

# The Good News

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## And NOW — The PLAIN TRUTH Being Set Back on Track

By Herbert W. Armstrong  
 Since last May I have been moving swiftly to set the Church of God back on the track as GOD'S CHURCH. I have set the radio and television programs back on GOD'S track. Secularism and the heaven of modern intellectualism and PH.D.'ism had turned Ambassador College into just another of this world's colleges.

To set it back on the track I have had to start all over again, as in 1947 with one single undergraduate freshman class. I have put back in charge those who were taught GOD'S REVEALED KNOWLEDGE under me in the earlier years. I hope that and my personal veridical taking of the forums will, within the year, set Ambassador College back on the track as GOD'S COLLEGE.

In all this I deeply appreciate and am grateful from the heart for the loyalty and the standing solidly behind me of all you in the ministry in this difficult task.

But now, I am moving just vigorously to set *The Plain Truth* back on the track. I have just written a 32 page typed memorandum for *The Plain Truth* staff titled, "A Plain Truth for the Future." I am having a meeting with my *Plain Truth* staff Thursday (Sept. 27) to give you here a synoptic summary of that directive.

A *Plain Truth* directive. At this point I consider it essential that you review the reasons, goals and goals of *The Plain Truth* and its future. God formerly called me to His service in 1926 later to commit to me, Christ's great commission, and announce over

all the world the "sooner coming KINGDOM OF GOD" — an entirely new civilization of GOD'S making.

In 1927 God inspired me with the vision of publishing GOD'S magazine, Jesus had divine TRUTH by saying, "Thy word (the Holy Bible) is TRUTH."

God had been opening my mind to understanding of His truth. I had been experienced in magazine and newspaper writing. God put it in my mind to publish HIS magazine, making HIS TRUTH — the Bible PLAIN, CLEAR UNDERSTANDABLE, INTEREST-GRIPPING, DYNAMIC.

In 1927 I had a commercial art design a front cover for this magazine, to be called *The Plain Truth*.

It was seven years before God opened the way to actually start producing it — and even then as a virtual no cost mimeographed magazine.

Jesus Christ, living head of God's Church, used me in raising up the present era of that Church — the parent Church starting with 19 members in August, 1933.

The Work of God — the GREAT COMMISSION — started as an infinitesimal operation. A virtual mustard seed beginning with God, starts activities through human instruments. But, also, like the proverbial mustard seed, it grew — at the unmatchable rate of 30 percent a year — over a 35 year span.

What Christ called me to do — what He started and has built through me — is the work of GOD — not of man. It is not of this world. GOD called me out of this world, and He has called others out of this world and its ways to assist me in His Work.

Christ's promise to print — But as God has prospered His Work and it has grown to worldwide operations — and in going for this world a multi-million dollar organization — those who have been brought into the Work are prone to assume it to be just another of this world's organizations — where the prevailing attitude and motive is the *GET IT* — *WANT IT* — and where it is operated with the approval of this world's carnal and intellectual secular concepts.

That has happened to *The Plain Truth*.

I am deeply sad to say, the same spirit of carnal secular intellectualism that infiltrated God's college has also infiltrated HIS magazine — Christ's MESSAGE IN PRINT to a deceived world!

I see now articles on child rearing whose approach is the carnal psychology of Satan's higher education and started contrary to God's PLAIN teaching in His truth — the Bible!

I see articles, and also booklets now being produced, with a bibliography of source materials of up to 16 secular authorities.

Let me state my personal evaluation of the situation. I believe the managing editor to be sincere, loyal, desiring to do the right thing — which is Christ's and not his own thing. I believe he simply needs more cooperation and guidance from me.

**Basic points outlined**  
 1. Therefore, I will here outline some basic points, questions and directives.

What I had in mind was articles dealing with world conditions and human interest problems — but always in the plain context of the article. Approaching that problem and dealing with it from the point of revelation, so that in fact it was actually mainly plain truth — derived from revelation, not from science or secular scholarship, behavioral science — and universally based physiology.

Today we live in the day of man-generated, invisibly by Satan, and a *Christian* in fact is the world's *Christian* nature.

Satan's world? The *Plain Truth* was contrived, and brought into a publication that proclaims the *World* — *Transcendence* — in an entirely different civilization — GOD'S CIVILIZATION.

Now this is of supreme importance — because *The Plain Truth* was founded under Christ's leading to be *up* of the world — and perhaps even that *not*! I caution you, carrying out the GREAT COMMISSION. Some might think radio and television to be one "no" means of proclaiming Christ's message, but, without the *Word of God* in print, radio alone could never have built the Work and a real record shows that daily half hour radio broadcasting has far out weighed television — though the latter if properly used may be very effective.

You know, I really died, just over a year ago — though by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation they brought me back in 30 or 45 seconds — (I perhaps 1 1/2 minutes). God brought me back from death because HIS CHURCH HIS WORK HIS COLLEGE

revealed knowledge, informed of the KINGDOM OF GOD and by of terms) with its books and the *plain* *truth* *work*.

This basic program was supplemented monthly co-worker letters from me, semi annual letters to all subscribers and a



PLAIN TRUTH NEWSSTAND — A reader examines a copy of *The Plain Truth* at a newsstand in a bookstore. Herbert W. Armstrong (discuss as the *Plain Truth* and expansion of newsstand circulation in the accompanying article on this page.

AND HIS PLAIN TRUTH had gone secular — and God had been virtually booted out the window.

And now I must move as swiftly and decisively to get *The Plain Truth* back on the track as GOD'S MESSAGE. URGENTLY URGENT! Totally unlike the carnal world's magazines!

Now back to the *Plain Truth* and its future. *The Plain Truth* I have already stated — to make plain GOD'S REVEALED TRUTH as it is in the Bible. To make the Bible interesting! To make it understandable! To make it come alive in a *plain* *truth*.

LETTER ANSWERING DEPARTMENT (LAD) (later P.D.) along with a growing and dedicated ministry.

The whole concept of every branch of this Work was to GIVE God's truth to the world, and to move just to the brethren God continually called to His Work.

This plain, simple, direct program, which I remember how Bill Tilden used to say, "Never change a winning game" — all ways change a losing game!

I am taking steps immediately to restore a qualified and experienced Letter Answering Department — to do the *plain* *truth* (C.H.M.) Zimmerman and Wilbur Berg. I may have to find time (how, I do not know) to do new daily half hour radio broadcasting.

We reach people 10 times more effectively through the eye than through the ear. True! TV offers both, but TV in the past has not been comparatively productive — partly due to the secular documentary type program — *THE PLAIN TRUTH* — *plain* *truth*.

**COMING:**  
 SPECIAL FEAST ISSUE scheduled to be in your hands in early October.

- Inspiring articles
- Holydays
- Map of Churches
- List of Feast sites
- Festival time and songs

# Sharing...

## Pruning for growth

During Christ's 33 year ministry on this earth, He gave many analogies — very descriptive analogies that revolve around farming or gardening in the more agricultural world setting of that time.

The such analogy is found in John 15. Christ said, beginning with verse 1: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husband man (farmer, gardener)... God the Father... He who branch to me that bears good fruit, he takes away, and every branch that bears fruit he purges (prunes) it, that it may bring forth more fruit." He says, "My Father is clean through the work which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can you, except you abide in me.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit. For without me you can do nothing." In verse 8 He says, "Here is my Father glorified, that the Father (farmer) is very pleased, very happy. That you bear much fruit, so shall you be my disciples."

Although our knowledge of pruning is easy to read in an analogy like this and not fully understood its meaning. Since coming to Southern California, I think I appreciate more the full meaning of what Christ said here, because the growing season is virtually around us here, that just don't stop growing. You have to just keep pruning them off.

I often take my family to the Santa Catalina in La Canada, Calif., on Sabbath mornings to get away from some of the concrete and asphalt and see a little more of God's creation. About 50 miles of coastline, three billion trees and animals through May. A tremendous contrast to the late spring when the gardeners go through and severely prune back these carnalists. By almost looks like somebody has gone through there with a shearer. One wonders if they will survive who has been dove god down there. They are severely pruned.

If the gardeners who prune these carnalists know what they are doing! They have in their minds the vision of what these plants will look like when a new year starts around and they begin to bloom again.

### A leaf is a pruning

You can see the spiritual analogy. A leaf is a leaf if it's pruning. Sometimes God allows us to be severely pruned. We shouldn't be surprised because Christ said, "But Christians are going to be pruned (John 15:2)." Every branch that does not bear fruit, God is the husbandman of the head gardener. He knows the exact form and shape that He wants us to have.

But just like a plant needs time to develop into its ultimate form or to fully blossom or to bear fruit, it takes time for an individual.

This issue's column was written by Ed Condit, director of the World's Tree Journal Department in Pasadena.

to develop fully character. God didn't create instantaneous character. The reason for our pruning is to bring forth that ultimate shape and form that He can so clearly see, but that we ourselves have not fully ourselves to bring.

A knowledgeable gardener understands that the best way to produce good fruit and a lot of it is through proper pruning. He knows that by cutting away certain branches you'll get light through to an area that you want to grow, and the light accelerates the growth. God cleans away some of the debris of the older branches that get in our way, accelerating that growth that He wants in us.

### Maintenance pruning

I read a manual that explains how to prune almost every thing. It outlines an important lesson. A good gardener develops a consistent pruning routine for the maintenance of his trees, shrubs and woody perennials. Maintenance pruning throughout the growing season keeps plants beautiful and productive. He says there is not a plant that cannot benefit from regular pruning, even if it is a complete removal of old blooms and thinning out plants kept in permanent shape (fall pruned) to persist and disease. Further, more plants kept shapely by fairly regular pruning bloom better, so do so severely pruned and then gradually drive for the year to get that it takes to recover.

Though it that need to be carefully with 1 Corinthians 11:31, 32. "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged, but when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord that we should not be condemned with the world." In other words that is, if we would judge ourselves, if we would judge ourselves, if we would take care of some of the extra things some of the pruning we need in our own lives. Then God would not have to do the severe pruning needed to get that stronger through shape the same as to judge.

In the manual on pruning I saw not to work blindly. Get firmly in mind what you want the finished product, the pruned shrub to look like... then begin to cut (Occasionally walk around the plant. A plant pruned only at the end of the year will serve for balance and discipline).

If we're going to do a certain amount of maintenance pruning as Paul admonishes in 1 Corinthians 11:31, we can begin by getting an overall view of shape from the Lord's Spirit. How do we are coming up with a spiritual maturity we need to exhibit and work on? We need to be able to develop one of these parts that branches that may be short.

Let a beautiful that God is the master pruner, the master gardener who is working with can do one of us, wherever we are. Prune my plant in God's Church or maybe a mature shrub that has been around for 10 or 20 years. God knows the end results that He wants. He knows the beautiful form and shape that He wants in our character in His Kingdom.

# China awakens — with a fury!

PASADENA — For the moment, all eyes are riveted on the Camp David summit conference between President Jimmy Carter, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, and Menachem Begin, prime minister of Israel. The outcome of their talks will undoubtedly determine whether

begin learning English — perhaps the most dynamic sign that China's days of self-isolation are over. The Chinese revolution is so thorough that Peking believes it or not, is considering a whole new politico-economic system. Chairman Hua and his advisers are seriously

over Tokyo's assistance.

The peace-and-friendship treaty that China signed with Japan on Aug. 12 — just days before Hua headed west into Europe — virtually guarantees Japanese growth in China's development. Reported the Aug. 18 Wall Street Journal. "The treaty causes first being a potentially great combination of China's 950 million people and resources with Japan's unparalleled manufacturing, technological and marketing energies."

Another news source, a private American newsletter, adds: "Add the vast Japanese scientific and industrial achievements to the important resources of China — its intelligent, industrious, ingenious people and its potential wealth in iron, oil, tungsten, coal and other valuable minerals — and there is the potential for a formidable merger of giants."

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## Worldwatch

BY GENE H. HOGBERG

There will soon be a round five of the Middle East struggle — with unaided consequences for the rest of the world. The western democracies linked to the region's pivotal oil supplies are watching the summit in anxiety.

China's pragmatic revolution. The Camp David convalescence, an open-ended affair with no predetermined concluding date, is not beginning. We'll have to wait a while before we can analyze the results, if any.

In the meantime it would be best to take note of the changes sweeping China — changes of a magnitude unbelieveable only two years ago when Mao Tse Tung, China's leader throughout its communist era, died. China's bold breakout of the 1960s, marked by philosophers who will have great bearing on prophecy — and perhaps even upon the Work of God in this age.

The new pragmatic leaders of the world's most populous country are determined to modernize China and make it a genuine world power by the year 2000. This enormous undertaking will require the expenditure of at least \$750 billion.

As one news analyst put it: "What we are witnessing is the beginning of a new era in world relationships. This will be the Chinese Era. It just began. Today China is a relatively poor, developing nation. In the next 10 to 20 years it will be a major world power."

On the diplomatic front, China is seeking new allies of any political color who can provide the help she needs to strengthen herself against the No. 1 foe, Soviet Russia. An evidence of this spirit is Chairman Hua Kuo-feng's billion trip to the Soviet Union's Baltic bay last two weeks ago.

Waves of Chinese students will soon descend upon universities in western Europe and the United States. Chinese delegations with long shopping lists are scurrying around the western world seeking everything from the most advanced weaponry.

### Downgrading Mao's thought

Change things about the Chinese are being told now to take the once venerated thought of Mao and the fabled Little Red Book. (Quoted from Chairman Hua's long) but seriously that Mao's thought merely represents a guide for life, not holy writ. Actually, it has been discovered that construction workers inspired by the prospects of cash bonuses — another new innovation — are doing their jobs faster than previously when they were updated only with the Thought of Mao.

In education and the arts the winds of change are blowing equally strong. Intellectual life is loosening up. Novelists are actually writing simple love stories once again instead of fixed ideological polemics. (The magazine Red Quills, sponsored by Hua and Mao, 1960s persecuted and even tortured China's poets and novelists.)

China's new leaders have even advanced another ambitious program. This autumn, all of the country's school children 10 and older will

considering adopting, with modifications, the Yugoslav self-management form of communism in order to improve worker efficiency.

### Japan the key

Our nation more than any other will be the key to China's bold new policy. Japan, in fact, it is highly unlikely Peking could succeed with-

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

I know and believe that we Christians do not go to heaven when we die, but I would still like to know why the Bible sometimes speaks of the Kingdom of Heaven instead of the Kingdom of God.

### Member, California

There is certainly no support for going to heaven in the sense you mentioned. Instead it is acceptable to the Jewish belief that the name of God, YHWH in Hebrew, was too holy to be pronounced. As a substitute for YHWH many used the word *hoshana* as being the less dignified of God's throne and the seat of His ruling conduct of the universe. In deference to the sensitivities of His hearers, Jesus presumably followed their custom, and Matthew at any rate did so in writing the gospel account which was designed most specifically for the Jewish population.

The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, page 54, gives an example of this Jewish practice. In 1 John chapter 4, God is referred to as *hoshana*, too, in a similar way as in Hebrew. e.g. It is not on the side of the army that victory is gained, but strength comes from Heaven (1 John 4:19). With this we may compare the way in which the Jewish writer Matthew has gospel constantly uses the phrase *kingdom of God* in the other gospels.

Your question that the Ten Commandments have to be kept by Christians. Also that they are still of help. But I can't see how it could apply to showing love to other's commandments. I can think of any number of hypothetical cases where it would be almost the worst thing possible to strictly obey, especially the Ninth and maybe the Seventh commandments.

### Member, California

The question of the law of God with love is not just one idea, but is an Old Testament biblical theme. Matthew 22:37-40. Jesus said to him: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your mind, and with all your strength, (Matthew 22:37) This is the first and first commandment. And the second is, 'Thou shalt love your neighbor' as yourself (Matthew 22:38). Obey the two commandments, hang [up] all the law and the prophets...

11 John 5:6 references... And now I beg you, lady, not as though I were writing you by new commandments, but the ones we have had from the beginning, that we love one another. And that love that we walk after (1 John 5:6) commandments.

Your question whether this is all ways true, is evidently reasoning that monodivine to the command in specific cases might spare someone some hurt that they would otherwise have to suffer. To accept this premise is to surrender to factually human reason. Because faithfully adhering to God's ways takes into consideration that a human being, even if someone may get hurt, or when and a little later be triggered by obedience to the commandment may spare someone much greater hurt later on. Obedience to the truest form of love.

Only God can know all the facts. Therefore He has laid down absolutes that will not have any room on unscriptural whims. Our obedience to His law is here because we care to be spiritual ourselves in living active, goodly faith.

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# The PLAIN TRUTH About HEALING

## Part 5

**Did God raise up the medical profession for our day? What is the God-intended BALANCE between relying on God and trusting in medicine?**

By Herbert W. Armstrong

**I**N THIS SERIES we began at the beginning. Some, it was explained, say God raised up the medical profession for our time. Some say they believe God *could* heal, but they don't know whether it's His will. *But what does GOD say?* To answer, we turned to the BIBLE.

Jesus came in person with a dual ministry. He went about the cities and villages in Judea and Galilee preaching the Good News of the coming Kingdom of God. But also He healed the sick among the public as He encountered them.

He trained His original apostles, and after His resurrection they continued in the same dual ministry. The Church of God was founded on the Day of Pentecost, A.D. 31.

But soon a fierce, violent and organized persecution set in. Immediately after A.D. 33 the Babylonian mystery religion appropriated the name *Christianity*, proclaimed a false Christ and by A.D. 59 the proclaiming of Christ's Gospel was **"SUPPRESSED"**. Another and counterfeit gospel was being accepted (Galatians 1:6-7).

Neither the KINGDOM message nor healing of the sick had any part in what from then became traditional Christianity. For 1,900 years the world had not heard Christ's Gospel message. It has been *devised* by false gospels about a false Jesus.

But both Christ's true Gospel message and miraculous healing have today been restored in God's true Church. Only today healings within the Church — not public healing of the sick encountered by God's apostle.

In Part 2 of this series, I stated that I could best bring this truth to the reader by relating my own personal experience in discovering this truth about healing.

It was very shortly after my conversion, baptism, and receiving God's Holy Spirit. This had occurred in the spring of 1927. In August of that same year I experienced a most miraculous healing of my wife from four fatal simultaneous diseases. I then knew God heals the sick, and thereupon I let the living Christ teach me from His written Word, the full scriptural understanding of this vital subject. Hundreds have since been healed from my presence.

Part 1 of this series covered the biblical revelation of God's truth from both Old and New Testaments. Part 4 covered FAITH.

What about medicine?

But now, what about medicine? Let's review briefly again the teaching of the apostle Paul in his instruction regarding the Passover to the Church at Corinth.

In regard to taking the bread — symbol of Christ's body beaten with stripes to pay for us the penalty for broken laws governing physical health, the inspired teaching is: "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily [the RSV translates it, "eateth and drinketh in an unworthy manner"] eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body" — that is, His body was broken or beaten with stripes, paying the penalty we suffer in sickness or disease. "That is why" (RSV) "many of you are weak and ill, and some have died" (1 Corinthians 11:29-30).

Some in the Church lacked the FAITH to BELIEVE. Christ paid for us the physical penalty of sickness, disease — or even the first death.

This is important UNDERSTAND the meaning of what was written here. Taking the broken unleavened bread means we ACCEPT Christ's beaten and broken body (prior to being taken to the cross) that we MAY BE HEALED. How does His broken body make our healing possible?

IT IS IMPORTANT that you UNDERSTAND the answer to this — because some have been falsely teaching there is no such thing as physical sin. 1 John 3:4, properly translated from the Greek, says, "Sin is the transgression of law." It does not refer to "or say" — the spiritual law of the Ten Commandments. Yet it is referring to LAWS INSTITUTED BY GOD — not transgressing man-made codes.

As made clear in Part 3, GOD formed the human body out of matter (Genesis 2:7). God so designed our physical bodies that their function according to definite PHYSICAL LAWS — the digestive system, the eliminative system and the circulatory system, for example, were designed to function together — and this functioning is a LAW OF NATURE — physical law. Eating improper food, neglecting elimination or polluting the lungs with tobacco smoke, prevent those laws from perfect functioning — definitely transgress laws that God set in motion and that operate in

the human body. This definitely IS TRANSGRESSED PHYSICAL LAW! It is a law GOD designed and set in motion. This TRANSGRESSION OF LAW, definitely, according to God's definition (1 John 3:4) is physical sin! It's penalty is sickness, disease or debility.

The RSV translates 1 John 3:4, "sin is lawlessness." — without regard to what law God instituted.

Now back to our important question — although it was made clear in Part 3: HOW does Christ's broken body make our healing possible? I answer with another question: How does Christ's shed blood — His DEATH — make possible the forgiveness of spiritual sin — transgression of the spiritual law — (the Ten Commandments) Simply by having PAID THE PENALTY IN OUR STEAD — THAT'S NOW! His beaten body paid in our stead the PENALTY we are suffering when the physical laws in the human body have been transgressed and have brought on the PENALTY of the sickness, disease or whatever — sometimes the first death!

To say there is no such thing as physical sin, as has been said by self-professing intellectuals, is NOT intellectual — it is rank STUPIDITY, IGNORANCE OF WILLFUL PERVERSION OF PLAIN, SIMPLE TRUTH!

Some lack the FAITH!

The important point here, however, is that some in the Church of God at Corinth did lack the faith to be healed — or else carelessly took the broken bread at Passover in an unworthy manner.

AND WHAT WAS THE RESULT? They were physically weak or sick or had died. THAT WAS THE PENALTY. They did not in faith accept Christ's broken body as payment of the penalty, which, if they had, would have been by a God-given miracle removed from them, and they should have been HEALED!

But now it is important that we note carefully that the RESULT of this lack of sufficient faith DID NOT DISFELLOWSHIP them from the Church! Disfellowshipment is the penalty for causing divisions and offenses (Romans 16:17-18). That is important!

If one in the Church of God today lacks the FAITH that he should have the penalty is NOT disfellowshipment. The penalty is that he still PAYS THE PENALTY in the form of sickness, disease or even death. He himself pays it!

That bad — when Christ already had paid it FOR HIM. But he should be *helped* to receive faith — not disfellowshipped.

The crackers-and-cheese diet

Back in 1927 or 1928, when I had only recently at the time learned God's truth about healing, I heard a most apt example of this.

We did not yet cross the Atlantic in airplanes in those days. A man was sailing to Europe in a trans-Atlantic steamship. He felt the meals aboard ship would be too expensive. So he packed in a suitcase a full supply of crackers and cheese. After three days' sailing, he was becoming truly fed up on crackers and cheese. A steward had noticed that this passenger never went into the ship's dining room and asked him about it.

"Oh, I can't afford to eat in there," replied the passenger. Then he learned that MEALS WERE INCLUDED — NO EXTRA CHARGE!

How many in God's Church today are on "crackers-and-cheese ration," when HEALING IS INCLUDED? JESUS CHRIST PAID FOR YOUR HEALING!

Why do YOU go on PAYING THE PENALTY or else paying the DOCTOR BILLS or probably BOTH, when Jesus Christ paid it all FOR YOU?

The weak in faith HELPED, not condemned!

Now notice the important teaching in Romans 14:

"Him that is weak in the faith receive ye" — do not condemn or disfellowship — "but not to doubtful disputations." Or, "not for disputes over opinions" (RSV).

Verses 2 (Romans 14), although one believes (has faith) to eat meats, another, weak in faith, eat only vegetables. But the very fact he has not yet received FULL FAITH from God does not bar him from God's Church. Rather this chapter in Romans teaches, RECEIVE HIM — HELP the weak in faith. The ministers should teach him more about the way to achieve more faith.

And so with the member of God's Church who has not as yet achieved FULL FAITH to BELIEVE GOD'S PROMISES for the physical healing. He should have that faith! He may pay himself the penalty of the sickness or disease if he lacks faith to believe Christ paid the penalty for him — to rely on GOD'S PROMISE to heal. So therefore, if a member has

not yet grown in the FAITH OF CHRIST to absolutely KNOW he can rely on God's PROMISE of healing — and if this member does call in the doctor or go to the medical profession for help, God's Church does not condemn him — but rather, God's ministers should encourage such a one to GROW in FAITH until he can rely on God instead of relying on MAN.

One more to the question, Did God raise up the medical profession for our day?

Remember, God sentenced Adam's world to being cut off from Him for the 6,000 years now almost ended. God said, in effect, "You, Adam, have made the choice for your human family. You have REJECTED me, GO, therefore, and form your own governments, your own religions, your own human concepts of the gods you will serve and worship — develop your own fund of knowledge." God, however, reserved the prerogative of calling to His service such comparative few as He should choose for some missions to which God called them.

To those whom God has called, He has revealed in His WORD to them that HE is *Yahweh-Rapha* — their HEALING GOD — the God who HEALS those who believe.

What is the medical profession?

What, then, is the medical profession? Remember it is only one of several of the so-called healing arts DEVELOPED by MAN. My parents, when I was a young boy, used a homeopath doctor. There are osteopaths — although they now also practice medicine and are accepted by the medical profession. There are chiropractors — and I personally knew the founder of chiropractic, B. J. Palmer of Davenport, Iowa.

But the medical fraternity is by far the largest in number. They have allotted a very huge sum of money to operate a LOBBY in Washington, D.C., to influence government legislation. The medical profession has become so powerful that an MD could quarantine even the President of the United States and enforce his virtual imprisonment in the White House. In such an instance, the medical profession has even MORE POWER than the President of the United States!

It is well to UNDERSTAND this! The medical profession has the GOVERNMENT on their side!

A well-meaning, Bible-believing man and wife (not members of the Worldwide Church of God) had an 11-year-old son with diabetes. They had been administering insulin as prescribed by medical

# "And this Gospel shall be preached..."

Matthew 24:14

## Sermon Summaries from Ministers of the Worldwide Church of God

### The Good Samaritan

If you combine all of God's laws (as Christ did), all of God's laws and prophets come to two great principles — love toward God and love toward your neighbor. But there's a problem. If you don't know who your neighbor is, how can you love him?

Reading in Matthew 22:37 a lawyer came to Christ, and he said, "Which is the greatest commandment?" And Christ answered, "You shall love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind — this is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

#### Who is your neighbor?

We take it for granted that we know who our neighbor is. But there have been times when people didn't quite know. It seems some of us in the Church of God don't know either.

Interestingly enough, the first part — love toward God — is misunderstood by humans as a whole because man doesn't know God. How can you love someone you don't know? The Church of God should know who God is, so perhaps we can love God more than someone in the world. But it seems some in the world know who their neighbors are better than we do.

I want to show you who your neighbor is. 1 John 4:20-21 in effect says, "If you don't love your neighbor, you cannot love God — for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he hasn't seen? And this commandment we have from Him, that he who loves God should love his brother also."

Now of course you say, "Well, you're talking about a brother, not a neighbor." But you see, there's our problem. Oftentimes we think only our brother is our neighbor. We don't realize that people in the world — others, strangers, enemies — are also our neighbors. We should have toward them the same attitude that we have toward our brothers.

Some of us do things to help someone only when asked to, not spontaneously as a Christian should. Why? Because we pretend sometimes (just as I'm going to show you now) not to know who the neighbor is.

Throughout my ministry I've had people ask the question not to understand but in hopes of justifying their not doing whatever it is they don't want to do. Would you believe a lawyer who knows the law would do the same thing in asking Christ the question, "Who is my neighbor?"

Lawyers always have good questions, but they sometimes pretend they don't understand. So in Luke 10:25 another lawyer came to Christ. He wanted to put Christ to the test, so he said, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

Put yourself in the lawyer's mind. Now this man knows the law. He also knows that he's talking to a master — he calls Him master or teacher — he says, "What shall I do? You tell me, I'll do it."

So Christ answered him, "Well, after all, you're a lawyer. What does the Book say?"

The man showed his knowledge, he said (verse 27). "Well, it's written, You shall love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." Christ liked the answer. Christ said, "You have it right — perfect."

But the second problem is in verse 29. "But he, desiring to justify himself — He knew the law, but he didn't want to love his neighbor, so he said, 'I just don't know who my neighbor is. How can I love him?' Good old human nature, pretending.

Now if you were Christ, how would you have an-

swered him? Don't forget people then had their racial problems just as we have today, their own laws and religions. The Jews only considered their own people to be neighbors. So Christ began to give a parable, which you have heard hundreds of times.

#### The Samaritan's neighbor

Verse 30: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed leaving him half dead." Now what would you, a Christian, do if you came along and saw this man?

Verse 31: "Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him — look what it says — 'he passed by on the other side.'" Now why did he do that? Would you say he pretended not to see him? Possibly. Would you say that maybe he was busy? Possibly.

You might say, "Well, maybe he said a short prayer in his mind." Maybe he did. What good is that? There's a man there dying, and you say, "Well, God, take care of him, would you? I'm quite busy right now!" And you just go by!

Verse 32: "So likewise a Levite . . ." He also is supposed to be a man of religion. He should know the Old Testament and how to "love your neighbor as yourself." Did he say a prayer in his mind, too, as he passed by? Sometimes we act this way in the Church; we'll let someone else do certain things.

Verse 33: "But a Samaritan as he journeyed came to where he was." Now, from a historical point of view, the Samaritans and the Jews were enemies. The Jews dislike the Samaritans because the Samaritans were of a slightly different race and certainly not pure Israelites. They even considered their hybrid religion to be worse than paganism. Samaritans and Jews didn't talk or have any relationship with each other. But here's a man who has enough courage, he stops. Why? "Because he had compassion" (verse 33).

When you have compassion, action follows. Verse 34: The Samaritan "went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own beast and brought him to the inn and took care of him."

This Samaritan was not ignorant, he knew how to take care of the injured. He must have been busy. But he stopped whatever he was busy doing, because to him the half-dead man was much more important.

He stayed at the inn with the person, took care of him all night. Afterward he gave money to the innkeeper, "Take care of him and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." Fantastic!

Christ said (verse 36), "Which of these three do you think proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" Of course the lawyer could give no other answer than a grudging "The one who showed mercy."

And Christ said, "Go and do likewise." As you can see, only a stranger — one outside the true religion — knew how to love his neighbor as himself.

Could you or I be guilty of priest or Levite reasoning in our activities? Do we sometimes just pray about someone who is in need when actually we can do something for him? We should pray. But sometimes we can do much more. After you pray, if there is something else you can do, you better do it.

Proverbs 3:28 shows the same principle: "Do not say to your neighbor, Go and come again, tomorrow I

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will give it — when you have it with you."

#### Living the Golden Rule

Actually it is much harder to love our neighbor as ourselves than to love God. It takes much more conversion because sometimes that neighbor hates you, is your enemy, maybe doesn't deserve it.

In Isaiah 58:6-7, God says, "Look, what do I care about your fasting if you don't have the right attitude? What does He care about your praying if you don't do what lies in your power? But what does God want? 'Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, to bring the homeless, poor, into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?'"

How often in the Church when you have heard from the pulpit that there is a need for something or someone have you actually volunteered?

Church people used to say, "Well, you only have to love the brethren, no one else." It was, of course, misunderstanding, but we had the attitude of looking down upon people in the world. Our love toward our neighbor was limited. I hope we know better today.

Christ says, "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them" (Luke 6:32). He's putting us right on the same level as sinners. That's an awfully strong statement to us.

"And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you?" (verse 34). The good Samaritan had no idea who the man was. He had no expectation the man would ever repay. "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return" (verse 35).

You might add, expecting evil in return sometimes, but help even if evil is returned for your good. He concludes, "[then] your reward will be great."

In Luke 14:12 Christ explains another principle: "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid." There's nothing wrong with having your friends. What's wrong is the last part — "lest they invite you in return." Invite because you want to help — that's a different story.

"So He says in verses 13 and 14: 'But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.'"

So when you find someone who needs help, who cannot help you back, you know who your neighbor is.

#### Looking at the outside

Now let me tell you an old European story about a Turkish priest named Hoja, who must have been a philosopher. One day he is invited to a banquet, and he goes, but he wants to see if people like him or like him for what he is. So he goes with very poor clothing, unannounced. And people look at him. No one talks to him and finally they push him into one corner. He says: "I see now they don't like me. They like greatness, they like power."

So he goes out, changes his clothes, gets a big fur coat and comes in again. They all look at him and they say, "Oh, sir, please come in." They give him the place of honor, then begin serving him. Do you know what he does? He takes his fur coat off; he says to it: "Eat. That food is for you, not for me. I came, nobody even paid attention to me. Buy you, fur coat, because of you I'm being served. You deserve it, I don't deserve it."

James 2 shows the same example: "My brethren, (See GOOD SAMARITAN, page 8)

# Director discusses '78 Festival

**BIG SANDY, Tex.** — The Feast of Tabernacles is important to you and your family.

Tabernacles is the highlight of church activities for the entire year! It is the opportunity for Herbert W. Armstrong and leading ministers to address, inform and inspire all of us concerning the Work, its goals, aspirations, direction and our participation in the most important activity on earth. It is a week long experience representing the wonderful world tomorrow, the restitution of all things, the time of world peace, prosperity, happiness and salvation eventually available to all mankind!

This year has been better than ever through our planning for those months we have in fact ended up with five as a result of the disaster to our convention center at Mount Pecora, Va., and the assumption of the Square Valley (All.) Blythe Arena by the United States Olympic Committee.

The Festival Office immediately following one Feast of Tabernacles begins to prepare for the next. After receiving reports from each Festival coordinator, we begin to plan the changes and adjustments necessary to make the next year's festival even better. This involves site selection (vital because of the impact of the environs on the Festival) and its finances, delicate negotiations with each chamber of commerce, city fathers and in some cases state officials, securing and negotiating housing contracts for 75,000 people, preparing an all new brochure for each festival site including feature stories, advertising, listings of museums, restaurants, historic sites, national parks, maps, etc., much communication to members, ministers, chambers of commerce, city officials and others involved in preparing for this mass meeting; and working with the Festival site coordinators to make the time arrangements for the eight-day Festival itself.

The Worldwide Church of God

*This article was written by Sherwin M. Michael, the Work's Festival Department director.*

Feast of Tabernacles is now the largest annual convention on earth and requires the assistance of virtually every department in the Work, every minister, his local congregation and each member family if it is to be successful.

### Support appreciated

Brethren, thank you for your wholehearted support of the Festival this past year! It takes a combined effort on all our parts if the Feast of Tabernacles is to be a success from year to year. We have noticed a renewing of support for the administration of the Festival through the Festival Office over the past two years. We appreciate the many letters you have sent us regarding your impressions of past Festivals, suggestions for improvement and gratitude as a result of your own personal experiences at the Feast.

Not only have we received many letters of this kind, but have been thankful to see the financial support through title of the title for the first time in five years! We have made every effort to improve our services in the Festival Office so try to be deserving of this financial support. We look at title of the title as a sort of trust fund sent to us by member families to provide services for them that they could not provide as well for themselves. These services include site selection, auditorium contract payments, negotiations with chambers of commerce, local and state officials, production of the brochure, distribution of financial support for the other Festivals during the year, assistance to international sites, procurement and distribution of Festival housing, distribution of assistance to needy members, development of a strong speaking

schedule at each site and many other attendant responsibilities including the administration of the Festival at 10 sites across the United States.

Again, brethren, thank you for the enthusiastic financial support — up to 1 percent this fiscal year over the previous similar period. Our latest reports show this increased support is continuing into the autumn as well.

Also, thank you for returning your Festival applications so promptly. Due to the several complications in the Work last spring, our mailing schedule was set back over a full month. We are sorry for that as it may not have given each family as long a period of time to consider their application before returning it this year.

### Speaking schedules considered

In recent meetings with Mr. Armstrong and Wayne Cole, the speaking schedule for the coming Festival has been an important topic of discussion. As you know, Mr. Armstrong is now personally involved in every facet of the Work. Concerning the speaking schedule, he has set the basic outline of what he feels needs to be covered at the Festival, will be involved in the preliminary development of the speaking schedule.

and will ultimately make the final decision concerning this year's selection of speakers.

Again this year, Mr. Armstrong wants several of the evangelists and other ministers to travel between sites for the opening and closing sermons.

In addition, this year we plan to schedule a Bible study one evening at each site. We pioneered the program last year and found the demand so great for indepth studies that they are now a part of our regular schedule. These programs will not replace a regular service, but will be a second service on the schedule that day. Please watch for the announcement of the Bible study — everyone is invited!

### Mr. Armstrong's schedule

On the Sabbath of July 22, Mr. Armstrong videotaped a complete Festival sermon for the first annual Sabbath and a shorter keynote address for the opening session the previous evening. These two messages will be transferred from the videotape to 16 mm film for showing at each site. It will not be quite the same as his usual visit at the Festival, but will enable everyone to receive the specific message he felt necessary — and in living color. These two programs are being made available to the international sites as well.

In addition to this, Mr. Armstrong

is presently planning to visit three of the sites in person. To avoid the possibility of encountering inclement weather late in the autumn, these will be southern sites. Mr. Armstrong's schedule for this year will include St. Petersburg, Fla.; Tucson, Ariz.; and Big Sandy.

### Impact of the Feast

The impact of the Feast on the Church and the community is tremendous. In the first place, there is nothing to compare with it in the cities in which we are meeting. Not only is its combined attendance the largest annual convention on earth, but in most cities it is the most significant single influx of people all year long!

Following the Feast of Tabernacles, city officials (some state officials too), businessmen and residents have had returned to them the identity of the Worldwide Church of God and what it stands for through the lives of thousands of members.

This year fully one half of all U.S. Festival sites — Savannah, Ga.; Norfolk, Va.; Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; Fresno, Calif.; and Seattle, Wash. — are brand new. People in these cities, undoubtedly familiar with Mr. Armstrong, the Work, and the broader Christian scene, are now in the process of becoming acquainted with the Worldwide Church of God through

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**FEAST TIME** — Herbert W. Armstrong greets a longtime member, Mrs. Eddie Eckert at the Tucson, Ariz. site during the 1976 Feast, left, and addresses Feastgoers in Big Sandy, Tex. Mr. Armstrong plans to speak at three sites this year and will be seen at each site on 16 mm film. (Photos by Klaus Rother and Scott Moss)

## Good Samaritan

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show no partiality as you hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man with gold rings and in fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, 'Stand here or sit at my feet, have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?'

'Listen, my beloved brethren, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith? Suppose God had chosen us because we had fine coats, because we were rich, because we were intelligent. I'm sure that most of us would not be here. God looks at the inside. But we tend to look at the outside rather than on the heart.'

'But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you, is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the honorable name, which was invoked over you? You see, the more you have this type of wealth, the more you find that type of attitude rather than the one who really is close to God.'

### 'As you love yourself'

'Your neighbor is anyone who is in need of help. And Christ says you have to love him as you love yourself. Which means what? It means you have to go all the way as though you were the one in need.'

The Old Testament principles are still true. Leviticus 19:13-15 for example: 'You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him.' That includes paying the full amount of whatever you owe him. 'The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning.'

'You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling

block before the blind.' This is loving your neighbor in its simplest form, doing unto others as you would have them do unto you.

'You shall do no injustice in judgments.' If you have to decide something, don't be a respecter of persons. 'You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.'

That's Old Testament? No, it's very much New Testament. But so far, it's easy — a passive religion. What makes it difficult is that you are to love your enemy, and you are to love him as much as you love yourself.

How can you do that? Romans 12 can show us. Verse 14: 'Bless those who persecute you.' If someone says something bad to you or about you — what do you answer back? Well, answer something nice. Don't return evil for evil.

Verse 15: 'Rejoice with those who rejoice.' That is, participate. If someone has problems, sit down with him, help him. If need be, weep with those who weep. Love is something of which you can never have less by giving more.

Christ says be a light (Matthew 5:16). That means that you are to be a neighbor. To help someone, to encourage someone, to give him hope, to set him an example, to cause him to turn to God.

'Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble... live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, Vengeance is mine. I will repay.' The moment you begin to want to get even, you don't love your neighbor as yourself. You don't even know who your neighbor is.

### No longer unprofitable servants

Now let's see another hard statement: Peter came and said (Matthew 18:21-22): 'Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Christ said to him, 'I do not say to you

seven times, but seventy times seven.' If you have this attitude where there is no limit on forgiving, you're bound to be having love.

Because Christ forgave and kept on loving, He gave His life. And even as they were killing, torturing, mocking, making fun, Christ was on the cross: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.' (Luke 23:34)

Stephen, as he was being stoned to death, prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' (Acts 7:59-60) Would you honestly have this thought if you were being stoned? Do you realize that unless you would, you won't make the Kingdom of God?

When Christ comes in His glory to separate His sheep from the goats, He will say to those on His right, 'Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom.'

There's a reward based on the very story of the good Samaritan, believe it or not: 'I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' (Matthew 25:34-36)

The interesting part is that His hearers have no idea what He is talking about. They never saw Christ hungry, naked or thirsty.

Then He will tell all the goats, 'Depart from me... because I was hungry and naked... and thirsty... And they will say the same thing, 'We never saw you that way.' No, but they saw their neighbor that way and turned away.

Your neighbor is anyone who is in need at any time. And you are supposed to give him help. But it's still not sufficient until you go over and above like the good Samaritan did.

So look what Christ says to you and to me, Luke 17:10, 'So you also, when you have done all that is commanded of you, say, We are unworthy servants, we have only done what was our duty.'

# The Plain Truth About HEALING

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doctors. Then a "divine healer" came along. I know nothing of the credibility of this healer except what I read in the newspapers — he certainly was not a minister of the Worldwide Church of God.

This "divine healer" anointed and prayed for the lad, and the parents took him off the insulin. The parents, according to news dispatches, were staunch in faith — but after removing the insulin the boy died. The parents were arrested and taken to jail, charged with manslaughter. I did not learn of the final legal disposition of this case in the courts.

I cite this, however, as a PRECAUTION! I might mention, too, that insulin is not a drug or medicine, but a substance or hormone that the human body should normally generate. Medical doctors prescribe insulin in cases where the body is not of itself generating this substance.

In the case of the illness of a child, God does heal — but remember Jesus said, "According to your FAITH it is unto you." If faith is lacking — or if in any case the child dies, the parents certainly run the risk of criminal prosecution if they have failed to call in a doctor.

In the case history described above, I do not know all the facts. Press reports indicated the parents had "supreme faith." But was the healer a fake or a self-appointed healer uncalled and unused by God?

Again, God says, "And what soever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:22). The press stories on this case would indicate that the parents were not "commandment keepers." But, on the other hand, God says, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). If the parents had not known the commandment to keep God's Commandments, God would not have held this ignorance against them. Also it is a question in the case of administering insulin — as to whether it was possibly not right in God's sight that it be supplied — since instead of being a drug, it was a substance supplying what the

body itself normally should generate and supply.

I do not judge, in such a case as I have mentioned — because I do not know all the facts — MERELY CAUTION THE READER — If a sick child dies, and a doctor has not been called, the parents may find themselves in trouble with the law!

### What is God's will?

God's Church does not judge or condemn those who, through lack of faith, utilize the services of the medical profession. God's Church merely says to you, HEALING IS INCLUDED — Christ already has PAID FOR IT — it is a promise of God (with conditions of obedience and faith) and it is ONE of God's BENEFITS that is INCLUDED in the gift of His grace!

Speaking of God's BENEFITS reminds me of a case in point. I had been called to the bedside of an elderly lady for anointing and prayer for healing.

"If I anoint you and pray for God to heal you, will you believe you will be sure that you will be healed?" I merely wanted assurance that she BELIEVED GOD.

"Well," she replied, "I know God can heal me — if it's His will — but I can't be sure of His will."

"Well," I responded, "it's too bad that you don't know whether it is God's will to forgive all your sins so you might be saved."

"Oh, I know it's His will to forgive my sins and give me salvation," she hastened to reply.

"Oh yes," I continued, "you know you can rely on God's promise in Psalms 103 — which I will read: 'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities...' You really know His will from that scripture, do you?"

"Yes, I can rely on that promise with no doubts what ever."

"Well," I pursued, "will you read, with your own eyes the rest of that SAME SENTENCE?"

"I happened to hear my Bible opened to Psalm 103 verse 1, and she read aloud, 'Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases.'"

"How does it come," I asked

with a smile, "that you really believe the first half of that verse, but not the last half?"

"Well, I guess," she said, "I just never noticed that God's promise to HEAL is given right alongside His promise of forgiving sin."

The woman then believed. She was healed.

### One of God's benefits

Notice, HEALING is one of the BENEFITS God gives us along with salvation. Like the meals on the steamship, it is INCLUDED — no extra charge. Jesus already PAID FOR IT! And God wants His people to learn to rely on Him!

One intellectual writing on healing said, "It is quite evident that God is not healing today in the same manner or to the same degree that He did in early New Testament times."

That intellectual is simply IGNORANT of the Word of God, the promises of God, the power and the will of God! He had had no experience in healing. He was studying the subject carnally and rationally, as a scholar — as one, like Job, who said, "Therefore have I uttered that I understood not, things too wonderful for me, which I knew not."

For he heard of thee by the hearing of the ear... but Job had not yet come to really know God (Job 42:3, 5). But when God revealed Himself to Job, he said, "I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:6).

This same scholarly and erroneous teaching continued, "It is equally evident that the physiological and medical expertise of the end of the 20th century is far advanced over that of the middle of the first century."

The above was sent out to ministers, UNAUTHORIZED, in an attempt craftily influenced and inspired by Satan, to DO AWAY WITH THE BASIC TRUTHS JESUS CHRIST HAD PLACED IN GOD'S CHURCH! It was sent out with the UNAUTHORIZED statement that this erroneous teaching was NOT PREACHED — and, that it superseded — past teachings and earlier understandings which Jesus Christ, the LIVING HEAD of God's Church, had, through His apostles, made the VERY FUNDAMENTAL TEACHINGS of CHRIST IN GOD'S CHURCH!

It is part of a whole new, erroneous and corrupt teaching encouraging faith in MEN and doubt in God (Romans 14:23) — subtly prepared and distributed to ministers without the knowledge of Christ's apostle — though it was falsely represented to have had his approval. The one responsible for this entire comprehensive effort to replace CHRIST and GOD'S TRUTH with carnal pedantic scholarship and FALSE TEACHING has been excommunicated — and this entire UNAUTHORIZED teaching made null and void BY JESUS CHRIST through His apostle!

GOD is still on His throne and Jesus Christ is there with Him — and THEY will not leave nor forsake the true CHURCH of GOD!

As shown by the quote above, the entire APPROACH to this false teaching was the secular, carnal concept that perhaps God, like the profane emeritus, may have once done splendid things, but now has grown old, senile and lost His power. Poor God!

### God is the same!

But God tells me He is the SAME... yesterday, today and forever! He is today the SAME GOD, with the same power He had in the first century — and has had eternally.

Today Christ does not lead His apostle or any in God's Church to heal indiscriminately the sick encountered among the general public — as Jesus did, and the first apostles did until superseded by worldly powers.

The great commission and ministry for God's Church today is in Jesus' prophecy concerning it in Matthew 24:14. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then

shall the end come." (of this age). The proclamation worldwide of Christ's KINGDOM message was the sign Jesus gave by which we might know when the end of the present world was imminent. But HE SAID NOTHING ABOUT HEALING GOING OUT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC!

Rather, what do we find in the New Testament is in James 5:14-15. "Is any sick among you?" That is, among you brethren in God's Church. "Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." — meaning "by AUTHORITY OF —" the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

### God's will expressed

This carnal scholarly theology project attempts to refute this plain Word of God promise of healing in God's Church. With the very cunning inspired by Satan, this comment is made to cause DOUBT in the definite WORD OF GOD. "Although this one statement appears to be written without qualification, the condition 'if it be God's will' was no doubt tacitly understood."

On reading that, I was absolutely flabbergasted! NOW HERE IN THE BIBLE DOES GOD SAY, "If it be God's will." This is the verse, along with many others I have given you, EXPRESSING God's will!

Notice that shy, subtle IF. That is SATANIC! When Satan was trying to overthrow Jesus Christ in His great temptation attempt... after Jesus had fasted 40 days... (See HEALING, page 13).

# The PLAIN TRUTH

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# 'La Pura Verdad'

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the Spanish area centers in Mexico where the Work has an office in Mexico City. A recent 21 day trip by Bob Flores Jr. throughout northern Mexico reached 81 people.

According to Mr. Dickinson Mexico is now going to be in my opinion the strongest nation of all the Spanish speaking nations economically and every other way. As it grows we feel it will become more or less the springboard (mainly to us) out to us in some of the other areas.

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four major Bible studies along with church and office in Bogota, Colombia. In the Spanish Department of Colombia has given an excellent response to the Work's program.

Venezuela and Central America follow in order of activity with the response now coming from Brazil. Besides the Mexico City and Bogota offices the Spanish Department manages an office in Puerto Rico to serve Spanish speaking people in the Caribbean.

### 'La Pura Verdad'

The main vehicle for the Spanish Work is La Pura Verdad, the Spanish version of The Plain Truth. The total number of copies containing the 45,000 copies going to newsstand distribution stands at 93,133 representing readers in 82 countries of all ages.

The largest portion of the magazine (nearly 30,000) goes to Mexico. Colombia follows with some 24,000 subscribers and the United States with 11,500. The remaining subscribers are scattered throughout a large portion of the world inhabited by 150 million Spanish speaking people.

Spanish speaking brethren will be going to one of six Tracts of Tabernacles this year according to Mr. Dickinson.

Mexican brethren joined by American brethren will hold the Festival in Oaxaca; about 45 miles outside of Mexico City. Other spots: Bogota, Colombia; Caracas, Venezuela; Algeciras, Lima Peru; La Jiradita, El Salvador, and Puerto Príncipe, Cuba.

# '78 Festival

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out this year through the impact of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Residents city officials - anyone listening to the broadcast or watching the telecast - must initially view the program with a critical eye thinking it is just another media religion. However, when they see a church

members, Church families living in their communities for eight days in the autumn and associate that with the Feast of Tabernacles, suddenly the Church takes on an entirely different image and meaning.

However, this Festival occurs only once each year. And for us to properly keep this Festival, we must encourage others in our congregations to prepare to participate in the best Feast ever.

To remember that a part of our witness to the world lies in our personal conduct at each Festival site.

### The best ever?

We can do our part in the Festival Office hopefully improving from year to year, but in reality isn't success dependent on the attitude of those attending? In other words, if this Feast is to be successful, it is the responsibility of each parent to pre-

pare his/her family spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically to participate successfully. It is our responsibility as members to focus on the future - receive any sagging spirits, rally each other for the week and times ahead - and rest in our loyalty toward and support of Mt. Armstrong as the human leader Christ has provided.

Let's point toward the Feast of Tabernacles, 1978! If this Feast is to

be successful for every member, now is the time to prepare for it. Get into the spirit of the Feast of Tabernacles and develop a Feast attitude.

Now is the time to open the Feast to your family, to visit across, provide the obligatory attendance, biblically and properly yourselves to attend enthusiastically with the excitement and expectancy due the most wonderful God ordained family occasion of the entire year!

## 'THE WORLD TOMORROW' RADIO AND TV LOGS

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#### ALABAMA

WYDE, Birmingham - 850 7 p.m. Mon-Fri 10:30 a.m. Sun.

#### ARIZONA

KPMB-FM, Tucson - 99.5 6 p.m. Mon-Fri.  
KJXL, Tucson - 540 9:35 a.m. Sun.  
KYUC, Tucson - 1400 1 p.m. Mon-Fri.

#### CALIFORNIA

KNS, Eureka - 980 11 p.m. Mon-Fri.  
KQAE, Eugene - 840 5 a.m. Mon-Fri 8 a.m. Sun.  
KREY, Glendale - 870 8:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.  
KCBS-FM, Ingle - 103.1 8:30 a.m. Mon-Fri Sun.  
KLAC, Los Angeles - 870 11 p.m. Mon-Fri 7 a.m. Sun.  
KQAB-FM, Oxnard-Ventura - 95.3 8:30 a.m. Mon-Fri 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
KQUT, Palm Desert - 1270 6:15 a.m. Sun.  
KPMH, Sacramento - 1530 11:08 p.m. Mon-Fri 9:30 p.m. Sun.  
KTOA, Berkeley - 1360 11 p.m. Mon-Fri.  
KCRK, San Bernardino - 1360 12:30 p.m. Mon-Fri Sun.  
KQD, San Bernardino - 1240 10:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.  
KEME, San Diego - 780 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.  
KNSR, San Francisco - 630 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 11 p.m. Sun.  
KUNA-FM, San Luis Obispo - 88.1 8:30 a.m. Mon-Fri.

#### CONNECTICUT

WVCO, Hartford - 910 8:25 a.m. Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. Sun.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WFO, Washington - 880 8 a.m. Sun.  
WTOP, Washington - 1500 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.

#### FLORIDA

WJPE, Jacksonville - 890 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
WCRB, Jacksonville - 1080 12:30 p.m. Mon-Fri Sun.  
WFL, Miami - 940 12:05 a.m. Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
WOOD, Miami - 810 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.  
WKB, Orlando - 740 7:30 a.m. Sun.

#### GEORGIA

WFLQ, Atlanta - 600 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. Sun.

#### HAWAII

KRON, Honolulu - 790 8 p.m. Mon-Fri.

#### IDAHO

KDA, Dec. 1978 - 940 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
KREL, Waterloo - 1640 11:48 p.m. Mon-Fri.

#### ILLINOIS

WTFC-FM, Champaign - 103.8 8 a.m. Sat.  
WMAQ, Chicago - 870 5 a.m. Mon-Fri 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Sun.  
WMBD, Peoria - 1470 10:20 p.m. Mon-Fri, 10:28 a.m. Sun.

#### KANSAS

WWW, Topeka - 880 5 a.m. Mon-Fri.

#### KENTUCKY

WHAS, Louisville - 840 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.  
WFLD, Louisville - 1080 8:30 a.m. Sun.

#### LOUISIANA

WBOO, New Orleans - 1280 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. Sun.

#### MARYLAND

WFOC-FM, Baltimore - 83.1 8 a.m. Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. Sun.

#### MASSACHUSETTS

WTE, Boston - 1510 8 a.m. Mon-Fri 7 a.m. Sun.  
WFTS, Springfield - 1270 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. Sun.

#### MICHIGAN

WDEE, Detroit - 1500 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
WTRF, Flint - 1330 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 7 a.m. Sun.

#### MINNESOTA

KTCR-FM, Minneapolis - 87.1 8 a.m. Mon-Fri.

#### MISSOURI

KMBZ, Kansas City - 880 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 10:30 p.m. Sun.  
KRLD, St. Louis - 1480 8 a.m. Mon-Fri 8 a.m. Sun.

#### NEBRASKA

KRN, Kearney - 1480 10 a.m. Sun.

#### NEW MEXICO

KOB, Albuquerque - 770 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.  
KCBQ, Roswell - 1020 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 8 a.m. Sun.

#### NEW YORK

WBN, Buffalo - 930 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
WOR, New York - 710 10:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Sun.  
WJAM, Rochester - 1180 11 p.m. Mon-Fri Sun.

#### NORTH CAROLINA

WVNC, Asheville - 870 11 p.m. Mon-Fri.  
WBT, Charlotte - 1110 9 a.m. Sun.  
WOC, Charlotte - 930 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.  
WNCI, Greenville - 1070 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 10:30 a.m. Sun.

#### OHIO

WBLR, Akron - 1390 10:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 9:30 p.m. Sun.  
WCRY, Cincinnati - 1530 11:30 p.m. Mon and Sat 8:15 p.m. Sun.  
WBBG, Cleveland - 1260 11 p.m. Mon-Fri 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
WVAM, Columbus - 820 5:15 a.m. Mon-Fri.  
WORE, Dayton - 880 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.

#### OKLAHOMA

KYOK, Oklahoma City - 1000 8 a.m. Mon-Fri.  
KVOO, Tulsa - 1170 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 10:30 a.m. Sun.  
KFTL, Tulsa - 1300 9:30 a.m. Sun.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

WHP, Harrisburg - 580 9:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.  
WBSB, Harrisburg - 910 9 a.m. Sun.  
WFOF, Philadelphia - 1640 8 a.m. Mon-Fri 11 a.m. Sun.  
KQY, Pittsburgh - 1410 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 7 a.m. Sun.  
WOOH, Scranton - 88.7 7 p.m. Sun.  
WAAW, State College - 880 7 a.m. Sun.

#### RHODE ISLAND

WRIW, Providence - 790 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.

#### TENNESSEE

WJAX, Knoxville - 820 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

WKBC, Charleston - 1300 1:15 p.m. Sun.  
WSPA, Spartanburg - 950 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. Sun.

#### TENNESSEE

WDEF, Chattanooga - 1370 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 10:30 p.m. Sun.  
WMPY, Memphis - 880 8 p.m. Sun.  
WREC, Memphis - 800 11:08 p.m. Mon-Fri.

#### TEXAS

KRDL, Dallas - 1080 11:30 p.m. Mon and Sun.  
KPRC, Houston - 950 10:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 10:30 p.m. Sun.  
KXVA, Houston - 1280 Sun.  
KTLU, Rock - 1580 10 a.m. Sun.  
WQAF, San Antonio - 1200 10:15 p.m. Mon-Fri 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sun.

#### UTAH

KSL, Salt Lake City - 1180 11:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 5:30 a.m. Sun.

#### VIRGINIA

WCPK, Charlottesville - 1800 12:30 p.m. Sun-Fri.  
WHNE, Norfolk - 1300 5:30 a.m. Mon-Fri.  
WZM, Norfolk - 1110 8 a.m. Sun.  
WVVA, Richmond - 1140 11:09 p.m. Mon-Fri 10 p.m. Sat and Sun.

#### WASHINGTON

KORL, Auburn - 89 12 p.m. Sun.  
KAYO, Seattle - 1180 9:30 a.m. Sun-Fri.

#### WEST VIRGINIA

WCAW, Charleston - 880 5:30 a.m. Mon-Fri 10 a.m. Sun.  
WSES, Huntington - 800 4:30 a.m. Mon-Fri.  
WKSE-FM, Huntington - 100.5 5:30 a.m. Mon-Fri.  
WVVA, Wheeling - 1170 5:30 a.m. Mon-Fri 10:30 a.m. Sun.

#### WYOMING

KIWO, Casper - 1030 9:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 8 p.m. Sun.  
KYNL, Wheatland - 1340 9:30 a.m. Sun.

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#### ALABAMA

WAPL, Birmingham - 13.7 a.m. Sun.

#### ARIZONA

KBUN, Tucson - 9 10 a.m. Sun.

#### ARKANSAS

KARK, Little Rock - 4 10 a.m. Sun.

#### CALIFORNIA

KMJ, Fresno - 24 7 a.m. Sun.  
KTVY, Los Angeles - 11 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
KTVU, Oakland - 2 10:30 a.m. Sat.  
KQVR, Oakland - 13 11 a.m. Sun.

#### COLORADO

KRTV, Colorado Springs - 11 8:30 a.m. Sun.

#### CONNECTICUT

WATR, Hartford - 20 10:30 a.m. Sun.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WTTB, Washington - 6.7 a.m. Sun.

#### FLORIDA

WFLD, Fort Lauderdale - 61 10:30 a.m. Sun.

#### ILLINOIS

WCRH, Chicago - 26 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
WFLD, Chicago - 32 7:30 a.m. Sat.  
WRAU, Peoria - 18 10:30 a.m. Sun.

#### INDIANA

WJZO, Fort Wayne - 33 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
WISH, Indianapolis - 8 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
WTTB, South Bend - 22 10 a.m. Sun.

#### KANSAS

KOLB, Garden City - 11 4:30 p.m. Sun.  
KABD, Wichita - 3 4:30 p.m. Sun.

#### KENTUCKY

WLEX, Lexington - 18 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
WLKY, Louisville - 32 9:30 a.m. Sun.

#### LOUISIANA

WAFB, Baton Rouge - 9 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
WWL, New Orleans - 4.7 a.m. Sun.  
KTBS, Shreveport - 3 9 a.m. Sun.

#### MAINE

WGAN, Portland - 13 8:30 a.m. Sun.

#### MARYLAND

WFFP, Baltimore - 46 12 p.m. Sun.

#### MASSACHUSETTS

WVVA, Springfield - 40 9 a.m. Sun.

#### MICHIGAN

WUHQ, Battle Creek - 41 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
WJON, Detroit - 20 10:30 a.m. Sun.  
WJRT, Flint - 12 8 a.m. Sun.

#### MINNESOTA

WTCN, Minneapolis - 11 7:30 a.m. Sun.

#### MISSOURI

WDAP, Kansas City - 4 12 p.m. Sun.  
KBTC, Springfield - 27 8 p.m. Sat.  
KDWL, St. Louis - 30 9 a.m. Sun.

#### NEBRASKA

KCNA, Omaha - 8 8 a.m. Sun.  
KWNH, Hayes Center - 6 8 a.m. Sun.  
KXGL, Kearney - 13 8 a.m. Sun.  
KQAB, Queda - 4 6 a.m. Sun.

#### NEW MEXICO

KGBM, Albuquerque - 12 7:30 a.m. Sun.

#### NEW YORK

WTEK, Albany - 10 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
WUTV, Buffalo - 28 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
WOR, New York - 9 10:30 a.m. Sun.

#### NORTH CAROLINA

WRET, Charlotte - 36 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
WVGT, Greenville - 9 11:30 a.m. Sun.

#### OHIO

WAKR, Akron - 23 11 p.m. Sun.  
WLWT, Cincinnati - 5 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
WSPD, Toledo - 13 10:30 a.m. Sun.

#### OREGON

KPTV, Portland - 12 11 a.m. Sat.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

WBSB, Harrisburg - 43 7:30 a.m. Sun.  
WBC, Pittsburgh - 11 11 a.m. Sun.

#### RHODE ISLAND

WPRR, Providence - 12 11:20 a.m. Sun.

#### TENNESSEE

WRCB, Chattanooga - 3 12:30 p.m. Sun.  
WVPT, Memphis - 19 12 p.m. Sun.

#### TEXAS

KTVU, Austin - 36 9:30 a.m. Sun.

#### WASHINGTON

KILY, Spokane - 2 11 a.m. Sun.

#### WEST VIRGINIA

WOWR, Huntington - 10 10:30 a.m. Sun.

#### WISCONSIN

BVTV, Milwaukee - 16 10 p.m. Sun.

# LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### SCATTERED HAPPENINGS

A special Sabbath service commemorated the 20th anniversary of the **PITTSBURGH, Pa.** church Aug. 5. **Brothers** gathered in the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, the same building where 10 people met for the first Pittsburgh church service 20 years ago on June 7, 1958. In contrast, 1,000 brethren attended the 20th anniversary service the majority of them arriving from surrounding church areas that originally sprang from one existing congregation.

C. Wayne Cole, the first pastor of the Pittsburgh church, was guest speaker. Don Lawson the church's present pastor gave a brief history of the Pittsburgh church commencing that Pittsburgh was the mother church of the entire Northern area. At that time Pittsburgh was the second church east of the Mississippi. On the Holy Days one people came from as far away as Canada, New York and Michigan.

Following the sermons Ed Smith (coordinator of the Columbus area) and Larry Salzer (pastor of the Washington, D.C. church and senior pastor in the area) joined Mr. Lawson and Mr. Cole in ordaining longtime members Carl Hena and Harry Bane as lay elders for the Pittsburgh Past and West congregations respectively. Mr. Hena also deacons the Pittsburgh church.

After Mr. Cole's sermon all the members who had attended the Old Pittsburgh church service assembled on stage and presented Mr. and Mrs. Cole with engraved silver trays in honor of their silver wedding anniversary. Frank Englund was the BIRMINGHAM, England congregation gathered Aug. 6 to mark the church's 118th anniversary. Activities commenced in the early afternoon as YOI members and a few energetic adults used their hand in sign bowling. Christ spent a quiet afternoon meditating around the river, Cannon Hill Park and Nature Center. An evening social was attended by Birmingham members and visitors from the neighboring Northampton, Gloucester and Nottingham churches which grew from the original Birmingham congregation.

Colin Smith, one of Birmingham's early members and currently a deacon in the Gloucester church spoke on the history of the church pointing out the dramatic growth that occurred in 1968 after a four week evangelistic campaign in the city by Ronald L. Meredith.

Then Arthur Suckling, Birmingham pastor presented deacon Frank Allen a card of appreciation and a new pen from the congregation. Allen was baptized by Valde Allen was ceremoniously set by the most long standing members of the two by pastor Barry Griffiths, John A. McNeil.

They three **BRITISH COLUMBIA** and **ALBERTA** ministers and their families gathered at the campground in Chase, B.C. July 31 through Aug. 3 for their annual summer retreat. The retreat also proved an excellent occasion to get to know the new director of the Canadian

Work, Les McCullough, and the new area coordinator, George Patrickson. The summer camp out for the ministers has become a popular annual event since Richard Pinelli first inaugurated the idea three years ago. Mornings are reserved for meetings and lectures, with the rest of the day free for informal discussion and family recreation. **Bob Millman**

Mr. Pinelli, meanwhile, was receiving an enthusiastic welcome at the **TORONTO (Ont.)** West church July 29, where he gave his first sermon as new Ontario area coordinator. Special music was presented by music director Bob Rawnsley and deacon George Huggins, accompanied on electric guitar by Keith Treichel. In the foyer after services deacon John Poppy introduced Mr. Pinelli and his wife Mary at a tea and cake social. The welcome cake had been baked and decorated by Audrey Ledingham. **Bill Moore**

A seminar on alcoholism was held at the Sheraton Mount Royal Hotel July 29, sponsored by the **MONTREAL, Que.** churches. The meeting followed a combined English French morning Sabbath service conducted by Pasadena pastor Dale Hampton, who profiled the biblical and secular views on alcohol use and abuse, sprinkling his sermon with details about his own experience and how he had been forced to grapple with his excessive drinking.

During the afternoon session, presided over by Mr. Hampton, church members and visitors heard the opinions of a medical doctor, a psychologist, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and a member of A.A. group. The day ended with a movie, *I Am David*, which portrayed a family man's gradual progression from social drinking to alcoholism and his very slow road back to sobriety. **Thomas Knecht**

For the third year, members of the church in **GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alta.** have organized a family day for the city of Grande Prairie (pop. 18,000), located 700 miles north of the U.S. border. The event, Muskokeep Sunday, is a combination of clubs and groups to create something for every member of the family (Muskokeep is a Cree Indian word meaning Bear Creek).

More than 4,000 people attended this year's Muskokeep Sunday, which included hot air balloon races, a pancake breakfast, canoeing, softball, skateboard and horse shoe tournaments, a parade and an parade for the children, a water show, a water and a hot dance. The congregation sang several U.S.B. Army Favorites.

About 40 **ARNEVILLE, N.C.** brethren turned out to help an Asheville deaconment service take inventory Aug. 6. Almost 500 was counted of which a portion was given to the YOI chapter for its participation in the inventory. The rest was put into the church's activity fund which will be used for other things in the near future. **Steve Lee**

The ladies of the **INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.** church were guests of the ladies of the **HEMIBURG, Ind.** church at a luncheon July 30. The theme of "Around the World" was carried out in ethnic costumes, table decorations and wall posters. Thelma Duggins and Jan Miley headed the discussion committee and Sylvia Morison coordinated the food. Piano music by Sandra Brown greeted the guests as they arrived.

Special guest was Debbie Smith, a local librarian, who taught the women an Arabic folk dance. Edna Clawson, Dana Collins, Judy Mills and Sandra Brown were deacons, produced and acted a short play for the ladies. Leona Burns, won the quilt that was made and raffled off by the Columbus women. Emma Huddman won the door prize. **Judy Mills**

The **BRANDON, Man.** members enjoyed a lecture and a question and answer discussion by Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) television newsmen Ab Douglas Aug. 3. He discussed Soviet life and commented on the recent dissolution. Mr. Douglas had just returned from the Soviet Union, where he was host for a television special on Canada. It aired on a Soviet television network. It was the first such program aired in the Soviet Union about another country's national day and was just months after Canada expelled Soviet citizens for spying while in Canada. **Mr. Douglas** sister, Mrs. Art Penner is a member of the Brandon congregation. **Arnold Frank**

### SOCIAL GATHERINGS

YOU recently sponsored the activities at the combined picnic of the **COFFEYVILLE, Kan.** and **CARTHAGE, Mo.** churches July 29 at the Walter Johnson Park in Coffeyville.

Coffeyville won the men's softball game 11-3. Glen Maslin and Judy Stewart won the ladies' horseshoe tournament and Frank Hallis and John Clark won the men's "chairs" race. The band in the activity center. The younger set participated in a junior track meet. **Mary Manning**

Members of the **CINCINNATI (Ohio)** West church held a potluck dinner after the Sabbath service July 29. Beginning Aug. 12 the Sabbath service is at 10:30 a.m. followed by a lunch break and a Bible study in the afternoon. The first study was on the harmony of the Gospels. **Ruth Piccolo**

Despite gray threatening skies and scattered showers brethren of the **COLUMBIA, S.C.** church gathered at Poinsett State Park for their annual picnic. Jennifer Butler, Lillian Franklin and Loren T. Swanson took home prizes for their projects in three children's games, organized by deacon Loren Sexton. Robert Perle, deacon, directed the adult games assisted by John King. Visitors from the Waterbury, S.C. church, Bob and Emily Bunn, won both the balloon race and the three egg race. Ron James, non-participant of the children's activities, and his wife Patricia, dished the crowd with a delectable lunch in the egg carrying event. The games were terminated by a sudden downpour, and all ran for the nearby shelter where the planned ice cream, changing began early in the details of the summer. **Mary Sutton**

Standing Stone State Park was the site of the outing for the brethren of the **COFFEYVILLE, Ind.** church Aug. 6. After swimming, learning table tennis, volleyball and horseback, the brethren enjoyed a beautiful picnic. **Merl**



**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY** — Barry Griffiths, longtime member of the Birmingham, England, church, ceremoniously cuts the cake at a celebration marking the 18th anniversary of the church. Observing are pastor Arthur Suckling, left, and master of ceremonies Ian Martin. (See "Scattered Happenings," Birmingham, this page.)

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

get together gave new Cookeville pastor Dennis McNeely and his family a chance to become better acquainted with the members. **Allen Brown**

The **ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.** members held their second pool party and hamburger cookout of the summer at the Walter Fuller Pool Complex Aug. 15, enjoying three hours of eating, swimming, diving and a game of keep away. **Lawrence L. Vogel**

While pool residents were sleeping in as usual on Sunday morning Aug. 20, a group of 60 early risers from the **SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.** church assembled at Armstrong Park in Santa Maria for breakfast. Randy Borden and Greg Hulasek assumed chairmanship for the cooking chores. With appetites sharpened by the fresh air and the aroma of the food cooking on the grill, the brethren made short work of the beef sausage, potatoes and scrambled eggs. After a well-earned softball and horse shoes helped work off a few calories. Everyone departed for home commencing that getting up early Sunday morning wasn't so bad after all. **Phyllis Holman**

A weekend of fun and relaxation for the **SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont.** brethren began Friday Aug. 4, on Paradise Bay Friends from the Caydon, Mich. and Sudbury and North Bay. One church also came to fellowship at the first social with the help of pastor, **Clay King**

Sabbath services were held on the beach with Pastor King delivering the sermon. After a relaxing day brethren gathered around a huge bonfire on the beach at sunset for a sing along, roasted corn, hot dogs and popcorn.

On Sunday, after a belly dip in the cold Lake Superior water by a few brave souls and a relaxing game of soccer, the church's band entertained with a jam session that continued all afternoon.

The weary campers packed up on Monday grateful to John and Inez McRoy for the use of their camp for their annual event. **James Jones**

The elderly members of the **PULLAR BLUFF, Mo.** congregation were honored by the brethren at a special dinner at Al's Copper Kettle after the Sabbath service Aug. 5. A million sharing party for young and old topped off the evening. **Leola Arnold**

The **SMART (Senior Members All Rejoicing Together) Set of the SANTE ROSA, Calif.** church sponsored a luncheon for the YOI members July 29. Members of the SMART Set drew names from a hat to determine which YOI members they would be asked by. After James Thava Posa explained to the teens the purpose of the SMART Set and described some of its recent activities and outings. Then she asked a YOI member to take the stand and tell the older members about the youth organization. **Colin Davidson** volunteered, describing past YOI activities and future projects. Roger Posa, a wholesale jewelry salesman, discussed his role in the jewelry business and displayed many of the types of stones mentioned in the Bible.

Gertrude Nijlgen and the Loxvas planned a party which brought young and old together so they could get to know one another better. **Colin Davidson**

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Enthusiasm reigns of young people from the **WHEELING, W. Va.** and **YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio** churches participated in a Bible quiz tournament Aug. 6. Both churches had trained their teams of YOI members and Sabbath school children for the event. Youth teams ages 9 to 11, a junior team ages 12 to 14 and a senior team ages 15 to 19. Wheeling's teams won all three trophies.

All teams spent at least two months studying lists of questions to be used in the tournament. Judges were local Elders Paul Hena and his wife from the Pittsburgh Pa. church. They set and questioned for the tournament from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and were assisted by the brethren of the two churches and 10 deacons as judges during the event. Most crews was Bill Haulty of Wheeling. All participants received certificates of a testimonial for their outstanding effort. Included in the tournament were two Bible spelling contests. Participants had studied a list of 270 difficult Bible words, such as Micahelab, coventness, judgment and Astaxeres. Winner in the 12 to 15 year old category was Kevin Haulty of Wheeling. Jeff Fozard of Wheeling won the trophy in the 16 to 19 year old category. **Bob Carter** of Wheeling was moderator. Plans are being made. **(See CHURCH NEWS, page 9)**



**ETHNIC LUNCHEON** — Modeling their costumes at an ethnic luncheon given for the women of the Indianapolis, Ind. church by the women of the Columbus, Ind. church are (from left) Enny Henderson, Ann Gibson, Dana Collins, Jan Miley, Elizabeth Nelandor and Edith Hill. The theme was "Around the World." (See "Scattered Happenings," Columbus, this page.) (Photo by Leona Burns)



**MINISTERIAL RETREAT** — Les McCullough, pastor, director of the Canadian Work, addresses British Columbia and Alberta ministers and their families at their annual summer retreat. (See "Scattered Happenings," British Columbia, this page.) (Photo by John Elliott)





25TH ANNIVERSARY — On behalf of the Pittsburgh, Pa. brethren, George Evans (right) presents a gift of an engraved silver tray to Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Cline for their 25th anniversary. Mr. Cline was the guest speaker at a special Sabbath service marking Pittsburgh's 20th anniversary. (See "Scattered Happenings," Pittsburgh, page 8.) (Photo by Frank Lewandowski)

# CHURCH NEWS

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...with other churches in the district. Bill and Mary Pezard... Fifty-two campers attended the second annual summer camp sponsored by the BRIDGE TOWN, Barbados, YOU chapter July 12 to 31. For the first time young men from other islands in the Caribbean were able to attend. 12 from Trinidad, four from Grenada and two from St. Lucia. Also participating in some of the

activities were nine youngsters from the Grenada "Children's Home." The YOU chapter has been cooperating with the home for the past few months and including the children in some YOU activities. This year's camp included several additional activities: riflery, photography, creative arts and ballroom dancing. Stan Bays, regional director of the Caribbean Work, visited the camp July 29, dining with the campers and conduct-

ing a question-and-answer Bible study with Carlos Nieto, pastor of the Bridgetown church.

The final Sunday, July 30, was Open Day, which was attended by parents of the campers and guests. The campers presented a 45-minute talent show, then prizes were presented by Anna Lougias, with YOU coordinator Osmond Douglas, to the most outstanding camper, Yonette Murray and Luther Goddard Osmond Douglas.

Gifts presented at the OLYMPIA, which church gathered at the 18th Park Aug. 6 for a day of fun and games. They asked their parents along, since many pack good lunches and dads are great at organizing games, making paper planes, blowing up balloons and passing out prizes.

During the noon break pastor Lambert Grier held a raffle drawing to find the winner of a quilt made by the ladies of the area Mt. and Mrs. Elmer Ormiston won the quilt; proceeds from the sales helped three teens attend the camp for two weeks at Mount Morris.

A day camp was held for 6 to 12-year-olds of the SANTA ROSA, Calif., church Aug. 1 on Tom and Judy Hawthorn's 12-acre farm. The boys were taken to a nearby private lake for a fishing contest. Fiscal to receive the contest by catching the largest number of fish. Philip Lund, Mike Rokosz and David tied in catching the largest fish.

Meanwhile the girls learned how to crochet and make their own small groups to prepare various dishes for the evening meal. The boys joined the girls in making keys and flying them, a hat, a treasure hunt, baseball and dinner, which was served by the girls. Barbara Wheeler.

The CASPER, Wyo. YOU chapter headed to Denver, Colo., Aug. 5, aiming at its long-range goal for the year to spend a weekend there. The teens stayed the Denver weekend, then had a picnic lunch and attended the Sabbath service. That evening they dined at Casa Innita, a Mexican restaurant, and attended a Lasereck, a laser light show put to rock music. On Sunday they headed to Elich Gardens and Amusement Park.

While in Denver, the YOU officers for the coming year were appointed: Bobby Johnston, president; Mervy Fertig, vice president; and James Fertig, secretary-treasurer. Local coordinator is Bob Johnston, who is assisted by David Purton.

The previous Saturday, July 29, the лагер teens met YOU Day, taking over many of the Sabbath duties, including serving refreshments after the service. Debbie Johnston.

The HARRISBURG, Pa. YOU cheerleaders have begun preparing for the district competition in February. Six-hundred money raised from a bake sale sponsored by the Harrisburg Women's Club, the cheerleader's, Christy Charles, Deb Lauer, Laurie Shepherd, Julie Weacher, Linda Weacher and Faye Weaver, and their coach, Faye Herb, attended the National Cheerleading Association Summer Cheerleading Clinic, August 7 through 10, where they learned new cheers, chants, jumps, partner stunts and pyramids. Laurie Shepherd.

A country carnival for all children under 12 was sponsored by the DICKSON, Tenn. YOU chapter July 30. Festivities began with a chili dinner, then the children participated in various carnival contests. After the carnival the teens presented a floor show of local talent, and 12 cakes donated by the ladies were used for a cakewalk.

The next week, Aug. 5, the Dickson and JACKSON, Tenn., teens gathered on the banks of the Buffalo River in central Tennessee. After a walk along the river, the teens sat around the camp fire telling stories and playing 20 questions. On Sunday morning the group was transported 16 miles upstream, where teens hopped into their canoes and began the trip back down the river to the camp. They reached their destination at 4 p.m., despite a number of episodes with swamped and beached canoes. Tim Renzagel.

The weather couldn't have been better for the KITCHENHILL Out, second annual church picnic, Aug. 13 in Riverside Park in Cambridge. This time everything was arranged by the YOU members. They organized the games and activities and provided all the food — hamburgers, hot dogs, pies, cookies, fruit and cake — at a

small charge. But drinks of coffee, orange juice and milk were free. George and Chris Carter.

## SPORTS

Teams came from Winnipeg, Man., and Grand Forks and Rismarch, N.D. to participate in the second annual FARGO, N.D. international invitational softball tournament Aug. 6. Fargo claimed the championship trophy; its marksmen took second and Winnipeg third. The Fargo YOU team, who had sponsored a dance the evening before, sold refreshments during the tournament. A watermelon feed closed out the day. Earl D. Jackson.

An awards picnic for the LA MIRADA, Calif. junior YOU members marked the end of the baseball season. The A team for 11 to 14-year-olds, won the perpetual championship trophy in its division and the B team, for 7 to 10-year-olds, placed second in its category.

At the end of the season the teams from the Southern California churches selected the top players for an all-star game. Chosen from La Mirada were Luis Gonzalez, Ben McDonald, Greg Moore and Mark Sanchez of the A team and Marc Damon, Robert Fontaine, Edward Leiland, Luis Martinez, John Newman, Jason Paragon and Ricky Reyes of the B team.

Outstanding individuals who were recognized were awarded to Delane Godfrey and Ricky Reyes of the A team and Luis Gonzalez and Mark Sanchez of the A team.

The festivities also featured a watermelon and black seed only spitting contest. Contestants could not use their hands as they attempted to toss a 12-inch slice of watermelon and deposit the mushy black seeds onto an adjacent plate in two minutes.

Some felt the high point of the day was when 21-month-old Anton Dominguez knocked the big championship trophy into the large cake that had been decorated as a baseball diamond by Alice Myrland. A John Fontaine.

# Vine-to-wine cycle parallels conversion, growth



By Joe Handley  
BEA DENSBURG Md. Why does God mention wine and vineyards so much in the Bible? In our society wine doesn't play an important role in our lives, so why is valuable space taken up in God's Word, in which the subject is mentioned literally hundreds of times?  
The important reason is that viticulture is a vital part of God's plan for mankind, as it applied in the past, as it should apply now, and as it will certainly apply in the millennium.  
From antiquity men have been fascinated by wine, and poets have striven to fathom its depth and mystery in the power and magic of their lines. Julian Street once wrote: "Blot out every book in which wine is praised and you blot out the world's great

The writer is a deacon and a member of the Washington, D.C. church.

literature. Blot out the wine drinkers of the world and you blot out history, including saints, philosophers, statesmen, clerics, soldiers, seafarers and artists.

Benjamin Franklin called the fruit of the vine "a constant proof that God loves us and loves to see us happy."

Why such glowing words of praise about a liquid many people have never explored or enjoyed, and many others have despised and condemned, calling it the devil's own brew?

### Wine before Flood

For the answer, we start at the beginning. Christ Himself created the grapevine on the third day of creation, and wine can be traced to Noah before the Flood.

Genesis 9:20 reads: "Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard."

This can better be translated: "Noah continued to be an husbandman," showing that the Flood had only temporarily interrupted this occupation. According to a Mesopotamian text discovered at Nineveh in 1902, wine was among the provisions in the ark. It reads: "For our food I slaughtered oxen and killed sheep day by day and with beer, oil, and wine I filled large jars."

Picture your family peacefully settled somewhere during the millennium, enjoying the full, abundant life God has promised. Inspired by the beauty of your surroundings, you walk over to a vine and what God has said in Romans 1:20 comes to mind, that we learn spiritual principles from the physical things around us.

You then notice that a young grapevine is much like your young child playing nearby. Both stay small for a number of years. Looking at a year-old vine, you might think it will never get big, but it grows up and has a long, productive life.

Like a child, the young vine must be cared for most meticulously and tenderly when young.

### Deeper to survive

Good soil and fine weather contribute to produce good grapes and vines. But many of the great wines of the past have come from vines that had to struggle through a tribulation of inferior soil or bad weather. These plants pushed their roots deeper to survive, and they built up that vinous character through trial and adversity. So, of course, it is with us.

A good grower watches to see that every vine is producing quality grapes. Christ uses the analogy in John 15:1: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away, and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."

Growers uproot unproductive vines and prune productive ones so they will produce quality and quantity.

The human life cycle and the grape and wine cycle are an exact analogy. Both come from the earth and return to it (from dust to dust). The vines transform water and salts from the soil into neat little packages we call grapes, containing sugar, liquid, acids and flavors. This is like a fleshy human being.

After the vintner crushes the grapes, he adds wine yeast to the juice. This yeast is a direct type of God's Spirit, because it is the agent that actually does the converting of grape juice into wine.

The vintner must control the fermentation process so air doesn't get in, because even present in the air are other yeasts that would destroy the wine, altering it into an inferior liquid, producing something far different from the perfect product the vintner intends to create. The vintner uses a fermentation lock to keep the air out.

This is similar to our guarding the doors of our minds, keeping out bad thoughts (the spiritual leaven) so yeast, that emanates from Satan and simultaneously keeping and using God's Spirit within to further convert or change us to something perfect. It is interesting that there are 12 chemical stages between grape juice and wine.

Wine reveals to us this process of perfection, and perfection — whether in man or wine — comes only with time, work, patience.

### Shows to quality

Fermentation, as in Christian growth, starts fairly rapidly but slows to minute, quality changes that in time produce a finely polished product.

As a natural consequence of conversion, impurities in the wine separate, as also happens in our lives.

The product also depends on the quality of grapes started with, because, like people, some have more innate assets to begin with.

No wonder Satan has deceived people into thinking wine is evil, he doesn't want them to get caught in understanding God's process of perfection.

We can see why God and man have written so much about wine when we understand why God created wine and its many purposes in our lives. Physically speaking, wine is a common denominator of life that all can relate to, bringing time and mind into proper perspective.



# The Plain Truth About HEALING

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and 40 nights, Satan said twice to Jesus, "If thou be the Son of God... That little two-letter word *IF* is just about the biggest little word in the English language! It is intended to cause DOUBT in God's word. It was used by Satan in trying to overthrow Christ. Satan inspired it in this Theological Project to try to overthrow faith within God's ministers — and within God's Church!

With all my being I condemn that kind of teaching. And the one responsible for handing it out to God's ministers (though undoubtedly he himself did not write it) has been dis-fellow-shipped — and is no longer a member of God's Church. And that Satanic inspired teaching is going out of God's Church as well!

### God's promise

Now that diabolical teaching about the passage in James 5:14-15 requires a complete re-education — to make the true God intended meaning clear, beyond doubt!

As a result of this insidious attempt to cause doubt in the Word of God, many have said, "This Theological Project teaches that James 5:14-15 IS NOT A PROMISE!"

But it is a definite plain, clear promise from God! I pray for God's mercy on those who allowed Satan to inspire them to cast doubt on the body, sacred words of God!

Look at those words again. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he have committed sins (unconsciously referring to physical sin), they shall be forgiven.

IT IS THAT IS NOT A PROMISE then we have no PROMISE of the forgiveness of sins (unconsciously and the gift of eternal life!

### Faith is a condition

The point is made in this now null and void teaching that there are conditions. That is true — but WHAT conditions? Within the very statement in James 5:15, it plainly says, "...the prayer of FAITH." Yes, FAITH is a condition!

In some instances where Jesus healed, the FAITH for healing was supplied by the one healed. Like the woman who had spent all she had on physicians and had grown worse, Jesus said to her, "Daughter, thy FAITH hath made thee whole." Again, Jesus said elsewhere, "According to your faith be it unto you."

But, in other cases the one healed did not supply the faith. Jesus Himself did! So what does this teach us? Definitely healing is conditioned on FAITH — either on the part of the one needing healing or on the part of the minister of God who prays and anoints.

I have prayed for and anointed hundreds. There have been astounding, miraculous healings. Some, with cancer in advanced stages, were HEALED — while others at this stage were relieved of the intense pain through they died and will have their healing in the RESURRECTION. More on

this a little later. One woman, in the hospital with apparently less than 24 hours to live, with leukemia and with tubes in her ankle for blood transfusions, tubes at her nostrils — a horrible sight — was healed instantly when I anointed and prayed for her (after putting all nurses out of the room). She left the hospital the next day.

On the other hand I have prayed for others where I myself had the same faith, yet they were not healed — because they lacked the faith.

In James 5:14-15, the very scripture here gives a condition — the prayer of faith.

### Keep His Commandments

Also, I John 3:22, mentioned before, "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."

In a preceding installment, I questioned a case of a man who wanted healing, but stubbornly refused to keep God's Commandments. He was NOT healed.

Oh, yes, there are conditions. But God tells those conditions. But never does the Bible say, "if it is God's will," NEVER! Rather, God's Word says, "Be not unwise, but UNDERSTANDING what the will of the Lord is." The Bible is His Word, where HE TELLS US WHAT IS HIS WILL!

Now as to GOD'S PROMISES. The Bible is full of God's promises, and God expects us to BELIEVE them.

Perhaps the outstanding example is the promises on which YOUR very salvation and mine depend.

Notice: Jesus, Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers. And who were the fathers to whom the promises were made? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob (the God of our fathers) (Acts 3:13).

YOUR very life depends on those promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! Yet notice: These all died in faith, not having received the promises (Hebrews 11:13).

### God's promises are sure

WHAT, THEN? Does not God keep His promises? Here in this very SATANIC CHAPTER of the Bible, all the way through, it shows Abraham's FAITH, Isaac's and Jacob's FAITH, Noah's FAITH, Moses' faith, even the harlot Rahab's faith. Then, "And these all, having obtained a good report through FAITH, received not the promise. God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us (born long since) should not be made perfect" (verses 9-40).

In other words, GOD IS FAITHFUL! God's PROMISES are FIRM — they do mean what they say. The fathers will receive the PROMISES in the RESURRECTION — along with many of us born millenniums later!

GOD'S PROMISES are SURE! Although I have written this before, let me recount here how I learned this lesson of FAITH. My conversion and baptism

had occurred in the spring of 1927. By 1931 I had come to have strong faith — there had been many miraculous answers to prayer! Then my father was stricken, early summer 1933, with a stroke. I prayed for his healing. I anointed him. I BELIEVED! HE BELIEVED! I prayed all night — yet at 9:40 next morning he died.

That was a terrible SHOCK to my faith — but it most certainly did not destroy my faith. But I had to UNDERSTAND! I had claimed GOD'S PROMISE in James 5:14-15 and OTHER PROMISES for his healing. TO UNDERSTAND, I did not try to use human reason, as exemplified in this Theological Project. I went to the faith chapter of the Bible for UNDERSTANDING.

And there I found it, in what I have written immediately above, GOD DID NOT BREAK HIS PROMISE! His promise was SURE — unbreakable. As sure as the rising and setting of tomorrow's sun in Hebrews 11 God showed me that HIS PROMISE FOR MY FATHER'S HEALING REMAINS SURE! He, like Abraham and the fathers, died BEFORE receiving it. It is still SURE — not "if it is God's will." But there is LIFE AFTER this life.

And, in human consciousness, a fraction of a second after losing consciousness in death, we shall wake up in the RESURRECTION. God has planned that there be an interval of UNCONSCIOUSNESS — just as if it did not even exist, until we live in the resurrection! I am still having patience — and FAITH! My father's healing is SURE! He shall receive the healing God promised!

### Body and God

God has not promised that, by continual healing, we shall never die. As in Adam all die — it is appointed unto men once to die — but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

God has positively PROMISED to heal. And He names the conditions: OBEEDIENCE and FAITH. But God has not told us how soon or when He will heal. HE EXPECTS US TO TRUST HIM WITH THAT!

That most certainly should not weaken or destroy our faith — IT SHOULD MAKE OUR FAITH MORE SURE!

I know in this deceived and evil world of Satan, it seems that the worst thing that can happen is death. Humans not knowing God get to thinking that death ends all. That's why some commit suicide — supposing that the suicide puts an end to their troubles. But virtually in the same instant that they lose consciousness in death, they wake up in the JUDGMENT — their problems not ended — but with a MURDER of self-destruction now facing them!

Our fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, all died in FAITH. My own human father died in FAITH. God's PROMISES to them are yet SURE.

Instead of losing faith, this wonderful knowledge should STRENGTHEN our faith — knowing we may place ourselves in GOD'S HANDS and RELY on Him for healing. The most remarkable and supposedly impossible heal-

ings I have experienced, as a result of my own prayer, have occurred after my father's death. God did not let that experience weaken FAITH IN GOD AND HIS PROMISES!

### God alone heals

I have been frankly aroused to indignation to learn of this false, faith-shattering teaching in this supposedly scholarly theological manual, wherein ministers were literally instructed to encourage God's people to TRUST IN MAN — in the "advanced expertise" of the medical profession — and to discourage them from having faith in God. I realize that Satan is the real culprit — that those who prepared this manual did not intend harm — misled and deceived into supposing they were teaching truth.

Jesus Christ, through His apostle, teaches MINISTERS TO ENCOURAGE RELIANCE ON THE LIVING CHRIST, rather than on man.

Medical practice may be the best thing that carnal MAN can offer from God and revealed truth from God, has in 6,000 years come up with.

Do we ever need doctors? Yes we do — but the true people of God do NOT need them to compete with God as our GOD-HEALER (God's name is also YAHWEH RAPHA — OUR GOD-HEALER! God is a jealous God and does not allow any other to do what He alone can do — HEAL!

We do, in this modern degenerated day, need doctors for child delivery. A doctor can render real help in the case of a broken arm or leg — but even then it is GOD who heals, though the doctor may properly band it up so that it may heal.

What about the ramifications of sickness and disease? As stated, medical practice may be the best thing MAN without God has been able to produce. If a Church member simply lacks the faith to be healed by the living Christ — if he has more faith in medical "expertise" than to rely on God and God's promises, God's Church will not judge or condemn him if he puts himself or his child under medical treatment. If that is the best he has faith in, better let him have what help MAN can give, RATHER THAN NO HELP AT ALL!

### Healing is a miracle

God's ministers should NOT high-pressure ~~any~~ against medical care — but definitely they should encourage them to build and receive FAITH in the living CHRIST.

But God's people should be taught that healing is a MIRACLE and not to be considered lightly. The biblical definition of a miracle is, "An event beyond the power of any known physical laws to produce; a supernatural occurrence produced by the power of God."

Healing definitely is a MIRACLE. But we must never forget our God is a MIRACLE-WORKING GOD! He is the supernatural GOD — not man. Yet He intended man to have a direct and intimate contact with God through Christ. Those called are called to become His begotten children, and by growing in grace and Christ's knowledge in

spiritual character, to be WORKED BY A RESURRECTION, INTO THE VERY GOD FAMILY. The human potential is that we shall become VERY GOD — even as Christ — first born of many brethren — already!

And His people, whom He has called, must remember that without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). And He is the GIVER of FAITH.

## China

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New York's other major commercial daily, *The Journal of Commerce*, opined that as a result of the Sino-Japanese pact, we could "ultimately see a new international order emerge in Asia."

### How Russia lost out

In this new order, which ultimately might include India (to whom China is aligning its advances) and other Asian nations, the cold war out will definitely be the Soviet Union.

The Russians have only themselves to blame for their plight. With only a little foresight and willingness to compromise on their part, Japan could now be the economic partner of the U.S.S.R. instead of throwing in its lot with China.

For the last 24 years the Soviets proposed a similar peace and friendship treaty to the Japanese. The core of the pact involved Japan's assistance in developing the hidden riches of Siberia. The Japanese asked only one favor of Moscow — that the Russians return four loggys, wind-swept, essentially good for nothing islands north of Hokkaido that the Red Army seized during the last eight days of World War II. The stubborn, penny-wise, pound-foolish Russians refused and thereby lost the deal of the century. Joseph C. Harsch, top foreign affairs commentator of *The Christian Science Monitor*, analyzed this remarkable turn of events this way:

"Moscow could have won the competition with China easily, had the use of Moscow had the apt and imagination and the political flexibility. Nothing more graphically attests to the clumsiness and slowness of the Russian bear than its failure to see the advantages to itself of having done the deal with Japan when it had the first chance, and also its failure to see the danger to its own interest of having China obtain Japanese help. The United States in 1908 gave back to Japan the Ryukyu islands including Okinawa. In 1976 the Soviet Union refused to give back the southern Kurils. Thus, for the sake of a few square miles of volcanic forest swept by fog and bone chilling winds, whose economic value is solely in fishing (mostly for crabs), Moscow missed the chance to entice Japan as its partner in Asia."

### An open door?

A whole new international order is indeed emerging in Asia. One must ask whether this marriage of Chinese manpower and resources to Japanese technology and expertise will lead up to the formation — joined by other powers such as India — of the "200 million" of Revelation 9:16. And, will China's newly opened door not only to Japan but to all advanced nations of the Western world, including the United States, also finally open the door for announcing the Gospel message of the coming Kingdom of God before the leaders of one fourth of the human race?

What exciting times we are living in!

# NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

**PASADENA** — United States area coordinators of the Worldwide Church of God began four days of meetings with Wayne Cade, director of the ministry, and other headquarters Church personnel, Sept. 5. The regularly scheduled series of meetings centered on general administrative needs. Among topics discussed

were manpower, area coordinator administrative responsibilities, ordinations, new churches and communication techniques. Stanley Rader, general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, discussed the state of the field churches with the coordinators on the opening day and relayed Mr. Armstrong's confidence in

the ministry and the brethren. Mr. Armstrong addressed the coordinators Sept. 8.

**PASADENA** — The Ministerial Services Department has released the names of the following men recently ordained as local church elders: **Harry Beate** of the Pittsburgh (Pa.) West church, **David Edward Dehson** of the Oklahoma City, Okla. church, and **Euel Leroy Hixon** of the Pittsburgh (Pa.) East church.

The following ministerial manpower changes are also announced: Associate pastor **Ralph Orr** of the

Youngstown, Ohio, church will become the associate pastor of the Cincinnati (Ohio) North church. **Red Curran**, pastor of the Enid, Okla. church, will enter the noncareer ministry. **Harry Walker** will enter the noncareer ministry.

**CHICAGO, Ill.** — **Harold I. Jackson** of Lagos, Nigeria, director of the Black African Work, was married to **Heleen Gibson** of Chicago Aug. 6. **Edwin Marrs**, pastor of the Houston, Tex., church, performed the ceremony here. Among the 140 guests were 26

ministers representing various parts of the United States, the Caribbean Islands and South Africa. Mrs. Jackson has been a member



**MR. AND MRS. HAROLD JACKSON** of the Church for 20 years and has served as a deaconess for the past 10 years. The couple will live in Lagos.



**AREA COORDINATORS MEET** — Herbert W. Armstrong, below and inset, addresses U.S. area coordinators Sept. 8 in Pasadena. Left photo: Cincinnati, Ohio, based area coordinator **Guy Englebart**, left, Cleveland, Ohio, based area coordinator **Ed Smith**, center, and Denver, Colo., based area coordinator **Ron Kelly** wait for the meeting to start. (See "Update," this page.) (Photos by Roland Rees)



**PASADENA** — Because of the show of support by 135 Ambassador College student volunteers at the International Frisbee Competition at the Rose Bowl here Aug. 27 comes, sponsors granted AC students the right to sell concessions at the Rose Bowl Jan. 1, according to **Maxim Plakut**, student body president. Last year the efforts of 134 students at the Rose Bowl football game Jan. 2 were rewarded by a check for \$72,900.

Only half of the projected income was realized from the Frisbee competition because of an imbalance in spectator seating. The students, however, collected \$2,819.12, which will be used for an offering and student activities, for their eight hours of work.

Most students I talked to really enjoyed it and I feel it had a unifying effect on the student body," said Mr. Plakut.

## 'La Pura Verdad' expands in U.S.

**PASADENA** — In an effort to get more *La Pura Verdad* readers from among 21 million Hispanics living in the United States, the Work's Spanish Department is now placing 45,000 of the Spanish version *Plain Truth* in newsstand outlets around the country.

The newsstand distribution campaign was launched in January, 1976, by the Spanish Department, which has its headquarters office in Pasadena.

Los Angeles alone boasts over 100 outlets for the magazine, with another 150 outlets scattered in New York, Florida, Texas, the Southwest and large urban areas inhabited by large numbers of Hispanics.

According to **Walker Dickinson**, director of the Spanish Work, the newsstand copies are moving very well.

The United States, now the fifth largest Spanish speaking country in the world, also has its own Spanish-speaking church located in Pasadena. The church, attended by 105, is pastored by **Robert Flores** and **Fernando Barriga**.

### Resident pastors serve brethren

Besides the push in the United States, the Spanish Department is now engaged in an effort to place resident pastors in as many areas as possible in the Spanish speaking world.

**Bogota, Colombia**, brethren have a resident pastor after a four year effort to place **Pablo Gonzalez** in that country. Mr. Gonzalez left July 25 from San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he had been serving the Spanish-speaking brethren in the Caribbean since 1974. He often visited the Bogota brethren over the year, but was unable to get permission to reside in Colombia until now. Another minister, **Mario Seglie**, is scheduled

to join him, it is hoped, before the year is out.

"Up until this time we have just been able to make a pass at teaching people," said Mr. Dickinson. "Now whenever we get a visit request, we have people in the field who can reach them probably within two weeks to a month. This is far better than the two or four years it used to be."

### Full-time ministers

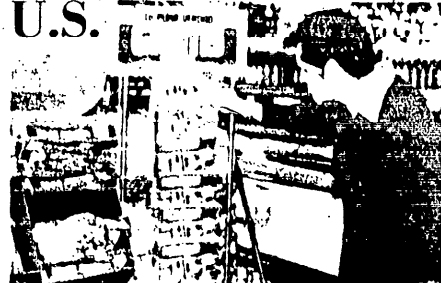
Full time ministers reside in the United States, Mexico (Tom Turk, Bob Flores and Alfredo Mercado); Central America (Herbert Cisneros); Puerto Rico (Albert Sousa); Argentina (Luis Chavez); and Chile (Fildor Illisca).

"We are beginning to get the first beginnings of a ministry established so that we can begin to do full time work in these areas and reach people," said Mr. Dickinson. "Before we were only able to reach people when somebody went through for the Holy Days, a baptizing tour or some thing else."

Ten ministers now serve in the Spanish Work along with six ministerial assistants. Churches number eight along with 22 Bible studies. There are 897 members within the Spanish Work.

### Mexico springboard

A good portion of the activity in (See "LA PURA VERDAD," page 6)



**SPANISH MAGAZINE NEWSSTAND** — A Houston, Tex., supermarket display offers free copies of *La Pura Verdad*. The magazine rack, being checked by a member, is one of over 450 outlets for the magazine in the United States.

## ¡ATENCIÓN!

God's Work is experiencing an upsurge in demand for its Spanish publications in the United States, the world's fifth largest Spanish-speaking nation. By 1980 as many as 22 million Hispanics will reside in the United States, a great percentage of whom read or speak only Spanish.

If you or any of your friends or relatives, read Spanish, please request *La Pura Verdad* for display in your home. Likewise, a bulletin that features news and developments of the Spanish Work is sent regularly (in Spanish only) to members and co-workers and is available upon request.

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