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Fourth Annual Convention A Great Success

By GLENDA PARTON

(Editor's Note: At the opening of the Convention, the Lord directed the attention of the Editor to a fifteen-year-old girl he had never met, assuring him that there was to be a close connection between the two. Later, the Lord directed the Editor to request the girl to write up the Convention for Full Gospel Men's Voice. The girl was Glenda Parton, whom the Lord had miraculously sent to the Convention from Spindale, North Carolina, and her article, without editing, follows. This great miracle of God is published elsewhere in this issue of the Voice, "The Calling and Choosing of Glenda Parton.")

"Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus" was the thought-provoking theme printed on the banner stretched above the platform of the Fourth Annual Convention of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 25-29. This phrase accurately describes the spirit of expectation which prevailed throughout the five days of glorious fellowship. Thousands of delegates streamed in from the rolling plains of the West to the crowded cities of the East; each coming with a burning desire of meeting with a spirit of love and unity.

The Monday morning breakfast opened with a great spirit of fellowship as the Twin Cities' pastors welcomed the convention and gave the testimony of the wonderful way in which the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship had blessed their churches

and shown them the need for greater fellowship among the pastors. Brother Henry Krause also gave his testimony of healing. It was so inspiring to have him in our midst.

Jewell Rose spoke Monday night with a great anointing. It was inspiring to see the greatest ministers of our day sitting on the platform backing up those businessmen whom the Lord has just begun to use in the ministry. All of the directors and ministers formed two lines and prayed for those spiritually or physically in need.

Brother William Branham brought an inspiring message Tuesday morning dealing with the thought when love is projected, sovereign Grace takes over. The audience was stirred as he recounted many instances where love had been projected allowing sovereign Grace to take over.

The young people met in the Cur-

CONCERNING PHOTOGRAPH ON FRONT COVER

The front cover photograph of Henry Krause represents a number of miracles. In answer to the prayers of many people, God brought this beloved plow manufacturer safely through a long and painful sickness, through an extremely critical operation, restored his strength so he could take active part in the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International Convention, as Chairman of the Board of Directors, and caused him to come forth with a deeper and richer relationship with Jesus Christ than ever before. That relationship is told in his testimony, "The Fellowship of His Suffering," in this issue.

tis Hotel for a luncheon on Tuesday afternoon. Several of the directors came over and encouraged the youth with experiences of their own. Jack Shaw of Greenville, South Carolina, was in charge of the youth activities, and did a wonderful job.

Tuesday night, George Gardner spoke and another huge prayer line was formed with many coming forth with glorious experiences.

The anointing of the Lord fell Wednesday morning before the breakfast was completed. Many began going among those in the audience as the Spirit led and praying for them. Velm Gardner brought a short message. Many have described this service as being close to the Day of Pentecost.

The ladies of the Convention met at a luncheon Wednesday afternoon as the youth had a picnic at Minnehaha park. The ladies' luncheon was directed by Mrs. Demos Shakarian, and Mrs. Frank Lindquist, of Minneapolis, spoke. Mrs. Oral Roberts also addressed the ladies.

The Wednesday night audience was moved to tears as Arthur Lock gave his never-to-be-forgotten testimony of his deliverance from alcohol. Many were the hearts encouraged that night as they found that a brother or son back home had hope, if Arthur Lock had been delivered.

Expectation was at a peak Thursday as the Spirit of God moved mightily. Judge Cook of California gave his testimony of conversion from the height of the empty social world. He suggested he and Arthur Lock travel together as a team, showing what God could do for the "down-and-outer" and the "up-and-outer". As on Wednesday morning, men were moved to pray for those in the audience to whom

they were led. Only eternity will reveal those who were blessed as these men obeyed God. No one man prayed for those in need; therefore only Christ could be lifted up as the Deliverer.

Tommy Hicks' film of the Argentine revival was shown previous to the Thursday night service. He also brought the message for that night on Romans 12:3, "God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." At the close of the message, sixty persons came forward for rededication of their lives.

Many businessmen testified Friday morning of their experiences with God. The entire Convention was blessed as five Lutheran ministers testified to having received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the Convention.

Many people wept as they felt the bond of fellowship with those of other denominations.

The Friday night Fellowship banquet brought to a close five days of a wonderful convention. William Roll, a foreign diplomat for the United States who has served under seven presidents, told of our battle with Communism and how other nations have lost confidence in the United States because of our growing lack of initiative. Clifford Ford spoke on the two kingdoms—the kingdom of man and the kingdom of God.

There are many to whom we could give thanks for their part in making the Convention so enjoyable. We especially appreciate the splendid work of Clayton Sonmore and the Twin Cities chapter, Rose Shakarian and her faithfulness at the organ, Mel Johnson, Ben Swett, Sven Bjork and the many others who rendered such beautiful songs. Most of all, we are thankful that Jesus was in our midst.

Love and Unity Prevailed at the Convention

By THOMAS R. NICKEL

Inasmuch as the Lord, through us, directed another to report the Convention for Full Gospel Men's Voice, we shall bring, in this article, some of the highlights and sidelights.

Never have we seen man less exalted and Jesus Christ more exalted than at the Convention. In the Denver meetings, God moved in waves of glory, causing the throng at one time to kneel and weep and at another to stand and rejoice. At Minneapolis, the waves of glory came, but the throng responded as individuals. Jesus Christ dealt with individuals directly throughout the Convention as He did when He dealt with the woman at the well or when the woman washed His feet with her tears and dried them with her hair or when He said to Peter, "What is that to thee? follow thou Me!"

The Convention was preceded by

Some of the greatest men of our day were present, such as Gordon Lindsay, David DuPlessis, William Branham, Dr. Mordecai Ham, but they remained in the background and only Jesus Christ was lifted up!

Thousands will go back to their cities with a new zeal to work for the Lord, winning souls to His Kingdom. In closing, I quote Dr. Mordecai Ham, of Louisville, Kentucky, "I have attended many outstanding conventions, but this Convention has made church history!"

several days of prayer led by Tommy Hicks and joined by all the Full Gospel pastors of the Twin Cities under the direction of the beloved Frank Lindquist.

On Saturday morning preceding the Convention, a breakfast meeting of the Twin Cities Chapter of FGBMFI, with William Branham as the principal speaker, set the tempo for the week to follow.

On Friday and Saturday nights, and Sunday morning, afternoon and night, officers and directors of FGBMFI, and other visitors, were guest speakers at the Minneapolis and Saint Paul churches.

Throughout the Convention, the Lord kept a vigilant hand upon the fast-moving train of events, definitely demonstrating that He was working through the Full Gospel Business Men, not alone through the officers and directors of the International, but also through the Chapter officials, members, pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and women who are supporting this great world-wide movement of God. Even the children, under the direction of Helen Easterly, held meetings and received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The Swedish delegation, accompanied by Karl G. Ottosson, the South Africa delegation, accompanied by Robert Thom, the Lutheran brethren, headed by Ernst I. Dahle, and the women speakers, keynoted by Irene Lindquist, all made tremendous contributions to the Convention, as well

as those who only sat at the feet of Jesus, as Mary of old, watching and listening and worshipping and praying.

Seven Lutheran leaders received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, as did a Baptist pastor. Methodist young people holding a conference at the same time in the area, under the direction of Bob Shuler, Jr., reported some receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. All these experiences mentioned conformed to the pattern set in the Upper Room by the approximately 120 on the Day of Pentecost when they spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

Mayor Hoyer, of Minneapolis, gave a gracious welcome to those attending the Convention. Two of the many highlights of the Convention were the messages of Henry Krause and William Branham. Every message of the missionaries, evangelists, pastors, women and business men, together with the songs and music, contributed towards making this the Fellowship's greatest Convention.

Memorable sidelights were social gatherings at the homes of Frank and Irene Lindquist and Clayton and Jean Sonmore, and sightseeing tours of the Twin Cities.

John I. Easterly and Harry Johnson, along with others, took photographs and tape recordings throughout the Convention and it is the intention of the Editor to include in this and several following issues many of the photographs and wonderful messages and testimonies given.

The Convention Committee, under the chairmanship of Clayton Sonmore, along with countless others whose part may go unpraised but not unappreciated, did a masterful piece of work be-

fore and during the Convention. Chairman Sonmore confided to the Editor at the beginning that he expected persons to die right in the meetings and then be brought back to life again. This did not happen in the physical, but it happened over and over again in the spiritual: many went home from the gathering who had actually died to self and been raised up to a newness of life in Christ Jesus.

The love and unity so desired by our Fellowship truly prevailed at the Convention. Christ's prayer that we may be one was largely answered at Minneapolis as He desires it to be answered throughout the world among those the Father has given Him. Long have we known that Faith is Power. Now we are beginning to demonstrate that a greater Power is ours: that Power is Love!

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 20

At the Minneapolis Convention, it was decided to increase the Board of Directors to 27 members. An election for this purpose has been set for Los Angeles, California, Thursday afternoon, September 20, 1956, at the Biltmore Hotel. Other matters will come before the business meeting of this date.

Each Chapter is to send two voting delegates to the election and business meeting. Those desiring to send only one delegate, or no delegates, may appoint others who will be at the election to vote their proxy.

This election and business meeting will be held the same week as the Golden Anniversary of the Pentecostal Outpouring, September 16-23.

Youth Set Aflame at Convention

By JACK E. SHAW

Peter, in his sermon on the day of Pentecost, quoting the prophet Joel, said, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh." The main qualification for making a mark for God in this day or any day is to be filled with the Spirit of God. Young people, believing this, met together during the 4th Annual Convention of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and there was no disappointment experienced. God did pour out his Spirit, and lives were changed for God.

Demos Shakarian, Mordecai Ham, Raymond T. Richey, Henry Krause, R. O. Corvin, George Gardner, Sam Todd and Steve Cummings presented a challenge to this group by their lives and testimonies that caused all to know that, with God, all things are possible. "Lives of great men oft remind us, we may make our lives sublime and when passing leave behind us, footprints on the sands of time."

The first meeting of the young people was a luncheon on Tuesday, June 26, attended by a large number. Inspirational singing, praying, and testimonies and short talks by several of the International Directors, all was perfectly in line with the moving of the Spirit of God and as the meeting closed The Cardinal Room of the Curtis Hotel was the scene of a great prayer meeting where hungry hearts found God.

Wednesday, June 27, was the day for the Annual Youth Outing. A very impressive scene began at the Leamington Hotel as approximately twelve cars motored through the streets of Minneapolis to one of the beautiful parks for a time of wonderful Christian fellowship. Excitement climaxed as the Twin City boys played the "out of town" boys in a softball game.

Once again, on Thursday, June 28, The Cardinal Room was the scene of another Youth Luncheon. We were blessed as Mel Johnson sang and as Mordecai Ham told many of his thrilling experiences. As the meeting closed, the great majority of the group moved to the front and dedicated their lives to God anew as Steve Cummings led in prayer.

The great climax came as the group gathered for the last time of the convention in the home of Clayton and Jeanne Sonmore. The Spirit of the Lord came down in a wonderful way, and on into the early hours of the morning shouts of joy and victory were heard as another soul was added to the kingdom of God and others received the Holy Ghost. "I've never had anything to happen to me like this before," was the statement of one young man. The fire of the Holy Ghost was setting youth aflame to do a work for God!

By all means, these annual conventions should continue to be family affairs!

The Calling and Choosing of Glenda Parton

By THOMAS R. NICKEL

God called Glenda Parton to serve Him in the field of Christian Journalism when she was only ten years old; for the same service, He miraculously chose her when she was fifteen—shortly before her sixteenth birthday!

The FGBMFI Convention had just convened at the Leamington Hotel in Minneapolis. It was Monday, June 25, 1956. I was seated in the large Hall of States, where a sea of faces greeted me.

Suddenly, as though a Divine spotlight had sought her out, my eyes were attracted to a girl quite a distance from me. The Lord said, "There will be a close connection between you and that girl!" Before leaving California, President Demos Shakarian had told me he felt I needed a girl who was proficient at shorthand and typing to help me with the tremendous correspondence and manuscript preparation for Full Gospel Men's Voice. I reasoned that perhaps the Lord was planning on sending this girl to California to be my assistant and He wanted me to accept her when she came. This I resolved to do, but I promised the Lord I would not speak to her at the Convention unless He should so direct.

That night, those of us on the speakers' platform, and a few others, were asked to form a line and pray for those having a special need or wishing something special from God as they passed in front of this line.

I had prayed for several when I opened my eyes to find the girl standing directly in front of me. I touched her forehead with my right hand and prayed, "Father, give her the desire of her heart!"

Tuesday night, the same request was made, and when I had prayed for a number, I opened my eyes and again the girl was standing directly in front of me. Once more, I touched her forehead with my right hand and prayed, "Father, give her the desire of her heart!"

On Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock, the Lord was moving throughout the assembled throng. He said to me, "I will give you a message to write in that girl's Bible!" I had never seen her with a Bible, so I reasoned, "Perhaps she doesn't have a Bible. If so, perhaps she didn't bring it to the Convention. If she did, perhaps it is a fine gift Bible and she wouldn't want a stranger writing in it."

Nevertheless, I felt I must obey God. A Convention souvenir memo book was lying on the speakers' table in front of me, so I took out my pen and began to write as the Lord gave the message: *"Many are called, but few are chosen. You have been both called and chosen. Yours shall be a sacrificial service to the Lord thy God; but a glorious life shall be thine if you trust and obey and follow diligently and obediently as He leads you!"*



Glenda Parton was fifteen years old when this photo was taken by the Editor at the FGBMFI Convention at Minneapolis. She has since turned sixteen. The majestic sweetness of her looks and actions proves her to be the Princess she is, for she is a daughter of the King!

I placed the memo book in my pocket, awaiting further instructions from the Lord.

As I entered the Convention hall on Thursday morning, Tommy Hicks took hold of my right arm and said, "I want you to sit by me this morning!" After we had been seated at the speakers' table for some time, once more the Lord began moving throughout the throng. I felt led to take the memo book from my pocket and tell Tommy about the message the Lord had given me on Wednesday morning to write in a girl's Bible.

Tommy seemed deeply moved when I had read the message to him. He exclaimed, "I want that message!" I replied that the Lord had not given it to me for him, but with the girl's consent, I would copy it for him after I had written it in her Bible. He said, "I want that message before I leave this Convention!" I pondered in my heart why Tommy Hicks should be so interested in having a message the Lord gave me for a girl. A few days later, as Tommy was leaving for Finland with the message in his Bible, the Lord told me, "Every word of that message applies to Tommy Hicks—and also to you!"

As the Lord continued to move that Thursday morning, He led me from the speakers' platform into the audience to pray for three men. Then He said, "Go tell the girl I gave you a message to write in her Bible!"

I looked about and saw the girl seated at a table with her head bowed low, apparently in fervent prayer. I worked my way to her through the standing congregation, who were praising God. For the third time, I touched the girl's forehead with my right hand. She raised her head, and with wondering eyes looked at me through her tears. I said, "The Lord gave me a message to write in your Bible!" Joyous amazement lighted her face as she feelingly exclaimed, "Oh, this is an answer to my prayer!" Then she quickly added, "I'll bring my Bible to you this evening!"

That evening she gave me her Bible, and I took it to my hotel room to inscribe the message the Lord had given me for her. In the Bible was her name and address: *Glenda Parton, Spindale, North Carolina*. Indeed, hers was a fine gift Bible, given to

her by her father, Rev. Glenn Parton. He, too, had written a message in it telling how he had got along with God the morning she was born, and on his knees thanked God for her, dedicating her to the Lord.

The next morning was the final breakfast meeting of the Convention. While I was seated at the speakers' table, the Lord said, "I want you to have Glenda Parton write an account of the Convention for Full Gospel Men's Voice!" In all my years as an Editor, never had I entrusted such an important assignment to a stranger or a fifteen-year-old girl. I knew God knows His business—as her Convention account in this issue so well shows—but I couldn't imagine how this young girl could possibly handle such a difficult assignment.

When the meeting was over, I gave her the Bible, received permission to copy the message for Tommy Hicks, and told her the Lord had requested me to have her write an account of the Convention for Full Gospel Men's Voice.

She seemed both highly pleased and deeply startled, as she replied: "This is the most astounding thing that has ever happened to me! When I was a little girl in school, I liked to write. When I was ten years old, I edited a children's page for my father's Christian publication. Ever since, I have wanted to make Christian Journalism my life's work.

"A short time ago, I asked the Lord to show me His approval of this—my heart's desire—by definite confirmation. He seemed to show me that He would give me that confirmation if I would go to the Full Gospel Business Men's Convention in Minneapolis.

"My parents agreed to let me go if

the Lord provided the necessary money. Claude Crain, of Forest City, North Carolina, brought me a sum of money and said the Lord had told him to give it to me for a special need. But the amount was only half what I had estimated would be needed. Soon, Brother Crain came again and said he had given only half what the Lord had originally told him to give and gave me the other half, making it possible for me to come to the Convention.

"Monday night and again Tuesday night, when the call was given for those who wanted something special from God to come and be prayed for, I responded, but there was no answer from God. Wednesday morning and again Thursday morning, God moved so wonderfully, but I was passed by. I knew God had promised a decision if I would come, He had provided the money, but the Convention was coming to a close and He had not confirmed my calling to the field of Christian Journalism.

"As I was desperately praying for Him to send me a confirmation, you touched me on the forehead, and when I looked up, you said, 'The Lord gave me a message to write in your Bible!' He had kept His promise to me!

"Then, before you knew anything about this, the Lord asked you to have me write an account of the Convention for Full Gospel Men's Voice! This was His second confirmation!"

Obedying the instructions of the Lord, that night, after midnight, in the hotel room of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Allred, I laid hands on Glenda Parton and asked that God's anointing be upon her all the days of her life

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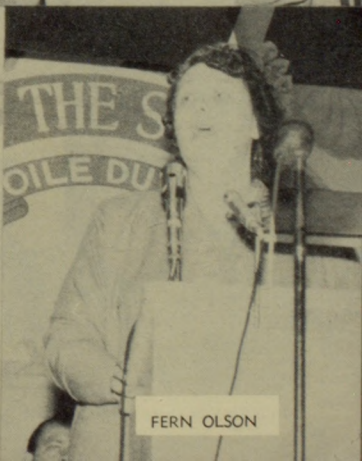


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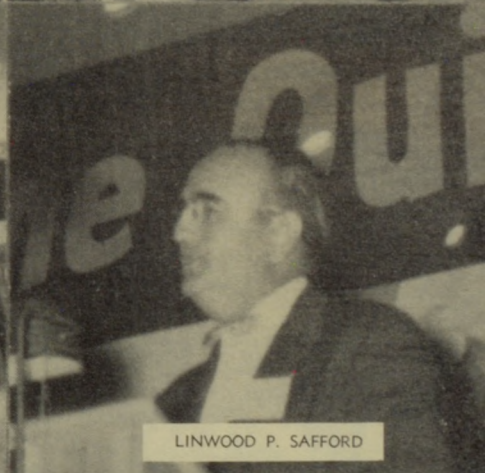
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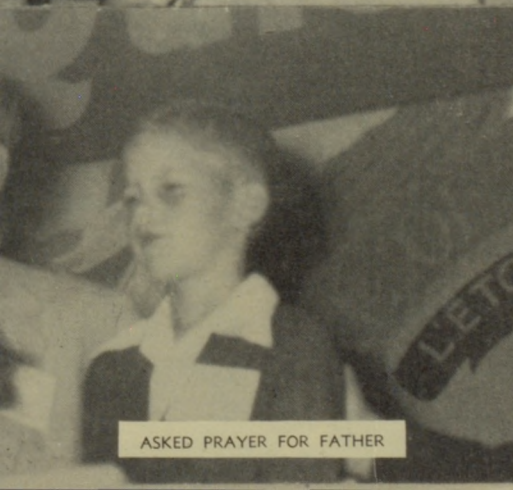
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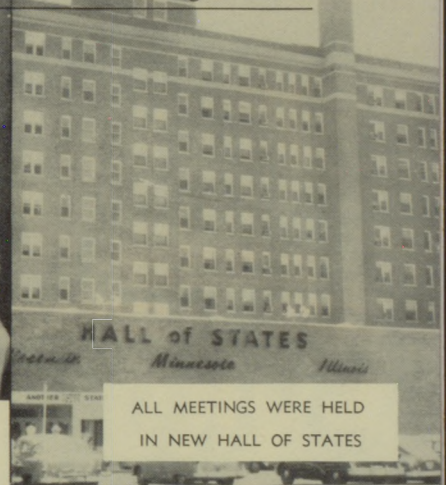
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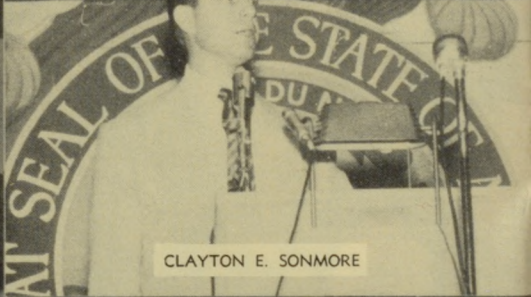
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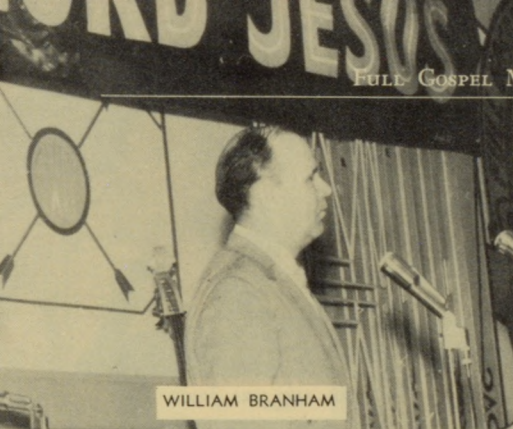
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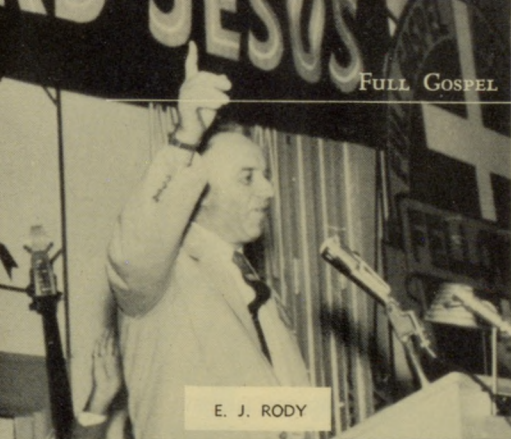
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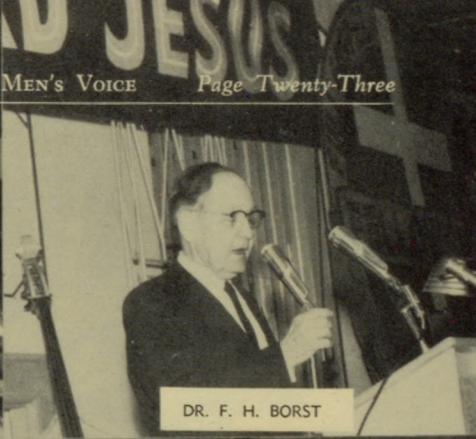


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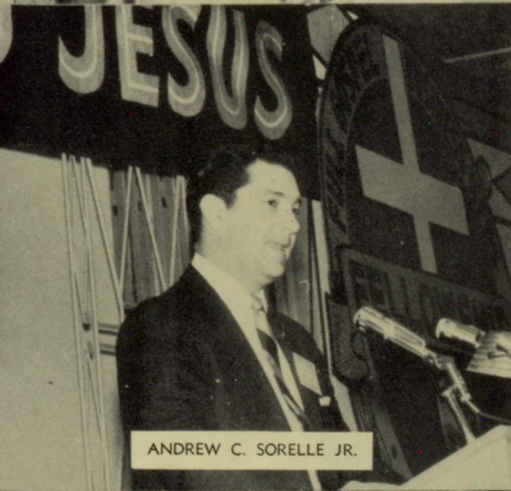
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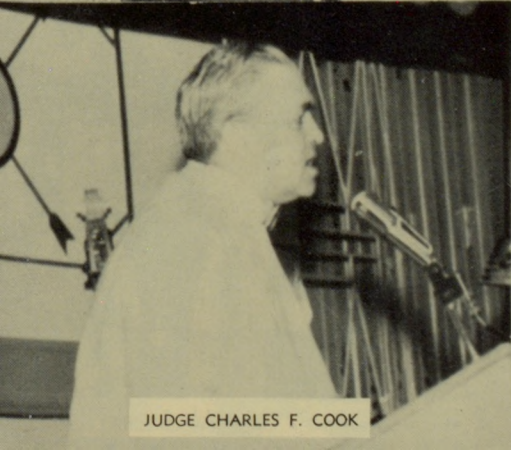
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THE CALLING AND CHOOSING OF GLENDA PARTON

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and that neither man nor devil should ever deter her from wholly serving God in the field of Christian Journalism to which she had been both called and chosen!

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Here is Glenda's own account of the miraculous way God has directed her life:

"On July 6, 1940, the morning that you were born, I went out alone and thanked God that He had given us a normal, healthy child. As I was on my knees, I dedicated you to God. With much joy and pleasure I have watched you grow. You have been everything that I could have asked for, and I pray that this book shall ever be your guide.

*A loving father,
Dad.'*

"This is the inscription written in my Bible and as a result of that dedication, just sixteen years ago, I am able to write to you.

"All of my life, the church and religion have been a part of me. I was born during the time of my father's first pastorate in a little town nestled at the foot of the lovely Blue Ridge mountains, Gainsville, Georgia. As the family moved to other churches, I grew, learning more and more of the ministry and forming early opinions of my own.

"Our home was an average Pentecostal minister's home — entertaining evangelists, going to camp-meetings, listening to and advising troubled members; until a handicapped child was born into our family. Since I was old enough to pray, I had always

prayed for a baby brother. Needless to say, we knew nothing of the coming change he would make in our lives.

"When Edward was one year old, he had a terrible middle-ear infection which left him deaf; and because of this, he could not talk, except for unrecognizable mutterings. This broke our hearts, and my parents began seeking the face of God. Thus they were led into the Deliverance ministry and the healing of Edward.

"As the course of our lives changed, my father was led back to his home town in North Carolina to build a work for God. A radio broadcast opened and I played the piano and sang when I was nine years old. A year later, my father began publishing a little magazine, 'The Voice of Christian Fellowship,' and I edited the 'Children's Page.' This marked the beginning of my desire to go into the field of Christian Journalism.

"I did not become a Christian, that is by a real, born-again experience, until I was thirteen years old. I had watched the lives of so many young people who had been saved, but yet gave up when the first trial came. I was determined to hold back until I was assured that the experience could stick, and God certainly granted me that assurance.

"As I went on through high school, my desires to go into Christian Journalism deepened as I witnessed the organized attacks upon the Deliverance ministry by newspapers, and the filth that was polluting the minds of so many youth through news stands and libraries. I began to search for deeper experiences with God and to find His will for my life.

"This spring when I heard about the Full Gospel Business Men's Conven-

tion in Minneapolis, I felt that if I could just go I would find the will of the Lord. Seemingly, God took a hand in everything and the trip was planned.

"During the Convention, I sought the Lord with a hunger for more of Him and a determination to find His complete will. As the Convention neared its closing days, I became desperate and doubted that God even had His hand upon my life. But God moved in just the right time and led Thomas R. Nickel, Editor of Full Gospel Men's Voice, to me with a confirmation of His approval upon my life's desire!

"Since God called me at an early age to serve Him in the field of Christian Journalism, and since He now has so miraculously chosen me, it is my determination to give my entire life to His cause and win souls to His kingdom!"

VOICE ONE HUNDRED CLUB RECEIVES NEW MEMBERS

New members of the Voice One Hundred Club include: Henry Krause, Hutchinson, Kansas; Henry Perozzo, Sumner, Washington. Renewal memberships include: Fred J. Friedmeyer, La Crescenta, Calif.; John I. Easterly, Watsonville, Calif.; Art Wilson, Reno, Nevada; Jewell W. Rose, Shafter, Calif.; Thomas R. Nickel, Monterey Park, Calif.

This fund provides subscriptions and bundles for those missionaries and others who desire to help in the work our Fellowship is doing but who cannot afford the necessary amount.

Reports come of amazing results from a single subscription provided through this fund to a missionary in India. "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few!" Do you want to volunteer as a laborer in this harvest-field?

Pentecostal Golden Jubilee, Sept. 16-23

Thousands will come from all over the nation and from many foreign countries to attend the eight-day celebration, September 16-23, of the Golden Anniversary of the Pentecostal Outpouring at the Azusa Street Mission in Los Angeles fifty years ago.

The Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International will have charge of the services on Saturday, September 22. The day will begin with a breakfast meeting in the Biltmore Hotel. The FGBMFI will conduct all the services that day, in addition to participating throughout the jubilee.

The facilities of Angelus Temple, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles,

will be used for the jubilee meetings, four services daily. The greatest evangelists and business men of the day will speak.

Entire families will receive blessings from this great gathering. Children, ages 4 to 12, will have special evening tarrying services under the direction of Helen Easterly.

CONVENTION TO CHICAGO

The fifth annual FGBMFI Convention is to be held at Chicago, Illinois, July 1-6, 1957. The Sherman Hotel is being considered as Convention Headquarters. Henry F. Carlson will serve as Committee Chairman.

"The Fellowship of His Suffering"

By HENRY KRAUSE

In 1951, my wife and I went to Mexico City. I got very sick with virus infection which stayed with me for years with a lot of pain. Several times I was prayed for and got some relief. Physical examination did not reveal much. A terrible dread or fear of an operation took hold of me. I studied the Bible on healing Scriptures and got several books on the subject. I believed in Divine healing with all my understanding.

I stayed away from doctors because I feared an operation and I wanted to trust the Lord even though I suffered pain. On July 4, 1954, we went to visit with Oral Roberts. After we had dinner we were sitting at the table visiting. All at once Brother Roberts discerned my trouble and prayed for me and I was completely healed. I felt no more pain until the latter part of September, 1955, and then the pain returned. I passed some blood and was very sick. What a battle with my thoughts! Did not the Lord heal me at Brother Roberts'? I tried to trust the Lord and disregard my pain.

On October 31, I became very sick, and I went to a clinic. The test showed infection, so an X-ray was made. This showed a stone had left one of my kidneys and was lodged in the passage. I was informed it had to be taken out. For years I had dreaded an operation. I did not want to be cut up. I had tried to trust the Lord to keep me from an operation,

even in intense pain.

My wife and family wanted me to go to another clinic for examination; so on November 7, I went. The diagnosis was that an immediate operation was necessary: one kidney, the prostate gland, and the gall bladder all had to come out. It was a lot worse than the first examination, and I did not like the expressions of the doctors. Now only one thing was left: the Lord must heal me or there was not much hope for me.

On November 8, I went to the Voice of Healing Convention at Dallas, Texas. I was very sick. I just got in the building when George Gardner met me. At once he said, "Brother Krause, what's wrong?" He called Wilbur Ogilvie and they prayed for me. I felt better. Now I thought I was healed. The next morning again I was sick, but when I got to the building, W. V. Grant saw me and immediately prayed for me, and I felt better. But that night once more I was sick. The next day at the banquet I felt fair and thought after all the Lord would undertake.

Then the last morning, at the Full Gospel Business Men's breakfast, I was sick and discouraged. I thought, "Whatever comes, I will just have to take it!" I had been prayed for; what more could I ask? At the breakfast, Demos Shakarian said he had several requests that they pray for me. There were several outstanding Voice of Healing men there. They gathered

around me, and the presence of the Lord was there—a precious anointing. I was surely healed. I felt good. We went to the air port and took the plane for home. Then for over a week I tried hard to believe that I was healed, because I had been prayed for and felt the presence of the Lord.

On November 24, I was very sick and had severe pain. The next morning I had 102-degree fever. The doctor said I had to go to the hospital.

Saturday morning, November 26, the Full Gospel Business Men met in New York. They called by phone and Tommy Hicks talked to me. I was so sick and weak that I could not talk to him much. Then he prayed for me over the phone and again the presence of the Lord flooded me, but with no healing; so I went to the hospital for the first time in my life.

The nurses took me for an X-ray before the operation, and brought me back to the room. In an hour they came again and said they had to take another X-ray. I heard a nurse say, "Well, it doesn't show." My hopes ran up. "Maybe the Lord had undertaken after all!" Then came the surgical cart and they laid me on it. "Well, this is it!" I wondered if I would ever wake; but it made no difference—whatever should happen, I had gotten to the place where I did not care.

Sometime later I regained consciousness. I did not know what the doctors had done but I did not feel too bad—just weak. That evening a doctor came in. He said they did not operate because the last X-ray showed the stone had passed through the bend; so they had opened the passage and put some oil in there and it was possible that the stone would go through

if they could keep the passage open.

So the Lord had undertaken! I felt sure that as the brethren had prayed for me at the breakfast in Dallas that the stone had gone out of the bend and started down! I soon began to feel stronger. An X-ray was taken each week and the stone always had moved until January 6, 1956, when it quit moving.

On February 3, it was decided to inject more oil around the stone and maybe it would move. But it did not move, and I suffered undescrivable nerve-racking pain and sickness.

I decided once more I would do my part. I would go to William Branham and have him pray for me; maybe the Lord would help me; if not, I at least had done that which I thought I should. So I went to Shreveport, Louisiana, and Brother Branham prayed for me. I was not delivered of the stone.

I had another examination, showing I was getting worse. The doctor then told me that they could not handle my case and I would have to go to a specialist in Kansas City, Missouri, or Rochester, Minnesota. That was a hard blow for me, and I then realized I was really sick. I had to make a decision—the hardest one I ever made in my life—and have an operation. I talked with the family and decided to go to Rochester.

I went into a sort of nightmare for about a week of uncontrollable thoughts from my subconscious mind that I could not control with my conscious mind. I was a dual thinker. Why did not the Lord heal me? For over five years I had trusted and believed that the Lord would heal me, and how I dreaded that operation. I had studied all Scriptures on healing

and had repeated them over and over and certainly had believed them. I had gotten many books on the subject of healing. This was strengthened by the fact that the Lord had healed me at other times; but here I was at the end! The doctors told me that the operation would be so severe that I probably could not recover my strength.

I had only one answer: Isaiah 59:2, "Your iniquities have separated you and your God." I had many friends in the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship and they had told me that I had been a blessing to them. But had they not elevated me far above what I am? Many letters and personal words of people had said that I had helped them in their troubles and problems. Others had asked that I help them also in their personal and spiritual problems as though I was some super being, elevating me and expecting of me the things that belong to God. I had received many letters and personal calls from all classes of people asking and expecting fabulous sums of money as though there was no limit to the amount I could give. People had elevated me far above what I was even in my giving. They had made me a great man in their minds—but not God.

Surely I must have said something, I reasoned, or I must have done something that gave them the occasion to elevate me. It must be my fault that caused people to elevate me and expect the impossible of me. I am not worthy to be healed. I am not fit to call on or ask the Lord. I have gotten into a terrible mess and I don't know why or what to do. Abraham was righteous and that is how he had faith. I have no faith or I would be healed; that is evidence that I am not

righteous. I thought of everything I could have done wrong. "Well, I am just not worthy to call upon the Lord!" I said, "Lord, you think more of the possum you sent to William Branham—and why should you not? The possum doesn't criticize people, doesn't mislead people, and people don't elevate it and make a great name of it. The possum is better than I am!"

"Maybe I have not totally forgiven all!" I began to forgive everyone I could think of and to ask the Lord to forgive me for asking for healing. "And Lord, I forgive you for not healing me—I know I am not worthy of it!" I had many more uncontrollable thoughts like nightmares. Then I did not care what happened—I was at ease. Whatever happened was all right!

I went to Rochester and entered the hospital. I now had come to a place where it didn't make any difference what became of me, just leaving it to the Lord! I was operated on April 6, 1956. As I began to come to and was in a semi-conscious condition, I realized the nurses came in every few minutes to take my blood pressure, temperature, and pulse. I knew I was sick and I would repeat those uncontrollable thoughts as I lay there.

After a few days some of the Full Gospel Business Men came to see me. Oh, what an encouragement! Then the presence of the Lord came, with revelations in the Spirit—they were wonderful: Romans 9:18 tells us God is the potter; Luke 17:10 tells us we are the unprofitable servants; Daniel 6:16-22 tells us Daniel was not delivered from the lions' den but he was kept in the den (I was not kept from the operation but was kept in the operation); Daniel 3:21 tells

us that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were not delivered from the fiery furnace but were kept safe in the furnace by a much greater miracle (I was not delivered from the operation but by a much greater miracle was kept safe in the operation).

Moses had a great and strong objective in life and that was that he wanted to see the Promised land. He said, "I besought the Lord, saying, 'O Lord God, Thou has begun to shew Thy servant Thy greatness and Thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or earth, that can do according to Thy works, and according to Thy might? Then softly I pray Thee, let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain and Lebanon!'" But the Lord said, "Speak no more unto me of this matter!" The last hope Moses had was now gone; he could do no more. Moses must have felt as I felt!

When Moses was let down and he just had to take whatever the Lord had for him, God had compassion on him. He said, "Get you up in that mountain." There God took the distance barrier from Moses' eyes and he saw all the Promised land for a thousand miles in a way no other man ever saw it. The Scripture says, "The Lord shewed him all the land (Deut. 34:1); and it says, "I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes (Deut. 34:4). When Moses gave up hopes, the Lord gave Moses more than he expected!

When an individual has done all he can do, then his extremity gives God an opportunity to bestow upon him unmerited blessings! I know now what our Lord meant when He said, "Unless you become as little children." I know now what Paul meant when

he said, "Not having mine own righteousness but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is of God—by faith."

Many, seeking a close fellowship with Christ, are prone to forget His anguish and suffering in Gethsemane, when He cried out: "Oh my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt!" Many forget His agony and suffering on the Cross, when He cried out: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Christ's suffering was necessary for the unmerited gift of salvation and for the demonstration of God's power of resurrection! I know now, by experience, what Paul meant when he said, "That I may know Him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his suffering!"

FGBMFI WELL REPRESENTED AT ORAL ROBERTS' MEET

Officers and Directors of FGBMFI as well as Chapter Officials and Members were in large numbers at the Oral Roberts' World Outreach Conference at Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 29-31.

International Officers and Directors attending were: Pres. Demos Shakarian; Vice-Pres. Lee Braxton; Vice-Pres. C. C. Ford; Vice-Pres. George D. Gardner; Editor Thomas R. Nickel; Board Chairman Henry Krause; Directors Henry F. Carlson, Al Konsmo, Jewell W. Rose, Linwood P. Safford, W. E. Shaw, Ben O. Smart, and Clayton E. Sonmore.

Three days of planning and spiritual blessings were concluded by a barbecue dinner at Brother Roberts' Robin Hood Ranch. The result of the Conference was a determination of the partners of Oral Roberts to help him more.



Rev. Robert T. Oslin, Santa Cruz, Bolivia, South America, sends this: "Please continue to send me Full Gospel Men's Voice. I do enjoy it so very much and it is also a great blessing to my family."

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This comes from Mary Edith Richardson, "Rockmount", Megaberry, Moria, Lurgan, North Ireland: "I am sending you subscriptions for my two brothers. I rejoice in the way the Lord is using the Fellowship and Full Gospel Men's Voice. 'The eyes of the Lord run to and fro over the whole earth to shew Himself strong in the behalf of them whose hearts are perfect toward Him'."

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Bulson Chang, President of the Hong Kong Chapter, sends in five new memberships. He notifies us that one member, Paul Wen, has come to the United States as a refugee immigrant. Brother Wen already has contacted our International Office.

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This is from Evangelist William P. Drake: "I subscribed to Full Gospel Men's Voice for my niece and nephew, Rev. and Mrs. Everett Hale, missionaries to Bolivia. In the very first issue they received, July, there was a report of the wonderful revival held by Rev. and Mrs. Frank Doleshal. In the

article was the account of an elderly deaf-mute being instantly healed and how he was overjoyed at hearing an accordion being played for the first time in his life. My niece played that accordion! She says every word of that marvelous article is true. The report so thrills my soul that I want to pass it on to others."

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Mr. and Mrs. John Niewyk, Grand Rapids, Michigan, write: "We have been to the Minneapolis FGBMFI Convention. We have been in meetings before where we thought we were near to Heaven, but at this Convention we really had a taste of Heaven itself. There were so many blessings we will never forget the good times we had there with God's people. The inspiring messages were out of this world. This was our first time to attend, but we shall never miss another FGBMFI Convention, the Lord willing!"

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Carmelita Gonzalez, New York City, sends her three-year subscription to Full Gospel Men's Voice.

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A membership in FGBMFI and a subscription to Full Gospel Men's Voice come from Amos S. Hedge, Director of Home Missionary Society, Pasadena, Calif., with a letter saying: "A friend from Burbank, Calif., sent

us a copy of the April issue of Full Gospel Men's Voice. We found the publication to be full of most interesting information, including the report of the Davis-Culpepper meetings at Watsonville, Calif. Rev. R. L. Davis is now our Pastor."

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Dr. Jonas E. Miller, Sarasota, Florida, writes: "I am enclosing \$2 for a subscription to Full Gospel Men's Voice and for a gift subscription to my son-in-law, Rev. Stevens L. Nolin, Assemblies of God missionary at Singapore, Malaya. I am both an Assembly of God minister and a practicing physician. Please send information on formation of a Tampa-St. Petersburg Chapter. I would like to echo the sentiments of Osee R. Burgess in the June issue of the Voice about business men taking time off to take the message of full deliverance to the uttermost parts of the earth. I am planning a world missions tour in 1957. I use my medical practice to provide the finances for evangelistic work."

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This is from Wm. J. Schaefer, missionary to Brazil: "God is mightily blessing the use of tents for the evangelization of Brazil. Thousands flock to them night after night who have never heard the Gospel. The complete tent equipment costs only \$2,500. Natives cannot raise this amount, but Americans can realize a minimum of 100,000 souls a year for this investment. Another sound investment is

\$1 per year for Full Gospel Men's Voice. The July issue contains a report of our Brazilian work. One of our native workers, who is a lawyer, just received national recognition when he cast out a demon from an insane person before a crowd of 20,000. The event came about because a newspaper reporter brought the insane person to expose the worker as a fraud. Instead, the magazines and newspapers of the country heralded the miracle!"

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Dr. Frederick J. Betts, Santa Cruz, Calif., sends his renewal subscription and writes: "I enjoy your Voice. I think it is wonderful how your work has grown. I pray for you. I rejoice with you for the progress you have made when I think back over the years. I am 82 years old and in His dear service."

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Nina Maxwell, Kelseyville, Calif., writes: "We received our first copy of Full Gospel Men's Voice today and have read every word of it. It is very interesting and helpful. For the enclosed dollar please send me additional copies of the August issue."

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We are holding out many wonderful letters to the Editor due to the fact that we are devoting this issue chiefly to the FGBMFI Convention. Many of these will be used in the next issue.

THE PURPOSE OF FGBMFI

Vice-President C. C. Ford recently handed the Editor this purpose of FGBMFI which we pass on to you: "To win the lost to Christ by way of bringing the body of Christ into fellowship and into a deeper spiritual walk of love!"

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BY THOMAS R. NICKEL

Jesus Christ, our Leader, made the following declarations:

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use and persecute you."

"I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." "I appoint unto you a Kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me." "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do: because I go to my Father." "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: ye shall be witnesses unto me." "And as ye go, preach, saying The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." "And, lo, I am with you always."

"Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd." "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God." "He that is not with me is against me." "Ye shall know them by their fruits."

Satan has raised up a banner of Hate, and Communists, the Children of Darkness, all over the world, are rushing to the red flag of Death. Christ has raised up a banner of Love, and Christians, the Children of Light, all over the world, are uniting under the white flag of Life. There can be no neutrals and no idlers in this world-wide Conflict. Choose you this day whom you will serve.

As recruiters, throughout the earth, for the Children of Light, we welcome you to join Christ's united forces. Our banner is Love!