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You and Your Country

Independence Day—and across our land, in thousands of cities and towns, the celebration is on. Down the main streets comes the parade—the band leading, slightly off key, perhaps, but thrilling the air with music, the big drums beating time and the city fathers following in portly dignity. Slogging along as in yesteryear are the service men, squeezed with difficulty into the old uniform, but heads erect, eyes front, and stomachs in. There come the floats and the flags and the bicycle brigades dressed in bunting. There come the children, bedraggled and happy, marching along behind. And the people—hundreds of them, of every sort and description, shouting and cheering, lining the way.

You look at it all, and your heart beats harder, and your throat chokes up, and your eyes smart with unshed tears. Why? Because you are an American, and you love your country, and you are a part of your history.

It seems a long way back to the year of our Lord, 1776, and the band of quiet, determined men who affixed their signatures to that memorial document which declared our country free.

There was no shouting then, no bands with their music, no beating of the drums. Only the cold realization that freedom declared had yet to be fought for, and a solemn dedication to the task that lay ahead.

It is even farther back to that group of hardy Pilgrims who on a bleak November day in 1620 landed on the eastern shores of our continent and in the name of God determined to wrest a living from the howling wilderness. There was no shouting then, either. Only an unshakable faith that God was on the throne, and by His help they would stay on those inhospitable shores—or die in the attempt.

Where do we as Christians and American citizens fit into such a bleak picture as this? Here are a few suggestions:

- 1) Pray for our country—its leaders, its government, its relationship to God and His Word.
- 2) Keep informed as to its welfare and position, and exercise our duties and privileges as citizens.
- 3) Show others by word and life what a Christian and an American ought to be. The citizen of heaven ought to make the finest American citizen.
- 4) Maintain a firm faith in God and His over-ruling Providence even in the darkest hours, remembering that the future is as bright as His promises.
- 5) Remember that at best we live in a dying world that is marked for judgment, and look daily for the coming of the Lord.



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A Supplication

*Give me a vision, O my Lord,
Of things as they're going to be
An insight into life's unknowns
Thy preludes to eternity.*

*Give me a new perspective, Lord
Of things as they ought to be
A balanced view of Thy master plan
Knowledge of Thy sovereignty.*

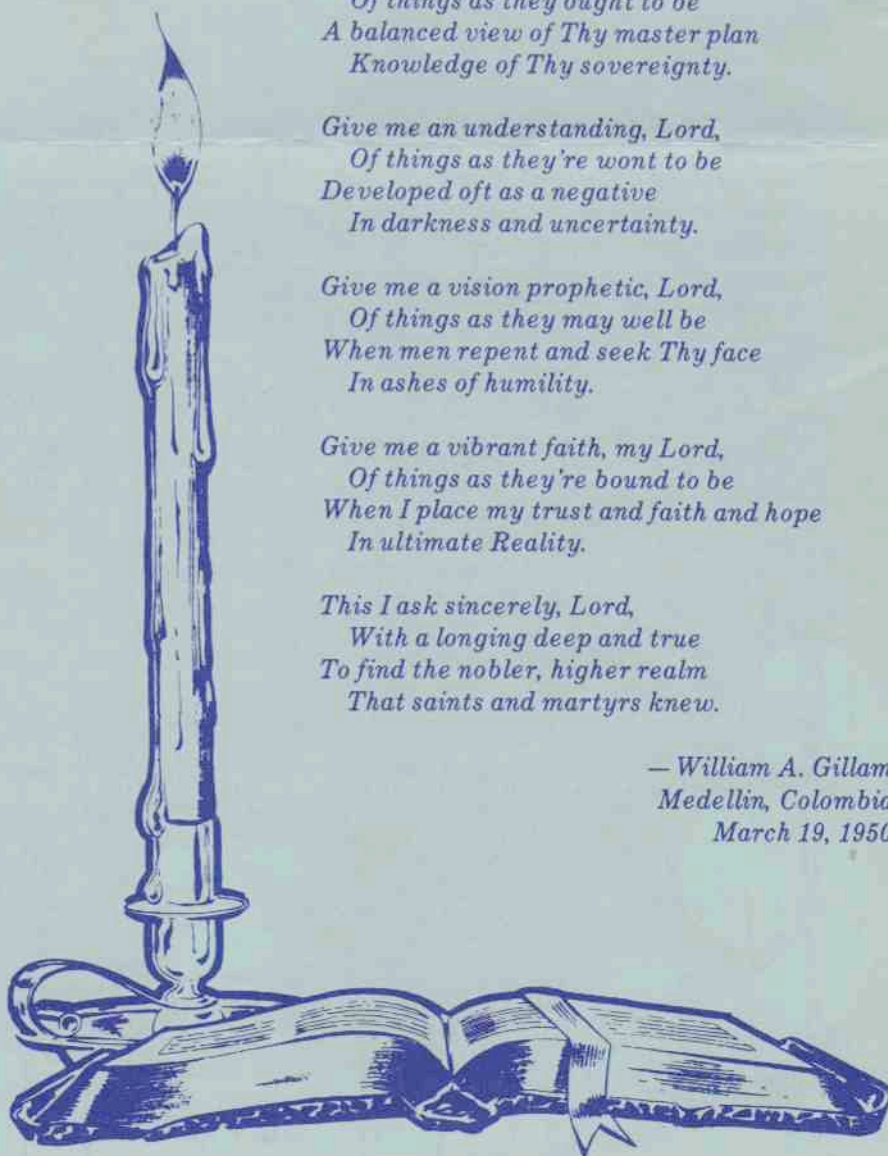
*Give me an understanding, Lord,
Of things as they're wont to be
Developed oft as a negative
In darkness and uncertainty.*

*Give me a vision prophetic, Lord,
Of things as they may well be
When men repent and seek Thy face
In ashes of humility.*

*Give me a vibrant faith, my Lord,
Of things as they're bound to be
When I place my trust and faith and hope
In ultimate Reality.*

*This I ask sincerely, Lord,
With a longing deep and true
To find the nobler, higher realm
That saints and martyrs knew.*

— William A. Gillam
Medellin, Colombia
March 19, 1950



Prayerless Preachers - A Modern Peril

by Forrest McCullough

A recent survey of five hundred theological students in two of the leading seminaries of this country revealed that only seven percent of them had a daily devotional life. Ninety-three percent of these young men training for the ministry were destined to become prayerless preachers. Prayerless preachers! Even the thought should alarm us. Surely, we have not become so accustomed to prayerlessness that we fail to shudder at its sinfulness.

A call to preach is also a call to pray. A minister of the Gospel has many duties, but if he neglects his ministry in prayer he is unfaithful to his calling. Spurgeon said, "Of course, the preacher is above all others distinguished as a man of prayer. He prays as an ordinary Christian, else he were a hypocrite. He prays more than ordinary Christians, else he were disqualified for the office he has undertaken. All our libraries and studies are mere emptiness compared to our closets." A prayerless preacher is the world's worst example of a misplaced emphasis, and a misused calling.

Prayer within itself is a ministry. We meet our obligation to God and man as well by our praying as by our preaching. We are to be priests as well as prophets. As priests, we represent the need of men to God; as prophets, we present the message of God to men. Aaron was instructed to bear the names of the Children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart "for a memorial before the Lord continually." Samuel was so keenly aware of his responsibility to pray for his people that he said, "As for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you."

Praying preachers produce praying parishioners. A spirit of prayer is contagious. Others will sense that we have "been with Jesus," and will long to share the blessedness with us. As with all other matters, the minister must lead the way, if he desires a praying church. We cannot lead our people where we have not been ourselves.

The Apostles thought the matter of prayer so important that they desired

the laymen to care for the business of serving tables so that they could give themselves "continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word." They put prayer first, when so many of us put it last. Prayer first — other things to follow. This was their reason for desiring a full-time ministry — not more time for leisure, but more time for prayer. We could see more in our day of what they saw in theirs, if we would follow this pattern. It is time we put prayer where they put it — first.

Preaching without prayer cannot save. The truth of God in the hands of a prayerless man can be the most dangerous thing imaginable. "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." While one person may be saved because it is the Word of God, a dozen may be lost because it is handled with unholy hands.

As ministers of the Gospel, we are leaders of men, and prayerless leaders are dangerous. Rehoboam, through his lack of wisdom, divided the previously united Israel into two kingdoms. What a failure he was as a leader of God's people! The reason may be found in II Chron. 12:14, "And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord." We must have wisdom to lead men aright, and this wisdom is promised in answer to prayer. God said He gives "liberally, and upbraideth not."

Prayerless preachers produce powerless pulpits. Natural ability, polished oratory, and perfected preparation, are as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal — without prayer. The anointing of the Lord comes in answer to prayer. It was said of the Early Church, "And when they had prayed . . . they spake the word of God with boldness." It should be our desire never to preach again without this anointing. We are helpless without it. Jesus said, "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me . . . for without me ye can do nothing."

Praying preachers are diligent in other matters, also. R. A. Torrey said, "By praying more, we will not work any less, but will accomplish vastly

more." Praying men are not lazy. They apply themselves where application brings results, because they are led of the Spirit to those activities which are the most fruitful. Martin Luther, who said that he had so much business he could not get on without three hours spent in prayer daily, had as his motto, "He that has prayed well has studied well." John Wesley said that if he must choose between intellectual and spiritual preparation, he would choose the spiritual. These men, as well as others who have accomplished great things for God, are remembered for their prayers as well as their sermons.

The list of praying preachers is headed by Christ himself. Before He entered upon His public ministry, forty days were spent alone with the Father. All through His ministry He would spend all-nights in prayer, and, on occasion, would arise "a great while before day" to engage in this holy ministry. And what is He doing now? Praying. With His earthly ministry complete, He is at the right hand of the Father "to make intercession." Should we not be ashamed to be His followers and yet give so little time to this ministry that He considers so important?

The constant attitude of our hearts and the atmosphere surrounding our lives should ever be prayerful. Spasmodic praying will not do. As the Apostles, we must give ourselves "continually to prayer." As the manna in the wilderness, our supply of grace must be fresh with each new day. Yesterday's victory will not win today's battle. Moody said, "Our trouble is that we are trying to do the work of God with the grace we had ten years ago." Revivals are not born in a hurry! We must "wait" and we must "continue."

Our warfare is spiritual. To suppose that we can do more with our human efforts than with prayer, is the worst form of presumption. When we pray, God works, and He can do more in a moment than we can do in a lifetime.

Brethren, let us pray. The benefits to be reaped from it are immeasurable.

—The Preacher's Magazine

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President and Mrs. Walter with the groceries which were given.

It was the privilege of the entire faculty and staff and the campus church to express gratitude to Brother and Sister Walter for their labors at Penn View Bible Institute by surprising them with a shower of food and grocery items just before the close of the school year.

As Brother Walter responded to those who had gathered in the school

conference room for the presentation, he indicated that the gift had come at an appropriate time — a time when the uplift of such an expression was needed.

An offering such as was given, cannot, however, fully express the appreciation we all have for the positive leadership we are receiving at Penn View. May the Lord continue to direct and bless Brother and Sister Walter.

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Adam Clarke, Preacher

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Everyone knows Adam Clarke as the author of the famous *Commentary* that bears his name. Few know him as a powerful preacher.

It all started in a barn . . . with his conversion. Yes, a Methodist preacher, speaking in a barn, made the Gospel invitation so real to young Adam Clarke that he simply couldn't ignore it.

The invitation came in picture form: Christ knocking at his heart's door. Adam let Him in, and from that moment there was a burning in his soul.

A burning to spread the Gospel! The fire glowed brightly for over fifty years.

The fire took him down the roads of his native Ireland. He walked! He walked every direction, crying to the people, like John the Baptist, to repent.

On Sundays he would visit nine or ten villages, preaching in every one.

John Wesley got wind of this young and enthusiastic evangelist.

Their meeting in England is classic:

Wesley: "Is it your desire to devote yourself entirely to the work of the Lord?"

Clarke: "Sir, I want to do and be what God pleases."

Wesley: "We want a pastor for Bradford circuit. Hold yourself in readiness to go."

With that, Wesley laid his hands on Adam's head and invoked God's blessing on his ministry. Clarke always considered this his ordination.

God answered Wesley's prayer!

At Bradford: Revival broke out in less than a year.

At St. Austell in Cornwall: Despite wretched economic circumstances (rarely more than a meal a day in one year), he had a remarkably fruitful ministry.

Everywhere: crowded chapels; outdoor preaching; revival.

What was the secret of his preaching power?

When he preached, there was a "torrent of evangelical truth," it was observed by one who heard him. "As the doctor approached the conclusion of the sermon, and gathered into one rich cluster the vast truths which his arguments had unfolded in the former parts, his face glowed with deep feeling, and after dwelling for a moment upon their vast importance, he swept his hand across the space before him, as a farmer would in sowing grain broadcast, and exclaimed, with great energy, 'There, take these glorious truths. . . .'"

The effect on the audience was magic. "A burst of joy broke from the auditory."

Independent and fearless, no homiletical custom held him in bondage. He rarely announced divisions. He avoided three heads and a conclusion.

Some may have thought him unorganized until the recapitulation of his ideas at the end; then it was clear enough that he knew all along where he was going. Actually, he was a brilliant pulpit apologist, taking carefully thought out arguments along intricate trails, but, like a seasoned lawyer, coming out on solid ground.

The eminent Biblical preacher of Methodism, he knew the Bible from beginning to end, and had it at his fingertips. His *Commentary*, the product of better than thirty years arduous work, was representative of his Bible knowledge.

Someone has observed that he took general truth and showed how it was part of the great and harmonious whole of Christian revelation. In turn, that truth, now seen in its full context, was beautifully applied to individual needs.

No wonder his hearers left comforted!

Preparation was both general and specific. A voracious reader — someone said he had an "insatiable thirst for knowledge"—he was ever at general preparation. Nor did he neglect specific preparation, but he was never word or phrase oriented. It was the *thought* that was important.

Bodily action was natural. It was not always graceful, but it was always communicative.

His voice was clear and strong, and he was capable of forceful projection, most particularly in his conclusion at the point climax.

His Ulster-Scot accent must have added to his powers of communication. A great shock of hair—red in youth, white in old age—added to his impressiveness.

Behind this impressive preacher was a life as eloquent as the sermons he delivered. Generous in every way, his heart went out to all, especially the needy. When distance or illness kept him away from his people, he had his wife make pastoral rounds. "I know you will not let poor Mrs. Fox be neglected," he wrote his wife on one occasion; "while she lives send her something with my blessing every day."

He was courteous in small as well as large things. Robert A. West, author and contemporary, observed.

And with it all, he was an indefatigable worker. He translated the Bible *in toto*; he learned French and was, for a period, a missionary to the Channel Islands; in London, during a three year period, he actually walked 7,000 miles as he went from church to church. (Ill health kept him from working on his *Commentary* for two years.)

But little held him down. Looking back over better than fifty years of ministry, he had served as
pastor
conference superintendent
missionary
writer
commentator.

While at conference in Liverpool he contracted an uncontrollable disease and died before he could reach home. But through the years he had reached home to many a heart from many a pulpit.

—The Herald



Missionary Message

Look What Your Prayers Have Done!

Her three months old baby dressed in snowy white was dedicated to the Lord that Sunday. She had wanted to be there, but as we looked around the church we did not see her. Someone had come and told us that she had planned to ask the hospital if she might come for that one service. But she was not there. Our hearts were sad. So the sweet lady who had volunteered to care for the little one held her in her arms and while Bro. Crock and all us prayed, she was given to the Lord.



Mother with Nana, Benji in front, church lady who cares for Priscilla.

Sunday night after church Anonse came! Too late. But she had not come to visit, she had come to stay! Yes, God had answered your prayers and ours and the hospital said she was well enough to leave the sanitorium. How happy we were. We remembered how she had looked when we first took her to the hospital, that she could hardly walk, and now she had come home by herself on a camunet (public transportation). Her face was glowing as she told us that she could stay.

Let me explain about the way it happened. As we had visited her week after week since last August, taking her milk, juice and medicine, we watched your prayers working. At the hospital they have the patients arranged in wards according to the gravity of their sickness. She had started in the lowest room, which had actually meant that there was not much hope. "But God"...with your prayers did wonders and week after week we watched her move from

ward to ward, hurrying each time to see where she would be that day. Until the day came when we walked in and found her smiling in the last one. This was the place where you went home from! How beautiful she looked there in the room with the cleanly made bed and the sun shining through the open sides of the building. Your prayers had done it.

But that same day something happened that sent fear crawling into the hearts of all the patients on that ward. While visiting I looked across to the bed near Anonse's and the woman there was surrounded by her loved ones. I could hear her breathing heavily. When we ask Anonse if the woman were a Christian she told us no. We walked over to her and leaning over her bed whispered, asking her if she would like to pray and give her heart to Jesus. She told us she wanted to pray so we told her to ask Jesus to forgive her of her sins. After we prayed she looked at us and said that Jesus had forgiven her! How gracious is our Saviour! We kissed her and went back to Anonse. The woman died that same evening after we had gone.

Our next trip to the hospital was quite different. When we entered the ward the atmosphere was charged with fear and instead of the friendly greetings and smiles that we were used to receiving when we came, there were silent stares and voices whispered to one another. You could almost reach out and touch the terror that filled their hearts. Why? These were their thoughts. The woman who had died had been in the last ward, she had been tested as three plus negative, ready to be sent home. But she had died. When we had listened to some of their expressed thoughts concerning the incident we explained to them that T.B. had not killed the woman that it had been another disease, probably heart trouble, and they did not have that disease. We prayed together and God touched them and after that all was well, God was using your prayers too to comfort their hearts.

Now she was home! But no house. For while she was gone they tore down her mud and stick house and there was nothing to go to. But her sister agreed to let her stay in an unfinished room she had in her house for the three months that she was supposed to rest and be careful so as not to return to the former state.

We gave her a quilt that had been given to us and money for food. I visited her one day and found that the "room" was not much more than a lean-to and the only door and window were boarded shut so there was neither light nor air could enter. My heart sunk. Not the healthiest place to recover from sickness. When we ask about the closed openings we were told that they had to have them closed so the thieves did not come in and steal the clothes that she washed and ironed for people. Anonse told us that each day the sister complained because she was there for she wished to rent the house to someone. In our minds we could not imagine anyone wanting to rent that room.



The baby Priscilla.

One evening after the gates were closed, she called to me and there she stood with the smallest girl in her arms and Benji by her side. When I asked her the trouble she told me the sister had put her out and rented to other people.

We gave her the money to rent a room in another house and money for food in the mornings, then the woman

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For The BOYS and GIRLS

The Rainy Day



It was a gloomy, rainy day. Jane had planned to go to the zoo with her mother, but now they would have to stay at home. She pressed her tiny, turned-up nose against the windowpane.

"Oh, dear!" she said to herself. "It looks as if it will rain all day."

She stared hard at the raindrops splattering on the sidewalk, and had to laugh a little. The drops looked almost like little people hurrying here and there. Then Jane sighed, "What shall I do today?"

It was a problem. At times she wished she were older than six years. Older people went out in the rain all the time, but her mother told her she would catch cold if she went out.

Smokey, the fluffy gray kitten, got up onto the window seat with Jane.

"Hello, Smokey," she said as she turned away from the window and took the kitten onto her lap. "I'm trying to think of something to do. I could play with my dolls, but I don't feel like playing house."

Then suddenly she jumped to her feet, hugging Smokey, saying,

"I know! I'll surprise Mother, and clean up my playroom."

She went out to the sun-porch where her toys were scattered all around over the floor.

"Now you stay here, Smokey, so you won't be in the way."

Jane put the kitten in her little rocking chair.

"Now I'll go through all of these toys. Maybe I can find some things I don't want any more."

She went through all the boxes, and stacked some of them neatly in the corner. The others she put on the

table. In almost no time at all, she had picked up all her toys and had the room in order.

"Well, Jane," came Mother's surprised voice from the doorway. "I must say your playroom looks very nice."

Jane nodded, as she said, "It was a hard job to decide which games and books I should keep."

"Aren't you keeping them all, my dear?" Mother asked. "They look almost like new. You've always been so careful with your toys."

Jane's chubby face grew serious, as she said,

"I want to give some of them away, Mommie. We learned at Sunday school last week that it's much better to give presents than it is to receive them."

"Well, darling, that's very true. Some boys and girls would enjoy having those games."

"But I don't know where to give them," said the little girl.

"The children's floor at the hospital is always in need of games and books and toys. The boys and girls are there for days, even for weeks and months! Sometimes it is hard to keep them busy."

"You mean it's like being a rainy day everyday?" asked Jane. "I guess, then, they would like my toys, Mommie."

It had stopped raining, and the sun was trying to shine through the clouds. "Look, it isn't raining any more! We can go out now," said Jane, clapping her hands for joy.

"Shall we go to the park, as we had planned?" asked Mother.

"No, Mommie, let's take these toys to the hospital, instead. Maybe the boys and girls there would like to play with them right now."

Mother kissed Jane's cheek. "You are a very thoughtful little girl, my dear. I'm proud of you, and your Sunday school teacher will be proud of you, too."

"Will God?" Jane asked in wide-eyed eagerness.

Mother nodded. "I'm sure He will be proud of you, Jane."

The little girl smiled happily and gave her sleeping kitten a pat on the head. "See, Smokey! Rainy days aren't so bad, after all!"

A Little Boys Big Sermon

A lad in Boston, rather small for his years, worked in an office as an errand boy for four men who did business there.

One day the men were teasing him about his being so small, and one said to him: "You will never amount to much — you're too small."

The little fellow looked at them as he said: "Well, as small as I am, I can do something which none of you four can do!"

"And what is that?" they asked.

"I don't know that I should tell you."

But they urged him to tell them what he could do that they could not do.

"I can keep from swearing," said the little fellow, with confidence.

Not one of the four men questioned him further.



The Logic Of Holiness Evangelism

Dr. C. W. Butler

If the grace of entire, or "intruth" sanctification which produces the experience of inwrought holiness is related to one phase of man's sin problem (and it is), then it is logically one part of God's salvation provision for mankind.

As we would logically expect if the above is true, this work is related definitely to the blood of Christ provisionally; and further, it is directly related to the work of the Holy Spirit in effecting it. God as Father wills it. Christ as Son provides it. The Holy Spirit is the active Divine Agent in accomplishing it. The revealed Word is the instrument by which the Holy Spirit works; and this, in response to faith on the part of the receiving subject. It is a part of the sin cure. It is therefore a salvation blessing.

Evangelism is "the precipitation of salvation." It follows obviously that to send forth the truth in a way to precipitate conviction for any part of the remedy provided by Calvary, and further, to lead to the exercise of a faith which realizes the remedy a reality in personal evangelism, we have been faulty in referring ONLY to the first work of grace as evangelism. It is genuine evangelism to precipitate in personal experience the knowledge of sin's remedy in ALL of its phases.

I saw a sign on the bulletin board of a certain church one day which read:

"Holiness Meeting at 11:00 a.m.
Salvation Meeting at 7:30 p.m."

Of course, I understood what was meant by the announcement; but it

was based on an error in thinking, which I am seeking to correct.

Holiness is salvation as truly as is forgiveness. If provided by the Blood, and wrought by the Spirit, if obtained by faith, if it remedies sin, then it is essentially and logically salvation. It would be well for all holiness people to recognize this truth and practice a correct classification of the same.

Camp meetings which are advertised as "Holiness Camps" often fail to recognize this truth, and speak of wanting evangelism in the evening services. This very discrimination is damaging to the WHOLE truth. It is based on a failure to properly classify truth. (Spiritually) hungry people attend evening services of camp meetings and should hear definite holiness truth. The whole program of our camps should be recognized as genuine evangelism. The precipitation of both works of grace should be present in the entire program.

Of course, it is true that some services of the day may very specially be used to teach holiness people, to deepen and enrich them in God; and some services may be used to issue the clarion call to repentance. Yet the whole program should be recognized and branded real "Bible Evangelism."

A failure to recognize the truth which I am setting forth tends to minimize holiness and relegate it to a sort of specialization, instead of recognizing it to be the **fundamental**

of the fundamentals in Christian truth, and the need of keeping it in its place as "the central idea of Christianity."

You can work at the remedying of manly ills and make little progress because the real remedy for so many ills is wrapped up in the one great provision, namely: the Blood-provided, sin-purging, life-empowering baptism with the Holy Spirit. This experience settles so many problems, answers so many questions, and fills so many needs that it pays to stick to the main line of an instantaneous second work of grace instead of bothering with the many symptoms for which this ONE thing is the complete cure.

I wish that I might issue an effective clarion call to all who know this "secret of the Lord," to be true to the importance, yes, the absolute necessity, of working persistently and insistently at the task of "spreading scriptural holiness" over these lands — yea, to the ends of the world.

Some of us must be very insistent in our setting forth of this truth, or be untrue to our sacred trust. We dare not lower the standard! We will not cease to exalt the truth which honors our living Lord and which embraces such good news to our fellow men.

The gospel of a true double cure, of a full salvation, gives to all men, and to every man who will embrace it, a chance for a new life, and an assured hereafter.

— From "A Holiness Manifesto."

MISSIONARY MESSAGE

(Continued from Page 6)

who cares for the baby sends food in the evenings, so that she will not have to cook. She is trying to get the rest she needs and we are still praying. Your prayers have brought her out of the sanatorium. Your prayers and money have helped little Priscilla to grow fat and healthy. One lady sent money for a crib when her little Haitian basket had the bottom fall out of it. Many have given to help buy the milk that she loves.

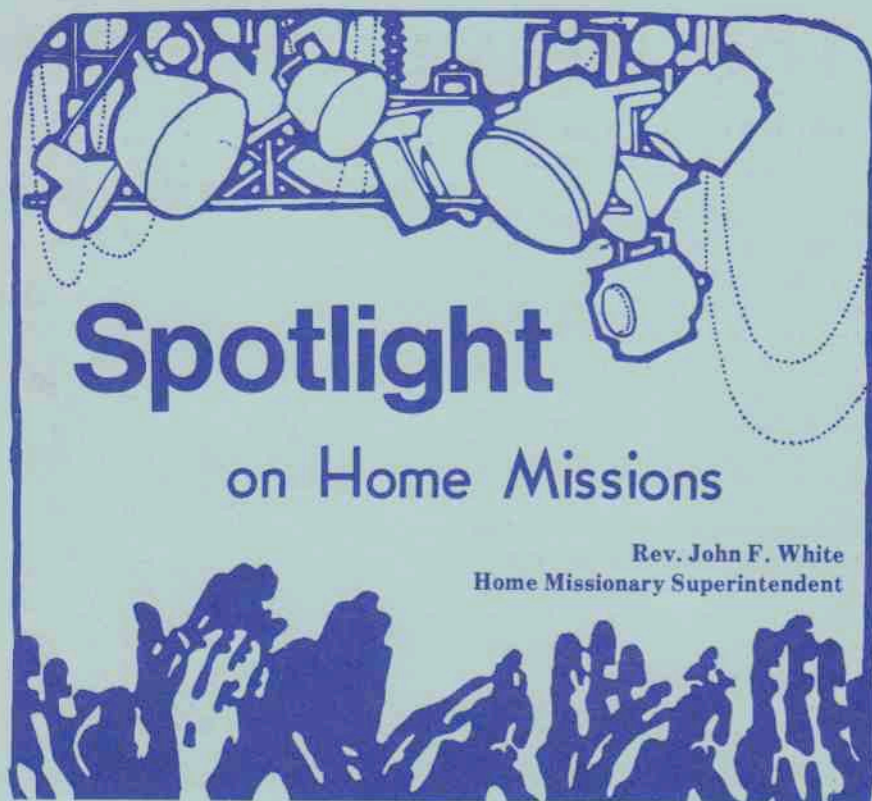
Tiny Priscilla comes to church with the lady who cares for her and sits there quietly and sweetly just as if she knows it is the house of prayer. She laughs when you play hide and seek with her holding her blanket over her face, and she cries very seldom. Of course she is much too small to understand what prayer has done. But if Jesus tarries one day we

will tell her how God heard the prayers of many Christians in America and made her Mommy well.

How we wish you could be here in the church service when Anonse stands to her feet and glowingly tells how the Lord has touched her. Her eyes shine and the children look up at her with joy in their faces too. YOUR PRAYERS DID IT! KEEP PRAYING TILL THE DAY SHE IS COMPLETELY HEALED.

your missionaries in Haiti,
Bonnie Cleaver





Spotlight on Home Missions

Rev. John F. White
Home Missionary Superintendent

The Beauty of the Lord

"The Beauty of the Lord...be upon us;" Psalms 90-17

When one looks at the beauty of the Lord in nature there are no words that would describe it. The rainbow after the dark thunder storm. The sunrise after the long dark night, the sunset after a hard weary day. The spring flowers after the winter snow, the colored leaves of the fall - who can explain their beauty. Yet God has a beauty far greater than all this. The beauty of the new life in a forgiven sinner's heart. The joy of the Lord after the sorrow of sin, the peace of God after the unrest of the world, the love of Christ after the hatred of sin. This beauty does not fade with the seasons, change with the darkness, nor diminish with the years of time. This is the Beauty of the Lord we want upon us as a Home Missionary Department. The blessings of revival, the joy of new works being started, the satisfaction of older works growing, and the beauty of seeing souls saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. When this Department changes from this beauty of the Lord to the beauty of material things, the loveliness of new church buildings, and that which is earthly, our purpose has been defeated.

Our first aim is the Spiritual. Thank God for the reports of victory from

the churches under this Department! We had a wonderful letter from Bro. Glover at the Ekin, Ind. church telling of the healing of Brother Cass, from the blindness of his eyes. The new joy in the church, the unity it brought, and the interest from outsiders in the church. Here is the beauty of the Lord upon us. The good reports of the increases at the Seffner, Florida church under Bro. and Sis. Hays are most encouraging. God is moving in a special way in this area. The York church is growing under Bro. Paul Martin's ministry. New ones are coming in, a new location soon to be acquired, revival fires are burning. We give all the glory to God. The Roaring Springs church under Bro. Ryder is moving ahead nicely. The work at Avis is holding on with a faithful pastor, Bro. Sassaman preaching the truth of God.

At the time of this writing Bro. Straub and myself are planning a trip to the Florida District. We will give you a full report after we return. We expect to be with Bro. Straub at the mortgage burning at the Miami Cuban church. The Shueys have done a wonderful work there. The Home Missionary Department supported this work for years until it was turned over to the Foreign Missionary department. Our upcoming camps will be

having Home Missionary Rallies. Be sure to get to one of them and enjoy the good news of the Beauty of the Lord which has rested upon us this year. Pray for the Home Missionary board and the upcoming Conference at Penns Creek.

It has been our privilege the last two years to be your Home Missionary Superintendent. We have enjoyed writing this page for your reading enlightenment. Since our term is up we trust no matter who is the Superintendent next two years you will stand behind him and the members of the Board. Let the Beauty of the Lord continue upon this Department. Without it we are a failure.

My thanks go out to every member of the Home Missionary Board, and to Rev. Straub, our good Conference Superintendent for the cooperation. To every pastor, camp president and layman who wrote letters of encouragement to this department. We are grateful. The Beauty of the Lord has been the source of every success.

To be spiritual is the aim of every true believer. It is the aim of this Department, and will be, God helping us. Keep sending in your monthly offerings over the summer months as they are needed. Pray for the works in New York State among the Indians, come and hear the Hoskins at our camp rallies. We have good news to report, to the honor of God, for the Beauty of the Lord has been upon us.

John F. White
Home Missionary Superintendent

The Father's Hand

While through this changing world below
I would not choose my path to go;
'Tis Father's hand that leadeth me,
Then O how safe His child must be.

Sometimes we walk in sunshine bright,
Sometimes in darkness of the night;
Sometimes the way I cannot see
But Father's hand still leadeth me.

Sometimes there seems no way to take,
But Father's hand a way doth make.
Sometimes I hear Him gently say,
"Come follow Me, this is the way".

Why should I mind the way I go?
His way is best for me, I know.
He is my strength, my truth, my way,
He is my comfort, rod and stay.

So on we travel hand in hand,
Bound for the heavenly promised land.
Always through all Eternity,
I'll praise His name for leading me!

Religion In The News

METHODISTS COULD ELECT A WOMAN BISHOP IN 1980

INDIANAPOLIS (EP)—This could be the year that United Methodists elect a female bishop — the first for any major American denomination. The most likely prospect, according to information gleaned at the United Methodist General Conference here, is Dr. Majorie Swank Matthews, Traverse City, Mich.

Dr. Matthews, who has an earned Ph.D. degree, is one of three female district superintendents in the 9.6 million-member denomination, which has 2,000 women among its 30,000 clergy. She has been endorsed for bishop by the church's women's caucus and by delegates from the church's Northern Illinois, Detroit and West Michigan annual conferences. Delegates from these and 11 other conferences which comprise the church's North Central Jurisdiction, will elect three new bishops at its sessions in July in Dayton, Ohio.

STATE REPORTS NO SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEER EXECUTIONERS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (EP) — The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well, at least among those clamouring for the privilege of "pulling the switch" on John Wayne Gacy, Jr., and other criminals on death row in Illinois. The State Department of Corrections here has received hundreds of offers since mid-March when it was announced that volunteers might be used to carry out the state's 1977 death penalty law.

Particular interest has been expressed in the execution of Mr. Gacy, the 37-year-old building contractor sentenced to death March 13 for the sex-related murders of 33 teenage boys — the nation's largest recorded mass murder.

One applicant, an Illinois technician who described himself as an evangelical Christian, wrote: "I believe in capital punishment and look on this act as I do jury duty. Realizing that everyone does not feel this way, I feel compelled to volunteer." A special plea was also sent from a New York prison inmate who said he would "soon be appearing before the board of parole and I do need a job; plus a new start in life."

ONE IN FIVE IS A WOMAN NOW IN U. S. SEMINARIES

PITTSBURGH (EP) — They may be "Mom" to their children but it won't be long before they are "Reverend" to the laity. In the past 12 years the proportion of women seminarians in the country has grown from near zero to 20 percent. At Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS) they make up 35 percent of the student body.

That's quite a jump since 1963 when the seminary didn't have one woman applicant. Of the 66 women currently enrolled in the seminary, 36 are second-career people — those who have reared children or worked at secular jobs and have returned to academic studies after a hiatus of many years.

MICHIGAN COURT ASKS CHANGE IN LEGAL STATUS OF A FETUS

LANSING, Mich. (EP) — The Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled that under existing state law a defendant cannot be prosecuted for negligent homicide in the death of a fetus. But, the court added that the law should be changed. Upheld in the case was a Wexford County judge's ruling that a fetal death could not be equated legally to the death of a person because a fetus was not yet a living person.

Involved was a charge of negligent homicide against the driver of a pickup truck that crossed four lanes of traffic and collided with a car driven by a pregnant woman scheduled to enter the hospital the next day for a caesarean delivery. The truck driver's attorney argued that negligent homicide charges could not be placed against his client because Michigan's law does not apply to fetuses.

NEW JERSEY BOARD ORDERS SEX EDUCATION IN SCHOOL

TRENTON, N.J. (EP) — The New Jersey State Board of Education has adopted a controversial program requiring school districts to provide sex education to all public school students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Scheduled to begin in September, 1980, the Family Life Education curriculum requires a range of sex



education subjects appropriate for the various grade levels. Parents may have their children excused from the classes if they wish.

The required course of instruction for public school students from kindergarten through eighth grade includes, at various stages, information on reproduction, child abuse, sexual assault, incest, prevention of venereal disease and prenatal care. Students from ninth grade through 12th grades must receive instruction in family planning, child rearing, marriage preparation and childbirth.

BIBLE READING DECISION DEFERRED

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (EP) — Margaret Rosa, a second grade teacher in Mountain View, Ark., has been permitted by a federal judge to temporarily continue reading Bible stories to her class pending the outcome of a lawsuit by parents who are challenging the practice. David and Lydia Burns, parents of a 7-year-old who is in Mrs. Rosa's class, questioned the constitutionality of reading Bible stories to children in public schools in a suit filed for them by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Federal Judge Elsjane Trimble Roy was asked to stop the Bible story readings until the case came to trial, which the judge declined to do without more information from attorneys and a look at the book, *The Child's Story Bible*, by Catherine F. Vos. Mrs. Rosa has been reading Bible stories to her students for some seven years.



School News, *Penn View*

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

Welcome To Penn View Bible Institute!

We want to share with you some of the things we have grown to love about our school—to give you some facts and a realistic view of it. We believe God has given us our school in order that we might help people just like YOU.



*A PHYSICAL VIEW

We are located about 50 miles north of the state capital of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, in the beautiful hills of Snyder County. The breathtaking view from the upper level of our campus is the reason for our name. Combine this with the restfulness of a quiet, non-violent community; and we hope you will agree with us that it is a wonderful place to live.

*A SPIRITUAL VIEW

We are a Christian school, and we believe the Bible is the basis for all truth. That is why we all study and memorize the Bible. Chapel and revival services are a vital part of our program. We are interested in helping YOU to become just the kind of person God has planned for you to be.

*AN ACADEMIC VIEW

Penn View is interested in providing a Christian education for all ages. Our students include five-year-old kindergarteners through high school seniors, plus those in our Bible Institute. Our Bible Institute offers a

three year diploma or a four-year advanced diploma in Theology, Missions and Music. Besides our well-staffed high school and elementary departments providing instruction in a traditional setting, we also have an A.C.E. Learning Center.

*A SOCIAL VIEW

Our students come in all sizes and shapes from many different places. We have busses for those who wish to live at home. Our dormitories provide a friendly atmosphere for a home

away from home. And there is plenty of Uncle Howard's Pennsylvania Dutch cooking in the dining hall.

Of course, some of our older students are married and live in apartments or trailers in the area.

Winter is a welcome time among our students — especially when our

pond freezes and we skate for hours. Our big hill is just great for another favorite—sledding.

Oh, yes, we enjoy a good game of baseball, too. It is always exciting to see who will win when the high school plays the institute at our annual picnics.

*AN OUTWARD VIEW

We have an organization we call the Laborers of Love who go out to such places as nursing homes, jails, and street corners to hold services. Our Chapel Choir and Band minister to many churches also. Of course, some of our students conduct week-end services and pastor churches before their graduation.

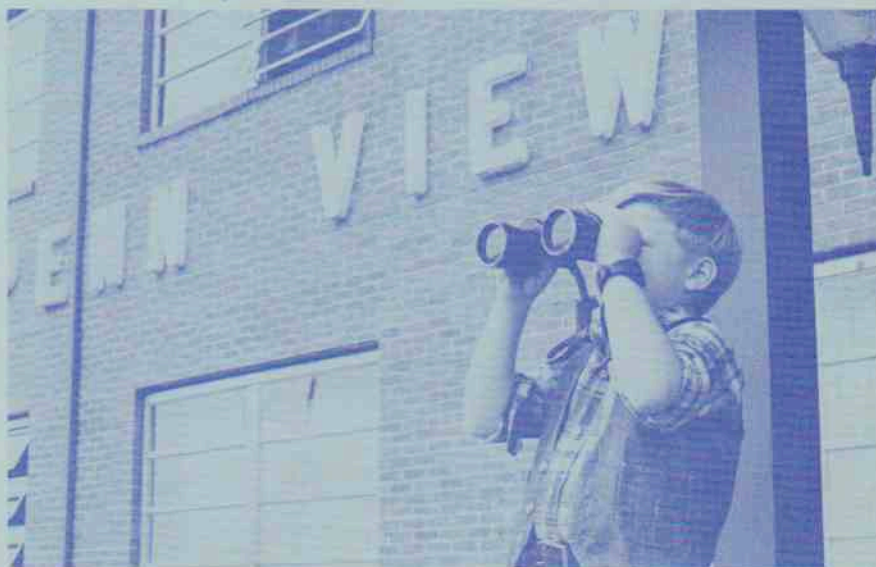
*A FINANCIAL VIEW

You are probably wondering how much all of this will cost you. Well, relax! Our tuition, room, and board costs are very reasonable and much lower than many other schools. Our Institute still remains the most economical of its kind. Certain scholarships are available to help defray expenses of qualifying students.

*AN ONWARD VIEW

We are looking for Jesus to come soon; but until then we plan to keep working to train young people. Elementary and High School registration will begin at 8:00 A.M. on August 27, 1980. Registration for the Institute of higher learning will begin at 8:00 a.m. on August 28, 1980. Perhaps Penn View is the kind of school you have been looking for. Would you like to know more about us? We hope you do. Call or write us. Ask for a catalog and application form. Ask about visiting our campus, too. Don't delay...do something today! Contact us at:

Penn View Bible Institute, P. O. Box 97, Penns Creek, PA. 17862 or Phone: 717-837-1855.



Living Confidently

"The very hairs of your head are all numbered."

Well, well, what meticulous care—not a hair but is registered with God.

I would not have pulled my little sister's hair so vigorously when I was a little boy had I thought of God numbering the hairs.

Some sophisticated fellow, wise in the ways of doing things, asks: "But what sense is there to all this—our hairs numbered?"

Now sir, I am sorry that I cannot satisfy your stilted curiosity, but it occurs to me that if my hairs are all numbered certainly my arms and legs and eyes and ears are. If God will not spoil a hair needlessly, it seems pretty certain to me that I am not in danger of losing a hand unless by His permission.

Some of us have lost so many of our hairs that God need not take much time looking after those that are left, but our other needs grow greater with each passing year. Do not forget, He'll be around all the year—all the years!

We need to hear Him say, "Come ye apart and rest awhile." We have tangled the threads in the great loom of life and are doing a good job of working ourselves into nervous collapse. He cares about the hair, so He cares for me — "Rest in the Lord."

It is true that we must have air and water, food and clothing—perhaps considered the basic essentials of life. Yet it seems to me there are some other things that are as essential. It is essential that we—

Live so that we have nothing to hide from God.

Be tender with others and tough with ourselves.

Serenely face unpleasant situations.

Give more to the world than we take from it.

Speak only after reflection on the full meaning of our words.

Work for God, not for money.

Look for beauty, and plant flowers wherever possible.

Since God has numbered my hairs, He also has numbered my needs. Everything that is essential to build holy character will be allotted to me by the love of God my Father and to the exact measure of my need.

Well, I do not know why He said, "The very hairs of your head are all numbered," but I am glad He did say it.

by Oliver G. Wilson

Port Matilda Camp Meeting INTERDENOMINATIONAL

Bald Eagle Valley
Holiness Association, Inc.

August 6 — 17, 1980

DAILY SCHEDULE D.S.T.

MORNING

Rising Bell	7:00
Sunrise Prayer Meeting	7:30
Breakfast	8:00
Preaching	10:30
Dinner	12:00

AFTERNOON

Young People	1:15 - 2:15
Silent Prayer	2:20 - 2:25
Preaching	2:30
Supper	5:00

EVENING

Ring Meeting	6:00
Preaching	7:30

Evangelists - Rev. J. Clyde Flewelling
Rev. Ide King

Song Evangelists - Ed and Nila Overdorff
Youth Evangelists - Rev. Raymond Zeigler

General Information

Port Matilda Camp is located at head of Reese Hollow, 4 miles northwest of Port Matilda, Pa.

Signs will be erected at turn-off points.

Room, Cottages, Meals,
Trailer Space Available.
Bring Your Own Bedding.

WELCOME

A welcome is hereby extended to all.

The object of the Association is the Salvation of sinners, the Sanctification of believers, and the Perfection of Saints.

We believe in, and steadfastly hold to the inspired teachings of the Scripture and seek the "Old Paths wherein is the good way."

The wearing of immodest apparel by either sex is absolutely forbidden.

It is not permitted for women and young girls to wear shorts or slacks on the grounds.

Let us avoid as much as possible all visiting, and give ourselves seriously to the business at hand.

Smoking on the grounds positively prohibited.

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