



CHALLENGE

OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CONFERENCE

December, 1960

"The Truth on Fire"

It's REVIVAL TIME in the South Carolina Conference. Time for every man, woman, boy, and girl who make up our more than one hundred and thirty congregations to enlist in the simultaneous effort to win the lost to Jesus Christ.

We have seven thousand members in our churches. On our Sunday School roll books, we have more than seven thousand others who are unsaved. In addition to this, there are multiplied thousands who come under the influence of our churches and our members daily in their work and association. With this situation confronting us, we plan and intend to execute the most thorough and enthusiastic united effort of evangelism ever attempted in South Carolina.

Wednesday night, March first, nineteen hundred and sixty-one is the date. Every pastor in this Conference is expected to open his church doors on that date and declare the official opening of the simultaneous revival. On every church bulletin board, in all of the newspapers, on every radio station possible, the glowing theme, THE TRUTH ON FIRE, will be proclaimed to the people of South Carolina.

The TRUTH is the most precious thing on earth and FIRE is the most attractive. Thus, with the TRUTH ON FIRE, I believe that the Pentecostal Holiness preachers in the South Carolina Conference can and will make such an impact on this State that men will turn aside as Moses did in the Wilderness to see the wonderful sight, the bush that was on fire and was not consumed.

I call upon you, men and women, in these crucial days of our Nation's history to arise as one man—to rise to this emergency. I call upon you with the earnestness of Leonidas of Thermoplae in the long ago. I call upon you not to leap to your death on a Persian spear, but to leap to the rescue of some dying soul who is sinking in the treacherous waters of despair.

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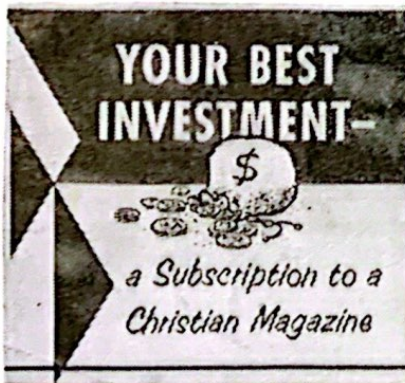
United Revival—March 1-26
Ministers' Bible and Prayer Conference—April 24-27
C. E. Convention—May 12-13
Youth Camp—June 12-16
Camp Meeting—June 16-25
Planning Committee—June 19
W. A. Convention—June 20
Annual Conference—June 24, 25, 26

BUSY YEAR AHEAD

The year ahead of us has a crowded schedule. Beginning in April, we will have a constant series of activities until the General Conference in October.

Beginning with the Minister's Conference in April, the Regional Sunday School Workshops in May, the C. E. Convention in May, the Youth Camp, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the Conference and Camp Meeting in June, the General Sunday School and Lifeliners Convention in July, and the General Woman's Auxiliary Convention and General Conference in October.

With all of this ahead of us, we will have to plan our program carefully to keep our local church programs from being retarded.



THE CHALLENGE

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TWO GREAT MEN PASS

The South Carolina Conference is saddened with the news of the passing of Rev. A. L. Williams, one of our faithful, elderly ministers.

We also mourn the loss of Brother Shell Cox, one of the most outstanding laymen of our church. Brother Cox was well known for his interest in and support of Foreign Missions. We will greatly miss his enthusiastic presence and his cheery voice at our Camp Meetings and Conferences.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Cox.

CORRECTION PLEASE!

You will observe that the printers made a mistake in one of the dates on the bumper stickers. He put the dates—March 1 through 16, but the correct date is March 1-26. This will not be too misleading because many of the meetings will no doubt run even longer than the 26th.

The starting date is most important. If the revival breaks out in your church, be sure and let it run as long as possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOP AT CAMP GROUND

The General Sunday School Department, under the direction of Karl Bunkley, General Sunday School President, is planning an Eastern Regional Sunday School Seminar at the Lake City Campground in May of this year.

This will involve all of the Conferences in the Southeastern part of the country. We will be bringing more information about this later.

LOOKING TOWARD THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Another quadrennium has almost past, and we are approaching another General Conference.

Something new has been done in view of possible changes in our Government and discipline. At the General Board meeting in Amarillo, Texas last October, a study commission was elected, with H. P. Robinson as chairman, to consider any proposed changes that might promote better progress in our church.

This committee will be glad to accept any suggestions from anyone that might be an improvement in our Government.

The Committee will have its first meeting in Falcon, North Carolina on March 7. If you have a suggestion, please get it to the office before that time.

The following questions might provoke some thought:

1. Do you favor continuing the two-year pastoral assignment, or would you prefer a four-year plan?
2. Do you favor one Bishop, with four Assistants as we now have?
3. Do you favor limiting the term of Conference Officials to eight years?

W. A. IDEA EXCHANGE

Have you found a new way to raise money or create interest in your W. A.? If you have, share it with us in this column which will be used to exchange ideas each month. Here are a few as a starter:

1. The Springfield, N. C. W. A. spent their devotional period at each meeting last year in a most profitable manner. They made a detailed study of the Discipline of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

2. The G. A.'s in Hayestown, S. C. made a very nice profit by selling light bulbs.

3. For several years, the Georgetown W. A. maintained a Merchandise Shop in which they sold a number of items, all obtained from:

Mr. Carl A. Moore,
Thomasville, N. C.

The items include men's shirts, T-shirts, underwear, socks, ties, handkerchiefs, lingerie for ladies, and many other items. They pay the company monthly as they sell. Write the above address for information.

4. In Lake City, the W. A. is enjoying great results in their Prayer Band. Each member who has a request places it on a slip of paper and puts it in a prayer box. Each one prays earnestly for the requests, resulting in a number of people getting saved, with one conversion taking place at the W. A. Meeting.

Send in your ideas to the Conference Office.

WHAT SHALL WE HAVE, THEREFORE?

When Simon Peter heard Jesus tell the rich young ruler to sell all of his goods and give to the poor, he became quiet upset. He couldn't associate that kind of self-denial with being good. Hence, the question, "Lord, we have left all to follow you, now what shall we have therefore?"

The ideal of material compensation for service to God has persisted to this day. We hear the salary of the minister often compared to that of other professional men. There is a great deal of lamenting the fact that the minister is the poorest paid of any of the professions. This is the same sort of attitude that prompted Simon Peter to ask two thousand years ago, "Lord, what shall we have, therefore?"

To compare the ministry with other professions is to detract from the dignity and serenity of the ministry. The ministry belongs in a class apart. It is more than a profession, it is a calling, a Divine Calling. There are Divine and spiritual compensations in this calling that belong to no other calling or profession on earth.

When the ministry is consigned to the category of making a livelihood, it is no longer the high and noble calling that Christ intended it to be. When the element of personal sacrifice and self-denial is eliminated from the ministry, it will become as cold-blooded and materialistic as that of a criminal lawyer.

It was not said of the lawyer, the teacher, the Scientist, the doctor—but of the preacher: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of Peace." It was written of the preacher, "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever."

What shall we have, therefore? Yes, there is a reward, but we don't receive it all in this world.

MIDWAY MILESTONE

The close of the recent round of District Conferences marked the midway milestone of our current Conference year. By absorbing one District Conference in the Annual Conference, we only have three meetings of the District Conferences each year.

A brief resume of the past six months is most encouraging. Some

goals have been reached, some surpassed, and there are yet others to be attained.

One of our goals was the organization of six new churches this year, one for each district. This goal has already been reached. The following new churches have been organized within the last six months.

Johns Island (Charleston)—

Auzzie Williams, Pastor
Beaufort—W. L. Patterson, Pastor
Lancaster 2nd—Phillip List, Pastor
Bethel (Sally, S. C.)—Charlie Bell, Pastor

Williston—Rev. Thackery, Pastor
Little Lamb (Bucksport, S. C.)—Robert Gibbs, Pastor

Three of these churches already have parsonages and a full time pastor. They are Lancaster, Beaufort, and Little Lamb. This is most remarkable. God is blessing the South Carolina Conference and the people have a mind to work.

Ten other churches have been assigned the task of opening a branch church and Sunday School before Annual Conference. Already reports are coming in of the great push to get

this done. Rev. J. D. Simmons has already erected a Tabernacle to begin his branch church. Rev. W. T. Lisenby is making plans to open his right away. The appeal is to the others of you, whether your church was listed in the first ten or not. Begin now to branch out, push back, open up, explore every opportunity to start new churches. Let's get the job done.

MEMBERSHIP GOALS REACHED

The churches listed below have already reached their membership goals for the year. The list grows. Will your church be next?

Wagoner	40
Conway	21
St. Andrews	16
St. Delight	14
Manning	13
Lancaster No. 2	13
Oak Grove	11
Antioch	11
Bamberg	10
Ridgewood	10
North Charleston	10

CONFERENCE MISSION OFFERING

THE LARGEST MISSION OFFERING ever received in our Conference was last year on Sunday afternoon at the Annual Conference. The total was \$7,780.54.

The breakdown, according to the winning churches in each district, is as follows:

District	Church with Largest Offering	Church Giving Most Per Member	
Central District—Kingtree	\$120.00	Kingtree	\$2.73 Per Mbr.
Coastal Dist.—Myrtle Beach	\$341.16	Sampit	\$2.50 Per Mbr.
Pee Dee River Dist.—		By Way	\$5.77 Per Mbr.
E. Rockingham	\$244.72	Great Falls	\$1.51 Per Mbr.
Piedmont Dist.—Great Falls	\$142.21	Mt. Calvary	\$4.42 Per Mbr.
Tidewater Dist.—		Aiken	\$2.60 Per Mbr.
N. Charleston	\$240.00		
Twin River Dist.—Mt. Beulah	\$86.65		

The largest individual offering was given by Brother Shell Cox, it was \$500.00. The second largest by Rev. George Bass in the amount of \$350.00.



PATERNAL ATTITUDE GROWS

It is increasingly evident that a paternalistic concept is developing among our people with respect to the Conference. Each month, an increasing number of applications for supplements, grants, and financial assistance comes into the office.

We are all keenly conscious of the financial strain under which most of us labor, but we must realize that the only income into the Conference Treasury is from the ministers and churches, and we can only give as we receive.

We are gratified that over the past three or four years, the Conference income has doubled, but along with that, the expense has doubled also. We have increased our monthly payments to the General Budget more than one hundred percent. The maintenance of an office staff, our big home missions program, the heavy insurance on our buildings, the upkeep of the Campground, the monthly payments to the Conference Insurance and Retirement program, the payments on the parsonage, and many other miscellaneous expenses necessary to the great outlay of our Conference program absorbs our income as fast as it comes in.

There is a solution to this problem, however, if every church and every minister would pay their full tithes into the Conference monthly, we would be able to supplement almost every needy church and meet every rising emergency.

THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE BE WHAT YOU MAKE IT. Don't be a hitchhiker. Pay your way in full and you will have a lot more self-respect and we will get the job done.

A fitting conclusion for this situation can best be expressed by paraphrasing a statement made by President Kennedy in his inaugural address: "It's not what your Conference can do for you, but what can you do for your Conference."



HOME MISSION LOANS

We have a workable Home Mission Program, and it has done a remarkable job of helping pastors build new churches and remodel old churches.

There is only one thing that retards our progress in this field and that is the neglect of some churches to whom we have loaned money in making their monthly payments.

We have such a well organized conference program and we are so dependent one upon another until if one person fails, we all suffer. It is imperative that you pastors who owe the Home Missions Department money pay up your delinquent account and keep up your monthly payments so we can push our enlargement program when the Spring opens up.

There are several projects ready now to be launched. All we need is the money. Please, pastors, catch your payments up now.

SUPERINTENDENT ELECTED TO HIGH POSITION

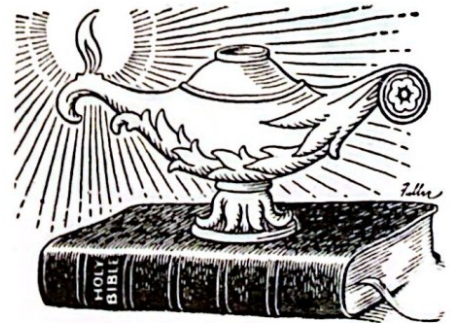
The Rev. H. P. Robinson, superintendent of the South Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, was elected as a "denominational representative" on the Board of Governors of the Christian Action Council at its recently Annual Meeting in Columbia.

Representatives of 11 denominations gathered for this 27th annual session of South Carolina's only cooperative channel for inter-denominational study and action, supported by Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Church of God, Wesleyan Methodist and other evangelical groups, its growing program and effectiveness is centered on Christian citizenship and moral action. Rev. M. L. Moore, Minister to the Park St. Pentecostal Holiness Church of Columbia also attended.

Officers elected to lead the Christian Action Council in 1961 included: President—Dr. Neil Truesdell of Newberry (Presbyterian); 1st Vice-President—Mrs. D. C. Bomar of Ridge Springs (Baptist); 2nd Vice-President—Rev. Bryan Crenshaw of Gaffney (Methodist); and Secretary—Rev. Neal Wyndham of Columbia (Disciples of Christ).

President Truesdell, the first Presbyterian to head the inter-denominational Council, stated the importance of the organization when he said: "We are on the edge of a tremendous transformation in our nation and state. It is the responsibility of the Christian Action Council to try, under Divine Guidance, to anticipate problems and to be organized to give strong Christian Witness to the moral life of our state. It is for this purpose that we meet today."

Executive Director Howard G. McClain, an ordained Baptist minister who is now in his 12th year as the executive leader of the inter-church body, said that the "spirit of cooperation, interest, and support indicated at our Annual Meeting was at an exceptionally high level and many plans were made for effective study and action related to public affairs in South Carolina." He also stated that "1961 was anticipated, by all present, as a time of reaching a new and higher plateau of services for the churches of our state through the Christian Action Council."



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

L. D. DRIGGERS, Director

TO THE LIFELINERS DIRECTOR:

S. C. Conference C. E. Director

To make the necessary progress in our Lifeliners Department, we must move quickly from the "one room" school house idea to classes according to age and interest. We need at least one half of the classes in the Lifeliners Department that we have in our Sunday schools. If your Sunday school has 8 classes then you should move immediately to organize 4 classes in your Lifeliners. You will find that this will add to your effectiveness in the Lifeliners to a great extent. You will then need materials for the classes. I will suggest that first of all you send for a catalog from Advocate Press, Franklin Springs, Ga. and order all the material that you can use. If you still lack materials write to your conference office and we will be happy to furnish you with materials or addresses from which you can receive such. Here are a few suggestions you might like to try:

1. Have a thorough study of your records with your secretary and check: membership, finances received per member, and absentees.

2. Be sure that records are kept on every meeting. Never be guilty of guessing at the number present, average attendance, etc.

3. According to the figures below in enrollment and average attendance we must organize our visitation in the Lifeliners Department. I feel that we are neglecting many of our absentee young people by never contacting them.

4. Write Rev. J. S. Crocker at the conference office if you would like to have a copy of the Lifeliners Standard.

5. Cooperate more fully with your financial responsibility in the conference. Less than 30% of the local Lifeliners are paying their tithes into the conference office. This is your responsibility director—see to it that this is carried out.

6. In the next issue of *The Challenge* we will give you a full report of finances paid to the office from the local Lifeliners. Don't be left out!

SECOND QUARTER REPORT ON 10 HIGHEST LIFELINERS

(Period ending Dec. 30, 1960)

Enrollment:

Church	Number
1. Mt. Beulah	141
2. Georgetown	130
3. Barrineau	105
4. Sts. Delight	100
5. McColl	100
6. Pineview	93
6. Bennettsville	90
7. Sumter	85
8. Darlington	81
9. Park St.	79
10. Ebenezer	76

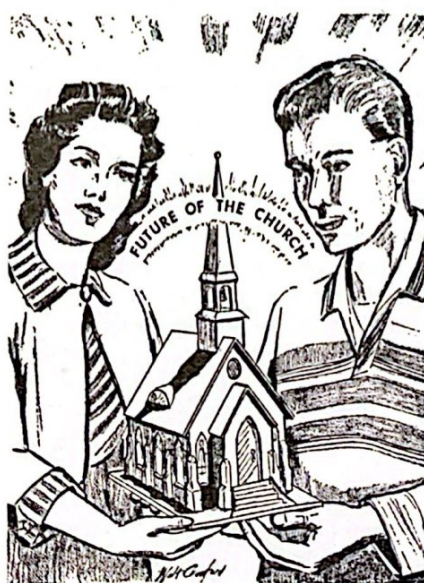
Average Attendance:

1. Bennettsville	102
2. Sts. Delight	100
Park St.	100
3. Mt. Beulah	84
4. Georgetown	73
5. Socastee	69
6. Ebenezer	65
7. Sumter, McCall, Bamberg	60
8. Earls	58
9. Willow Creek	56
10. Zion	55

LIFELINERS DEPARTMENT

By Rev. J. S. Crocker,
Lifeliners President

No church is any stronger than its youth. Show me a church that is filled



with young people and I will show you a church that is filled with spiritual growth. There is nothing that dulls a religious service more than the absence of young people. Boys and girls of Sunday School age, the men and women of the church of tomorrow; provide the real life blood that invigorates and nourishes all its activities of today. We must show a concern for every child that attends our church and it is just as important to reach every child within a geographical area of our church.

Much has been said by our Conference Superintendent about Multiplying by Dividing and this is not only a good thing for our churches but it is working fine in Lifeliners. We certainly are thankful to God that many of our churches have increased their facilities and are now able to Departmentalize their Lifeliners. In churches where this is being done the attendance for the Sunday night service has increased immensely. When children have their own service with others the same age they feel that they can take a more active part.

The amount of space and willing workers that you have in your church will determine how far you can go into departmentalizing your Lifeliners. If your space is limited and you are not sure of the number of people that would be willing to help, then I suggest that you start with just two Departments. However, if you can go into a larger program then I suggest that you try to provide a meeting place for every age level in your church. Remember that this is a time to keep the young people active in programs that they will have to take part in.

Juniors are usually full of pep and energy so it is very important that the leader of the Junior Department be one who is healthy and can keep up the pace. One must always stay at least one step ahead of the young people at all times if they are going to be successful.

Seniors or adults are usually eager to learn and with them being in group

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From the Director's Desk.....

L. D. Driggers, Conf. Director

To the Sunday School Superintendent:

May I personally thank you for your cooperation in our Christian Education Department. You, by virtue of your office, are to the Sunday school what the pastor is to the church. You are the business manager of your department and in measure are honored by the advances in your school and blamed when the attendance is not what it should be. Here are some suggestions you might use in planning the future program of your school.

1. Encourage prayerfulness among the teachers and officials. Encourage them to maintain an abiding consciousness as to the needs of their pupils.
2. Set the pace in encouraging systematic, week to week, visitation. See to it that all visitors are followed up by letter, card, phone or personal visit. Use the caller assignment cards furnished by Advocate Press. Have these cards ready at prayer meeting on Wednesday plus your list of absentees who need special attention.
3. Keep your yearly records in a safe place. Never throw them away. They will be unto you a very valuable reference in the future. These records call for the class books, general records of the school, etc.
4. Keep a sharp eye on your Sunday school at all times. To operate financially you must receive at least an average of 10 cents per pupil per Sunday. Set up a financial as well as an attendance goal for every class.
5. Never be guilty of estimating attendance in your school. This is the Lord's work and demands accuracy.
6. See to it that your school shares in the responsibility of the conference program. In December only 70 schools paid tithes out of 134 listed in the minutes. We need the cooperation of the other 49%.
7. The Oct. 2nd Sunday school offering is long over due. Please send this immediately.
8. A full financial account of each Sunday school will be published in the next copy of **The Challenge**. Don't let your school be blank in this respect.

2ND QUARTER REPORT ON 10 HIGHEST SUNDAY SCHOOLS

(Period ending Dec. 30, 1960)

Enrollment:

1. Georgetown	491
2. Bennettsville	362
3. E. Rockingham	334
4. Darlington	298
5. Dillon	275
6. Mt. Beulah	253
7. Andrews	241
8. Lake City	235
9. Sumter	230
10. Highway	207

Average Attendance

1. Georgetown	330
2. E. Rockingham	261
3. Darlington	200
4. Sumter	174
5. Bennettsville	171
6. Ebenezer	168
7. E. Laurinburg	152
8. Highway	148
9. Mt. Beulah	147
10. Lake City	140

"DIVIDED WE CONQUER" or "MULTIPLY BY DIVIDING"

By Rev. J. D. Simmons,
Conf. S. S. President

In the December issue of the **Challenge**, Brother Robinson introduced a theme for the Sunday School Department this month. His emphasis was upon the expanding of our church into new areas, which is a must if we reach the masses with the great Pentecostal Holiness Truth. "MULTIPLY BY DIVIDING" is not merely a theme but a fixed law that few of our churches have recognized. It took persecution to start this system in the early church and had it not been for the power of opposition to Christianity in Jerusalem, our great religion may not have left the City of Jerusalem. They divided and by dividing they multiplied.

Since this is a law of growth, why not put it into practice in our local Sunday Schools and break this saturation point that many of us have reached. All of us are aware of the

fact that our Sunday Schools should grow, but the main problem to most of us is how to make it grow. Our Superintendent has given us the key, use it to unlock your potential. If the Sunday School depends upon the pastor for its growth, the outreach of the Sunday School will only be as large as the outreach of the Pastor. If the Sunday School depends upon every member for its growth, the outreach is unlimited.

This law of growth has come from the law of averages in the Sunday School over the years. It is proven by experience and will work in any Sunday School regardless of size, type, or clientele.

Enrollment increases in proportion to workers at the ratio of 10 to 1. Almost every Sunday School has ten times as many students as teachers. Therefore, the law necessitates at least one teacher for every ten students in the Sunday School. Generally, when there is a ratio of more than one worker for 10 students it is because workers are not adequately fulfilling their jobs as Sunday School teachers. A church with unusual effort, special drives and a lot of hard work may lift this ratio for a time being, but in most every case the Sunday School will level off to the, "one teacher to ten student law."

There are a few large classes in Sunday Schools doing the job, but they are the exception rather than the rule. A large class is usually built around a strong personality rather than the church program. When the personality vanishes, the class falls apart. A large class provides little growth, little motivation, and few potential Sunday School workers.

Multiply by dividing or divide and conquer! What a challenge! A Sunday School by reducing this ratio mentioned above will grow. We cry immediately, where do we get the teachers? Train them is the answer. Next month we will feature in the Sunday School department, "**Trained Teachers.**"

The question may arise, do you put ten students in every class to follow

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