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Our Newly Elected National Leaders



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UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, INC.

May God Bless You all!

Thanks to all members of our great P.A. of J.C. family. Your co-operation in making possible the Pentecostal Outlook has been deeply appreciated.

We wish to especially thank our assistant editors and regular contributors.

Our God will lead us in this new merger and on to final victory in the sky.

Kindest Wishes,

S. G. NORRIS, Editor.

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MERGER REPORT

St. Louis, Mo.

In submitting herewith a report of our recent annual convention in St. Louis, I am also incorporating the annual report of our General Secretary and Treasurer, Stanley R. Hanby. Brother Hanby's report, you will note, records convention proceedings up to the point where we met with the P.C.I. brethren to consummate the merger. From this point the report is of the major points involved in the joining of the two organizations.

It might appear that Brother Hanby's report is unnecessary, as much of it, of course, gave way to the rules and regulations of the merged body. However, we want our brethren to know that we proceeded with our business as usual in order that our organization might continue in the event that the merger failed. Now follows Brother Hanby's report:

ELD. S. R. HANBY'S REPORT

Minutes of the 14th Annual Conference of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ held at St. Louis, Missouri, Sept. 20-26, inclusive.

The 14th Annual Conference of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ, Inc., opened at White Way Tabernacle, Cor. of Blair and Warren St., St. Louis, Missouri, on Sept. 20.

Thursday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m.—

The convention was officially called to order by our General Chairman, W. T. Witherspoon by calling the assembly to a season of prayer.

Eld. Witherspoon announced the appointment of Eld. O. F. Fauss, Eld. F. E. Curts, and Sis. Nora Baker as assistants to him in appointing the various committees. He then gave a general outline of the work ahead and of the present situation facing us in the light of the proposed merger with the Pentecostal Church, Inc.

The Gen. Secy-Treas. Eld. Stanley R. Hanby, was called upon to read the minutes of the last general conference. The same were read and accepted.

The brethren agreed to call for the reading of the proposed Constitution and by-laws for the merged organization. Eld. Hanby was asked to read the same. As the reading progressed various explanations and suggestions were offered. A move to adjourn until 2:30 prevailed.

At 2:30 the conference continued with the reading and discussion of the above mentioned Constitution and Articles of Faith. At 5 o'clock the meeting was adjourned until the following day.

Friday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m.—

The service was called to order by Eld. O. F. Fauss and was opened by a season of prayer.

At the suggestion of Elder Guidroz a special offering for flowers was taken up for Eld. S. L. Wise and Eld. H. C. Geiger both of whom were on the sick list. The offering amounted to \$63.00. It was decided that any amount left over after buying flowers would be divided between these brethren.

The praise service which followed was in charge of Eld. L. J. Hosch.

Elder Fauss assumed charge of the business session which followed. The minutes of Thursday's meeting

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were called for. The same were read by the Gen. Sec'y. Elder Fauss then called for the continued reading and consideration of the proposed Constitution and By-laws for the merged body. This proceeded until 1 o'clock.

Elder Witherspoon then announced the appointment of the following committees:

Resolution Committee:

Eld. F. E. Curts

Eld. J. O. Underwood

Eld. Joseph D. Urshan

Auditing Committee:

Eld. L. A. Parent

Eld. H. I. Goodin

Eld. W. H. Eaton

Ordination Committee:

Eld. S. G. Norris

Eld. L. J. Hosch

Eld. D. J. White

Nomination Committee:

Eld. C. P. Williams

Eld. R. G. Cook

Eld. B. M. David

Eld. W. S. Guinn

Eld. W. C. Haymon

A vote to adjourn until 2:30 p.m. carried.

The 2:30 p.m. session was opened by song and praise and was showered with a very special outpouring of the Lord's blessings, after which Eld. Eldridge Lewis was given opportunity to make announcement of the young people's program in the evening services which were held in Kiel auditorium.

The reading of the proposed Constitution and Articles of Faith for the merged body was resumed by the General Secretary. Following the conclusion of this reading the General Secretary was asked to read certain resolutions pertaining to the matter of merger which were agreed upon last April at the joint conference of the Presbyter Board of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ, Inc. and the Pentecostal Church, Inc.

A motion by Eld. L. J. Hosch and seconded by Eld. V. A. Guidroz that we adopt the proposed Constitution and By-laws with the exception of the proposed organization name was unanimously passed. The following three names were presented for consideration, United Pentecostal Church, United Apostolic Church, United Church of Jesus Christ with the name United Apostolic Church receiving the majority vote.

The following resolution was then passed, Be it resolved that we recommend that the merged body be named United Apostolic Church. However, be it understood that this recommendation in no way means a block to the merger of the two organizations.

A motion to adjourn was carried.

Saturday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m.—

The services opened by a season of prayer followed by a timely exhortation by Eld. W. T. Witherspoon. Representatives of our Bible Schools were asked to report of the activities of their respective schools.

Eld. and Sis. C. P. Williams reported on the progress of the Apostolic Bible College of Tulsa Oklahoma. Eld. David Coote was asked to report on the missionary achievements of the school.

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The report on the activities of the International Bible College of San Antonio, Texas, was given by Eld. David Coote.

An inspiring report on the activities of the Apostolic Bible Institute, St. Paul, Minnesota, was presented by Eld. Veron Johnson, Eld. Calvin Rigdon and Eld. S. G. Norris.

The report of activities in the Southern Bible College of Milford, Texas, by Eld. and Sis. L. C. Reed and two of their students was very uplifting.

The school reports were followed by the report on the PENTECOSTAL OUTLOOK by the Editor, Eld. S. G. Norris. The meeting was adjourned until 2 p.m.

The 2 p.m. session opened with song and praise and was in charge of Eld. Delmer White of Akron, Ohio.

Various ministers were called upon to speak and the service was attended with very special blessing from the Lord.

Sunday, Sept. 23, 10:30 a.m.—

This service was dedicated to the missionary cause, with our Missionary-Chairman, Eld. Wynn T. Stairs in charge. After a brief exhortation by Elder Stairs the missionaries were called upon to speak. Present for this meeting were Sis. Elizabeth Stieglitz, Sis. Sallie Lemons, Eld. and Sis. Ralph Bullock and daughter, Esther, Elder Anderson, Elder Wheeler, Sister Hensley and daughter, and Kathryn Hendricks. Upon the announcement that Sis. Sallie Lemons was soon to leave for Colombia, South America, for active missionary work, a cash offering amounting to \$534.00 was given to help her. At the close of this blessed and profitable service several new missionary candidates came to the front and were prayed for for God's guidance and blessing. The service closed about 1 p.m.

The afternoon service was held jointly with the Pentecostal Church, Inc., at Kiel auditorium where other missionaries were given opportunity to tell of their experiences and of needy fields of labor.

Monday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.—

The meeting was opened by a season of song. The prayer service that followed was filled with wonderful inspiration and blessing. Elder Witherspoon then gave a comprehensive report of the progress of merger plans with the Pentecostal Church, Inc.

A special offering of \$101.00 was given to Elder Guinn's church for the use of their building.

The ministers asked that a special expression of appreciation be rendered to the members of the Presbyter Board for the past and present services. Presbyter Board members were asked to stand in front of the altar while the congregation took their turn to greet them with hearty handshakes.

A special expression of appreciation was given to State and District Elders.

Missionary pledges amounting to more than \$20,000.00 for the coming year were accepted amid special outbursts of blessing. Service was adjourned until 2 p.m.

The 2 p.m. service opened by song and prayer. Eld. S. G. Norris, Chairman of the Ordination Committee presented the following brethren for ordination, Grover J. Myers, Columbus, Indiana, and George D. Curry, Indianapolis, Indiana. Eld. G. B. Rowe spoke on qualifications for ministers. The ordination service followed.

Elder Witherspoon announced that he had just received word that the Pentecostal Church, Inc., had

voted by a big majority to merge with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ. The announcement was received with joy.

The report of the Auditing Committee was called for. The Chairman of this committee, Eld. L. A. Parent read the report and it was accepted.

The Resolutions Committee of which Eld. F. E. Curts was Chairman was asked to report. The following resolution was passed. Be it resolved that in the event we do not merge our credential fee will be raised to \$18.00 a year, this to include the *OUTLOOK* and *Minute Book*.

Eld. C. P. Williams, Chairman of the Nominating Committee was asked to report. The report which follows was passed by the conference:

Secretary-Treasurer: R. G. Cook, Lancaster, Ohio.

Presbyter Board: I. I. Bradley, Kokomo, Indiana, R. G. Cook, Lancaster, Ohio; F. E. Curts, Cincinnati, Ohio; B. M. David, Twin Falls, Idaho; O. F. Fauss, Houston, Texas; Harry Geiger, Miami, Florida; H. I. Goodin, Morgantown, W. Virginia; Anton Huba, N. Braddock, Pennsylvania; S. G. Norris, St. Paul, Minnesota; L. A. Parent, Rochester, Michigan; G. B. Rowe, Mishawaka, Indiana; Ace Summers, Mt. Vernon, Illinois; C. P. Williams, Tulsa, Oklahoma; S. L. Wise, Hodge, Louisiana; W. T. Witherspoon, Columbus, Ohio.

District Elders: W. W. Addington, Nickelsville, Virginia; David Bailey, Prospect, Virginia; Paul Bayne, Columbus, Indiana; Charles Cox, Hamburg, Arkansas; F. E. Curts, Cincinnati, Ohio; George Dainty, Spencer, Iowa; B. M. David, Twin Falls, Idaho; W. H. Eaton, Reed Springs, Missouri; F. J. Ellis, Clintonville, Wisconsin; W. S. Guinn, St. Louis, Missouri; W. C. Haymon, Shreveport, Louisiana; L. J. Hosch, Hillsboro, Texas; Anton Huba, N. Braddock, Pennsylvania; Paul W. Leak, Tulare, California; F. F. Lower, Battle Creek, Michigan; R. D. Martin, St. Paul, Minnesota; Jimmie Miller, Kosciusko, Mississippi; W. T. Poling, Morgantown, W. Virginia; Archie Sherrill, Andalusia, Alabama; J. O. Underwood, Belleville, Illinois; J. D. Urshan, Seattle, Washington; D. J. White, Akron, Ohio; C. P. Williams, W. Tulsa, Oklahoma; Roosevelt York, Coal Grove, Ohio.

Editorial Staff: Editor-in-Chief, S. G. Norris, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Associate Editors: O. F. Fauss, Houston, Texas; Kathryn Hendricks, W. Tulsa, Oklahoma; H. I. Goodin, Morgantown, W. Virginia.

Missionary Board: Wynn T. Stairs, Chairman, Calais, Maine; W. T. Witherspoon, Columbus, Ohio; C. P. Williams, W. Tulsa, Oklahoma; Kathryn Hendricks, Secretary-Treasurer, W. Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Pentecostal Young People's Association: Eldredge Lewis, President, Corpus Christi, Texas; Robert McFarland, Vice President, Richmond, Indiana; Oleta (Show) Hillhouse, Secretary-Treasurer, West Tulsa, Oklahoma.

A motion by Elder Welch and seconded by Elder Hanby that the name "Apostolic Youth Association" be suggested for our young people's organization was unanimously passed. A motion that we suggest Eld. Stanley Chambers as a candidate for General Secretary-Treasurer was passed.

Upon receiving word that some of the officials of the Presbyter Boards of the two organizations felt it imperative to retail the word Pentecostal in our official name the assembly unanimously voted to accept the name "Pentecostal Apostolic Church" for the merged organization.

The business session was officially adjourned with the understanding that we were to meet in joint session with the P. C. I. on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Kiel Auditorium.

Signed, S. R. Hanby
Gen. Sec.-Treas.

Prior to the coming together of all the delegates of both organizations, your Board of Presbyters had three or four sessions with the general board of the P.C.I. There were a number of major points which they wished to discuss. There were times when we diametrically disagreed as we presented our views based on what we thought you would want. A sweet spirit of unity and forbearance swept away each disagreement as we met each other half way.

There was no controversy over the location of the headquarters of the merged body. The P.C.I., as you know, have a nice three-story building advantageously located and very well arranged for the necessary offices and workrooms. Many of our brethren, before the merger was thought of, agreed that St. Louis was about the most convenient spot for all concerned. Next came the matter of the name of the new organization. This point was perhaps the most strongly argued. It was the contention of many that the word Pentecost should not be used because of the reproach borne by that name in many places. Against this it was argued that the word "Apostolic" was also much discredited in many places, was the name of certain groups that were not Oneness, and that it would be hard to choose a name containing the word "Apostolic" that had not already been copyrighted.

At this point in the argument it was suggested that there was a vast difference between the significance of the word "Pentecost" and "Pentecostal." The first refers only to the initial experience received upon that particular day, while the second includes the initial experience and all that pertains to that experience, i.e., a godly life, the teaching of the epistles, etc. This makes the word "Pentecostal" practically synonymous with "Apostolic." Therefore the name "United Pentecostal Church, Inc." was agreed upon.

Next came the matter of officers. We want you to know that there was no discrimination whatever in this. Your National Chairman was given every consideration but could not possibly offer his name for the head office as it would involve our leaving Columbus. Elder H. A. Goss, head of the P.C.I., was the practically unanimous choice for the office. It was our desire to be relieved of official duties as we have been serving in various capacities since the beginning of the organization and felt that others should take the responsibility. It was suggested, however, that I allow my name to be used for the position of Assistant General Superintendent, with a seat on the General Board. This position involves the signing of all credentials and acting in an advisory capacity for all matters of importance.

The office of General Secretary and Treasurer was filled by the election of our Elder Stanley Chambers, Pastor of the Apostolic Church at Sunbury, Pa. Elder Chambers was selected because of his fitness for this important post.

Following the filling of the head offices, there was chosen a very able group of men for your Missionary Board, headed by our Wynn T. Stairs.

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The Editor of our PENTECOSTAL OUTLOOK is extremely busy with the Apostolic Bible Institute, pastoring the Midway Tabernacle, and filling the office of Chairman of the Northwest Council. It was very agreeable to him to relinquish the Editorship of the OUTLOOK in favor of the *Pentecostal Herald*. The Editor of the organ of the merged body has not definitely been settled.

We favor the plan of the former P.C.I. in having each district elect its officers and also choose the General Presbyter to represent them. All this will take time. In the meantime, there may be some little confusion as to "who's who" in your territory, but within a short time everything will be working smoothly provided the Spirit that moved in the convention is allowed to have His way in the districts.

Truly it was none less than supernatural the way the blessed Spirit of God enabled the brethren to overcome. It means more than the average preacher can understand to bring about the uniting of two such bodies with the many, many matters that had to be considered. There were practically no dissenting voices and as we look back over the proceedings of the convention we can only exclaim, "What hath God wrought!"

It has been conceded that the activities of our organization has been greatly retarded by the small dues which we have been paying. You will note that membership in the merged body will be on the basis of the former P.C.I. dues, i.e., \$6.00 for the general fund plus \$1.00 per month, making a total of \$18.99 per year. I am sure nobody could object to this. It will enable the merged body to give you good service in every department.

The coming together of the two bodies seemed to add new life and enthusiasm to our activities. I wish you could have all been there and attended those wonderful evangelistic services in that magnificent Kiel Hall in downtown St. Louis. The musical program was fine. Each night a former P.C.I. and a former P.A. of J.C.I. man preached. The spirit of division just seemed to melt away in the presence of God's united people worshipping together as one. I have attended many conventions, but I do not recall one where the Spirit of God seemed to work so mightily as this last convention when God's ministers resolved to stand together in a common cause.

There might be some misunderstanding relative to our including other groups in the merger. Your officials came together authorized to consummate the merger of the two bodies mentioned herein and nothing more. The erroneous impression was given out that we might include other bodies. This could not be considered at this time, but most certainly we want to see all of God's true people together. Of course, in coming together we must consider something more than just doctrine. Character and reputation must also be considered. Whether it be with the individual or the organization, those who cause division must be "marked." Holiness must be our standard. This we are pledged to maintain.

Finally, brethren, I wish you could have been there, but in lieu of that, I trust that the Spirit of God will convey to you the Spirit that pervaded the convention, i.e., unity on the truth and in the Spirit.

May God bless you each one. I am glad that I am still in a position to be

Your humble servant in Christ,
W. T. Witherspoon
Assistant General Superintendent
United Pentecostal Church, Inc.

WHY WAS JESUS BAPTIZED?

By S. G. Norris

Our subject this evening is a very important topic and one in which we are all interested, a subject with which everyone should be familiar and informed about. Yes, this topic is very important. . . . WHY WAS JESUS BAPTIZED?

Was He baptized because He was a sinner? Was he baptized simply to fulfill a custom then prevailing? Was He baptized in order to take the place of His forerunner, John the Baptist? Did Christ receive salvation, like other men, when He was baptized or what *was* the real reason that Jesus was baptized?

The record of this unusual happening is found in the third chapter of Matthew, verses thirteen through seventeen. "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending *like* a dove and lighting upon him. And lo a voice from heaven saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Evidently John the Baptist did *not* believe Jesus needed to be baptized as *other* sinful men because he stated, "I have need to be baptized of thee . . . comest thou to me"? No, Jesus was *not* a sinner but came nevertheless to the baptismal waters of Jordan as an *example* for all of us that we should be baptized. *However*, His coming to be baptized had a far deeper meaning than that. You will note that Jesus answered John by these words, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to *fulfill* all righteousness." Here Jesus was referring to the righteousness, or the plan of the Law of Moses. This act of water baptism by a member of the tribe of *Judah* was an unheard of experience up until the time of John the Baptist. You will remember that under the Law of Moses, only the ministers were chosen from the tribe of Levi and they *alone* of all the tribes were washed or baptized at the laver that stood before the Tabernacle. When a young man of the house of Aaron and tribe of Levi reached the age of thirty, he was ready then to enter the ministry. Before he could *do* this, he was washed at the laver of water by another priest, fresh clean linen garments were given him and he was anointed with oil on his head. After this ceremony, he was then ready to enter the ministry and the duties of the priesthood. Please remember that according to the law of Moses, which had been the standard of all such practices by the Hebrews for hundreds of years, *only* those men from the tribe of Levi who could *qualify*, were washed and anointed for the ministry. No one else was ever washed. I repeat. No other member of any other tribe besides those who qualified in the tribe of Levi were ever permitted to be washed at the laver of water and enter the ministry.

This first upheaval then, or . . . shall I say, first *explosion* from this "dyed in the wool" procedure took

place when John the Baptist came out of the wilderness of Judea, preaching repentance and water baptism for sins. The actual water baptism did not stir the Pharisees, priests and elders of the Mosaic law so much, although that was a *radical* departure from the washing at the laver in the temple court, but what caused the *tremendous* upheaval and criticism against John by the *religious leaders*, was not so much that he baptized but, *WHOM* it was that he was baptizing! When the ecclesiastical leaders looked on at John baptizing "who-so-ever-will-may-come," they *knew* that if this move was from *God*, it was certainly an about-face policy or doctrine from what Moses had learned at Sinai. It was difficult to turn the hearts of the people away from John, because God was richly blessing his ministry. Men were bringing forth fruits worthy of repentance; lives were being changed from bad to good, and from good to better. All the while John was stepping far over the bounds of the Mosaic law because he was baptizing Jews from, NO MATTER WHAT TRIBE! If John's preaching was a forerunner of a better plan . . . and a better plan it surely was, then the *capsheaf* of this explosion in religion took place when Jesus journeyed from Nazareth to Bethabara and was baptized by John.

If he wanted to be a preacher, why didn't Jesus travel from Nazareth to Jerusalem and there be washed and anointed by Caiphas who was High Priest that year? Why did he go to remote Bethabara on the Jordan, and why to John instead of Caiphas?

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My friends, this act of Jesus Christ was more than simply an example for all of us to be baptized. That we know, is essential. That is a "must" on anyone's list who ever intends being a Christian, but let's look further as to why JESUS was baptized.

When Jesus walked down into the baptismal waters of Jordan, it proved that he not only agreed with John, that all men, no matter what tribe or nation they came from, could have access to salvation, but also to the heavenly priesthood. Please remember that Jesus was from the tribe of Judah. He was not from Levi, from which tribe sprang the priesthood.

So here was a young man, thirty years of age, born in Bethlehem, reared in Nazareth, heralded as the Messiah—the Saviour of mankind—the greatest spiritual authority that man had ever witnessed . . . the Son and Body, or Tabernacle of God on earth, and here He comes to Jordan to be baptized. Yes, that act of Jesus in being baptized shook the religious world of Palestine . . . a religious world that had already been severely jarred by the preaching and baptizing of John.

Jesus did not say so in as many words, but those religious leaders as well as the crowds that witnessed Him being baptized by John knew that Christ was confirming the doctrine of John, that the middle wall of partition was being broken down . . . that a new day was dawning for the Jews. (For what Jew was

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Women's Page

Mrs. G. B. Rowe

"In these days of uncertainty and unrest, I find our only anchor is the Blessed Hope we have in Lord Jesus Christ and His soon appearing. Bless His Sweet name! While we are awaiting the coming of our King, I feel there is much work to be done. There are so many souls to be reached that we need all the workers both young and old alike, to with God's grace and help, spread the good news around. This can best be done by our every day consistent Christian living and by direct personal contact with those round about us.

I have observed that the churches that prosper both spiritually and financially are those which show an interest in the visitors and those in the community. How can we expect visitors to come back to our church if we gather in small groups and talk after services and fail to make individuals feel welcome? A warm hand clasp and a smile will go a long way in encouraging the sinner and will surely show the love of God.

As a mother, I surely do feel it a great responsibility to the Lord to rear our three children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. I have the promises of God, that if we "Train up a child in the way he should go, when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. I know that as long as I keep in obedience to Jesus, He will keep His promises to me. When I think of the nonchristian mothers all around me, I do not wonder at the increase in juvenile delinquency. Really, it is the parents that are to blame, not the younger generation. Unless parents set their children a godly example, how can they expect better out of their children? I am sure if some parents stopped to think that son or daughter would follow in their footsteps they would be very careful where their feet took them.

When I see all the terrible comic books on the news stands, and all these cheap murder and mystery books, I think it is no wonder that God is displeased. If we would present godly literature in book form to our boys and girls what a difference we would see.

In my opinion, if the Sunday School Home Mission Society or any individual or other church group wanted to really launch out on a worth-while project, it would be the starting and continuance of a Christian library. The people of the church of any age could read the very books that exhort and relate the wonderful lives of those who have proven that Christianity is worth-while. These books are not "dry" reading either but are so very interesting that I am sure both old and young alike would be encouraged to press the Battle on for Christ. The lives of Dwight L. Moody, Charles Finney and others are inspirational. Nothing should thrill the heart of God's saints more than to learn of how God is blessing and has blessed in other lands. Sometimes they put us to open shame here in this country when our opportunities are so great and we fail to avail ourselves of them.

These are some observances on my part during the past few years and I believe God would have us to see our mistakes and benefit by them. He chastens those whom he loves and I praise Him because we have such a wonderful God, that instead of letting us go in the wrong direction will teach us the right way. Read Hebrews 12:5-11.

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Too often in some churches I see nothing to interest the young people and then some wonder why none are saved or come to church. The reason is this—youth has much energy to use and if we do not present Christ and His work the energy of the soul has plenty to consume their energy and time and thus many are started on the downward way. In the regular services, why not ask a young person to lead in prayer instead of the elderly folks all the time? Why not devote more time to them all the way around? Very many churches do and God is blessing and young folks are being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost and are really taking their stand for the right. No one can reach another young soul like a consecrated young Spirit-filled, man or woman. They are on the same level and are so much more able.

I am glad we are beginning to advertise our schools. I believe we should encourage our young people to whenever possible to attend our schools. I have seen so much shipwreck caused by folks who get a good dose of salvation and then go out saying "I am called to preach." We should study to show ourselves approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed—rightly dividing the Word of Truth. Read Eph. 2:10 and 2 Timothy 2:15. Then God will honor our work whatever that particular calling may be and souls will be saved and everything done in order and not confusion. Many more souls would be on God's side today if in some localities certain things, due completely to lack of teaching and wisdom, had not taken place.

We should remember to so live that God will get glory out of our lives and not give the enemy one opportunity to use a failure on our part to discourage the sinner from seeking God. If we are not very careful, we may put a stumbling block in our brother's or sister's pathway. Rom 13:14.

I am thinking of an article I read in the newspaper the other day about an Army Chaplain back from the Philippines, visiting some churches over the nation and failing to find any rehabilitation program for the returning veteran but instead he said he found much "back-patting" because during the war when wages were high, a mortgage had been paid off or some improvement made on the church or parsonage. May God help us to see the need of the hour and to really awake out of slumber. The Word of God plainly pronounces a woe to them that are at ease in Zion but on the other hand God promises that when Zion travails she shall bring forth children. Amos 6:1 and Isaiah 66:8.

There is a great work at hand and only those who work will reap the harvest. Can He say of you and me and our church movement in general—

"Well done, Thou good and faithful servant" or will that reward be given another, who was faithful? "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Prov. 29:18.

Today is the day of salvation and our opportunities are many in both the home and foreign missionary

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MISSIONARY RECEIPTS

FOREIGN MISSIONARY REPORT

Receipts, September, 1944, to August, 1945, inclusive

West Tulsa, Oklahoma—Elder C. P. Williams.....	\$ 2,461.80	Raymondville, Texas—Carl Likin.....	65.00
Columbus, Ohio—Elder W. T. Witherspoon.....	1,401.70	West Jefferson, Ohio—Branch Church—W. T. Witherspoon.....	64.00
Michigan State—Secretary G. O. Henderson.....	1,250.47	Oklahoma Young People.....	63.80
Cincinnati, Ohio—Elder F. E. Curts.....	760.77	LaWard, Texas—First Pentecostal Church.....	63.43
North Braddock, Pa.—Anton Huba.....	725.00	Sugar Grove, Ohio—A. E. Wright.....	61.75
Akron, Ohio—Elder Paul Mayton.....	645.39	Toledo, Ill.—Elder C. H. Seeley.....	61.66
Mishawaka, Ind.—Elder G. B. Rowe.....	609.77	Hollsopple, Pa.—Elder H. H. Stahl.....	60.35
Columbus, Ind.—Elder Paul Bayne.....	460.00	Belleville, Ill.—J. O. Underwood.....	60.00
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Wynn T. Stairs, Missionary Secretary
United Pentecostal Church

Missionary Convention

There will be a missionary convention in the First Pentecostal Church, Forest and Bruno Avenues, St. Louis, Mo., January 15 to 18, 1946. Elder B. H. Hite, Pastor. We urge all foreign missionaries and prospective missionaries to try to attend this convention. We want to make it a time of prayer, fasting, and ministering unto the Lord; until we find what seems good to us and the Holy Ghost. We believe God has given us an open door and the privilege of spreading this glorious Gospel for a little while. We want to make use of every minute. First meeting Tuesday night. Come praying. For further information: write the missionary secretary or Elder B. H. Hite.

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THE VERY FOUNDATION

By Cleo Brandenburg

Children's religious training should begin before they are born. In preparing for a child, the parents should pray for guidance throughout its life, since they are to be the moulders during its impressionable and most habit-forming years.

When the nursery is being prepared, a religious atmosphere should be established. Pictures of Jesus welcoming little ones, the Madonna and Child or other good subjects may be hung on the wall. The children will no more learn to worship the pictures, than we adults would. We have pictures of our children and enjoy them, but it is the children themselves that we love.

As the child first enters the prattling and questioning age, its curiosity will center on the familiar objects in the room.

"Mother, who is that man in that picture?"

"That is Jesus, dear."

"Who is Jesus? What are they doing in that picture?"

There, then, is opened the way for a very wise parent to begin stories and explanations about the One who can care for the children when Mother and Daddy are gone.

Always parents should keep in advance of the children's development and be prepared to meet their demands for information as the years pass. Before a child can read, the mother should add religious mottoes to the collection of pictures on its bedroom walls. As soon as it begins to learn to read, it will lie in its bed and with ever curious eyes roaming about the room, study whatever it sees in print.

When Mother enters the room, she will be greeted with such questions as this: "What do those words there say?"

Patiently, she reads the motto, "Jesus is the Light of the World." Probably the child has read it dozens of times but a six-year-old is persistent when it begins to acquire knowledge.

"What does than mean, Mother?"

Here, again, is a wonderful opportunity for the mother, while dressing her child, to place some more of the good foundation that will uphold her son or daughter through life. The few facts that she takes the time to explain the motto, will be turned over and over in the child's mind at other times when it lies alone pondering about the words on the wall.

At a very little expense for pictures and mottoes and just a little time for patient explanation, all this can be accomplished. There is scarcely a home in our country but what can afford the materials, even if there is no nursery. God made His most precious gifts to us the most abundant and the easiest to acquire. Salvation, pure air, water, etc., so that it is not a matter of expense or availability, but of choice if we draw freely on Him for ourselves and our children.

Since Christmas is the anniversary of what it is, there can be no better gifts for children at this time

than little books of religious stories and poetry, educational Bible games and little manger sets to dramatize the stories. These, along with other gifts, will help the children to develop an everyday love and respect for their Saviour. The books can be left lying about the room to be picked up and read at their desire, never forced upon them.

A child soon knows with what subjects they are welcome to approach father or mother. Never check your child rudely upon any subject concerning religion. Do not let your children feel that your heavenly Father cannot be mentioned or discussed anywhere they would talk about your other father, their grandfather.

When the time comes that children begin to ask the "stumping" questions, if one turns to the truth and the Bible, how much easier to answer and with answers which will not confront you later in their lives. On the way home from church some night your son will unexpectedly exclaim, "Daddy, what makes the dark? How does the moon stay up there? Who put it there?" and little daughter, at the most unprepared moment, will simply and innocently ask, "Mother, where did you get me?"

Simple and concise Bible answers can be given, explaining God's creation and plan to maintain life upon the earth, to questions that ordinarily confound parents. Early in childhood the little ones will accept any answer, logical or otherwise, because they have complete faith and trust in their parents. But later they move onward into an early adolescent age when they begin to reason for themselves. They have already discounted "the stork" and "Santa Claus" and now they demand proofs. If you have built a good foundation, it is now easy to pick up the Bible and turning to Genesis or St. John prove what you told the child a few years before.

Endurance in living a Christian life, is best established by daily growth from the cradle onward, just as an education begins when we first teach baby to do things for itself and continues daily. Of course it is true that one can become a Christian at any time in life just as an aged illiterate can begin to get an education, but in both cases one looks back and regrets all that has been missed by not having an earlier start.

One never knows the exact time their children decide on their career for life; neither do we know at what time the balance scales are definitely tipped toward a Christian life and character. But we do know that earlier training and influence has a lot to do with such decisions.

When parents sit in church with fewer of the lines of care and worry in their faces than most of their neighbors, and father watches his grown son take his place in the choir while mother fondly smiles on her married daughter, ushering her own little ones into their Sunday School classes, it is then they realize that their reward is well worth all that they contributed.

Such are the parents that have defeated the demon, "juvenile delinquency."

A TESTIMONY

I was blessed with a praying mother who died leaving me an orphan when I was nine years old. I had an experience with God in a Baptist church when a young man but drifted back out into the world with its cares and attractions and for a period of nearly twenty years I attended no church at all.

In February, 1944, my wife and I began attending a Pentecostal church. Up to that time I had refused to be interested in salvation concerning baptism in Jesus' Name, speaking in tongues and receiving the Holy Ghost although I have a sister and several nieces and nephews in that faith. I always insisted it was of the Devil and there was nothing in it for *me*.

A few months later I saw my wife receive the Holy Ghost and speak in tongues at which time she was truly "drunk on the spirit of God as they were on the day of Pentecost." Then and there God spoke to me and I was truly under conviction and while I was aware of a great longing in my soul I would defiantly say, "Well, I'll never do that to be saved." However, I was willing to admit there's a reality in this Holy Ghost way of salvation. I was so interested I faithfully attended all the church services.

In November, 1945, we started attending Gospel Tabernacle here in Terre Haute, Indiana, where Brother Lloyd Romine is the pastor. God kept speaking to my soul but I remained arrogant, independent and self-willed, so to speak, and would not yield to obedience of Acts 2:38, though I had seen the light and in my heart and soul I was miserable and not satisfied. Now the word of God says stubbornness is as "iniquity and idolatry," I Sam. 15:23.

On December 23, 1944, I met with a serious auto accident; my car was struck by a drunken driver and five persons were injured; one died a week later. In my semi-conscious condition in the hospital for four days I kept trying to find God. I would ask the saints who came in to pray for me. Though afterwards I could not remember doing this and how I thank God for the prayers of those saints! As I now see it, mine was a soul going out into Eternity without God. When I regained consciousness the only time I felt secure or at peace was when Brother Romine or some of the saints were with me and praying. I felt afraid to go to sleep. I wanted God.

I spent nine days in the hospital and several weeks convalescing but my mind was made up. I would obey God's Word. I had been baptized in the Baptist church but I now knew I must be baptized in Jesus' Name. So as soon as I was able, on February 15, I went to church. Brother Manuawal of Mishawaka, Ind., was at that time conducting a revival service at our church and preached a sermon on "The Goodness of God." I went to the altar. I was baptized in Jesus' Name and I want to tell the world it makes a difference when we are baptized according to God's Word!

Then on February 20 God gave me the Holy Ghost as He promised and according to Acts 2:4, Hallelujah! I am saved! It's been joy unspeakable in my soul.

Now at the age of 60 though I feel the best years of my life have been wasted I trust this testimony may touch some heart and convince them of their need of a Savior. Seek Him early—in thy youth. Live your

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whole life for Him. Accept no other but the true salvation paid for by our Savior on the Cross of Calvary.

This is the "one faith, one Lord and one baptism" for Peter who was given the keys to the kingdom tells us "there is no other Name, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

That all unsaved who read this may no longer "neglect so great a salvation" is the prayer of one who was snatched from the jaws of death to experience that "deep-settled peace" in my soul as I wait for the soon coming of my Savior who has done so much for me.

Brother W. H. Brigance

THE INDESTRUCTIBLE BOOK

Maggie Culver Fry

The greedy flames licked and swallowed at the pages of the Book as one by one they were tossed upon the hearth fire of the king's palace. Then, assured that he had pleased King Jehoiakim, and the entire court of Judah, we imagine that Jehudi put his pen-knife away.

The fact that he had cut out leaf after leaf of this Book, the message from the lips of the Living God to his erring people, could not be so easily disposed of, although they were without shame or remorse for having burned it. Jer. 36.

On the other hand, they were relieved, since those bold words had filled their sinful hearts with terror. The prophecy was burned, now; they could turn away and forget it.

Or *could* they?

No sooner had the Word been destroyed, when God gave the same message to Jeremiah again.

For none has ever succeeded in destroying the Word of God, notwithstanding countless attempts. Just as long as hearts are open to the sunlight, His children will be able to eat of His Word. Yes, regardless of any earthly circumstance.

A great many people are ever trying to cut out parts of the Bible, just as Jehudi did, and they only succeed in destroying all the content when they do this.

Yes, they would burn the hard lessons in the flames of their own little flickering opinions; but can they, really? How easy our way would be if we could make the Book over to fit our own selfish designs. However, as a beloved Christian friend of mine once remarked, "The Book won't bend."

And again I might add, "It is indestructible."

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In His dear company.

I need not flee battles,
Let tempests rage and roar,
As long as He pilots
I'm safe forevermore.

—Lucille Clarke
Janesville, Wis.

WITHOUT THEE, GOD

Without Thee, God, we would not know
How to overcome strife.
And so would be ignorant of
The path that leads to life.

Without Thee, God, we could not aid
A neglected neighbor,
Or recognize the joy and peace
Found in honest labor.

Without Thee, God, we could not love,
Or give from our supply.
Without Thee, God, we could not live
Nor would we dare to die.

—Lucille Clarke
Janesville, Wis.

WOMEN'S PAGE (Cont'd)

field. Are we taking advantage of them? He said to ask "rain in the latter rain." Joel 2:23.

Let us, by the grace of God, start from this day forth, to pray, work and give of our finances, time and talent to the furtherance of God's Kingdom here on earth. For the night soon cometh when no man can work. While it is still day, let us invest in that which will pay dividends for eternity. Let us not try to limit God. He has no limits on what He can and will do for us, if we purpose in our heart to live a consecrated and faithful life for Him. Our reward lies at the end of the race. Have you counted the cost if your soul should be lost? It is worth thinking and praying about today.

Bethel Shaffer,
New Brighton, Pa.

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San Francisco, Calif.

5 August 1945

The Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ
Stanley R. Hanby, General Secretary-Treasurer
810 N. Front St., Lancaster, Ohio

Dear Sir:

It is my deeply grateful privilege to express appreciation for the splendid services being rendered here by Pvt. Willard Rowland, one of your licensed preachers of the Gospel.

Willard and three other men of our Medical Detachment have been conducting a servicemen's song and praise service each week. He led the service last Friday and we realized more than ever that he has a useful knowledge of the Scriptures and a heart of compassion. He fully deserves the right to continue his ministerial education and service.

I am happy to learn that you contemplate the renewal of his license to represent your Assemblies as a Witness unto Christ. I believe that he will give full strength to the advancement of the cause and will daily invest his life for the glory of God and the good of humanity. I trust that you will give him every encouragement through your prayers and efforts on his behalf.

May the love of the Lord Jesus fill your soul with joy and may our Heavenly Father supply all your needs according to the riches in Glory in Christ Jesus!

Very sincerely yours,
Loys Frink
Chaplain (1st Lt.) USA

JESUS NEVER FAILS

(Heb. 13:5, Deut. 31:6)

When our earthly friends have failed us,
And the foe our path assails;
We still have our precious Jesus,
He's the one who never fails.

When the world misunderstands us,
When they oft misjudge us too;
We still have our precious Jesus,
He's the one can take us through.

Though our trials may be many,
Though the tempter press us sore,
We can still look up to Jesus,
We can trust our Saviour more,

Though our burdens may grow heavy,
Though we weaken 'neath the load.
Of the cross; we still have Jesus,
He will strength and grace afford.

Oft our efforts may seem useless,
In the work we do for him;
But if we labour on for Jesus
Bright will shine our diadem.

If here below we've trusted in him,
Sought his mercy and his love,
We'll still have our precious Jesus
In a brighter world above.

—Mrs. Lillie Kirkland
Brooksville, Fla.

WHY WAS JESUS BAPTIZED?

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there that did not sometime or other in his life wish, he had been born in the tribe of Levi, that he might be a minister and enter the Tabernacle and the Holy place?) Yes, the priesthood was a lofty and honorable position in Israel. Could this new doctrine of Jesus mean that all the tribes could have opportunity to be ministers? Perhaps others looking a little *farther* ahead were thinking . . . "We wonder if this Christ called Jesus, will draw the line and stop with the twelve tribes or will he *also* include the Gentiles? Could it be possible that this new religion of Jesus deals with the heart first of all and not with the bloodstream of inheritance?

A Grand Opportunity for All

Perhaps you, as you rest in your comfortable chair by the radio this evening never gave much thought as to what great blessings Jesus placed within your reach when he turned his steps toward the wilderness or Jordan to be baptized, instead of towards the popular temple which Herrod had built for the Jews, but my friends, because his steps led him to John and not to Caiphaz, means just the difference between your never having an opportunity to be a son of God and the grand opportunity you DO have this very hour. I have no record of the thoughts that went through Jesus' mind as he journeyed southward from Nazareth to Bethabara where John was baptizing, but never forget it, He knew the great barrier He was breaking down . . . the social barrier . . . the economic barrier . . . the national barrier . . . and most important, the SIN barrier. I say social barrier because the priesthood was elevated far beyond any other social position in the Tabernacle and the social life of Israel. I say economic barrier, because the child of God has a Christ to lean upon . . . "a Friend that sticketh closer than any brother." . . . One that has promised to supply our needs. A Christ that takes that awful haunting fear of the economic struggle for a livelihood out of the hearts of His children. No nation enjoyed that freedom but Israel up until the time that Jesus stepped in the waters of Jordan. I say national barrier because the Law was given to Moses and Moses was a Jew. Without the Jews we simply do not have any religion worth while in the Old Testament. I am a Gentile, but we Gentiles would certainly be poverty stricken in the matter of religion if it were not for the Jews. Every major prophet was a Jew. The minor prophets, the disciples, the Apostles and even Jesus himself was a Jew. The Gentiles were outside the religious camp . . . we were as dogs, dogs because they stay outside. . . . But when Jesus stepped into Jordan and fulfilled the national law of Moses . . . the righteousness of the law, He laid plans right there for the national barriers to be broken down and we which were afar off have been brought nigh by the blood of Christ. There are still great national barriers in the world today and there always will be because politics or legislation cannot break them down but Christ stretched forth His heart in the pool of baptism to who-so-ever-will-may-come. And I said last of all, the SIN barrier and that is the most important. You may believe you have social barriers, but that is not your greatest opposition. You may pity yourself and feel that you have tremendous economic barriers, but that is certainly not your greatest obstacle;

you may feel chagrined over your national status, but thousands have lived and been happy in shoes like yours, no, *that* cannot be your greatest problem, but, my friends, this SIN BARRIER, which is motivated and encouraged by your worst enemy, that is the Devil . . . that is your greatest enemy because it is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment. If that sin barrier is not broken, then you face a Christless grave and a Godless hell. These other barriers are minor compared with the great SIN BARRIER. Thank God, Jesus came to break that yoke.

What was this unusual experience at Jordan? Why was Jesus baptized? Did He receive the Holy Ghost there? No, my friends, Jesus was filled with the Holy Ghost from birth. He was Emmanuel, God with us.

Under the law of Moses, a priest was washed, before he could enter the ministry as I explained, and he was also anointed with oil by his fellow priest. In the case of Jesus Christ, however, John did not anoint him, but that anointing of the Spirit of God descended upon him for the ministry. Would you like to read the first chapter of St. John, just five verses . . . from 31 through 34? There you can see for yourself that there was only ONE person in that crowd at the banks of Jordan, that saw that anointing come upon Jesus. That one person was John. It is true that John and Jesus were second cousins and knew each other as distant relatives, but John did NOT have proof that Jesus was the Messiah of the world until he saw the Spirit come upon Jesus in the form of a dove. That experience, my friends, has absolutely NOTHING to do to prove that the dove or spirit represented by the dove was another person in the Godhead. The voice that spoke was for the others to know that Jesus was the Christ. If there had been a second or third person in the Godhead, that person could have appeared, but that NEVER took place and never will. If ever a man was sincere and longed to be careful in accepting the truth that in Jesus dwelt the fulness of the Godhead, it was Philip. He almost begged Jesus to show him the father if there was such another person. You remember that Jesus said "he that hath seen me has seen the father and the father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works." It is too bad that this wonderful truth of why Jesus was baptized has been so confused with the question of the Godhead, when as a matter of Biblical fact, it was not intended for that issue at all.

Christ stepped down into the waters of baptism, to break the barriers that had arisen between the tribes of Israel, . . . between the Priesthood or Tribe of Levi and the other eleven. That act proved to Israel that a grand new religion was being born . . . that they would all have opportunity to be sons of God by salvation through their new High Priest, Jesus of Nazareth. Christ stepped into the waters of baptism to not only give the Jews a grand new hope, but also give opportunity to us Gentiles, who were strangers from the commonwealth of Israel, a chance to also become sons of God. Did I say sons of God? Yes, sons of God, born-again Christians! Why don't you come, and find out more about this wonderful way? So, the great plan offered to you and to me at this hour does not depend upon which tribe you belong to, or what nationality you are, because the gates are swinging wide . . . (at least for a while they are swinging wide), for all of us to be washed in the baptismal waters in His name and be anointed with the Holy Spirit from on high.

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