

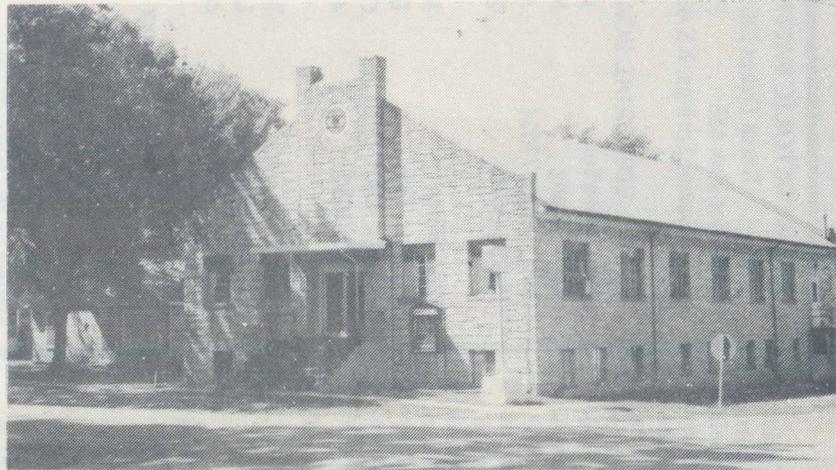
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Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.

ARTICLE VII Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Saviour. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine.

These common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows:

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit -
Creation and Formation

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation

Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.

Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body. A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by speaking in other languages.

Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.

A Ministry supported by tithes and offerings.

These basic doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teachings approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

A fugitive is one who is running from home.

A vagabond is one who has no home.

A stranger is one away from home.

And a pilgrim is on his way home.

Hebrews 11:8,10 "By faith, Abraham...went out, not knowing whither he went. For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

MAY WE DRIVE OUR TENTPINS SO
LIGHTLY INTO THE SOIL OF THIS EARTH
THAT IT WILL BE NO PROBLEM TO BREAK CAMP

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To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. Rev. 3:21

From the Superintendent's Desk



We began this semester with "tarry services" with Bro. O.A. Busch. The Presence of the Lord was with us, and many received what they longed for.

There have been some visitors so far; besides parents and friends of students, there have also been some ministers. Bro. E. K. Cornell held a Chapel Service for us one morning and Bro. Ron Seix held a two-day seminar on "teens ministry". We enjoy all our visitors and encourage others to come.

Our Valentine Banquet on Feb 11 had a good turnout. We enjoyed the music ministry of the Victory Men Quartet.

This semester will be over before we know it. We trust you will be making plans to come for the closing exercises. We need your input in the future of this ministry.

God bless,
Lyndel Arnall

Girl's Dorm Report

Things are winding down to a close here at Bible School for yet another year. Many are already expressing a desire to come back next year. The Lord has truly been gracious to us this last semester. He's healed our bodies and supplied our needs. There have been great strides forward in our spiritual lives. We've shared many great times of blessing.

When school started, we began with twelve girls and now with the close in only a few short weeks, we have eleven girls in the dorm. Three of these are second year students.

I'd like to just thank the Lord for such a wonderful group of girls this year. They've been so cooperative and I think such a unique group. I see great potential for ministry in each of them. There's not many 'good' young people left in this world, but I've been privileged to have worked with and lived with such wonderful women as these.

We have appreciated your prayers and financial support to make this year of blessing possible.

From the girl's dorm---may God bless you and reward you accordingly.

In His Service,
Kim Mathis

Bigness of Little Things

(I Corinthians 1:26-29)

I. In order to accomplish great deeds, God chose small things:

- A. A rod and a stuttering prophet (Moses) to free two million Israelites.
- B. A boy and five smooth stones to kill a giant.
- C. A boy, five biscuits and two fish to feed 5,000.
- D. A crude fisherman to preach a revival at Pentecost.
- E. A tiny baby in Bethlehem to redeem a lost world.

II. Ways we hinder God's work

- A. We are misled by society's stereotypes (John 1:46).
- B. We believe in greatness (Matt. 13:57).
- C. We neglect the importance of little things (Isa. 60:22).
- D. We overemphasize the importance of crowds (Matt. 18:20).
- E. We do not properly evaluate the training we get from small crises (Jer. 12:5).

The big things of life show *who* we are, but the little things of life show *what* we are. Are we involved in small deeds? *Do we consider all things important? Life is made up of trifles but life itself is no trifle.*

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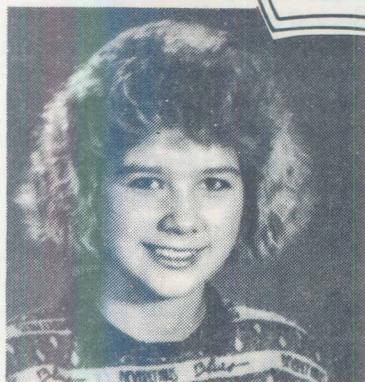
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TEEN TALK



Hi. My name is Cassie Wheeler and I am a junior at the Bentonville High School, a school with approximately 800 or 900 students. Last February I was a part of the small group of 24 teens of the Bentonville A Cappella Choir that were going to Archedelphia, AR to try out for All-State Choir. We left on February 2nd. It had been snowing some. The night we arrived at the motel, a close friend of mine asked if I wanted to go and have devotions with him and some friends. Although I didn't know the girls that we were to have devotions with, I soon got to know them. The Lord also worked it out to where I roomed with these Christian girls that night. We had a great devotion and prayer time and then the next day we found out that because of the bad weather, the tryouts had been postponed because not all of the schools could get there. We traveled to Conway and could go no farther because of the ice. We had to stay an unexpected night in another motel. I know now, as I felt then, that the Lord had a reason for having us stranded there.

I got to know these 4 other Christians better (and they got to know me, too) and found out that these people have the same desire and longing to serve the Lord as I do! We had all just given up on finding good strong Christian friends in our school. Part of the reason I love Youth Camp and Youth Retreat so much is because of the friends I have there with the same strong desire to serve the Lord as I have and I was always so sad when we left because I didn't think I would ever find friends like that in my own school. But there are friends like that in your school and the Lord showed me that this past weekend.

It was really great being able to share things with my new friends and they shared things with me. We listened to the Christian music that we all love and really had a great time in the Lord. The witness of our group and the way we acted seemed to have an impact on the other teenagers. When it was asked what we were doing in our room, it was answered that we were reading our Bible and they said that

it seemed that was all we did. But, they did see that we were a very happy group and I believe that will be an influence to them in the future.

We ended up staying 1 more night in the motel and I believe that that night's devotional was the best of all. We had another friend who wanted to have devotions with us so we had 6 people at the beginning. That night we talked about Christian Relationships and Friendships and our families. We talked about the scripture that says, "Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness..." II Corinthians 6:14 and about how important it is to have Christian friends who can help you and how you should be friends with the unsaved, but shouldn't be so close to them that you participate in the things they do because you have Jesus with you all the time and if you do the things they do that aren't right then it's tearing Him down and they are bringing you down. Also, people associate you with your friends that you hang around. One of the girls in the group used the illustration that it's like if you're trying to pull someone out of a pool, it's easier for them to pull you in than it is for you to pull them out. That's why it's important to stay with your Christian friends and be strong so that when others see, they will want to come and see what it's all about.

As our devotion was going on probably 2 1/2 hours, there was a knock at our door and 3 more teens wanted to come and see what we were talking about. So we continued to have our devotion with all 9 of us and it was so great! We opened up to each other and talked about our Christian lives. Some of them talked about the things that they had been into in the past and how the Lord has helped them through that and helped them to draw closer to Him and how their desire now is to do God's Will. The testimonies of those people were so touching and it seemed to draw us all close to each other. You could really feel a bond between us. God really had a plan for having us there. It was so hard to believe that we've all been going to the same school and never realized the Christian friends and fellowship that we could have.

As we talked, the importance of keeping this bond between us when we went back to school was stressed. We decided that we're going to start having morning devotions every morning before school. We wanted to have it out in the open like in the library or cafeteria so that people would see us and might want to know what it's all about. We also decided to have a Bible Study 1 night a week at a friend's house. I believe that God has a purpose for us getting together and I believe that these Bible Studies will grow in the Lord's time.

We are all very thankful that the Lord brought us together. I love all my new Christian friends dearly and I really am looking forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for us at Bentonville High School in the future. At the end of our 3 hour and 45 minute devotion the last night, one of the girls said, "Thanks guys. Tonight has been a real blessing to me." Those 4 days were a real blessing to all of us and we praise God that He showed us some Christian friends in our own school, even when we

were ready to give up.

I just want all of the teenagers that may read this to know that even when it may seem hopeless and no one is there, they can just pray and God will show them Christian friends that care. Another one of the girls in our group said that before our trip she had said that there were "no Christian friends at our school that she wanted to be friends with," but with the Lord's help, we now all have true Christian friends we can turn to in our very own school.

Love and Prayers,
Cassie Wheeler

P.S. I wanted to give you an update on the devotions. We have been going strong with the morning devotions for about a month now and have approximately 20 teenagers attending already. Praise the Lord!!

Editors Note: I would like to encourage other teenagers to send in their testimonies and share with us what God is doing in their lives. God bless all of our young people.

And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb, and by the word of their testimony... Rev. 12:11

In July of 1988, the cancer verdict was pronounced upon me. This was an evaluation by four different hospital pathology departments after extensive testing. The diagnosis was cancer of the prostate gland and lymphoma.

My family and I were devastated. Our whole world stood still. After the initial shock, I checked out of the hospital and went home to consider our options. Friends and family were with us, supporting us in prayer.

In obedience to God's word, we called for the elders of the church to anoint with oil and pray. A prayer meeting was held in our home that night. God met with us as I was anointed and prayed for. Between thirty and forty were kneeling in our living room and others called to say they were having special prayer at the same time. Many testified to God's special presence and encouraged me to reach out and accept the healing for which we prayed. Shouts of victory were heard.

My surgery, a radical prostatectomy, was scheduled for August first. That allowed us to have enough time to attend part of the Camp Meeting at Laverne, Oklahoma. God richly blessed us there. Christian friends prayed for us and encouraged us to trust God to carry us through.

Upon our arrival at our home in Hempstead, we made the necessary arrangements to enter the hospital in Houston. The prostate surgery was successful according to

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There is no going back. There is no drawing against "tomorrow." You must live in the present...on today's deposits. Invest your time so that you get the utmost in health, happiness and success.

Evangelist of Truth

the doctor. Recovery seemed slow and tedious, but God was faithful to help us through each day.

We were very anxious about the report from the first battery of tests because some of the lymph glands were still obviously swollen. But when I conferred with both cancer specialists, they were amazed at the good progress.

Sixty days later I went for the same exotic blood tests, ultra sound and catscan. The evaluation showed continued improvement. I said "Praise the Lord." The lymphoma doctor said, "I don't know what you're doing, but whatever it is, keep it up! I would have expected this kind of improvement if I had been giving you chemotherapy, but your body is improving on its own." We knew exactly why. God was answering prayer.

About three months later, the same schedule of tests were given me except for the ultrasound. Again, there was improvement. The remaining lymphoma problem was enlarged nodes in the pelvic area. Even so, the doctor stated it was not serious enough to require chemotherapy and he also said it might never be needed.

We know nothing is impossible with God. He is all power in heaven and in earth. Nothing is too hard for Him. To Him be all honor and glory forever.

The doctor wants to schedule tests for me again in four months. I'm grateful that things are as well with me as they are, but I so desire to be able to testify to complete healing. And I want that testimony to be for God's glory.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you who prayed for me. Also, we appreciated all the visits, phone calls, cards and letters, and all the other ways you manifested your Christian love for me.

Kenneth Elkins
A. F. Report



In the MAIL

Midway Church, Logan, OK

We are enjoying Bro. and Sister Neal Ragan's ministry at Midway Church. They are working to see our church grow. There has been sickness and cold weather to hinder our attendance.

We also enjoy Bro. Steve Arnall's lessons in the adult S.S. Class on doctrinal subjects. We are now on Revelation Chapter 12. He is doing an outstanding job.

Sister Georgia Bridges is in charge of Rest Home Services at the Beaver Home and we thank her for the labor of love and concern she gives.

February 27 the church served a buffet supper at the Booker, Texas, nursing home. It was very enjoyable visiting the citizens of the home. The Lord blessed those that helped.

There were some that attended and enjoyed the Valentines' banquet at Baxter Springs from Midway.

Pauline Messner, Reporter
Neal Ragan, Pastor

Galena, KS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. God is still blessing our church families. The precious Holy Spirit is in all of our services convicting the lost and dealing with those who need a closer walk with Him. New faces are coming in and also some that were not attending on a regular basis. Each of us have a desire to see our families grow in the Lord. We had a wonderful Easter sunrise service, Bro. Jim Fox, Joplin, MO, preached for us. After the service we had a lovely breakfast fixed by some of the ladies of the church. God again met with us during our regular Sunday School time and morning service. We also had a few nights' revival with Bro. and Sis. Dave Robinson. God blessed their ministry and we were blessed. April 9th we enjoyed the ministry of the Apostolic Faith Bible College choir. We are very fortunate to have our college so close to us.

We are in the process of putting in a new ramp at the south side of the church and also putting up a new sign.

We invite all of our friends to come by and worship with us. Remember our shutins in your prayers.

Tom Day - Pastor
May Rowland - Reporter

Amarillo, TX.

"To the strangers scattered throughout...Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied." I Pt. 1,3. The Gospel continues to be preached and slowly, but surely, the church here is improving. We will always be grateful to the Lord Jesus for what He has done and will do for those that seek His face. The last revival meetings were in October. Brother Roland and Lela Katherine Busch were here for a

few days and then brother Randy Dalton continued with us for a few days more. Evergreen did an outstanding ministry in providing the music for us. There have been several visitors, and not just by chance did they come. Everyone here at present is well. To those who are concerned and support the Church, your labour is not in vain.

In His service always,
Ron Noble

Baxter Springs, Ks.

Greetings from the Baxter Chapel. In January we shared in the tarry services with the Bible College, we appreciated the burden carried by Bro. and Sis. Busch.

The church and Bible School hosted a baby shower for Steve and Karen Hackett and their new baby boy named David. There was also a reception given for the newlywed students Robert and Regina Lesley.

We celebrated the 80th birthday of Sis. Ruth Whitely by attending a reception in her home given by Bro. and Sis. Howard Whitely. We enjoy having Sis. Whitely in our congregation.

Two of our ladies, Emma Bell Ashley and Margaret Yeakel moved back to Wichita, KS. They will be missed in our services but they are still in our hearts.

We are enjoying the ministry of the Clantons. There has been some growth in attendance, but more importantly is the spiritual growth taking place.

RaeMona Robinson - Reporter
Paul Clanton - Pastor

Dear Friends of the Movement,

As of February 19, we have resigned as pastors of the Apostolic Faith Church in Bayard, Nebraska. Below is a letter we would like to share:

Dear Lord,

Thank you for Your Presence in all the times of our lives. I bask in the knowledge that you are unchanging and immoveable. Lord, you know how hard it has been for us to make this decision we've made. Even now, with full assurance that we are in your will, I wonder at what the future holds. But, you have given so many scriptures that reaffirm to us that we are to trust you fully and that you will lead us:

Ps. 34:8-10

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good:
Blessed is the man that trusts in Him.

Oh fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good things.

Ps. 36:7-8

How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of your wings. They are abundantly satisfied

with the fullness of your house, And you give them drink from the river of your pleasures.

Ps. 84:11-12

For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

Jeremiah 29:11

I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Isa. 30:21

And your ears shall hear a word behind you saying, This is the way, walk in it, Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.

It is not for us to understand Your workings.

Isa. 55:8-9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Jesus, I ask that you would teach us and lead us into all truths in the next few months as I know that is what we need right now.

Lord, my greatest concern is for those people that are left. Gather them into your arms and cover them with your love. Thank you for the opportunity we've had to minister to them. I thank you that you have granted a release to some measure of our burden for them. We love them, God and pray for guidance in their lives.

Our lives are in your hands, Lord, and we believe you are out ahead opening the way.

Isa. 43:19

Behold I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it and know it, and will you not give heed to it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

In Jesus Name

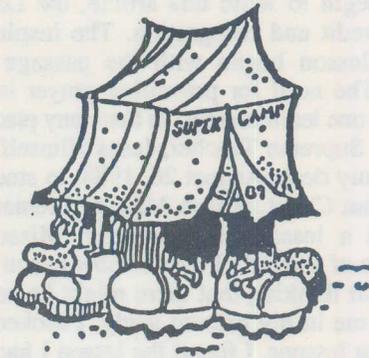
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Please pray for us as we seek the Lord's will in our lives. He is ever-faithful. Praise His Name!

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Super Camp '89



JUNE 26-30

Dear Fellow Laborers,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a pleasure to come to you once again in behalf of Super Camp '89.

We as a committee are excited and thrilled with the prospects for Super Camp '89. We feel this will be a splendid opportunity for the teenagers of our movement and friends of our movement to get acquainted with each other and establish friendships that will last eternally.

The committee has agreed that the two things we want to see more than any other thing from Super Camp '89 is (1) spiritual renewal and awakening and (2) pure, clean fun and fellowship. We feel this camp can be a vital vehicle in the promotion of the Bible College.

Among the curriculum on the agenda will be a very interesting study into God's Word. We are also going to have some very interesting music classes. Camp Arrowhead also offers a lot of recreational activities which should round out a very good camp.

The committee is now complete, and we have already had a lengthy conference call to try to set Super Camp '89 into motion. The members of the committee are Bro. Jim Fox, Joplin, MO, Bro. Richard Morris, Pine Hill, AL, Bro. Tim Barker, Katy, TX, and Ted Barker, Guymon, OK.

I have been associated with camps long enough to know the most important ingredient of a successful camp is prayer. I employ you as a minister to encourage your church to place this camp on your prayer list. Remember that Super Camp '89 is in no way intended to replace our district camps, but it is intended to enhance them.

Please announce, promote, and pray for this camp. After all, the most important people you have in your church is your young people. Without them, you are a dying church.

May God bless you and please feel free to contact me or any of the committeemen.

Sincerely,
Ted Barker

Teach Us To Pray

"TEACH US TO PRAY"

As I begin to write this article, the Lord first is to have the credit and recognition. The inspiration for the following lesson began with the passage of Matthew 26:36-43. The need for prevailing prayer is evident, but where does one learn to pray? Is there any place better to go than to the Supreme Teacher, Jesus Himself? I think not. As I sat at my desk, August 26, 1988, to study the pattern of prayer that Christ gave in Matt. 6, I remembered that I had taught a lesson at Prosperity, Missouri, entitled "Conditions of Prayer". I didn't know exactly when I had taught it, but thinking that there might be something that could help me in my present study, I looked through my notes of past lessons. I found the lesson I had presented at Prosperity and noticed the date given - August 26, 1986! Two years apart, but exactly the same month and day, I had been studying to teach and to learn of prayer. "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after..." -Phil. 3:12. I pray that with the all-sufficient help of God, everyone that would be as He is will be enlightened, yea, convicted as the necessity of prayer. Christ said to "Come...learn of me,"-Matt. 11:28. Let us go to Him and He as our Helper, may we continue.

In Matthew 26, Jesus Christ, being just hours away from His crucifixion, had gone 'unto a place called Gethsemane and saith unto his disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.' Please, if possible, read this carefully and may the Holy Spirit reveal the reason for weakness. Christ, as many times, went to prayer but this time upon returning, found His friends asleep. His reproof came, "What, could ye not watch with me one hour?" The exhortation came, "Watch and pray.." The same reproof, the same correction, is given to the people of God and Jesus Christ today. 'What, in this way, in your manner of sleeping, is this how you regard my instructions of watching for this short time? I need you to watch, to keep awake, be vigilant to rise from obscurity, inactivity, ruin, non-existence and worship towards God.'

If these same scriptures, which are given by inspiration of God, do not awaken within each believer of Jesus Christ the realization of where power lies, is there then any hope remaining? In the Greek language, which Jesus was speaking, 'watch' does mean to rise from inactivity, obscurity, ruin and non-existence. A prayerless people are a spiritually inactive people for God, and rather than to 'awake to righteousness,' some would as soon give place to the heaviness of the eyelids. Christ is not condemning sleep, but He is saying that to sleep when the time calls for action is ruin. Christ Himself promised to give rest unto the weary in soul. Blessed be those today that faithfully pray, that worship towards the throne of grace. Unto those that remain asleep or near to, He desperately pleads that the hour is coming and now is the time to pray. Let none be ignorant of the fact that Jesus loves you. He always has and always will, but with love there is of necessity correction, instruction in righteousness

by the teaching of doctrine. Please, rise from non-existence to a life abundant in Christ Jesus. Proverbs 6:9 "How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise from out of thy sleep?"

Luke 11:1 "And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray.." Only for a time did Jesus cease to pray, for He knew the importance of prayer. His disciples had seen Him many times as Jesus taught them by example and now about to teach them by Word. Christ knew that His earthly walk would never succeed without His heavenly talks, and He showed this by starting His ministry in prayer, Lk. 3:21, and ending in the same, 23:46. Prayer is the divine communication between earth and Heaven; between those that speak and he that listens.

Matthew records so beautifully this greatest lesson ever taught. Matthew 6:5-13.

Please remember Christ is speaking to those who would, by their living of the Word, enter the Kingdom. He is speaking to those that have an ear to hear the Truth and are asking 'what shall I do to inherit (not purchase) eternal life.' Everyone who would be like Christ must take heed to his lesson of prayer, for without prayer no one can be like Him. One cannot begin to study this passage of prayer at verse nine without missing what Christ instructs before one is even ready to pray. He starts teaching at verse five: "When thou prayest, thou shall not be as the hypocrites are.." Here is Christ's explanation of a hypocrite. They are men and women who seek for the praise of others more than the praise of God; they would rather be noticed by man than by the One who sees all anyway; they are people that pray to be seen, but not by God. As sure as there is a reward for the prayerful, there is a reward for prayers full of pride. Pride results from being seen but the result of pride is shame. Pro. 11:2 - "When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom." A hypocritical man that prays and a man that doesn't pray at all are both abominations to God, and that is nothing to be proud of. Lest we forget, may the Word of Old bring to heart the warning for an apparent display of Godliness? Matt. 7:21-23, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter...but he that doeth.."

Verse six: In verse five, Jesus has told those that were listening how not to be and now He informs them how to be. To keep from being seen, enter into thy closet (a chamber for privacy). Prayer is not to obtain the attention of men, rather the attribute that must accompany prayer is humility! O, such a word to be used today when self-conceit, self-esteem, self-interest is impressed upon so many hearts, Christians also. Read carefully Lk. 18:9-14. Notice to whom the words are addressed! A great, religious leader (?) was stating before himself how far superior he was to the publican. The action of the publican, overcome with sincere humbleness, 'would not lift up so much as his eyes'. Verse 14 begins, "I tell you..." Let us listen to what He tells us. What was Ezra's reaction, ch. 9:5-6, upon hearing that God's Israel had not separated themselves from

the ungodly? "I fell upon my knees...And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face." The only way that you and I, my friend, can approach the throne boldly is with reverence and Godly fear. No other approach is acceptable. Psa. 89:7 -"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him." Humbleness and respect - the two great virtues which seem so downgraded, especially by those that almsgive, pray, and fast, only to be noticed by others. Inward wickedness and outward righteousness God despises. Psa. 5:9. Are you understanding this requirement: Instead of standing to be seen, Christians need to enter into a place of solitude, much as Jesus did, Lk. 5:16, and close the door, the entrance to the closet. You may have heard said before, 'With eyes closed and no one looking around, please bow your heads.' Because eyes are windows to the mind, they need to be closed in order to better concentrate on Him. Where can one always go to find a place of privacy? Dear Reader, you may always go to the Haven of Rest. Psa. 71:3. "Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress." Finally, in verse six, there is assurance of an open reward, which is the prayer answered for a testimony to all of God's hearing and doing power.

Verse seven: requirement of specification. But when you pray (often hopefully) do not repeat words in pretence to God only desiring to be thought of as devout by others. Importunity (to urge persistently) is not being spoken against, rather repetition to be heard by other than God. God will always hear a sincere plea. People who think (foolishly so) to be heard by repeating are vain heathens speaking vain things. Why should it matter if man hears? Only God can answer. Job 35:12-13. When praying, learn to be specific, rather than vague and general, not really sure if He cares. We can have confidence that if we ask anything according to His will, He will hear us. We don't have to tell God again and again what we need, for He understands perfectly! He does want us to show Him how much we desire the prayer to be answered by earnestly praying for it.

Verse eight: commandment concerning conformity. Having shown what hypocrites and heathens are, Jesus says, "Be not ye therefore like unto them." Christians are to be so distinct, so peculiar, so opposite of all unrighteousness that by one's living may show forth the praises of Him, and not of self. 'For your Father knoweth before.' What better statement could tell of the foreknowledge, the all-wisdom of God? Not only does He know, He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we could ever ask or think. Eph. 3:20-21. 'Well, because He already knows, I don't need to ask,' someone might say. Prayerlessness will be the church's downfall and ruin..Don't believe this lie! Yes, He knows our downsittings and uprisings, but does this mean we are not to ask? No, never! James, 4:2,3, inspired by God no doubt when he wrote 'Ye fight and war, yet ye have not, (why) because ye ask not.' Christian (?) people that fight and war among themselves to obtain what they desire won't receive with peace, for it

is to the Lord we should look for the answer. It is better to put your trust in the unshakable Rock than in temporary soil. Another reason for not receiving is asking wrongly, wanting only to satisfy some earthly lust. Only when we delight ourselves in the Lord, not ourselves in ourselves, then will we be given the desire of our heart. Remember also, the need we have and the request we make may be two different issues. We, as Christ seekers, should always want what we need, but we may not always need what we want. So when you pray, my friend, and it seems that you don't receive, examine your motive in your request. You may be asking amiss. Whatever you pray, delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give the desires of your heart.

Ron Noble

Some where.....

...a mother is trying to make up her mind whether to let a surgeon do an operation on her only son, that may take his life.

...a man, whose son didn't come home last night, is walking through a door marked, "City Morgue."

...a wife, whose marriage has "gone on the rocks" is on the street corner flirting with a man she knows will destroy her fidelity.

...a man is sitting on his bed toying with a pistol, while his wife is shrieking at him from the bottom of the stairs to come down and explain his recent whereabouts.

...a young woman is being wheeled into the delivery room from which she knows that mother OR child (not mother AND child), will be wheeled out.

...a tired doctor is shaking his head and saying, "Terminal cancer."

...a woman is wondering how she is going to tell her son that she knows he is the criminal the police are looking for.

AND SOMEWHERE...

...a contented "Christian" decides to stay home from the worship of the Lord because he has nothing in particular for which to be thankful.

...Bess Stewart

Not forsaking the
assembling of ourselves
together, as the manner of
some is; but exhorting one
another: and so much the
more, as ye see the day
approaching. Hebrews 10:25

WHAT SHALL I GET?

Matt. 19:27-30 "Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them. Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, he also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first."

I don't know what brought this into present day negotiations, but now the customary thing is to settle on the pay before the job is done. I can remember, and many of you remember the same, when you accepted the job; did the work and then the negotiations began about the pay. How much do you want? Whatever you think I'm worth. Generally it was a rate per day the employer could afford to pay and the employee was glad to get: a little money for an honest day's work. A dollar a day and if you were a good worker you might get two dollars a day. If somebody paid five dollars a day, that was a generous employer and there was a contest among the employees to work for such a generous employer.

I remember the first job for pay I got as a young man. I milked 9 cows morning and night. Fed the calves, and pigs, and ran the milk through the separator. Through the day I did odd jobs around the farm. I was in school so this was during the summer months. I worked the first month. The farmer gave me \$12.50 and board and room. I remember quite well splurging the first Saturday night after getting that first month's pay. I bought a banana split at the local confectionary. The local drug store served ice cream. That banana split cost me 15 cents. I really never thought about how much work I put out for those few minutes' enjoyment. That was the best banana split I ever ate. I could pay for that banana split and have money - lots of money - left. \$12.35.

I wonder if some today are not taking the common negotiation procedure. Now Lord, What will I get if I forsake all to follow thee? I believe we should forsake all and follow Jesus and then be pleased with the pay. I believe Jesus will give us more than we really deserve. Don't you agree? How can anyone place a work value on eternal life? There are other rewards besides eternal life. None of these can be valued in dollars and cents. Besides it is foolish to think we can work our way into God's blessings. Christianity requires faith and works, but we can't place a value on our works. We must work with a willing effort knowing that God and Jesus will do better by us than we deserve.

Simon Peter was concerned about the pay. He said, "We have forsaken all." That is the way we'll have to do: forsake all to follow Jesus and leave the pay - reward - in His hands. Simon Peter added, "What shall we have therefore?" Jesus answered him, "Ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in

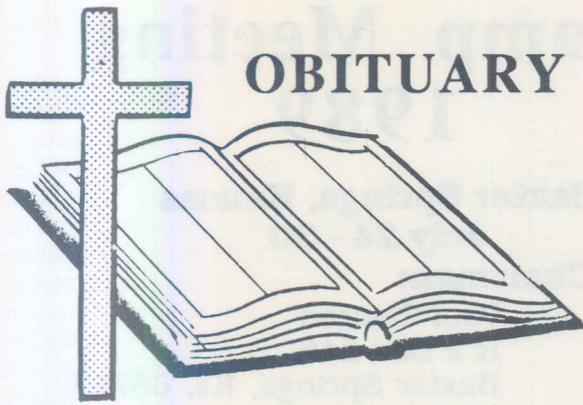
the throne of his glory, shall sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

There is a lengthy verse in the Revelation of Jesus Christ as given to John, Chapter 20, verse 4 that explains these words of Jesus. Also, we need to consider Chapter 7, verses 1 through 8. First Rev, 20:4 "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands, and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." This has to be after the anti-christ because it speaks of the mark in their foreheads or in their hands. It has to be after Jesus comes back because He is to rule the world, in righteousness, for a thousand years. The twelve Apostles will sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Rev. 7:1-8 explains that there is a literal seal given to twelve thousand of each tribe of the children of Israel. Christ shall inherit the heathen, the 144,000 of literal Israel, and all that are left from the destruction of God's vengeance on the ungodly administered by Jesus when He fights the battle of Armageddon bringing God's judgment on the wicked. Christ will be King. Each Apostle will rule twelve thousand Israelites. One for each tribe. The 144,000 spoken of in Rev. 14:1-5 are redeemed from among men being the first fruits of Jesus. They will rule over five and ten cities. Luke 19:16-19. Thus will Jesus reign a thousand years in righteousness.

Jesus did not stop there. He told the Apostles what reward was reserved for the faithful. Apparently this satisfied the Apostles because they accepted his answer. For us Matt. 19:29-30, "And everyone that hath forsaken houses or brethren, or sisters, or fathers, or mothers, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." Not only do the Apostles receive extra benefits but every one that forsakes all, to follow Jesus, shall receive a hundredfold and everlasting life. That is a marvelous percentage - a hundredfold and everlasting life. Mark 10:29-30 wrote this. "And Jesus answered and said, "Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake and the gospel's. But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions, and in the world to come eternal life." It will pay well to forsake all to follow Jesus. The harder we work for Jesus, the better the reward. Man can not out-do God.

The last verse proves that there will be equality: "But many that are first shall be last; and the last first." God and Jesus will see to it that every one gets a just reward. No one will be cheated. The big item is: How much will we forsake? There is no way to out-fox Jesus. He knows just exactly how much we forsake. What shall we get? That depends on how much we forsake.

Donald D. Dibben



OBITUARY

Susan C. Shonk

Services for Susan C. Shonk, 43, of 103 Ellendale Drive, Evansdale, Iowa were February 2 at Faith Assembly of God Church, Elk Run Heights, with burial in Garden of Memories Cemetery, Waterloo.

She died January 29 at Allen Memorial Hospital.

She was born October 8, 1945, in Tacoma, Washington, daughter of Virgil and Phyllis Doehle Lyndgaard. She married the Rev. Paul Shonk on October 7, 1967, in Evansdale.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Larry of Evansdale; a brother, Gary Lyngaard of Evansdale; and her mother of Evansdale; she was preceded in death by her father.

SLEEP WELL AND IN PEACE MY LOVE

Genesis 2:24 - Therefore shall a man leave his Father and Mother, and cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. On October 7, 1967, the Lord gave to me, Susan C. Lyndgaard, to be my wife. For 21 years I thought I understood this verse, but on January 29, 1989, the Lord, a very skilled surgeon, removed Susan Shonk from my life, Praise the name of the Lord!

I was told that I had the right to ask or even demand of God why, but I stood before Him and said, "Lord, I will not ask you why. You had a reason, and your wisdom and knowledge is far more than I can understand. Just to know that you are on the throne and that nothing can happen without your consent is sufficient to me, for it is written, all things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28). He then brought this to my mind, I Cor. 10:13.... "But God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it, she will not have to suffer the things that are about to come upon the earth." I shouted praises unto the Lord, and was comforted. This is only of the reasons He has made known unto me, and I am satisfied.

Some have told me that I must mourn my wife's death. They tell me that I will first deny her death, then I will suffer depression, accept her death then learn to deal with it. They tell me that it will take 3 or 4 months before I really start dealing with it. I have been known as one who takes very little store in what they say, but go to the word

of God and see what He says. I Peter 5:6-7 - Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt (life) you in due time: casting all your cares upon him; for he careth for you. I Thess. 4:13-14 - But we would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope, for if we believe that Jesus died, and rose again, even so borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows...Phil. 4:19 - But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

You may ask, is there no tears? Oh yes, my friends, the paper upon which I write is stained with tears. Tears because I miss her, I miss her voice, her singing. I will miss her scolding, because most of the time she was right. I will miss all the times we had together, because 21 years of love cannot be forgotten. Some of the tears are because of Joy caused by the love of God and the love and concern of my Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Yes, there are tears, but greater yet is the Joy and Hope, because the promises of our God are true. Someday I will hear her lift her voice and sing praises unto our King, and I shall join her, and all my brethren, in His praise throughout eternity. I join the Psalmist in saying, Psalms 91:2 - I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: My God, in him will I trust.

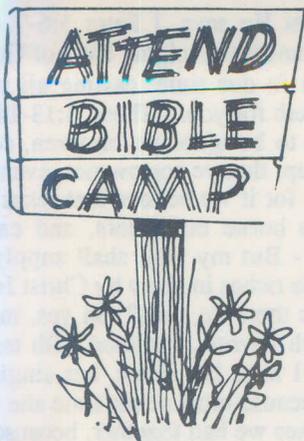
The greatest comfort to me at this time is found in I Thess. 4:13-18 - But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even so others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the Dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words. Read it with prayer, understand by the Spirit, and come rejoice with me.

My parting words to Susan were, sleep well, and in peace my love.

Paul Shonk

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