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Easter Morning

When spring is beating in my veins,
Grim winter shall I fear?
When Easter dawns in majesty,
Though Calvary be new,
My heart would voice a triumph hymn,
And learn the strains of seraphim.

Thou victor over sin and death,
Myself I now resign
To Thy glad service evermore:
O take this life of mine
Thy true interpreter to be
For time and for eternity!

—Frieda Martini Buchen

(Cover Photo By Paglow)
The paradox of the end time is that mankind is becoming both better and worse. On the one hand, there is growing revival with an increasing respect for the gospel; on the other hand, it is obvious that moral corruption is reaching an all-time low. The double development with which the age of the gospel began is approaching its divergent harvest. The Son of Man, according to Matthew 13, went forth into the world to sow the good seed of the kingdom. At the same time the devil sowed his seed. The one issued in children of the kingdom; the other, "children of the wicked one." Both the good and the evil were to grow concurrently until the harvest. Only when the harvest of evil is fully ripe, will the Son of Man send forth His angels to "gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire."

From this and other Scriptures, such as James 5:7, it is evident that as the return of the Lord Jesus draws near, the church of Jesus Christ will experience a final Pentecost. It will be a spiritual preparation of the bride for the Bridegroom. The Husbandman of the earth is now waiting with infinite patience until the spiritual grain of the earth will have received the latter rain of harvest ripening. At the same time, to change the figure, the cup of iniquity of the world's sins is filling to the brim and calls for divine judgment.

When we think back of the spiritually barren period between World War I and World War II and recall how mass evangelism was outmoded and the old-fashioned gospel was relegated to the naive Bible belt, we can see that a remarkable thing has happened when the country's largest cities, including New York, are desirous of having city-wide evangelistic campaigns of the Billy Graham type. It is evidence of a yearning for spiritual security, an awareness that human panaceas are futile, and that only God can save.

On the other hand, when we consider what is happening to the moral fiber of our nation—which has been the greatest moral and spiritual bulwark in the world—we are appalled at the depth of iniquity and its awful consequences in terms of impending judgment. The political corruption in government, the prevalence of perjury, the unspeakable sins of adultery and sodomy, the growing narcotic evil, the sordid exploitation of youth through commercialized entertainment—all are indicative of the ripening harvest of evil.

Recently while in Washington, (Continued on page 4)
A doctor's little son was thoughtfully gazing at the Easter pictures in his Sunday School work-book.

"Daddy," he began, "that must have made God glad."

"What, son?"

"When God could begin to heal Jesus. You always say it makes you glad when you can fix my sores. An' God's so much bigger'n you!"

Can we faintly sense the divine thrill in God's heart when His Son had fought the fight and emerged a victor? When God healed those wounds and empowered Christ to rise? For us mortals, too, the keynote of Easter is exhilarating joy, joy that will triumph over all dark forebodings. Doesn't the following word picture clarify this matter?

Before a crimson velvet fold
Flames dazzling candle-light;
So dawns glad Easter's morning gold
Of blood-red Calvary's night!

Nothing in all literature compares with Easter's faith-strengthening story. Even inanimate nature reflects that joy. The burden of grief and gloom, that had long oppressed our race, at last had met its Master. His power breathes through Creation, tears our bonds asunder, Samson-like, and bids us soar, shaking off the deadly weight of doubt and sin. FOR LOVE CAN NOT BE BOUND! As Christ passed into a higher form of life, so may we follow Him into freedom of spirit. Such freedom can be obtained only when the Risen One liberates us. As our thoughts wing their way to a dewy garden far away, the delicate blue of early morning gives way to the golden glory of Easter Dawn, and we feel like saying, "Easter Sun, arise! When our Lord bowed His holy head at Calvary's death-knell, you hid your face in gloom. Now start your conquering way and tell the world the Prince of Life is risen! Flowers, blossom forth in beauty and form a wreath for the brow of your resurrected Lord. You, strong rocks, that trembled at Christ's death agony, now proclaim His victory. Brothers, let us experience an ever deepening realization of God's grace, and take part in the Festival of Joy!"

"Behold, the regal Easter Sun
Breaks on your soul today,
While, tinged with flames of rosy dawn,
The stone is rolled away;
And men throughout the aging world
Can join the glad refrain:
The tomb is riven, the Lord is risen!
Rejoice, He lives again!"

—Frieda Martini Buchen

From the President
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D. C.—in one sense, the world's most important city—I was impressed with the evidence of this modern paradox. On the way to a United Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. I don't recall that I ever saw so many liquor bottles strewing
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"If They Had Known"

--What Prevented their Knowing?
--Do We Know?

In speaking of the wisdom which God gives to men, Paul (I Cor. 2:7) says that none of the princes of this world were acquainted with it; and for failure to know it they made the tragic mistake of crucifying the Father's own blessed Son, the Lord of glory. Here was someone of all-embracing importance, who to them seemed insignificant; one who should have been the chief consultant and key to all planning, who rather seemed to them an interference to be disposed of as quickly as possible; the architect's choicest stone, which they consigned to the rubbish heap; the soul of splendor who should have been the theme of their song and the supreme object of their devotion, whom instead they hated and despised; the key to the national hopes which they threw away, closing the door to the nations future; the fulfillment of the covenant promises to Abraham, to which they preferred scattering, sorrow, dependence on hopeless legality.

If the scribes and Pharisees could have looked into heaven before the incarnation of the eternal Son and have seen Him in His glory as He implemented all the operations of His Father's realm, it is hard to imagine that they would have done anything but join in the homage that all the hosts above were rendering to the illustrious Well-beloved. But when instead they saw Him apart from those holy scenes, robied only in sinful flesh and the common-place, their spiritual bankruptcy left them destitute of any appreciation of His worth.

Those professional leaders of religion witnessed the stirring scene of the baptism, when the awe-struck John baptized the eternal One who out-ranked him, the Sin-bearer Himself prayed as He came up from the water, and the voice out of the excellent glory said, "This is my Son, in whom I am well pleased"; but they were not drawn toward Him at all. They saw five thousand fed miraculously; but they had no longing for the heavenly Bread. When the blind man in the temple witnessed the glory of the day, the Light of the world was to them as midnight. When the sick man left his place beside the pool, carrying his bed, the Healer was to them only a law breaker. When Lazarus witnessed to wondering thousands who visited his Bethany home the power of the Author of life, all they could think of was killing both Lazarus and his royal Guest.

The only explanation we can find for this inability of the leaders to see the Christ is that there was something in the way. His holy, compassionate, mighty righteousness was there in plain view, gleaming through the veil of humanity; and to many He was known, acknowledged, loved, trusted, worshiped.

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"MY SONG IN THE NIGHT"

Psalm 77:6

"There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:10). The words reverberated in glorious harmony in my heart as I arose from Bethel; arose to begin a life that will never end.

You see, no one was there to tell me that it's the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanseth us from all sin, and that He alone could set me free. I had been reading the Bible and a Spirit-wrought conviction of my wretched condition before God caused me to cry out, "How can I be saved?" It seemed the weight of sin would crush me if something didn't happen. My membership in the Sideling Hill Church, and even my baptism a little more than a year before offered no relief. But, as I knelt there in my home, it took only an instant for Him to make me a new creature. Oh, how my heart soared as the glory of the Lord came in!

It was two months later that circumstances enabled me to attend church services, and it was six months before I had fellowship with spiritual Christians. But the intervening days were a mountain top experience of wonder and delight. People around seemed mere shadows compared with the reality of Jesus.

But I couldn't stay there always. He put a desire in my heart to attend Bible school. This brought testings, and my faith was exercised and strengthened. I knew my life was no longer my own, and the burning desire of my heart was to please Him. I came to school on His plea, "Prove me now" (Mal. 3:10), and He has done exceeding abundantly both materially and spiritually.

So many times I've grown weary here in the valley, and cried, "Lord, the multitudes are so noisy. They don't understand me. I'd like to be on the mountain." But although the flame of my love often dwindles to a tiny flicker, yet He has remained the same loving, living, marvelous Saviour as when I first came to Him.

It seems that during the three years I've known Him, life has been one continuous miracle. Most of my family are saved now and many friends have come to Him. It's sweet to know I didn't earn anything He has given me. It is all a token of His love.

I don't know what He would have me to do after training here, but I don't need to. The past has been woven into a perfect pattern

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Sunrise Chapel

Monday—Friday, 7:30-7:45 A.M.
WKJG—1380 Kc., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Saturday, Sunday 7:30-7:45 A.M.
WMOH—1450 Kc., Hamilton, Ohio

Radio at Fort Wayne Bible College fulfills an objective part of the college ministry and training program. Realizing the ever increasing need for Christian broadcasts of a fine quality, adequate opportunities are provided to train young people in standard broadcast techniques. These pictures reflect the ministry of the primary radio outlet of the college... "Sunrise Chapel." Listeners over a wide area find daily spiritual comfort in the sunrise meditations of the college president, and in the music and words of all who participate.
Dick Gerig, director of radio, writes and produces each Sunrise Chapel broadcast. Also an instructor in music and radio, Mr. Gerig is experienced and trained in music and radio programming. His Christian leadership is an aid to an effective radio ministry.

Listeners to the broadcast are greeted each morning with the words of our announcer, Bill Pannell. He cheerfully invites them to "join us now... at Sunrise Chapel."

The flowing chords of the vibraphone open each program. Here Paul Van Gorkom and pianist Kathleen Gerig smile in harmony with the happy mood that's always found at Sunrise Chapel.

Old hymns and favorite gospel songs form the musical content of the program. Directed by Gerald Gerig, the Chapel Singers provide daily inspiration through music.
The air! The staff goes into action, and Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan begin their day of work and spiritual blessing.

Soloists, duets, trios, and quartets provide variety in programming the broadcast. Here is the Chapel Trio . . . Leon Gerig, Marceil Sumney, and Tom Zehr.

June Swaback, instructor in music, provides the organ solos, accompaniment, and background that tie together the program. Her consecrated Christian talent represents that of the entire staff.
In the control room, the program is produced and engineered. David Van Gorkom operates the controls, while Mr. Gerig directs the production. Here he signals a participant and takes a close check on the timing of the broadcast.

From the Mail Bag...

CONTINENTAL, OHIO—What an encouragement your program is to us as we listen almost every morning.

SPENCERVILLE, INDIANA—Your radio program is a shining light in a troubled world.

READING, MICHIGAN—Thank God for the wonderful messages given by Dr. Witmer, also the singing. A wonderful blessing to me daily.

DECATURE, INDIANA—Each day we can expect something new and different. Your “Sunrise Chapel” is one of the greatest programs on the air!

Through wise planning, the radio committee seeks to present a radio ministry that constantly offers the gospel message and honors the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior of all men. Committee members are Dean Elmer Neuenschwander, Mr. Gerig, Prof. Oliver Steiner, and Dr. Witmer.

Your prayerful interest and gifts in behalf of our radio ministry are greatly appreciated.

Write to...

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DAY OF PRAYER

February 21 was set aside as the monthly day of prayer with Dr. Witmer in charge. Rev. J. A. van-Gorkom brought a challenging message from Romans 6:13 on "Who is your Master?" Instead of serving "other gods," he admonished complete victory in Christ. God graciously met us in a definite and unusual way so that prayer and testimony continued through the afternoon.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

During a week of spiritual emphasis from February 4-11, Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Slemming conducted a faithful ministry of Bible teaching at the College and First Missionary Church. Lengthened chapel periods were devoted to a series of deep devotional lectures on the five offerings of Leviticus. Rev. Slemming's own chart of Leviticus helped to illustrate the teaching.

At the evening services in the Church, Mr. Slemming lectured on the contents and meaning of the Ark of the Covenant. A small model of the Ark helped present the truth.

In the concluding Sunday services, Mrs. Slemming gave several fine messages on Palestinian life and customs.

The school is thankful to God for the much needed Bible teaching ministry of these servants. Many have vowed anew to live apart from sin in communion with God and His Word.

SUMMER SCHOOL

A summer school session will be held for six weeks between June 11 and July 20. This will comply with the wishes of present students and help to accommodate veterans under the G. I. Bill. Several Bible subjects along with related courses will be offered. More information regarding the summer school will be mailed upon request.

SPECIAL CHAPEL SPEAKERS

On January 30, Dr. Andrew Telford of the Berachah Church at Philadelphia spoke concerning the fruits of the Spirit.

The speaker for January 31, was Rev. W. H. Lugibihl of the Holton Avenue Missionary Church.

On February 1, Rev. E. D. Wolfe of the First Nazarene Church exhorted us to keep our eyes on the Son of God for complete victory.

Dr. L. E. Olson of the First Baptist Church in Ft. Wayne presented spiritual conditions of Europe on February 2.

On February 13 and 14, Rev. Arthur Albro, Bible teacher from Swanton, Ohio, brought two encouraging messages on the Lord's Prayer.

The last two speakers for the student council were Wesley Geric and Arthur Niblack.

MISSION BAND SPEAKERS

On January 26, Rev. G. M. Hamby, lecturer and traveler to many mission stations, was the Mission Band speaker. Colored films on Borneo, Africa, and Palestine helped in presenting his message.

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Agnes Lombard (‘45-‘47) of Petoskey, Michigan, writes that she has a Sunday School Class of boys and girls seven to nine years old. The Lord is working and it is her prayer that she may be used to bring each one of them into the fold.

Charles (‘46) and Glenn (‘47) McHatton were ordained to the Gospel Ministry, January 28 in the Innisdale United Brethren Church of Alexandria, Indiana, where Glenn is pastor.

WITH THE LORD

Betty Janelle, daughter of Rev. (‘40) and Mrs. (nee Miriam Steiner ‘39-‘40) Herald Welty, pastor of the Decator Missionary Church, was born January 21 and was taken to be with the Lord, January 23. May God be their Comforter.

To the home of Mr. (‘46) and Mrs. (nee Betty Beck ‘46) John Caddy came John Howard, on January 1. On January 27 the Lord took him home. To them also we send our deepest sympathy.

BIRTHS

Word has just been received that Mr. and Mrs. (nee Norma Jean Johnson ‘48-‘49) Richard Young are the parents of a girl, Beverly Marie, born November 16.

Ruth Lynette is the name of the daughter of Evangelist and Mrs. (nee Grace Rabausch ‘43-‘44) George Pike born January 12.

To Rev. (‘42) and Mrs. (nee Ruth Geiger ‘41-‘42) Richard Reilly, a boy was born on February 6. They have named him, Michael Steven.

A son, Walter Allen, was born on February 9, to Mr. and Mrs. (nee Drusilla Lugibihl ‘46) John Roose.

To Rev. and Mrs. (nee Esther Basinger ‘33) S. J. Williams of East Liberty, Ohio, a girl, Shoshanna Evangeline, was born on February 11.

Mr. (‘46) and Mrs. (nee Esther Mahaffee ‘44) David Siemens, Jr., became the proud parents of a daughter, Laurel Lynn on February 11.

Kathleen Linda is the name of the daughter born, November 30 to Dr. and Mrs. (nee Edith Harmon ‘48) Agustin Tores of Washington, D. C.

MISSIONS

Rev. (‘38-‘40) and Mrs. (nee Bessie Ison ‘38-‘40) Jack Cook who are in the Dominican Republic under the Un evangelized Fields Mission, write; “The Lord has been good to us in that ‘a great door and effectual is opened unto us.’ The rest is true also: ‘There are many adversaries.’” Many are becoming interested in the Bible Study Class they are holding in their home. We trust these people will accept Christ as their Saviour soon.

Rev. (‘18) and Mrs. (nee Laura Becker ‘18-‘19) Omar Sutton are on furlough from the Dominican Republic.

Pauline Muselman (‘48) who just recently arrived in Esmeraldas, Ecuador, writes; “A strange new world!
New people, new language, everything so different from all I have ever known. I am a foreigner now!... Nevertheless, I am grateful to the Lord and to you all for the privilege of living and witnessing among these needy people... May we labor and pray together faithfully that many might be brought to God.”

Word has been received that the doctors advise Leona Lehner ('43) not to return to her field in Ecuador, South America. She underwent surgery since her arrival in the states for a furlough. May we trust the Lord with her that her body will be touched and the enemy defeated.

From Kurume, Japan, Kathleen Inniger ('47) writes: “Our living quarters at present are out in the country at Japan Bible Institute, Kurume. As we drove from the cities through the villages to our destination, again we saw—men, women, bicycles, carts and children by the dozens. Especially did my heart go out to these dear children and how it yearned to talk to them about Jesus. Do please pray that we may speedily learn the language and learn to think and feel as these people do. Language school begins January 22...”

PRAYERS ANSWERED

In the last few months we have requested prayer for three of our missionaries who have come home for medical care. Betty Best ('46) Nigeria, W. Africa, Helen Burely ('43) from Africa, and Elizabeth Wise ('33) from South America are all recovering exceptionally well from their operations. Praise His Name!

CLASS OF '49

Vurla Birkey Martin—teaching music and art in the grade school at Morton, Illinois.

Della Heath—working under the Rural Home Missionary Association.

Imogene Palmer—working in the First Missionary Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Arlene Tucker—Sunday School teacher and Junior Choir director at the Immanuel Baptist Church in little Wayne.

Dolores Johnson—office worker, also has a Sunday School class, works with Pioneer Girls, and helps in the Young People's group.

Dean Freed—in full time Christian work at Bristol, Indiana. November 15, Neil Ray came to make his home with the Freeds.

Esther McCartney — graduated in January from Taylor University.

Ann Schierling Applegate—working with her husband in a small church near Delta, Ohio.

Gordon Neuenschwander—a senior in Bethel College at North Newton, Kansas, and also pastor of a small church.

Frieda Rediger—Primary Superintendent of the Sunday School of the First Missionary Church in Phoenix, Arizona. She is also employed at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Floran Mast—pastor of a home mission church near Mishawaka, Indiana.

Bible College News

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Rev. and Mrs. Levi Keidel, missionary candidates to the Belgian Congo, presented a challenge on February 2 on reaping a whitened harvest.

At the February 16 service, Miss Dorothy Rothfuss from Hawaii spoke and showed pictures of her work in Hawaii.
“If They Had Known . . .”

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But for the high authorities something was obscuring the vision. John (12:43) tells us what it was: “They loved the praise of men.” Their position in the sight of others meant more to them than their position before the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. That men should see the punctiliousness of their religious observances would bring them more joy than for God to see the offering of a broken and contrite heart. And at all events nothing must be tolerated which would even suggest interference with the lucrative rents of temple concessions, or of houses taken from widows. Their unqualified dishonesty is evident in their deliberations on the course to be taken with the apostles: “That a notable sign has been performed is manifest, and we cannot deny it. But . . .”

We like to think that we are not suffering from the same blindness as that which kept the Jewish leaders from seeing Christ. We picture ourselves on Palm Sunday as among the disciples who acclaimed the son of David, rather than among those who complained about the singing of the children and the authority manifested by Jesus. When the Son of God bursts from the tomb in power, we rebuke those who will not believe that He is risen. But if Christ should walk the streets of our city today, would we recognize Him, would our love go out to Him?

But Christ is here! At our side is a poor young woman, bent with the heavy responsibilities of raising younger brothers and sisters left upon her when her mother died. High school and the freedom and fun of adolescence were never a part of her life. The lined face, the drawled words, the unbecoming dress tell the tale of over-heavy burdens. But here is a piece of written work which she has done. Through the years she has loved the Word. At last she thinks she can work out some Bible study. Here is her first lesson, carefully written, giving evidence of study, reading, and a devout and penetrating understanding of John’s Gospel. A poor, limited human being? Yes, but she is a partaker of the divine nature, a member of Jesus’ family. Do we recognize the royalty of heaven in her? It is so easy for us to overlook, to slight, to deprive this one who is so dear to the Lord of glory.

Why do we fail to recognize Him in these vessels of clay? Is it not for the same reason that the leaders of Christ’s day did—self interest obscures our vision? Our own comfort, our own preference, our unwillingness to work so hard, our lack of concern for the brother for whom Christ died, is what keeps us from seeing that this soul beside us is one of Christ’s own. Our sin of neglect, of inappreciation, of slighting, is not, to be sure, a participation in the crucifixion of Jesus. But it is a sin which hinders and harms and weakens a member of the body of Christ, and grieves the heart of the Lord of glory.

—Laurence M. Farr

“My Song in the Night”

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by His skilled hands, so I can trust the future to Him, because I know they are hands of love that fashion the design.

—Ruby Mellott
From the President
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the streets,—the Sunday morning
evidence of Saturday night debauch-
ery in one of the country's leading
cities in relation to consumption of
alcohol. But in the large crowded
church service which followed, the
Spirit of God was upon His mes-
enger as he spoke clearly and without
fear or favor against Washington's
sins, then proclaimed the grace of
Jesus Christ as the only way of
salvation. There, in a city of moral
corruption, was one of numbers
of assemblies of God's people who are
being purified and made ready for
the coming of the Lord at the end
of the age.

The day in which we live calls
for decision. To the unsaved mul-
titudes in the valley of decision there
goes the clarion call of the gospel
to be saved through faith in the
Lord Jesus Christ. There is an im-
plied urgency about this that man
may flee from the wrath to come.
It is also an hour of decision for
professing Christendom. Christians
more and more are called upon to
stand up and be counted. The luke-
warm Laodicean church that is nei-
ther cold nor hot is about to be spued
out. The many who are trying to
carry water on both shoulders will
have to make up their minds. Is
their first loyalty to Christ and His
blood-washed people or to a sophis-
ticated, apostate Christendom that
will be disowned at His coming?

The cleavage between a compro-
mising ecclesiasticism and the true
church of Christ is becoming more
and more apparent. And as the day
of the Lord draws near, there will
no doubt be a growing fellowship
among evangelical believers and a
withdrawal of religious sophisticates
from Holy Ghost revivals.

SLATES OF F.W.B.C. EVANGELIST ASSOCIATE
Rev. and Mrs Robert C. Strubhar, 1237 Seneca Place, Peoria 4, Ill.
April 1-15 Baptist, Mapleton, Ill.
April 17-29 Union Chapel, Lafayette, Ohio
May 1-13 Missionary, Midland, Michigan
May 20-June 3 Holton Ave. Missionary, Fort Wayne, Ind.
June 5-24 Missionary, Mooreville, Ind.
Three Important Events

For Patrons--

Friday, May 4th, is Patrons' Day at Fort Wayne Bible College. Parents, friends, members of the Patrons' Council are invited to be guests of the College for the day. An interesting program is being planned beginning with the chapel service at 9:50 and closing with a great missionary service at 7:00 P.M.

For Students--

A six-weeks session will be held from June 11th to July 20th. Regular courses will be offered for credit. This will provide an opportunity for persons like school teachers who are occupied during the school months to take Bible studies in residence. Inquiries may be addressed to the Registrar.

For Pastors, Christian Workers--

A one-week seminar and workshop will be conducted from June 18 to 23 for pastors and other Christian workers. The seminar will include Bible study, lectures on the life of the church in a period of crisis, and a workshop for Christian workers. Make reservations now.

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