

Thirtieth Anniversary



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BY THE CHURCH:

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DIVINE HEALING

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In this time and season of rejoicing, my mind quickly goes back to October, 1954, when God saw fit to call me to be a leader of His great people. As many of you know quite well, God used Joshua (Chapter 1) to entreat, install, and encourage me. I have stood through the years on Joshua 1:6-8. God has not once failed of the good things He promised. In the past 30 years, we have seen our Jerichos (places where God gave great victory). We have also been gathered in the valley of Achor (a place where we faced failure and dealt with the cause of it). But even though we lost a battle or two, "We have not lost the war." The Man with sword drawn is still leading us to great victories. I still labor to please God in all things and to move deeper into the land (type of full salvation).

Right in the midst of a very specious apostasy, when many are turning back, God is saying, as in the day of Joshua, "Go forward." There is much more for The Church of God, mountains and valleys. Christ wants to lead us to living fountains of waters that we have never yet tasted (Revelation 7:17).

Speaking of these days just previous to His Second Coming, Jesus took two wicked ages (days of Noah and of Lot) and combined them to let us understand our wicked day (Luke 17:27-33). We must cry as Joshua cried in Joshua 24:14, "Put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood [God of materialism, gods of false religions, with all their images, god of self and goddess of pleasure. How many bow at her shrine!] . . . and serve ye the Lord." Our God is a jealous God and a holy God. He never did and never will dwell in any place but A HOLY TEMPLE. Thank God, when we are truly converted, cleansed from all sin by the blood of Jesus, God through the Holy Spirit moves into His temple (1 Corinthians 3:16). When we become fitly framed together according to Truth (gathered from false teachings and traditions of men), we corporately become a holy temple for the habitation of God through the Spirit (Ephesians 2:21-22).

Thank God for finding me where I was and bringing me where I am. Thank God for allowing me to enjoy the fullness of His promises and for allowing me to envision even greater things which are in store for the faithful. Thank God for many good helpers, faithful followers, men and women willing and ready to work for the Lord.

In closing, Joshua in his closing days brought the people of God to a valley of decision, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." They had to make their decision quickly. The sounding forth of the seventh and last trumpet has brought God's people of this day and time to a valley of decision—no more lukewarmness, neither nor. IT MUST BE EITHER OR.

Thank God, I have made my choice, AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD!

Through God's leadership, Brother Wilson was shown the universal need that deep within the heart of every individual is a desire to know God. Thus, in 1971 a print shop was opened to publish the magazine, *The Gospel Trumpeter*. This semimonthly magazine is mailed to 22,000 subscribers throughout the world. Booklets, tracts, and Sunday school literature are also published.

In addition, the congregation saw the need to further spread the Gospel through the radio. The program, "The Trumpet Sounds," originated in 1977 at the recording studio on God's Acres. This weekly program can be heard locally at 8:30 a.m. on WHTH and WNKO each Sunday and many other radio stations around the world. Around the camp grounds are 18 dormitories. The first dormitory was built in 1955 and the last in 1984. There is a dining hall, which seats 320, a bookstore, lunchstand, bus garage, and men's shower house. For the summer camp meetings, we have 70 camper-trailer spaces.

The Bible teaches us that God led Moses through the wilderness, but it was Joshua who led them into the Promised Land. For the Church of God at God's Acres, it was Brother W. A. Wilson to whom God gave the vision for God's Acres. However, it is Brother E. A. Wilson, under divine leadership, who is fulfilling that vision.



We, the congregation, love and appreciate Brother and Sister Emerson Wilson for their untiring efforts during these years. We also thank Brother Wilson for his faithfulness in setting the table for the Church of God from the living Word.



ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:30 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP	10:45 P.M.
YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING	6:00 P.M.
EVENING WORSHIP	7:00 P.M.
PRAYER MEETING, WEDNESDAY	7:00 P.M.