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Editorial

God's WONDERFUL INSOMNIA

" . . . He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." Psalm 121: 3b, 4

One of the most precious comforting thoughts in the Bible is that God NEVER SLEEPS. Oh, how grateful I am for that! In the darkest, longest night of our lives when our problems were magnified all out of proportion and they seemed so insurmountable, God was not asleep. His eyes were wide open and His ear was attuned to our every cry. How very much we need the watchful concern of a loving heavenly Father who doesn't even have to take time off to rest and sleep. Evidently, the devil doesn't sleep either; for from all evidences he is always on the job. And it seems that all his employees are energetically carrying out all his plans. And they would like us to believe that God isn't concerned about us anymore. The song writer put it this way: "Old Satan said my Lord was gone and would not hear my prayer but, Praise the Lord the work is done and Christ the Lord is here."

How different from God we humans are. Many times it is very difficult for us to stay awake. We oversleep, don't hear the alarm, miss appointments, even the doorbell and telephone fail to wake us at times, and some people invariably fall asleep in church when the preacher, Sunday School teacher and singer are doing their best to reach souls for the kingdom of God. One of the great dangers of driving long distances today is the problem of falling asleep at the wheel. But thank God He never sleeps! He's always there and aware of our every need. We can depend on Him.

Charles Spurgeon, the prince of the pulpit, often spoke of God's ever watchful care over His own. Once on the train going to the country to preach he discovered he didn't have a ticket. The lone companion in his compartment saw him fumbling in his pockets and said, "I hope you haven't lost anything, Sir." Mr. Spurgeon told him that not only couldn't he find his ticket but that he had also discovered his watch, money and all else of value that he usually carried were missing. But he assured the man that he wasn't perturbed because he was on his Master's business and he had no doubt that his God who had always taken care of him would see him through this difficulty, too. Soon the ticket collector came by and tipped his hat to Spurgeon's companion whereupon he whispered something to the ticket collector and he left without asking for their tickets. Mr. Spurgeon thought this was strange and said so. Then the man made himself known, that he was the general manager of the line they were on and that he felt it was divinely arranged by God that he happened to be on the train at this particular time and could be of service to Mr. Spurgeon. Things do not just happen for God's children. A wide awake, never sleeping Father takes care of the most minute detail of their lives.

I'm sure Elijah was thankful that God doesn't sleep; for he taunted the worshippers of Baal, after they had cried unto their God from morning unto evening and

even cut themselves till the blood gushed out, with "cry aloud, for peradventure he sleepeth and must be awakened." Then God clinched the fact when He answered Elijah's sixty-three word prayer before the amen could be attached, with the all consuming fire from heaven that even licked up the water and dust.

Praise God for His Wonderful Insomnia!!! I can sleep and rest in peace because He doesn't shut His eyes. "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." 2 Chronicles 16: 9. "For He hath said I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13: 5

"WHEN YOU ARE AT YOUR WIT'S END — GOD IS STILL IN NO PERPLEXITY, AND HE CARETH FOR YOU!!"

N. R. B.

Ed. Note:

I wish to express my long overdue appreciation to the people of the Apostolic Faith movement for their prayers, kindnesses and support in every way to me as the new Editor of the Report. Your letters of encouragement and of expressing your approval have been the thing that keeps me going. It is wonderful to me to see the hand of God working through you his people, to so graciously supply every need of the paper, even down to the purchasing of the new office equipment; a desk, office chair, and metal storage cabinet. Your faithfulness to this phase of God's work is appreciated so very much and I wish to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. I could not have done this without your support. Continue to remember us and the paper in your prayers. We really need articles for print. Please get busy on that article you have promised yourself you would write for us. May God's best be yours as we continue to work together for His cause and kingdom.

I want to publicly thank Mr. F. D. Krueger and Mr. Bob Nichols and all the rest of the crew at the Baxter Citizen for doing such a good job in printing the Report for me. They have been most kind in every way and very helpful to a newcomer to this type of work. I have learned a lot and still have lots to learn and I appreciate them being so willing to share with me of their knowledge and experience. If you're ever in the Citizen office you might let them know that we like their work.

Sincerely, Naomi Busch

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by O. A. Busch

... "For I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." — Gal. 6: 17

Paul on the road to Damascus met Jesus, while he was on a mission to apprehend all he found that were of "This Way". Meeting Christ, caused his inner being to cry out, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" and he became branded with the "Mark of Jesus". Although, it thrills my soul to read how Paul bore the "Brand of Christ"; my main concern as a Minister of the Gospel is, "How am I bearing the 'Brand of Christ?' and furthermore, whose brand are you wearing?"

Our church buildings bear the brand of crosses, and steeples so from the masses of buildings the churches can be distinguished. This is good, but there is something more important. Are we, who worship in these buildings, bearing the marks of the Saviour and the Cross?

I read in Acts 4: 13, where the council took knowledge of Peter and John that they had been with Jesus; for they had boldness as they spoke of Him, who had recently been crucified of the multitudes. Three short years they had been in the company of Jesus, yet in that time there were some of the attributes of Christ about them that could be seen by all. In their walk, talk, and conduct, they had been marked by Him.

There is such a need this day, that the marks of Christ should be manifested. Religious orders of men, and churchianity have failed. So many who bear His Name do not bear His Image. Therefore the poor sinner is deceived, and seeks elsewhere to find the peace that his soul is craving for. How many times have I heard, "If that's Christianity, I don't want any of it!" Someone failed to wear the Marks and express the Image of Christ.

Jesus "bears acquaintance". The farther you walk with Him, the longer you know and serve Him, the deeper His Brand is burned in your body, soul and spirit and the more you will love Him and want to please Him. True beauty in love is not seen in the courtship, nor even

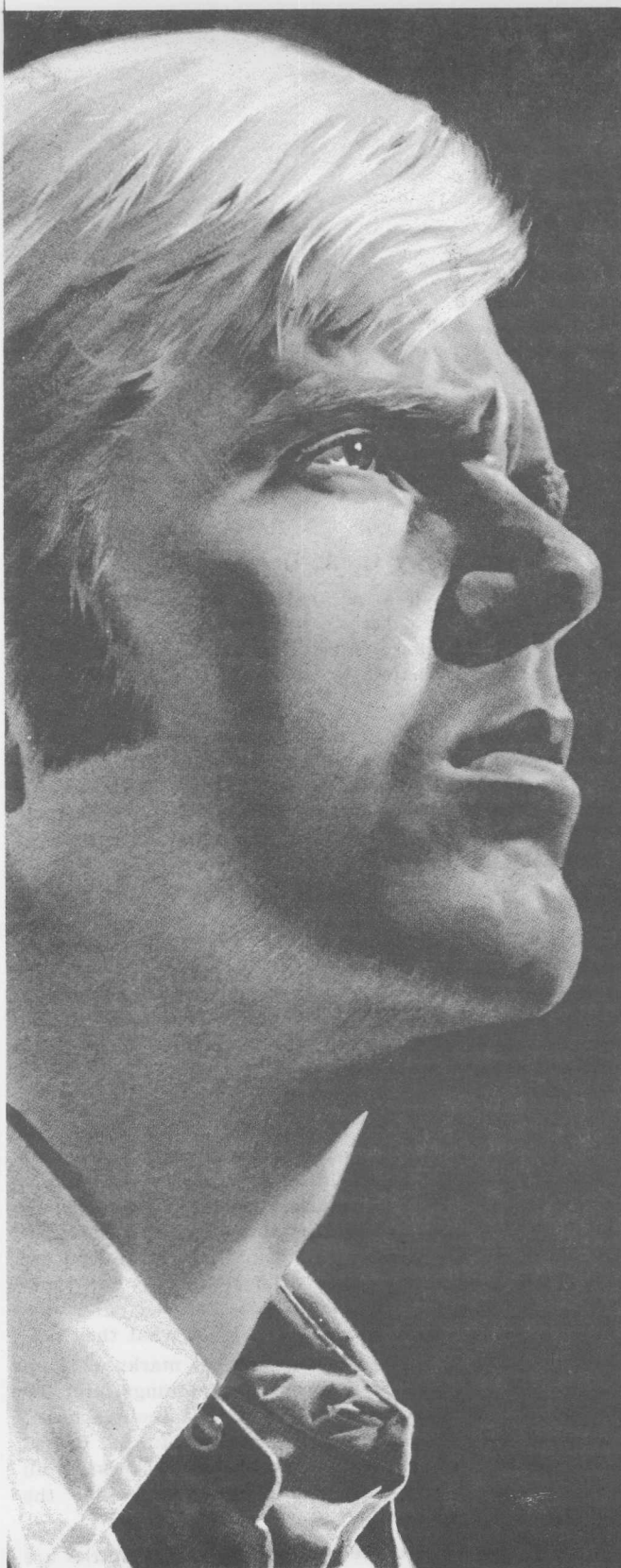
the honeymoon, but after years of sharing toil, trials, sickness and hard times; to then see a man look at his wife and she at him with love in their eyes that words can't describe — that is to behold love in maturity and full bloom.

It is good to see a sinner come to Christ, and in true repentance open his heart and soul to God, for there is a mark placed on him as he accepts Christ as his Saviour. But it is even better to watch him as his love grows and we can see the Marks of Christ increase and the Brand of Jesus deepen with every advancing step of his Christian way. For the farther you go with Christ, the more you will love Him. When we love Him enough we will want to commit ourself completely to Him. Just as the bride must be willing to lose her identity and take the name of the groom, even so must we follow Christ and lose ourselves in Him; for He said "If any man will come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me".

Jesus had the Gethsemane experience, where He had to pray "not my will but Thine be done". No wonder He could stand before the accusers as a lamb before the slaughter and open not His mouth. Gethsemane leaves its mark. Have you been marked by it? Is there quietness of spirit, a calmness in the midst of storm, a prayer for those that despitefully use you? If so, then you are wearing the marks of Christ, who could pray for those that drove the nails in His hands and feet and say, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

I am sure there were some physical marks on Paul from the 195 stripes he received, the stonings, and the months of imprisonment; yet I feel that the marks of Christ were deeper in His spirit and soul, for he longed with a consuming passion for men to know Christ in all the power of the Gospel, who could even forgive the "chiefest of Sinners".

By whom have you been branded? Whose Marks are you wearing?



I am a man. Who am I? What am I? What brought me into being and to whom am I responsible? If I am not filling my responsibility and if my destiny is not certain, is there something I can do to correct it?

These are the kind of questions asked by men and women, boys and girls of our generation. This is not the only generation that has sought for answers to questions like this because these questions have been being answered since the dawn of history.

God is alive. We know this because we have faith in Him and He has revealed this to us through His Word. In order to receive answers to our questions, we must sincerely acknowledge God. First let us acknowledge Him to be the creator that the Word declares.

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not (overcame it not).

Since God created all things we would have to conclude that God also made man of whom we are offspring. God created angelic beings before He ever created beasts or man. God also created a family of man on the earth on the sixth day of the creative week (Genesis 1:26-31). But this is not the "Adam" of whom we are offspring. The story of the man in question is told in the second chapter of Genesis.

Genesis 2:7, 18, 21-23

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him (answering to him).

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

God made man from the soil. In fact, God made him a tiller of the soil. At first impression from reading the story we might think that Adam was a man of leisure, but no! It was his job to dress and keep the garden of Eden. But when we remember also that his was before the ground was cursed with briars and thistles Adam's job was a delightful one.

Of all the earthly creatures, Man undoubtedly is God's masterpiece. Any of the things, creatures, and beings could be masterpieces in themselves, but man is the masterpiece of masterpieces. God's goodness is displayed . . . even to the point to provide woman for the man.

The Bible Story Of Man

PART I —

by Jacob C. Regier

WHAT IS MAN?

In generation past the great song-writer expressed questions concerning man in relation to the great Creator. He beholds the vastness of God's creative handiwork in great admiration. He wonders about the angels which God had made. He sees all the animal kingdom also and realizes that God gave this man dominion over all of this and David sings, "What is man that thou art mindful of him or the son of man that thou cistest him." This passage is mentioned in the New Testament (Hebrews 2:6-8). We must think deeply on this special statement: "... thou art mindful of him."

Psalms 8:3-9

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou has ordained; What is man that thou art mindful of him or the son of man that thou visiteth him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth.

Man can make things. In fact, man can make and has made some wonderful things. When we think of the many wonderful labor-saving devices and the luxurious appliances man has made we are quite proud of him. But where did man get this inventive genius? Where did man get the energy? Where did man get all this intelligence. He received it all from God.

The artistically talented man has done quite well in making likenesses of himself in sculptor and on canvas. But only the likeness is there. He never has attained to the ability to give life to the image of man. He indeed never shall attain to that ability. Only God can do that. What did God do when he made man? He put into man the thousands of wonderful mysterious things that medical science is trying to discover. The way the human grows and matures . . . the way his body recovers from sickness and injury . . . the way the human reproduces himself . . . and many other things too wonderful to understand. Again we read a part of a Psalm:

Psalms 139: 3-1

For thou hast possessed (formed) my reins: thou hast covered me (knit me together) in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance (frame Heb. bone) was not hid from thee, when I was made

in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance (day by day) were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

What if man had not fallen from his first estate? What if he had not sinned? Our imaginations can only tell us what we think it would have been. But man did sin. We will study about his fall and failure in a future lesson. In this lesson we will continue to explore the question: "What is Man? or "Who Am I?"

God did not disregard the offspring of Adam. He made a plan whereby this fallen man could be redeemed. We will study this in future lessons.

Man's sin changed all of man's future destiny. But let us examine a scripture that shows that God blessed man after the flood. God had a plan that nothing could stop.

After the flood, however, man is not confined to a garden as he was before he was driven out. He was commanded of God to multiply and replenish the earth. God says that man is now in command over all of God's creation on earth. It seems that God has transferred a responsibility upon man that he did not have before. The earlier race was to multiply and replenish the earth, but now, after the flood, God commands the family of Adam (now Noah) to do so.

God also gave notice that it was a serious thing to shed blood. Man will never be able to educate himself away from this warning.

Genesis 9:1-7

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

(to be continued)

Roswell, New Mexico

It's with a great personal joy that I write this report. Joy for all the many things God has done for me personally as well as for our church group. We are glad for some new faces in our midst in the past few months. The Cavin family and Sister Graves have been a great blessing to our church family.

We enjoyed so much the Bible College group that was with us on April 20th. We thank God so much for young people who will yield their lives to God and let Him use them for His glory. We appreciate Brother and Sister Barker and their labors for the school. We pray that this will be the greatest year yet for the Apostolic Faith Bible College.

We are finishing our Wednesday night Bible lessons of the chart "God's Plan of the Ages". I believe everyone that has attended can say it has been one of the most worthwhile studies that we have had. Brother Jerome is an outstanding Bible teacher and the Holy Spirit has anointed him with a double portion during these studies. We have had some visitors from other churches to come for these lessons. We were so pleased to have them.

We enjoyed so much Brother and Sister Bill Yeakel as they stopped and visited with us on their way to California. Brother Yeakel preached two real good sermons for us. We love Brother and Sister Yeakel as Christian brother and sister and also as just good friends. We also enjoy the Christensons from Lovington as they are with us from time to time.

On May 4th our congregation had a graduation supper for our three high-school graduates, Debbie Graveline, Robert Judd, and Dwayne Wilkerson. We wish these young people the best God has for them in the future.

We want to thank God for the new roof on our church. With the help of several from the church the roofing was finished in a very short period of time. It thrilled everyone to see young and old working together at this endeavor. We feel God is pleased with a group of people that can work together for His cause.

Last Sunday Brother Crowhurst was given the opportunity to preach on one of our local radio stations. It was a blessing to hear the truth in its fullness being preached on radio. We pray God may allow more of these opportunities.

Remember us in your prayers that we all may be in one accord doing what Jesus would have us do.

Joann Hall, Reporter
Jerome Crowhurst, Pastor

Granby, Missouri

Randy and Kandy Wallis and Kenny and Kathy Barker are conducting an informal Youth Campaign at the band stand on Main street in Granby from Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 28. The Gospel Tabernacle youth will be assisting with the help of others of the surrounding area. Bro. Ronnie Martin is the pastor and is sponsoring the meeting.

Hempstead, Texas

The Hempstead Apostolic Faith Church asked Bro. and Sis. Wooster to remain with them for another year and they have consented to stay.

During the early part of June our Vacation Bible School was conducted under the leadership of Sis. R. D. Wooster, Judy Wooster and Doneva Mathis. We also had an adult class since this school was conducted at night we had a very good attendance of adults as well as children. There were some children who made moves for the Lord.

Recently we have had some out of town visitors who were a blessing to us.

We enjoy the Report and would like to commend you on a fine job.

Roy Wooster, Pastor
Mrs. Donald Mathis, Reporter



Pine Hill, Alabama

We are still rejoicing because of the goodness of the Lord and for the wonderful time we had at the Youth Camp at Pine Crest, Mississippi. It was a most thrilling experience. God sent us blessings 100 fold. On Friday we saw eight people baptized in water and then after God blessed in the Saturday morning service we again made our way to the pool and saw 12 more baptized. We do appreciate everyone's prayers and support for our camp, and especially those who came and labored so faithfully. May God's richest blessings be theirs. We plan a youth retreat at Camp Pine Crest September 15 and 16.

We had a wonderful "Camp Crusade" at our church the week following camp. Special services were conducted by Harold Bollinger, Terry Mathis, Jim Long and Earl Morgan. Gospel Workers who helped were Dorothy Kinser, Lois Riley, Paula Buschman, Frank Arnall and Rick O'Neal. We praise the Lord for these times of refreshing God sends our way.

Jim and Mary Lou Arnall, Pastors

Pampa, Texas

Greetings to each of you from the Pampa Chapel. We have been having special blessings from the Lord. We have had a very good Daily Vacation Bible School, and have had two of our church to attend the singing school. And our pastor has been giving us special food the past several weeks and we feel encouraged; even though the vacation time is upon us we have had good times with the few and then we have been privileged to have the J. D. Ray family with us, also Alene Sharp and her daughter, Judy and Judy's two daughters. Bro. Ray preached to us on "How to Prove God". It was very uplifting and inspirational to know how to believe and accept the "Good Things" God has for us.

We have several of our Young People and Juniors who are planning on Youth Camp. We appreciate the youth who desire to attend these camps and learn more of Our Precious Saviour.

Edwin Waterbury, Pastor
Anabel Simmons, Reporter

Center Point, Texas

We want to express our appreciation to Sis. Busch, as Editor of the Report, for the wonderful work she is doing, and are so thankful for the blessing it is as it reaches each home. We are also thankful that God burdens His people in such a way.

We have several children attending the Youth Camp at Lost Pines. We are praying that the Lord will bless in all the efforts there for Him, and that each child will spiritually grow in His wonderful love and mercy.

We were glad to have Bro. and Sis. Elmer Christenson and their family with us recently in service. We are always glad to have visitors, who are a blessing to us and our services.

We are happy to say that Bro. Dibbens has consented to stay with the church here for another year. He and Sis. Dibbens have been a real blessing to the church and we appreciate their lives so much.

Again we would like to extend an invitation to anyone coming to the Hill Country to stop and visit our little church. We welcome you.

Donald Dibbens, Pastor
Marilyn Buchanan, Reporter

Bayard, Nebraska

Summer has arrived in Bayard, Nebraska. Everyone is busy and enjoying the warm weather, while it is here. June was especially busy. Bro. Jack Barker was with us in a revival the last part of May and the first part of June. The church really enjoyed hearing the good messages and the good times of prayer at the altar.

DVBS was June 12 through 16. Mrs. Marie Frakes was the director. Sis. Lorraine Bowers had charge of the handcraft and Sis Violet Harris had the closing service each day with film strips which proved to be a blessing.

The men have been busy also, removing trees and putting in new side walks. Remember our church in prayer; there are more improvements planned, but our most important goal is to win souls for Christ.

Paul and Carolyn Wilkerson, Pastors

July - August 1972

Midway Country Church Legan, Oklahoma

We are thankful for the Lord's blessings that have been ours as a church. This is really a busy time of the year. On May 20th the Young People's sponsors gave a reception for our three graduating high school seniors. Everyone enjoyed the evening. Mrs. Deanna (Messner) Rogers showed slides of Germany and its beautiful scenery to the group.

We had a good VBS from Tuesday, May 30 till Saturday, June 3. The theme of our school was "We Worship God". Bro. Wiles was the director and each lady in the church that could, helped. Each child seemed to enjoy learning the new songs, studying the lessons, and participating in handcraft and the story time. The closing program was Sunday night, June 4. A good crowd attended. We have some new ones attending Sunday school since VBS.

Some of our young people are going to attend camp at Laverne. Our church is to pray and fast each Friday for all our summer camps in this area. Not only do we feel like this will bless our camps but it will help our church to grow spiritually, too.

Sis. Busch, we feel like you are doing a fine job as editor. We look forward to each issue. May God richly bless you as you work for Him in this capacity.

Doyle Wiles, Pastor
Edith Lamunyon, Reporter

Dear Friends of the Faith:

Just a few lines to let all know that we are still alive and well. We do enjoy the Report very much and commend it's editors with the highest of praise.

We have enjoyed eight years of ministry in the Hill Country of Texas, and hate to think of departing but we feel our work lies somewhere else.

We will be available for pastoral duties after September first. We ask that you pray with us, that the Lord will send us where He will.

We are in the Ministers' Directory, and can be contacted at that address until the first of September. We thank you for your concern and your prayers.

John and Lola Blythe
Box 196
Center Point, Texas 78010

Kings Mill, Texas

Greetings in Christ's Name! We have just accepted the job of pastoring the Kings Mill, Texas church. We are enthused and grateful for a place to work for the Lord. We have had good turn-outs for the services thus far and a big Texas greeting from those in our community. We are planning a Children's Crusade for the 14th - 18th of August in the evenings. Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Byerly of Kerrville, Texas will be our outside help. Pray much for our labours here, that they may be fruitful.

We want to say also, that we certainly enjoyed our last three years at the church in Prosperity, Missouri. Remember that church in your prayers. I Thess. 5: 25.

Lyndel Arnall, Pastor
Rt. 1, Box 253,
Pampa, Texas

Faith Chapel and Student Center, Canyon, Texas:

We are happy to report that the Lord's work is moving ahead here in Canyon. We are very anxious to begin our new educational building on the West Texas State University campus, but have a few things that are holding us up for a few weeks. By the time of the printing of this issue we hope to be underway in construction.

We had two very good work nights at our Chapel this past week and it all looks so clean and beautiful that our worship services seem more joyful.

At this writing we are looking forward to having Duane Methvin with us for a Children's Crusade, July 5-9. We appreciate Bro. Duane's ministry to the children and are thankful for the good reports concerning his work.

Bro. Marcus just returned from taking 36 Panhandle area young people to the South Texas Singing School and Youth Camp. He reports that the Lord was very gracious to them as they traveled with the bus. We are happy that our bus can be used for the Lord in this way.

The majority of our students who graduated this spring from the university here are staying in Canyon and are working with us in our work here. We praise the Lord for this and are looking forward to a very profitable summer.

Pauline Ditto, Reporter

Westminster, Colorado

The Lord continues to richly bless us. There were three souls saved in regular services and eleven were baptized in water.

Many of our young people attended youth camp this summer and a number of our people are making plans to attend the camp meeting in Laverne, some for the week-end and others for the entire encampment.

On May 15 a surprise dinner was given for our pastor and his wife to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. We all wish them many many more.

Our Bible School this year was directed by Sis. Alvera Brening and was a great success. We had an enrollment of 64 and many of these had a perfect attendance record. At the program on Saturday night there was a total of 104 parents and children and visitors present. We want to thank our director and all of the teachers for all of the work and effort they put forth in making this a success. There were a number of young people that came forward and accepted the Lord.

**Noel Merritt, Reporter
Rev. Bob Taylor, Pastor**

Max and Dorothy Pennington wrote that they had a good VBS in Taneyville, Missouri in the first part of June with seven conversions. They also had a Kids' Crusade in Katy, Texas immediately following that with 97 enrolled and an average attendance of around 65. Many were saved and several sanctified. They would like it known that they are available for calls. Their address is 2123 Huntington Dr., Arlington, Texas 76010, phone 817-277-2626. They prefer child evangelism, but are not limited to this type of ministry.

Enid, Oklahoma

The Lord continues to meet with us to bless in the services and some of the sick we requested prayer for are much better. We wish to thank each one for their prayers. Continue to remember us in your prayers for the Lord's direction concerning our work for Him.

We enjoy the paper and appreciate your faithful labours very much, Sis. Naomi.

George Hintergardt, Pastor

Bro. and Sis. Hintergardt write that they will be leaving Enid, Oklahoma and moving back to Baxter Springs, Kansas, August 17. Bro. and Sis Elmer Christenson and family will be the new pastors at Enid.

Lovington, New Mexico

We are in need of a pastor. Bro. and Sis. Elmer Christenson have resigned after nearly two years of working here in our church. We earnestly covet the prayers of the Christian people for our church. We have a very nice church building but the attendance is small and varies quite a little. We need someone with a missionary burden to win new souls to Christ. So many of the old timers have passed away or moved elsewhere. It will take much visitation, hard work and prayer and it will be necessary for the one coming to be partially self-supporting. If anyone should feel a real burden for this church please contact the Board of Directors:

Harvey Blancett, phone 505-396-3832;
Alexander Wisnoski, phone 505-396-3840,
Lovington, New Mexico 88260 — or
D. C. Ware, phone 915-758-2547,
Box 1087, Seminole, Texas 79360.

Bro. and Sis Everett Caudill are our very dedicated Senior citizen members. She will soon be 90 and he will be 89 in August. May God bless them.

D. C. Ware, Board Chairman

Galena, Kansas

Our DVBS was held June 5th through the 9th, with our closing exercises on Friday night. Sixty-five students received certificates for completing the school. Sis. Bonnie Clanton was in charge of the school this year. The children bought an extra tray and glasses for the communion set and a new lamp for the organ.

Bro. Paul has started some chart lessons on Wednesday night on God's Plan of the Ages.

Our Youth Group chartered a bus on Saturday, June 10 and went to Eureka Springs, Arkansas to attend the Great Passion Play. They also visited the "Christ of the Ozarks Statue" which is seven stories high. Mr. and Mrs. DeWane Hansen are the youth leaders. The young people did odd jobs to earn money for the trip.

**Rita Robinson, Reporter
Paul Clanton, Pastor**

CHURCH NEWS



Dear Report Readers:

It has been our privilege for the past nine months to be in many of our churches for revivals, week-end services, filling in for absent pastors, and helping in whatever way we could. We wish to say a sincere thank you to all the churches and pastors who opened their doors to us as God helped us to minister His Word. We are very glad for the opportunity we had to work with Evangelists Edwin Modrick, Jim Morris, and O. A. Busch in revivals. We must say it has been to our benefit. We were able to be in about 20 different churches and get acquainted with many that we had not known before. Of course, there were some churches that gave us invitations to come that we just were not able to accept thus far due to our busy schedule. This we regret.

We are now open for calls to pastor. We have enjoyed this year of evangelism as the Lord has blessed us, but now we feel it is God's will for us to return to pastoring. It is our desire to be used to the glory of God wherever He sees fit to send us.

**In Christ Love,
Ollie and Anna Kinser,
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Bethpage, Missouri

The old fashioned brush arbor revival in the Bethpage, Union Chapel community was visited by the outpouring of God's Spirit. A camp meeting atmosphere prevailed with different ministers preaching each night and singers coming in from all the surrounding churches.

Some of the speakers were: Otto Busch, Ronnie Martin, Lee Brock, Ted Barker, Paul Clanton, Onal Nunn, Johnnie Williams, Johnnie Scruggs and several other ministers. There were approximately ten conversions, several sanctified and others filled with the Holy Ghost. This meeting started July 13 and closed out Sunday night, July 23, after a full day of services that included dinner on the ground and a baptismal service and singing in the afternoon. Sugar Creek was the site of the baptismal service. Large crowds attended each night.

The ministers in charge of this campaign were Olen Bachler and Bob Cooper. Bro. Cooper led the singing each night and Bro. Bachler was the master of ceremonies. Bro. and Sis. Lee Brock and their family helped with the music each night. Plans are underway to erect an open tabernacle on the Arvul Kidd place for an annual revival such as this one.

Bro. O. A. Busch is scheduled to start a revival in the Union Chapel Church Sunday, August 20. This is the Sunday following the camp meeting in Laverne, Okla.

Bob Cooper, Pastor

Rockdale, Texas

God has blessed us in many ways here in Rockdale. Bro. Dwayne Methvin has been with us since last August. We appreciate his work and labor for the Lord here. He left May 13th to work in VBS work in other churches. May God bless his efforts for the Master.

I have resigned as pastor of the Rockdale church effective in August. We have pastored here for three years and are now open for calls to pastor elsewhere.

Danny E. Robinson

Guymon, Oklahoma

We are thanking God for real good attendance in our church. The past several weeks we have run from 101 to 140. Bro. Modrick's record is out and we all are enjoying it. It is entitled "Can You See God".

We have enjoyed a good VBS, Youth Camp and Singing School. We are continuing prayer meetings — Ladies' Prayer Meeting Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock and Men's Prayer Fellowship Breakfast at 6 a. m. on Thursday.

We are thankful to have Kenny and LaDonna Priest as the new Student Directors at Goodwell now. May God bless their efforts.

Edwin Modrick, Pastor

Sister Lula Parham is rejoicing in the miraculous healing touch to her body. She left the rest home the week-end of July 23 and is now at her sister, Lela's home (Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hoops, 325 W. 11th St., in Baxter Springs, Kansas. Ph. AC 316 No. 856-5406). She is getting around on her own and doesn't have to use the walker or wheel chair any more. It is a miracle that she is still with us and she says to tell everyone from the oldest to the youngest that she is so grateful and wants to thank everyone for their prayers and concern. She appreciates so much the way the movement stood by her during this severe trial and long illness. She is gaining strength every day and also gaining some of the weight she lost. Her eyes are bright and shiny and she's like her old self again, the Sis. Lula that we all love and appreciate. Continue to remember her in your prayers.

Sister Edna Schultz is in Denver with her sister. That address is c/o Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Allen, 7640 Greenwood Blvd., Denver, Colo. 80221. Another sister, Wilma Russell, is also with her there. When I talked to her on the phone Monday, July 24, Sis. Edna seemed a little better than she had been. Tuesday, 25th was to be her last of this series of cobalt treatments for the tumor that she has. Then there will be more tests run to determine her condition. Gaylon Lee is with Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Peck, Star Route, Edna, Texas. He seems happy and will be attending school there in the fall. Continue to remember them in your prayers. The phone number in Denver is AC 303 No. 429-0087.

Thelma Neff continues to improve. She is getting around at home with the help of crutches and the wheel chair and she is even driving the car some although she still isn't able to put any weight on the leg that's in a cast. She and the children are planning on being by themselves now and seeing how it works out. David's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Neff, have been with them most of the time since th accident and her family have taken turns coming to be with them. Continue to remember this courageous family in your prayers.

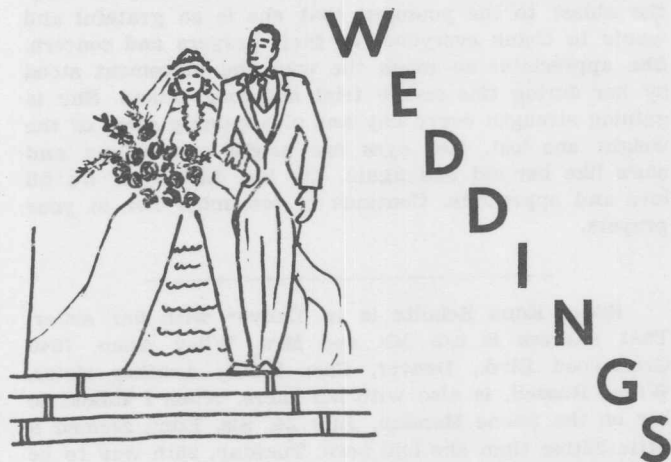
Apostolic Faith Church Tomball, Texas

(Front cover story)

This beautiful new church in Tomball, Texas was dedicated December 13, 1970 with a sermonette by Sis. Jessie Tucker and dedication sermon by Rev. Joe B. Dewees, also lots of good singing by local talent, especially the Bennie Stanberry family.

In the year 1925 the Katy Evangelistic Group held a tent meeting in Tomball, Texas which resulted in a church being built in Huffsmith, three miles from Tomball. Rev. J. K. Seber was the evangelist, and he was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Tucker, Chas. H. Stockdick, Uncle Buddy Cabiness, Lucy Romack Waterbury, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dewees of Hempstead, Texas. Rev. Seber remained the pastor until his death in 1962. After his death Bennie Stanberry and his wife served as pastors, and are still working faithfully here. We are grateful to the Lord for this new church. The new building and location has been good for us and we are growing in numbers as well as spiritually. We invite all of you to visit us anytime; you are always welcome.

A. B. Stanberry, Sr., Pastor
Thelma Neff, Reporter



Michael Dean Waterbury and Betty Ellen Crawmer were united in marriage Friday, July 21 at 7:30p. m. in the Granby Gospel Tabernacle, Granby, Missouri. The ceremony was performed by Mike's father. Mike's parents are Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Waterbury of Liberal, Kansas, and Betty's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ezra S. Crawmer of Fairview, Missouri. Mike will be attending the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and Betty already has a job there. We wish this fine young couple God's best.

Patty Ann Deal and Danny Arnold Manning were united in marriage in the Apostolic Faith Church in Laverne, Oklahoma, at 7 p. m. Friday, June 2. Rev. Jack Cornell officiated. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Deal of Laverne, Oklahoma and Mrs. James Arnold of Hardesty, Oklahoma. They will be at home in Amarillo, Texas, where the groom is attending college and employed at St. Anthony's hospital.

Youth Camp Report:

The Four-State Youth Camp of the Apostolic Faith convened at Baxter Springs, Sunday, June 18, at 2:00 with enrollment and classes beginning Monday morning. We had an enrollment of 125 not including the pre-camp class. Many have expressed their feeling of this being the most relaxing and spiritually refreshing camp in many years. For this we are deeply appreciative to the Lord, and we praise Him for His wonderful works to the children of men.

Bro. Otto Busch brought soul stirring, thought provoking messages in a special class for the teen-agers. Sis. Naomi Busch arranged the special music, and each night the Youth brought songs inspired and blessed of the Holy Spirit. The nightly messages were annointed but all were plain and advanced on the level of those listening until even the youngest could understand. As a result there were 38 saved, 34 sanctified, 17 received the Holy Spirit, and 24 were baptized in water.

The Juniors had handcraft making napkin holders under the teachers, Sis. Irene Hollis and Brenda Clanton, with others assisting.

We appreciate the committee, cooks, teachers, counselors and everyone who helped to make the camp what it was for the glory of the Lord.

OBITUARY OF FRED FERGUSON

Fred Ferguson, 84, of 212 N. Roane St., Webb City, Missouri, died at 8:10 a. m. Monday, July 10, 1972 at Oak Hill hospital in Joplin, where he had been a patient since June 1.

Mr. Ferguson was born April 14, 1888. He lived in Webb City for the past 25 years. He was a retired employee of the Frisco Railroad Company and a member of the Frisco Church of Webb City. He lived a consistent Christian life and was a blessing to all he came in contact with. He loved singing and will always be remembered by most of us as he stood and sang "The Old Ship of Zion". Especially vivid in our memories is the part of the song that went "She rocks like she's loaded with the angels" for he always acted out that phrase with his hands and had a big smile on his face.

He leaves to mourn his passing: His wife, Celia May, and one daughter, Rovetta F. of the home; four sons, Ernest of Purdy, Mo., A. W. (Wapel) of Cassville, Mo., Earl of Joplin, Mo., and Derald of Las Vegas, Nev.; three brothers, Henry of Purdy, Mo., Ray of Monett, Mo., and W. F. of Washburn; one sister, Mrs. Pearl Broccard of Webb City, Mo., and a host of other relatives and friends.

Memorial services were in the Frisco Church, Wednesday, July 13, at 2:30 p. m. with Bros. Glayron K. Rees and Olen Bachler officiating. Burial wts in the Mt. Hope Cemetery with the Johnston Simpson Funeral home. Pallbearers were Charles Leonard, Bob Cassity, Eugene Ferguson, Gary Ash, Freddie Ferguson, and Derald Ferguson.

Please remember the Ferguson family in your prayers. They have had more than their share of burdens. Mother Ferguson is back in the hospital in Joplin since the funeral of Daddy Ferguson.

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Bounced

by Lon Woodrum

Years ago the vice-president of a bank in Pennsylvania invited me into his office and said, "If you have the time I'd like to tell you a story.

"I have the time," I said.

He began:

An evangelist came to this town once and preached before huge crowds. From my cynical viewpoint he was a spellbinder who rooked people out of their money. So, of course, I never attended his meetings.

But fortune arranged for me to meet this man. During his stay in our town he deposited his offerings in our bank and I, a cashier at the time, handled his account. As his money accumulated day after day I found it difficult to behave civilly toward him.

People came into the bank daily telling me about the sermons they heard and suggested I attend the gatherings. But their invitations were a waste. The rest of the town could be taken in by this smooth-tongued operator, but not I.

Finally on Monday following the close of the meeting, the evangelist came in to settle up his account. He had a number of checks to add to the stack that had already accumulated for him. Among the checks was a small one from a widow. I stood looking at it, feeling a sudden satisfaction over the opportunity to stick a harpoon into this money-grabbing preacher.

"I can't cash this one," I said, holding up the widow's check.

"Why not?" he asked.

"She hasn't a cent in the bank," I said smugly. "In fact, she is already overdrawn." Then I couldn't refrain from sinking the harpoon a bit deeper. "Besides we have a mortgage on her home for fifteen hundred dollars which is long past due. We will foreclose on her any time now." That ought to shake up this widow robber a little.

He frowned, then tore up the widow's check. He stepped from the window while I finished his account. Suddenly he placed a piece of paper before me and said, "Maybe you'll honor this one."

I stared down at a check for fifteen hundred dollars.

"This will take care of the lady's mortgage," the evangelist said. "Never mind telling her who paid."

"Why . . . ?" That one word was all I could manage.

He grinned at me and said, "Mister, a little woman with such great dedication deserves something more than

having her home taken away. Besides, did you ever read in the Book what one is supposed to do about widows and orphans?"

That incident nagged my mind for weeks. When I told the widow that her mortgage was paid, the joy that showed on her face was unforgettable. You'd never believe that so much happiness could come out of a check that bounced.

The nagging in me continued. I could think of only one reason why the evangelist had paid the mortgage. Certainly he hadn't tried to prove anything to me. He couldn't have cared less what I thought of him. He must have done what he did because he was a Christian.

The incident kept bothering me until I became a Christian.

The banker paused. I said, "That's quite a story."

He smiled. "Although I never heard him preach, I suppose you could say that I'm one of the converts of Billy Sunday."

— Christian Herald

FUNNY CHRISTIANS

A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows, — no good unless they are pushed.

Some are like canoes, — they need to be paddled.

Some are like kites, — if you don't keep a string on them they fly away.

Some are like footballs, — you can't tell which way they will bounce.

Some are like kittens, — they are more contented when petted.

Some are like balloons, — full of wind and ready to blow up.

Some are like trailers, — they have to be pulled along.

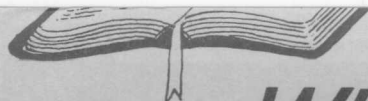
Others are like neon lights, — they keep going on and off.

And then, we thank the Lord for those that are like a good watch, — open faced, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.

Announcement:

We are happy to announce that our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd of 1616 Greenwood St., Wichita, Kansas 67211 will be celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary on August 9, 1972 at Faith Chapel, 6808 E. Harry St., from 2 until 5 p. m. Everyone is invited to share this happy occasion with us.

Mrs. Dean Lloyd,



Where to look in the Bible

WHEN—

Desiring inward peace—*John 14; Romans 8*
 Everything is going well—*Psalms 33:12-22; 100; 1 Timothy 6; James 2:1-17*
 You have been placed in a position of responsibility—*Joshua 1:1-9; Proverbs 2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15*
 Making a new home—*Psalms 127; Proverbs 17; Ephesians 5; Colossians 3; 1 Peter 3:1-17; 1 John 4*
 Wanting to live successfully with your fellowmen—*Romans 12*
 Anxious for dear ones—*Psalms 121; Luke 17*
 Business is poor—*Psalms 37, 92; Ecclesiastes 5*
 Discouraged—*Psalms 23, 42, 43*
 Everything seems to be going from bad to worse—*2 Timothy 3; Hebrews 13*
 Friends seem to go back on you—*Matthew 5; 1 Corinthians 13*
 Sorrow overtakes you—*Psalms 46; Matthew 28*
 Tempted to do wrong—*Psalms 15, 19, 139; Matthew 4; James 1*

Things look blue—*Psalms 34, 71; Isaiah 40*
 You can't sleep—*Psalms 4, 56, 130*
 You have quarreled—*Matthew 18; Ephesians 4; James 4*
 You are weary—*Psalms 95:1-7; Matthew 11*
 Worries oppress you—*Psalms 46; Matthew 6*

IF YOU—

Are challenged by opposing forces—*Ephesians 6; Philippians 4*
 Are facing a crisis—*Job 28:12-18; Proverbs 8; Isaiah 55*
 Are impatient—*Psalms 40, 90; Hebrews 12*
 Are bereaved—*1 Corinthians 15; 1 Thessalonians 4:13 to 5:28; Revelation 21, 22*
 Are bored—*2 Kings 5; Job 38; Psalms 103, 104; Ephesians 3*
 Bear a grudge—*Luke 6; 2 Corinthians 4; Ephesians 4*
 Have experienced severe losses—*Colossians 1; 1 Peter 1*
 Need forgiveness—*Matthew 23; Luke 15; Philemon*
 Are sick or in pain—*Psalms 6, 39, 41, 47; Isaiah 26; James 5:13-19*

WHEN YOU—

Feel your faith is weak—*Psalms 126, 146; Hebrews 11*
 Think God seems far away—*Psalms 25, 125, 138; Luke 10*
 Are leaving home—*Psalms 119; Proverbs 3, 4*
 Are planning your budget—*Mark 4; Luke 19*
 Are lonely or fearful—*Psalms 27, 91; Luke 8; 1 Peter 4*
 Fear death—*John 11, 17, 20; 2 Corinthians 5; 1 John 3; Revelation 14*
 Have sinned—*Psalms 51; Isaiah 53; John 3; 1 John 1*
 Want to worship God—*Psalms 24, 84, 116; Isaiah 1:10-20; John 4:1-45*

TO FIND—

The Ten Commandments—*Exodus 20; Deuteronomy 5*
 The Beatitudes—*Matthew 5:1-12*
 The Lord's Prayer—*Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 11:1-13*
 The Sermon on the Mount—*Matthew 5, 6, 7*
 The Great Commandments—*Matthew 22:34-40*
 The Great Commission—*Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-18*
 The Parable of the Good Samaritan—*Luke 10*
 The Parable of the Prodigal Son—*Luke 15*
 The Parable of the Sower—*Matthew 13; Mark 4; Luke 8*
 The Last Judgment—*Matthew 25*
 The Faith Chapter—*Hebrews 11*
 The Love Chapter—*1 Corinthians 13*
 Instructions regarding spiritual gifts—*1 Corinthians 12, 14*
 The Ascension of Jesus—*Acts 1:1-12*
 The Day of Pentecost—*Acts 2*
 The Temptation of Jesus—*Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13*
 The Magnificat of Mary—*Luke 1:46-55*
 The Holy Spirit outpoured on the Gentiles—*Acts 10*

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