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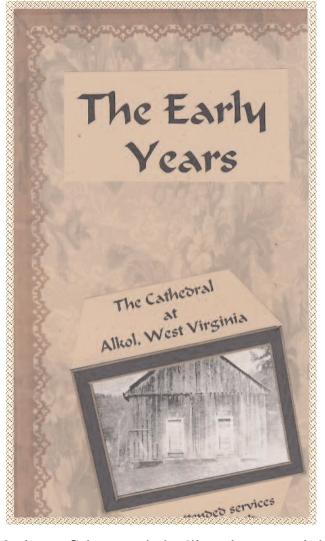


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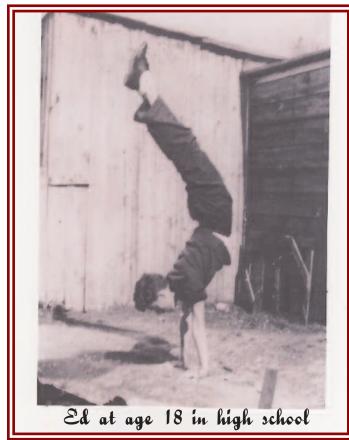
Looking Back



Ed Bousman, Age 4



Where Ed attended Thurch as a child



The Wreck

In May of 1938 the Virginia State Track Meet was held on the facilities of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Most of the team had gone up on Friday, and the coach told five of us who were distance runners to wait until Saturday morning to drive up from Newport News, about two and a half hours away.

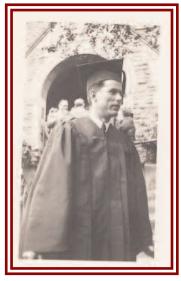
While I was not a very faithful Christian at the time and seldom attended services, I did a strange thing before I left home on Saturday morning. I knelt down privately and prayed for safety. About two hours later we were involved in a wreck about fifteen miles from Charlottesville. The car I was riding in was totaled and observers marveled how anyone could come out of it alive. One of the injuries was the loss of half of the middle finger on my right hand.

Was the outcome luck or was it something else? The scripture does say of angels: "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to do service for the sake of them that shall inherit salvation?" Whatever your opinion may be, the fact is, I was in Bible College the following year studying (I use the word studying loosely) for the ministry.

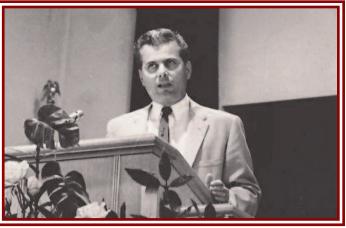
On the masthead of the monthly newsletter for the GIJAPA radio program is the emblem of a right hand with the missing middle finger, a continual reminder that the only reason I have for being alive and surviving my teenage years is to preach the gospel.

I have done very little in the ministry except to preach, and this for over sixty-eight years. Whatever good has been done is known only to the Lord, but at least at this point we can say that because of prayer, the grace of God, and the ministry of angels many thousands in many parts of the world have heard the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ that would never have heard otherwise.

Written by Ed Bousman



Ed graduating from Cincinnati Bible College in 1945



Ed preaching at First Church of Christ, Lynchburg, Ohio THE WORST FUNERAL

Preached n Lynchburg Church early 1950 Taken from "Hillsboro Family Camp" 1996

"I suppose the funeral that I remember the most is the one where I received a good cussing later." says Bousman. "I was not acquainted with the deceased and knew nothing about him or his problems. The funeral home was filled to capacity and as I looked over the crowd th thought came to me. "This is not a church-going crowd." Very few in the crowd had I ever seen in the services. So I said to myself, I'll never have another chance at them so I'd better take advantage of it." The title of the message was "The World's Greatest Sin."

He informed the funeral crowd that the world's greatest sin was not drunkenness. It was a statement that did not go over well.

"I felt a chill in the place." he remembers. "You see I found out later that the man who was dead had died drunk and the pallbearers were bartenders."

Then came point two of the sermon. He noted that immorality was not the greatest sin. "Later I found out that the wife of the man who died was shacked up with another man at the motel when her husband was killed. This certainly did not help matters."

And there was a third point to the message. He noted that murder is not the greatest sin either. After all, even murder can be forgiven. "The undertaker told me on the way out of the funeral home that the man that had been killed while driving drunk was on his way home at the time to get a gun to kill the man his wife was shacked up with."

"I was not surprised at all that someone called me a couple of nights later and gave me a good cussing." I don't recall all that he said, but I do know he said he had never heard anything like it. Come to think of it, I had never heard anything like it either."



Sermon: Take me to your New Testament Church - 1950

Late 1950's in Lynchburg, this was one of Ed's gimmicks that appeared in the local newspaper announcing his sermon for the upcoming Sunday: TAKE ME TO YOUR NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH. His message was based on the Transfiguration when Peter, James and John appeared with Jesus.



1995 at Bethany College in Bethany, WV - Old Church building where Alexander Campbell preached. Taken at the Bethany College tour in 1995. When our tour guide left the

room Ed quickly slipped off his shoes, and slipped into Campbell's shoes - a perfect fit so he said; but he left them behind where he found them after I took this picture. This picture hangs in his recording studio as a constant reminder to we who are left behind, that even Ed fitted into Campbell's shoes!



Preaching Christ TV, 1984

In 1984 Ed started the PREACHING CHRIST TV program with a group of men headed up by Clarence Greenleaf at the Grundy Prayer Clinic in Grundy, VA. He went to Joplin, MO once a month and recorded 4 broadcast in a two hour period. He flew out one evening and back home the next day. He recorded all of Acts, Hebrews, Jude, Matthew, John, James, Titus, Philemon, I Peter, II Peter, Luke, I John, II John, III John, I Timothy, II Timothy, and Revelation for a total of 164 sermons covering the chapter and book from which the sermon derived. PREACHING CHRIST TV was seen mainly on satellite all of North America and parts of Alaska and South America. Because of lack of funds we stopped about 10 later. Ed's goal was to record a video from every chapter in the NT, but his health didn't permit him to finish this project; but the 164 that we have are priceless! I'm in the process of uploading these on our website www.gijapa.org.

LETTERS

Hello Madame NAOMI. We expect a greater work for the following weeks as our budget is ready for our evangelistic schedules. I will email you soon, & thanks a lot too for the box of Bibles we have just received. Hope & pray you are all doing well in the LORD with your families. You are always in our hearts. Just a note. God bless!

Ed Domingo Sunset Beach Church of Christ in the Philippines

We got your 11 new Bibles, 3 used Bibles and tracts yesterday through David when he came to visit. Thank you very much for them and we are praying that God will help provide for some more.

Ike and Lee, Ghana

Dear sister Naomi,

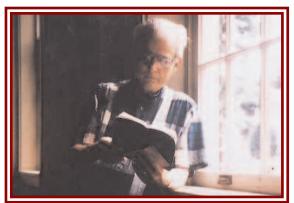
We have a new president for Zambia, Mr. Michael Chilufya Sata, for Patriotic Front, (FP) party.

Thank you for your prayers for our country Zambia, especially for the protection of the gospel of Jesus Christ. My wife and I are well, only our children, Ireen, Edith, George and Naomi are sick. Naomi is standing and with two small teeth in the mouth. We always pray for you sister Naomi and your family. Right up now, I am from the clinic. All the church members are well, too. God has protected us because there was a lot of violence records in some areas across the country.

We hope and trust you are doing well and in good health, too. Please give my greetings to all Ed Bousman Evangelism Association team. And my wife and all our children send their greetings.

Please continue praying for us, our country and the Church. God bless you. I am sending the pictures very soon for the Kyansange Church of Christ visit. We got the four boxes of gifts you sent, three with shoes and a pair of Adidas that brought many youths at my home and one with Bibles. Thank you very much. Also we thank God for Ed Bousman Evangelism Association. We are looking forward to hearing more from you. Thank you so much. Your brother and fellow servant of Christ.

Messenger Church of Christ Zambia, Central Africa John Maseka





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