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Holiness

Part IV by Paul Miller, Assistant General Superintendent

In our studies this far we have determined three truths, namely: that God is infinitely holy; that man, created in the holy image of God, fell through the disobedience of one man, (Adam) and that God has given a positive command, "be ye holy for I am holy".

We have further determined that sin is three fold in nature and requires a three fold cure. This cure is effected in three works of grace: regeneration, sanctification, and glorification.

Regeneration is that work of Divine Grace, whereby mankind is forgiven, born again, justified, or regenerated. To be saved means we are free from or saved from the penalty of death. In forgiveness God blots out all past transgressions, refusing to remember them against us forever. Born again refers to our being adopted into the family of God, becoming the sons of God. Justification is a judicial term, a part of redemption whereby the sinner through the blood of Christ is made just before God the Father. Regeneration is an evangelical term wherein forgiven, man is made new through an impartation of Divine life. All these terms, however refer to one work of grace and all concur at one time when we repent, forsake, and are forgiven of committed acts of sin, the aspect of sin for which we are personally responsible.

One would suppose that a sovereign God could take care of all sin, both committed and inborn, with one work of grace and that through this one work could restore man to perfect holiness.

Unlike committed sin, for which man is responsible, the principle of sin was inborn. Since sin, the principle, was inborn man is not responsible for its being there and therefore needs not be, nor can he be forgiven for it.

(Psalm 51:5). That this principle or law of sin (Romans 8:2) does remain in the heart, after one has confessed his sins and has the witness of the Spirit that he is forgiven, is scripturally sound, and that this nature is not in subjection to the law of God and further hinders the work of God, keeping man from being perfectly holy, is equally scriptural.

In Romans, chapter seven, Paul speaks about several laws. Take your Bible and look at this chapter with me. In verse twenty-two he mentions, "the law of God". Most Bible scholars agree that he refers to the, "table of law", or the ten commandments. In this case this chapter describes an unregenerated man struggling with the law and trying in his own strength to keep it, but is wholly unable to do so. While a man can and mostly does refrain from stealing, adultery, and bearing false witness he will find it most impossible to love God with all his heart, soul, mind and strength and to love his neighbor as himself, even though this is part of the written law. Albert Barnes confirms this, "man cannot in his sinful state, love God at all, for he is not conscious of God, his mind has been blinded by the god of this world." (Notes on Romans).

If, indeed, this is an unregenerated man struggling with the law, he must have been a man who, reading the law, was condemned by the law; this Paul readily admits (verses 7-13). Most sinful people, however, do as they please or wish to do. A few people actually know the law and wish to do better, but thousands of people are carefree, laughing, and happy while they revel in the sin they love. One person told me while in counsel, "But I love what I am doing and really do not want to change." I believe the majority of sinners, even some who profess religion, will admit they love the sins in which they are involved. (Continued on Page 3)

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GUEST



Drawing a Crowd—

by Samuel Chadwick

"They came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also whom he had raised from the dead."

—St. John 12:9

"For weeks the story of Christ's raising of Lazarus from the dead possessed me. It seemed to accomplish just the work we needed. It brought the people. They came to see Lazarus when they would not come to see Jesus. When they saw Lazarus, they believed on Jesus! For weeks we prayed that the Lord would send us a 'Lazarus'—a man so dead and buried in sin that his wickedness had become offensively notorious and hopelessly bad. With unwearying monotony, we prayed the Lord to save the worst sinner in the town — and He did! The man came of his own accord.* * * He was a dreadful character. Everybody knew him; nobody ever expected he would be any better. So far as he could remember, he had never been to a religious service except in gaol [jail]. He was the terror of the neighborhood and did most extraordinary things out of sheer devilry.* * * We wanted to pray with him, but he said: 'Not this time; one thing at once.' But we prayed hard for him.

"A fortnight later he came to the service and our hearts nearly stood still when we saw the big, rough fellow in his working clothes walk down the aisle and fling himself on his knees at the communion-rail. He was gloriously saved.* * *

"The news of his conversion spread like wildfire. Hundreds of people came

to church to see the man whom Christ had raised from the dead. When it was announced that this man would tell the story of his conversion, they flocked from far and near to hear his testimony. We had been trying for months to fill the church, without success, but when this 'Lazarus' stood up to speak of the things of God, it was impossible to get near the place to hear sermons; they would not come to see Jesus; but they came to see this 'Lazarus' whom Jesus had raised and saved. Hundreds were converted through that one witness. For years he has been a standing proof of God's power. He was an argument that silenced scoffers and critics. Smug hypocrites were offended, but the church was filled and sinners were saved.

"This is the power the Church needs. There is no substitute for it, and it never fails. Wherever there is a 'Lazarus' and the continual operation of converting power bringing men out of the death of sin to a life of righteousness and purity before God, the work of the Lord will abound. The Church languishes where there are no conversions. Nothing but the power of the resurrection can save our churches. The substitution of secularization and social activity is a confession of failure.

"Let the churches pray souls out of their graves, if they would do the work of God. Our most urgent need is that we should know the exceeding greatness of His power in the resurrection of the dead."

Soul Travail

The Church's Greatest Need

by John F. White

Gal. 4:19 *My Little Children Of Whom I Travail In Birth Again Until Christ Be Formed In You.*

Certainly we live in a needy age. On every hand man is crying out for help. This condition has not hit the church and is often being overlooked and bypassed for things of lesser value. We are asked the reason for lack of revival, why souls are not coming in and being born into the church. There undoubtedly are many reasons but among the chief problems of the church is the lack of SOUL TRAVAIL by the saints. We need the blessing, and the demonstration of the Holy Spirit but we also need some labor pains of birth. Paul reminds the Galatian church that he travailed in birth for them until Christ was formed within them. In I Cor. 4:15 he went on to relate that we have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have we not many FATHERS, who beget souls through the gospel. The value of souls no longer is counted by many, and the burden for souls is almost a thing of the past—therefore we have very little travail for souls.

Travail must be preceded by two major acts within the person. There must be a time of conception. A time of union and the planting of the seed. Saints must have a time of union with the Holy Spirit when the Holy Ghost plants within them a burden for souls. This will bring true revival. It is not a program, it is not a presentation or entertainment we need but a Holy Spirit conception. Following this must come the development of the seed within the believer. The seed must be nourished, protected and brought to maturity. How long did the saints of old carry the burden for the lost. God laid on their hearts someone and they fed them with love, protected them with a godly jealousy, and brought them to a time of birth.

Travailing is a very serious time. It is a time of agony, sorrow, pain and tears. Jesus showed this travail in the garden when he said, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death," (Matt. 26:38) Sweating as if it were drops of blood (Luke 22:44). The term "travail" means to bring forth. In John 15:1 Jesus said every branch

that beareth not fruit is taken away. Yet many of our people have not brought forth in a long time.

Peter tells us in II Peter 1:5-8 the necessary qualifications for bringing forth fruit in the Lord. Far too many of our people lack these qualities; that is why we do not have revival. He started out with Faith, adding virtue (purity) knowledge (understanding) temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity which is love. Then in verse 8 he said if these things be in you and abound they make you that ye shall neither be barren, nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. If we are barren, and unfruitful then these things must not be abounding in us. The purpose of every saint is to reproduce in the Lord.

The Fruit of the tree has many parts to it. The skin which is likened unto one's profession. We know a fruit by its skin, many people are known by what they profess. Then comes the meat of the fruit which is the possession of the saint. Then comes the juice which is the spirit or the Holy Ghost within the saint. But the fruit is not developed just for its skin or its meat or juice. Buried deep within is the seed which produce more trees of the same kind. We must have seeds within us to bring forth more fruit.

Many Holiness churches are dying because there is no one to take the true saint's place. The travail of the church is gone, we are light, loose and chaffy. We are willing to rest on a far too short and infrequent time of the blessing of God. We are satisfied just to hold our own. But many are dead in our midst, many ready to die, and far too few undefiled as we read in the church of Revelation. How many will stand before Christ empty handed, how many like the fig tree with nothing but leaves? Let us pray for a revival of soul travail within our midst. Without it we are done, without it our best days are behind us, we will decline and fade away. Many of our churches already are in this state and many more on the road to it. God wake us up and spare us before it is too late.

**Pastor of the
Spring Garden
God's Missionary Church**

HOLINESS
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In verse twenty-three, Paul declares, "I see another law," this is not the table of law written on stone but suggests a complete different law. While the written law is an outward set of rules that says, "You may or may not do", this new law is a governing principle within forcing or restraining. Again Barnes confirms this, "this law is an inner principle, leading us or pushing us toward committed sins, an inner passion that has no tendency to pure holiness and cannot be triumphed over but by the Grace of God." (Albert Barnes, Notes on the Romans, P. 195). I come to agreement then—the preceding verses in chapter 7 present the picture of an unregenerated man, enlightened by the law and struggling to keep the law. I also agree that this law is an outward written commandment but in that acknowledgment I am agreeing that the other law is the inner law or principle that causes one to do what he does not wish to do and to leave undone those things he wishes to do, bringing me to the conclusion then that this chapter is in reality the sinner versus the law. But in spiritual type it is the inner struggle of the regenerated heart and the law of sin.

This conclusion projects a problem or a question on the part of many, "Does this then mean that a regenerated person who is not sanctified wholly continually sins?" There is only one answer to that, No! That is, he does not sit down and plan to commit sin and then get the consent of his will to do so. A regenerated heart—a new creature could not possibly be guilty of committing the sins that Paul lists as "the works of the flesh" (Gal. 5:19-21), and retain any degree of spirituality. Those are the acts of unregenerated or backslidden men (Gal. 1:6), yet, not all the people in the Galatian church were turned away, but such as were are guilty of gross iniquity.

The second question involved here then is, what need is there of a second work of grace, if the regenerated heart is not guilty of willful sin? This law of sin that cannot be forgiven must be cleansed. It is enmity against God, is not in subjection to the law of God and hinders the work of God, that is, in one's life. Again it pushes us towards sinning. (Barnes, op. cit.)

Paul, writing to the Corinthian
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"Come thou with us and we will do thee good. . ."

Missionary Crusaders

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King." Psalms 48: 1-2

When I think of the blessings bestowed upon the youth rallies of the Missionary Crusaders, I can truly say, "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised."

We may be living in a day when there seems to be an energy crisis, but thank God, He is still the same. Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever." There is no energy crisis with God; for He told us that He would give us POWER, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon us. Oh, that God would help us to see this POWER manifested in these last days. If we are going to see God's work to prosper, we must have this POWER. The WORD says, "Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world."

God has been good, and we have felt His presence, as we have travelled to the various churches. In October, we went to Berwick, Pa. where Rev. Delbert Willoughby spoke, and several churches were represented. In November we went to Armagh, Pa., where Rev. Bradley Halter spoke. I was not privileged to attend this rally, but thank God for Rev. Stephen Hicks, who conducted the rally for me. In December, for the Christmas rally, we went to Lewistown, Pa., where Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Hicks sang, and Rev. Hicks played his five string banjo. It was wonderful. Rev. John Burgess preached a powerful message on "The kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." God blessed and helped as one young lady sought to be a greater witness in this present world. In January, we travelled to the church at Penn View Bible Institute, where Rev. John Burgess is the good pastor. The Mason Family, from Penn View, provided the music, and Rev. Paul Martin preached a very practical message, for all of us, on "Doing something in 81". He emphasized, don't waste time!

In February, we went to Bloer-ville, Pa., where Rev. Tom Bickert is the pastor. My, the Lord certainly did visit with us, as the congregation sang

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart", and "Redeemed, Redeemed". "Praise the Lord's", "Amen's", and "Hallelujah's" were heard all over the nearly packed church house; for there were 14 churches represented, making an attendance of 98. Tom and Joy Slavens provided the music and singing, and did a wonderful job. Rev. Russell Herr, an old-timer in the Lord, preached on the "Three Hebrew Children", Daniel 3:1-18. God was certainly with him.

By the time this article is published, we will have gone to Millmont, Pa., for a general rally; but I trust that you can make it to the April Rally, to be held April 24, 1981, at the Newport church, where Rev. Russell Herr is the pastor. Rev. Eugene Winter, of Dover, Pa., will be speaking; and he and his will be singing. We hope to see you there.

Pray for us daily!

John W. Zechman
President of
Missionary Crusaders

Golden Anniversary Celebrated

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Deetz, Sr. celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, March 28, 1981.

A family dinner was held in the banquet room of Country Cupboard Restaurant, Lewisburg, PA. Those present were: Earl, Jr., Gerald, Paul, Roland, Janice, Lois, David, Samuel, five daughters-in-law, and 9 of their 18 grandchildren.

Rev. George Straub officiated at the renewal of their marriage vows. After the ceremony, they were serenaded in an antique Buick to an open-house reception held at the Sunbury Y.M.C.A. Building where 150 guests helped to make this a memorable occasion.

We, the children, thank each one of you who sent our parents a card or congratulations to help make their day more enjoyable.

Obituary

Rev. Frank Collier

The God's Missionary Church of Kissimmee, Fla. has witnessed the departing of another of God's servants. We will miss him. Born December 26, 1905, Rev. Collier died in Florida Home, April 1, 1981 of a heart attack.

Rev. Collier joined the Conference of God's Missionary Church in 1968 and labored faithfully through 1977. He was at the ground breaking service of the Seffner Church and worked hard for its growth. He always had a burden on his heart for the Florida Churches.

Some of the last words he was heard to say were:

"I want to take a walk for Jesus".

"We must have revival".

"Keep looking up".

This man every winter to Florida came

not with pomp or fame,

For some hardly knew his name.

He did his best to stir our nests

And help our Savior's name to proclaim.

He was alone when his Savior came to take him home,

Where he never more will be alone.

His gain our loss, but let us prove true what ever the cost,

To gain the portals he now has crossed.

M. C. Evans

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If My People Will Pray!

Up the mountains, down the valleys, what is it? The sound of a bell ringing, announcing the good news of a revival here in the mountains of La Croix. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Oh! the wonderful message of salvation that shall never grow old.

How do we thank the Lord for all that was accomplished by His servant, Rev. Barry Arnold, as the message of salvation and holiness went forth night after night. We saw many of our precious Haitian people bowing at an altar of prayer. Some came to receive help with life's problems, others to receive definite victory over sin. As they came they confessed, one young man admitted stealing from his parents, laughing at God's people, and dancing at all night funeral "wakes". This same young man also said that he had received at one time too much money in change for some sugar cane that he had bought. He had longed to return the money but when he went to find the woman she was not to be found. We instructed him that God understood and he could put the money in the Lord's work.

God's faithfulness to men, no matter what the color, the language, or cultural difference, is marvelous to us. Never again shall La Croix be the same. The night before the meetings closed one of the men in the church rose to his feet and exhorted the people to flee from fornication, which is one of the prevalent sins of the people here. Little did we know that it would be his last exhortation to the church and to his daughter who was there and guilty of that sin. Because four nights later while riding his bicycle he was hit by a truck and went out to meet God.

Six days after the revival another tragedy took place in our area. A young unwed mother who had sought and found God during the meetings, lost her small baby because of an accident. The baby drank poison and died within three hours. We do not unders-

tand the "whys" of God's dealing with us at times, but we thank God we can say along with the mother, "My sins are still all under the blood". And God's ways are always the best.

Eternity alone shall reveal all that was accomplished in our 1981 revival here in Haiti, we leave it all to Him!

Revival was also held at our city station with Rev. Eugene Winter during the week between the semester break in the Bible School. Again God moved in answer to prayer. We began prayer meetings especially for the revival three weeks before, and then a week before we started praying around the clock as we divided the hours with the church people. Visitation was done with our giving out little leaflets announcing the services. The sun was hot on our heads and the stones hurt beneath our feet but what a joy to ask them to come to hear His blessed Word.

The first evening the evangelist could not be here so our national pastor spoke to an overflowing crowd that spilled out onto the porch. The Word was sweet but the enemy fought and that night none came to pray. But night after night they came and then the Lord spoke in tones of love and conviction and they came to pray. All kinds of people, young men who cried and confessed their sins, older women who had been living in sin without the bonds of marriage, older men who bowed and prayed in tones soft and low till we had to ask them their need. A young student in our school prayed through to victory and is keeping true in spite of severe persecution where she lives. How we rejoiced and thanked Him.

Some who had been cold and indifferent came to ask forgiveness and seek His favor once more. God's compassion met them there and they left in peace. One of the young girls who is our neighbor and had back-slidden came the last night and wept before the Lord. But the pull of the world is preventing her from making a com-

plete surrender, please pray with us for her. Her name is Mari.

Of course all of the messages were translated into the language of the people and this can be comical at times. For instance when Bro. Winter spoke of carnality and said, "No longer will you fly off the handle when you have carnality taken away." Now that term, "fly off the handle" sent our national pastor to confusion. When we saw his distress, we explained in Creole what the term meant, and with a smile he stated the truth. Americans have strange ways of saying things some times. Thank the Lord in heaven we shall all speak the same language.

Our national pastor's choir group came and sang the last evening and also our Bible School students. They sang His praises and filled our hearts with joy. Others came with their instruments and we sang together about His love and grace. Our theme song was "Welcome Holy Spirit". We translated it into Creole and the people learned to love it and to sing it with great longing in their hearts for Him to come truly and fill all our temples with His love. How sweet to trust in Him!

Many of you prayed at home, as we requested, and we wanted you to know that He heard and answered.

your missionaries in Haiti

Peniel Holiness Camp

The Peniel Holiness Camp will hold a campmeeting in Sycamore, Ohio from June 26 through July 5, 1981.

Rev. L. J. Cherryholmes and Rev. James McLaren will be the evangelists. Mr. and Mrs. Dwane Newton will be the singers.

Missionary day will be July 3, 1981.

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FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

After Graduation ... WHAT?



He was a splendid young fellow, 18 years old, a freshman at the University, of athletic build, keen-eyed, and with as bright a mind as even his parents could wish for him. His father, a devout Christian, was my law partner, standing high in his profession; his mother, one of God's saints.

One day he came into the office looking for his father, who had gone out for a short while to keep an engagement. He shook hands with me in his friendly way, and I asked him to have a seat and tell me about himself.

"How do you like the University, Harold?" I asked him.

"Oh fine," he said. "I'm crazy about it."

"You are a very fortunate boy," I said, "with the parents you have, and the opportunity to get a well-rounded education."

"Yes, sir," he replied, "I know it, and I hope I am appreciating it fully."

His father had one day, in a burst of confidence, told me that he and the boy's mother were very proud of Harold, but they were deeply concerned about his spiritual life. He had seemed to lose interest in church and Sunday school, but talked a great deal about a new philosophy of life which he had discovered at the University. Recalling this, as the boy sat there in front of me, I wondered if I could say anything to help him, but hesitated to speak, knowing that young people do not like their elders to "preach" to them.

But I felt a strong urge to try, so I said, "Harold, what are you planning to do when you graduate?"

Promptly, he answered, "I'm going to law school."

"Fine," I said, "and what then?"

"Oh, well of course I'm planning to practice law; I hope one day to be a partner with you and my father."

"Fine again," I said, "and what then?"

"Well, sir, I'm determined to make a success of it, so I can succeed in the business when you and Dad decide to retire."

"Anything else?" I asked.

"Oh yes," he said, with a slight twinkle in his eye, "I'll marry; I think I have the girl already picked out."

"That sounds good," I said. "What then?"

"Well, I hope to make the practice of law pay me well, so that I can accumulate a sufficient sum to build me a comfortable home and give my children just the best kind of an education; also lay up something for old age."

"And then what?" I asked.

"Well," he said — and he did not seem so cocksure now — "I suppose like you and Dad, when I get old I will retire."

I waited a moment as he sat there in silence; then I said very quietly, "What then?" He twisted a little uncomfortably in his chair and looked out the window, but I don't think he saw anything out there. After a moment's pause, he said with a forced smile, "I'll die."

I waited a little longer this time as we sat there in silence. Then I said very softly, and with all the tenderness I could show in my face, "And what then?"

After a moment he jumped up, grasped my hand, and said, "Thank you, sir, I know what you mean. I'll think it over." Then, saying he would wait no longer for his father to return, he picked up his hat and quietly went out.

Happily, the next morning I learned that Harold had settled this most im-

portant question of all by receiving Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

But how about you? As I asked Harold, let me ask you: "After graduation — what then?"

Here is what the Bible, God's Word, has to say about the answer to that question:

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement." — Hebrews 9:27.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." — Rom. 5:8.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." — John 1:12.

Let me ask you again: "After graduation — a career? a family? success? retirement? death? — and what then?"
— A Tract.



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church, declares that these "Brethren," were carnal, not spiritual even as babes in Christ. I conclude that since they were born again (Babes in Christ) they had not shown sufficient growth in Christ. They got side tracked on some issues, communion, tongues, and some even went back to sinfulness. Paul discusses this, then brings them to the more excellent way of perfect love. This carnal nature had kept them from proper spiritual growth, from loving God with all their heart and from loving their neighbor (brother) as themselves.

I Corinthians chapter thirteen lists some of the things that perfect love will help us do and in a way keep us from. Let us look at these; suffers long and is kind, Behaves well, is not selfish, does not seek her own, is not easily provoked, and thinketh no evil. Does not rejoice in wrong, bears, believes, and endures all things, and does not fail. It is possible then to be hindered from loving God with all our heart, but love Him imperfectly in a regenerated state and if so such a person could be pushed towards these selfish sins, but let us stop here and talk about those next month.

To Be Continued

April 17, 1954 is the date inscribed on the cornerstone, but to get to the true beginning of the Lewistown church, one must travel backward in time from that date approximately 15 years.

Jeremiah Cherry became acquainted with the God's Missionary movement via the air waves and a program entitled "Missionary Messengers". Traveling over the highways to the Beavertown God's Missionary church, he sat under the ministry of Rev. George I. Straub. The Holy Spirit was faithful, a hungry heart was willing, and thus a new name was written in glory. Subsequently, a dream was born as the desire grew in the heart of Brother Cherry to have a holiness church in his hometown.

For sometime a Home Missionary effort was carried on at Pine Glen, a few miles southwest of Lewistown under the direction of Rev. Straub and Rev. Truman Wise. However, financial difficulties made it impossible to finance a pastor and the work was discontinued.

After the close of the Pine Glen work, the faithful few would travel to the Beavertown church from time to time to have their spiritual batteries recharged, but the dream of having a church back home remained.

At various times Brother Cherry would approach Rev. Straub with the request to have a church in Lewistown. Definitely believing in trying the spirits, Brother Straub made no apparent move for some time. Still, the dream lived on, strengthened by desire. Cottage prayer meetings were held in the homes of those interested in having a

church. A treasurer was appointed and offerings were lifted at these services and put in reserve as further strengthening of the dream.

Finally, after the passage of several years, Rev. Straub received permission from the Lord to move ahead in the Lewistown area. Traveling to the local area he approached the owners of a farm at the west end of town. Although the property was not for sale, by the time Rev. Straub had finished presenting his reasons and request, the reply was as follows: "If you will buy one lot, we will give you another one." Knowing Brother Straub as most of us do, you can imagine his reactions as God gave definite proof of his approval in this new undertaking.

With a goal in view, definite plans could now be made and put into motion. Tentmeetings were held on the present site and God poured his blessings out upon these services. Don't misunderstand, satan did not move out of town when the holiness people moved in. Instead, he gathered his reinforcements and opposition was forthcoming. From sewage problems on through many phases of the work, he stuck his barbs in wherever he could, but God was victorious over all.

Equipment was moved to the site and now the work began in earnest. Physically unable to participate in the

actual building project, nevertheless, Brother Cherry was on the scene to lend encouragement and to watch the development of his long time dream. As the large earth moving machine took the first bite out of the ground, God came down and gave Brother Cherry an uncontrollable blessing as he sat in his car watching the action. The dash of his car took the brunt of the overflow blessing as God had his way.

Foot by foot and block by block the work progressed as God's people rallied to the cause. Labor was donated from many churches in the conference. There is no doubt there was much sacrifice went into the building of the Lewistown church; sacrifices which only eternity will reveal. The following related incident will give some idea of how God moved the work along:

Although he had no one to help him, Brother Straub felt led of the Lord to come to Lewistown one day to work at digging a ditch. Telling the Lord that he needed someone to help him, he proceeded on his way. Before he had been on the scene very long, he heard someone say, "Do you need some help Reverend?" Looking up, he saw a neighbor man who told him he just felt like he ought to come over and help the preacher. Brother Straub then told him that God had sent him to help him. Although this kind of language was somewhat strange to the neighbor man, it was another proof of God supplying the need.

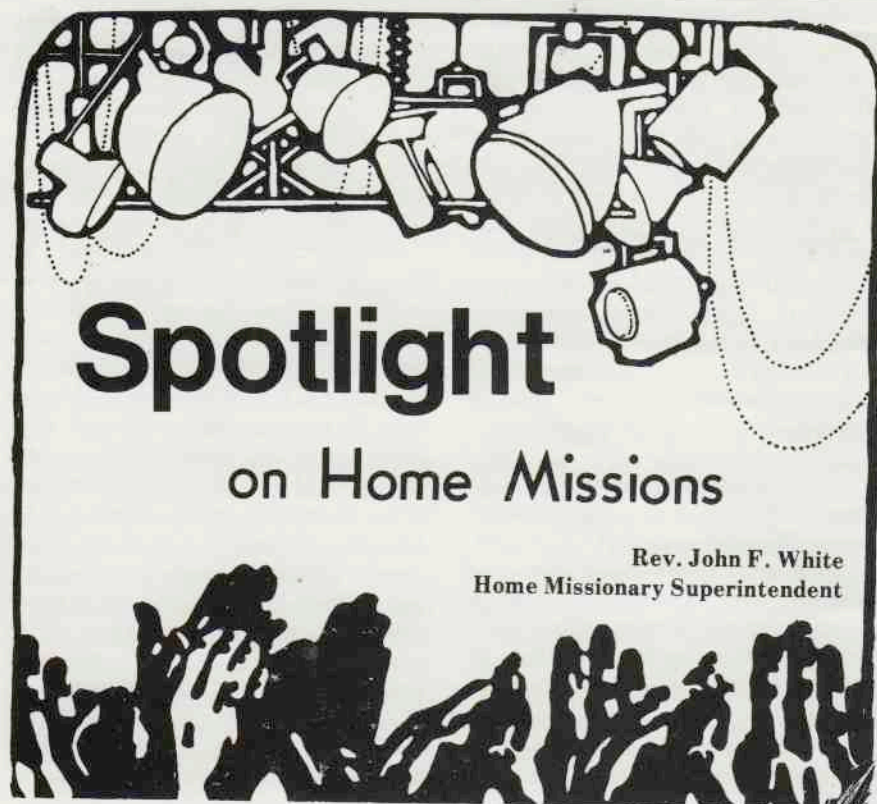
Now the big day had arrived - April 17, 1954 - the doors of the new church were opened for Sunday School and church services. The dream had become realization. An afternoon service was held in which the Central Pennsylvania Gospel Band provided the special music and Rev. George Straub preached the dedicatory message.

In that first morning service ten persons were received into member-

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Historical Highlights Of God's Missionary Church Lewistown — Dream To Reality





"Go Ye Therefore And Teach..."

Matthew 28-19 "Go ye therefore and teach..."

February found your Home Missionary Board on the move, as we conducted five rallies in all. On a previous page we reported the reports from the Salunga, and Milesburg convention. On Tuesday, February 24 we conducted a Rally in **The Lewistown Church**. Three members of the board were present. The pastor Rev. John Zechman, who is a board member, led the song service. Bro. Harry Plank gave the Home Missionary projects for this year. Sister White and I sang two songs. What a blessing to hear the shouts of the saints as we sang. I then brought the evening message from John Chapter one. "And Andrew first findeth his own brother." A good offering was received.

On Thursday night, February 26th Bro. Zechman, Bro. Shaffer and I conducted a rally at the **Helfenstein Church**. A warm welcome was received from Bro. Moore, the pastor and his people. Bro. Zechman again led the song service. I gave the projects. Bro. Zechman played a number on his horn and he and I sang a special number. Bro. Shaffer brought a challenging message to the church. Speaking out of Revelation Chapter two on the

Church at Ephesus. Bro. Shaffer spoke of the four S.D.s of the church. First they were straight in doctrine. Second they were strict in discipline, third they were steadfast in duty, and fourth they were sour in devotion. Bro. Shaffer went on to point out Law without love is cold and dead. Love is the fulfilling of the law. Discipline without love is worse than no discipline at all. He stated works without love is vain. The message was well received, and a good offering was received. Pray for us as we travel to the remaining ten rallies on our slate. You still have time to get a rally in at your church if you contact us at once.

From the other fields we have some good reports. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Newton were the parents of a fine baby girl. They pastor at Fairborn, Ohio. We plan to stop off and visit them the third week of March. We will give you a report on this later. Bro. and Sis. Hoskins are adopting a baby boy, we pray this new one will be a great blessing to them as they work up in New York Indian country.

The Command of Christ to Go is very important. Go into the highways and the by ways. Go to the uttermost parts of the earth but we must Go. There is much more to this going than

meets the eye. There must be preparation, which includes a lot of prayer. There must be a message to take with you when you go. We have good news for all people. There must be a complete obedience in going. One must go willing and without reserve. Yielding to the call is a real blessing. As we go from church to church our hearts are blessed in meeting the people. As they look at our pictures and see the work we do it blesses them.

The Home Missionary Department's budget is only around 2,000 dollar per month. If every church would send an offering it could be met without difficulty. Your church will be blessed in sending a monthly offering to home and foreign missions. This is an obligation placed on each church by the conference but greater yet it is a duty placed on us by God. It is a real blessing to be a part of the Missionary programs. Our needs are great and our income small so we pray each church will start with this month to send in their offering. No matter how small it is it helps. Every one can't go but all can pray and many can give. Let us go by one means or the other. Try and see the Lord repay you as you never would have dreamed. Your Home Missionary Superintendent.

Rev. John F. White



Items From Intercession City

Another school year is almost history. As I look back over the year, I wonder how the time slipped by so quickly! It has been a good year for us. We feel that we have seen some spiritual progress as well as academic achievement.

Our progress was possible only because people like you shared in prayer for our needs. The needs are still evident but we do bear in mind the fact that God is great and we shall continue to rely upon Him to provide our every need here at Intercession City Christian School.

Our mailing address is: Intercession City Christian School, P. O. Box 335, Intercession City, FL. 33848.

God bless you for caring.

E. L. Deetz Jr.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

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ship. Three of the charter members, Mr. Jeremiah Cherry, Mr. Ephraim Lepley, and Mrs. Violet Hoy are still with the congregation while some others have moved on to their heavenly address.

Rev. Straub supplied the pulpit for some time as the church was getting organized and on its feet.

For approximately three years, Rev. Ray Stehrs pastored the church as he and his family traveled back and forth from their home in Centre County.

After the resignation of Rev. Stehrs, Rev. Paul Miller filled the pulpit for one month, making this the shortest pastorate in his years of pastoring. The brevity of his stay was due to a mix up in stationing procedures.

In 1958, Rev. John White and his wife moved to Lewistown to pastor the church. The Whites were with the church five years during which time two sons came to bless their home. During this time, one of the men of the church acquired a bus which he used to transport people to the various services. In a recent visit to the church, Rev. White related how God supplied their need and souls were brought to Christ as they pastored the Lewistown Church.

In 1963 Rev. Marlin Crock and his family moved from Lebanon to Lewistown. At this time the church acquired an unused church property in downtown Lewistown to be used as a parsonage. The Crocks moved into this property upon their arrival to pastor the Lewistown church. For

quite sometime they lived with the tune of banging hammers and all the other noise and inconvenience that goes with a renovation program. Finally, from all the chaos there emerged a comfortable and homelike parsonage. The Crocks were with the church eight years during which time the exterior of the church was brick-ed, the parking lot black topped, the basement finished, and classrooms were built as the Sunday School continued to grow. The blessings of God were manifested as the work moved forward.

July 1971 was moving time for Rev. Truman Wise and his wife as they took over the pastorate of the church. In 1972, hurricane Agnes with the resultant flood waters moved through the area and the parsonage was inundated. This left the Wise's with much material loss and stress, but through it all, God was there with grace sufficient. For a time they lived in a house trailer on the edge of the church parking lot. Then, the former parsonage property was sold, a basement erected, and a double trailer moved on to the second church lot adjacent to the church parking lot. This location made it much more convenient for the pastor. During the tenure of Rev. Wise, the interior of the church was repainted, the basement walls were painted, and a new church piano purchased.

September 30, 1974 Rev. John Zechman and his family moved into the Lewistown parsonage. Some of the major projects of the past six and one half years have been the replacement of the church roof, added insulation in the church attic, and carpet in the sanctuary. The money for the

carpet project was entirely donated for that specific need with none being taken from the treasury. At the present time, the bathrooms are in the process of being remodeled, sponsored mainly by the "Young Married Class" of the church. The Sunday School of the church averages nearly 70 in attendance with the majority of these attending the Sunday evening and prayer meeting services. God is still moving and prayers are being answered. The day of miracles is not past; God is still on the throne. In a recent Sunday morning service, God came upon the service before the dismissal of Sunday School resulting in a victorious altar service. The following prayer meeting, shouts of victory and praise were heard as people minded God. One sister related how she had minded God in a monetary matter. This not only was a financial help to the church, but most of all, a spiritual lift to all God's children as joy was restored to her heart.

Space and memory would fail to relate everything, but these are a few highlights of the past. The future with its accomplishments rests with God as His children walk in the light and obey the Spirit.

So, from a dream over 40 years ago to the present reality, we can say with the song writer, "How great is our God!"

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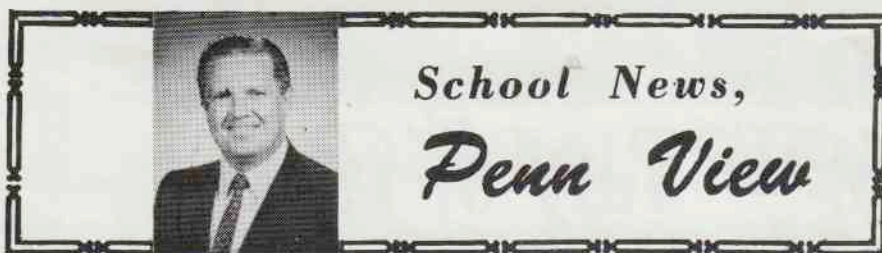
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From the desk of Rev. Kenneth E. Walter --
President

Psalm 90:12, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." History teaches us that this verse is part of a prayer of Moses. It suggests the idea that we may run out of time before we have fulfilled our purpose or our goals in life. There seems to be a natural tendency in most of us to put off until tomorrow what really should be done today. Few of us ever seem to learn the value of getting something done ahead of time because we have not really counted the cost or the penalties we have suffered for being late. The payment is often small and insignificant in itself but if we add them up over a period of time they often amount to a great loss.

Easy credit is usually advertised as being for your benefit but in reality the motive of the seller is to promote his own advancement. He knows that you may not be in his store when you have the money and you might spend it for something else so by enticing you to buy now and pay later he has a sure sale and will end up with more profit through adding interest or carrying charges.

Most of our young people are spoiled with the comforts and luxuries of life by handing it to them and are readily conditioned to live on credit by the psychology of the merchant who "wants to help young people get a start in life." He loads them up with everything they want and before it is paid for they need something else. Thus they live a vicious cycle of credit consoling one another in the fact that "we won't ever have anything if we don't buy it on credit." What they never take into serious consideration is how much more they would have if they had sacrificed a little in the beginning, saved some money and drawn interest, and multiplied the purchase power by paying cash, taking advantage of cash discounts, and real bargain cash sales. In a short time they would have far more for less without the threat of losing what they have if they happen to lose their job or can't keep up the payments.

Perhaps you are thinking what does all this have to do with the text. May I submit for your thinking that most of the thoughts and actions of our natural life carry over into our spiritual life and it is rather evident that many church people are trying to serve God on "credit." "I will pay my vows someday." "I plan to go into full-time service someday." "I intend to do more for God someday." Good intentions are fine but our days are numbered and we have an obligation to God which must be met.

Our text also suggests the idea that we should make the best use of our time through the exercise of **wisdom**. Wisdom is not necessarily education. Many people have knowledge without wisdom, but few people have wisdom without knowledge. Wisdom would tell you that we can accomplish a whole lot more, easier and better, if we are properly prepared for the task at hand. I fear that Satan has often taken advantage of a zealous young person who refuses to get bogged down in the ruts of procrastination by influencing him to overreact to his call, and thrust him in the work of the Lord without proper preparation.

Not one of us would think of submitting to a surgeon's knife in the hand of a novice though he were seriously concerned about your physical condition and possessed great desire to be a surgeon. Life is too precious to take such chances. God's word teaches us that one soul is worth more than the world and that it would be better for a man to have a millstone tied to his neck and be drown in the depths of the sea rather than offend one of God's little ones. Time and again those who profess over the most spiritual would urge a young person to undertake such a serious responsibility without adequate preparation.

I would be the first to admit that education without the anointing of the Holy Spirit is also inadequate to get the job done, but I refuse to accept the idea that you can't have both. I firmly believe that an educated person with the anointing of God upon

him is the most effective human instrument. God has to accomplish his purpose in times like these.

As another school year draws to a close several of our Institute students will graduate and go forth into the whitened harvest fields. We covet your prayers in their behalf. Some of our high school graduates feel a call into Christian service and plan to continue on to higher education. They need your prayers as well.

Some of you have talent and ability God would like to harness and devote for His purpose. May I urge you to bring yourself under subjection and make the necessary adjustments in your life to enroll in Bible School this Fall. Your days and months are running out.

The fields are white for harvest and the laborers are few because many of you are bogged down with the cares of life.

Why not decide right now to mind God at any cost. Send for an application today to enroll in Penn View Bible Institute this Fall.

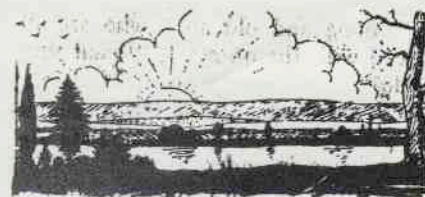
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Though many of our students will not graduate this Spring, it is their desire to gain practical experience in working for the Lord under supervised training. Throughout the school year missionary offerings are taken weekly in each classroom to raise money to send our students out to various mission fields for summer service. This year we have requests for three students to help in a missionary work in London, England. We have requests for two groups in Alaska for a total of nine students to help them in various types of service.

A rather large group is planning to invade Mexico with gospel tracts and assist in other areas of need.

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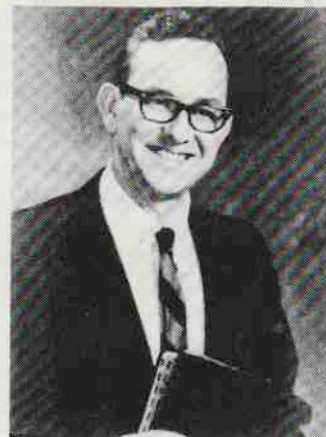
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