all taped in China.

"I found Communist China to be exactly the opposite from my previous visits to Communist Russia, East Germany and Poland," said Wyrzten. "In those Iron Curtain countries, our baggage was searched, Bibles and Christian literature confiscated and our hotel rooms were bugged. Every place I went, I was monitored.

"In the Peoples Republic of China, I was not searched, bugged or monitored and no one tried to sell me on Communism. I freely gave out Bibles, tracts, Gospels and other Christian literature. So many listened and begged for Gospel literature that I sometimes felt like a pied piper with the Gospel.

## COMMUNIST PARTY PUBLISHES ENCYCLOPEDIA ON THE BIBLE

BUDAPEST, Hungary (EP) — One of the best-sellers in bookstores here is a Bible encyclopedia recently published by the Hungarian Communist Party. Its first edition of 50,000 copies was quickly sold out.

"Without the Bible, not only can the general history of the European peo-



ples not be understood, but also the past of Hungary, our art and our language, are unintelligible," the reference work says. "The Communist movement is part of a European-wide development and has its roots in our culture, which is very much determined by this book (the Bible)."

## NEW LOOK FORECAST FOR CHURCH OF ENGLAND AS ANGELIC CATHOLIC SUCCEEDS EVANGELICAL

LONDON (EP) — A new look for the Church of England with great attention to ecumenism is being forecast following the nomination of Bishop Robert Runcie of St. Albans, north of London, as 102nd Archbishop of Canterbury and spiritual leader of the world's 65 million Anglicans.

Leaders of fellow Christian communions generally hailed the appointment. But it was received only lukewarmly by the evangelical-leaning Church of England Newspaper. Dr. Runcie, of an Anglican Catholic, or "high church" tradition, succeeds Dr. Donald Coggan, who has an evangelical, or "low church" background. There has been an unwritten tradition for the archbishopric to alternate between "Catholic" and "Evangelicals."

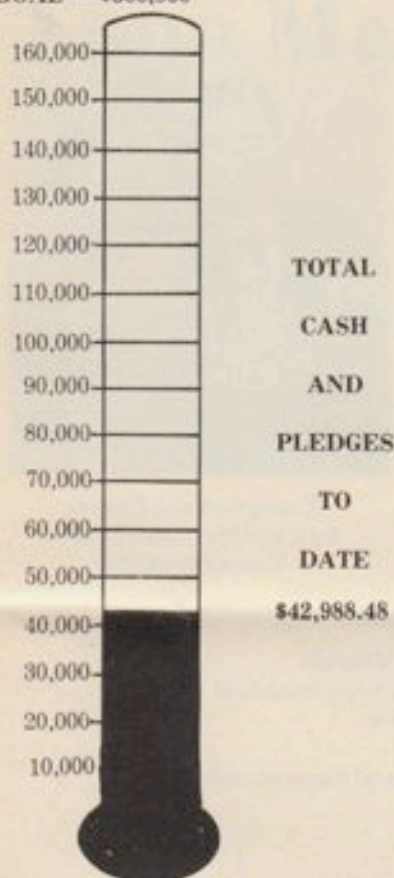




## School News, Penn View

From the desk of Rev. Kenneth E. Walter --  
President

GOAL — \$300,000



*"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understandings. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."*

*Proverbs 3:5 & 6*

The challenge of a new decade lies before us. I believe it will be a decade of virtually **unlimited** possibilities. The rapid advancement in scientific technology is sure to produce some

unbelievable discoveries. The unfolding of Biblical prophecy will undoubtedly become more and more exciting as we move a decade nearer to the end of this dispensation. It is our duty to keep abreast with the times in meeting the spiritual and educational needs of mankind. The challenge has never been greater!

It has pleased the Lord to raise up Penn View Bible Institute and to preserve her through some very troubled times. To fulfill His purpose we must "occupy until He comes."

It would appear that the church along with her offspring, "The Christian Education Movement" is facing some serious conflict. History testifies to the fact that the church was at its best during periods of great persecution. While the church has groomed herself to be accepted by the world I fear that she has sacrificed that which would secure the approbation of God. She is desperately in need of a mighty revival and God may allow us to face some persecution and tribulation during this decade to bring it to pass. Though she faces this decade as a period of uncertainty she will find great assurance in heeding the words of our text as handed down from Solomon. No matter how dark the future may be she need not fear disaster when all her ways are committed to the Omniscient God.

God has chosen every member of His Church to be a soldier. You must not only defend your faith you must invade the enemy's territory and

proclaim liberty to the captives. I challenge you in the words of Paul to "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" and help us to go forth to conquer.

One of our major goals as we enter this decade is to wipe out our indebtedness. We have sounded the call for 300 soldiers to join "Gideon's Band." With three hundred people united in prayerful concern about this debt and giving as they are able we will burn the mortgage in the near future. We now have 43 soldiers who have enlisted in this army providing a total commitment of \$42,988.48 in cash and pledges. This has made it possible to pay off the mortgage on two of our mobile homes in advance and we are now 46 payments ahead on another mortgage. Praise the Lord! Thus far we have saved approximately \$9,550.00 in interest by making these advance payments. This is really getting me excited! Another One Thousand dollar advance payment right now would save another \$2,900.31 in interest. Many people freely give when their contribution is matched. In reality your contribution would be matched nearly three times by joining "Gideon's Band" and sending us a thousand dollars today.

### Cashless Ways To Help Penn View

Many people have said they would like to do something to help but with their limited income or other commitments it was impossible. Now we have a way for everyone to get involved.

Our elementary and High School students are collecting food product labels which we can use similar to "Green Stamps." Please save the front part of the label showing the name and weight of:

Campbell Soup, Campbells Bean Products, Campbells Tomato Juice, Chunky Soups, Soup for 1 soups, Franco-American Products, and V/8 Vegetable Juice.

You can mail these to us occasionally or give them to a student or a school representative when they visit your church. If you know a student personally you may designate your labels to the credit of that student. The classes are competing with each other to see who can collect the most so your involvement will not only help the school in general but will also lend moral support to the students.

#### GIDEON'S BAND CERTIFICATE

Dear Brother Walter:

I enlist in "Gideon's Band" and pledge my allegiance to God on behalf of Penn View Bible Institute to pray daily and contribute as God makes it possible. I understand that everything I invest in the "Gideon's Fund" will be used for debt retirement.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Pledge \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_





# The Annual Camp Meeting

of the

Florida District

of

## God's Missionary Church

Seffner, Florida



Evangelist  
Rev. Paul King  
Lima, Ohio

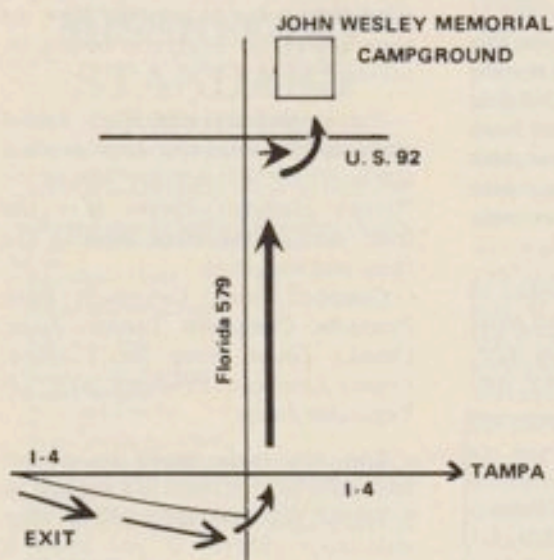
January 17 - 27, 1980



Evangelist and Singers  
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### SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, January 19th	10:00 A.M.	Fort Myers Rescue Mission
Saturday, January 19th	2:30 P.M.	Rev. and Mrs. Shuey and Home Missions
Sunday, January 20th	2:30 P.M.	Melvin Evans, Speaker, District Superintendent
Saturday, January 26th	10:30 A.M.	Foreign Mission and Haitian work
Saturday, January 26th	2:30 P.M.	Penn View Bible Institute
Sunday, January 27th	2:30 P.M.	Rev. G. I. Straub, Speaker, General Superintendent



#### NOTE: Location

John Wesley Memorial Campground in Seffner, Florida at the corner of U. S. 92 and Florida 579, one block south of I-4.

Camp President  
Rev. Marlin Evans

The camp meeting will be held on the John Wesley Memorial Campground. Trailer spaces are available. Lodging is available. Bring your own bedding.

### SCHEDULE

Rising Bell & Prayer	7:00 a.m.
Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer	8:45 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Lunch	12:00 noon
Service	2:30 p.m.
Dinner	5:00 p.m.
Youth	6:30 p.m.
Evangelistic	7:30 p.m.

Meals to be served in local dining hall. Motels and accommodations available in local area.

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