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"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Psalms 68:11.

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*Is thy cruse of comfort failing?
Rise and share it with a friend,
And through all the years of famine
It shall serve thee to the end.
Love divine will fill thy storehouse,
Or thy handful still renew;
Scanty fare for one will often
Make a royal feast for two.*

Living

*For the heart grows rich in giving;
All its wealth is living grain;
Seeds — which mildew in the garner —
Scattered, fill with gold the plain.
Is thy burden hard and heavy?
Do thy steps drag wearily?
Help to lift thy brother's burden —
God will bear both it and thee.*

by

Giving . . .

*Numb and weary, on the mountains,
Wouldst thou sleep amidst the snow?
Chafe that frozen form beside thee,
And together both shall glow.
Art thou stricken in life's battle?
Many wounded round thee moan;
Lavish on their wounds thy balsam,
And that balm shall heal thine own.*

—Elizabeth Rundle Charles, 1859

*Is thy heart a well left empty?
None but God its void can fill;
Nothing but a ceaseless fountain
Can its ceaseless longings still.
Is thy heart a living power?
Self-entwined, its strength sinks low;
It can only live in loving,
And by serving, love will grow.*



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Camp Meetings Mean LIFE!

Hebrews 10:24, 25 - "And let us con-
sider one another to provoke unto
love and to good works: Not forsaking
the assembling of ourselves together,
as the manner of some is; but exhort-
ing one another; and so much the
more, as ye see the day approaching."

Camp meetings have been a part of
the American religious scene for near-
ly two hundred years. In the early
part of the 19th century thousands of
people gathered at Cane Ridge, Ken-
tucky where God marvelously poured
out His Spirit in revival. Many in-
dividuals were slain under the power
of God and hardened sinners were
mightily convicted of their sins until
they cried to God for mercy and
deliverance.

Today the camp meeting in many
places is but a shadow of what it was
in those early days. Some camp
associations struggle to maintain a
camp with a handful of people in at-
tendance and heavy financial burdens.
Some of these camps have a long and
good history. Well known speakers
such as John and Bona Fleming,
Joseph H. Smith, W.B. Godbey and
many others were scheduled workers
at one time. However, in many in-
stances those of our fast-paced society
do not want to take the time to spend
days in the worship of God.

Are camp meetings still important
in the space age? Do camps yet fulfill a
need in this sophisticated society?
Can we still benefit from time spent
apart in the holiness camps? Should
we work to maintain holiness camp-
ing?

I believe the answer to all of the
above questions is an unequivocal
"Yes." Holiness camp meetings are
important for a number of reasons:

Let's maintain camps because of the
Liberty for which they stand and
which they afford us. The continuance
of such camps signifies both political
and spiritual liberty. We are ad-
monished "not to forsake the assem-
bling of ourselves together," and "to
stand fast in the liberty wherewith
Christ hath made us free." Camp
meetings stand for spiritual spon-
taneity when individuals enjoy the

vital presence of the Lord as songs
are sung in the Spirit and preachers
declare God's word under the anoin-
ting. If we not exercise our spiritual
freedom rest assured that there
forces at work which seek to take it
from us.

Camp meetings are important for
the vital **Intercession** which ascends
to God's throne. The voice of prayer
heard from early morning until late at
night has always been characteristic
of holiness encampments. Many can
testify of the impact of those prayers
upon their lives, as they were brought
face to face with their own need of
God. May we never reach a point
where other aspects of the camp pro-
gram take the place of the prayer
meeting.

The Book of Acts records a time
when the early church prayed and
"The place was shaken where they
were assembled." May this summer a
great groan of intercessory prayer as-
cend to heaven from our camps, until
conviction for sin and holiness will
once again grip persons.

Then camp meetings need to main-
tain for the **Fellowship** which they
afford. Taking time from busy
schedules for fellowship together with
God's people can do much to heal
frayed nerves and ease tensions. Join-
ing heart and hand in a more relaxed
atmosphere can do much to bind us
together as a unit.

Finally, holiness camp meetings are
vitaly important for the **Evangelistic**
thrust which accompanies them. In-
tensified study of God's Word certain-
ly enhances spiritual growth. Sinners,
backsliders, and believers in need of
the Blessing all are ministered to as
part of the camp program. Many are
those rejoicing in heaven today
because of the evangelistic outreach
of old-fashioned holiness camps.

The sum total is that camps mean
LIFE. They need to be maintained
because they mean life - Life for the
individual and Life for the church.
Let's pray that the 1983 camp season
will be the best ever; best in atten-
dance, best in finances, but most of
best in spiritual fervor and impact.

D.L.F.

POSITIVE WITNESSING

by Rev. George I Straub

Psalms 66:16: "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul."

The Bible makes it very clear the work of the kingdom is strengthened and advanced through positive preaching, positive praying, and positive witnessing.

The Apostle Paul was very pointed in his Epistle to the church at Rome when answering a long-standing question, "How can we know when we are born again or born from above?" The answer is positive. Romans 8:16; "The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." He further stated in his Epistle to the church at Corinth; "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new." II Corinthians 5:17.

What he is saying to all of us is this. The new birth brings us into a new relationship with God, with our family, with the church, and with the world.

In I John chapter five, the Apostle John enumerates numerous marks whereby we can know when our conversion is genuine.

One of the first marks is mentioned in verse four; "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world." Verse ten; "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself." Verse twelve; "He that hath the Son hath life." Verse thirteen; "That ye may know that ye have eternal life or spiritual knowledge of our acceptance with Him." Verse fifteen - answered prayer; "And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." Verse eighteen; "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." In this verse the Apostle is telling us there is no such thing as a sinning Christian. The words, "sinneth not" when interpreted means to quit practising sin.

It was the Apostle Paul who said, "Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." II Corinthians 5:11.

Mr. Webster's definition for the word persuade is to urge, convince, and influence. My conversion came about through the testimonies and influence of a Pennsylvania Dutch farmer and his wife who were in dire need of farm help during the harvest

season.

I responded to their call and spent several days on the farm with them. Though they are gone, memories of those days shall ever linger. I wasn't in their home more than a few hours until I felt like Jacob after his dream or vision of a ladder extending from earth to heaven with angels ascending and descending on it. "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate to heaven." Genesis 28:17.

There is only one way for me to define and describe the feeling of my heart as a church member without God. It was different.

After the morning chores and work was cared for at the barn, we returned to the house for breakfast. At our house it was somewhat like at a hunting camp - come and get it. This was not so in this home. Hungry as I was, I soon learned there was delayed action. Each member of the family took their chair. Before taking their chair, most all of them picked up a Bible. The book and chapter was announced which was followed by the reading of the Word. For me this was really different. At times I was wondering if we were going to have Sunday School or Church. Immediately following the reading of the Bible, they all got on their knees and began to pray. By this time I began to feel very uncomfortable. From burning hearts and lips my name was being mentioned to God. To the best of my knowledge, this was the first time I can remember this happening in my behalf. At the close of the family prayer we gathered around the table. Again the words, "Let us pray" were heard and the food was blessed. The conversation around the table was pleasant and uplifting. Nothing was said to turn me off or cause one to lose confidence in anyone. Everything they said and did was motivated by the Spirit, and geared toward leading me to see the difference of being a church member and a Christian.

Busy as we were in the field, the farmer would pause occasionally to testify and witness to his conversion, and what a wonderful thrill it was when God forgave him and what great joy there is in knowing we are heaven bound. Had he started on me, like many have done, and do, by dealing with my worldly life and bad habits, plus all the don'ts in the catalog, he would have turned me off once and for all. His godly life, kind spirit, radiant face, and tear dimmed eyes while testi-

fying to a positive experience was adequate and sufficient enough to convince me there was a joy and satisfaction in serving God which I was a stranger to.

A second thing about this farmer which was profound and outstanding was his church loyalty and love for truth and old fashioned meetings.

About mid afternoon he informed me he wouldn't be working too late as there was special protracted meetings being held by their church in a large tent.

It was only a matter of time until we were on our way to the barn to do the evening chores. For him tomorrow was another day, however, for me I felt we should get the hay and grain into the barn above anything else before getting wet as this was our way of farming on our farm. Not so on this farm as his motto was, "God first".

An early supper was enjoyed after which the family got aboard the old family car and started for a happy evening at the tent meeting. As for me, I had the evening to myself. However, I pondered all these things in my heart as I had witnessed strange things this day.

The next day I shared a repetition of this same thing. The subject at the breakfast table was the great message, the wonderful meeting, the demonstration of the Spirit, also the joy manifested by the converts.

The theme of the message was that of holiness and heart purity as I well remember the text they quoted which was taken from the Beatitudes; Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

By this time I had heard enough to convince me there was something more to religion than what I had shared in. I studied my catechism, memorized the prayer and creeds, joined the church, partook of the holy communion without any change whatsoever in my life, I held the office of Sunday School Superintendent and was looked up to. Like Paul of old I could only say, "I am a religionist without God."

Like Zacheus of old my curiosity got the best of me. Therefore, I decided to attend a meeting and get things firsthand. A group of us young men gathered on the outside. The attendance was small, nevertheless, the Spirit was present to bless, convict,

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and honor the messenger of God.

For a few moments we who were on the outside had a little conference and decided to accept the challenge and see if there was anything to it.

I led the way, my youngest brother followed. After reaching the front of the tent I looked back only to find my friends crawled and took the place of a spectator.

Since I was in the area of the altar and a few burdened saints waiting to join me in prayer, I took the place of a penitent seeker. My praying and seek-

ing was of short duration as I had pretty well settled it in my heart I was going with God at any cost. Once those old fashioned saints from the area churches began to pray, there was nothing left for a seeker to do but go on. This I did and within fifteen minutes the work was done. Doubts and question marks disappeared and I was a new creature in Christ. Talk about a mountain top experience, I was enjoying it.

Shortly after this I was approached
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July 1-10, 1983

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12:00 Noon Dinner
2:30 P.M. Children's Service
3:30 P.M. Bible Study
5:00 P.M. Supper
6:00 P.M. Prayer
6:45 P.M. Youth Service
7:30 P.M. Evangelistic Service
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The Home

PART II

By Paul Miller,
Assistant General Superintendent

While waiting in a barber shop some months ago I read an interesting article that was a scientific explanation of the beginning of things. Somehow, in the midst of eternal nothingness there was a great explosion, please note there was no indication as to what exploded or where, since there was nothingness. Out of the great explosion came the universe. It was, at first a chaotic mass but as things began to cool the earth, seas, planets, vegetation and eventually man evolved.

"Man," said the article, "Originally had no purpose, ideas, desires, goals, or ambitions but wandered aimlessly without spirit or soul." It went on further to say that gradually things began to take on more order and meaning until man and his environment became what we see it today.

I quietly gave way to the amusement I felt until I began to ponder that statement more thoroughly. It first sounded like so ridiculous a statement that no one with intelligence would believe it and then it dawned upon my thinking that millions are believing it. These statements were not only untrue, they were an insult to Divine Intelligence. Things that we see did not come about by an explosion or some accident but they are the creative results of a Supreme Being, God, who with careful thought to its existence and preservation conceived, planned and created all things.

Genesis, Chapter two gives to us a detailed account of creation. While Chapter one gives the facts of creation Chapter two gives the account and purpose of it. The

heavenly bodies each fulfilling its purpose, the earth with its Divine order; seeds and herbs, sea life, fowls and animals in order each after its kind pictures a perfect order.

Into this perfect order, God introduced man, the highest of God's created beings. Hebrews gives to us the New Testament account of man's exalted position in the order of created things. "Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands," Chapter two, verse seven.

We are uncertain as to the length of time that Adam was faithful in the work that God gave Him to do, (read Genesis 2:1-16), but we do know that God sensed that there was something about man that was not complete, for He said, "It is not good that man should live alone" (Gen. 2:18). There was not in all of God's creation a help-meet for Adam (Gen. 2:20). In the midst of Adam's garden home, God formed an help-meet from man's own body and presented her to Adam who said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called woman, because she was taken from man." (Gen. 2:23)

The explanation given by science for the beginning of things brings confusion; explosions, no purpose, no order and no law; the Bible account of creation is one of clarity, purpose, perfect order and laws to govern and control all creation.

Genesis, chapter one seems to put the emphasis on all things but beginning with chapter two God narrows His focus from the whole of creation to man and from this point onward through Scripture man becomes the central figure in relationship with Himself. Man's happiness, welfare, comfort, in fact, all that is associated with man seems to be God's highest concern.

The last phrase of the former paragraph brings us to the subject at hand. We begin to see God's design for the human race and the great value and importance He places upon the family. In a very real sense, the whole of society centers around the family and home. This explains the reason for the great attack by Satan upon the home. His very first attack, of course, was against woman and to her he introduced the theory of humanism (Gen. 3:5), or the philosophy that man is a god within himself and consequently needs no other God. This is the very basic teaching and doctrine of humanism.

The home is a Divinely founded institution and is the basic unit of all society. I will be mentioning this truth frequently, for it is so important. If we will follow God's thinking throughout the rest of Scripture we will see the family and the great value He places upon it, in relation to Himself and the world.

God brought man and woman together, placing them in the garden of Eden, which became their first home. It was perfect and complete in its inauguration and would have remained so if Satan had not interfered. I say it was complete because God had provided all that was needed for man's happiness, welfare and full development. As both were in fellowship with God, they would have remained perfect and complete had they obeyed God's only command and prohibition. (Gen. 2:16 & 17).

I believe that a home that will follow God's order is still complete in that it provides all that man needs for happiness, fulfillment, preservation and completion of society.

(To Be Continued)



Missionary Message

"God Still Opens Prison Doors"

It is not always that one feels free to pray for the liberty of a prisoner. But this time we felt we were praying in God's will.

One evening several weeks ago, one of the men who comes faithfully to our services here at La Croix and who seems to truly love the Lord, was arrested and taken to prison. His crime? Well, he simply had the same last name as a man who was being sought for murder. Telemaque (Telimak) actually is a distant relative of the wanted criminal, but he himself knew nothing of the crime.

We began to pray for him, but to be truthful, for the first week we were not too concerned. Things like this have happened before, and we felt sure he would be free after a few days of questioning. No one in the church or community doubted his innocence.

But at the beginning of the third week, he began to realize things were getting serious. Why were they not releasing him? Telemaque had been a very ill man a few years ago and we had nearly despaired of his life. And though the Lord had wonderfully touched him and spared him, we still do not consider him to be strong physically. It is known that prison conditions are not comfortable. Usually, one is not allowed even a mat to sleep on. Telemaque's wife was obligated to take him food every day, but was not allowed to see him. Were they

really giving him the food? Was he sick? Was he even alive?

This man is father of and provider for quite a number of children. Every day he spent in prison was a day he missed working in his gardens.

We began to pray more earnestly. We began to discuss possible steps we might take. We could not stand to just sit idly by while our brother was in such desperate straits. But what could we do? It did not seem wise for us as foreigners to go before the officials of this country to plead for him.

We decided to pray until we got an answer. We felt this was something that was too big for us, but not too big for our God. We set aside Monday evening for prayer and fasting in the church with one request—Telemaque's release! We had a good time in prayer, felt the Lord's presence and felt that He had heard our cry. We were going to continue to pray until something happened. Tuesday we heard nothing further, so again put it before the Lord in the evening service.

Wednesday afternoon, Telemaque's oldest son walked into the yard and softly said, "Papa is home." Oh, the joy that filled our hearts and praises to the One who heard our every prayer.

Telemaque himself came the next day to tell us the news. He said he was treated more kindly than most

prisoners. He told us he could not understand why he was released until he arrived at La Croix and heard how we had been praying for him. He was not expecting to have a hearing for several more days. Also, the judge always left the prison at noon. But on this particular Tuesday "for some reason" the judge did not go home at noon (we know that it was God prodding him to remember Telemaque). He called for Telemaque that afternoon and simply told him he was free to go home. Telemaque was somewhat dazed, but it did not take him long to set his feet towards La Croix! All praise to our wonderful God. He and we continue to thank the Lord for His wonderful care of His own.

Oh, how sweet to belong to Jesus and to be able to cast all of our cares upon Him. "What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!"

Because we know God hears and answers prayer, and because we know He loves our Haitian people and gave His life to save them, we beg of you to pray, "till (they) all come in the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." (Eph. 4:13)

Thank you for praying, and may God bless you!

**For Jesus' Sake,
Bonnie Williams**

WITNESSING

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about seeking holiness. This was an entirely new ball game for me as I knew nothing about this doctrine or experience. However, I never fought or opposed it.

Immediately I began to attend the services and associated myself with those of like faith. Most all of them testified to being saved and sanctified. As for me, I was still on the mountain top of my newfound joy of regeneration. I saw no need for anything more as I felt perfectly satisfied.

I asked those I considered most spiritual what they meant by being sanctified. Few seemed to understand

the doctrine and could only say, "It will be the greatest experience of a lifetime for you." It all sounded good but failed to clear up my question, "What is it?"

This continued for a period of time until one evening on my way to the tent meeting I stopped off to visit my mother as I wanted to share with her my testimony and tell her what God had done for me.

I wasn't there very long until I was interrupted by a stepfather who was not in harmony or sympathy with what was transpiring. In a few minutes he informed me to move on. This is a story of its own as we children all left home because of adverse circumstances.

Immediately I moved toward my car. Mother stood on the porch weeping as she looked back across the years and remembered how my father was brought home from a coal colliery dead when we were small children, also the many hardships she endured trying to rear us in those dark depression days.

For a moment I listened to the ugly things that came from the lips of my stepfather. By this time I was coming back from my spiritual honeymoon. I looked at my stepfather and spoke these words, "If it weren't for what God has done for me" as I was feeling something within that was about to spring up and give way to what could

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For The Boys and Girls

Tommy's New Eyes

by Florida Gill Nelson

The day Tommy had longed for had finally arrived: It was his sixth birthday... now he could enroll in Mrs. Borders first grade class in the little country school near their home... how happy he would be to walk along with big brother Jerry, who would be in the third grade when school starts next month.

Ruth Carson's eyes were misty with unshed tears, as she watched her second boy start off to his first day of school. It seemed only yesterday that he was in diapers.

Ruth and Bob were not Christians, but they had a deep loving concern for their three children.

Turning back into the house, Ruth sat down, and called Beth to her. Beth was three, very lovable, and a special blessing this morning as Ruth took her on her lap to read her a story.

"Just one short one; 'Mother must hurry, and take you to the sitter, and go to work.'"

Tommy didn't bring home a report card at the end of the first six weeks. Ruth and Bob were disturbed, but waited until the second six weeks were up. With his card came a note saying that Tommy wasn't doing well in school, and needed help with his home-work.

Bob began to help Tommy at night, and soon suspected the problem was caused by poor eye-sight. Ruth called Dr. Oldenham, and made an appointment to have his eyes checked. Dr. Oldenham confirmed their suspicions, and stated Tommy had a muscle defect since birth, but with corrective lenses, he should grow out of it. "Bringing him back in a year," he told Bob and Ruth.

Tommy wore his new glasses faithfully, but his eyes didn't seem to get any better, and he was not getting the special help he needed at school.

Then one day Ruth talked with her friend Alice, who told her about a

Christian day school, where her boys, Jerry and Tommy would have a better chance of learning, with Christian teachers that really cared about their students.

That is when miracles began to happen in the Carson family. Bob and Ruth attended a Revival the church was having, and then enrolled their children in the church related school. Soon the whole Carson family was saved, and serving the Lord.

Bob and Ruth were happy in their new found faith, and witnessing to people everywhere.

Soon it was time to take Tommy back to the Doctor for his eye check-up. The kind Doctor looked grave as he said to Bob and Ruth, "I'm sorry to tell you that Tommy's eyes are not responding to glasses; his eyes are failing fast; He needs surgery, but is still too young for it. We will put stronger glasses on him, and I want to see him in about another year."

It was a sad family that bowed their heads for grace, around the table that evening. Tommy would have to go on bumping into things another year it seemed. Bob and Ruth were so happy that they now had the Lord to lean on, and help them carry their burden.

Though Tommy was happy in his new school, and trying ever so hard to keep up, with help from his teacher, and Daddy, his eyes were no better, but seemed to grow worse all time.

One evening Bob was cutting some trees on the school property. Tommy sat on the steps poring over his lessons, having a struggle to see well enough. He laid his books aside, and knelt down by the steps to pray as Daddy worked near by. His prayer went like this— "Dear Jesus, I know you love me because Miss. Mason, our Sunday School teacher said you love all little children. Please, will you help me with my school lessons, so I can

learn to read like Jerry, and make my eyes to see like Beth's. Amen!"

After this prayer on the school steps, Tommy's faith began to grow as he continued to talk to Jesus about his eyes. He believed from his heart that Jesus heard him, and would answer his prayer soon.

About three days later Ruth and Bob had friends in for the evening, and they were discussing the Scripture about the healing of Blind Bartimaeus, by Jesus. Tommy came down the hall crying and rubbing his eyes. "My eyes hurt Daddy, and I can't see to read to Beth." The room became quiet, as Bob got out his clean white handkerchief, and gently wiped Tommy's eyes.

A smile broke over Tommy's face like the Sun coming from behind a cloud.

"I can see! I can see!" shouted Tommy, with beaming face. Jesus has healed my eyes like I asked Him to." There was cause for rejoicing in Bob and Ruth's family that night, as they shared their family devotions with their visiting friends.

On Monday morning Tommy fairly danced his way to school.

This was the day the School Nurse would check eyes. When she finished with Tommy her amazement was beyond words, as she wrote 20-20 vision on his record card.

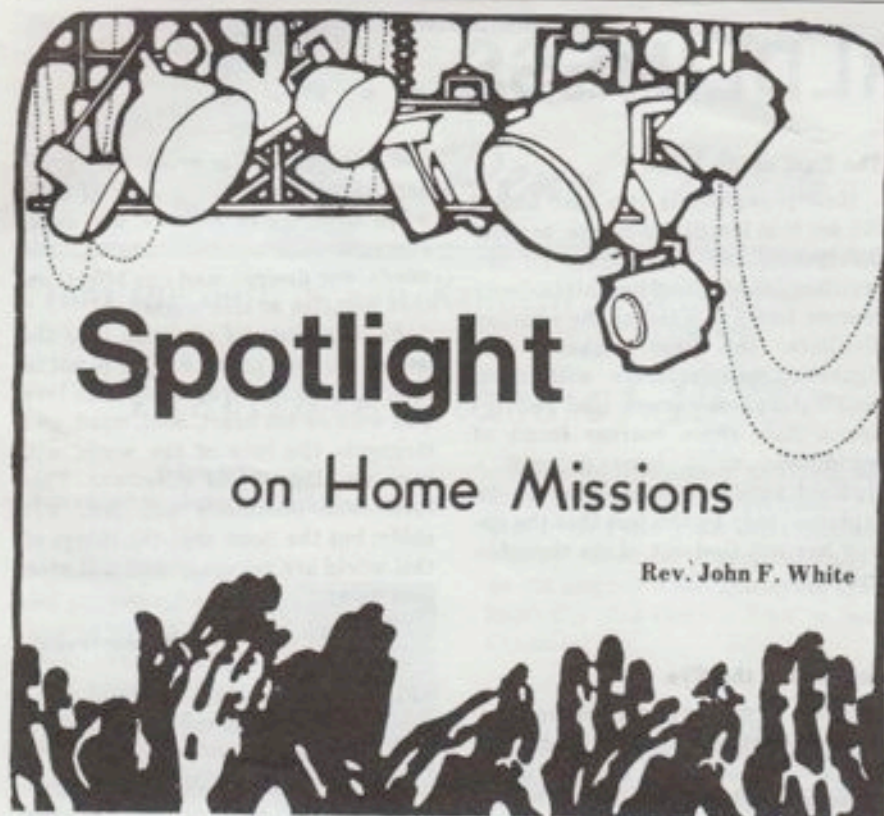
Bob had the joy of witnessing to Dr. Oldenham that God had worked a miracle on Tommy's eyes, and the Dr. had to admit that it truly was a miracle, and without it Tommy would have been totally blind within another six months.

Tommy is eleven years old now, and he still has his new eyes, and he uses them to see only that which pleases Jesus who healed them.

Guidelines For Altar Workers

1. Do not work with seekers at an altar of prayer unless you are personally in clear spiritual victory. Without victory, you will be unable to have the keen leadership of the Spirit.
2. Do not assume you know what a seeker is in need of. For you to pray for one thing when the seeker actually needs something else is both distracting and confusing.
3. Do not speak to a seeker who is earnestly praying. It is more important for him to do business with God than to listen to your counsel.
4. Do not be quick to give advice. Allow the Spirit to do His work and wait for His leadership. Just because a person is not praying audibly does not mean that he is not doing business with the Lord.
5. Do not physically disturb a person by shaking, slapping, pounding, etc. It is more distracting than helpful and can actually be used by the enemy to keep a soul from getting victory.
6. Do not be frivolous or discourteous with a seeker or someone else working around the altar. The business at hand is too serious to have frivolity, discourtesy, carelessness, and thoughtlessness present.
7. Do not monopolize a seeker. The pastor and his wife should always have freedom of access to a seeker. Furthermore, if you are unable to help the person, permit others to deal with him.
8. Do not try to rush people through. Encourage them, but do not push. Never be in a hurry. They may not see and understand all that you do. Allow the Spirit to do His work deep and thorough.
9. Do not make an issue of a particular sin or trait of carnality unless there are definite indications that this is the person's stumbling block. Let the Spirit press the issues.
10. Do not try to talk people through. Don't urge them to believe before they are on believing ground or have definitely met all of God's requirements.
11. Do not tell a person that if he does a certain thing, such as raise his hands, walk around the church, etc. that God will meet his need. Let the Spirit lead in these matters. One may suggest such things only when sure of the Holy Spirit's prompting.
12. Do not do that which only the Holy Spirit can do. Only the Spirit can indicate to a sinner that all has been confessed or to a seeker for holiness that he is empty, dead or to the bottom. Only the Spirit can witness to a seeker that he is converted or has received the blessing sought. It is not the part of an altar worker to tell a person that any of these things is true.

Ronald E. Smith



Isa. 54:2 Enlarge The Place Of Thy Tent. Lengthen Thy Cords.

I feel it would be good for us to look at some long range plans and projects for the Department of Home Missions. There are many needs; some are found in different areas. First let us consider the Spiritual. Our aims for the coming days as Jesus tarries is for conducting revivals; in new areas to open new churches, in old areas to build up existing churches. Revival is the answer for the church. God has given many revivals for the Psalmist cried out "REVIVE US AGAIN," indicating God revived them many times before.

Then there is the need for building up the believers. We would like to have some three day Bible conferences for Home Missions. In these conferences we would deal with deeper spirituality, soul winning, and meeting the needs of the local church area. These conferences could be held on weekends or midweek services such as a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night. Then there would be the one night rallies. Special singing and an emphasis on the Church extension work. The visits of the Home Missionary Superintendent churches of the conference would be a time of enlightenment, fellowship, and communication. Special bands for prayer, special prayer days, special self denial times, special endeavors all would be a part of the general program. No program is complete without God, so his

presence and right of way must be first in all undertakings. Cottage prayer meetings, one night Bible studies in trailer courts and neighborhoods all are being considered.

Putting our youth to work in our churches for Home Missions is a must. Each church should have the pastor appoint a special Home Missionary secretary. This secretary would then be contacted by the general Home Missionary Secretary and arrangements made for these special endeavors. Getting God's Missionary Church in action is one of the department's aims. This action is to be throughout the entire conference, not just Pennsylvania. Pastors of small churches need encouraged fellowshiped, and backed. It can be done if all would work to this end. 1983 can be the greatest year of God's movings in our midst. Let us provide someone for him to work with, work through, work in.

Your church does not want to be left out of this great endeavor. We need each pastor to push the work of this department. We need Sunday school classes, youth groups to get into the "Move for church advancement." We need your prayers, your cooperation at the special meetings, and your monthly finance. Each church should begin to take a Home Missionary offering monthly. We need all of you to join the five dollar per month program. Only as

you mind God can all these purposes be brought to pass. We do not work for an individual, nor a denomination alone, but for the Lord.

The printing of special materials to support the Home Missionary program will be undertaken. Your churches will receive this material and you then must put it to use. At any time special gifts, or offerings are a blessing to meet our extra needs. You can give to the general fund, or to a special project of your choice. Remember all the time this new phase of our work is being promoted the old works we have supported are still in need. The Indian work in New York, the other works through out the church are still being backed by this department. These works will find a greater measure of cooperation, backing and guidance through a full time Home Missionary Superintendent. If you have not written us do so at once. Your letter would mean so much to us. We need YOU. Never forget how important you are. God bless you and keep you in His will.



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WORLDLINESS . . .

by R. G. Flexon

While we jealously guard against outward manifestations and indications of worldliness, are we unconsciously losing our moral and spiritual moorings through the heresy of a worldly spirit? Are we, through the pressures of the hour, becoming naturalized to the atmosphere of this world and losing our heavenly citizenship? John admonishes, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (I John 2:15).

We find contradictions in nature as well as in the spiritual realm. Water will destroy fire, light will expel darkness; alkalies will neutralize acids.

In the spiritual realm there are also contradictions: God versus evil; faith versus doubt; love for God versus love for the world. There is no alternative between them; they are contradictory. The love of the world excludes the love for God from one's heart, and vice versa.

What is meant here by "the world" is surely not the material universe, for the Bible says, "The Lord rejoiceth in the works of his hands," and "the heavens declare the glory of God." Light is His garment; we know earth's fertility speaks of His bounty. Who could ever gaze upon a broad western wheat field as the wind causes the grain to ripple like the waves of the sea as it blows softly over it and not revel in its glory? Who can stand by a roaring Niagara or a glassy mirror lake, or watch the rolling surf of a Pacific Ocean, or gaze up to Pike's Peak, and not feel a thrill?

Certainly it cannot mean the world of men, for John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world." If God so loved the world of men, then He certainly would not command us not to love it.

What world is it then we are not to love? It is that immoral world, that world which is ruled over by the "prince of this world" (John 12:31); that world which is controlled by the "god of this world" (II Cor. 4:4). It is that world whose spirit is contrary to the spirit of God (I Cor. 7:31). It is that world which "crucified the Lord of glory" (I Cor. 2:8). It is that world composed of the "lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life." Let us note these three divisions of this world.

The Lust of the Flesh —

How prevalent is this lust today! We see it in inordinate desire, sensual indulgence, and the longing for the gratification of carnal appetites. In its coarser forms it is fed by the whiskey distillers, the beer makers, and cigarette manufacturers with their distributors, salesmen and advertisers. How these coarser forms of worldliness could have gripped a civilized nation such as ours, can be explained only by the fact that the nation has put God out of its thoughts and life.

The Lust of the Eye —

In this form it is contaminating the so-called Christian community by the things it demands and delights in on the screen, in the movie, in the home, and in its entertainment which is insipid, banal, and deluged with nudity and obscenity. It is also contaminating the so-called Christian community by deluging it with a current of literature that is cynical, suggestive, and, too often, a feeder to moral delinquency and degeneracy. It is here a materialistic concept of life that grips the Christian in the desire for finer homes, the most modern conveniences, the latest in transportation, the most modern attire, the most up-to-date comforts of all descriptions, and a future security at any price. It is here the Church is in danger of placing more faith in brick, stone, or mortar than in prayer, witnessing, and spirituality.

The Pride of Life —

It is in this realm that our greatest dangers lie. It is here the spirit of the world is engulfing the Christian community partially, if not wholly. It is in this realm the sins of the spirit often come to the fore. They are manifest in selfish desires, selfish ambitions, self-seeking, self-indulgence, self-confidence, self-glory, self-vindication, sensitiveness, wrong motives, pride of family, pride of superior intelligence, pride of convictions leading to legalism, or, on the other hand, drifting from scriptural positions.

The only way we can keep this world from invading our desires and our affections is by keeping our hearts constantly filled with the love of God

and clinging to His cross. The great expulsive power of the love of God, when it controls our lives, will expel everything from our hearts, our minds, our desires, and our affections that pertains to this world.

As it is true, "if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him," so it is also true if any man love God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength, the love of the world will have no place in his affections. This love once possessed and fed, will abide; but the Book says the things of this world are transient and will soon pass away.

— God's Revivalist.

WITNESSING (Continued from Page 6)

have ruined me, disgraced the cause, and brought open shame to the church, and caused many to become defiled and lose confidence in what I had already witnessed to.

For the first time I was made to realize I did not receive both experiences at the same time.

After this experience I ceased asking questions, searching books, arguing with people, as I could say with the Apostle Paul, "I find then a law, that when I would do good, evil is present with me." Romans 7:21.

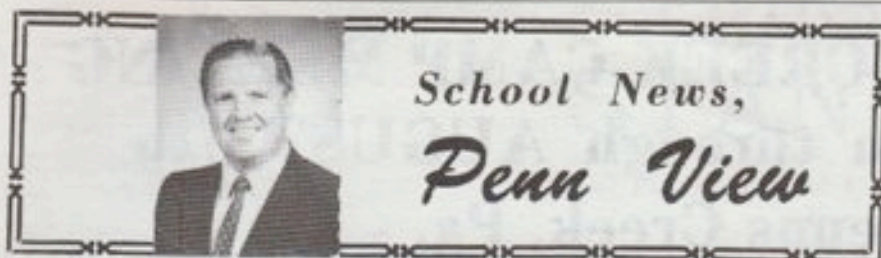
In a few minutes I was on my way to the tent meeting. I was not concerned so much about the singing and preaching this night as I saw within me a foe - an enemy - a nature that would destroy me unless the axe was laid to root of this evil thing called the old man - root of bitterness, also that something that is not subject to the laws of God, no neither indeed can be.

When the altar was opened to seekers I moved quickly, acknowledged the uncleanness and depravity of my heart. My search for a clean heart took me a few nights, however, the answer came, the work was done.

After fifty-one years, I can still say holiness is the answer.

Time will not permit me to tell of all the dark and hard places I have come across, also how God used my life and helped me to lead my stepfather, mother, and members of the family to God.

Life is too short - the reward too great and holiness too glorious to miss out on this experience which is so vital to one entering the city of God.



School News, Penn View

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

Institute Class of 1983

Adrian Duttry
Advanced Diploma in Christian Music

I am thankful for the privilege I have had to attend Penn View. These truly have been the happiest years of my life. They have been years of hard work and diligent study, yet they have been enjoyable and very rewarding. The teaching and training I have received has helped a great deal in molding my spiritual life into what it is now.



I appreciate the up-to-date, saved and sanctified experience I am enjoying today. It's an honor and a privilege to serve Jesus, the One who gave His life on Calvary for me. I've never been sorry that I gave my life to Him and I want to continue to follow His leadings and do His will in the uncertain days that lie ahead.

As far as Penn View is concerned, I believe that great days are ahead! Through the prayers and support of God's people, Penn View will continue to be able to help young people get

established spiritually and also help them gain a sound education. May God bless Penn View Bible Institute as they endeavor to prepare many to go out and tell a lost and dying sea of humanity that there is hope in Jesus Christ.

Gwen Pinkerton
Advanced Diploma in Missions

Having attended two other Bible schools, I can say that Penn View Bible Institute is a great school. I really appreciate their representative teams and the concern they show to see that students find the school God wants them to attend. I also appreciate the concern of the faculty and staff to see the students grow spiritually. Most of all I praise the Lord for His leadings in my life including a personal experience of salvation, sanctification, and a chance to attend Penn View this year. I have learned many lessons, not just in the classroom but also in everyday walking with and leaning on the Lord. May God bless Penn View Bible Institute.



Cathy Armes
Advanced Diploma in Christian Music

The Lord knew exactly what He was doing when He called me to Penn View for my Bible school training. I feel like Penn View is the best school in America! The staff and faculty have shown a concern for my spiritual well-being. I feel better equipped at trying to win a lost world to Jesus. No matter where my future leads me, I will still have many fond memories of Penn View, and I shall always remember the ringing of praises to God coming from the hilltop. I would most of all like to thank the Lord for letting the gospel come my way. I find no disappointment in serving Jesus. Again, I want to say, thank you Penn View and I shall always love you!



Beverly Leese
One Year Diploma
in Christian Ministries

Although I only came to Penn View Bible Institute for one year, graduating with a diploma in the one year Bible course, it has been very beneficial to my life. I appreciate the spiritual help I have received. Knowing it was God's will for me to come here and go through the one year Bible program, I look back and can see how He has led me through many situations. In these situations, I have learned to lean upon the Lord more, and have become stronger in my spiritual life. I want to thank the Lord for all He has done in my life, and for saving and sanctifying me.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13.



High School Class of 1983



I have enjoyed sponsoring the high school senior class of 1983 these past two years. They have been years of decision making in connection with the Junior-Senior Banquet and where they will take their class trip. The most important decision made, was their spiritual welfare.

My wish to them as their sponsor is found in the words written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. "Look not mournfully into the Past. It comes not back again. Wisely improve the Present. It is thine. Go forth to meet the shadowy Future, without fear, and with a manly heart."

I am praying the Seniors will find God's will for their life so the Future can be faced "without fear and with a manly heart."

Sponsor: Rose Mary Whitton

1983 PENNS CREEK CAMP MEETING

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Breakfast	7:30 A.M.
Morning Prayer (campers expected)	8:30 A.M.
Youth Service	9:30 A.M.
Preaching	10:00 A.M.
Dinner	12:00 Noon
Bible School (Tiny Tots-High School)	1:30 P.M.
Preaching	2:30 P.M.
Supper	5:00 P.M.
Youth Service	6:15 P.M.
Preaching	7:30 P.M.
Home Missions Day - Sat., July 30	2:30 P.M.
School Day - Sun., July 31	2:30 P.M.
Foreign Missions Day - Sat., August 6	2:30 P.M.

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Prayer	7:30 A.M.
Breakfast	8:00 A.M.
Youth Activities	10:00 A.M.
Dinner	12:00 Noon
Day Service	2:30 P.M.
Supper	5:00 P.M.
Evangelistic	7:30 P.M.

First Service July 14 - 7:30 P.M.

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Sunday School - God's Missionary Church, Shamokin -	9:45 A.M.
Evangelistic (Camp)	2:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
Home Missions -	Saturday, July 16 - 2:30 P.M.
Foreign Missions -	Saturday, July 23 - 2:30 P.M.
Penn View Bible Institute -	Sunday, July 24 - 6:00 P.M.

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