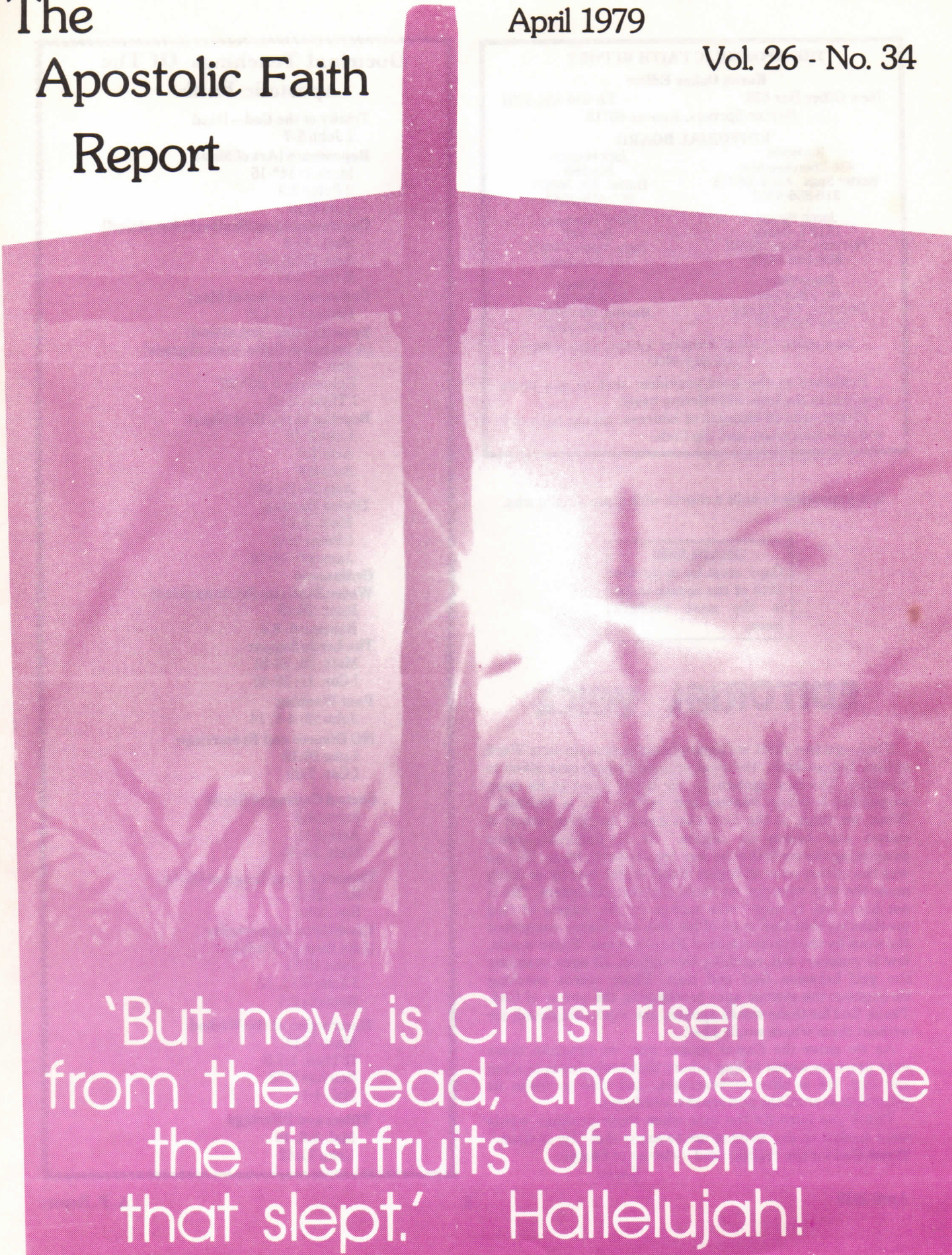


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from the dead, and become  
the firstfruits of them  
that slept.' Hallelujah!



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## EDITORIAL VOICE

There are two short sentences found in the precious Word of God. But no doubt, the most profound words ever given to mankind. The first spoken by our lovely Lord as he hung suspended between heaven and earth— "It is finished." When we think of the love that made up these words it causes our hearts to rejoice. "It is finished"—Jesus completing the work that he was sent to earth to do. He had won the victory over all things in this world, and by so doing made the way whereby we could also be overcomers. "He is not here, but is risen" was spoken by the angels of God proclaiming that God in all of his love and mercy completed the work by the resurrection of His son Jesus. These words, few in number, but reaching throughout all ages spanning the gulf between God and man. These words reaching throughout the eternal ages proclaiming the power of God. Thank God for these words spoken, the work completed, for without them where would I be?

As we enter the Easter season may we proclaim these ever precious words telling others that truly Jesus is risen and that He is alive forevermore, and able to make us victorious over all the powers of wickedness.

Thank you Lord for the time when these precious words were spoken to me, making me to know that "He is risen." Thank God for the realities and victories of Easter.

Karen

## Doctrinal Teachings Of The Apostolic Faith

### Trinity of the God— Head

I John 5:7

### Repentance [Act of Man]

Mark 1: 14\*-15

2 Peter 3:9

Acts 3:19

### Conversion [Justification] [Act of God]

Matt. 18:3

Acts 13:38, 39

II Cor. 5:17

### Consecration [Act of Man]

Romans 12: 1,2

### Sanctification [Act of God]

[A second definite work of grace]

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### Divine Healing

Matt. 4:23

I Peter 2:24

James 5: 14-16

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I Cor. 7:39

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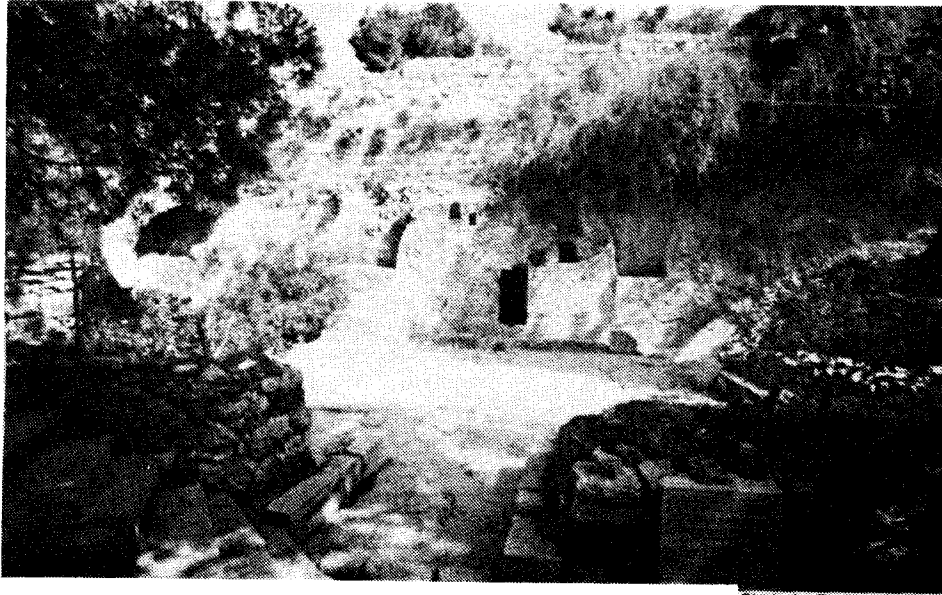


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## How Important is The Resurrection?

In hundreds of houses of worship this Easter, people will be told that whether Jesus actually rose from the dead is not important.

"If he remained dead and His body decomposed into dust, we can still think of His spirit as being with us," they will be told.

Is the Resurrection unimportant? Could Jesus have remained dead after the crucifixion and still be our Saviour?

Let's illustrate. Suppose you are exploring in a wooded area and lose your compass. After walking a long time, you realize you are lost. You cry for help. There is no answer.

In your fright you stumble into a deep, raging stream. You can't swim. You try to climb out, but the current pulls you down. You struggle for life. It seems you will drown.

Then a friend appears at the river bank. He sees your plight and leaps into the water. Soon he has you in tow and is headed toward the shore. You realize he must love you very much, for he is risking his life to save you.

But the strong current proves too much for your friend. His strength gives out. He could let you go and swim to safety himself, but he loves you too much to give up. Both you and your friend are drowned.

This is an unselfish act indeed. What comfort there is in realizing you have a friend who loves you so much he will give his life to save you. And yet, though he gives his life, he cannot save you, for he dies in the attempt. Both of you perish.

This is a picture of lost sinners.

We have all lost our way. "All we like sheep have gone astray" (Isaiah 53:6).

We have all fallen into sin. This brings spiritual death. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "Death passed upon all men, for that all have

sinned" (Romans 5:12).

But Christ came to us where we were. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (I Timothy 1:15).

He loved us so much He gave His life to save us. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (Romans 5:6).

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us" (I John 3:16).

Here ends the parallel between the attempt of your friend to rescue you from drowning and Christ's death to save you from sin.

Death could not hold our heavenly Rescuer. After saving us by dying on the cross, He came back to life. Therefore He is able to save us. "For if . . . we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son; much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life" (Romans 5:10).

Because He lives, He can bring us out of the raging torrent of sin which would sweep us to eternal damnation.

He says, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death" (Revelation 1:18).

Because He lives, He can stay with us and lead us through the dark, treacherous morass of this world until we arrive safely home in heaven.

He says, "Lo, I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5).

"Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

Jesus lives to finish the rescue operation! All we have to do is believe.

# Hope

by Jacob Regier

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God: For I shall yet praise Him for the help of his countenance." Psalms 42:5

The Apostle Paul was explaining the hope of the resurrection from the grave for Christ's believers, when he made this statement: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ Jesus, we are of all men most miserable." (I Corinthians 15:19) Paul's bold statement shows that the Christian has hope beyond this short lifetime on earth. That hope is also mentioned by John when he explained that we would be like Jesus when he returns to receive His own unto Himself. John wrote:—"and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." (I John 3:2-3)

What is hope? Hope is mentioned in the King James version of the New Testament more than fifty times. Hope is expectation. Hope is to be patient. Hope is to trust. Hope is to anticipate with pleasure and confidence. Hope is very closely related to faith. I Thessalonians 2:19 states, "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing?

In the charity chapter, Paul wrote: "and now abideth these three, faith, hope, charity, but the greatest of these is charity." (I Corinthians 13:13). Charity is derived from the Greek word *agape* which means love. Here we are told *agape* is greater than faith. Here we are told that *agape* is greater than hope, but we are not told that *agape* abides alone. *Agape* - love - charity abides with faith. *Agape* love—charity abides with hope." Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Hope abides with faith and love. Love does not abide alone. Faith does not abide alone. Hope does not abide alone.

Galatians 5:5 simply states: "For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith."

Paul referred to this hope as an anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast. (Hebrews 6:19) Peter spoke of Christ having begotten us again to a lively (living-alive) hope. (I Peter 1:8) He also admonished believers to be ready to give an answer for a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. (I Peter 3:15) When Paul stood on trial before the council he testified "of the hope and resurrection of the dead, am I called in question." (Acts 23:6')

It is needless for Christians to be frustrated or ashamed when trials, testings and temptations come and when things simply go wrong. Scripture deals with this. Paul wrote about standing grace in Romans 5:2-5; "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience, and experience hope: and hope maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Rather than being ashamed or frustrated by our trials, we rejoice in hope.

In I Thessalonians 5:8 we find the recommendation of putting on spiritual armor, as we also find in the sixth

chapter of Ephesians. One of the important parts of the armor is the helmet that protects the head and the brain. Paul gave this recommendation, "But let us who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation." (I Thessalonians 5:8).

There are people who do not have this hope. We read in Ephesians 2:12, "That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise having no hope and without God in the world." When men are without Christ, they are aliens to God and have no hope. Paul compared those who have no hope against the believers that die in Christ. We read in I Thessalonians 4:14-17 that Christians who have died in Christ are called: 1. Them which are asleep, 2. Them also which sleep in Jesus and 3. The dead in Christ. These he compared against others who have no hope. It is evident that those who die in Christ have the hope of the resurrection. It is explained here that when Christ returns the dead in Christ shall rise first after which the living Christians will be caught up together with them to ever be with the Lord. Furthermore we are advised that we must comfort each other with this hope.

Throughout the fall and winter months most all of us look forward to springtime and summer. We know that winter will give way to warmer times. This is not faith—this is hope. So we can also rest in the hope of the resurrection. It is God's firm commitment to those that obey Him.

Now abides Hope—along with faith and love. Hope thou in God!

Bro. Regier is currently serving as a board member of the Apostolic Faith Bible College. Bro. Regier has taught at AFBC, pastored several of our churches, and conducted many revivals. Thank God for men who serve Him.



# G O N E



Dan Harman

Have you ever noticed how often Jesus was not there just when someone thought He ought to be? He seemed to have a knack of being gone just when others thought He ought to be present.

It started back in Nazareth when He was a babe. Remember the story in Matthew 2:13-15 how Joseph slipped his little family out of the Holy Land into Egypt when Herod's soldiers were trying to kill the infant King? The soldiers massacred all the babies in the Bethlehem area, trying to kill off the threat to Herod's throne. But when they wanted to find Jesus and kill Him, He wasn't there. He was gone.

Then at age 12, Jesus' family made its trek to Jerusalem for the Passover. It was a time of traditional observances, of fellowship, of escape and vacation for Mary and Joseph. They took Jesus along to learn and see and share in this heritage.

But God had other plans for his Son. When the days had passed and the little family was on the way back with their friends, they looked for Jesus, and He wasn't there! Perhaps they wanted to ask Him how He felt about this annual pilgrimage, but they couldn't find Him. He wasn't playing with the other boys in the long caravan as they thought. He was gone!

They found Him back in Jerusalem absorbed in deep religious discussions with the temple personnel. He was gone from His earthly parents, but quite happy in His Father's work. When asked why He had caused alarm by His absence, He replied, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

Then one day He left home for good. As His ministry unfolded, His disciples left their nets and moneychanging tables to follow Him. Later a reunion in His hometown was planned. (Read Luke 4:16-30). Part of the schedule was to attend a service in the familiar Nazareth synagogue.

As the visiting celebrity the hometown boy was invited to stand and read from the Holy Book. And He was allowed to comment on the Scriptures.

The congregation waited—perhaps with smiles of joy on their faces in anticipation of some grateful words about the religious leaders of His hometown. Would He recall those who had taught Him? Would He reflect the golden truths that had been ingrained in His mind those years before?

No! His words fell as foreign phrases on their ears. He gave a strange new twist to their beliefs. He read from Isaiah 61 and dared to identify himself as the worker of these prophetic truths!

They were angered. How dare He?

There was but one way to deal with such a heretic, no matter if His family were village residents. Kill Him!

Then it happened. Just as they lifted rocks to stone Him, this Jesus, this challenger of precious traditions disappeared. Just when they aimed their rocks, He was gone!

The years passed. Jesus' popularity rose and waned. One day word came that one of His close friends—Lazarus, brother to Mary and Martha—was ill. (Read John 11:1-46). The call went out for Jesus, the healer, the friend, to come and do what He could for Lazarus. How angry Mary and Martha were when the time passed, Lazarus grew worse, and Jesus failed to show up.

Just when they needed Him the most, Jesus was gone!

When Jesus finally showed up, Lazarus was dead. The accusation was crisp, cold and clear: "My brother would not have died if You had been here."

Where had He been? "Gone!" They put the blame on Him.

But you know the outcome. In not being there, Jesus found opportunity for a miracle greater than healing: restoring life to a dead man. What an impact on the crowd! What a memory for each one who witnessed it!

"Gone" isn't necessarily bad. It may be frightening, threatening, unusual; but often "gone" is the door to the miraculous.

Now the Easter season has come. All the disappearances of Jesus' life are but trivia compared to the great disappearance of that first Easter.

The Sabbath was past. The disciples had been in hiding, nursing their wounds, trying to forget the past and plan for a future without their Leader.

With the rising of the sun the women went to the garden where they last saw the precious form of their Master. Many questions were in their minds. Would the guards let them near the tomb? Would they be permitted to embalm the body of their Lord? Who would move the stone away from the door of the tomb to let them in?

But when they arrived, they found the stone was already rolled away, and two men in shining garments stood by the tomb. These were not Roman soldiers. They weren't grave robbers or aides to the high priest. Why, they were angels, messengers of the Almighty.

And they spoke to the women. "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen; remember how he spake unto you . . .?"

Gone!

Not reburied somewhere. Not stolen by His enemies. Not just mysteriously missing. No. He had risen. He was alive. But gone! Gone from the tomb and alive forevermore in the hearts of the faithful. That was the angels' marvelous message.

For one eternal moment that single word meant all they needed to know. Gone!

For all these centuries that one great fact has held together the vast hopes and dreams of countless Christians of every continent. The tomb still stands, but the Occupant is gone. And because He lives, we too can live.

"Gone" can be good news. Think of all the places on earth where you wouldn't want to find someone you loved: on the battlefield; on skid row; at death's door in a hospital emergency room. There must be dozens of places where "gone" is good news. "Gone" can be victory.

And Christ's being gone from the tomb is the heart of Easter. The best news ever published. The greatest story ever told.



# CHURCH NEWS

## Joplin, Missouri

We are once again praising the Lord for his blessings to us and are thankful for His word which is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. We are praising the Lord for two young boys that gave their hearts to God recently. Our pastor has been preaching on Sanctification and it's importance in these last days. May we all strive to live that sanctified life.

We ask for your prayers as we begin revival April 22, with Bro. and Sis. M. D. Methvin of Follett, Texas.

Neil Ragan—Pastor

## Hempstead, Texas

Psalms 33:1 "Rejoice in the Lord, of ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright."

The church at Hempstead has been receiving many special blessings from the Lord the past few months. Brother Johnny has been giving some bible lessons each Wednesday night on the Gifts of the Spirit, and our regular services have been blessed with the anointing of the Spirit.

At Thanksgiving we were privileged to have Bro. Lyndel Arnall as guest speaker for our Thanksgiving banquet and also for weekend services. This proved to be a time of not only enjoying the bountiful feast in the natural but also a spiritual feast.

At Christmas, Bro. Johnny and Sister Kathy were in charge of our Christmas program, and this was so inspirational and beautiful, reminding us again of the true meaning of the name "Christian", and what our heritage is in the Lord. We closed out 1978 with a "Watch Night" service, special singing, communion and feet washing. All agreed that 1978 had been a good year because of the blessing of the Lord, but we entered into the New Year asking for His blessing and also asking Him to make us a blessing to others. Each Sunday in February our church ministered in the afternoon services at the Hempstead Nursing Home.

The Lord has given us another outpouring of His spirit again as Brother and Sister Regier came to minister to us. Bro. Regier brought us some wonderful messages, but best of all, the Lord blessed each service with His presence and anointing. Bro. Regier was a former pastor of the Hempstead church, and we enjoyed having them back with us. Pray for our church that the Lord will continue to make us a blessing.

Johnny Arnall, Pastor  
Anna Beth Merten, Reporter

## Midway, Oklahoma

Our hearts rejoice as we enjoyed the anointing services beginning February 4, with Bro. and Sis. O. A. Busch. A refreshing spirit penetrated our souls as Sister Busch sang each evening. The sermons were ministered by inspiration of God in doctrine and edification to the church. The waters were troubled and the Holy Spirit moved in every service, "Praise the Lord."

Recent visiting ministers have been Rev. Jacob Regeir and Rev. Marcus Adair. We enjoy the Report. May we contend for the faith once delivered to the saints until He comes.

Bob Taylor—Pastor  
Pauline Messner—Reporter

## Big Spring, Texas

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God in 1979"

This is the theme of our church for this year. For if we seek first the kingdom of God all these things will be added unto us. This is a promise of God, and God never fails. We have been having some wonderful services to start the year right, and are trusting in the Lord to see our church grow. We need your prayers for our church. For as sure as God is still on the throne, the devil is still on the warpath. Bro. Bootie Sherman wishes to thank everyone for your prayers and support during his stay in the hospital, and thank God for his speedy recovery.

James Hostler—Pastor  
Helen Sherman—Reporter

## Purcell, Missouri

The Lord has been so very good to us at Purcell. We have enjoyed the students from the Apostolic Faith Bible College that have been able to be with us in services and are expecting more of them to come when it is possible. We are hoping the worst of our winter weather is over as we had to postpone several services during the icy weather. We were glad to have our grandchildren, Paula and Jamie from Texas visit us recently. Remember Mr. Wilkins from that part of the country who is recovering from cancer surgery, for soul, spirit and body. I'm so glad all things are possible with God.

George Hintergardt—Pastor

## Dickinson, Texas

The foundation of a Christian life is love. The love for God being first and utmost in our lives. But second to the love of God is the love we feel for our spiritual brothers and sisters. Sharing and expressing this love, one for another, is what helps keep us strong in our faith. We have chosen to share our love by having occasional fellowships. For Valentines day we enjoyed a dinner and games with each other in a local restaurant. We recently attended, as a church, a concert by the Blackwood Brothers and the Crawford family. It is difficult for me to describe the enjoyment felt by one and all, to be together sharing the blessings of the Lord. With turmoils and hatred in the world, all about us, it is a blessing to know that there are those we can turn to who know the love of the Lord and enjoy expressing it.

Dee Boles—Reporter

*The Church Cannot Win Its Way In The World  
By Following The Ways Of The World.*

## Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bryan, 814 Baylor, Perryton, Texas, will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a reception, Sunday, May 6, 1979 from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Full Gospel Church Fellowship Hall, 4th and Eton, Perryton, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Fletcher, Diane and David, the couples daughter and family, will be hosting the occasion. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. No gifts, please.

## NOW

NOW is the time to seek the Lord while He may be found and to call upon Him while He is near. To procrastinate only makes bad matter worse. Is there such a thing as passing the door of "Desire to service the Lord our energy along that line seems depleted so sinning and drifting and forgetting does become fixed habits. We become the servants of sin, the servants of the Devil and in minding him, add fault to sin and can come to the place where we feel it is a matter of life to live that way.

But counterwise, in the living present ever soul should put on the entire armor of God in full dress and obedience. The net or web of the devil can be mighty strong and many souls are actually baffled as to the "right way," so many voices call, so much advise is given, and different Bible views and interpretations can hinder some. Do not go to many for instructed, a faithful righteous friend or two is enough, and with a repentant heart God will open your eyes, cancel your sins and take you into the household of faith. Yet there comes a time when something must be done or the time element and shortness of life can bring us to an unexpected end. Jesus came not to this earth in vain. He is your Saviour today and your judge in coming days and acts as one among many brethren in eternity's day. You are the one to accept or reject. Another cannot be blamed. They may be a stumbling block to you, but just remember that stumbling block can become a stepping stone, and heaven is cheap at any price. ACCEPT HIM NOW.

By The Late

Gail W. Schultz

## Pearls Of Promise

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen

Matthew 28:18-20

## OBITUARIES

### Simon Polvado

Simon Andrew Polvado was born November 12, 1887 some three miles north of Vanderpool, Texas and departed this life January 24, 1979, in the Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital in Kerrville, Texas. Attaining the age of 91 years, 2 months, and 12 days.

June 22, 1913 he was united in marriage to Ruth Lee Murphy in Moore, Texas. Two children came to bless this union; Jo Lee and Harvey. Ruth Lee preceeded him in death on August 24, 1935.

April 6, 1947 he married Fern Hunt in Perryton, Texas. She preceeded him in death, December 23, 1977.

Pa Sim, as he was known here in the Vanderpool Community, lived his entire life in the Sabinal Canyon. He was a pillar of integral strength and was interested in community and church activities. He was an old timer of the Edwards Plateau Area and enjoyed living having a quick wit with a twinkle in his eye.

Leaving to mourn his passing are: his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Polvado of Walpole, Massachusetts; his step-son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hunt of Rancho Palso Verdes, California, and his daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Donald D. Dibbens of Vanderpool, Texas. One brother, Rev. George Polvado of Vanderpool, Texas; and two sisters: Mrs. Minnie Moore of Vanderpool, Texas; and Mrs. Erma Harbin of Uvalde, Texas. Twelve grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, other relatives and a host of friends.

#### To Dad

Never had much style  
about him,  
Never cared for dress;  
Sort o' spent his life a sowin'  
Seeds for happiness;  
Doin' little things for others,  
Helpin' where he could;  
Never makin'  
much pretension,  
Always doing good.  
Home, for him, was all  
for livin'  
Filled his heart with pride,  
And his door was ever open,  
Latch strings hung out side.  
Folks who came were  
always welcome  
Loved to have them 'round,  
Wanted much of joy  
and laughter,

Seemed to love the sound.  
Had his care and troubles,  
Same as all of us,  
Never made much fuss;  
Made the best of all  
God gave him,  
As through life he went  
Ever toiling, giving, taking  
Kind and provident.  
Vain, the tribute we  
would pay him  
Words cannot express  
What it meant to have  
him with us,  
And our thankfulness;  
Sweet memory he had left us  
Though our hearts are sad;  
Great the blessing that  
was given  
Just to call him Dad.

### Marilyn Brakebill

Services were held December 21, 1978 at the First United Methodist Church in Ralls, Texas for Marilyn Joy Brakebill, 46, of Lubbock, Texas. She passed away December 19, 1978 in Lubbock after a lengthy illness. Burial was in Ralls Cemetery.

Survivors include her mother, Mrs. J. A. Summerford of Ralls, two daughters, Becky Baily of Midland and Cozette McGaugh of Little Rock, Arkansas; two brothers, Jack Summerford of Lubbock and Kenneth Summerford of Crosbyton; and a grandson.

# Legalized Sin

By James W. Hosler

They make it real easy to sin anymore. I think abortion is the number one sin. Murder legalized, is another word for it. I was listening to a good minister the other day on the radio, and he was telling of a large university with 40,000 students, where they had 50 abortions a week. It is sin and murder in the sight of God. Divorce and remarriage is also legal. Anymore a man can divorce his wife and remarry as many times as he chooses, and it is legal, for the wife to do the same. But this is still sin, in the sight of God. Thanks, be to God, his way is the best. These things will all have to be faced at the Judgement. Sin will have to be paid for. Sin has reached the Inflation Mark. Jesus said my Yoke is easy and my burden is light. I preached in my church last Sunday morning on a hundredfold christian life. I used the scripture in Matt. 19:29. Every one that hath forsaken Houses or Brothers or Sisters or Father or Mother or Wife or Children or Lands for my name sake shall receive an hundredfold and shall inherit everlasting life, that is a rich inheritance. There is not a better offer for a hundredfold consecration and dedication to God's will and service. When I told how we could have a hundred of every thing that we had forsaken for the Lord, one of our Sisters in our church said jokingly, I thought while Bro. Hosler was preaching that he could have one hundred wives too. No, no, that is too many wives. I Kings 11:1—But King Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh Women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians and Hittites of the nations concerning which the Lord said unto the children of Israel, ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you for surely, they will turn away your heart, after their Gods. Solomon clave unto these in love, and he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass when Solomon was old that his wives turned away his heart after other Gods, and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his Father. Solomon became a Idol Worshipper. Sin is very costly, beware, another legalized sin in my state, if you owe a debt for 5 years and it is not renewed within that 5 years, it is outlawed and it can't be collected in any court of the land. In the sight of God you still owe that debt. Thanks, be to God, if we love the Lord we pay all of our honest debts. If we meet the requirements he will deliver us from all guilt and sin. Glory be to His precious name. I am glad in this world of immorality there can be a life of victory and his word tells us that we can shine as lights in this wicked world of sin. I am glad that I chose to pay the price that the Lord would have me to pay. There can be a hundredfold life, but it requires a hundredfold consecration and dedication. Nothing less, Praise the Lord. But some people want to hold on to the old life of sin, they would like to have a hundredfold life, but still not willing to pay the price. It pays all the way, to be obedient. The greatest faith builder is obedience. Thanks, be to God I love him because he first loved me, and gave himself for me. The greatest heritage, that we can leave our children is a life of obedience to the service of God. There is a little poem that read like this: "Only one life will soon be passed, Only what's done for Christ will last."

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## THE BIBLE Ollie Summerford

The Bible teaches us of God,  
His wonders and his glory.  
The oldest book we know about,  
Yet ever new it's story.

It is all so true, this much we know,  
And that without a doubt,  
The mind of God so pure and wise,  
His ways past finding out.

If only we live by this book,  
Our lives will be a blessing,  
So like our Lord we will become,  
His joys our souls possessing.

It is a wise yet simple way,  
So strong, so brave, and true,  
Live by it and you will find  
It is the best for you.

*The Bible has survived  
the ignorance of its friends  
and the hatred of its enemies.*

## FRIENDSHIP

By Pearl Menke

Friendship is one of the priceless gifts of God to man. Someone has said:

Friendship is a chain of gold,  
Shaped in God's all perfect mold.  
Each link a smile, a laugh, a tear,  
Still steadfast as the ages roll;  
Binding closer soul to soul.

Proverbs 17:17 says, "A friend loveth at all times." Proverbs 18:24, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." I was left an orphan at a very young age. It was my lot to grow up with friends, who gave me a home, love and care. I knew nothing of my relatives. I'm sure a just reward awaits them. But this beautiful Friend that sticketh closer than a brother is the one I so desire to make known to all I meet. He has made a long journey leaving the ivory palaces to be born of a virgin, according to Isaiah 7:14. "And his name is Immanuel," meaning God with us." Jesus said "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends, ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth, I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth. But I call you friends. For all things that I heard of my father, I have made know unto you." What a wonder and joy to have this friend who so desires to share all of our troubles and joys. He is one we may tell all of our sins and troubles to; and yet he loves us and forgives us and covers all of our sins as a thick cloud for no one to know. And he gives us beauty for ashes and joy for sorrow. We want all to know this Heavenly Friend who is our Friend, today and always.



## THE TWO ROADS

by Mrs. E. A. Greever

There is a way that seemeth right unto a man  
But the end of that way is death  
And another way that is narrow and straight  
But the pilgrims here have a calm sweet rest.

The first road is broad and the entrance wide  
Multitude are thronging it each day  
But the narrow road few have found  
For travelers here free from sin must stay.

The masses on the broad road are spreading  
Themselves like a green bay tree  
But the few who have found the narrow way  
Are praying, O Lord how I need thee.

The way of the transgressor is very hard  
No hope do they have in God  
And when before the great judge they stand  
Will find from eternal life they are barred.

The ones on the broad road may jeer and mock  
Shaking the head while passing by  
But rejoicing in hope are they on the narrow road  
For the maker of heaven and earth they know.

At the close of day on the great broad way  
Multitudes will receive the sentence of death  
Hearing depart from me ye that work iniquity  
You cannot enter into my rest.

While the ones yoked to Christ on the narrow road  
Who have carried their cross with a smile  
Will hear, Well done enter now fair one  
Into eternal life you have gone the last mile.

My friend today do you choose to stay  
With the mob on the downward road  
Will you not turn away and seek Christ today  
Traveling the road to an eternal abode.

There's danger at the end of this great broad road  
Forever destroyed from the glory of God's power  
Jesus is calling today from sin turn away  
For behold this is the accepted hour.

What will your answer be if you fail to heed  
The call of the great Saviour of men  
What will you say when you hear depart from me  
God says, you will weep and wail then.

The spirit and the Bride are pleading come  
The Spirit will not always strive with man  
So enter today on the King's highway  
Turn from sin while you may.

This life my friend is as a vapour or a breath  
Or as a flower that so soon fades away  
Even as a shadow that declineth so Jesus alone  
Is the way that leads to an eternal day.

# God's Plan Of Tithing

Mal. 3:7-10. Even from the days of Your Fathers are Ye gone away from Mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto You, saith the Lord of hosts. But Ye said, wherein shall we return? V. 8

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. V.9 Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed Me, even this whole Nation. V.10. Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open You the windows of Heaven, and pour You out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Verses 11 through 18 continue to tell us what the Lord will do if We do these things that He has commanded Us to do.

This is just another one of the things that God has commanded us to do. Tithing is a very vital part of Gods plan. Some will say that it was just a part of The Mosiac Law, no tithing was done before the law, Gen. 14:18-20, and Mel-chizedeck, King of Salem, brought forth bread and wine: and He was the priest of the most high God. And He blessed him, and said, blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: and blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And He gave tithes of all.

Giving tithes of all is good, but that does not mean that there is not a set rule for paying tithes. One more place in the scripture that I know of speaks of the people giving all, Acts. 4:34-35, "Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many of them that were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as He had need." Evidently this was not practiced very long because we have no further record of this being done any more. There is another scripture that talks about the collection for the poor saints, but this is speaking of a collection not tithing, 1 Cor. 16:1-2, Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches in or of Galatia, even so do Ye. Upon the first day of the week let everyone of You lay by Him in store, as God hath prospered Him, that there be no gatherings when I come. This was alms or offerings.

We would like to give you all of the scripture on tithing that we can, but I am sure that you can take a good concordance and find many more than we will be able to use in this lesson, but I believe that tithes is for the support of the ministry, offerings and gifts are for the support of the church. Alms are to help the needy, some believe that tithes can be used to pay on the church bills, or build churches, no, tithes is for the support of the ministry. Tithes is one tenth of our increase, now that does not mean after We have paid all of our bills and bought what We want, if it did there would never be any left to give to the Lord, for many people still live from one pay day to the next one. I will tell you from my own experience why we must first pay our tithes, then the other. When I first converted, we were taught tithing, but I was in debt and money in those days was not so

plentiful as it is today, and I thought that I must first pay bills, then I will pay tithes. But there was never very much left so I only gave what I thought I could. But I soon found that this would not work, when I paid tithes first, then I also had enough to pay my bills also. You can not out give God. He never promised to make anyone rich because they pay tithes. He said he would return to us four fold, but that doesn't always mean money. People say, but I don't have very much to give, it isn't how much we give, but it is being faithful with what we have.

Consider the poor widow who only gave two mites, Mark 12:42 also Luke 21:1-4. I received a letter one time with a dime in it from a lady that I had never heard from before and she said that it was her tithes and in those days you could still buy a loaf of bread for a dime, and that was just what we needed at that time. It may seem strange to people today to think that there was ever a time when people did not have the money to even buy a loaf of bread, but there are many of us that do remember those times. Some churches say we cannot support a pastor. Let me give you an example. A pastor should be willing to live like his congregation, not above, not below, just in round figures let us say there are ten families in a church and each one of these families earn \$100.00 per week. Ten percent of their earnings would be \$10.00, which multiplied by ten would be \$100.00 per week. Then after He paid his tithes he would have only \$90.00, left the same as all the other 10 families. So you see how tithing will work if Gods people are faithful. So we are to pay tithes on our gross income, as I stated before we pay the car, the house, the grocery bill, etc. first We will never have but very little left to give to God's work. Old Testament scriptures speak of the tithe of the grain and fruits of the field, in those days money was not used as it is today. It was more like barter system, they worked on farms and received and paid tithes with the same, Lev. 27:30-33 The tithe of the orchard, field, flock, herd, was the Lords, so is our wages or salary. Numbers 18:24-28 tells us who the tithe belongs to, it was the only inheritance that the Levites, (Priest tribe) had. It also informs us that as the priests received tithes, they also paid tithes.

Neh. 13:5 also gives us further instruction as to who should receive tithes, then the tenth verse, also gives us the reason why sometimes ministers have to work. I would like to say this, I do not believe that we as a church, should ever call a pastor or an evangelist or party and expect someone else to support them, also when you have a revival, do not give all of your finance to either the pastor or the evangelist party. If you do, then one suffers, I have known this to happen. What I am trying to convey to us is this: If you worked on a job and they hired some new men to work and said to you, we can't pay you anything until we get through with these other men. Would you go ahead and work for nothing? No? Well, that is just what we are doing when we ask a pastor to wait until a revival is over before we give him any more tithes, or if we do not support the evangelistic party, we are doing the same thing, Deut. 12:5-6 tells us to bring all tithes and offerings to the place where we worship.

The question may be asked, does the minister have to pay tithes? Yes, Heb. 7:9 and as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, paid tithes in Abraham, many of the different church denominations pay their tithes into the church, and then the church pays them a salary. I have no quarrel with anyone about this, I simply believe that we have a better way which I also believe to be God's way.

#### New Testament Scriptures

Matt. 23:23, Luke 18:12, I. Cor. 9:13-14, 2 Cor. 9:6-7. Please read these scriptures which all speak of tithing and offerings.

In conclusion may I say that the important thing for all Christians is to support all phases of the work of God, but every church body should be (and should feel a responsibility) for their own church and pastor, but I do not feel that our responsibility ends there, so don't fail to support the work of God.

In The Masters service,  
Rev. Ted Jackson  
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Not because of any good thing we had done,  
Did God send his only begotten Son.  
To die upon the cross of Calvary,  
That you and I from sin might be free.  
He endured the spite, the hate, the same,  
But we must humbly confess his name,  
Ask forgiveness for sins we have done,  
Then he'll be near till the victory's won.

Life is a battle with each new day.  
The Lord goes before to show us the way.  
All is gained—nothing is lost,  
When we place our all at the foot of the cross.  
Jeanie Mullins

#### HELP ME TO SEE, LORD—

Help me to see the suffering of man so that I may learn compassion—  
Help me to see the ignorance of man so that I may learn wisdom—  
Help me to see the joy of man so that I may learn happiness—  
Help me to see the prejudice of man so that I may learn justice—  
Help me to see the generosity of man so that I may learn sharing—  
Help me to see the love of man so that I may learn giving—

*With His help all things are possible.*

God never alters the robe of righteousness to fit the man,  
but the man to fit the robe.

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