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CHRISTIAN JOY

Christian joy has been called, "joy-in-spite-of," for it is independent of earthly resources,—honor, pleasure, wealth, success. It depends on no props nor crutches, being rooted in Him who prayed, the night before He was tortured to death, "But now I come to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy made full in themselves" (John 17:13 R.V.). The same note is struck in John 15:11: "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full." God's brightest stars shine on the darkest nights, and the deepest joy matures in the bosom of suffering.

When does the nightingale sing most sweetly? On stormy nights. When does the moon's silver ball rise? When the golden "eye of day" has set. When God's visiting angels of blessing are veiled, we lament our fate at first, but as they linger, we gradually realize the priceless gifts they bring, and thank God for their blessings in disguise.

Real joy is often "rung out of the heart of pain," as E. S. Jones expressed it. Some one called Hawaiian lyrics, "tears set to music." Such music gives the listener a high degree of artistic enjoyment, and some critics claim that the most consummate art has grief as its theme. The most exquisite lyrics are in the minor key.

The Bible abounds in references to victorious joy,—the joy of salvation, joy of thanksgiving, joy of forgiveness, joy over one sinner that repented. "And the ransomed of Jehovah shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away"

The joy of pleasing His Father motivated Christ to "endure the cross, despising the shame" (Heb. 12:2). There must have been times in His life when that joy was the only thing to save Him from despair.

When the heavy foot of care treads upon us, or when our hearts droop in the shadow of death, we children of God can have unclouded joy within, the inner light of His presence. When terror and doubt assail, we have Christ's command, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

A writer tells of an Aeolian harp, with its strings drawn from one high hill or tower to another. The more tightly those strings are drawn, the more exquisite will the music be when the wind strikes the harp. So with our human heartstrings; the more tightly they are drawn by pain, the finer will the music be. But, as the harp yields to the wind, so the heart must yield to the touch of the GREAT MUSICIAN, if it would bring forth melody.

---Frieda Martini Buchen

You can make a Christian in a moment, but it takes a lifetime to make a saint.

---Harold Johnson.
The Departing Glory

Or

The Advancing Glory?

By Laurence M. Farr

The God who considered Israel His portion, His inheritance, delighted in showing His omnipotence and working in His people's behalf. But His chief delight was to be with them: "Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them." "I will set my tabernacle among you, and I will walk among you." When the magnificent home for Jehovah, the Lord of hosts, Solomon's beautiful temple, was dedicated, the evidence that Solomon's prayer was answered was the fact that the cloud of God's glory came and settled on and in the temple. The same cloud of the divine majesty and providence which had hovered over the wandering Israelites in the wilderness now came to abide in the chosen house and city. The house was to be a place of worship, praise, prayer, pardon for sinners, instruction in God's holy law; the city was to be the capital of a king who would shepherd God's people with fairness, kindness, and justice, a holy city, a city of righteousness.

But Israel did not choose to follow the divine way. They offended their God, disobeyed His commandments, spurned the prophets with their warnings and appeals, provoked their Mighty One to anger with their insistence on idolatry. And even after God, at long last, had let the judgment fall which He had so many times postponed, sent the inhabitants of the proud nation into exile, and then with returning mercy allowed a remnant to return, the survivors were still set on mischief. They finally compelled God to withdraw from them. He had to abandon His purpose of dwelling with them. The glory had to depart.

Ezekiel reports to us his vision of the departing glory (chapters 8 to 11). At the opening of the vision the glory of God is resting upon the cherubim in the holy of holies. But close by the altar was the image of jealousy, an idol placed there by the worshippers challenging Jehovah in His inner sanctuary. "Do you see," said God to Ezekiel, "the great abominations that the house of Israel are committing here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary?" Here within the temple Ezekiel sees seventy elders engaged in obscene idolatrous worship as they stand before walls decorated with indecent imagery; and outside in the court women participating in the vile rites of Tammuz; while east of the temple are a group of twenty-five men with their backs on the Lord and their faces toward the sun. It is too much for the Lord: His glory leaves the altar, and goes to linger for a while on the threshold.

Still the All-patient One delays His departure. Judgment goes forth throughout the city. But there is no repentance among these headlong
sinners: the holy presence has no choice other than to move farther away, this time to the east gate of the temple area.

The brazen offence of the murderers, the extortioners, and the evil-doers continues. Leading the common people in their sin is a group of twenty-five princes, whose record of bloodshed in the city and whose contempt for the law evoke from Jehovah the promise of dire punishment. Now the glory leaves completely the temple area, and goes across the valley to linger for a while on the Mount of Olives. And then the vision closes. The Lord has forsaken His people, the people laden with iniquity. Like the child born to Phinehas after his death, when Israel was defeated in battle and the ark of God taken captive, the city could now be called Ichabod, for the glory is departed from Israel.

People today indulge lewdness in the chambers of their imagery, provoke the Lord to anger with the rival gods of their pursuits, and hold to their sins, driving the Spirit farther and farther away until he departs. Churches also offend their Lord with their denial of the saving truths of the gospel, their failure to present the message of salvation to the unsaved, and their devotion to a thousand activities which force the Lord out of all claims upon their interest, time, and means; and the Spirit, shoved farther and farther away, at last leaves forever.

Happily we can find in the New Testament a very different picture, that of advancing glory. While the descent of the cloud in response to Solomon's prayer is a majestic scene, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the band in Jerusalem who had been praying for ten days is an exceeding-

ly more marvelous event. This, too, is a story of God coming to dwell with His people and be in their midst: "I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God." "You are the temple of the living God; as God has said, 'I will dwell in them, and walk in them.'" The church was to be a body to show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. The task of this new body was to publish the unsearchable riches of Christ, in order that more and more individuals might have the salvation freely offered in Jesus. And the Spirit so blessed and glorified the band of believers in Jerusalem that great grace was upon them all.

Then in the providence of God the blessing advanced. Peter, quite contrary to all the tenets of his instruction and practice since childhood, found himself on the way to a Gentile's home in a Roman city, and then actually delivering the gospel message to a group of foreigners. The occasion was a glorious one: the Spirit came in power into the room to fill new lives with His holiness and might.

On up the coast a few workers dared to sound the gospel call to Greeks and other Gentiles alike. The same Holy Spirit who had answered the need of the waiting hearts in Jerusalem and in Caesarea entered the hearts of believers at Antioch, and a new church was born. It was a vital church, for which the Lord provided powerful leadership, and so responsive that it was able to catch a vision. So the Holy Spirit advanced His mighty work again, this time to launch the first missionary journey.

On went the triumphant march,

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Can you pronounce my name, Kalikoopuuokalani? If not, call me plain Gilbert Williams. I am frequently asked, "How did you get that American name?" My Japanese father was adopted by a missionary family when a month old, and was raised in a Hawaiian village. My Hawaiian mother is a descendant of one of the older families of the island. We inherited the missionaries' name.

My early life was spent in a Hawaiian boarding school for boys, where English was spoken. One day during my junior year, Mother visited me with this message, "My son, God has called you to the ministry, and I want to know your answer to this challenge."

Precious moments passed, as the clock slowly ticked; finally, from a heart choked with emotion came words of refusal. My mother did not utter a word, but Oh! the anguish on her face! This was quite a few years ago, but I can never forget that. Today I stand redeemed by the One whom I once refused to serve. Blessed be His Name!

The years slipped by as I went merrily on my way, and the call finally faded into oblivion, with ruin in its wake. The world's glittering attractions brought with each glory barrels of heartaches.

Finally, weary of a fast, worldly life, I signed up as a trouble shooter in a telephone company. Once, while I was feverishly repairing a break in the system, the Lord saw fit to lay me on my back in a hospital. Prospects for recovery looked very dark; when the doctors stood around my bed, awaiting the outcome, I remained unconscious. Of course, this was told me later.

During sleep, Christ came through the mist and beckoned me. "Rejoicing in heaven!" you say. Yes, there was much rejoicing in heaven and upon earth, especially in my own heart.

Through a gradual process of purging, the Lord led me from pasture to pasture. He needed me and I needed Him. When I laid down my life on the altar of sacrifice, He opened the door, making it possible for me to study His Word.

People often ask, "Don't you miss your children?" Yes, but when I think of the separation between Father and Son, I count but naught the things we go through. They al-

(Continued on page 14)
The 1951 Fellowship Circle banquet on May 24th was a happy time of fellowship and reunions. Several members of each of the "1" classes were present, including five of the graduates of the Class of 1911. They were Dr. Abraham Lohrentz, McPherson, Ks.; Mrs. Albert Grieser, Fort Wayne; Mr. Menno Hirschy, Berne, Ind.; Miss Minnie Hilty, Pandora, Ohio.

The 1941 class had a good representation present. They had something of a reunion by themselves during the banquet while seated at the same table. Those present were: Miss Agnes Burley, Fort Wayne; Rev. and Mrs. (Alice Schreckenberg) Orlan Golden, Fort Wayne; Rev. and Mrs. (Evelyn Neuenschwander) Donald McIntosh, Union Bridge, Md.; Mrs. (Geraldine Roth) Tillman Amstutz, Grabill, Ind.; Miss Helen Schumacher, Pandora, Ohio; and Mrs. (Elsie Ueberschard) Raymond Roe, Pierson, Mich.

The spicy master of ceremonies for the banquet was the Fellowship Circle's President, Rev. Clifford Grabill. A minimum of time was consumed in business matters. A number of songs were delivered by music groups and enthusiastically received. A brief stimulating talk gave the value of Bible school education.

The following officers were elected: President, Gerald Gerig; Secretary, Mrs. Cyril Eichener; Treasurer, Miss Coyla Crow; Trustees, Donald McIntosh, Mr. Harlan Wyne Lohrentz, Mrs. Claude R. Neuenschwander, Miss Virginia Klenk; Mrs. Gerald Gerig.

One of the happiest moments of the Fellowship Circle reunion was when 13 of the 39 foreign missionaries gathered. Four were home on their first
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music packages" of the College.

The following are elected: Vice-

Responding Secretary, Rev. Don

Recording Secretary, Autars, Dr. Abraham

wards, Rev. Jesse

nia Meier, and

banquet. Fittingly, the pictures of the group were

taken against the background of the 1951 class motto,

"Reaching the Unreached." Pictures of the group

are shown on this page.

The missionaries present from the 1945 class

were: "Miss Betty Best, Mr. and Mrs. (Helen Kem-

merer) John Blosser, Mr. and Mrs. (Hilda Warye)

Wayne Brenneman, Mr. and Mrs. (Edna Neuensch-

wander) Daniel Dyck, Mr. and Mrs. (Ruth Caddy)

Jake Schierling.

President Witmer gave a brief talk commenting

on the growing interest of Bible College alumni in

their Alma Mater. He remarked that our fellowship

is first of all a spiritual oneness that we have in the

Spirit, from the Father, and by the Son. It should

be intensified as we near the vortex of the age and

the imminent coming of Christ.
Bible College Reunion in Nigeria

While Bible College reunions and Fellowship Circle banquets have been held in various parts of the United States during the past year, a group of alumni got together for a delightful time of fellowship in Northern Nigeria. While Rev. Edison Habegger was on his recent African tour, he was the guest speaker at the Northern District Regional Convention (Nigeria) of the United Missionary Society.

Miss Luella Landrey reports as follows:

"From March 16 to 18, at our Northern District Regional Convention, we were privileged to have as our guest speaker, Rev. Edison Habegger. In spite of the warm weather we were able to have our meetings, and to have a blessed time in the Lord. (The thermometer went up to 110 degrees F. the first day our brother was with us.) Our speaker said, and we all agreed with him, that the frost was all out of the ground.

"From the very first meeting the presence of the Lord was felt in a wonderful way. Our brother gave us some heart-stirring messages from the stories of Jacob's Wells, Isaac and Ishmael, and Old King Agag. In each of the seven services, different ones of the missionaries had a part in opening the service, and in introducing the speaker. Rev. L. R. Sloat, our superintendent, had the first service. He introduced the speaker as his friend and fellow classmate. Others of the missionaries introduced the speaker as follows: 'A friend and spiritual helper, a classmate of her sister's a former pastor and friend of the family, and the evangelist for the Zuru special meetings.'

"Then there was another unusual feature about this gathering. We were seventeen adults, and out of that number 8 were graduates of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute, College now. This fact added much, we believe, to our fellowship and mutual blessings. Words fail to express the joy that was ours throughout the meetings. Our souls were fed from manna from on high. It was wonderful!"
SPECIAL CHAPEL SPEAKERS

On April 5, the visiting chapel speaker was Professor Alfred Hols-worth, a retired music professor from Moody Bible Institute.


The speaker for May 1, was Rev. M. C. Morford, pastor of the Elmhurst Church of the Nazarene.

The King’s Heralds Trumpet trio from The King’s College presented an inspirational program on May 3.

Rev. C. Donald Dibble, visiting pastor from Detroit, was speaker on May 4.

Rev. Paul Carlson, missionary to French Indo-China, gave three messages during the week of May 7.

Rev. Franklin Norris, evangelist from Wren, Ohio, was special speaker on May 8.

The missionary speaker on May 10 was Rev. Lloyd Snyder, representing the World Wide Evangelistic Crusade.

On May 15, Rev. Eric Cox, veteran missionary to China, was the speaker.


The recent Student Council speakers were David vanGorkom, Dick Brownfield, and Gerald Gerig.

MISSION BAND SPEAKERS

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Skinner presented a musical program at the April 27, Mission Band service. They were assisted by Karl Steele, platform chalk artist, from Wheaton College.

Special speaker for May 11, was Mrs. Paul Bartel, sister to Prof. Roy Birkey, and missionary to China.

Rev. Perkins, missionary to the Dominican Republic, brought the missionary challenge for May 18.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

On April 28, the Gospel Broadcasting class spent the day in Chicago visiting the National Broadcasting studios, the American Broadcasting Company, W.M.B.I. studios, and a TV program.

On May 3, twenty-three students from the Sociology and Child Psychology classes visited the Ft. Wayne State School.

On May 9, the General Science class visited the Museum of Natural History, the Adler Planetarium, and the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.

COMMENCEMENT EVENTS

On May 16, the Junior-Senior Banquet speaker, Ed. Darling from Detroit, spoke on the necessity of having a yielded life before the Lord can use one effectively to “reach the unreached.”

The Baccalaureate address on “Reaching Forth” was given by Dean Elmer Neuenschwander.

The first three winners of the annual Speech Contest were Harold Bashore, Lois Held, and Rose Marie Hudson.

Speaker for graduation on May 25 was Dr. Harry Hager, pastor of Bethany Reformed Church of Chicago.
Ezra Gerig ('14), who has been pastor of the Twelfth Avenue Bible Church in Portland, Oregon, for the last fifteen years, is kept busy as he tries to use every avenue of evangelization available—pulpit preaching, open air testimony, printed page, and the radio. The church is supporting three of its members on the foreign field. He prays the Lord for His blessing on the work.

Hurtha Roach ('49) is now working in the office of the Bible Truth Publishers in Fort Wayne.

Walter S. Herr ('09) of Denair, California, writes that he and his wife are busy helping to spread the gospel in the west. They are also helping to support their son and his family who are missionaries in Nigeria, Africa.

Carl Miller ('49-'50) says that at present they are serving Bethlehem Church, Auglaize County, and Antioch Church, Allen County, Ohio. The Lord is blessing them and they have seen many souls saved from sin. They pray that they will be able to lead many more to Christ.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. (Esther Ivy '49-'50) Clark Perry became the parents of a baby boy, May 5th. They have named him, Stephen Clark.

A baby girl came to the home of Leroy Rusher ('50), May 7. She has been named Deborah Lee.

To Mr. and Mrs. (nee Bonita Tucker '46) Blain Knight was born a daughter, Rebecca Jane, on January 24th.

Carol Sue was welcomed into the home of Mr. ('48-'49) and Mrs. Daniel Tucker on January 7th.

Mr. ('48-'50) and Mrs. Lynn Polter announce the arrival of a daughter, Linda Lou, born May 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. (nee Wauneta Shoup '45) Wesley Aldrich proudly announce the birth of a daughter, Eileen Louise, born on the 19th of April.

WEDDINGS

Robert Brewster ('49-'51) claimed Miss Mary Kathryn Amstutz as his bride on April 27th at the parsonage of the First Missionary Church of Berne, Indiana. Rev. J. Pritchard Amstutz ('36) officiated at the ceremony.

John Trusdale ('50) and Betty Kerlin ('49-'50) exchanged vows Saturday, May 12th. John is pastor of a church in Fleetwood, Pennsylvania.

MISSIONS

Rev. (Teacher '44-'45) and Mrs. (nee Ada Baumgartner '39) Floyd Shank are still in Paris trying to improve their use of the French language before going back to the mission field of Gabon. Mrs. Shank is taking a course in tropical diseases taught in French. They are burdened much for the 45,000 or more inhabitants in the area which has recently been annexed to the Gabon. These people have never been touched by Protestant Missions.

Rev. and Mrs. (nee Irma Judd '41) O. E. Langeloh write that the believers in Colombia, South America, are being abused for holding evangelistic services and that many are being sent to jail. Pray for them as they give forth the Word in that country.
Prosperity drove of foreigners interesting crowded descriptions once charge Dominican doing beings. side, ant) and were these Christ as their Saviour as a result of these meetings. The conference was a thrilling and encouraging experience for the missionaries. They were able to see some of the tangible results of their labors. The seed they had sown was bearing fruit.

--- Kathleen Inniger ('47) tells some interesting things about Japan where she has gone as a missionary. "At once we were conscious that we were foreigners in a strange land. Cars drove on the left side of the road. Multitudes of Orientals dodged in and out of traffic. Vehicles of all descriptions (bicycles most abundant) dotted the streets. Hundreds of small shops with strange writing lined the roadsides. Japan is a crowded country. Railway stations, street cars, streets, even the countryside, seems to be a mass of human beings. And these have souls that need to be saved! . . . Prosperity is returning to Japan, and already people in the cities especially are more hardened to the gospel than immediately following the war. They have not had Christ, and so they cling to their old gods although many know that these have no power. Many young people are turning atheistic. Missions in Japan have failed to a large extent in the past, and the history of most of the professing church has been one of compromise. THE CRYING NEED OF JAPAN IS REVIVAL AND WE ARE SOLICITING THE PRAYER HELP OF GOD'S CHILDREN IN THIS BEHALF. These people have civilization, but no Christ."

An unconfirmed report has come to us from Ecuador that about four blocks of Esmeraldas has been burned out. The Mission House is in that section of the city. Word has not yet been received telling which of our missionaries were there at the time, but it is believed that possibly Rev. ('43) and Mrs. (nee Vera Blocher '44) Dale Moser and Mrs. (Eileen Roth '47) Truman Gottschalk.

FURLOUGH TIME

Edna Pape ('32 & '38) arrived in New York, April 17 from Sierre Leone.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shisler (both '46) will be leaving Sierre Leone the latter part of May or the first part of June.

BACK TO THE FIELD

Rev. and Mrs. (nee Elsie Rupp '27) William J. Bauman and Billy flew back to Colombia, South America, in April.

Rev. ('42) and Mrs. Charles Glenn left New Orleans, May 12 for the field of Ecuador.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Schierling (both '45) sailed, June 1, for their second term in Sierre Leone.
The Departing Glory
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to Cyprus, Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe. It was not a thin, wavering line; it was a succession of powerful outposts, new centers of district-wide evangelization. The report of it brought new zest and vision to the Antioch church, and its leaders faced the onslaught of Judaism—to win again, and save the gospel from the trammels of legalism.

Again the call to advance, and the Spirit of God marched forth again to conquer Macedonia, Achaia, Asia Minor. Then the closing months of triumph in Ephesus stirred in Paul's heart the desire to take the empire's capital and go on to Spain. No wonder the intrepid warrior wrote, "Thanks be to God, who leads us in one continual triumph."

There are individuals over whose Christian experience could be written, "From glory to glory." There are churches whose story is one of continual additions by the power of grace and constant sending forth of new recruits for kingdom service. Advancing glory.

Which is it in your life, in your church—departing glory, or advancing glory?

Selections by Hattie Laughbaum

Liberty is the freedom to do the right. License is the freedom to do as you please.

Any religion is false if it fails to give you a transformed life and to set your affections on things above.

"It is not ali gold that glitters" is certainly true of evangelism. Some of the most glittering stuff is composed of the cheapest materials. There is a day of rewards coming when the inferior works will be tested. The hay, wood, and stubble will be burned up. The gold and silver of pure reality will remain.

From The Isles of The Sea
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so ask me, "Do you believe in sending missionaries out into all the world to preach the gospel. Won't you go to my people? I pray that our Lord may challenge your heart to consider them. When in His due time the Lord sees fit to send me back to them, I know He will faithfully go before me.

—Gilbert Williams

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But now they are giving way, and have to be replaced this summer. The cost will be considerable—approximately $2,500—even with savings that can be effected both in materials and labor. There is no provision for this need in the modest budget set aside for improvements. What sum is available will be needed for painting, repairing, and summer maintenance.

The Committee on Administration is making this special need known to the friends and constituency of the school trusting that many will want to have a share in meeting this essential need. Gifts, which will be gratefully received, may be sent to the Treasurer, Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne 6, Ind.

Your Committee,
Cyril Eicher
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