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Editorial...

MY MOTHER KNELT IN PRAYER

Once in my boyhood's gladsome day,
 My spirits light as air,
 I wandered to a lonely room
 Where mother knelt in prayer.

Her hands were clasped in fervency,
 Her lips gave forth no sound;
 Yet, awe-struck, solemnly I felt
 I stood on holy ground.

My mother, all-entranced in prayer,
 My presence heeded not;
 And reverently I turned away
 In silence from the spot.

An orphan wanderer, far from home
 In after-time I strayed;
 But God has kept me, and I feel
 He heard her when she prayed
 -- Thomas McKeller

All that I am, my mother made me. John Quincy Adams.

The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother.
 Napoleon Bonaparte

I don't think there are enough devils in hell to take a young person
 from the arms of a godly mother. Billy Sunday.

A mother is the only person on earth, who can divide her love among
 ten children and each child still have all her love.

All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.
 Abraham Lincoln.

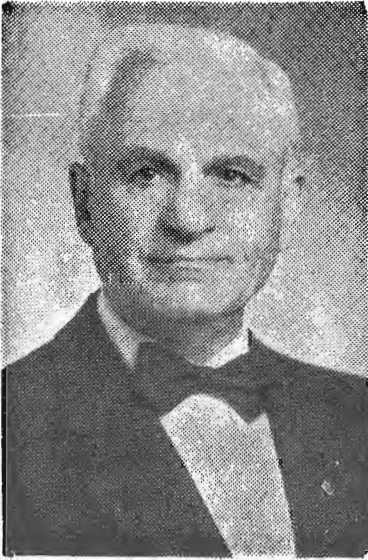
**Go Ye Into All The World And Preach
 The Gospel To Every Creature**



**Somewhere Your Church
 is
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THE NEW SPRING WITH NEW TEMPTATIONS

By REV. A. D. URSHAN



The spring time is upon us, nature begins to revolve, the annual resurrection morning is down upon us. Men and women are planning for the spring outings and spring attires. There will be new feelings, and new temptations which will confront us; especially the temptation of making a display of our personality. We therefore lovingly warn our readers in the following friendly message.

THE MODERN WICKEDNESS AND THE REMEDY:

Our missionaries amongst the naked heathen have noticed that when the real conversion takes place in their lives they at once begin to cover their nakedness, even before they are told to do so. What is becoming of us enlightened Christians? Are we rushing into heathenism with open eyes.

When one puts on Christ in truth or the whole armour of God, he or she begins at once to put on modest clothing also. It is to the Lukewarm Church, our Saviour says, "Thou art naked." Nakedness therefore comes from the backsliding heart. No Christian on fire for God will glory in his or her flesh, but in the Lord.

One of the first things a person who goes insane does, is to begin to tear and take off their clothes. It is a sign of insanity for a woman or a man, young or old, to love bare arms, legs, and chest in church, etc. It is a show to excite passions and it is pride over self, i.e., self admiration.

This article will not stop some folks from their lewdity; nevertheless it is the truth of God against this shameful and naked generation—the people who love pleasure more than God they do this. These will change their modesty any time for a new Hellish fashion. However, to feel and do something about it is a sign of godly regret, sorrow, and repentance. When Adam and Eve sinned and regretted they had sinned, they began at once to show works of repentance; they made aprons of fig leaves to cover themselves before the Lord and the Lord admiring their work saw that leaves did not make enough or a compact covering. God Himself made them two coats of skin, very thick of course, and told them to cover their nakedness more fully. We believe that very God will approve and bless a repenting flapper and foolish man if they regret their sins and begin to dress down and up.

Some folks "dress up" only; yea, too much up, they need to dress down, making their skirts longer. Others "dress down," but are uncovered upward. Then need to keep their clothing down, and begin to cover upward also.

God confined the terrible curse of Noah for his young son, who did not cover his father's shame and nakedness, when he was drunk. The reason the heathen in the jungle to this very day is almost naked, is because they are offspring of that son, who made sport of the nakedness of his father. Noah became naked because he was drunk, and that brought national and divine curse upon his grandchildren, but the modern men and women's nakedness approved by foolish men is causing no less curse upon the white nations.

If Noah had not been intoxicated, he would not have been naked and curse his own flesh and blood children. It is pleasure seeking drunkenness that makes people of our day to love and practice nakedness in their pride.

SELF-EXPOSING:

The rarest and most precious things we have are called treasures; they are not put in the sight of the public for display, but are kept in safes, or in the most secret or private hidden places where they cannot be seen or obtained. There are many reasons for wise men to treasure their treasures in dark and strongly covered places, and one of these reasons is to be kept away from the sight of robbers or thieves and secondly it is to save their own lives, lest they become the victims of their jealous enemies and lose their lives for their treasures.

Why not be as wise in hiding the very best of our personality or that part of our bodies, which we think most beautiful? When a woman thinks she has a beautiful form, be it arms, legs or chest and when she uncovers them for a show or for display, she at once exposes her own self and becomes a victim of not only all unclean persons, but of decent persons, who are on the verge of moral bankruptcy. The city officials, for health, are continually warning flappers to put on proper clothes, lest they become the victims of winter colds, but the facts have been proven over and over again that the greatest dangers of the uncovered women is not colds, but falling into disgraceful and shameful sins of divorce, lasciviousness and these calamitating the sin of immorality. This terrible sin of our generation not only hurts our girls, sisters, and young mothers because of their fleshly displays, but it also hurts our decent men and propagates the nation-wide White Slavery.

O, men and women, are you to be called honorable? If so, please take for your example not the modern immodesty, but the old-fashioned holy women, and men who loved God in truth and their love to God caused them to speak, walk, act and dress modestly and thereby became not a temptation to the human race, but an inspiration to the weak and honor to their loved ones.

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THE PASSING OF AN OLD SOLDIER



The First Pentecostal Church of Oakdale where funeral services for Bro. Robert LaFleur were held on Saturday April 4. Bro. LaFleur had pastored this church for thirty-five years.

Within a few days, two old soldiers were called away from this earth. One of them had devoted a long and heroic life to his country, the other had given his noble life for God and His church. The list of battles for General Douglas MacArthur included a long list of historic places covering more than half a century, in far distant and far separated spots on earth, in three wars. France, the Philipines, Bataan, Corregidor, Japan and Inchon were some of the places where he led the battle.

For Bro. Robert LaFleur the list of battle grounds also was impressive. His was the war of truth against error and he led in the battle for more than half a century. The battle started when He found the Lord in East Texas more than fifty years ago. He led the battle for the Pentecostal message to Louisiana and such names as Elton, DeQuincy, Oakdale and many others became prominent in the struggle of truth.

For the past thirty-five years Bro. LaFleur had been pastor of the First Pentecostal Church in Oakdale, a position that he efficiently and devotedly filled right up until the time he was called home. Out of these thirty-five years of ministry in Oakdale, seventeen ministers have been called into the work of God. These seventeen served as honorary pall bearers to their fallen pastor and leader.

Bro. Robert LaFleur went home to his Lord on Thursday, April 2, at the age of 74 years. He had been active to the end. On the Sunday before he was called away, he preached in the services of the church. An outline which he had prepared for the Wednesday night Bible Study was read at the funeral service by Bro. O.F. Fauss.

A great crowd of ministers, saints and friends gathered at the Oakdale church on Saturday afternoon for the funeral service. The church was banked with many, many floral tributes. More people were outside the church than were able to get in. A most impressive service was conducted. The choir sang songs that Bro. LaFleur had loved while here with us. The presence and comfort of the Holy Ghost was felt as the service progressed.

Those taking part in the service at the church included Bro. J. Roy Weidner, District Secretary who read the obituary, Bro.



From L to R, Brothers J. Roy Weidner, A. L. O'Brien, C. G. Weeks, A. T. Morgan, and Gerald Mangun. Not present when picture was taken was Bro. O. F. Fauss. The above brothers had part in the funeral service.

A.L. O'Brien his presbyter read the scripture reading and prayer. Bro. O. F. Fauss, Assistant General Superintendent spoke of the early days of this Pentecostal message in Louisiana and their associations together. Bro. LaFleur ordained Bro. Fauss on August 7, 1917. Bro. A. T. Morgan, General Superintendent said among other tributes, "If any man in this time could be called an apostle, Bro. LaFleur could be called an apostle to Louisiana".

Our District Superintendent, Bro. C. G. Weeks delivered the main message of the service. He spoke on the subject, "The Balance Sheet of a Great Life". In a most able and sincere manner, Bro. Weeks spoke of this our departed brother. It would not be possible to give a full report in this space, but a few of Bro. Weeks' remarks are given here:

"The victory has been won. He made it!"

"He won't be forgotten, and he won't be replaced."

"Man has to have some fight in Him!"

"He has never varied from the first message we heard him preach," as Bro. Weeks reported what some of the faithful saints of the church said about their pastor.

"These men will be especially missed by me," said Bro. Weeks in speaking of Brothers Fuselier, Wise, and LaFleur, all pioneers who have now passed away.

"Many a man will have to answer for this man's message."

"One of the most humble men I ever knew."

The great American general, Mr. MacArthur, wore a simple, tropical khaki uniform as he was laid to rest. This soldier and general for King Immanuel, Bro. LaFleur, had in his hands the "Sword of the Spirit," that he had loved and used so long. As I passed by with the many hundreds of others to see Bro. LaFleur; I was most impressed as I looked at the Bible in his hands, with II Timothy 4:7-8 marked. Surely the words of Paul were also his, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

The body was taken from the church and laid to rest at the Oakdale cemetery. There at the graveside the scripture reading was read by Bro. Calvin L. Rigdon, and the Committal given by Bro. Gerald Mangun, both members of the district board. The prayer of benediction was prayed by Rev. R. E. Johnson, a minister and pastor, saved in Oakdale under Bro. LaFleur's ministry.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

D. T. Guillory, District Director
March, 1964

Alexandria	Mangun	559	Brockdale	Boyd	50
Starks	O'Brien	456	Walnut Hill	Owens	48
Minden	Barnes	314	La Camp	Starks	47
West Monroe	Caughron	284	Campti	Ward	46
Monroe	Chance	281	Franklin	Craft	46
De Quincy	Burgess	250	Krotz Springs	Wilkerson	45
DeRidder	Guidroz	238	St. Francisville	Morris	45
Melville	Majors	230	Gibbsland	Hoover	44
Lake Charles	Evans	224	Pitkin	Reeves	44
Oakdale		212	Leesville	Droddy	44
Kinder	Clark	208	Slidell	Hyde	43
Baton Rouge	Rigdon	205	Robeline	Thornton	43
Shreveport	Myre	202	Hicks	Massey	42
Winnsboro	Hawthorne	201	Kinder	Haymon	40
Shreveport	Scott	189	Pitkin	Jackson	40
Lake Charles	Treece	182	Homer	Thornton	40
Bogalusa	Magee	181	Olla	Douglas	40
Lake Charles	Ewing	173	Water Proof	Danner	40
Jena	Bonnette	155	Eunince	Green	40
Ball	Cody	155	Hackberry	Pitre	39
Jonesboro	Treadway	147	Bentley	Briggs	39
Oil City	Marcus	146	Belah	Cupples	38
Covington	McManus	134	Jeanerette	Alexander	37
Otis	Johnson	129	Haughton	Sales	36
New Orleans	Cupit	128	Oberlin	Andrews	35
Port Allen	Spell	128	Fields	Magehee	35
Palmetto	Vining	126	LeBlanc	Baggett	34
Mt. Hermon	Hoyt	125	Bunkie	Gish	32
Vivian	Gale	122	Louisa	Verret	32
Kilbourne	Mahoney	120	Pitkin	Hill	32
Monroe	Yeats	118	Haile	Moore	31
Many	White	115	Chatham	Hemphill	29
Natchitoches	Dyess	115	Ferriday	Mabry	29
Westlake	Guillory	115	Pleasant Hill	Laidlaw	28
Sulphur	Cranford	113	Darnell	Self	27
Sharp	Lormand	111	Church Point	Thompson	24
Jena	Thornton	111	Trenton	Matheson	24
Sunset Acres	Self	103	Bethel Grove	McMahon	23
Springhill	Jacobs	103	Basile	Austin	22
Leesville	Cox	101	LaRose	Schrader	21
Leesville	Jeane	100	Saline	Freeman	18
Gretna	Rowell	100	Shrevepost	Davis	15
Franklinton	Carney	96	Evans	Stone	13
Crowley	Johnson	92	Houma	Lowery	70
Winnfield	Bates	91	Indian Village	Haymon	70
Shreveport	Wooley	91	Kinder	Lormand	69
Lake Charles	Haymon	90	Holden	Jarell	67
Provencal	Blizzard	68	Franklinton	Rockco	67
Coushatta	Sparks	86	Noble	Bolton	67
Evangeline	Doucet	85	Lafayette	Cooley	67
Cotton Valley	Davidson	85	DeRidder	Stephenson	65
Montgomery	Geuin	84	Mittie	Willis	64
Rayville	McGaha	84	Morgan City	Boswell	64
Bogalusa	Mizell	76	Franklinton	Willingham	63
Ponchatoula	Maricelli	76	Covington	Lamb	62
Albany	Courtney	74	Mansfield	Divin	62
Hammond	Bernard	73	Flatwoods	Carpenter	58
Eros	Bailey	73	Harrisonburg	Boothe	57
			Merryville	James	56
			Kenner	Oggs	54

LOUISIANA DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL

TITHES, MARCH 1964

T. E. EWING, SECRETARY

	Amount	No. Giving
Section One	\$147.20	17
Section Two	96.63	17
Section Three	80.83	14
Section Four	91.04	19
Section Five	181.73	18
Section Six	29.41	8
Section Seven	48.51	8
Total	\$675.35	101

LOUISIANA DISTRICT EASTER S. S. ATTENDANCE 1964

Section 1	2551
Section 2	3000
Section 3	2566
Section 4	2850
Section 5	4200
Section 6	1513
Section 7	1188
TOTAL	17,318

EASTER RECORDS BROKEN

Section 1	Section 3
Chatham	Alexandria
Water Proof	
West Monroe	Section 4
Pine Grove	Six Mile
	La Camp
Section 2	Compti
Haughton	Smokey Cove
	Section 6
	State Line

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Mrs. Thelma Benson
Mrs. Ella V. Munnizzi
Mrs. Esther Talley
Mrs. Melba Scott

N. J. Scott,
Pastor

LADIES AUXILIARY

Many years ago I dreamed a dream, and in my dream five men—Peter, Andrew, Matthew, John and Paul—were seated on a hillside, looking out over the Sea of Galilee. It was twenty years after the Day of Pentecost, and they had met by appointment to talk over a crisis in the lives and programs of three of their members.

The work was going hard with them. Paul had suffered the loss of all things. Peter had left all to follow Christ, and was finding it hard to support his family, and Matthew had just had a flattering offer at a large salary and an interest in the business to return to his old place in the customs house.

Peter, as usual, opened the discussion. He said, "My wife's Mother has opened a boarding house in Capernaum, it will cost us almost nothing to live with her while we are getting started again, and I have a chance to buy back my interest in the fishing business. I can make a good living and a little more by fishing five days in the week, and I will have all my Sundays for evangelistic work in the cities around the lake. I am getting along in years and am afraid I can't stand the pace at which I have been working, and then too, I need the money."

Paul said, "Aquila and Priscilla have been greatly prospered in the tentmaking business in Ephesus, and have offered me a position at a good salary to open a branch business in Philippi, and from there to work out and establish and supervise the business in the principal cities in Macedonia. I can do this work, it will not be any harder for me than the care of all the Churches, and I shall have all my Sundays for Christian work, and can lay by a little something for the rainy day, which I can see is coming."

Matthew said, "My story of the life of Christ is having a large salary, making me enough to pay my expenses, but my business experiences taught to have a larger margin. Persecutions may come and sales wouldn't have a chance now to take my old position. I know that I can make enough out of it not only to support myself and my family, but to take care of the rest of you if you should get into trouble. And then, too, I will have more leisure for writing and can probably help the cause more in this way than by traveling about the country."

Andrew said, "Peter do you remember the day when you thought that you had lost your wife's Mother? Do you see that sand beach over there? That is the very spot where we beached our boat after the miraculous haul of fishes, and where we quit the fishing business, and where the Master said, 'Fear not, from henceforth thou shalt catch men.' How long a time is 'henceforth'? Do you see that hillside over there? That is where the Master fed the five thousand, and I can see the very spot where that lad stood when I asked him to give up his lunch for the Lord to multiply. Don't you remember the look of compassion and longing on the Master's face when He looked out over the multitude and asked us to pray that laborers might be thrust forth in His harvest? If we are going to continue to pray that other men may rise up, leave all and follow Him, can we do less?"

John, who was leaning against Peter, felt a big tear drop on his hand, and looking over at Paul, he saw his jaw set; the old fire came back into his eye and the old war-horse looked into his

"WHAT IF THEY HAD QUIT?"

Mrs. Clara B. Green--Eunice, Louisiana

face, as he quietly said, "Men, I don't think we need to talk about this any more; let us pray."

And as they prayed, the things of time and sense receded, a light breeze rustled in the nearby tree top, reminding them of that "rushing mighty wind" on the day of Pentecost and of the marvelous power with which Peter had preached the gospel on that day. They seemed also to see the Master himself standing on the shore just a few rods away, and to hear Him saying to them again, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught," and "Fear not, from henceforth thou shalt catch men."

They looked, and the evening caravan for Tyre was just swinging into sight. "Good-bye," said Paul. "I must catch the next boat for Ephesus, and I will get Aquilla to put up the money for a campaign in that old city that will shake the whole 'City of Asia.'"

"Good-bye," said Peter, "Andrew and I will just say 'Good-bye' to the folks, and we will have time to join the midnight Caravan for Babylon and may go on East as far as the Land of Sinai."

"Good-bye," said Matthew, "There is a group of publicans down in Jerusalem who were going in with me on this tax-gathering proposition, but I will get them to join me in financing a five-year campaign in Egypt and up the Nile as far as Ethiopia. I have heard from the Ethiopian treasurer that practically the whole country is open to us, and he believes that all Ethiopia will soon stretch out its hands to God."

"Good-bye," said John. He sat there alone till the stars came out and the waves on the beach, impelled by the rising wind, sounded like the voice of many waters, and he said to Him that stood by. "Lord, do not charge this thing against them. I have felt that way myself at times, as Thou knowest, and I would have left this work but for the fact that Thou didst prevent and strengthen me. They too, are ready to live and to die for Thee as I am. I thank Thee for Andrew; for his deep life and steady faith. If it please Thee, let him stay and work with Peter, and then the one who can chase a thousand shall put ten thousand to flight. And now, Lord, let us see Thee before us, ever to hear Thy voice and walk and work with Thee, and we will not fear what men can do unto us."

A sudden storm broke over the lake and I awoke. And as I thought upon the dream I heard the voice of a modern John calling to me out of his rich experience, "Go labor on, spend and be spent, for the harvest is white and the labors are few."

MOTHERS' MEMORIAL

A CHALLENGE To our ladies throughout the United Pentecostal Church. My appeal would most especially refer to our Auxiliary Groups of the Louisiana District. **ARISE!** Arm yourselves!! The consummation of all things is near. Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is *at hand*, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. Joel 1:15

Ladies we must have a *definite part* in the harvesting of souls, in these closing hours. Giving our *time, talent, and means*. No time to slack but always consistent. *The devil remains*, that means he stays armed and girded!! To destroy, kill, and tear down that which God has built. He does not know what inconsistency means. (Continued on Page 12)

I REMEMBER OUR BROTHER ROBERT L. LA FLUER

(Our Editorial space this month is given for a report of the funeral service for Rev. Robert L. LaFluer, held at the First Pentecostal Church, Oakdale, La. Saturday, April 4.



Bro. and Sis. Robert L. LaFluer
Married In 1916.

I first met "Bro. Robert," an evangelist at a Camp meeting in August, 1914, held on the outskirts of Cleveland, Texas. He was full of zeal and a passion for souls. He invited me to be a member of his band of workers, which I did a year later.

That sermon he preached one night of the camp meeting, never has left me. His text: "For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it; and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it." Isa. 28:20. His cry against sin and evil, drew my soul to him, for in my heart the "call of God" was burning inside me to "Lift up my voice like a trumpet, cry aloud and spare not!"

We met again the first camp meeting ever held in the state of Louisiana under the name "Pentecostal". It was in 1915. The fire in his ministry had not diminished. His courage and zeal seemed to charge my very soul with a determination to enter the battle with him. This became a reality the first of September of that year, at DeQuincy, Louisiana in that great revival which "turned the world upside down".

Brother Robert LaFluer, with Brother Bennie Baggett, whose tent we were using, became the greatest men in my life. They taught me to "endure hardness as a good soldier," both by precept and example.

After about seven weeks, preaching against sin and proclaiming the soon coming of the Lord, the power fell on September 9, 1915 and nine were filled with the Holy Ghost that day. Men, women and children were added to the Lord every day for the following weeks.

Bro. LaFluer's mighty illustrated sermons: "The Gospel Plow", "The Strait and Narrow Gate", and the "Blessings brought to us by the Cross", along with many others, seemed to set the world afire.

During that revival, the LIGHT OF TRUTH began to shine: BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF JESUS. Together we searched the scriptures daily. On the morning of October 18, Bro. LaFluer had all of us workers awake at sunrise. We had to decide about how we were going to baptize some people that day. Bro. LaFluer finally came up with the "right" answer: "We just as well baptize them RIGHT today, 'IN THE NAME OF JESUS' so we won't have

to come back later and do it all over." We all agreed, LIGHT HAD COME, appointed him to do the baptizing, and we would not let anybody know any different. As he would say, "I baptize you in the NAME of the LORD JESUS," there were four more workers standing on the bank, wanting him to baptize us too. Fifty-six were buried in the Name of Jesus that day.

Together, Bro. LaFluer and I walked into the water on December 19, 1915 at Elton, Louisiana Bible Conference, and were baptized in the great NAME of the LORD. We remained together after that Bible conference for several months at DeQuincy, where the first tabernacle was built. He was my counsellor and guide, in everything, except my choice of the girl I chose to marry. He later agreed that I was right, and volunteered to perform the ceremony. This took place on July 10, 1916, at his revival being held at Westlake, La.

Bro. LaFluer was a member of the "Board of Elders," which called me in, (from the kitchen) at a conference in Kinder, La. in 1916. They laid their hands on my head, dedicating me to the ministry, giving me my first little license, as issued by those of the Louisiana brethren. He also with Bro. L. C. Hall conducted the
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IN MEMORIAM

Robert Labasso LaFluer was born August 15, 1889 at Augusta, Arkansas and departed this life to be with the Lord on April 2, 1964, at the age of seventy-four years, seven months and seventeen days. Bro. LaFluer married Sister Maude Mae Herrin January 4, 1916. To them were born four children: Cloviece Labasso, Robert Lee, Arthur Lavelle and Mary Janette. They have nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Bro. LaFluer's first visit to Louisiana was as an Evangelist possibly at DeRidder or DeQuincy in 1913. He returned to Texas but came back to Louisiana to LaBlanch in 1914 to help in a revival which had broke out under ministry of Bro. Bennie Baggett and Sis. Maude Herrin (present Sis. LaFluer). A great revival had come with many receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost. After coming to Louisiana this time in 1914, he never left, but stayed to minister here for a half a century.

Bro. LaFluer began pastorate in Oakdale in 1918, but only was there a short time. He then went to DeQuincy in 1919-1920 and pastored there until March 1929, when he came back to Oakdale. He then remained as pastor in Oakdale until the time of his passing, more than thirty-five years. The latest count of ministers that came out of Bro. LaFluer's Oakdale ministry is twenty-five.

Bro. LaFluer, pioneer minister and faithful soldier, was an honored member of the Louisiana District, and served as Honorary member of the District Board. His knowledge and wisdom and many years of experience make his counsel of great value. He shall be greatly missed by all of us in the Louisiana District.

Submitted by Rev. C. G. Weeks

District Superintendent

HOME MISSION REPORT

MARCH - 1964
T. W. Barnes, Secretary

MISSIONS

SECTION ONE	
Winnboro, Hawthorne	\$10.00
Hodge, Miller	10.00
Dubach, Chance	3.67
Jonesboro, Treadway	5.00
West Monroe, Caughron	5.00
Monroe, Chance	10.00
Darnell, Self	2.00
Haile, Moore	2.00
Olla, Douglas	4.82
Richland, McGaha	3.00
FELLOWSHIP MEETING	
Haile, Moore	9.67
Total	\$69.16

SECTION TWO	
Cotton Valley, Davidson	\$ 5.00
Arcadia, Matthews	5.49
Minden, Barnes	15.00
Ringgold, Owens	2.00
Harvey, Cannon	2.00
Coushatta, Sparks	1.00
Oil City, Marcus	4.45
Summer Grove, Wooley	2.00
Mansfield, Divens	20.00
Gibbsland, Hoover	2.00
Springhill, Jacobs	5.00
Shreveport, Myre	23.60
FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS	
Total	\$128.92

SECTION FOUR	
Zwolle	\$ 3.00
Robeline	2.25
Provençal	7.00
Anacoco	10.00
Anacoco	10.00
Three Pines	4.00
Leesville	18.52
DeRidder, First	38.83
Shady Grove	2.00
Rev. Adam Whitman	5.00
Oretta	12.00
Many	5.00
FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS	
Six Mile	10.00
Merryville	20.85
Hicks	16.88
Zwolle	15.76
Singer	25.66

Simmons Mill	11.65
Total	\$218.50

SECTION FIVE	
Kinder, Clark	\$ 5.00
Bear, Sassman	5.00
DeQuincy, Bennett	20.00
Lake Charles, Evans	19.38
Jeanerette, Alexander	5.00
Palmetto, Vining	5.18
Topsy, Van Winkle	5.00
Moss Bluff, Haymon	6.15
Lake Charles, Ewing	5.00
Sulphur, Cranford	5.00
Indian Village, Haymon	5.00
Richie, Green	20.00
Oakdale	16.29
Starks, O'Brien	20.00
Lake Charles, Treece	10.53
Vinton, Coon	5.00
Evangeline, Benoit	5.00
DeQuincy, Burgess	25.00
Bro. O'Brien (for New Iberia)	20.00
Bro Brown (for New Iberia)	10.00
Church Point, Tompson	5.00
FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS	
Louisa, Verett	33.01
Kinder, Clark	49.91
Oberlin, Andrew	50.12
DeQuincy, Bennett	43.37
Total	\$398.94

SECTION SIX	
Lee Road, McManus	\$ 6.00
Mt. Zion, Willingham	1.71
Franklinton, Rockco	5.00
Mt. Hermon, Hoyt	10.00
Slidell, Hyde	6.14
Talley's Chapel, Scott	5.00
FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS	
New Jerusalem, Rushing	14.36
Mt. Zion, Willingham	17.12
Total	\$65.33

SECTION SEVEN	
Baton Rouge, Rigdon	\$20.00
Foster Drive, Sistrunk	3.00
Gretna, Rowell	3.00
Houma, Lowery	7.42
Holden, Jarrell	5.00
Hammond, Bernard	3.50
Kenner, Oggs	3.00

LaRose, Schrader	1.92
Melville, Majors	21.00
New Orleans, Cupit	11.26
Port Allen, Spell	12.00
St. Francisville	4.32
FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS	
Port Allen, Spell	52.02
Holden, Jarrell	41.59
Total	\$189.03

GRAND TOTAL BY SECTIONS:	
1. Section Five	\$398.94
2. Section Four	218.50
3. Section Seven	189.03
4. Section Two	128.92
5. Section One	69.16
6. Section Six	65.13
Dist. Total	\$1069.68

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

Paul H. Box,
Foreign Mission Secretary

FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 25, 1964

Alexandria, First Pentecostal Church	\$154.48
Anacoco, United Pentecostal Church	20.00
Bali, United Pentecostal Church	10.00
Baton Rouge, First Pentecostal Church	152.05
Baton Rouge, Foster Drive Pentecostal Church	3.00
Bogalusa, Berry's Creek Pentecostal Church	6.25
Bossier City, United Pentecostal Church	70.00
Center Point, United Pentecostal Church	3.00
Chatham, First United Pentecostal Church	7.47
Church Point, United Pentecostal Church	10.00
Cotton Valley, United Pentecostal Church	5.00
Covington, First United Pentecostal Church (Lee Road Rt.)	6.00
DeQuincy, Oretta Pentecostal Church	12.00
DeQuincy, Pentecostal Church of DeQuincy and Ladies Aux.	62.63
DeRidder, First United Pentecostal Church	120.00
DeRidder, Three Pines Pentecostal Church	4.00
Dnbach, United Pentecostal Church	3.66
Eros, United Pentecostal Church	3.00
Eunice, United Pentecostal Church (Ritchie)	20.00
Evangeline, United Pentecostal Church	27.00
Flatwood, Seipert United Pentecostal Church	5.00
Franklinton, Mt. Zion Pentecostal Church	4.49
Franklinton, First Pentecostal Church	5.00
Georgetown, First Pentecostal Church	4.00
Gibbsland, First Pentecostal Church	2.45
Gonzales, Rev. J. J. Sanders	5.00
Gretna, First Pentecostal Church	3.00
Hammond, United Pentecostal Church	7.01
Hicks, Pentecostal Church	4.31
Hodge, United Pentecostal Church	40.00
Houma, First Pentecostal Church	10.00
Jena, T. C. Bonnette	10.00
Jena, Shady Grove Pentecostal Church	11.71
Jennings, First United Pentecostal Church	40.00
Jonesboro, United Pentecostal Church	16.02
Kelly, Pine Grove United Pentecostal Church	2.00
Kinder, First Pentecostal Church	25.00
Kinder, First Pentecostal Church, Indian Village	20.00
Kinder, Mt. Fair Pentecostal Church	27.09
King's Farm, United Pentecostal Church	3.00
LaCamp, LaCamp United Pentecostal Church	50.00
Lake Charles, First Pentecostal Church	36.52
Lake Charles, Hodges Street Pentecostal Church	10.53
Lake Charles, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Vincent	10.00
LaRose, First Pentecostal Church of LaRose	8.46
Leesville, First United Pentecostal Church	14.71
Lena, Sharp United Pentecostal Church	47.00
Many, Many United Pentecostal Church	10.00
Merryville, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Turner	2.00
Minden, First Pentecostal Church	36.05
Montgomery, First United Pentecostal Church	5.00
Morgan City, First Pentecostal Church	8.15
New Llano, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Terherst	5.00
Oakdale, First United Pent. Ch. and S. S.	43.90
Oakdale, Robert D. LaFleur	2.00
Oakdale, Raumond Perkins	10.00
Pineville, Lakeside Pentecostal Church	5.00
Ponchatoula, Rev. E. Maricelli	5.00
Provençal, Mrs. V. R. Blizzard	5.00
Provençal, United Pentecostal Church	12.00
Ragley, Bear Pentecostal Church	10.00

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WHO SHALL SEPARATE US?

Rev. Leon F. Wright
Jena, Louisiana

When the Apostle Paul asked this question in Romans, Chapter eight, Verse thirty-five, he was writing to the Christians at Rome. He was writing to Christians with the very same experience as we have today. They were baptized in the Name of Jesus and were filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues, just as we do today. Paul said in Romans 6:17, "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you." The form of doctrine of which he spoke was baptism in Jesus Name and the infilling of the Holy Ghost, and the living of a holy life thereafter. This is the doctrine Paul taught. Acts 19:1-6; Romans 6:1-6.

When Paul said, "Who shall separate US from the love of Christ?" he included himself, because he had the same experience as the Roman Christians. We are included in the same message. The apostle pressed the question further, shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine or peril or sword. He referred to martyrs such as Stephen, who was stoned to death by those to whom he preached. Stephen would not let the stoning separate him from the love of Christ. The last words he said was, "Lord Jesus receive my spirit and lay not this sin to their charge."

Many saints were stoned, beaten, burned at the stake, thrown in lions' dens, sawn asunder; but they were not separated from the love of Christ. Paul was beaten thrice, stoned and ship wrecked; but that was no reason for him to give up. Even in prison he could preach to the sinners, reach his hands through those jail bars for souls that were separated from Christ. It is a sad thing, but many Christians cannot hold out today, tho they have no persecution at all. What would they do if distress or peril came? The truth is they are so loaded down with the cares of this world, that the love of Christ is crowded out of their lives.

Paul's sound advice is to lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. A true athlete will lay aside the weights that do hinder him in the race. Many Christians are trying to hold on to their pet sin and some things of this world, things that they had rather die than give up. I heard of a volcano that erupted near a small town. The people were warned to run for their lives, but as some ran, they carried some of their possessions still in their arms. It will be just such a sad picture when some Christians are brought out of the grave, clutching things of this world in their hearts.

Paul has made a list of many things that will separate us from the love of Christ. One of these is the wrong fellowship. There is something wrong with a Christian who loses the fellowship of a sinner more than a child of God. II Corinthians 6:17, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord." When a young or old Christian starts going with sinners they are disobeying God's laws. They are endangering their eternal life. I know they say they mean no harm. You cannot play with fire and not get burned. If you toy with the wrong idea long enough it will materialize. The lady snake charmer, that could put on such a beautiful act with the so called tame snake, was warned by many a friend that it was the nature of that snake to squeeze the life out of people. She assured them that this snake was a pet and had

been trained, and would do just as she bid. In her last act as the snake started the squeeze act, she told it to stop, but it would rather squeeze the harder. Friends tried to reach her, but it was too late. Many assure us as they go with their sinner friend that everything is all right, but it is the nature of a sinner to squeeze the life out of a saint. Paul said, "Be ye separate." That means apart from.

When I was in the service and on ship, we docked one night in the Panama Canal. I had the privilege of going ashore. I saw many sights that were of interest to me. One of the greatest interests was the ropes that were stretched across the alleys, with the sign on them "Out of bounds to sailors." I knew that if I crossed that rope I was on my own. That rope was put there for my protection. If I crossed, I would be in danger. Some of the boys did cross, and they suffered plenty for disobeying. There is an "out of bounds" for Christians, and those that go head long on their own will, will suffer.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Paul was persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God.

Yes, it is true that none of these things can separate us from the love of Christ, but John said in I John 2:15 that the love of the world will automatically separate us from the love of Christ.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

May 4-5-6-7.

CAMP GROUNDS

YOUTH CAMP

JUNE 7-13

SPEAKER: Rev. Marvin Hicks

Corpus Christi, Texas

CAMP MEETING

JUNE 28-JULY 4

SPEAKER: Rev. J. T. Pugh

Port Arthur, Texas

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NOVEMBER 23 and 24.

West Monroe, Louisiana

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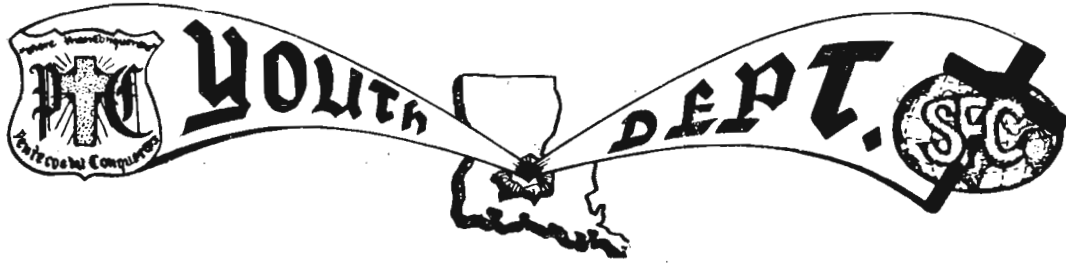
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VICTORY IN SHEAVES FOR CHRIST

in consecration. May God bless these men who are dedicated to this great cause. We will be long in forgetting these times of inspiration. There is no doubt about it, this is to be our greatest year in SHEAVES FOR CHRIST.



M. D. Treece, Conquerors President

The Sheaves for Christ drive has begun with a feeling of victory. In the eight rallies just completed in the Louisiana District, victory was the dominate factor. The greatest crowds turned out that can be remembered in meetings of this nature. The Holy Ghost moved freely, blessing the singing and anointing the preaching of His word. People spoke freely of how they were encouraged to do more for God in 1964 than ever before. There seemed to be a mutual feeling that nothing can hinder our going over the top. The largest offerings ever received in "kick-off rallies" were received in these rallies. Success in every way seemed to be the concensus of opinion. Thank God for the interest and the determination shown.

The services were started at 6:15 p.m., with singing from local groups. Then The Conquerors' Quartette would sing several songs. Following them would be the Alexandria Trio. What a time of singing! I feel it necessary to express appreciation to all these people who were faithful in making the rallies. Their singing contributed in a great way to the attitude of victory that prevailed.

The ministry of the word was outstanding. Those who came to preach for us were Bro. John Kersaw of Lubbock, Texas, Bro. T. L. Craft of Jackson, Mississippi (former Conquerors' president of Louisiana), Bro. Cleveland Becton of Nashville, Tennessee (our general Conquerors secretary) and Bro. W. C. Parkey of St-Louis, Mo. (promotional director for Harvestime). We were led to heights in God, and then moved with conviction to new experiences



This is Bill Andreas of Lake Charles L.A. who has received the Holy Ghost in the Hodges St. Pentecostal church. He has a great testimony, and loves God with a deep devotion. As well as blessing his local church, his work as an artist is reaching out and contributing to the district level. You have seen some of his work in the "Youth Wants To Know Why" study course that was used through out the district in the month of March. The new masthead for the "Louisiana Challenger" was drawn by Him, as well as the new heading for the youth page. God has a place for talent of this sort in His work. God give us more young people that will dedicate themselves to the greatest work ever.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT YOUTH CAMP
JUNE 7 through 13



CAMP EVANGELIST: Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Hicks
Corpus Christi, Texas.

THEME FOR CAMP: "Thine is the Glory.."

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND

OBITUARY

Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at the first neglected church, on Worldly Avenue. Born many years ago in the Midst of Great Revivals. She was a strong healthy child, fed largely on testimony and scriptural Holiness, soon growing into world-wide prominence, and was one of the Most influential members of the famous church family. For the past several years sister prayer meeting has been in failing health, gradually wasting away until rendered helpless by stiffness of knees, coldness of heart, inactivity and weakness of purpose and will power. At the last she was but a shadow of her former self. Her last whispered words were inquiries concerning the strange absence of her loved ones, now absent from her presence, now in the places of worldly amusement. Experts, including Dr. Works and Dr. Reform and Dr. Joiner disagreed as to the cause of her fatal illness. Administering large doses of organization, socials, contests and games but no good. A postmortem showed that a deficiency of Spiritual food coupled with lack of lasting faith, heartfelt Religion, shameless desertion and non-suport were contributing causes.

Only a few were present at her death, sobbing

over memories of her past beauty and power. Carefully selected pallbearers were urged to tenderly bear her remains away but failed to appear. There were no flowers. Her favorite hymns, "Amazing Grace" and "Rock of Ages" were not sung. Miss Ima Modern rendered "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

The body rests in beautiful cemetery of By-gone Glories, awaiting that hour. In honor of her going, the church doors will be closed on Wednesday night, save on the third Wednesday of each month when the ladies pink lemonade Society serves refreshments to the Men's Handball Team.

Author Unknown

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

**I WOULD NO
MORE FRET AND
WORRY THAN I
WOULD CURSE
AND SWEAR.**

... John Wesley

The New Spring . . .

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NO GAIN IN FLAPPERING:

1st . . . A decent man, who means to become a life-long and loving husband for a good wife, will not choose a girl who delights herself in modern fashions unless he is a giddy and foolish fellow. So, dear girl, since you wish to have an honorable and faithful husband sooner or later, you better honor your own person by covering it and be up-to-date modest and not modern.

2nd . . . If a woman being young or old longs to build up noble characters and honorable manner; if she is a Christian and desires to go into perfection, she cannot afford to dress and act like modern women, since such attire as we have shown, is dangerous to character and to true living.

3rd . . . One who wishes to live for others and not to selfish self and longs to become a good example to her loved ones and neighbors, cannot be a flapper, short-haired, short-skirted, and short-vested woman, since such shortness has and is shortening the life of morality and decency. No! There is absolutely no gain in appearing as a flapper, but a great loss of respect,

character, modesty, true joy, and respect of others.

Perhaps the goody-good flappers, who are not yet the victims of immorality or who are enjoying religion with short hair, skirts, and sleeves may be offended over this friendly exhortation and say, "All who dress good and stylish or up-to-date in attire are not as bad as these narrow-minded editors think." Perhaps so, but look out! You who think you stand, lest you be trapped also, because your flappering is the sign of your rushing into the trap. Turn back, therefore to God of decency and order before it is too late.

How about men who come to church with bare hairy chests and arms exposed, and walk in public with shorts, etc. Such men are feminine in their feelings. They think they look like he-men with their hairy body, but they are more sissy than they think. To such men and women, whether young or old, we send this warning message, praying that all will take this timely and friendly exhortation and change their immodesty to a Christian and godly example and to the glory of God.

THE REMEDY:

1. The remedy for the present day nakedness is a Holy Ghost and

fire revival, to consume these day's lukewarmness and then modesty will follow.

2. The Spirit of a Sound Mind converting and filling the pleasure lovers of our day will make our girls and mothers, and fathers and boys to cover themselves. Insanity being the natural cause of nakedness.

3. Soberness also will make people to change in character and lewd customs to stop, since drunkenness caused Noah's nakedness. But the best of all is to put on the new man, which is created after God with righteousness and true holiness. Eph. 4:24.

If natural nakedness sounds such an alarm to decent and Christ-like people, what about the spiritual nakedness? It is a thousand times worse. Natural nakedness is a temptation to a decent man, but spiritual nakedness is abomination to God. While we moral and decent men and women are admirers of the true modesty, let us also remember that God looks to see what is in the man; let us endeavor therefore to cover our souls with righteousness, love and humility, lest we should be found naked before God, through being covered well outwardly. God help us all to walk before Him in pure white Heavenly Linen. Amen.

DISTRICT EVENTS

NOTICE:

Friends or Relatives At Fort Polk

Contact Rev. E. L. Cox
 Pastor, Leesville Church
 105 W. Courthouse Street
 Bro. Cox's Phone - DeRidder 6289
 Church Phone, Leesville 239-3223
 Rev. B. D. Purifoy, Assistant Pastor
 Phone - 239-3344

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT ... (Continued from Page 8)

Ragley, Iopsey Pentecostal Church	15.00
Ringgold, United Pentecostal Church	2.00
Shreveport, Calvary Pentecostal Church	2.55
Shreveport, Rupert C. Matheson	50.00
Shreveport, United Pentecostal Church	100.00
Siddell, United Pentecostal Church	4.17
Springhill, United Pentecostal Church	20.96
Starks, Lunita United Pentecostal Church	4.75
Starks, Starks United Pentecostal Church	177.00
Sulphur, First United Pentecostal Church	56.57
Tunica, United Pentecostal Church	4.32
Vinton, First Pentecostal Church	10.00
West Monroe, First United Pentecostal Church	60.15
West Monroe, Rev. J. L. Hemphill	5.00
Zwolle, United Pentecostal Church	3.00
Friends	50.00
TOTAL	\$1,863.28

"How do you tackle your work each day?
 Are you scared of the job you find?
 Do you grapple the task that comes your way

With a confident, easy mind?
 Do you stand right up to the work ahead
 Or fearfully pause to view it?
 Do you start to toil with a sense of dread
 Or feel that you're going to do it?"

"What is the thought that is in your mind?
 Is fear ever running through it?
 If so, just tackle the next you find
 By thinking you're going to do it."

—EDGAR A. GUEST

I REMEMBER. ...

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Ordination service August 7, 1917 at a Camp Meeting at DeQuincy.

My life has been dedicated to one purpose: to not betray the confidence Brother LaFluer expressed he had in me, and the call to the ministry! "I cannot fail him, he trusted in even me!"

Rev. Oliver F. Fauss, Assistant General Superintendent

MOTHERS' MEMORIAL (Continued from Page 6)

Perpetual upheavals in view of our national government. Communism's highway of aggression is staked. They are sweeping our youth into deception as they lecture from coast to coast on our college campuses. They are constantly spreading confusion and doubt in peoples minds. They never rest from their endeavors. *What are we doing?*

If we the ladies of the Louisiana District would feel the same sense of urgency about our general obligations in relation to our Auxiliary Work in the Church--as do politicians (especially when they are campaigning) and be as *consistent* as the communist, just think what we could do for God! *FERVENT CONSISTENCY* - in *prayer* - in *witnessing* - *attending* Auxiliary and prayer meetings. Giving until it does not hurt any more. No pain! Only a pleasure to give as unto the Lord.

Mothers Memorial dead line for the Louisiana district "Mothers Day" Grace period extends from Mothers Day thru July 31st.

Mrs. B. L. Clark

OLD SOLDIER ...

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Let us remember Sis. Maude LaFluer, his good and faithful wife, his four children, and the church at Oakdale in our prayers, that God will comfort and strengthen them in this hour of trial and sorrow.

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