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by W.J. Pethybridge

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Had the early Church some secret which we have lost today? A close examination of

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EDITORIAL

New Wine Magazine "A Matter of Policy"

by DON BASHAM

Two things clearly typified the little band of believers that comprised the New Testament church. One was their miraculous ministries; the other was the divergence of beliefs among those ministering.

For example, in the eighteenth chapter of Acts we find a Christian teacher named Apollos, who "spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus" himself being taught by Priscilla and Aquila who had understanding concerning baptism that Apollos did not have. Yet, Apollos was a sound teacher whose ability to "show by the scriptures that the Christ was Jesus", not only confuted the Jewish public but "greatly helped those who through grace had believed."

The picture, quite clearly, is one of Spirit-filled Christians who were co-laborers for Jesus Christ, adding to one another's ministry by sharing their revelations and insights.

We say this to make a point about NEW WINE. It is the prayerful intent of the editorial board to publish articles of solid spiritual content by teachers and ministers who are known and recognized as effective servants of God. (And these days we recognize that God's ministers are not those college and seminary-trained persons who can write two sets of initials after their names, but all those whom the Holy Spirit has empowered with a ministry.)

But we also recognize that every man brings to his ministry the results of his own experiences in the Lord; his own insights and spiritual discoveries. Therefore, in the articles we publish we neither look for nor expect complete theological conformity. We are not

called to be the guardians of lifeless theological orthodoxy, but rather witnesses to living truth. "For the letter killeth but the spirit giveth life." (2 Cor. 3:6)

We welcome the many letters and comments which have poured into the Holy Spirit Teaching Mission office as a result of interest in the magazine. It is good that the articles are stimulating discussion and even some criticism. This is true to the spirit and practice of the New Testament church itself, and as long as such discussions and criticisms are carried on in a spirit of love and concern, they are to be desired. However, if you wish to carry on lengthy theological discussion about some article, we may simply forward your letter to the author of the article himself.

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A Lost Secret of the Early Church

the New Testament shows us that while they preached the same message, yet they used a different method—a method which at first sight seems far inferior to our own, but which on closer examination shows a capacity for far greater results.

Some will say “Revival is the answer,” and we certainly need revival. But a study of revivals will show that though some have been as great as and possibly greater than Pentecost, we have always failed to conserve and spread the blessing in the way that the early Church accomplished it. Perhaps God is withholding revival till we learn and practice this secret.

Three things seem to stand out clearly: (1) The emphasis was on Holy Spirit ministry rather than on human teaching. (2) The gatherings of the believers were in homes rather than in special church buildings. (3) Believers were taught to regard themselves as members of the Body of Christ, rather than as mere individual believers. Let us examine these points in a little more detail.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY

The chapters of John's Gospel, 13 to 17, need a very special study, for here we see the Lord Jesus telling His disciples that in spite of all the

teaching He has given them, they still lack the vital knowledge which is to be brought to them by the new invisible Teacher who is to be sent in His place—the Holy Spirit. “When he is come, even the Spirit of truth, he will guide you into all truth” (John 16). To show that this does not apply to the Apostles solely, but to all believers, we have only to turn to John's first epistle and read how he tells us in verses 20, 24 and 27 that believers have an “unction” or an “anointing” (the Holy Spirit), so that they can be taught apart from human aid.

This does not mean that divine teaching will not often reach us through human channels, but the emphasis is on the source rather than the channel, which, as we shall see presently, is very important. The fact is that as soon as a person is truly born of God, the divine Teacher himself comes to dwell within him.

THE SCRIPTURAL PLACE FOR MEETING

A study of the Acts and Epistles reveals the fact that the only place where believers are said to have held their regular meetings was the home. It is true that they used a temple in Jerusalem for public testimony, but they were “breaking bread from house to house” (Acts 2:46), and over twenty times

we read of them carrying out their united worship in the home of a believer. Four times “the church in the house” is specifically mentioned (Rom. 16:5; 1 Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15; Philemon 2).

At first sight it would seem that a church meeting in a home in this way is subject to many more limitations than our own modern method of holding services in special public buildings called “churches” or “chapels”. But further thought will show several distinct advantages.

1. In a small group meeting in the friendly associations of a home, everybody can know each other and relationships are more real and less formal.
2. With the smaller number it is possible for everybody to take active part in the meeting, and so the whole Body of Christ present can function.
3. The big expenses involved in the building and upkeep of a large church building are saved, and can be used to help the Lord's poor, and missionary work.
4. When the group grows too large for the house, it can divide into two homes, and these two groups can divide again, so that the Church grows and expands rapidly over a much larger area.
5. Holding meetings informally in the home would avoid much of the unreality fostered by the usual putting on of special clothes to go to hear a special man in a special place.
6. Ministering to small groups in homes would overcome

much of the temptation to self-importance which ruins so much of God's work, where large buildings and a big congregation are involved.

7. Having a special building for meetings nearly always involves the idea of a special person as minister developing into "one-man ministry" and preventing the full exercise of the priesthood of all believers.
8. If the "church in the home" falls through, there is left no dead organization to be maintained as a spiritual, financial, and social liability on all connected with it.

We are given to understand that for the first 200 years after Christ, the Church never had special buildings of their own, and when at last they did, the art of exhortation degenerated into the issuing of commands.

Many groups which began in homes and have now become well-known organizations, have lost out in spiritual effectiveness since they moved into special buildings for their gatherings. This has not happened suddenly, for a special building is not a sin, but merely a sincere effort to glorify God which ultimately involves more drawbacks than advantages.

MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER

The early Church were taught to regard themselves not merely as a collection of saved individuals, but as active members of the Body of Christ. Not only did all believers form the one Body universal but each group functioned as the Body locally. In each of the three cases where these are mentioned (Rom. 12; I Cor. 12; Eph. 4), there is no suggestion of one man ministering to the whole group, but each is shown as having the privilege of possessing some spiritual gift, and

the responsibility to minister this gift to the rest of the local church, so that every believer is looked on as a minister to the rest.

Modern research in education has shown that we learn little by merely listening, but when we try to impart what we know to others, we really begin to master our subject. This shows us the wisdom of God in planning the Church, not as a vast congregation of listeners, but as a small body sharing with each other what they learn from the Holy Spirit.

The picture we have of the early Church, therefore, is something very simple but very vital. Whenever two or three would gather together in the name of the Lord, there they would expect to find their once crucified, now risen Lord present in the midst of them. They would also expect the Holy Spirit to work in each of them, and share with each other what was thus revealed. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another" (Col. 3).

As the Holy Spirit worked in the midst, some or all the nine gifts of the Spirit mentioned in I Corinthians 12 would be manifested as He divided severally to every man as He chose. Each would himself be edified through his gift, and those who heard would likewise be blessed.

Great caution must be exercised that none of the gifts is exercised in the power of the flesh. This especially applies to "tongues." See I Cor. 14:26-33.

As each small group divided and so grew into a number of groups, these continued in fellowship with each other, and all the small gatherings in one city would together form "the Church of God in Ephesus," or wherever it might be. Yet each group would have no say in the

way another was carried on; the Lord was the Head of each, and worked in each as He saw fit. But they would be free to exhort and admonish each other, though not to command.

We find that this true Church did not usually get on well with organized religion, but if there was a division it always came by the organized and religious group casting out the true believers. Until this happened, we find the position pictured in Acts 2:46, "continuing daily in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house." That is, they used the recognized place of divine worship, but also had their more intimate gatherings in their own homes.

It appears that in those days, some houses were built with a large upper room; possibly these belonged to the more wealthy members of the community, but the Lord saw to it that when such a place was needed, the owner of it would be saved and willing to have it used in this way. There is never any suggestion, however, of such a room being "dedicated" or specially set apart. In fact the whole emphasis of the New Testament is that God's temple is the individual believer and the local group and the whole Church, rather than any building made by man.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TODAY

What practical suggestions can come out of this study? The answer is very simple, but we believe it would have profound and worldwide repercussions. Let believers keep up their present connections with organized Christianity, as faithfully as possible, but let them also practice the simple procedure of the early Church. That is, whenever two meet, let them realize that the Lord is in the midst; and as they com-

mune together about Him, let them expect a repetition of the walk to Emmaus, as told in Luke 24. Whenever two or three Christians find themselves together in the home of one of them, let them remember the Lord is in the midst, have a time of simple worship and prayer, share the meditations they have received of Christ and His ways, turn to some passage of Scripture suggested by the Spirit, and trust Him to teach them from it.

Let the reader of this magazine see if the Lord is guiding him or her to arrange for a few loving hearts to gather in the home regularly at such a time that it would not interfere with normal activities of their denomination, and trust the Lord to lead them out in prayer, worship, Bible study, waiting on God for His gifts, or the breaking of bread. Let Him choose how the time should be spent, by laying it on the hearts of one or two, and the rest feeling that it is the mind of the Spirit.

As time goes on the Lord could guide for the invitation of others, and personal or united witness to believers would bring in more new members. The Lord would "add to the Church such as should be saved." The group could divide and spread as further guidance would be given. The plan would be, not to seek larger buildings, but for more groups.

If you are a member of a sound evangelical church, it would be best to seek the fellowship of your pastor and elders before founding such a group. Should they be opposed to the idea, spend much time reconsidering your guidance before you go ahead with the matter. In any case, show Christian love and forbearance, and do not act or talk in a high-handed manner.

DANGERS TO AVOID

From the beginnings there would be several dangers which would need prayerful watching to avoid.

1. Some find it too easy to talk, some find it difficult, so each would have to be very exercised in spirit that their words or silence were the leading of the Lord. It is also possible to begin in the Spirit, and go on in the flesh, so that those who are guided to speak must be ready for guidance to stop!

2. When differences of opinion arise, or differences of interpretation, both parties must exercise great love and forbearance. It greatly glorifies the grace of God when two with different opinions can maintain the unity of the Spirit. Often there is a measure of truth, and a measure of mistake, in both views, and much time must elapse and much light be given before either can come to the real truth involved in the two opinions. But there is a present supply of perfect love shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost, which will enable two to remain one in heart and soul though differing in view.

3. To grow in grace and knowledge, we must grow away from ungraciousness and error, so we must each be willing to receive and give correction to others. Let us learn to speak lovingly and tactfully to each other about things which we see are hindering. Let us be so eager to be pleasing in the sight of God that we are glad when our errors are pointed out to us, even if it be by one who we think is less advanced than ourselves.

4. When guidance is being sought for the whole group, two opposite thoughts may appear, and we will be tempted to divide the group on the issue. If such a position arises, let us seek above all to maintain the

unity of the Spirit, and a deep practical love and appreciation for those who differ from us.

5. As we meet in this simple spiritual way, God may give us much light and blessing not possessed by those who cling in a conservative way to the usual form of Christian service. Let us seek deliverance from all pride and prejudice against such, and remember the debt we owe to those who have faithfully carried on the testimony of the Gospel through the ages. Let us seek as much as possible to continue in full fellowship with all who love the Lord, and be faithful members of our denominational connection.

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6. There are hundreds of false sects and cults which might seek to inject their errors into such groups. They can usually be recognized by one or two characteristics. They nearly always claim to be the only people who are right, and their teachings come from some central headquarters demanding complete acceptance from fol-

lowers. They tend to twist certain Scriptures and ignore others, or claim some extra revelation beyond the Bible.

7. Some ordained ministers may oppose these simple groups. Let us love them fervently. Others may heartily agree and desire to attend. This would be welcomed and their experience and knowledge of the Word would be a help as it is given in the guidance of the Spirit.

8. There would always be the danger of us preferring the ministry of the more gifted and more experienced members of the group. But let us bear in mind that the Lord is always seeking to impart ministry and gifts through the least esteemed members of the Body, so we should be specially alert to encourage every attempt of the weaker vessels to follow the leading of the Spirit. However, this must be balanced by the concern of those whom the Lord has taught and gifted to see that the flock of God is properly fed; though they themselves must realize they have more to learn and that new knowledge may reach them through the most unexpected channels. In any case folk learn much more by expressing themselves than by merely listening.

9. In the world, success is achieved as a man makes himself indispensable, but in the Church of God true success is reached when a worker has brought others to take his place so that he can withdraw and continue to minister in a new needy field.

10. Some may find it difficult to develop the kind of loving liberty of spiritual reverence that is best for a meeting in the home. On the one hand we must avoid a false "religious" atmosphere, and on the other, a fleshly "lightness." We must learn to be our true spiritual

self before the Lord and our fellow believers, and also be considerate to newcomers who have not yet discovered this happy balance in their expression of the spiritual life.

A WORD TO MINISTERS

The foregoing thoughts have already been discussed with quite a few ministers and full-time Christian workers of various denominations, and for the most part have been received with favor. We have heard of one minister with one of the largest evangelical churches in the USA who has started a plan where he conducts the Sunday services in the auditorium as usual, but during the week he is organizing the members to meet in their homes all round the city for prayer and Bible study. This certainly seems a step in the right direction.

We have met other ministers who hold meetings for prayer, fellowship and Bible study in their manse, encouraging all the people to take as much part as possible, while they themselves do their best to keep in the background.

One thing is certain: most ministers are very discouraged by the small amount of truth that members of their congregations are able to absorb simply by sitting in the pew listening to messages from the pulpit. A great many deplore the low standard of spirituality that our modern methods of church gathering produce. All the improvements that human ingenuity and modern science can place at our disposal have been tried here and there, but with little lasting effect. Could it be that the simple methods so successful in Bible days, described and advocated in God's own Word, are the very methods which we need today?

The situation calls for much prayer and a willingness to act

in accordance to Bible truth rather than along the lines of mere human tradition or expedience.

"To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

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The writer has been very pleased to receive many letters from all parts of the world in respect to this article. Most of these have been very enthusiastic, and a few have offered constructive criticisms which have been welcome.

Many letters have chided the writer with not being what the call "a real come-outer." My reply to this is that when you become a "come-outer" and disassociate yourself from other believers, you then virtually become another sect.

It seems that the true ideal suggested by Scripture is that each assembly should in effect be organizationally independent from all other assemblies, and the believers in the assembly are responsible to Christ, the true Head of the one true Church, to have their affairs guided by Him and His Word. Then they can be free to extend a warm hand of fellowship to ALL whom they consider to be true Christians. They can enjoy being "ALL ONE in Christ Jesus." <<<

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The True Church

by H.A. Maxwell Whyte

The present outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the church has reached proportions that can no longer be ignored by any section of the church at large. The number of Christians receiving their personal Pentecostal experience is rapidly increasing, and the gifts of the Spirit are reappearing in many unexpected places.

It is interesting to ask ourselves a question. What is Jesus doing? Can we be any longer satisfied with our particular denomination? Do we not sometimes become engulfed in traditional teachings and practices which prevent us having a clear understanding of what is happening in the spiritual realm? We have met so many people who have suddenly become hungry and only a deeper experience of the Holy Spirit can satisfy them. This is particularly true in Toronto, Canada where many have come to my office and been taught and prayed through to the baptism in the Spirit from several denominations, since the turn of the new decade.

Let us throw our minds and thinking back to the beginning of this Christian dispensation, and the beginning of the creation of this that we call THE CHURCH. The word has been used so loosely that it has largely lost its meaning in our language. The spiritists have 'church' and heathen religions like the Buddhists have

churches'. The word CHURCH (ecclesia — that which is called out) is mentioned very significantly by Jesus when making a first reference to His coming **supernatural creation**. He said "I will build my church". (Matt. 11:18) Notice if you will that He did not say He would build churches. Further, He would be the only Architect. As the type of the temple in the Old Testament speaks to us of the only true Church of Jesus Christ of the New Testament, it follows that there can be only one basic plan or design for this church. The manifestations of this throughout the world will approximate in format, worship, and the partaking of the Lord's supper.

When Jesus spoke these words "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH", we must bear in mind that he was speaking to religious men and women who were already members of a church! All these Jewish people were either members of the Pharisees, the Sadducees or one of the smaller sects of their day. The Pharisees (which means separate) were the fundamental denomination of their day, so to speak, and are described by Dr. Robert Young as being noted for their self-conceit, long prayers, unnecessary tithing, vapid fastings, and a stubborn desire to put traditions before the Word of God. Jesus told them that they therefore nullified completely the



effectualness of the Word of God. They had religion without power, but they were quite sure all the others were wrong. Do we have churches like these today?

The Sadducees took their name from their founder Sadok who denied the existence of angels or any spirits, good or bad, and flatly refused to believe in any possibility of the resurrection. They had religion too and they refused to believe in any supernatural content; they were the liberals of their day. There were smaller sects with various degrees of doctrinal error with various men to lead them, and it must be obvious that there was little unity in such a church! Some became Essenes and worked from Monasteries copying scriptures, living a very ascetic life and never mixing with the others. Now we must be careful to ask ourselves whether Jesus came to renew or reinvigorate any of these sects. We can safely assume He had no such idea, but boldly stated that He alone was the Architect and Builder of a **brand new church**, in other words He ran absolutely contrary to all organized forms of religion or 'church'.

The forerunner John the Baptist clearly told the people that his ministry was a preparatory one to make paths straight for Jesus Who would baptize

them in the Holy Ghost and fire. We must assume that thousands answered the call to repent and get right with Jehovah, and were then immersed in the River Jordon, typifying total cleansing and regeneration, for it is recorded that "there went out unto him (John) all the land of Judaea and they of Jerusalem and were all baptized of him." (Mark 1:5). This would seem to indicate many thousands of repentant Jews. John immediately told all this large company that Jesus would baptize them all in The Holy Ghost. Jesus continued to preach the gospel after the death of John and began to introduce the supernatural again after hundreds of years of spiritual drought. He healed the sick of every disease, He cast out demons, He raised the dead, cleansed the lepers and informed His disciples (disciplined followers) that they would go and do the same. His whole ministry of three and a half years was building toward one great day, THE DAY OF PENTECOST, which was to be the beginning of the Church.

He told the disciples it was imperative that He go away but He promised them another Comforter who would be IN THEM, not WITH THEM, as He had been. This is the difference between a disciple and a Spirit filled member of the CHURCH.

Dr. William Smith in his famous Bible Dictionary, under the word 'CHURCH' writes, "The Day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church. The Spirit, Who was then sent by the Son from the Father, and rest on each of the disciples, combined them once more into a whole — combined them as they **had never before been combined**, by an internal and spiritual bond of cohesion. Before Pentecost they had been individual followers of Jesus, now they became His mystical Body, animated by His Spirit." Could this be put more clearly? It was the baptism in the Spirit promised by John that was the purpose and culmination of Jesus' ministry, and obviously He could not have been satisfied until all his disciples were baptized in the Spirit, and were bringing forth the anointed Word of God as a sharp two-edged sword from their mouths. This baptism in the Spirit is not a 'plus' to the church, it is an imperative! It is mandatory if the true CHURCH that Jesus is building today is to meet Satan and his hosts head on and defeat them in our day!

When Paul visited the disciples at Ephesus as recorded in Acts 18 and 19, he visited 'certain disciples'. It is obvious from the context that their pastor Apollos taught them that Jesus was the very Christ. He

then asked them if they had received the Holy Spirit. They expressed ignorance of the experience and so he taught them, first about Christian baptism, and when they had all submitted to this ordinance, he laid his hands on them and all of them commenced to speak in tongues and prophesy!

Now, why did God send Paul to Ephesus? Had they not a nice church with a splendid Pastor? It is interesting to note that Paul visited them in the absence of their Pastor which was not a very ethical thing for him to do! It could be asked whether Apollos had a very unfavourable reaction when he found what stranger Paul had done to his church! On the contrary, Apollos later became a New Testament apostle and joined Paul in his work of laying hands on disciples that they might also speak in tongues! This was the birth of the Ephesian Church.

Is Jesus trying today to renew the various Christian groups? We do not think so. We believe He is once again building His one true CHURCH from the living members of all these groups, both Protestant and Catholic, Denominationalism, traditionalism, and sacerdotalism are now giving place to the TRUTH that is setting them free. This is the day of the final building again of the One True CHURCH. ◀◀◀

Pampano Beach

High School Report



by Shari Basham

I have been so fortunate as to witness a movement of the Holy Spirit in my school! God

seems to be reaching down and really shaking those kids up. He's filling them with a love so wonderful and real!

The Bible tells us not to

neglect coming together for fellowship. During this past school year I've learned how true this is, especially when you are working with both believers and non-believers. People need a place to come together for witnessing, sharing, ministering, healing, and continual praising of our Wonderful Jesus! These home meetings offer just that — a true place of worship. Hallelujah!

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Birth of a Mission

WHEN THE LORD wants to begin a work, He looks for a man with a hungry heart; one who is seeking the reality of God. A new move of the Holy Spirit began in Florida with one such man — Episcopalian Eldon D. Purvis, a gentle, balding Ft. Lauderdale stock-broker. For years, Purvis testifies, he sought God by investigating every religion, cult, and ism which came his way. Unity, Christian Science, Rosicrucianism, Mormonism, Eastern mystery religions and all others which seemed to hold promise. Traveling abroad, he went from England's Canterbury Cathedral to the Vatican in Rome and a private audience with the Pope, yet spiritual reality eluded him all the while.

Then five years ago he came across an article in *Trinity* magazine written by an Episcopalian priest, Father Sherwood, relating how the Holy Spirit was moving to bless the lives of Episcopalians with supernatural gifts and powers like those in the New Testament. "As I read that article I knew either one of two things had to be true," Purvis said. "Either that priest was mentally unbalanced, or else he was describing the very thing I had been searching for."

Crashed A Women's Meeting: Discovering Father Sherwood lived in Florida, Purvis telephoned the Spirit-filled priest who put him in touch with two Bible teachers, Mrs. Rene Robin-

son and Mrs. Grace Munsey from nearby Lake Worth, Florida. At Mrs. Munsey's invitation Purvis visited a Bible study group meeting in a private home in Lake Worth.

"I was so hungry for the spiritual truths those two ladies were teaching," Purvis recalls, "that I attended the group all winter before it dawned on me that I was the only man present and that I had crashed a women's meeting."

At his invitation Mrs. Munsey then began a weekly Bible class in Purvis' home in Ft. Lauderdale and it was through the unfolding the Word of God that Purvis came to see that the reality he was seeking could only be found in a personal relationship to Jesus Christ. He found salvation in his own living room.

Just The Beginning: But salvation was just the beginning for Eldon Purvis, for Grace Munsey's teaching also made him aware of the experience called the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and four months later, while attending a Full Gospel Business Men's meeting in Miami, Purvis received the baptism in the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues. The introduction of this new and deeper dimension of Christian experience into the weekly meetings in his home resulted in many other hungry church members experiencing their own personal pentecost.

The meeting began to grow at a

phenomenal rate; from ten to twenty-five to fifty and still larger until the Purvis living room could not contain the crowd. Thus, new groups in other homes sprung up and the charismatic movement continued to spread into new areas. Now on fire for God and realizing the vast hunger for spiritual reality in their community, Purvis and others of the group began to cast about for still more effective means of promoting this new move of the Holy Spirit.

Need for Teaching Missions: "It was obvious that most Christians were still unaware of how the Holy Spirit is moving in the church today, and we saw what we needed was some kind of teaching mission," Purvis recalls.

Since the various home groups had no structure or organization someone logically asked, "If we hold such a mission, who will we say is sponsoring it?" So they gave themselves a name; The Committee of Forty. "There is no particular significance to the name," Purvis admits. "We just needed a committee to sponsor the mission and the number forty is a good Biblical number, so that's what we decided to call ourselves."

Knowing no other way to proceed, Purvis reached for the telephone and began to place calls to various cities around the country to men who were recognized leaders in the charismatic movement, inviting them to come to

Ft. Lauderdale to conduct a "Holy Spirit Teaching Mission." Significantly enough, everyone he called accepted and in June 1965, at a swank hotel on the ocean beach, the first Holy Spirit Teaching Mission was convened under the leadership of Rev. David duPlessis of California, Rev. Dennis Bennett of Seattle, Washington, Rev. Leonard Evans of Toronto, Canada, and John Sherrill, editor of *Guideposts* magazine and author of the book, "They Speak With Other Tongues."

Resounding Success: "Charismatic Renewal in the Historic Churches" was the announced theme of the mission and special seminars for local clergymen — all of whom had received personal invitations to the mission — were scheduled. The mission was a resounding success, drawing hundreds of persons from across the state and beyond. Over seventy local ministers attended the seminars. A large number of laymen and several ministers received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and many others found new life in Jesus Christ. Since that first mission others of a similar nature have been conducted and the charismatic movement in southern Florida continues to spread.

Organization At A Minimum: Persons becoming aware of the Committee of Forty and their Holy Spirit Teaching Missions are often surprised at the lack of formal structure or organization in the movement, but those involved in this strikingly effective ministry are determined that organization be kept at a minimum so that the Holy Spirit may continue to move freely and without restriction in their midst.

Source of Power: The strength and vitality of the Holy Spirit's working is clearly dependent on the continual flow of prayer and ever-deepening study of the Word of God in the many prayer and Bible study groups meeting weekly in the area, including the towns of Ft. Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, Lake Worth, Hollywood, Miami Beach and Belle Glade.

Fresh Bread Tape Library: A necessary outgrowth of this quiet and powerful evangelism has been the development by the Committee of Forty of an extensive book and tape lending library, containing the writings and messages of recognized spiritual leaders. In addition to hundreds of books constantly on loan, the Committee has over 1500 tapes plus 10 portable tape recorders which it makes available without charge to groups and individuals in the area.

Spirit Led T.V. Program: A truly providential opportunity for spreading the news of the charismatic outpouring was afforded when an invitation came from a Miami ministerial association to the Committee of Forty, asking them to prepare a 30-minute T-V program dealing with the charismatic movement in the historic churches. Hastily, a panel was set up, and in a remarkable demonstration of faith in the Holy Spirit's power to



Munsey and Robinson: Led Purvis to Christ.

provide in any and every situation, the program was filmed without a script and completely unrehearsed. John Stanford, Spirit-filled Ft. Lauderdale attorney who, at the last minute was asked to serve as moderator of the panel, relates his impressions this way:

"When plans to organize and rehearse the show got nowhere, we gave it over to the Lord. Then the program went smoothly and God spoke through every man on the panel. As the program began we explained that it was unplanned and unrehearsed and that we were turning the running of it over to God.

"Immediately after the program concluded, one of the T-V cameramen rushed over to me and said, 'God must have been running the program because the chief engineer could not be found anywhere!'

"The Lord's timing was excellent too, because I was supposed to watch for cue cards telling me how much time was left as we approached the

end of the program. I saw none but the last card which advised we had only a few seconds left. By then the subject had been covered and all basic questions answered. We closed the program almost right on the second."

Twenty 16 mm. sound movies have been made from the video tape of the program and have been shown in many teaching missions across the country. As demands for the films increase, additional copies will be made.

THE OUTREACH MINISTRY —

In the five years since the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Ft. Lauderdale area began, the emphasis among those involved in the movement has increasingly changed from one of being ministered to, to one of ministering. A growing concern for spreading the good news of the charismatic movement to other cities has resulted in an ever-widening ministry. In recent months the Committee of Forty has found itself sponsoring Holy Spirit Teaching Missions in various cities in the United States and also in Canada, England, Scotland and Jamaica.

Jamaica: How the Holy Spirit moves to make these missions possible is vividly illustrated by the mission to Jamaica. One evening at one of the local prayer meetings in Ft. Lauderdale, two men from Jamaica appeared with a message from Christian leaders in their country, expressing an increasing concern that since Jamaica's independence from Great Britain in 1962, the major historic denomination on the island — the Anglican Church — was swiftly losing her grip on the people. While much of the native populace was being ministered to by various evangelical and holiness denominations, the middle and upper-class people and their churches were greatly in need of spiritual renewal. While in the United States, one of the visiting Jamaicans received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and returned home with joy to tell of his experience and to report what he had seen and heard in Ft. Lauderdale.

Political Figure: The report resulted in an invitation from the late Sir Francis Kerr-Jarrett, prominent Anglican land owner and political figure in Jamaica, to four members of the Committee of Forty to visit him in his home to share with him the news of the current outpouring of the Holy Spirit around the world. Out of this visit came the first Holy Spirit Teaching Mission to Jamaica, held in November, 1967. Over 40 Spirit-filled Christians flew from Miami to Montego Bay and for three days conducted public meet-



Purvis Home: Part of 75 member Charismatic prayer group.

ings at the Chatham Hotel. Between the meetings, the visiting Christians fanned out across the island to witness in churches, schools and on the streets. Many of these spontaneous times of witnessing resulted in a real harvest for the Lord. People of all classes heard the Word and were ministered to. At the public meetings, wealthy land-owners and prominent businessmen stood beside simple native fishermen to receive salvation and prayer for the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Follow-Up: The outstanding success of the first mission has led to subsequent visits to the island by representatives of the Committee of Forty, and a number of weekly Bible study and prayer meetings have been initiated in various homes and churches across the island, including one in the home of Sir Francis Kerr-Jarrett. In a written statement of his own religious convictions circulated to fellow Anglicans in Jamaica, just before his death, Sir Francis stated.

"I find complete justification for all the Holy Spirit Teaching Mission teaches and nothing contrary to the Christian way of life; rather an upholding of all our Saviour taught. . . . Christianity has long devoted too much time to HOW to worship rather than WHO. . . . The Church now stands where Judaism stood at the time of our Lord. We need to revert to the simplicity of the early church and regain the will to be guided by the Holy Spirit and to experience spiritual healing, in order to conquer the Anti-Christ."

During a week-long mission to Jamaica in February, 1968 two members of the Holy Spirit Teaching Mission, accompanied by Mrs. Linda Stine — Spirit-filled independent missionary who works among the Jamaican fishermen — visited the Honorable George S. Ranglin, president of the Jamaican Senate, at his office in Government House in Kingston. A devoted Christian who is deeply concerned over the failure of the organized church to reach the masses of the people with the gospel, Senator Ranglin expressed his appreciation for the work of the Holy Spirit Teaching Mission.

"I am so grateful for what you are doing for my people," he said. "I know you have come to help them and not to take anything away from them. Our people need spiritual help even more than they need physical assistance and I have seen how your work is blessing them." At the close of the visit Senator Ranglin took the team into the Parliament Chamber where, together with him, they prayed that newly-independent Jamaica would experience mighty spiritual revival and be brought to the feet of Jesus Christ.

Social Concern: The work of the Holy Spirit Teaching Mission in Jamaica is also expressing itself in a practical demonstration of Christian love and concern. On discovering the desperate physical needs of many of the Jamaicans, the visiting teams returned to Florida to collect books, clothing, furniture and fishing supplies. Utilizing the 100-ton converted

trawler, AGAPE, owned and captained by Rev. David Stiles, a Spirit-filled Anglican priest from Toronto, Canada, now living in Florida, this latest mission to Jamaica saw thousands of pounds of goods, including a 16-foot boat and outboard motor for the Jamaican fishermen, delivered to Montego Bay for distribution.

Among the dedicated Jamaican Christians now eagerly at work in helping the move of God begun by the Holy Spirit are Mr. Oscar Colley and Mrs. Ivy Harris, both former communists. A vital experience of Jesus Christ plus baptism in the Holy Spirit has transformed these two dedicated persons into tireless workers for the Kingdom of God. Today, both are giving themselves unstintingly to the spread of the Christian revival and are finding numerous opportunities to share the redeeming grace of Jesus with other Marxist revolutionaries.



Simpson: Southern Baptist Charismatic leader.



Montego Bay, Jamaica: Site of first Holy Spirit teaching mission.

A Permanent Work: The ministry of the Holy Spirit Teaching Mission in Jamaica has recently assumed even more lasting form with the donation of property and funds by the Kerr-Jarrett family for the erection of a permanent teaching center. Located near Montego Bay on a beautiful mountain-side overlooking the ocean, the center—comprised of an auditorium and classroom plus a dormitory with accommodations for 60 students—is rapidly nearing completion. It is scheduled to open with an initial four-week training course in July.

The program of the center will eventually include not only intensive short-course Bible and spiritual leadership training for Christian workers for the U.S. and other countries, but also various courses of study for the residents of Jamaica as well. Although to be partly staffed by Americans, the center is owned and governed by a board of directors, the majority of whom are Jamaicans.

"We envision the Jamaican Holy Spirit Teaching Mission as the home base of a whole network of Christian witnessing and teaching ministries to be launched throughout the Caribbean and South American countries," Eldon Purvis reports. "Our mission is not to acquire property or build an institution, but to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and the ministry and power of the Holy Spirit as quickly and as efficiently as possible."

Ministry in the U.S.: In the U.S., the HSTM has continued to expand its ministry through many three-day missions and seminars. Numerous requests continue to pour into the mission office, from various churches and home prayer groups all over the country, asking for assistance in setting up retreats and seminars. In response, the HSTM has cooperated by providing information, literature, films, and often personnel for such meetings.

For personnel, the HSTM draws on professionally-trained leadership such as Rev. Derek Prince, internationally-known teacher and missionary and Rev. Don Basham, Disciples of Christ minister and author, both of whom live in the Ft. Lauderdale area; in addition to ministers, and teachers of various denominations such as Father William Sherwood, Episcopalian, Rev. Bob Mumford, teacher and minister from California, Rev. Charles Simpson, Baptist, Rev. Harry Greenwood, English evangelist and others. In addition missions utilizes the talents and dedication of a number of spirit-baptized laymen from various professions to help provide seminar leadership.

The HSTM has, in the past two years, cooperated in sponsoring retreats and seminars, not only across Florida, but in such states as Arizona, Georgia, North Carolina, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Missions currently scheduled for the next few months include Texas, Pennsylvania,

Ohio and Michigan.

Locally, the teaching and prayer ministry are centered in the various home prayer meetings, and in the week-long International Holy Spirit Teaching Mission held in the Hollywood Beach Hotel in Hollywood, Florida each spring and fall.

New Wine Magazine: The HSTM's increasing load of correspondence with people all over the country made it obvious that some regular publication was needed; not only to keep people informed of the Mission's activities, but also to provide in article form, some of the teaching content of the seminars and missions. The monthly magazine, **New Wine**, was established to meet that need, and in its first six months of publication has had an amazing reception. If the current rate of growth continues, its circulation should reach 50,000 by the end of its first year of publication.

Offered are not only articles by those providing leadership for the HSTM, but also reprints from other publications deemed significant in the move of the Holy Spirit today. The magazine makes no attempt to defend or promote any hard doctrinal line or specific theology. It does seek to report faithfully what God is doing today by the power of His Holy Spirit, and to offer sound, unbiased scriptural teaching based on valid Christian experience.

Witnessing and Teaching Tours: Another effective means for carrying on the work of the HSTM has been the Witnessing and Teaching tours it sponsors. Taking advantage of Americans' inveterate urge to travel, the Mission has sponsored a number of overseas tours, their main purpose is to provide teaching and give opportunity for Christian fellowship and sharing with people in other lands. Tours currently scheduled include one to Italy—Israel—Switzerland—England in April of this year, and another in July to Russia—Sweden—Finland—Switzerland—England. Other tours to Asia, Africa and South America are in the planning state. Experience has shown that the tours not only have a significant spiritual effect upon the people in the lands visited, but also have resulted in life-changing experiences for the tour members themselves.

CHRISTIAN TELEVISION:

Now, a vision the Lord gave to leaders of the Holy Spirit Teaching Mission three years ago is moving swiftly toward realization. Moving so fast those associated

with the work are praising the Lord for doing the "impossible". (Luke 18:27)

The Federal Communications Commission is notoriously slow in ruling on applications for new television and radio stations and it is not unusual for an applicant to wait for months for a ruling. It took that same FCC just three days to approve the modified application of Florida Christian Broadcasting to build and operate UHF Channel 45 in Miami. That was an answer to the prayers of the Spirit-filled believers seeking the Lord's will for the project.

More recently another miraculous answer to prayer occurred in relation to a site for the transmitter tower. Although the Lord had lead the group to a 20 acre site, it was only half the size needed to accomodate guy wires for a 1000 foot tower. Then, while in prayer about this very matter, a group of the leaders was interrupted by a phone call from a tower engineer. He informed the group he had come up with a revolutionary design which would permit construction of the tower on the available 20 acres. What's more, WFCB-TV directors now plan to hang a lighted, 300-foot cross from the top of the thousand foot tower.

Although the Lord's hand has been evident in the project from the beginning, Christian television is not without precedent in the United States. Two such stations, one in Portsmouth, Virginia, the other in Los Angeles, are now on the air.

The only other Christian television station now on the air is in Los Angeles, but current indications are that the Lord has ordained other stations for Chicago and Cleveland.

While WFCB-TV will not be connected with any of these other Christian stations, programs will be interchanged to bring South Florida viewers the finest in Gospel messages and Christian entertainment. Specific programming plans are incomplete, but the Board of Directors has stated the purpose of WFCB-TV in these words: "To make the Gospel of Jesus Christ available to every home, every day. To provide wholesome entertainment and programs of public service, education and community interest."

To this end, Channel 45, the GOOD NEWS STATION, will promote neither violence nor sex and will not schedule programs by questionable artists.

WFCB-TV will be a commercial television station, but advertising as well as programming, will be carefully screened. The directors are planning a program

schedule that will be wholesome without being puritanical or self-righteous; programming and advertising that will not be dictated to by the almighty dollar. To this end the stations will accept no tobacco or beer advertising.

WFCB-TV directors are in agreement with those who feel the daily diet of violence fed our children on network television can only have a detrimental effect in their formative years. Stanford University psychologist, Dr. Alberta E. Siegel, has said, "Every American adult, teenager, and child today is attending a school of violence, named, TV." Dr. Siegel adds that the "distinction between fiction and reality as shown on TV is a difficult one for normal adults to maintain. For young children, the distinction may not exist at all."

In contrast, childrens' programs on WFCB will be stimulating in a wholesome way: they will offer the positive message of the Gospel. Other programs will present exciting testimonies from such figures as singer Pat Boone, former New York Yankee star Bobby Richardson, and ex-nightclub singer, Dave Boyer; programs in sign language for the deaf; powerful spiritual messages from Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, Kathryn Kuhlman and local teachers and pastors; educational, informative and entertaining programs; programs for the Jewish community and south Florida's large Spanish-speaking population; and new and special events with an emphasis on the positive, wholesome things happening in the community. There are also plans to interpret the news in the light of the scriptures.

This is only a sampling of the Christian programs to be offered the two million residents of Florida's gold coast when Channel 45 transmits its first signal in May.

God has led committed, talented people to positions of leadership in His television station; they include Thomas Monroe, a successful automotive engineer from Indianapolis, Indiana, who now finds himself, through the leading of the Lord, the general manager of WFCB-TV.

Donald Bohl, former director of such network shows as "To Tell the Truth," "Password" and "The Price is Right," will utilize his knowledge and experience as program director of WFCB-TV.

Other Christians with a variety of talents have been offering their services to this new work since the concept and plans for the station were presented to

the public.

Singer Pat Boone and his wife, Shirley, took two days from their crowded schedule to appear at announcement luncheons in Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach and a dinner in Miami. A total of 1500 Christians and community leaders from all walks of life heard the Boones tell of their own deep commitment to the Lord and call for prayer support for the non-denominational station.

Boone told an interviewer that a Christian television station can be a success because "we've got something going for us if we claim it, and that is the power of God. God will bless any effort that is genuinely offered to Him, that is turned over to Him. A Christian television station will attract top professional people who are just waiting to use their talents for the Lord."

Because of new developments in transmitting equipment WFCB-TV will be able to reach into the great majority of homes along the lower east coast of Florida with a color signal comparable to that of the existing VHF stations in the area.

Total costs of getting the station on the air are estimated at \$1.5 million and the yearly operating cost, \$150,000.

The farther this project advances and the more miracles that occur, the greater the realization by those associated with the effort that this station is God-ordained, that they are merely instruments of the Lord. The constant prayer of the directors is that they remain submissive to His will, and they solicit the prayers of Christians everywhere for their continued obedience to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Tom Monroe aptly expressed the feelings of the Board of Directors when he said, "We're not in the television business, we're in the people business."

TESTIMONIES:

OSCAR COLLEY:

For sixteen years I was a communist. Born in 1933, I was reared in a Christian home. My mother insisted I go to Sunday School. She tried to teach me the way of the Lord. I learned the stories of Jesus, but never surrendered my life to Him.

Yet, strange as it may seem, I was possessed of an inner desire to imitate Him. In school I shared my pocket money with children poorer than I. In my eagerness to help others I soon became known as a peace-maker

among the children. Some of the parents of my schoolmates began to say that in my earnestness to help others I was doing the same thing the communists were doing. That was the first time I had heard the word "communist," and I knew nothing of the doctrine behind it. The dictionary said communism meant "all things held in common" and "government by the people and for the people." Since I desperately wanted to free my people from misery and poverty I accepted the name of "communist."

When about 16 years old I was offered assistance by a communist — an outstanding man in our part of Jamaica—who told me capitalism and Christianity were to blame for the plight of my nation. He and his friends said the Bible was written by King James, a capitalist, who wrote it to keep his people in subjection, and that Christians use the Bible for the same purposes today. Having no personal knowledge of Jesus Christ, I accepted what they told me. They said I needed no more schooling — only ideological training. They taught me trade unionism and how to organize workers to encourage discontent and work stoppages. My teachers told me this was the way to help "liberate" the workers.

After three years of training and communist activity, I came under the scrutiny of Jamaican government officials, who denounced me as a communist. Still I saw no inconsistency between what I was doing and what Moses had done to liberate the children of Israel from bondage in Egypt. In fact, I began to think of myself as a kind of "Jamaican Moses" — a true patriot. However, since I was labeled communist, many Christians on the island expressed open contempt and hatred for me, but none ever seriously attempted to tell me that I could have a first-hand experience with Jesus Christ. In those years I saw no spiritual danger in communism. To me it was politically expedient to be a communist, and I had not openly denied God.

Then one night nine years ago, when my fiancée became quite ill, I prayed for God to heal her, and a remarkable thing happened. My spirit seemed to leave my body and I found myself standing on a broad plain, hundreds of miles across. I saw my own body as though it were dead, and heard the voice of God speaking quietly but with great power — "Go ye therefore and preach the Gospel, and lo I will be with thee, even unto the end of the world." Immediately my



Colley and Harris: Former Communists.

spirit re-entered my body.

For three years after that strange experience, I suffered a terrible spiritual struggle — tried to find spiritual peace by many means. I tried spiritual disciplines, eastern philosophies, drink, drugs, yet nothing worked. I told many people I was seeking the face of the Lord, but no one would believe me because I was a communist.

Then one day one of my cousins who had been converted to Christianity invited me to attend a special service in her church. I went reluctantly, since it was a small pentecostal church and unlike any I had ever been in. As I listened to the minister, I began to argue silently with him, asking him questions in my mind. To my astonishment those questions began to receive answers as the minister preached! Suddenly I saw the glory of God appear—like a halo—around his head, and something struck me in the heart—like a physical blow. Fearing a heart attack, I stood up to leave the service and seek medical attention, but instead of going out of the church, my feet carried me straight to the altar where I found myself confessing my sin and surrendering my life to Jesus Christ. I felt God's power coursing through my body. The burden of sin was lifted. The passion for communism, the desire to do evil and to shed blood was gone. I could perceive the stark contrast between Christianity and politics, between democracy and communism, between the devil's "religion" and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Since my conversion it has been my privilege to witness to many of my

former communist associates and share with them the good news that Jesus Christ, not communism, is the answer they are seeking.

After becoming a Christian I met a group of anti-communists led by a group of Christian ministers who wanted me to help them. God had already called me to preach His Gospel, but I had determined not to preach publicly until I had been baptized in the Holy Spirit. However this group introduced me to Sir Francis Kerr-Jarrett, the senior custas in Jamaica (a custas is the equivalent of governor of a state in the U.S.) and one of Jamaica's most prominent citizens. Sir Francis, I found, was active in the Christian organization known as Moral Rearmament, and was a devoted Anglican. I went to work for him.

In June, 1967, with the encouragement of Sir Francis, and with clear guidance from the Lord, I visited Florida with a minister-friend from Jamaica. Through God's providence we were led to a prayer meeting in Hollywood, Florida, where for the first time in my life I saw a congregation of white people worshipping God unreservedly. Instinctively I raised my hands and began to praise God. Suddenly it was as though God lifted me right into heaven, and I found myself praising Him in a new and unknown language!

In answer to our prayers, many of those same Spirit-filled Americans have begun to visit Jamaica and to share the precious news of the worldwide outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We are seeing revival come to some of the leading churches and Christians in my country of Jamaica. I thank Almighty God for what He is doing through the Holy Spirit Teaching Mission and its representatives as they minister in Jamaica.

GRACE MUNSEY:

What a wonderful Saviour we have! It is glorious when we know Him, and tragic when we do not.

My mother, a devout Roman Catholic, gave me to Jesus long before I was born. She felt the only way I could become a member of the Bride of Christ was to become a Roman Catholic nun. In obedience to her vow, I entered the Order of St. Joseph. How I tried by penance and sacrifice to make restitution for my sins! But how hard it is when the motive of the heart is *duty* instead of *love*. I thank the Lord for the honesty of the Reverend Mother's heart when she felt it was not my vocation to become a nun, and so advised my mother.

Eventually I returned to my home and in a few years married a Roman Catholic boy. Later, we had the supreme joy of hearing the living, powerful full Gospel preached. How my heart rejoiced when I heard that my salvation was a *gift* of God's love and not to be paid for by my own works! When I learned that my Lord Jesus had taken *my* appointment with death and judgment upon Himself — that He had died for *my* sins, was buried



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and arose again for *my* justification — I was simply overwhelmed, and truly fell in love with my Saviour and Redeemer.

With joy and eagerness I began to read the Bible. I was so joyously in love with Jesus it seemed I must meet Him face to face and express the gratitude of my heart.

No one had told me I could not see Him. I read in John 14:21 that He would manifest Himself to the ones who loved Him, so I continued praying for this privilege. One glorious day, while praying, I was caught up in the spirit into His presence. What overwhelming joy to hear His loving voice speak those memorable words, "As my Father sent me into the world, so send I you." In that experience many marvelous truths were made plain to me, yet all the time my heart was exclaiming in awe, "Oh, precious Lord, You *are* real!" I saw only the contour of His face, but not His features. When I asked why, He made known to me that were I to behold His features I would look for Him only by those features, whereas He was to be known after the Spirit in *each* temple that He owns. Oh, the utter humility of Him when He made it clear that "As I am allowed to live *within* my children, I will use their features as My face."

During that experience, His living

presence filled me with a great universal love for mankind which rises high above the walls of any church or denomination. Later He revealed Himself to me in my home. It was then I realized that if I had only had the heavenly experience, my spiritual life would have remained so ethereal that I would have been of little earthly use.

He gave me His Holy Spirit to lead and guide me, then led me into the Baptism of death to self — which required many years of sojourning in the wilderness. (I know now that it is a matter of willingness and obedience that determines the length of our "wilderness experience," and not a given number of years.) Since Jesus came to both me and my husband, our

home has been open for Bible study, prayer groups, and counseling.

After being instructed by the Lord, by illumination of the Word by the Holy Spirit, by prophecy, tongues and interpretation, I find myself held captive by one mighty truth: **LIVING, LOVING UNION WITH JESUS IS THE KEY!** It is not running to and fro seeking *how* to serve Him, but living in His presence, which is our blessed privilege. He will do the planning, the drawing, or the sending, *through us*. **◀◀◀**

NOTE: It was through Grace Munsey's Bible Class that Eldon Purvis was converted, thus opening the way for the establishment of the Committee of Forty and the Holy Spirit Teaching Mission.

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REVOLUTION!

By Terry Barge

REVOLUTION! This word, maybe, stares at us from the newspapers and magazines of today, more than any other word.

The world, at this very moment, is in the middle of one of the greatest cultural and moral revolutions it has ever known! This revolution is mainly noticeable and particularly prominent amongst my own age-group—the younger generation.

As I have travelled for the past two and one-half years, throughout the United States, Scandinavia and my own country of Great Britain, I have been able to observe various aspects of that revolution. In Sweden, it took the form of a “moral” revolution, where ‘free-love’ was the ‘in-thing’ and marriage was the ‘out-thing’; in Great Britain, it was a ‘fashion-revolution’, where the name of Carnaby Street became famous all over the world for its ‘mini’ and ‘maxi’ fashions and in the United States it took the form of a ‘youth-culture’ revolution, in which thousands of young people, “plugged in, switched on and dropped out” and as a result a new race of youth was born — ‘Hippies’. As we now know, only too well, Hippie-land has had its own “Babel” and is now split into many other ‘tribes’!

Although these revolutions

are very real and are still asserting their influences upon many nations of the world, there is a greater and a far more universal revolution being born and becoming very active at this time! It's a spiritual revolution! I have viewed with equal measures of excitement and astenishment at times, at the way this revolution is sweeping, not just North America and Europe, but its dynamic influence is at this moment being felt throughout the whole world! From the reports of Richard Wurmbrand and others, it is also active behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains! The power of God, as a result of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, is now evident and is being experienced by hundreds of students in universities and colleges throughout North America, Scandinavia and Europe! An awakening out of a centuries-old, spiritual slumber is now taking place and young people are playing a decisive part in that awakening! God's revolution is very much underway!!

The church at the beginning was a revolutionary church! Stimulated, energized and empowered by the Holy Spirit they turned the then-known world upside down (see Acts 17:6)! The cultures, courses and destinies of scores of nations were influenced and changed by these revolu-



Terry was born in England. For the past eighteen months he has traveled across two continents, speaking and singing a message that appeals to all ages, but has a very special ring for YOUTH. Before the Lord called him into full-time service, he worked with a Gospel beat group.

tionaries for Christ! It is an historical fact that before the end of the first century the church was so moving in the power of the Holy Spirit that its influence and its message of a living, resurrected Christ had reached to the remotest provinces of the Roman Empire! God's successful missionary program!!

Christ had given to his disciples the commission, “Go ye into all the world . . .” (Mark 16:15) and they simply obeyed and “they went forth and preached everywhere. The Lord working with them, confirming His Word with signs following” (Mark 16:20)! Christ gave to His disciples the authority of His Name, “In my Name . . . (see Mark 16:17,18) and the disciples simply used it, this is plainly evident in the Acts of the Apostles!! He gave to them also the power of the Holy Spirit, “But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you . . .” (Acts 1:8) and this they received for “they were all filled with the Holy Ghost” (Acts

2:4) and then "with great power, they gave witness unto the resurrection of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 4:22)!!

—They utilized all at their disposal and the phenomenal message of a living, resurrected Christ swept the world! Taking into consideration the fact that they did not have all the modern conveniences of travel and communication that we have access to today, this was some revolution!!! They carried on their lips a living message which burned in their hearts! Nothing and no one could stop them for they were moving with God! If one of them perished in the arena of the Coliseum, then ten more seemed to appear from nowhere to carry on! Such was the fervour and such was the boldness of God's revolutionaries!!

However this revolution began to be hindered, then it was slowly halted and finally it was stifled altogether by the cunning subtlety of the devil! He began to channel into the church, men, whose carnal influence slowly exerted itself until finally they took control of the church and the Holy Spirit was first grieved, then quenched and finally "locked out" of the church completely and subsequently, instead of the church being a living, dynamic and powerful organism, it slowly became a formal and ritualistic institution — the revolution seemed to be suddenly dead and past.

Now, there is again an "arising and a shining, for the light is come and the glory of the Lord has arisen" (Isaiah 60:1) and another revolution has broken out!! This time the revolution will not die but will grow and grow till the Lord Jesus returns. It is at this moment beginning to sweep throughout the world, through governments, through univer-

sities, colleges and schools, EVERYWHERE!!!

God foresaw all the events that are taking place before our very eyes today — the corruption of society, the landslide of morals, the unsettling and

taking over of governments by atheistic influences and the frantic search for life and fulfillment by today's "bored" generation — God saw all of this and that is why He is activating (Continued on next page)



Breaking Bread... by Rev. Charles Simpson

"And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them. . . ." (Luke 22:19). "And they continued daily with one accord breaking bread from house to house. . . ." (Acts 2:46).

Continued from the Gospel of John

Writer: John; Date: 90 A.D. (Approximately);
Origin: Ephesus; Theme: 20:31.

SUBJECT: THE WORD IS . . . PERSONAL

1. Jn. 1:1,3,4,5,
14,27,29,33,34,
41,44

2. Col. 1:17,19:
2,3

(1) John 1: Describes Jesus as the ETERNAL WORD OF GOD. The Creator of All Things, The Life of God, The Light of God, The Only Begotten of God, The One Who is Preferred, The Lamb of God, The Baptizer in the Holy Spirit, The Son of God, The Messiah, and The King of Israel. (2) Paul, in his letter to the Colossians said it this way: "He is before all things and by Him all things consist". (KJV) "For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell" (KJV). "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge". (KJV) "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." (KJV) Could anything be added to describe the magnificent incarnate Redeemer?

In the midst of such awesome descriptions of the person and ministry of Jesus Christ, one could overlook the fact that this great Eternal Saviour is entirely personal. The Eternal Word of God speaks

His young people and empowering them again with the Holy Spirit, in order that they might once again carry this "spiritual" revolution to the four corners of the earth!!

He is revealing to us that we are Ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor. 5:20); we are His Representatives on this earth, to demonstrate and show to this world in the power of the Holy Spirit that God is NOT dead and that the Lord Jesus Christ is the "same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebs. 13:8)!! We must realize that we are NOT presenting another philosophy or another ideology for "the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power" (1 Cor. 4:20) and Jesus said "You shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8)!!

As Christian young people, called by God, "for such a time as this", we must first allow Christ to be absolute Lord and Master of our total personality and life and then we must truly identify ourselves with Paul's words and "take unto us the WHOLE armour of God, that (we) may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephs. 6:11) and realize fully that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds" (2 Cor. 10:4)! The battle is not a natural one, but a spiritual one for "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephs. 6:12)!!

As God's young people, let us become active in the revolution, God's revolution, by appropriating and using the authority, the weapons and the power provided by the Lord Jesus!!!



3. Jn. 1:40-43

4. 1 Cor. 12:7-10

5. Jn. 1:47

7. Is. 6:1-8
Acts 9:1-20

in the ear of one lost, temporal man.

(3) When Andrew brought his brother, Simon, to Jesus, Jesus gave Simon a very personal word, "You are Simon, the son of Jona, you will be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a STONE." (Peter) (KJV)

(4) In speaking to Peter this way, Jesus exercised two of the Spiritual gifts named in 1 Cor. 12, a word of knowledge and prophecy. Jesus is called The Word (Logos-Greek) of God. That means He is the Utterance or Expression of God made flesh. The gift of the word of knowledge to Peter — telling Him his name by divine knowledge — made God personal to Him. To know that the Omniscient God takes knowledge of us as individuals is a profound revelation, and makes a profound impression. When Jesus followed the gift of knowledge with a prophecy as to Peter's future name (indicative of His changed character), the impact was even greater as doubt fled Peter's mind.

(5) Later Phillip brought Nathaniel to Jesus with a similar encounter. Jesus said to Nathaniel, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." (KJV) Such a person must have been rare for Jesus to notice. Such people are still rare. But how did Jesus know? The GIFT OF THE WORD (Logos) of knowledge operated through Him revealing Nathaniel's inner being. (6) Nathaniel's response was one of amazement, "Whence knowest Thou me?" (KJV) Jesus' casual reply was that He had seen Nathaniel earlier standing under a fig tree. Phillip exclaimed, "You are the Son of God, you are The King of Israel!" (NEB)

Why was Nathaniel so overcome by such simple encounter? He heard the Word of God reveal his inner man, and he realized that The Omniscient God is personal.

One doesn't become a Disciple (disciplined follower-student) of Jesus until THE ETERNAL WORD becomes personal. Herein lies the weakness of much so-called Christianity that only deals in the abstract of impersonal doctrine (7) When The Spirit breaks through to reveal the (Logos) WORD to the inner man, one says, "Here am I Lord, send me." Simon Peter and Nathaniel become Apostles.

Abdications Awaited!

by Denis C. Clark

It was a sad day in the spiritual history of Israel when they rejected God's rule over them through the priesthood, and chose to have a king over them like other nations. In one way it appeared to be the inevitable result, necessitated through corruption in the priesthood, and as early as the prophet Moses we find instructions for Israel when this time came, for such a king was not to be a stranger, nor should he attempt to take Israel back to Egypt, nor multiply wives to himself, but was to copy out the law by hand and be careful to obey it. (Deut. 17:14-20.) Though it was not God's direct will for them to have a king like other nations, yet He warned them that they should seek His choice of a man to rule them. It all sounds very contradictory, but on the contrary was rather very gracious.

Human selection

That it was not God's direct will for them to have a human ruler is clearly revealed in what God said to Samuel, 'they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected Me, and I should not reign over them'. What does all this mean? While there was a Moses, or a Joshua, God was able to reign over His people, and the men remained untitled and fully subject to God's revelation and will, which was then carried out in the nation. Neither Moses nor Joshua had any titled position: both had an anointed ministry. But Israel rebelled against an unanointed

priesthood, for there was no deliverance. The next best thing was a king, but he still needed to be God's man. He still needed God's power and direction, but he was KING over the nation — instead of God!

Then we come to the church period. Christ Himself is Head of the church, our Great High Priest, and our King. What did He leave behind Him? He gave gifts to the church, raising up, or setting ministries in the church, through which He Himself reigned over His people. None of the apostles bore a title, but were anointed men, and for a period we see the brilliant light visible in the church, as Christ Himself reigned among and ruled over His people through these anointed ministries.

But alas, what happened? The power of the anointing began to disappear. Church leaders would no longer seek God for anointed ministries of the Holy Spirit. As with Israel, leaders, or potential leaders, would no longer pay the spiritual price involved in being dominated by the Holy One. The result? 'Kings' began to appear. Instead of Christians operating a priestly ministry, 'priests' were appointed, or elected. These men were given the authority which the Book accords to Jesus only. Human selection replaced divine appointment, and organization replaced the Holy Spirit. This has been the greatest of church tragedies.

Even in these 20th century

days, when we claim to possess so much divine revelation, the position persists, even in the most 'free' denominations. Instead of allowing these ministries to function, we have elected kings over us, to rule us, and seem to love to have it so. Oh yes, we pray about their selection, but they are nevertheless kings, because we, His body, the church, continue to fail to pay the price of seeing these ministries raised among us.

Divine appointment

In Eph. 4:11, five ministries are mentioned. In I Cor. 12:28-30, a further six are added to the list. Some of them can be seen to function spasmodically as manifestations (I Cor. 12:8-10), but what we need is the settled ministry. The purpose? 'For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ . . .' It was our Lord Jesus who said, 'I will build MY CHURCH; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' The only One who can say, 'My church', will do the building Himself! How does He do it? Through anointed ministries!

But what have we done? Instead of paying the spiritual price involved, that these ministries may be 'set' amongst us by the Head of the church, we have elected kings over us. When God gives a man a pastoral ministry, we almost throttle that ministry by lifting him up into a position of rulership,

and call him 'The Pastor'. Mind you, that is only the humblest title ever given. There are much more sophisticated titles available! Oh brethren, we wait for the abdications to begin! But can this be expected before we are willing to pay the price of seeing God raise anointed ministries amongst us?

How the flock need the ministry of the bishop, or overseer. But what have we done? We have made Bishops and even Archbishops over us, with king-

ly authority. The greatest qualification of an apostle was to become the ver off-scouring of the world, so be complete with patience in tribulation, and to produce sings, wonders and mighty deeds. How we need this ministry today. But some make apostles with unbearable authority of rulership. This did not the Lord! He wanted deacons to take care of administration, and elders who would give themselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word. How miserably far we have strayed

from His gracious will and faultless plan.

What shall we say to these things? To form a new denomination would be ludicrous. To have the local church, endowed with ministries which the Head of the church has set therein, is vital. Abdications of positions are called for, but not until we see the true ministries emerge. Shall we seek the Head of the church about this? Why do we tarry? Let those who have the vision see it through in prayer.



HOW TO FINANCE A CHRISTIAN TV STATION

by Don Bohl

No one knows less about finance than I do. In fact, I can't even balance our personal checking account; my wife has to do that. However, as Florida Christian Broadcasting is about to order TV equipment totaling well over a million dollars, the thought has occurred to me, where is all that money going to come from? Oh yes, we believe that the Lord will most certainly provide all that is needed for this ministry, but at this point, progress must largely rely on faith.

Since this Christian TV station has no denominational connection, it is not likely that money will be directly forthcoming from the various denominations. It would be very optimistic to expect the station to be completely sup-

ported by commercials, although this will be one source of revenue. It is possible, but again not likely, that the Lord may touch some rich individual to supply the very large sums that are needed. Where then is all this money going to come from?

The answer to the money question may be spelled out for us in the pattern set by a girl that I know. She is a teenage Christian. Several months ago on her own initiative, she made a pledge to give \$10 a month to the building and support of the TV station. She earns the money by baby sitting. She has been as regular as daybreak about giving her monthly pledge. No one reminds her — no statement is sent. Instead of using that money for clothes or

some personal luxury, she religiously gives to the building of Channel 45 for the Lord's work. She believes in the aim of this station. She believes it will change many lives — for some it will lead to salvation — for others it will be the daily, fresh bread of life through Jesus Christ.

There will be no problem finding money to build the Lord's station with this sort of individual dedication. If one teenage girl can do this, imagine what a little multiplication by more Christians in this area can accomplish.

Who said this younger generation lacks initiative, vision or a sense of moral values? I am very grateful to the Lord for this beautiful gift — this girl is my daughter.

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Hostess For A Home Prayer And Bible Study Meeting

by Nancy Purvis

In November 1964 my life took a decided turn for the better. Eldon and I had been members of a local Episcopal church for eight years, attending Sunday family services regularly. We had had a hunger for a long time, Eldon much longer than I, but not knowing exactly what we were hungering for, whether or not it was to be a Sunday school teacher, which I was for a short time, on a church committee or some church activity. The thought had never occurred to me that knowing a Person would fulfil this void but rather that getting myself occupied in some outside activity would be the answer.

As I look back now, I know that many people over the years witnessed to me about salvation but I was not open because I did not hear and I did not want to hear, knowing it was a fanatical form of religion to talk too much about God and to hear Jesus mentioned was an embarrassment, something small children listened to in Sunday school.

The Lord is so gracious and never intrudes on us. He knew the night He sent Grace Munsey to our home to share what was taking place in her life and home, and had been for the past thirty-five years, was the night I would be open and will-

ing to hear about Jesus. Grace didn't force anything on us but only talked of her own experience and told how Jesus changes us from the inside to the outside and the peace and joy one can have in spite of adverse circumstances just by turning one's life over to Him and being yielded and obedient to Him. It isn't an overnight experience but one of daily walking and reckoning with yourself, being willing, after asking Jesus to come in, to let Him gently uncover the things that have been hidden so long which need to be released from your life but also uncovering the hidden potential inside each individual to be used for Jesus.

We have had our home open for five years for the work of the Lord with two evening Bible studies and as many as 125 have attended and as few as 8. In the beginning we had about 8 people who were truly seeking a closer walk with Jesus and Grace Munsey, who started out as our weekly bible teacher, would teach us by the Spirit a recipe which could be applied to our daily living, not something which increased our knowledge of the Word, which we all require, but in the beginning she brought us teaching which gave us Life and this Life was Jesus and it gave us the foundation we so badly needed. As our meetings continued, the Holy Spirit brought many new faces and the gifts of the Spirit

began to manifest in the meetings. It wasn't something we had to work up but as the need arose, the necessary gift was operated. Praise the Lord, today in the meetings we wait completely on the Lord and He ministers to individuals as the need arises. We know that through the Power of the Holy Spirit we have all Power and Authority at our fingertips if we will but yield in complete obedience to Jesus Christ and allow Him to use us as He wills.

Knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and as a living Reality, a Person not in history but a Person who sits at the right hand of God as Resurrected Lord and who cares about every aspect of our lives has brought a change in our home and our family of three children but most important of all, getting back where it's most important of all, He has changed me. I have not arrived anywhere near where I know the Lord is wanting me but I Praise His Name that He is daily bringing me closer and I count it a privilege to be a small part of the big and wonderful work God is doing all over this world today.

My testimony is one of having accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour of my life, having been baptized by immersion, which is a glorious and awakening experience and being baptized by Jesus into the Holy Spirit. I truly would rather have Jesus than anything.

International News

Serious doubts have arisen as to the authenticity of published reports that former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev had publicly professed his faith in Jesus Christ shortly before being forced from power in Russia.

Originally appearing in a British evangelical publication, then re-printed in several American magazines, including *New Wine* (Dec. 1969), the report was that Khrushchev had told a meeting of Christians in Russia that he wanted to turn the Soviet Union back to God. He was deposed shortly after this took place.

Latest reports from persons with contacts behind the Iron Curtain say the story is "unfounded . . . that nobody in the Soviet Union has ever heard of such a thing."

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On a more positive note, an article in "Revivalist", for December, 1969, recounts the tremendous growth of The Church in Latin America and says the greatest gains in church membership are among those preaching the Full Gospel message.

Although nearly every denomination is represented on the mission field in Latin America, the article points out that "without a doubt, the fastest growing churches are Pentecostal."

The churches showing the greatest growth are following these seven principles:

1. They have the spiritual seed of the Word which gives them inner power
2. They stress the priesthood of all believers, emphasizing the gifts of the Spirit and

the importance of every member of the Body.

3. They concentrate their ministries where the people are and gear their approach to those people and their social position.
4. They concentrate on the ripe harvest fields.
5. They have an adequate, but not overbearing form of church government, as close to the New Testament pattern as possible.
6. They either have been indigenous from the start, or have been gradually turned over to indigenous leadership.
7. They have sensible financial policies and do not enter into vastly expensive projects which they cannot afford.

For those who believe in the power of God to heal today, a whole new dimension of service is added. By praying for the sick they are able constantly to point the people to Jesus, even in ministering to their material needs, and many believe as they see the power of God in evidence.

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Former Metropolitan Opera baritone Calvin Marsh and pianist Stuart Sacks were featured performers at a Washington's Birthday concert in Fort Lauderdale's War Memorial Auditorium sponsored by Channel 45, Florida Christian Broadcasting, Inc.

Messrs. Marsh and Sacks ministered with song and testimony in the two hour program which also featured sacred music by folk singers Merv and Merla Watson, two choirs from the First Presbyterian Church of

By Bob Feller

Fort Lauderdale and a slide presentation on Channel 45 by Program Director Don Bohl.

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A recent column by Associated Press Science Editor Alton Blakeslee serves to point up the omnipotence of Almighty God. Blakeslee quotes figures that stagger the finite human imagination: for instance; the Milky Way, the galaxie to which our sun belongs, is a family of more than 100 billion stars. And, scientists say there may be as many as 100 billion other galaxies in the universe.

Astronomers believe that billions of these stars may have planets and further, that hundreds of millions of such planets could be, like our Earth, just the right distance from their suns to support life. Blakeslee goes on to say that, assuming these speculations are true, life may have arisen on millions of other planets, perhaps that many in our Milky Way alone.

Scripture leaves no room for doubt about who created and controls these wonders. Just two passages serve to illustrate the point: Isaiah 48:18 . . . "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else." And, Psalm 103:19 . . . "The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all."

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"FOR ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD IN HIM ARE YEA, AND IN HIM AMEN, UNTO THE GLORY OF GOD BY US." (II Corinthians 1:20)

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An act as simple as stretching forth your hand to this page can serve to release your faith. The page becomes your point of contact with God. The staff of the Holy Spirit Teaching Mission pray that God will honor your action!

What promise will you claim today?

"It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." —Romans 8:34

"He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." —Hebrews 11:6

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." —Psalms 37:14

"The joy of the Lord is your strength." —Nehemiah 8:10

"The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles." —Psalms 34:17

"My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." —Proverbs 4:20-22.

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." —Isaiah 41:10

"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." —John 6:37

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." —James 4:7

"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." —Mark 11:24

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." —Proverbs 28:13

