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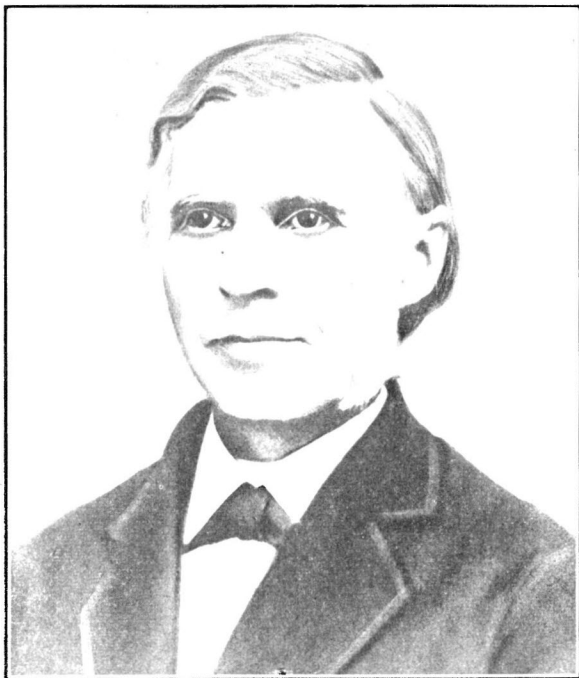
Rev. George Philip Speckhard

God chooses and prepares His instruments before He unfolds His plans for some important event or development. When He looked upon His church in the Middle Ages and

the spark was struck that ignited the fire of the Reformation.

Let us call your attention to another servant of God whom God prepared for a special purpose,

namely, to become the instrument through which the Gospel of Christ would be preached to the Deaf of our country. As a result, the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod was to have the opportunity and — let us also remember — the responsibility to bring the message of Christ's free salvation to the Deaf of America and, if it please God, to the Deaf of other countries. Humanly speaking, if this man had not been led by God to become a teacher of the Deaf and later to come to America and finally to



saw it weighted down with many man-made burdens and the light of the glorious Gospel of free grace through Christ's work darkened by false doctrines, He raised Dr. Martin Luther and prepared him for a big task. The month of November brings us the date of Dr. Luther's birth, November 10, and the last day of October and the first day of November make us remember the nailing of the 95 sentences to the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg on October 31, 1517, and the interest the next morning, November 1, as they were seen and read by so many and

become the founder of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Mich., in 1873, there may never have come to our Missouri Synod that challenge and opportunity to be a leader in America in the work of preaching the Gospel to the Deaf and leading many Deaf to Jesus. And yet his name is almost forgotten and practically unknown among us at the present time. He died as the result of a stroke at the age of almost 60 years on November 20, 1879.

George Philip Speckhard was born January 22, 1821, at Wersau, Hesse, in Germany. Well educated,

he found employment in a school for the Deaf at Friedberg, Hesse, as an instructor of speech, all instruction in Germany being through the oral method of Samuel Heinicke, who was the leader in the field of education of Deaf in Germany. Coming to America to become a pastor here, he entered the Fort Wayne, Ind., Practical Seminary and was graduated in 1861. He was pastor at Hillsdale, Mich., two years and then at Sandy Creek, near Monroe, Mich., until 1867, when he followed a call to Sebawaing, Mich.

He never forgot the Deaf nor his training and instructed the deaf children who came under his care in the congregations he served. While at Sebawaing, he was teaching two girls from Frankenmuth, Margaret Frisch and Margaret Graef, and instructed them for confirmation when a call came from Royal Oak, a suburb of Detroit, to head the orphanage the Detroit Lutherans were establishing. The parents of the two girls begged him to take the latter along and finish the instruction. Thus it was that attention was called to his work with the Deaf, and soon there were more deaf children than orphans at the "Orphan Asylum," and at the suggestion of Dr. C. F. W. Walther, President of Synod, the institution became a school for the Deaf and the orphans were transferred to the Addison, Ill., orphanage.

Meanwhile the institution had been transferred from Royal Oak to a village six miles north of downtown Detroit, called Norris, later, North Detroit. It still occupies the same twenty acres which have long ago been engulfed by the city of Detroit. There a stroke, as mentioned before, brought on the death of Rev. Speck-

hard, whose name and memory should be remembered by us. For it is extremely unlikely that the orphanage at Detroit would have become a school of the Deaf if another one than Rev. Speckhard had been called to head that orphanage. We plainly see God's hand in all of this; for God wanted to help the Deaf and pointed our church into the blessed work of preaching the Gospel to the Deaf. In that school Mr. Ed. J. Pahl was educated, whose letter in 1893 came to the Detroit school and then to Rev. Augustus Reinke, whom God led to begin preaching in the sign language to the Chicago Deaf. Like the grain of mustard seed, the work has grown, and today we see the work expanded to its present extent; and if it please God, it shall continue to grow and be a blessing to many.

Let us not forget this servant of God and of the Deaf, Rev. George Philip Speckhard.

First Pray

A little girl was about to undergo an operation. The doctor said, as he was ready to put her on the operating table, "Before we can make you well, we must put you to sleep." The little girl smiled and said, "Oh, if you are going to put me to sleep, I must first say my prayers." She knelt beside the table and prayed, "Now I lay me down to sleep. . . ." The doctor later said he prayed that night for the first time in thirty years.

Selected

To every lost soul Jesus says, "Come unto Me!" and to every redeemed soul He says, "Go for Me!"

Notes from the Executive Secretary

As I look down from my fourth-floor office window, I see people walking up and down Broadway all day long. I see many different kinds of people. Some are laughing as they walk along. Some must walk with crutches. A blind man finds his way with a white cane. A poor man pulls his light coat tight around him to keep warm. It is raining today. But still there are many people walking along. There will be people outside my office window as long as the world stands. I do not know these people whom I see, but I do know one thing. Jesus, the Son of God, died upon the cross for every person I see outside my window just as much as Jesus died to save me. It is not enough for me to be satisfied to know that I love Jesus. I must want to share that faith in Jesus with all people. How can I do that? I can talk with my neighbor about Jesus. I can tell the person who works with me that Jesus loves him too. I can go to visit strangers to share with them the joy I have found in Jesus, my Savior. I can pray that the Holy Spirit may enter the hearts of many people to bring them the light of the Gospel of Jesus. But there are other people too. People walk the jungle paths in Africa. People walk the narrow streets of Hong Kong. People walk the crowded streets of Tokyo. And so over all the world there are people. That is why our church has missions and missionaries. Pray for this work and for these men and women. Give to your mission budget in your church. We do not know these people, but Jesus does.

WM. F. REINKING

Notice

The price of the DEAF LUTHERAN will be one dollar per year after January 1, 1959, since the cost of production has risen constantly in recent years. Also the increased size of the periodical demands that the subscription price be raised. The Board of Missions to Deaf, in asking the subscribers for more money, assures them that it will spare no effort in helping to uphold and improve the quality of the magazine. It has also indorsed the suggestion of the members of Ephphatha Conference that additional features be included.

In order to benefit by this advance announcement our subscribers can renew their subscription until December 31 at the rate of fifty cents per year. The pastors of the Deaf will gladly receive your subscription, or you may send it directly to the Editor and Circulation Manager, Rev. N. P. Uhlig, 9607 Baltimore Ave., Overland 14, Mo.

A wealthy man watched a missionary nurse attending to lepers in China. He said to her: "I would not do that for a million." And the nurse quietly answered: "Neither would I. But I do it gladly for God."

E. Stanley Jones

C-H-U-R-C-H spells church; but it does not mean anything unless U-R in it.

Camp for the Deaf at Lutherland, Wash.

The ninth annual Northwest Lutheran Camp for the Deaf was held at Lutherland, near Tacoma, Wash., July 18 to 20. The camp, which is located on beautiful Lake Killarney, enabled over 100 members of the deaf congregations in Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia to enjoy a weekend of Christian fellowship.

Guest speaker this year was the Rev. George W. Gaertner, Ph.D., of Oakland, Calif. Widely known as an outstanding authority on problems of the Deaf, he is the regional representative for our Mission Board on the West Coast.

Pastor Gaertner's ministry to the Deaf began more than forty years ago, when in 1917 he accepted a call to serve the Deaf in what was then the Oregon and Washington District. He was there until 1931, at which time he followed a call into deaf mission work in Central California.

Also attending the camp were Pastors John A. Beyer, August Hauptman, and George Ring, who

presently serve the Deaf in the Northwest District with headquarters in Seattle, Spokane, and Portland respectively. They were on hand to welcome Rev. Gaertner back to the great Northwest, where he has so many friends who were happy to see him again.

Pastor Gaertner gave two lectures on the conference theme "World Missions — the Water of Life for All." He emphasized the vital need of water to sustain physical life and proceeded to show that the Gospel message of Christ was equally vital to spiritual life. He pointed out that it was the duty and responsibility of all Christians to share the "Water of Life," which Jesus provides through His Word in the Bible, with those who are dying of thirst for the only relief which can save them.

Sunday morning, divine worship was held in the camp chapel with Rev. Beyer in charge. The sermon was preached by Dr. Gaertner, who chose as his text John 20:21.



Northwest Lutheran Camp for Deaf, Lutherland, near Tacoma, Wash., July 18—20, 1958

Camp activities were blessed with warm, sunny weather. They included swimming, boating, and fishing. A volleyball tournament was won by Portland.

Much credit for success of the camp goes to Mr. James M. Lowell, president of the conference, who also served as chairman of the camp committee. Blessings are also due

for the camp personnel, Mr. Daniel W. Grefthen, camp director, and the students from Pacific Lutheran College, who prepared and served delicious meals.

All agreed that this was a very enjoyable weekend, and the success of the camp leaves us to hope that another will be held next year.

STANLEY E. WILLIS

Understanding the Church Signs

The Sign for "Church"

How do people understand this sign? The right C hand, formed by the thumb and bent fingers of the right hand, is set on the left clenched fist, the S hand, the palm of the left hand is down.

The letter C stands for church, and the S, upon which the C rests, is the foundation. Some have explained the C to mean Christ, the Founder of the church. Some of our older church members who attended Gallaudet College and others who remember the Sunday chapel exercises have another explanation. The right C hand is brought down from some height at the right and then set on the back of the left S. This is explained as follows: The church is God's gift from above and placed on earth for us.

Another view is very interesting and has Biblical truth in its making. The C hand starts out as the sign for "call," placed at the throat, then moved up to the mouth and thrown forward, the mouth opening somewhat as calling, then brought down on the left S hand.

Let us see how this sign really fits into what the Bible says about the church. Church really means, "people who are called by the Gospel from sin to life," 1 Peter 2:9.

"You should show forth the glories of Him who called you from darkness to His wonderful light." Then read Galatians 1:5, "He called us by His grace." We who are sinners, unworthy of any attention, we who could never buy nor pay for our forgiveness, we are given salvation because of His grace to us in Christ.

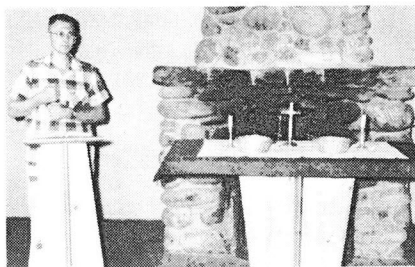
Now let us go on and see the further meaning of the word church and how the above sign fits so well. 1 Peter 2:5, "You also as lively stones are built up a spiritual house." So the church is not a building of wood and stone. 1 Corinthians 3:16, "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

This, then, gives us a fine Biblical background for the last explanation of the sign: Called together by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, as the Third Article explains. This should make us think seriously regarding our lives and way of living. God has not called us to uncleanness but to holiness by His Word. We are, then, the living stones of His true church, fitly framed together in faith and service. Yes, we build churches of wood and stone and call them churches. We do so because there we are called together to worship, our Lord.

G. W. G.

The Montana Lutheran Deaf Conference

The Lutheran Deaf of Montana may not be as numerous as the Deaf of many other localities, but you will have to say of them that they



Rev. George C. Ring, Portland, lecturing to the conference in the Rockhaven Chapel

make up in energy and ideas what they lack in numbers. They showed it this year again in their summer camp, August 9 and 10.

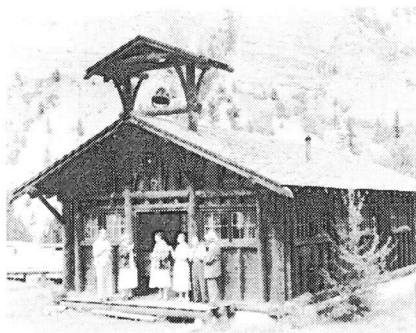
Though distances are great out West, they are no drawback that love for Christian fellowship with one another could not overcome. Forty-three Deaf from Billings, Great Falls, Lewistown, Bozeman, Helena, and Laurel, one from Wyoming, and two from Washington registered at Rockhaven Chapel camp in Gallatin Canyon, twenty miles north of Yellowstone Park, near Bozeman, Mont.

Pastor George Ring from Portland, Oreg., was the visiting speaker. His theme was one of encouragement, and the eyes were lifted forward and upward as he spoke on "Onward, Christian Soldiers." A Communion service was held Sunday morning at the chapel.

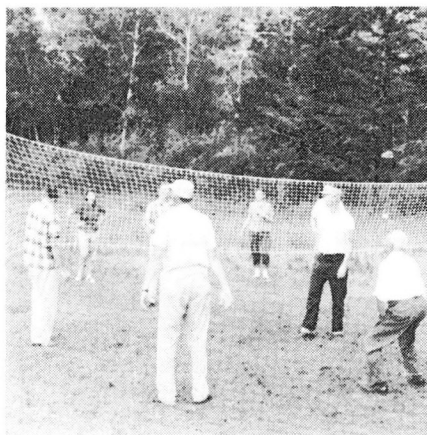
The interest and abundance of good ideas that are evident in this region are due to a very large degree to the "Chief." Nobody calls him that in English; they all speak German when they call his name

and say "*Hauptmann*," which is the word the people in Germany use for the English word "chief." For he is a big man, a real giant; if you measure him with a tape and start from the sole of his feet to the top of his head and back to where you started, he is twelve feet and four inches tall. His head, however, is what makes him really big; for he is full of fine ideas; and he has sharp eyes which see clearly, and he is very active to go straight for his goal. Just as an eagle flies, he flies to his stations. So we really should call him "Chief Flying Eagle."

"Chief Flying Eagle" was honored Saturday evening when the Deaf remembered that he now has served the area for ten years. They had baked him a cake so big it took two strong men, Claude Campbell and Bob Werth, to carry it out to him, for it was about 24×30 inches and had on it a map of Montana with the stations marked. He took the cake but shared it with his faithful braves and squaws. He was given a present of \$50 for a new pulpit gown. Pastor Hauptman thanked the Deaf and praised God for having given him



Some of the campers "talking" in front of the Rockhaven Chapel. Left to right: Robert Werth, Mrs. David Krause, Miss Lily Mattson, Mrs. Beulah McFarland, David Krause, and Harold Brandt



Left: Campers enjoy a volleyball game during the recreation period Saturday afternoon. Right: Tenth anniversary cake. Left to right are Claude Campbell, Rev. August L. Hauptman, and Robert Werth

grace to preach His Word for ten years.

The conference resolved that there be held a spring and a fall planning meeting each year, attended by one representative of each of the six preaching stations in the area and

by the officers of the Montana Lutheran Deaf Conference.

The present officers are Victor Lyons of Great Falls and Miss Helen Lappin of Lewistown. The 1959 meeting is to take place in Lewistown.



Jacksonville, Ill. — **Mr. Robert Anderson**, Jacksonville, took **Miss Sharon Boyd** of Madison, Ill., to be his bride, on the 27th day of July, at Concordia Lutheran Church, Granite City, Ill., the Rev. Delbert Thies officiating. The young couple will make its home in Jacksonville, where Mr. Anderson is a teacher at the Illinois School for the Deaf. — **Miss Marilyn Lipka**, 1957 graduate of I. S. D., and since that time living with folks in Springfield, became the bride of **Mr. George Field Johansen** of Lisle, Ill., on the 30th day of Au-

gust, Pastors Delbert Thies and William Kovalik officiating. They will make their home near Lisle, where Mr. Johansen works for the state.

Cleveland, Ohio — Confirmed in Christ Church of Cleveland on Palm Sunday were **Mr. and Mrs. Geo. K. Perry**, **C. Brzeski**, **Thelma Focht**, **Jerome Focht**, and **Claudia Johnson**. On June 1 **Donald Feldkamp** and **Jeffrey Meyer** were confirmed, bringing the number of communicants up to 100.

Baptized on Easter Day in Christ Church were **Mrs. Edna L. Richards**,

Donna Lee Richards, Mrs. Eva J. Boehnlein, Albert and Dennis Boehnlein, Lillian Sunagel, Mary, Thomas, and Catharine Carpenter. — On June 22 **Harry W. Phillips** was baptized in Cleveland, and **Pamela Joan Crano**, on the same day, was baptized in Akron, Ohio. — May God in His grace keep our newly confirmed and baptized in the faith of the Savior!

Starting in January, Christ Church of Cleveland took up the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching church work with the plan of three Mission Sundays during the year. — On February 2 75 attended our first Mission Sunday, bringing offerings over \$115. — On May 18 Dr. J. L. Salvner preached for our second Mission Sunday, when 80 appeared and brought offerings over \$156.00. — During 1958, in general, attendances have improved, for which we feel deeply thankful to God, and give all praise to Him. T. F.

Mill Neck, Long Island, N. Y. — On Sunday, September 14, the John of Berkeley Chapel of Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf was dedicated. Dr. Herman Mayer, Secretary of Missions of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, preached the sermon. The outdoor service was held at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon with a good attendance. The addition of this chapel makes the worship of the children at school there richer. Rev. D. Simon of New York interpreted the service.

Worcester, Mass. — The classes at several schools have been resumed after the summer vacation. Pastor E. J. Thaler conducts weekly classes with children of the schools at Beverly, Randolph, and Boston and has 25 children enrolled in four

classes at West Hartford, Conn., at the American School for Deaf. At Portland, Maine, he meets the children at the new School for the Deaf on Baxter's Island every month. — The Home for the Aged at Danvers, Mass., he visits every week. — At Worcester he conducts services bi-weekly and has weekly Bible class. — Congratulations to **Edward Underwood** and **Marcia Wells**, who were married September 20 at Worcester by Rev. Thaler.

Omaha, Nebr. — Bethlehem Deaf Congregation now has services every Sunday and conducts its Bible class every Sunday. With Rev. H. Graef, assisted by Pastor E. Mappes, on hand, both men find enough to do, and the Omaha group is entitled to services every Sunday. This also affords the children at the school the chance to attend services every Sunday. — **Mr. Ivan Howsden** of Alma, Nebr., the brother of Mrs. Nick Petersen, was taken suddenly by death September 18 through a cerebral hemorrhage. Rev. Mappes officiated at the burial at Alma on September 19. And on September 17 **the mother of Mr. Roy Sparks** was taken by death, the funeral being held Sunday, September 21. How good is it indeed to know that through Jesus we have the victory over death, so that we can close our eyes in peace and come home to heaven and the Lord through death and be freed of the miseries of this world! — A girl, **Mary Sue**, arrived at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekstrom** of Omaha September 20, and at Waterloo, Iowa, **Karlene Jean**, the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Kent Fisher**, put in her appearance September 15. Congratulations!

The Northwest District *Lutheran Witness* reports that **Rev. Robert E.**

Kunz of Cottage Grove, Oreg., issued an invitation to the Deaf of the neighborhood through a radio interview, radio announcements, and newspaper advertisements to a service for Deaf for a Sunday in August. Forty people, Deaf and members of their families, attended the service, which was interpreted by **Mrs. Dean Rice** of Cottage Grove. A social hour was enjoyed after the service. Similar meetings are planned monthly. The interest to serve the Deaf is commendable; and it may be possible to make use of interpreters at other places, as is being done by some Protestant church bodies. In that manner scattered groups might be given some service.

Oklahoma City, Okla. — **Rev. M. Sampson** recently had a call from St. Paul (hearing) Lutheran Church at Wellston, Okla., to become its pastor and to divide his time between serving that church and the Deaf. But he has returned the call to the congregation at Wellston and will continue to give his full time to the Deaf.

Des Moines, Iowa — Sunday, August 17, Pastor L. M. Stacy preached for the Iowa Association of Deaf convention at Davenport, having been invited to conduct a service there at the time. — October 26 to 29 Calvary Deaf Church at Des Moines participated in the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching week of evangelism, which was conducted by all the local churches of the Missouri Synod. Rev. D. Thies of Jacksonville, Ill., was the guest pastor, who preached at the services, which were held every evening. As at various other places where such services were held, the results are not always

apparent immediately, but since God's Word never comes back empty, there are always victories to be recorded for the Cross of Christ.



This is Mr. Albert Arneson, president of Emmanuel Deaf Church, Milwaukee, as he welcomed the North Central Regional Conference in Milwaukee, August 10

Fargo, N. Dak. — On Sunday, August 31, **Mr. Howard Young, Jr.**, of Aberdeen, S. Dak., and **Miss Carol Martin** of Buxton, N. Dak., were united in a beautiful church wedding in Buxton by Rev. W. Ferber. Mrs. Young, Jr., recently helped her pastor give a demonstration at Grand Forks, N. Dak., when the North Dakota District of our church held its convention there, showing how our work is done among the Deaf. For a number of years, while being one of the advanced pupils in the North Dakota School for the Deaf at Devils Lake, she assisted the pastor with the teaching of younger children in Sunday school. May the Lord bless their marriage!

New London, Wis. — The parents of the **Misses Leona and Hildegard Luepke**, Mr. and Mrs. John Luepke, celebrated their golden wedding an-



Rev. O. C. Schroeder usually tries to escape the height of the hay fever season in Chicago by going to Upper Michigan. He there conducts services with the Deaf of the vicinity. Here he is with the group in Ishpeming, Mich.

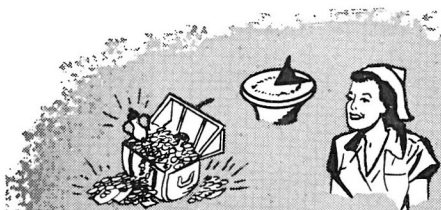
niversary on September 21. At the church service Miss Leona signed "Drawn to the Cross" while a cousin sang the hymn. Pastor N. P. Uhlig interpreted the service for the Deaf present.

Jacksonville, Ill. — On September 14 the fifth anniversary of the dedication of Christ for the Deaf Chapel was celebrated in a service of thanksgiving and praise. Pastor N. P. Uhlig preached the sermon. On that Sunday the staff of loyal workers from Concordia Seminary at Springfield was present again after the summer vacation, and the teachers and children look forward to another year of blessed work and study. The enrollment of the Sunday school is 107 at present. — On that same day Salem Lutheran (hearing) Church celebrated its hundredth anniversary. For almost fifty years Salem had opened its door to the Deaf of Jacksonville for services and other functions. It has also served, and still serves, the

Blind, since the Illinois School for the Blind is located not very far from the church. — The church bulletin of Salem Church carried this notice the Sunday after the centennial celebration: "Unique. — It is remarkable that Salem should begin the second century of its existence with a German wedding ceremony, uniting **Pastor N. Paul Uhlig** and **Mrs. Martha Scholz.**" Mrs. Scholz's two great-grandfathers were Salzburgers who with about 20,000 others were banished in 1731 by the Catholic archbishop who ruled Salzburg because they refused to become Catholics but remained Lutherans and fled to Germany, living in Silesia, which after World War II was given to Poland. Her husband was killed in World War I in France. Employed with the German *Reichsbahn*, or railroad, she fled in 1945 rather than become a Communist. After six miserable months she finally escaped through the Iron Curtain. She came to America in 1951, her daughter having married

Captain Ralph Sullivan of the American Army. They live in Jacksonville and were neighbors of Rev. Uhlig. For almost four years she

took loving care of the late invalided Mrs. Hannah Uhlig and Pastor Uhlig and has now become a helpmate to him.



Stewardship

The Crooked Manager

A certain businessman had a manager that was doing a poor job of managing the company. So the businessman said to the manager, "I want you to hurry and bring the books up to date and have a report ready, because you cannot be my manager any more."

Then the business manager thought about his future because he knew that he would lose his job, and with no recommendation he would not be able to find another managing position. "What shall I do?" he thought. "I cannot dig ditches, and I am ashamed to beg."

Then he got a bright idea which would make his future secure. He called all the customers who owed money to the company into the office. To the first he said, "You owe the company \$10,000. Take your bill and make it \$5,000." "You're a real pal," said the customer, patting him on the back. "If you ever need help, just let me know."

And so the manager did this way with all the customers and made many friends who would help him when he lost his job.

When the businessman found out

about this, he was amazed and thought, "That manager is a clever devil."

This is a modern version of a parable which Jesus told. It is written in Luke 16:1-9.

In this parable we notice that Jesus praised the crooked manager. Does that mean that Jesus approves of cheating? No! Jesus did not praise him because he was crooked, but for *his wisdom in preparing for his future.*

Then Jesus told His disciples that they, too, should think about their future. But Jesus did not mean future on earth, as old age, but their future after death.

Almost everyone today plans well for his retirement through pension funds, social security, and insurance. This may be fine, but don't forget about your retirement after death. When you die, you will enter into the next world, which lasts forever and ever. Are you prepared for that? Jesus tells you how to get social security for the next world in verse 9: "Use your money to make friends, so that, when you die, they may welcome you into everlasting homes in heaven." Jesus

does not mean that you can make friends like the unbelievers do through bribes. But He means the many friends a Christian makes in this world when he does good works in true faith. These many friends will prove your faith before the Lord when He comes on Judgment Day.

This ought to encourage us to

grow in faith and good works, thankfully using our time, talents, and money for the poor and for building His kingdom. This also ought to warn the lazy who care not to improve in good works. All like that may find that they have no friends to welcome them into the mansions above.

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Know Your Bible

Haggai

The prophet Haggai lived at the time when the Jews returned from the captivity in Babylon under Ezra and Zerubbabel after Cyrus and his successor, Darius, had permitted their return in 536 B. C. and the following years. Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi are the last three prophets of the Old Testament and lived within the hundred years after the return from Babylon.

The years were not easy ones. Surely with great joy the Jews came back; but with great sadness they looked upon the ruins of their homeland and city and temple. To get the picture one must read the book of Ezra. Even after the work of the laying of the foundation of the temple had begun, troubles arose. The enemies about them hindered the construction by actual interference and by sending false reports to Babylon resulting in stoppage of support. Then the people were busy with the erection of homes for themselves and trying to set up themselves in business; but they were

not interested in the building of their house of worship or the building of a protecting wall about the city; and it took over twenty years before finally under Nehemiah the work was completed. And when all was done, it was so humble compared with the former temple of Solomon and the strong city of David that those who had in their youth seen the temple and now after the captivity saw the second one wept about it.

Haggai reproved the people for their unwillingness to build the temple and their attention to their own affairs and showed them that their own troubles were God's way of calling to them that He must come first; their poor harvests, the drought, their business failures, were all warnings from God to them. He and Zechariah succeeded in rousing them, and in four years the temple was rebuilt, but sixteen years had passed since the laying of the foundation until this final effort was made, which took four years.

A true prophet he was; he foretold the coming of "the Desire of the nations," Jesus, and the Gospel age, when God's house and kingdom, the holy Christian Church, would in glory fill the world. This would happen after a great shaking of the earth would have taken place in which heaven and earth and sea and dry land would be shaken. And soon came Alexander the Great and captured the then known world and established the Greek language as the world language, the language of the New Testament; then Rome

overthrew Greece; then the shaking of the world by the order of Caesar Augustus that "all the world should be taxed," which census-taking made everybody go by land and sea to his home town; then the appearance of the angel of the Lord to the shepherds at Bethlehem with the message that the Savior of the world was born. There are only two short chapters in Haggai, but he evidently put down a brief summary of his visions and messages. It's a glorious book.



Devotions

"Light for Your Way"

Bible Readings for November 1958

November 1 — Philippians 1:12-30	November 14 — 1 Timothy 3:1-16
November 2 — Philippians 2:1-18	November 15 — 1 Timothy 6:1-21
November 3 — Philippians 4:4-20	November 16 — 2 Timothy 2:1-19
November 4 — Colossians 1:9-23	November 17 — 2 Timothy 4:1-8
November 5 — Colossians 2:8-23	November 18 — Titus 2:1-15
November 6 — Colossians 3:1-17	November 19 — Titus 3:1-15
November 7 — Colossians 3:18 to 4:6	November 20 — Philemon
November 8 — 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	November 21 — Hebrews 2:1-18
November 9 — 1 Thessalonians 4:9 to 5:11	November 22 — Hebrews 3:7-19
November 10 — 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12	November 23 — Hebrews 4:14 to 5:10
November 11 — 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18	November 24 — Hebrews 7:26 to 8:13
November 12 — 1 Timothy 1:1-20	November 25 — Hebrews 10:19-31
November 13 — 1 Timothy 2:1-15	November 26 — Hebrews 11:32 to 12:2
	November 27 — Hebrews 12:12-29
	November 28 — James 2:1-13
	November 29 — James 2:14-26
	November 30 — James 3:1-18

"The Word of the Lord endureth forever." 1 Peter 1:25



Bible Quiz

Just as a face is not clearly seen when covered by a veil, so the fact that Jesus is God was and is not clearly recognized by some people because Jesus wore a veil; what was that veil? Hebrews 10:20.

In order to serve God on what he thought was holy ground, what did Naaman ask to take with him to his home in Syria after he had been cured of leprosy? 2 Kings 5:17.

What did Gehazi, the servant of the prophet Elisha, get when he thought he could get "easy money" by lying to Naaman and Elisha? 2 Kings 5:27.

What is the wrong way to light a dark room, and what is the wrong way to use our God-given abilities and chances to do good? Matthew 5:15, 16.

How can we prevent others from judging and misjudging us? Luke 6:37.

What is the best thing for us when we are in really bad trouble? Lamentations 3:26.

Man thinks he can earn heaven by doing good works; but why did God make the rule that man gets to heaven only through faith in Jesus and what He did for all sinners? Ephesians 2:9.

What kind of noise does God like? Psalm 66:1, 2.

Which first five words of a sentence of the Easter angel tell us the two parts of doing mission work? Matthew 28:7.

Only on what condition do many people believe things and therefore

do not accept clearly stated Bible teachings? John 4:48.

Which all-important event had to happen if it was to be of any use to preach and to believe? 1 Corinthians 15:14.

When did the Old Testament with its rules and restrictions fade out and the new age with its message and promise of worldwide missions begin? Luke 16:16.

What is a good thing to do when one wakes up at night and cannot go back to sleep immediately? Psalm 63:6.

To which tribe of Israel did King Saul belong? 1 Samuel 9:21.

What kind of questions did the queen of Sheba ask King Solomon? 1 Kings 10:1.

What will strange women [wives that do not worship God] do to God-fearing men? 1 Kings 11:1-3.

Why did King David buy the threshing floor from Araunah? 2 Samuel 24:21.

Should we give as an offering to God anything that does not cost us anything? 2 Samuel 24:24.

What made Paul so sure before the shipwreck that not one of the 276 people on board the ship would be lost, but that the ship would be wrecked? Acts 27:23, 24.

What was the name of the commanding officer who was in charge of taking Paul and the other prisoners to Rome? Acts 27:1.