

WHO IS WHO in the Northern District of CHRIST'S SANCTIFIED  
HOLY CHURCH:

DISTRICT OVERSEER:

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History is nothing more or less than biography on a large scale, we generally apply history to nations, places, or things, but when speaking or referring to individuals we relative to their life and work, we use the term 'biography'. God deals in the facts of history as well as in the affairs of men just as truly as he is in the march of the seasons, the revolutions of the planets, and the architecture of the world. In the life of our Over-seer we plainly see God's dealings portrayed.

John M. Melvin was saved in a little town called Roberts, Louisiana on June 10th. 1910, he left this little town and went to Fullerton, La., where he helped to build a church in the name of Christ's Sanctified Holy church.

In 1913 the Lord sent him to Pineland, Texas, where he married a sweetly saved woman by the name of Julia Fortner, Elder E.K. Kyles of Magnolia Springs, Texas, performed the wedding ceremony.

Together Elder and Sister Melvin went to Elizabeth, La. and helped in establishing another C.S.H. church there. In 1916 they taken up their residence in Oakdale, La., and still working for the Lord, they built a very nice church in that place. During his stay in Oakdale, he served as Pastor over five churches; namely: Oakdale, La., Elizabeth, La., Alexandria, La., Morling, La., Taylor Hill, La., and two mission points: Glenmora and Eldorado, Arkansas.

In 1926, Elder and Sister Melvin and Sister C. Bolden came north on a mission trip, visited and conducted services in several of the C.S.H. churches in the Northern District and truly the God of heaven did bless ~~us~~ on that trip. They returned south following these services and later on in the year of 1926 the Spirit bid Elder and Sister Melvin even as it did Father Abraham "get thee out from thy country, from thy kindred, unto a land I will shew thee"; and that land was Chicago, Ill., up to this time we had no C.S.H. church in Chicago, but God willing that it should be directed and bless them in their effort in establishing a church there.

Upon high recommendation from the Southern District, they were united with the Northern District and Elder Melvin was elected our District Overseer, and Mother Melvin was Made one of our District Evangelist, which offices they do yet hold, along with many others.

During these years of toiling for the Lord, many souls have been saved through the inspiration of their preaching and their holy living.

Elder Melvin is now, and has been for 20 years, pastoring the Chicago, Ill. church,

God has moved them to Gary and they are planning by His help, as in years past, to build a work there. In the meantime he is still pastoring in Chicago. Well loved by those over whom the Lord has placed him, and of good repute through out the Northern District.

Elder Melvin is not only active within his own circle (altho they do ~~thay~~ first) but he work where ever, and whenever, the opportunity presents its-self to get Jesus a name in the earth. His opinion being: that the world is God's field and all souls needs to hear the true and ever-lasting gospel, realizing his 'God is of no respecter of person, but in every nation, he that feareth God and worketh RIGHTEOUSNESS, the same is accepted with God'.

A beautiful biography and testimony or written history, an example for all that have testified that God have called them to the ministry.

Submitted by V. Gibson.

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth. By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of thee. Psalms 71:1,5,6.

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## YOUTH NEWS

CHICAGO, ILL.

Jan. 19, 1949.

Holy Greetings;

I want to scale the utmost height,  
And catch a gleam of glory bright,  
But still I'll pray 'till heaven I've found;  
Lord lead me on to higher ground.

As we press forward with the Lord, we truly want Him to keep our feet planted on higher ground, for we know that as long as we keep living on the higher plane of life, the Lord will use us to His glory in His service. January 9th. was Young People's day and in our services, the Lord's presence was mightily felt. Each time we meet there is praise in our hearts to the Lord, for giving Mother Goings the vision of our Youth work, and for our Pastor who gives us this opportunity to use our talents to the Glory of God.-- God bless the older saints!

The message, brought by Mother Reed of the Church of God Pentecostal from Ephesians 5:1-11, 6:1-4, was a challenge and a blessing to our hearts.

Children from the Bible class gave a fine program before the message.

We feel like going on with the Lord in order to behold His face on that blessed day.

LUCILLE SANDERS, President.

IDA RILEY, Secretary.

ELDER J.M. MELVIN, Pastor.

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IA.

Jan. 24th 1949.

Greetings of Love to the Saints every-where. Again we are so happy to be able to witness for Christ, our Redeemer and Keeper. Altho we had not our Youth day in January, (it was taken over by the sponsors of our Bishop's anniversary: Mother Perle Brewer of Des Moines and Sister Ida Poe of Cedar Rapids) never-the-less the Lord was Glorified through out the day.

Our Ass't Overseer, Elder A.B. Brewer of Des Moines, Ia., brought the message in the afternoon and our District Mother Perle Brewer gave the message on that evening. The theme through out the day was "God's Chosen

People --- the Holy People." Truly it made our hearts glad to know that altho we are despised, and rejected, persecuted, and defamed by the world, yet God, the Creator and Ruler of the world hath chosen for His own 'Peculiar

People'. Yes, we do feel like going on with Him who said "I am the way".

After considering God's great Love and the tremendous price paid by his Son for our redemption, and his constant and watchful care, we can but concede that 'heaven is really cheap at any price we have to pay'-not in value, NO!-but our individual cost to enter there is very cheap--in fact it is so cheap we need no money nor price for Jesus paid it all and all we must do is accept His terms and enter in.

ELDER H.G. DARDEN, Pastor.

VIOLA GIBSON, Pres.

LAURA MILLER, Sec.

## BIBLE FACTS

**DEUTERONOMY:** A greek word meaning second law. It gives three great discourses; 1-a recounting of the long wanderings, 2nd-what lies ahead in the promised land, 3rd- a rehearsal of the principal laws. To these Moses adds his farewell song and parting benediction. Deuteronomy has 34 chapters.

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The bible is adapted to our devotional needs and we can read and feed upon the passage that impresses and meet our particular need in ANY and EVERY situation. Let us study the Bible more.

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### BIBLE NAME QUIZ

**THE KEY:** I was a priest by birth but a prophet by appointment. I was born in a little village but a short distance from Jerusalem. Seven other persons mentioned in the Old Testament bear my name. My mission was a most difficult one, but the Lord assured me, and by touching my lips, He said: "Beh old, I have put my words in your mouth!" Never-the-less I did not relish the task assigned me and often yielded to the feelings of despair. Although I dearly loved my people, yet they regarded me as their enemy and cursed me, every-one seemed to hate me and many sought my life. Naturally I was grieved at heart and at times would weep as though my heart would break. Again, again my life was in great danger, I was cast into prison, put into stocks, sent into exile, relatives and friends turned against me, I was scourged in public, like Paul, put in a dungeon and was finally stoned to death. Of the major prophets I alone wrote two books.

WHO AM I ??????????

Answer to last month's quiz: ISAIAH.

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### GLANCES AT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS by V. Gibson.

The first lesson in February tells of "Jesus' Early Teaching and Healing.

Christ's mission was not only to preach the gospel but as stated by the prophet Isaiah! He was to heal the broken-hearted, give deliverance to the captives, sight to the blind, and to set at liberty them that are bruised'.

CHRIST actually did what he was sent to earth to do. Matthew confirmed the prophecy as recorded: "Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." Matt. 4:23.

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Lesson two in Feb. we see "JESUS FACES OPPOSITION."

People who are in places of prominence and have initiative and do things usually face some opposition, and certainly so if we are doing the right thing. Amazing results will follow if we face opposition courageously.

JESUS courageously faced opposition and strong criticism. In going about doing the 'work of Him that sent him' we find Jesus doing GOOD only, the time, place, nor class made any difference so long as the 'Father's Will' was denoted. His concern for the poor, and neglected, the despised, and the handicapped, the sick, and the mentally depressed, ~~caused~~

and confessed sinners, caused quite a stir through-out the regions where-ever Christ went.

The multitudes followed Him for the blessings they recieved at his hand. This aroused the indignation and ire of the Pharisees and the Zealots, but did Christ stop for that? NO! Christ appreciated the worth of human personality. He came to save WHO-SO-EVER will be saved.

Jesus stood firm and did that which was right, even-so, and now we share in the benefits and honour Him for doing so.

We should double our determination to be true to God in spite of opposition and criticism, even as Christ was true in spite of such.

## The next lesson "JESUS CHOOSES the TWELVE.

The lesson shows that a larger group than the twelve had been with Jesus more or less. But he chose out of this group twelve to follow him daily and learn the art of Kingdom work for the establishing of his church. Man power (and this mean women too) is greatly needed today in the task of kingdom building.

Those whom Jesus chose: Peter and Andrew and James and John-  
The men he most depended on;  
Philip and Bartholomew,  
Matthew next, and Thomas too;  
James the less and Judas the greater,  
Simon the Zealot, and Judas the traitor.

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The closing lesson in Feb. is a wonderful lesson which should be of great interest to every child of God:

## THE STANDARDS OF THE KINGDOM.

Christ set for his followers high standards of living which he expects us to attain--since he himself laid the foundation and opened up the way thus making it possible for us to live up to the standards as set forth in his sermon on the mount.

Our first requirement is to "seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness", and then the blessings will follow.

When we think of the sermon on the mount, immediately the blessed Beatitudes comes into our minds. The Beatitudes are called the 'Attitudes we are to 'BE in'. Our attitudes are connected, naturally so, with our conduct. "From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" said Jesus, so we see the attitude of the heart had to do with the action of the mouth.

Our conduct reveals what our attitudes really are. One writer once said "your actions speaks so loud I can't hear what you say".

In order to have right standards of conducts we must attain it through Christian experience through surrender to Christ and wholehearted obedience to his holy words. He who is pure in heart will not be guilty of impure deeds.

The fundamental attitude of the soul is liken unto a solid and sure foundation upon which we can confidently build with out fear of destruction by rains, winds, or floods.

Christ is the only sure foundation, he is God's righteousness, so let us seek him and invite him to come in and establish his kingdom of righteousness in our hearts in order that we may have the right attitude to live by and better still to die by.

We cannot live up to the standards of the kingdom until we have been made anew, born again, and the carnal mind destroyed because it is not subject to the law of God, and it can't be subject because of the mere fact that it is carnal, and carnality cannot please God, it takes the mind of Christ, to please him---a mind to do right--to love even our enemies--a mind to serve--a mind to suffer-- an humble mind--an obedient mind to God, our Father--a mind to seek peace-- a mind to share each others' burdens---and a well made up mind to endure to the end.