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Step By Step

He does not lead me year by year nor even day by day,
But step by step my path unfolds; my Lord directs my way.

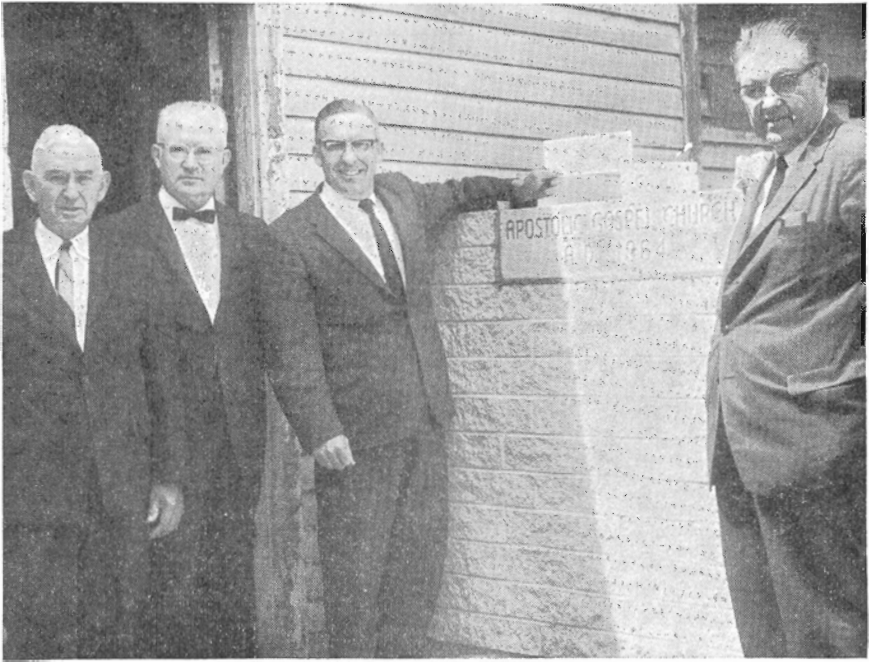
Tomorrow's plans I do not know I only know this minute;
But He will say, "This is the way, by faith now walk ye in it."

And I am glad that it is so. Today's enough to bear;
And when tomorrow comes, His grace shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry then, or fret? The God who gave His Son
Holds all my moments in His hand and gives them one by one.

— Barbara C. Rybert

NEW CHURCH UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN GALLIPOLIS



CORNERSTONE LAYING — The cornerstone of the new Apostolic Church on Eastern Avenue in Gallipolis, O., was laid Wednesday, September 2, before a group of 25 interested persons. Pictured, left to right, are Rev. F. E. Curts, District Superintendent of Cincinnati; Rev. L. J. Roshon, secretary-treasurer of the district; Rev. Willard Wickline, pastor and Rev. Roosevelt York, District Presbyter. Placed in the cornerstone were copies of the Holy Bible, Articles of Faith, Gallipolis Tribune, material from a local auto agency, and a letter.



HOW GOD SETTLES MAN'S DEBATES

Rev. S. G. Norris, Pres., Apostolic
Bible Institute, St. Paul, Minn.

So much debating is going on in religion with each side standing up for its rights and so many religions and so many rights, all the while this goes on, the man in the street, the man who has not specialized in religion, shakes his head and wonders if anyone is right. There are thousands of parents in America who never darken a church door. There are multiplied thousands of children who have absolutely no spiritual foundation. While these lost souls crowd into the highway or humanity, men stand on the side lines with their little debates, trying to win a point instead of accepting God's Word just as it is!

If you were a stranger coming into a city, and knew nothing about the various doctrines that men argue over, how would you know which church was right? Suppose someone placed a Bible in your hands and told you to read it, just as it is. Suppose that you were not told that part of it wasn't true, that it was misinterpreted, or that some passages were for people who lived in the time of Jesus . . . If you were permitted to read that wonderful Book just as it is, you would find that what we tell you corresponds exactly with the written Word of God. It is that simple! The Word of God in itself is sufficient! It is infallible! It is not debatable! And so my subject is this: "How does God settle the debates that men have over religion?"

Do you want me to tell you just what I believe, way down deep in my heart? Well, here it is. I don't think God pays any attention to half the things men discuss, either pro or con in matters of religion because His Word is forever settled in heaven!

The story is told and retold so many times that I suppose it is true that during the last war, Mussolini stood in Rome on one of the great military days of his career, with thousands of his Black Shir's standing with open mouths, drinking in every word of his little speech, and right at the climax of their blind devotion, he took a watch from his pocket and defied God by saying, "if there be a God let Him strike me dead in five minutes!" The seconds and minutes ticked off right on time and nothing happened. As Mussolini triumphantly placed his watch back in his pocket, the crowd cheered. He apparently had proved that there was no God. He evidently thought he won the debate. The masses were with him and he was gratified with his little act. But the debate was not settled that day in Rome. God decreed a long time ago, long before Mr. Mussolini or Hitler or Joe Stalin ever opened their eyes in this troubled world, that HE would appoint a DAY, in which HE will judge the world in righteousness.

That day is on the docket . . . that day is circled on God's calen-

dar. The agenda will be filled no doubt with God judging foolish and sinful men, but it will not take place one day before, or one day after the set time that God Almighty has appointed. All the debates, all the threats, all the volumes of books that have been written, either trying to disprove the day of judgment or changing it, are in vain. Men have wasted time and energy for centuries trying to eliminate the judgment day, but it has already been appointed and it will be executed without fail right on the dot! So if you have any such idea as Mussolini had, that you can challenge the Lord or threaten Him in any way by acts of unrighteousness or feel gratified because you can get a few cheers when you win a debate against God's written Word, you had better think twice because God's Word is not debatable . . . it is immutable!

The Bible tells us that men believe with the heart . . . you don't just think everything out or reason it out with the Lord, like a mathematical problem. The Bible states that "the Word is nigh thee." That means the Bible, the written Word of God, that's the foundation, the Bible . . . if we believe the Bible with our hearts, not with our heads but our hearts, then we have some chance of being saved. That's the beginning of real salvation, to believe the Bible with our hearts. We are told that if we believe thus, we shall be saved. Please notice that the Bible does not say that just because we believe we are saved, but we shall be saved! The man who approaches the Bible as just another text book can easily be persuaded by the debates of men, but the man who approaches the Bible as the Book of Life and accepts it as undebatable and immutable will surely find Full Salvation.

Here is an example of man's unending debate regarding the things of God. This instance is found in St. John chapter seven. Jesus had just finished telling the gathering on the last day, that great day of the feast, that when the Spirit of truth would come, it would be in them like rivers of living water; He also told them that the ones who believed of Him could receive this wonderful experience after he was glorified, or in other words after He ascended. It was a great promise and given by Jesus from the very depths of His soul! Many said, "Of a truth, this is the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ!" Later out came the debaters. That same clan are "chips off the old block" from the very first debater of all time, the one who said to Eve, "Hath God said?" These wished to debate that Jesus was not the Christ. These debaters of A.D. 32 said, "Shall Christ come out of Galilee?" When one, Nicodemus who tried to defend Jesus, said, "Doth our law judge any man before it hear him and know what he doeth?" . . . they cut him abruptly and said, "Search and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet."

The fact that Jesus was born in Bethlehem and not in Galilee made little or no difference to these debaters. They were determined that Jesus was not the Christ and they wanted to win the argument. They won the argument but that did not alter God's truth! The Word of God said that the Messiah would come, and come He did. God tabernacled Himself in the Body of His Son, called Jesus and was born of the virgin Mary at Bethlehem in Judea, just exactly as the Bible had foretold. There He was walking around in Palestine, preaching, healing, blessing and proving that He was the very Christ, but that,

meant nothing to the debating clan for they won their points and saved their reputations for the time being in the eyes of the multitude. But, my friends, there was really no debate, although men wore themselves out trying to prove that Jesus was not the Christ. God's Word is not debatable for it is not subject to flaws and mistakes . . . It is immutable.

I have tried to show you that the preponderance of man's ideas and arguments do not in the least change the Word of God. If men were confused and persuaded that Jesus was not the Christ when He was here on earth, does it seem incredible that men could be mistaken about God's truth today?

Now, let us get right close to home . . . something that will either be one of the most blessed moments of our lives or one of the greatest disappointments. I have reference to the COMING of the Lord! This great event . . . the coming of Jesus Christ for His Bride is right at our door. It may be before another day ends. You simply cannot afford to relax and take a smug attitude about this great question until you know positively down deep in your heart that you have met the requirements of God's Word to be ready, to be caught away and meet Jesus Christ in the clouds of glory, when He comes again.

It is not sufficient that men debate to convince you that either Jesus is not coming soon or that if He is really coming, everybody that has believed in the Lord will be raptured to heaven and escape the terrible tribulation period . . . Just believing God makes good material for debate . . . just living a moral life or confessing our sins from time to time, or depending upon some ritual of the church is all good ma-

terial for argument's sake . . . but God's Word and program has never been nor ever will be settled by men's debates. His Word is undebatable. It is conclusive.

If you expect to be ready for the coming of the Lord it is time to pick up the Bible for yourself and look into its immutable truth. When did the first church start? Anyone who understands the ABC's about the Bible knows that it started on the Day of Pentecost in the second chapter of Acts! Well, if that was the first church, and that was God's plan for salvation, when was the plan changed or do we have any Scripture to prove that it could be changed? Listen friends, Galatians 1:8, "But though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." That makes the plan of salvation undebatable . . . immutable! "Yes, but," someone says, "Did anyone ever receive the Holy Ghost just like Mary the mother of Jesus and the Apostles did on the Day of Pentecost?" Oh, yes. In the tenth chapter of Acts, that good man Cornelius and his God-fearing household had the very same experience and were baptized just like the three thousand were when the first church was founded in Acts chapter two! But someone else asks, "Is there any further verification of this Pentecostal Plan of Salvation?" The answer again is in the affirmative. The great Apostle Paul in Acts 19 founded the Ephesian church in the very same way and in the very same manner as on the Day of Pentecost.

Another asks, "How much proof do you have to make this doctrine unchangeable?" The answer. "In the mouth of two or three witnesses

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PENTECOSTAL

TESTIMONY OF A TEEN-AGER

EDITORS NOTE: This testimony is of a teen-ager, who lives in Rupert, Idaho, where she attends the First Pentecostal Church, when permitted by her parents. Norman Ruten was the pastor. She has taken no tranquilizers or sleeping pills since receiving the Holy Ghost. It is a wonderful testimony of what the power of God can do. She maintains a daily devotion by herself and with other young people in the church. Pray that God will save her family.

My testimony begins about a year and a half ago. In the last part of my eighth year in school I began stuttering. Also about this time I became very nervous, so nervous it was hard for me to sleep at night and sometimes it was so bad my hand shook when I was trying to write. I must add here that I hardly even went to church then and when I did I hated it. The church I went to was a lukewarm denomination that is for people who are Christians at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and forget about it the rest of the week.

Toward the end of the school year I was so nervous that my teacher didn't know what to do except call the Episcopalian priest who had helped other kids with problems similar to mine. He is a nice fellow and he tried so hard to help me (many times he did); but it just didn't work. Many times I would call him one or two times a week and he would spend hours just listening to me tell my problems but he didn't fill the empty spot I felt that needed filling.

By the middle of the summer I began to feel that I should end my life. I tried, but by the grace of God I wasn't able to go through with it as I had planned. After the priest found out that I had tried

this he became alarmed and decided I should see a doctor. So this I did, once a week. He told me that I shouldn't be like I was and prescribed some pills so that I was able to sleep at night, and keep myself under fairly good control during the daytime. By then I felt totally miserable most of the time. I felt like I had a great load on my back that I just couldn't shake off. Because of this load I tried to find a release in sin. For a time sin gave me some pleasure. I tried smoking, lying, cheating, stealing. I even tried to get drunk once, but the whiskey tasted so bad I couldn't. All of this added more to the load that was weighting me down.

Finally this load became so great that I tried to end my life for the second time. Again, by the grace of God I was stopped this time by the priest.

The priest and the doctor who I was going to become, by this time, so alarmed that they decided I should see the Psychologist and Psychiatrist in Salt Lake. So there I went. They were nice but every time I saw them I felt worse instead of better. They did nothing for me except tell me what was wrong or what my problems were. That was okay, except they were totally wrong. They never did tell

CONQUERORS



that it was Jesus I was missing.

For the next few months everything went along as it usually did. One night though, it seemed as though the whole world turned upside down for me. I found out one of the few persons in whom I had any confidence, in my whole life broke it, totally and completely. That night I said that there was no God! I became an ATHEIST. From that night on life was unbearable! Life was Hell on earth. I can see now that I had walked up to the fiery pit, and I felt the heat of the fire and the never ending agony that is suffered there. That is the only way I can describe that time in my life. When I think how close I was to falling into that bottomless pit I feel a chill run through me that only can be caused by remembering how close I was to Eternal agony.

One day, by the grace of God, I was invited to the First Pentecostal Church in Rupert. I didn't really want to come to church very badly and tried to think of an excuse so that I wouldn't have to come to church, but the friends who invited me insisted that I come. I finally came to the conclusion that if I did they would go to the Episcopal church where I played the organ. Although I was an Atheist then, I had the faint hope that I would make Episcopalians out of them. What I thought I would gain from converting them I don't know.

The night came when we were to go to church. First we went to the Episcopal church and then we went to the Pentecostal church. The

service had already begun and when I walked in and saw people clapping their hands to the music I almost had a heart attack. This was only the beginning of several shocks. After the song service came a prayer. I was so embarrassed for every one that I felt like crawling under a pew. I am told now by one of my friends that I had hold of the pew in front of me so tightly during the prayer that my fingers were white. My next shock was the sermon. I had never seen anyone really shout before, but especially not a preacher. And what he was saying I didn't like. Although I was still an Atheist I could feel that many things the preacher was saying such as sin and Hell, applied to me. By the time that sermon was over I wasn't feeling very happy but apparently I wasn't feeling unhappy enough because I refused the call to the altar and refused the offer of a friend that wanted to pray with me on the grounds that I was an Atheist and had no God to pray to.

This service, as much as I had disliked it, made me think. Many times I would be on the verge of saying to myself, "Maybe there IS a God," but I caught myself before I did and would say, "Watch out there old pal you know there isn't a God. Why you know the Bible contradicts itself, it can't be proven, and all Christians are hypocrites." This went on for several days and soon I found myself wanting to go back to the Pentecostal church again. On the surface I thought, "I only want to go see the people

make fools of themselves again." This was only a sugar coating for a pill. I knew deep down inside that my real reason for wanting to go was that I wanted to hear more about the power that was in the lives of the people of this denomination. I finally swallowed enough pride to ask my friends if they would mind letting me go to church with them again. So, by God's mercy I went to church again. This time the sermon bothered my conscience again, but still, I refused to pray, on the grounds that there was no God to pray to.

Again, many times during the next week I wanted to admit that there was a God, but I couldn't. My problem was pride. I didn't want to admit that I was wrong, or that I was a sinner badly in need of help. All my life I had depended on myself and only myself and I wasn't about to change.

Again, Sunday night came and I found myself wanting to hear more, and again I asked my friends to take me to church with them. That night was the turning point of my life. Again I listened to a sermon. This time it hit home and I felt like walking out, but by the grace of God I didn't. After the sermon, during the altar service a friend apparently saw how the proceedings that night had hit home and asked me if I would like to talk to the preacher. After many excuses, and stalling I very reluctantly said I would.

When the preacher came over and sat down I told him that I did not believe in God and that other preachers (Mormon, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Episcopalian) had given me their sales talks before but that I didn't believe a word they said. In spite of what I said, he began to explain to me why

there had to be a God. I believe that the Lord led him through that explanation, and the Lord with his infinite mercy let me understand. That night I believed, just simply and honestly believed. The peace that this simple act gave me I had never known in my life. To know that someone greater than I was guarding my life was, and still is, one of the greatest sources of comfort I have. That night for the first time in many years, I prayed. I prayed the prayer that I would be given faith. This prayer was answered so fully that I believe it is a miracle.

During the next two weeks a revival was held at our church. About two days after my initial experience with the Lord I started attending these revival services. On the fourth day of the revival I decided I was a sinner. When the altar call came I walked down to that altar and said, "Father I have sinned like I've never sinned before, and I need you to forgive me." I told Him that my life was His and would always be. Then came the moment when I felt His glorious presence and He said, "Daughter, I forgive you."

I walked away from that altar a changed person. The burden of sin was lifted from me. The empty place in my heart was filled. I felt richer than any human being on this earth. Three days later I was baptized in Jesus' Holy Name. After I was baptized, during the altar service, I was praying, and again I felt the Spirit of God. This time I felt the power and joy, and began speaking in tongues. This experience is one that pierced the inner depths of my soul, and that nothing shall ever change. I went home that night with joy, peace and cour-

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SUNDAY

The annual contest proved to be a real blessing to our Churches again this year!

HERE ARE SOME INTERESTING FACTS:

- (1) We had a total of 34 Churches participating in the contest this year.
- (2) Of these 34, 10 Sunday Schools broke last year's record!
 - (a) Cincinnati broke their all-time record **once**.
 - (b) Columbus (Moore) broke their all-time record **three times**.
 - (c) Hamilton broke their all-time record **three times** and last year's record **four times**.
 - (d) Elyria broke their all-time record **two times** and last year's record **five times**.
 - (e) Greenville broke their all-time record **four times**.
 - (f) Junction City broke their all-time record **three times**.
 - (g) Van Wert broke their all-time record **three times** and last year's record **five times**.
 - (h) Lima broke their all-time record **once**.
 - (i) Springfield broke their all-time record **once**.
 - (j) Mansfield broke their all-time record **once**.

Congratulations to all these Churches ... TWENTY-TWO ALL-TIME RECORDS BROKEN!

- (3) These 34 Sunday Schools had an average of 179 attending the last Sunday of the contest, for each Church.
- (4) These Sunday Schools earned a total of 150,560 points during the five weeks of the contest! This means that EACH SUNDAY AN AVERAGE OF 3,000 VISITORS were coming into these Churches!
- (5) Greenville earned the highest score in the district, 225.5.
- (6) Dayton earned the most visitors points in the district, 18,470, with a final score of 184.7. Dayton also received the Merit Award for 1964.

SCHOOL

HERE IS A REPORT OF THOSE CHURCHES WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR'S CONTEST

Sunday School	July, Aug., Sept. Avg.	Attendance Nov. 22	Total Points	Final Score
Bracket A . . .				
1. Cincinnati	353	933	18,100	51.3
2. Crooksville	233	374	6,400	27.5
3. Columbus	523	741	11,700	22.4
4. Lancaster	250	268	2,260	9.0
Bracket B . . .				
1. Dayton	100	250	18,470	184.7
2. Columbus (Moore)	98	172	6,230	63.5
3. Athens	84	133	3,980	47.6
4. Circleville	80	107	3,570	44.6
5. Akron (Poling)	129	148	5,210	40.4
6. Hamilton	108	147	4,050	37.5
7. Elyria	135	170	4,030	29.8
8. Massillon	182	251	5,210	28.6
9. Columbus (Davis)	101	137	2,510	24.9
10. Toledo	196	214	4,880	23.9
11. Upper Sandusky	100	103	2,320	23.2
12. Logan	121	119	2,330	19.2
13. Kirkersville	101	119	1,930	19.1
14. Newark	196	233	3,610	18.4
15. Jackson	144	118	2,170	15.0
16. West Jefferson	94	120	660	7.0
Bracket C . . .				
1. Greenville	22	82	4,960	225.5
2. Junction City	70	178	7,270	103.9
3. Van Wert	65	124	5,520	85.0
4. Lima	44	97	3,700	84.0
5. Springfield	44	50	2,630	59.8
6. Mt. Vernon	50	71	2,880	57.6
7. Nelsonville	57	69	3,100	54.4
8. Alliance	54	99	2,350	43.5
9. Mansfield	74	132	2,310	31.2
10. Columbus (Whalen)	60	88	1,720	28.7
11. Stow	72	88	2,040	28.3
12. Coshocton	44	37	920	20.9
13. Steubenville	27	40	490	18.1
14. Jewett	51	59	1,050	17.8



LADIES

GOD'S ABIDING PLACE

By Ruth Wetterskog, Ladies Auxiliary
Pres., Pennsylvania District

In Exodus 33:21 we find the essence of our thought. "And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock." Let us first go into the position that Moses was in at the time this scripture was given. We find the people not in the place with God that they should have been. One of the greatest and most frequent sins committed was that of idolatry. Wanting to worship that which they could see instead of putting their confidence in the great God that so often delivered them.

Moses, their leader, went before his God and their God, to seek out God's plan and will for their lives. In verse 12 of the same chapter we find where Moses found grace in the sight of the Lord. On down to our thought which is found in the 21st verse, Moses finds his answer, there is a place by me. No other place can we hide but in Christ, for He is our rock. He is our shelter in the time of storm.

Now as long as we are upon the face of the earth, problems will arise. Some come upon us so unexpected that we may be prone to wonder but in the midst of it all there is a reason. God has a plan and purpose in our lives, and He wants that plan and purpose fulfilled. We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good work, which God hath ordained that we should walk in them. Eph. 2:10.

We are facing a new era in life.

Conditions are so much different. We are seeing more prophecy fulfilled before our very eyes, and to me this scripture can be made very real in our lives. There is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock. Thank God we know who our rock is. That rock was cleft on Calvary for you and me that there may be a hiding place. Times have changed, conditions have changed, but we are serving a God who never changes, for in Him there is no variableness nor shadow of turning.

Let us hold fast to the word of God for that is our only hope. We are such a privileged people to be able to read God's word. To know Him for ourselves and not another. We are living in a time when people are measuring themselves by one another, but this is not scriptural for in II Cor. 10:2, "For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves, but they measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves are not wise." I would far rather take the quotation to heart that has been made many times — others may but I cannot.

We are living in the time of the space age. Close and accurate work is being done. Men and women are spending much of their time to develop the things necessary for it to go on. We, too, as children of the light are being prepared for the greatest take-off ever known to man.

AUXILIARY

We may wonder why some of the trying experiences in our lives. This work is precision work. God is going to have a people, and we are honored to be that people for we have taken His name, but there is a secret and that can be found in our thought—There is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon the rock.

We are nearing the shore. We dare not retreat. We have gone too far to go back, or to become careless. As we see the beacon lights of

home, we may be confronted with a lions' den, a fiery furnace, or a cave experience. We may be put in a place that David was in when he cut a piece of Saul's garment just to prove how close he was. Let us not even do that, for that great and wonderful scripture still rings out, There is a place by me and thou shalt stand upon a rock. God truly loves His children, and thank God He cares. He that keepeth Israel never slumbers nor sleeps.

TESTIMONY OF A TEENAGER

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age, to face any trial the Lord would give me.

The Lord started testing me the very next day. I told my parents that I had been baptized, and they were outraged. They do not have a very good opinion of the Pentecostal Church. They believe we are a group of emotionalists, who take religion far too seriously. They do not allow me to attend church more than one time a month, sometimes less than that. They become angry when I refuse to go to shows and dances and it is their belief that I study my Bible way too much. There is not a day goes by but someone in my family makes a sarcastic remark about my beliefs.

I thank the Lord for this trial He is giving me. I count it a blessing to be able to suffer for the Lord. He has blessed me with more than I ever expected, and when this trial is over I will have more spiritual riches than can be measured. I feel unworthy of His mercy. I never knew Him when I was growing up. I sinned and never asked His forgiveness. I denied Him when I needed Him the most, and I hesitated

when I should have accepted Him, but still He cared, and accepted me when according to all human standards He should have rejected me.

I am writing this testimony anonymously because my parents refused to let me sign my name to it. Here I'd like to say that those who have the privilege of being able to testify, should. I hope this testimony will be a blessing to the heart of everyone somewhere. Remember, those of you who can go to church and do not know Jesus, I beg that you seek him. He is the only one that can help you through these troubled times.

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G. C. Chambers, Home Missionary Director

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ELYRIA	Paul Kearney	22.15

Total \$595.34

MISSIONS



G. C. Chambers
Home Missionary Director

The past year has shown a lot of activity in the Ohio District. A new boys' dormitory was built at the Campgrounds, which helped to make this one of the best Youth Schools and Camp Meetings that we have ever had.

A new church is being built in Gallipolis where they suffered a fire in their old building a few months ago . . . A new church is being built in Chillicothe where they have used a storeroom for quite some time . . . Then at Bryan, Ohio, where Brother Tracy Hammond is the pastor, they are building a new church to replace the rented house they have worshipped in for quite some time . . . A new place of worship has been opened at Macedonia, Ohio, with Brother Karl Schnabel as the pastor . . . Brother Chant Dunlap opened a new basement church in Coshocton, where they had great difficulty in finding a building where they could worship.

These, along with many others, show a very healthy missionary growth in the District. All of these brethren, along with the other small churches in the District, express their thanks to the help that they have received from the Home Missionary Department.

They also ask that they be especially remembered in prayer during the winter months when expenses are very high.

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Anybody Could Preach

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Dr. Wilbur Chapman often told of his experience when he went to Philadelphia to become pastor of Wanamaker's church. After his first sermon an old gentleman met him in front of the pulpit and said, "You are pretty young to be pastor of this great church. We have always had older pastors. I am afraid you won't succeed. But you preach the gospel, and I am going to help you all I can."

"I looked at him," said Dr. Chapman, and said to myself, "Here's a crank."

But the old gentleman continued, "I am going to pray for you that you may have the Holy Spirit's power upon you, and two others have covenanted to join with me."

Then Dr. Chapman related the outcome. "I did not feel so bad when I learned that he was going to pray for me. The three became ten, the ten became 20, and the 20 became 50, and the 50 became 200, who met before every service to pray that the Holy Spirit might come upon me. In another room the 18 elders knelt so close around me to pray for me that I could put out my hands and touch them on all sides. I always went into my pulpit feeling that I would have the anointing in answer to the prayers of the 219 men.

"It was easy to preach, a very joy. Anybody could preach with such conditions. And what was the result? We received 1,100 into our church by conversion in three years, 600 of which were men. It was the fruit of the Holy Spirit in answer to the prayers of those men. I do not see how the average pastor, under average circumstances, preaches at all.

"Church members have much more to do than go to church as curi-

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shall every word be established." (I Cor. 13:1)

God recognized the people that had the Pentecostal experience in the Bible as His church and inspired the New Testament writers to address the Epistles to them on that basis. For example: Eph. 1:1 was written to the church that Paul founded at Ephesus. The people Paul himself had baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and had witnessed them receive the Holy Ghost just exactly like they did on the Day of Pentecost. He addresses them as "the saints which are at Ephesus." Paul only preached one plan of salvation, and he addressed his converts at Corinth like this, "Unto the church of God . . . called to be saints."

My friends, when the Lord comes, He is coming back after His Bride, the true church. The Lord is not a bigamist . . . He will not have two brides or a number of different faiths in that number . . . The BIBLE states, "There is ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, AND ONE BAPTISM."

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ous idle spectators, to be amused and entertained. It is their business to pray mightily that the Holy Ghost will clothe the preacher with power and make his words like dynamite."

—Pentecostal Light

Church Stamp