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## Onward, Christian Soldiers

Sabine Gould

First Tune

Sir Arthur Sullivan

1. On-ward, Christian sol - diers! Marching as to war, With the cross of Je - sus  
2. At the sign of tri - umph, Sa-tan's host doth flee; On, then, Christian sol - diers,  
3. Like a might - y ar - my Moves the church of God; Broth-ers we are tread - ing  
4. On-ward, then, ye peo - ple, Join our hap-py throng, Blend with ours your voic - es

Go - ing on be - fore; With the roy - al ar - my, Leads a - gainst the foe;  
On to the tri - umph! Her founda - tions qu - er At the shout of praise;  
Where the saints have led; We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,  
In the tri - umph song, Glo - ry, laud and hon - or Un - to Christ the King.

**CHORUS**  
For - ward in - to bat - tle, See His ban - ner go!  
Broth - ers, lift your voic - es, Loud your an - thems raise. On - ward, Chris - tian  
One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.  
This thru count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.

sol - diers! Marching as to war, With the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

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**Happy  
Mother's Day**

**May 13th**

**All Around The World!**



**Mother's Keep  
PRAYING for  
your families...  
Your Prayers  
Are Not  
In Vain!!**

## Editorial:

## Let's Celebrate Flag Day!



*International Overseer  
~John A. Wilkins, Jr.~*



Well, the end of June will mark our half year for 2018, how do things look? Have you had a good start so far?

Is there more you should have done? You still have six months to make a difference for Christ and His Church in 2018 providing the Lord grants us the time. July is just ahead and we will be celebrating our independence on the 4<sup>th</sup> with fireworks, speeches and celebrations galore to let the world know we are a FREE people. I do appreciate America and our freedom, but let me share something with you, if you do not know the Lord Jesus Christ you are not free and never will be. He has already shared eternal life with you if you will only believe and receive the gift He has offered. On the cross He said, **“It is finished”** and it was and still is! There is nothing you can do to save yourself, all you must do is bow your head and ask Him into your life, to forgive you of your sins as it was finished on the cruel cross of Calvary and He stands waiting for you.

June 14<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate “Flag Day” here

in the United States and that is such a special day as we remember the blood that has spilled to keep us free in a world divided by sin, hate and many other sins of our time.

***And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*** Rev 1:5

Let us not forget that we also in The Church of God celebrate our “Flag Day” also and the blood it represents which was shed to cover the sins of all people everywhere by Jesus Christ as well as the purchase of The Church of God.

***Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*** Acts 20:28

Celebrate Christ and His Church! Wave the flag all over the world! □

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## “DRY AND DESOLATE TIMES”

*International Overseer*  
*John A. Wilkins, Jr.*

A couple of months ago I was talking with another minister from another church and he was talking about the dry times that we are experiencing. We both sat there and talked about the times that we have witnessed when the Holy Ghost would come in on people and they would ring and twist until their knuckles would turn white and sweat would pop out as they heard from the Lord. Have you ever seen anything like this? If you have you will never forget it, because it makes you wonder if you should go back and seek God yourself. I watched a man do this one night as I preached and did all I knew to do to get him to give his life to the Lord, but he would not. In a very few days his wife called me to let me know that he had died unexpectedly. He was a loadmaster for the U. S. Airforce and a very good friend of mine, but now it was too late to help him anymore. God has not withdrawn His Spirit, but we are living in “Dry and Desolate Times” when it is more and more difficult to get people to let go of themselves and let God have their lives. They plan meals during the Sunday morning message, repair cars during that time or even go on the mountain to hunt.

One time during one of my pastorates I decided if I could get some old cars and trucks that were not running and spread them around the parking lot, then occasionally I would move them around a bit so

it would look good to the folks in the community. Then I wanted to get me some card board people to stand around inside the church and maybe some to sit on the pews to preach to it would make me feel better. I knew that if people saw the parking lot full of different cars they would come to see what was going on at the church. Then if I could get more anointing to preach to the card board members things would get better quickly. Soon I realized that this would not fix the problem so I never did do anything about this plan.

During the darkest days of Judah’s history, God spoke to Ezekiel and told him to go preach to the valley of dry bones and prophesy to them. God wanted them to live and be filled with His spirit so they could work and be strong in the Lord.

***The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. Ezek 37:1-2***

Now the prophet saw these and knew that they were many and that they were very dry. He immediately knew that there was nothing he could do to help these dry bones. He did not go here by himself, but the hand of the Lord took him to this place. We need the Spirit of the Lord to get a hold on us and take us to the place that He wants us to go,

not the place that we want to go. That will not work for us unless the Lord is guiding us and we are following His will instead of our own. The Lord said to him, “Speak to these dry bones” and so he listened to the Lord and spoke to them. I have been sent to places during my ministry that had some dry bones and it is hard to speak to them about the things of God, because they do not hear until the Spirit of God comes into them and He breathes on them just as He did here in Ezekiel 37. I have felt that those card board people were given to me by the Lord and I had to find some way to communicate with them the things of God.

Just think about this, you have arrived at your newly assigned church and during your first message to them suddenly you realize that they are like cardboard cut outs and the spirit of the Lord is having no effect on them. What will you do since they are to be workers in the House of the Lord with you and you feel the message is going over their heads and there is no life there? Dead Christians are like cardboard cut outs, no movement, no breath in them, no movement and no response to the message. The prophet Ezekiel was sent to prophesy to the valley of dry bones, they were very dry and there were many dry bones without any flesh or skin on them. They were lifeless and very dry and the Lord said; ***Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and*** →

***will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.*** Ezek 37:5-6

We have got a lot of bone yards today in the world and without God they will remain dry and unmoving. What will you do about the dry bones? Ezekiel did not hesitate, but he proceeded to prophesy and tell them what the Lord said. ***So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.*** Ezek 37:7-8

Now, Ezekiel knew something was up when the bones came together and the sinews and flesh with the skin came on these bones, but there was no breath in them. ***Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.*** Ezek 37:9-10

Now this great army has stood up alive and ready for the challenges they faced without fear and able to move the detestable out of their way. God is a great God and we need to listen when He speaks and go where He says go and do what He says do, then will we see the cut outs become full of life

breathed into them by God. We will now look at who He says this army is. ***Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.*** Ezek 37:11-14

So many have been worried and wondered what God is doing with The Church of God as they have looked on the things taught by our great pioneers such as Bishops A. J. Tomlinson, Richard Spurling, M. A. Tomlinson, Dorlan Queener, L. S. Rhodes, Eddie Griffith and hundreds more that taught us about the Church and opened up the heavenly vision to us. Well let me tell you that everything is okay with all of this business and what they taught us was not some lie they dreamed up, but it was a divine revelation they received from God. As they received it, they lived it and preached it under the power of God. In the Church of God we used to hear that everyone needed a vision of the work and that if one

received it they would know that it came from the Lord. No one talks about divine revelation anymore, because it seems that it is a lost cause and people do not get them anymore, but there are some around who still know about this and they have experienced one. Let me share something with you today, if you ever understand the plan of God for His Church you must have divine revelation of it, you can't get it any other way and once you have it no man can take it from you. The Bible explains the problem we face today in Proverbs 29:18 ***Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*** Prov 29:18

***When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*** Matt 16:13-19

After Christ left His Church, they

reached the known world with the message while serving Him on donkeys, sailing on ships, walking and even on horses, but the power they had was from the Lord and their understanding came from Him also. There is still just one Church which the Lord established so please read the above passage over and over until it sinks into your mind.

Now let us go back to the 37<sup>th</sup> chapter of Ezekiel and see what the Lord said about two sticks.

### **By the uniting of two sticks**

*The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions: And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these? Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the*

*mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore. Ezek 37:15-28*

Now God is a ONE PEOPLE GOD and while this is a word for them from the prophet it is also an ongoing prophecy which applies to His people of this day as He will gather us together in these last days into ONE BODY, His Church. We used to almost ALL believe this until the college graduates replaced the VISION with book learning and became too smart to believe the

Word of God. I have taken a covenant of peace and by that covenant I have become part of Israel that will at the end realize the full implementation of God's plan for Her. I am today a Jew by adoption and entitled to all the rights and privileges due to ALL who will embrace the TRUTH and walk in the light to the best of their knowledge and ability. I do not want to be a covenant breaker, because the covenant breakers will be cast into Hell no matter what their pastors say about it. It is time to honor our covenant and separate ourselves from the deceivers and men pleasers that have divided us into so many factions they are now innumerable. There have now been over thirty splits since 1993 and not very many even know today what the Church taught back then. The doctrine of the Church of God is still in the Bible, but no one cares about it anymore, it has become like an old fable and many refer to it as man-made.

We all want to see our cut outs come back to life and shout, sing praises to God and work the work we are called to do, but we see them slumber and sleep while our children and friends die without the Lord and no one can wake them. What must happen is for us to listen to the Lord and begin to prophesy over them in the spirit of the Lord and see them take on the breath of life breathed on them by the Holy Ghost. "Can these bones live?" "Thou knowest" Yes they can live, but it will take God breathing on them first! Then there can and will be an army of those full of the Spirit of God who are moving according to His will instead of their own will and we will see revival in the land. We need an army today of these dry bones to be brought back to life and filled →

with the Spirit of God and they will go about waking up those that are sleeping after being drugged by Satan. When people hear about revivals today, they think about it and wonder just what, if anything will happen. There is usually no preparation for it, no days of prayer, fasting or visitation. Usually there will be a sign or something done in the local paper, maybe even an announcement put on the radio. It reminds me of the fishing story I heard as a young man in the Church. They said, "We will put us up a sign and it will say, 'We are fishing' and then we will place it on the bank and wait for the fish to jump up on the bank and then we can string them up on our line." It doesn't work that way and no fish will go home with us unless we work for them with some hooks.

I am personally tired of the **"Dry and Desolate Times"** and I know what it will take for the Lord to stir us up, it will take us getting out of the cardboard cutout mode, having our bones covered with skin with sinews laid upon us and the breath of God breathed into us. Then we will be equipped to work and enjoy life as a God driven, God directed person. You do not have to beg this kind of person to be a Band Leader, Sunday School Teacher or any other type worker in the Church, they will be willing and able to move their legs, arms and feet to the glory of God. Things will happen as they report for duty! The valley is full of bones, dead dry bones with no life, no breath but not for long, God will breathe soon on them and they will get up and shake together. It has been a long time and the Spirit is coming to move on them in a way unknown to man at this time,

but when He comes there will be revival and the Army of God will arise and be seen in their power as God shines His glory all about them. It is coming, wait for it, because it will be real and the world will know that He has orchestrated it for His glory and souls are coming to the fold and there shall be ONE. Noah preached for some 120 years about the rain, some helped him build the boat having never seen it rain, some probably helped him with the meals, but had never seen it rain and when the time come for the door to shut eight people climbed on board and the door was shut by God. While the eight people on the Ark were safe inside those others perished as they watched the rain that they had never seen before come up to their heads and drown them. Maybe you think this was a joke, but I believe they should have heard the message and believed Noah. We should not measure God and His plan by what we have seen and compare His plan with what we know, but understand that it is by faith and we must believe in order to be saved. Not so many months ago I sat in the office of a church leader and listened to his recollection of church events and we talked of some of the old timers that have gone before us. It sounded as though he did not believe much of what they had told us so I just mainly listened to him talk, but I can tell you he doesn't have a vision of The Church of God or anything else the Lord is doing with His people. It is a sad day for many as they turn to the world and its glamor filled with intellectual jargon to explain away the miracles of God. To many it is the "Saddle Up Church" and the "Out Back Church" and various other names which shout and run the aisles with the demon filled backsliders who

march without standards of holiness. The world is stirring up waves of yelling and screaming to the beat of Satan's drums and they are building mega churches, but don't get caught in a fox hole with bombs dropping around you with this cheap faith version of Christianity! If it won't work in the closet alone with God, it won't work any other place either. If you think all these little churches are lining up with Him it would pay you to read the Bible! If you think these loud worship centers are preaching the TRUTH, better think again! If you think all these many people, big steeple mega churches are putting out the Truth, examine them by the Scripture and you will see that something is wrong. I just heard a few nights ago that one of the speakers from one of the giant TV Ministries has requested a small offering of \$54,000,000 (54 million dollars) to purchase a new jet that will take him any place on earth without stopping for fuel. This is the kind of tricks, gimmicks and utter nonsense that is being played on Christians across this world today in the name of Christ and certainly not for His glory.

Yes, **"DRY AND DESOLATE TIMES"** are here and we must learn how to deal with them, how to recognize the phony, how to know when we are being misled and how to know the TRUTH which will make us free. Learn to take the devices away from the young people at church so they might possibly learn something about God and why they are at church. Let's become the people that God can speak to and breathe life into our bodies that we might shake off the card board cut out mentality and be filled with His Spirit, the Holy Ghost! □



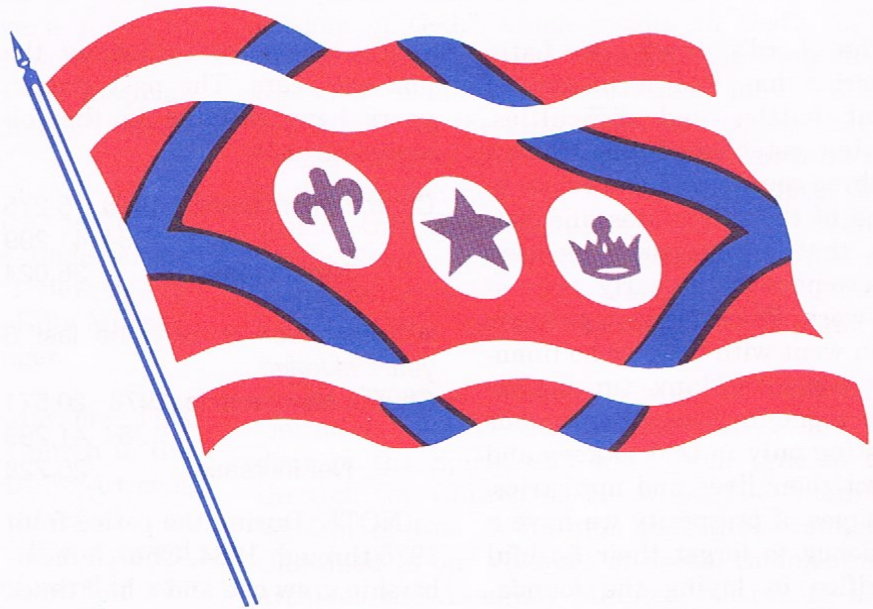
# THE CHURCH OF GOD FLAG

*In contemplating special recognition of the Church Flag this year, we felt that reflecting upon its dynamic introduction and dedication in the 1933 General Assembly most fitting. In the succeeding article, the former General Overseer relates the flag's symbols and significances; L. A. Moxley recaptures the glorious intervention of the Holy Ghost during its dedication; and C. T. Davidson sums up the period following its adoption in the Twenty-eighth Annual Assembly, 1933.*

## **Excerpt from General Overseer's Annual Address (Twenty-eighth Annual Assembly, 1933.)**

"For more than ten years I have been contemplating suggesting a flag specially designed and prepared for the Church of God. The idea has kept growing in my mind without saying much about it to anyone. In one of the conventions this year Brother O. S. Carter made mention of a flag for the Church in one of his discourses. As I learned that I was not alone in it I thought of calling on our people to submit samples of their ideas of designs so we could take up the matter at the Assembly and decide about it and if it was passed upon favorably at the Assembly, steps could be taken to decide upon the design.

"While I was in the office one day a few months ago between conventions, Brother Evans made mention of the flag as mentioned by Brother Carter. I suggested that we prepare a design and submit it to the Assembly. He made a little suggestion and I added to it until I told him to try to get a drawing by the time I got back. On my arrival he showed me what the artist had developed.



It suited me fine, but studying over the Scriptures as they came before me I finally decided it would need a scepter and crown to make it complete. Then we made a search for a picture of a scepter. This was finally produced, and the drawing we already had was taken to an artist to have the scepter and crown added thereto. The next thing was to get a flag made as a sample to display at the Assembly. And here is the result of our efforts. (He showed the sample copy of the flag that had been produced.)

"The Scriptures that pointed out this design and the importance of having a flag and showing its usefulness all point to our Christ, and His Church in His glorious service.

" 'The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be' (Genesis 49:10).

"This is a prophecy of Jesus, to whom the people will gather in the last days. Naturally, then, His Church should have an en-

sign, banner, flag, to display everywhere the Church which is His body is located.

" 'I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel' (Numbers 24:17).

"This is another prophecy of the coming of Jesus and refers to Him as a star.

" 'Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre' (Psalm 45:6).

"This is a prophecy of the coming of Jesus to reign as king. This is represented on the flag by the scepter, the star and the crown.

" 'He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

" 'And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end' (Luke 1:32, 33).

" 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

" 'When they had heard the



king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

" 'When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy' (Matthew 2:2, 9, 10).

" 'But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom' (Hebrews 1:8).

" 'We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts' (2 Peter 1:19).

" 'I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star' (Revelation 22:16).

" 'And he will lift up an ensign [flag] to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly' (Isaiah 5:26).

" 'Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard [ensign or flag] to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders' (Isaiah 49:22).

" 'Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard [ensign or flag] for the people' (Isaiah 62:10).

" 'In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people' (Isaiah 28:5).

" 'We see Jesus . . . crowned with glory and honour' (Hebrews 2:9).

"All these verses together tell the story of the flag, and also tell how this last-days movement is going to draw the people of all

nations. The red of the flag represents the blood of our Saviour, the blue represents truth, and white purity. The purple of the scepter, the star and crown, represents royalty or kingship. We are to go through any opposition and set up our flag of victory on the territory we take for our King.

"We could not include any letters or writing, because the flag is to represent the Church of God in all nations and languages. When we establish a church we will soon want to raise our flag over the place and nearby should be the flag of the nation in which we are establishing the Lord's Church.

"I am herewith introducing this flag and its design for consideration by the Assembly. In order to get the subject before the Assembly properly the Questions and Subjects Committee should consider it and bring this subject before the Assembly in proper order. If a better and more appropriate design can be found it will be satisfactory to me. But I really think the time has come for the Church to have a flag with a design of its own, and which cannot be duplicated by any other institution or government. Hurrah for the flag! Three cheers for the red, white, blue and purple!"

### **Dedication Of Church Of God Flag (September 16, 1933)**

*(Note: The intervention of the Holy Ghost during the dedication of the Church flag was so great that the General Overseer offered an award to the clerk which could capture the moment most effectively. He selected A. J. Lawson and A. D. Evans as judges to decide. Chief Clerk, L. A. Moxley's account won the prize. We quote it here in full.)*

"Ever since our General Overseer asked me to write a history of this dedication service, I have been wondering how I would find words to express its greatness;

and there has been a kind of sacred feeling at every thought of the attempt; nevertheless after much prayer I have decided to make the start and trust God for the inspiration.

"First, I wish to mention a few things leading up to the dedication referred to above.

"The General Overseer discussed the subject of a flag for the Church of God to be displayed in all nations of the world at some length in his Annual Address, and at the same time displayed the design, giving the scriptures to explain the Scepter, Star, and Crown and the colors, Red, White, Blue and Purple.

"It was on Saturday, September 16th, that the Questions and Subjects Committee brought the subject before the Assembly in regular order in their report, after which the General Overseer was asked to give the scriptures bearing upon the subject, to which he readily and gladly responded.

"Immediately following this the Holy Ghost fell upon S. R. Ferguson and he came to the platform speaking in tongues, took the General Overseer and led him back and forth across the platform two or three times, with the flag in his hand, holding up both of his hands.

"C. H. Randall and V. R. Sherrill were then led to him under the power of the Spirit. Then came a message and the interpretation, a few words of which were as follows:

" 'Listen, my people O listen, I will teach this man how to control. Come to the place of obedience. Don't rebel.'

"At this juncture all stood, raised their hands and cried out to God.

"The next scene in this great dedication service was: The General Overseer with flag in hand was stood upon the speaker's stand, with uplifted hands, while



the congregation of approximately two thousand waved their handkerchiefs to the glory of God, and oh, what a scene as the people leaped, screamed and shouted the praises of God.

"Another message flashed down over God's wireless a few words of which were:

" 'I am inviting you to be of one mind. United we stand. Divided we fall. I am calling thee to oneness. I am calling now as never before. Children hearken. Oh! Oh! Oh! The world will know that I am with thee. I have been guiding this man and will be with him, as long as he leans upon Me. Wilt thou hope in Me and go in wisdom? I am begging you to step out upon my Word. Again I will ask you to humble yourselves.'

"All then kneeled and prayed in concert. The volume of prayer sounded as the falling of many waters. As the sound of this prayer died away at the request of the

General Overseer all stood in prayer, and asked God to saturate every flag that is made like it with the power of God, after which he said: 'I had intended to have a formal dedication of the flag, but since the Lord has so wonderfully taken control of this service we will just consider it dedicated by the Holy Ghost.'

"Thus closed the most wonderful dedication service that I have ever had the pleasure of witnessing. Surely the angels of Heaven were rejoicing, and many will remember it for years to come."

L. A. Moxley (Assembly Clerk)  
(Assembly Minutes, 1933)

### Summary of The Times

"The adoption of the Church flag by the Twenty-eighth Annual Assembly brought a new chapter to the history of the Church. To many it seemed emblematic of prophetic fulfillment and they felt that it made a definite distinction between the Church of

the Scriptures and the many other groups calling themselves the Church of God. They anxiously anticipated the soon arrival of their ensign or flag when they would have flag-raising and other dedicatory exercises and the impressive Church flag displays. Being aware of the fact that to some the Church flag would become the object of persecution and false accusation because it made a definite distinction, and because it was a new flag it invited inquiries, but they felt it was God-inspired. Soon, Psalm 60:4—"Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth"—became a Scriptural axiom among the ministry and membership, and before long the flag was entrenched in the consciences of the ministry and membership of the Church. It became a part of them wherever they were." (C. T. Davidson, *Upon this Rock*.)—CPMA Department □

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# Up Coming Events...



## **The Church of God of NC/USA**

**National Convention 2018**

**October 24-26, 2018**

**At Sivell's Baptist Camp and Conference Center, Cloudcroft, NM**



## **USA—Family Camp 2018**

**October 26-28, 2018**

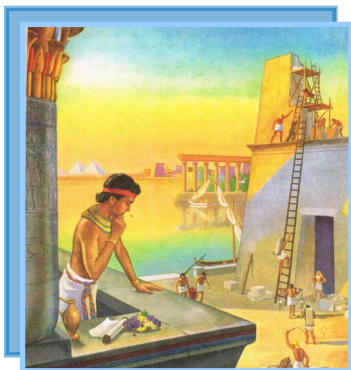
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## **Mexico National Convention 2018**

**November 16—18, 2018**

**Kinchil, Yucatan, Mexico**



# Let My People Go...

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WOMENS MISSIONARY BAND



After Joseph's death a new king arrives and rules over Egypt. This king did not know anything about Joseph or the children of Israel. The children of Israel increased abundantly, and multiplied and became exceeding mighty. This concerned the king a lot. ***And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: Come on, let us deal wisely with them;*** Exodus 1:9-10a. The children of Israel were put in hard bondage, under great affliction; and they were made to suffer with hard work. The more they were oppressed the more they multiplied.

So the king came up with plan to stop their growth. He commands the male children to be cast into the river. ***And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.*** Exodus 1:22

The king planned for all the male children to be destroyed. When Moses was born his mother hid him for three months and when she could no longer hide him she prepared for him an ark of bulrushes, placed him in the flags by the river brink. Moses sister stood and watched to see what would happen to him. As she watched the bible says ***...And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it. And the child grew, and she brought***

***him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.*** Exodus 2:5-10

As the king was devising his plans to destroy the children Israel, God begins to put his plan into action. God protected Moses from this king's fate and so ordained it that he was even raised and taught about God by his own mother right in the king's own palace. He had a very good life growing up in the king's palace. The Lord had protected Moses because he was to be his people's deliverer.

By the time he was grown Moses watched as his people suffer many things under this King. One day as he observed their suffering it caused him to make a very profound decision. ***By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.*** Hebrews 11:24-26 Moses chose to suffer with God's people rather than enjoy the pleasures he was accustomed to.

We all probably have family, neighbors, or co-workers we see everyday who need the Lord. We as Moses can see how the enemy is beating up on them and keeping them in bondage. Our mission is to cry out to the Lord for their deliverance and say "Let our People Go". We need to let everyone as far as possible know that the Lord is able and willing to set them free from any bondage they have become trapped in.

The Bible says in John 3:16-17 ***For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.***



Many have lost all hope and feel very hopeless and helpless. Our MISSION should be to love them, pray for them and point them to Christ. He is their only and many times their last hope. No one has gone so far that hope is gone. The Lord can lift them up, and wash them clean and make them whole again.

As I look around us today and listen to the news we can see our religious rights and freedom attacked almost on a daily basis. Many have been told they can not pray in the name of Jesus, at some of their government meetings. Bible and prayer has been banned from our schools. Teachers are told they cannot have a small Bible laying on their desk, bow their head before eating their meal, or wear a small Christian symbol such as a cross on their garment. We aren't allowed to name or talk about the prevalent sins of our day. So pressure is now mounting and coming our way, but just as God protected and made a way of escape for the children of Israel He will fight our battles for us. Sweet victory will be ours one day when we hear Him say "Well Done". God has a plan for His children and His Church, it will be carried out according to His will and His plan. The devil or anyone else cannot stop or alter God's plan. One thing is for sure the devil is no match for our God.

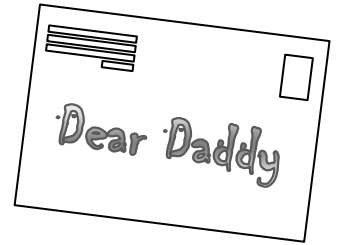
Peter said, *Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.* 2 Peter 3:3-4

We have heard all of lives that Jesus is coming back and it could be anytime, even today! We as Christian people are being mocked and made fun of as never before seen in our life time. This let's us know that the coming of Lord is nigh at hand. My God help us as the battles come, and our faith is tested.

Until He does come we must pray and work as never before to win those who are lost to the Lord. Their deliverer has already come. He is here now, today to set them free. Just as Moses was seeing the hard ship of his people, God is looking down and sees our hardships. One day the Lord will become fed-up with this world's wickedness and will say once again, **"LET MY PEOPLE GO"**.

**UNTIL THEN PRESS ON!! □**

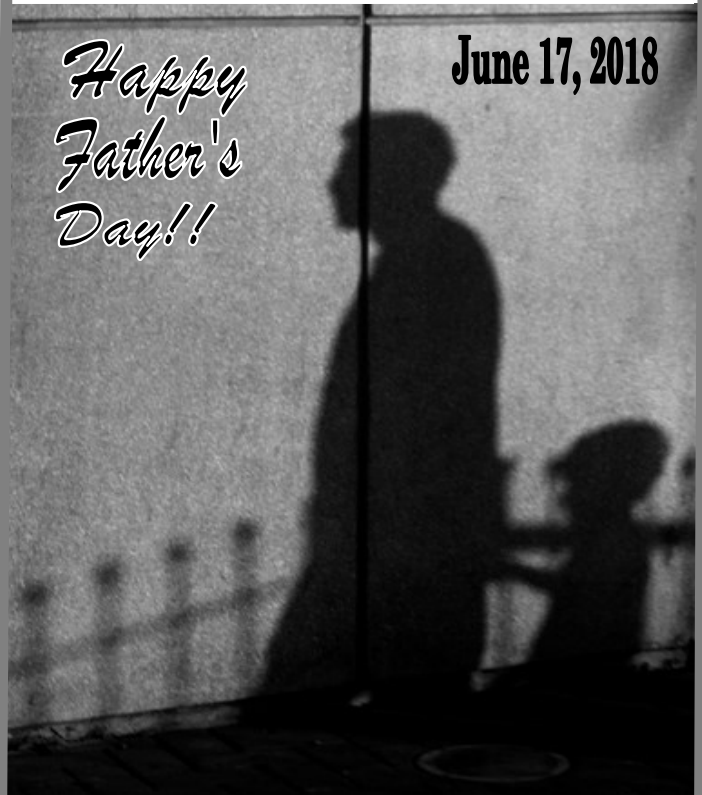
When I'm a great  
big man like you,  
I want to do just  
like you do;  
I'm going to go  
just where you  
go,



I want to know all that you know;  
I'm just a growing awful big,  
And walking in the tracks you dig;  
I think it won't be very long,  
I'm growin' fast, and getting strong,  
And soon I'll go to town with you  
And be your partner all day through;  
I'm just a little, great big man,

*Happy  
Father's  
Day!!*

**June 17, 2018**



I'm glad you want  
like me to be,  
Yet, I must change  
some things I see;  
If you will do just what I do,  
And follow me the whole length through,  
Then I will pray for strength and power,  
To walk the Christ's life every hour,  
And leave tracks all along my way,  
Which lead to joy and endless day.



Dr. R.E. Neighbour)

# Philippines 2018 Report

## National Convention and Youth Camp

*Philippines National Overseer  
~Bishop Darwin Gaba~*



We would like to inform you that our **National Convention** was held on April 27-29 in San Francisco Local Church.

Our **National Youth Camp** was on May 2-4, 2018 in Calagonsao Alcantara Romblon.

Thanks for all the prayers for our convention. Just want to report that our convention is a great success and be glorified in such activities like this. □

God bless you all!  
Bro. Gaba





# NEW PROPERTY FOR LOCAL CHURCH IN DUNN, NORTH CAROLINA

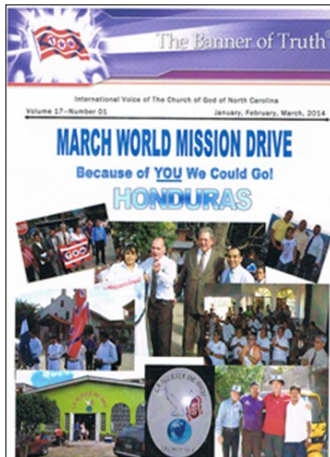


Pastor John Wilkins and the local members of the headquarters Church are very happy with the recent purchase of three more lots next door to the local church. The lots give them the expansion room needed in order to build another sanctuary or to permit off street parking for the local congregation. This is a once in a life time opportunity since the lady decided to sell it without much warning. The three lots square up with the rest of our property and adds 140 feet x 125 feet to our present church property. We are very grateful to the Lord for making this purchase possible at this time to complement our Church building and parsonage with this very large parking lot. To God be the glory, great things He has done for the local church at Dunn, North Carolina! □



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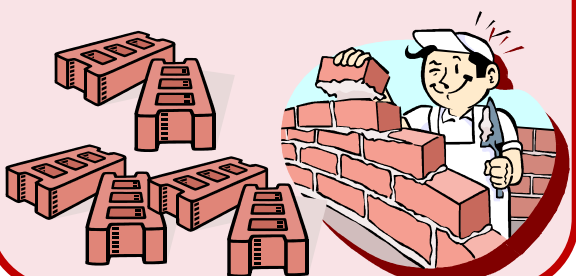
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