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Front row left to right—Lyford Freeman, Opal Freeman, Kathy Arnall, Lyndal Arnall. Second row—Kathy Arnall, Johnny Arnall, Dora Beydler, Robert Beydler. Third row—Deana Fish, Janae Harris, Tony Bartel, Barbara Jacobs.

Each of these faculty members carry a special burden as they endeavor to follow the leadership of the Lord as they work at the Apostolic Faith Bible College this year. May we as children of God do our best to support them prayerfully and financially so that together we may see God's Word go forth from this place.

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God's Word, Still the Same

The first "Apostolic Faith Report" was published in 1898 under the direction of Rev. Charles Fox Parham. Since that first issue many changes have taken place. In going through the back issues of the Report, many of these changes are very evident. The size of the paper has varied as has the printing and the paper used. Many different ones have filled the position as editor. The location of the Report office has also changed several times since that first issue. As time goes on I'm sure many more changes will come, but the one thing that will never change is the precious Word of God that has been printed in its pages. Down through the ages God's Word has brought power to those in weakness, reassurance to those that are sad, encouragement to those discouraged, satisfaction to those hungry and needing to be filled, health to the sick, and salvation to the soul.

Our world today is unstable and there is nothing that we can hold to except the Word of God.

In Mark 13:31 we find God's Word to be imperishable. Luke 4:22 records the graciousness of His Word and the might of God's Word we find in Luke 4:32. John 6:63 & 68 tells us His Word is spirit and lifegiving. John 7:46 makes us to know the Word is incomparable. God's Word also judges, John 12:48. John 14:24 indicates the divinity of the Word. The assurance of eternal life is given by the Word if it is kept, John 8:51. We have the promise of a comforter according to the Word in John 14:15. Divine fellowship is given to those that keep the Word, John 14:23. Assurance is ours for keeping the Word in I John 2:3. Revelation 3:8 reveals we have access unto God.

In this unstable changing world I am so thankful to have God's Word to hold on to, never changing and always able to accomodate any and every need we might have.

May we never take the Word of God for granted or handle it mechanically. Let each one of us do our part to

see these precious truths go out to those that have never anchored to or trusted in God's Word.

Thank God for His unchanging Word!

"Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."
Psalms 119:89

Karen Oakes

New "Reporters"



Front: Karen Oakes. Second row: Mary Turner, Lisa Baby, Donna Phelps, Donna Johnson. Third row: Billy York, Darrell McCance, Ronnie Hoskins. Fourth row: Tom Braden, Bill Barby, Victor Phelps, Mark Reed.

I am again privileged to be working with the Evangelism class of the Apostolic Faith Bible College and with their teacher Rev. Johnny Arnall. I thank the Lord for this wonderful group of God's children to work with. Pray for us as we labor together at the Report office.

—Karen



Rev. Johnny Arnall, Evangelism, Doctrine teacher,

AFBC News

Superintendent's Notes

The students are well into the routine of classes in this 1981 fall semester. We are pleased with those who have come to study and with the faculty, who are laboring so diligently in this ministry.

We have just finished revival services with Bro. & Sis. M. D. Methvin. Many in the school made new consecrations and received blessings of healing, sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Following the revival was a water baptismal with many participating in this ordinance. We appreciate Bro. & Sis. Methvin coming and even though the services have ended, we pray that revival spirit will linger.

The choir tour for this semester is scheduled for the week of October 11. Our plans are to visit the churches in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandle areas. There will be 27 traveling in the choir besides Bro. & Sis. Dennie Oakes. Sis. Karen will be representing the Apostolic Faith Report and Bro. Dennie will be driving the bus. We are looking forward to visiting the churches and sharing in the services.

We covet your prayers for the school that all endeavors and decisions will be guided by the Lord.

Sincerely,
Lyndel Arnall

Boy's Dorm

This is the day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

It is with joy that I can say that I am back at the job as Dorm Dad for a fine group of boys this year. After a little over a month we can see how the fellows have grown in the Lord and they are all filling their place where they are needed to help with the many details around here and, above all, they are taking their studies seriously. I have six fellows in the dorm this year in the first semester.

We have five married couples in school this semester and two part-time male students that do not live in the dorm. One part-time student drives from Joplin and one comes from Baxter Springs.

It is a thrill to see young people want to deepen their lives in the Word and in the Lord and to become established in the fullness of the Gospel when there is so much false teaching in the religious world. The Word of God is truth and does not change; it remains the same regardless of whether it is believed or not.

We just closed some special services with Brother M. D. Methvin who did some wonderful ministering to all of us. All of the messages were timely and soul stirring.

Some were baptized with the Holy Spirit and some were sanctified and saved. September the 13th, there were fourteen baptized with the Galena Church and the school, here, joining in the service.

Since school began we have had several visitors sit in on the classes. We had Brother Valson Abraham here for some evangelistic and missionary lessons which were very good along with some slides he showed to the school of the work in India.

We here in the boy's dorm desire an interest in your prayers. May the Lord bless every church in the movement that is carrying a burden for the bible school.

Come see us when you can.

R. C. B.

News from the Girls' Dorm

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. Psalms 145:3.

This semester I have 11 girls in the dorm. I am so glad that each one of them has come to school to learn more about the Lord and what He wants out of their lives.

The Lord has been so good to us. He has already blessed us with good revival services. Each heart and life was touched by the Word that went forth. And may we continue to walk with the Lord every day. The Lord has been so good to us here in the dorm. The girls seem to be getting along with one another and are getting into the study of God's Word. They are finding out that it takes time to study to keep up with the classes and the test. When we are having a rough time and there is always someone there to help us out. The Lord has blessed us with friends to whom we can go and share with them, when we need someone to talk to. Bible School is a good place to get a Christian friend that will help you and encourage you. We are having a good time studying God's Word and growing together in God's love.

I thank the Lord for each girl that has come to Bible School this year. May the Lord lead in their learning and guide their every step through every day. The Lord is so good to each one of us and He deserves our thanks daily.

Please pray for us that we all still do the will of the Lord through each day and with each decision.

T. J. B.

Pray For Our School— AFBC

A Promised Saviour

—Dora Beydler

Read Genesis 3:15 and I Timothy 2:14-15

Eve was deceived and because of her yielding to the temptation she became a transgressor. Adam was not deceived. He knew he was sinning. His sin was deliberate. Note the two ways of sinning but both came under the same sentence of death for sin. The punishment for their sin is found in Genesis 2:17. The day spoken of here is one of God's days which equals a thousand years of our time, II Peter 3:8. Besides their life span being less than a thousand years, they were expelled from the Garden of Eden, Genesis 3:22-24.

Whatever kind of beast which talked to Eve, it is here called a serpent. There are various opinions as to the type of beast but whatever it may have looked like, Satan talked through it and because it was submissive to Satan, that species of beast was cursed by no longer being able to walk as before. The main part of the curse was not directed to the serpent, however, but to Satan in Genesis 3:15. Eve had allowed Satan to beguile her and therefore an enmity would be between the woman and Satan. The seed of the woman—the One to be born of woman, and by her alone without the concurrence of man, would bruise the head of Satan. Jesus died to put away sin and to destroy him who has the power of death, that is Satan. Thus He bruises or crushes his head by destroying his power and lordship over mankind. Satan bruises the heel of the seed of woman through persecutions, temptations and trials. Certainly the suffering of Jesus in the Garden would fit this description, Luke 22:39-44. Through Eve being first in the transgression, she brought death upon herself, her husband and all her descendants. The female sex, though, along with the male shall be saved through child bearing. If Adam and Eve had not had children their race would have perished from the earth but by propagation their race was saved, also by woman bringing forth the Savior, both man and woman can be saved from the curse of the second death, if they live in faith, love and holiness.

This promised Redeemer of Genesis 3:15 could not be an ordinary person but must be one who was without sin or even the inclination to sin. Since the curse for sin was upon all the descendents of Adam, there was only one way to redeem the human race. Though God gave a law to Moses which allowed the offering of the blood of animals for a covering for sin, this could only cover for a season and could never blot out the sin, Hebrews 10:17. Therefore Jesus, one of the Tri-unity of the God-head became that sacrifice to forgive and blot out man's sin by His death on the cross. Romans 6:10; I Peter 2:24.

Jesus is part of the eternal God-head. From before the creation there has been unity between God the Father, God the Word (He is often called the Lord) and God the Holy Ghost. John 1:1-12. Throughout the Old Testament the One who was to become our Redeemer was the Messenger from God to man. In the Old Testament the word God often is used to include God, Jesus and the Holy Ghost (as we now name them). They are three separate persons, each with a job to do but working together in such a compound unity as to be one God. The

title "Father" as given to God the Father is used to mean the leader or the head—in like manner as we call George Washington the father of our nation. Jesus was not the Son of God until He was incarnated by the Holy Ghost to be born of the virgin Mary, Luke 1:30-35. He then was called the Son of God, but note that it was the Holy Ghost who overshadowed Mary, not God the Father. Hebrews 7:1-3 calls Him Melchisedec—a priest of the most high God, without father, without mother, without descent, without beginning of days or end of life. Also read Genesis 14:18-20 and Hebrews 5:5-10.

Study for class discussion:

Numbers 20:7-13 I Corinthians 10:1-4 He was the Rock in the wilderness.

Joshua 5:1-4 He is Captain of the Lord's Host.

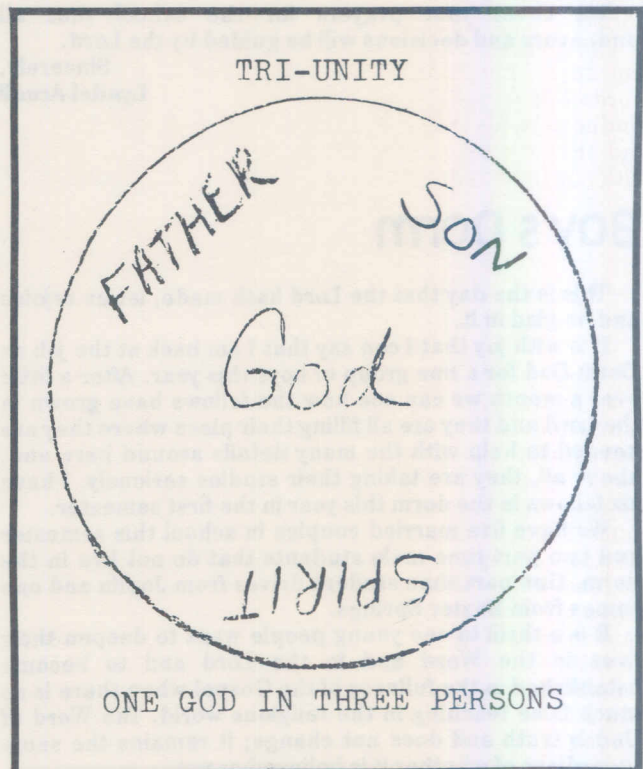
Isaiah 9:6 Names for the Messiah.

Wonderful counselor—an attribute of God. Means one who partakes of the very nature of God.

The Mighty God—same name as God, bearing witness to His divinity.

The Everlasting Father—father of eternity, the Messiah is eternal paternal to His people.

Prince of Peace—The Hebrew word is shalom and means prosperity, well being, peace within and without, peace in one's heart and peace with God—the perfect state of man.



Deadline!

Copy must be in by the 15th of the month to be in the next month's issue.

Roses For a Dear Lady

It was time for devotions during one of our Missionary meetings. Scripture would be read, someone would share some thoughts, and we would get on with the pressing needs of the day...but today was different. Sis. Baker shared from her heart, about her belief. The room was still as she finished reading, and I remembered back over the many years that Sis. Clysta Baker has been a pillar in our church.

Sis. Clysta lost her husband in a tragic accident while her children were still young. She raised her 7 children and trusted the Lord to keep each one. One was born with club feet, yet still Sis Baker leaned on Jesus. No one ever heard her complain, or ask why?

Sis. Baker brought her neighbors children to Sunday school and church, always willing to help others. The Bible says "we reap what we sow.", and one of these little neighbor girls brought Sis. Clysta to church, when she didn't feel like driving. Let's pray for another "driver" since the little neighbor girl grew up and is now attending the Apostolic Faith Bible College.

You can always hear Sis. Baker quoting the Scripture the pastor is using in services. She has a smile for everyone, and a victorious testimony for her Lord. She never complains, but loves, and forgives. She is an example to us of the life that is totally committed to Christ.

I believe we need to give the roses while the person can enjoy them and not wait for some dark day. The words I have written don't begin to tell of the love and kindness in Sis. Baker's life, but maybe what she wrote and shared with us, will better portray her relationship with our Lord and Saviour.

Pat Crouch
Apostolic Faith Church
Taneyville, Missouri



My Belief

The Lord is the source of my supply,
I shall not want.
He restoreth me in sleep when worry
would sap my vitality.
He reneweth my courage when the
battle goeth against me.
He openeth my eyes to my hidden possibilities.
He leadeth me in the path of new opportunities.
When my faith in Him is strong
I am not afraid;
Yea..He even enableth me to face
seeming failure courageously.
When I am exhausted, he giveth me new strength,
When the way seems blocked He openeth up new paths.
When all my plans go wrong, He giveth me
a new sense of values.
Fortunate indeed is the man who has discovered
his greatest friend.
Oh, Lord help me to sustain my faith
Help me to realize always, that no harm can come
near him who puts his faith in thee!

—Clysta Baker

The days keep slipping by, as time rolls swiftly on
Our days in life are numbered and soon they'll all be gone.
What have we accomplished—have our tasks been nil?
The harvest is truly plentiful and laborers wanted still.

By God's grace we labor, His work to perform,
The spirit convicts, one repents, a soul anew is born.
Each life gained for Jesus is one to Satan lost,
Every soul is precious and worth more than any cost.

—Jeanie Mullins



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.



October Notes

Union Chapel Church

The church was greatly blessed by a recent revival by Rev. and Mrs. O. A. Busch. The sermons were of encouragement and for preparation of things we are facing in the near future.

Special music was by Mrs. Busch and our local members. We hope the Buschs come again real soon. We invite others to come worship with us.

The "Special Delivery" singing group was recently at the church. They are from Granby and they were a spiritual inspiration to the church and were enjoyed by everyone. We want them to return again soon.

Albert Durham,
Pastor

Pampa Chapel of the Apostolic Faith Pampa, Texas

On August 16th, 1981, Austin and Shirley Sutton and children came to be our pastors. They have moved into the parsonage and have been having the services of the church, visiting in the hospitals and renewing old acquaintances and meeting new ones. They have done wonderfully well in the short time they have been here. We have seen 14 come who have not come in several years and we are believing for more who have promised to make that promise good.

Our services have been so very spiritual and uplifting that the whole congregation has been encouraged and lifted up. Thank God for those who will move when God calls.

Austin Sutton, Pastor
Anabel Simmons, reporter

KINGMAN, KANSAS

Greetings in our Lord,

We thank the Lord for the rain these past couple of weeks. Every time it rains, I think that the Lord is washing the world clean with His tears. It reminds me when Jesus Christ washed us clean with His blood when He died for us at Calvary. How much He gave us and how little we give Him.

Sister Menke is able to attend services almost on a regular basis now. Praise the Lord.

We welcome Kenny Keeling's new wife, Pam, to our church. We pray that the Lord will bless them as they make their life together.

We are praying about a revival and we ask your prayers in this and in everyday living that our Lord will be glorified.

Mike Brenning,
Pastor

Spearman, Tx.

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

We are glad to report that things at the Spearman Apostolic Faith Church are about the same as when we last wrote. We are thankful to God for the blessings He has given to us. We have had several visitors the last few weeks. David and Joyce Bushman and also Alvin and Glenda and the boys were here. Bro. and Sis. George Hindergart have also been in our area, and our church services. We were very glad to see them, and also their grand daughters, Dona & Ray Farlk & son from Nebraska, and Paula Cheatwood & daughter from Stinnet, Tx. We were also very happy to have Edna's sister & her family from Enid, Ok., for a day, while on their way to Colorado.

We personally enjoyed Camp Meeting very much this year, and I am still praising God for His blessings to me. We treasure the memories of camp and the many friends we were able to visit with, and the new ones we met. But most of all, the spiritual encouragement I received.

However, we must live in the present, so we are expecting God to continue blessing us as we endeavor to serve Him. We are always glad for visitors of the movement to come by for service with us any time.

Lealand Grimmer, Pastor

Greetings from Enid, Oklahoma!

Trials may press us and burdens distress us, He never will leave us alone.

Wonderful blessings were received from the throne of God in Camp Meeting. All the ministers were anointed with the Holy Spirit which directed the words of God taught. The messages were needed for those times in our lives. We are thankful to have been able to attend the 1981 Camp Meeting. Our good pastor Sister Dorothy Cook was unable to attend, but the Lord has blessed her in so many ways lately. He blessed her with a good car last week, after being without one for a few months. It is more help in her ministry.

God called another angel home from our church in July. Heather Wright, daughter of Brenda and Brent Wright. After eleven months of giving to others, joy, love, and happiness, she went to her haven of rest. We will all miss her but God knows best. Her mother's parents, Bro. and Sis. Elmo Gregory of Katy, Tx., were here for awhile, and we all love them very much.

Our church has a new family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stubblefield and three children, and we're so glad to welcome them to fellowship with us in the things of the Lord.

The Lord blessed us with some good preaching the last two Sundays, and we are thankful to have a pastor who will listen to the Spirit, and will obey without fear.

Take courage, His promises are truth. The Lord should and must be first in our lives, so take time for His Word and prayer for help and guidance. Uphold, comfort, and keep us all in your prayers daily.

Dorothy Cook, Pastor
Mary Branham, reporter

Purcell Mission Church

We've had a good year at West Purcell Mission.

Our V.B.S. was the last week of May, with 18 enrolled. Then nine of us were privileged to go to youth camp, which we enjoyed very much.

Several of our members have been having trials, but thanks be to God, who giveth us victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lyford Freeman, Pastor
Dorothy McCance, reporter



Quitman, Miss.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

It is with great joy that I write to you to report that God is blessing in a tremendous way at Pine Crest.

We had our annual election Sunday, Aug. 30, and were thrilled at the attitude of our people. It seemed everyone enjoyed the election, and the outcome of it. Several new officers were elected, and we were called back to another year of pastoral service. We look forward to working with these new and faithful officers. One new class was added to our Sunday School, which was the Nursery Class. So many of our young people responded to a call to serve.

We also welcome a new member to our Newly-Wed Class. Mrs. Tammy Echols, who married Terry Echols on Aug. 15, 1981. They were married at the Hinton Apostolic Faith Church.

We were blessed with an improvement to our church—church pews! And we were able to pay cash for them. We are looking forward to painting our church, also.

We covet the prayers of the movement that God's perfect will would be wrought in our hearts.

Let us add a special hello to everyone far and near. We invite you to come and visit us at any time. The Report is like a letter from home.

Your sister in Christian love,
Sis. Dot Anderson, Pastor

Joplin, Mo.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

We have so much to be thankful for, and we praise God because of His goodness to us.

We have had a very busy summer, but things are beginning to slow down with the beginning of school. Three of our young people are attending Bible College in Baxter Sps., Ks., and we are very thankful for their lives, and desire to learn more of the Lord.

Our Ladies Bible Study Group reconvened again in Sept. in the home of Ietha Bard. We began our lesson on "Criticism and Gossip." This has been a very helpful series on "Understanding your Emotions." We are looking forward to some very interesting Bible studies. We invite any one to come and share with us during this time of fellowship. We meet every other Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock in various ladies' homes.

We want to thank Bro. & Sis. O. A. Busch and Bro. & Sis. Johnny Arnall for taking our services, during the absence of our pastor.

We are praying for revival and hope to have one some time in the near future.

Neil Regan, Pastor

Prayer Request

Dear Editor:

We would like Mrs. D. D. Dibbens name in the Apostolic Faith Report for healing. We would desire the prayers of the movement and if some feel led to fast and pray, we would be thankful.

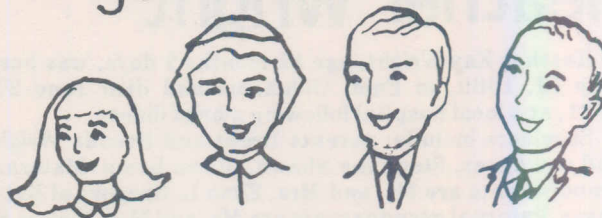
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CANTRELL, BURNETT

Mr. and Mrs. Carol L. Cantrell wish to announce the marriage of their daughter Kimberly Jo to Donald L. Burnett son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Burnett on September 12, 1981 at the "Wells of Joy" Hamilton, Mo. Kimberly is a 1977 graduate of East Buchanan High School Gower, Mo. and attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Baxter Springs, Kansas in the fall of that year. Donald is a 1977 graduate of Hamilton High School and is currently in the Air Force stationed at Blytheville, Arkansas.

"EVERYBODY OUGHT
TO GO TO
SUNDAY SCHOOL..."



Faith: The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Sweeping across Germany at the end of World War II, allied forces searched farms and homes looking for snipers. At one abandoned house, almost a heap of rubble, searchers with a spot light, found their way to a cellar. There on the crumbling wall, a victim of the Holocaust had scratched a star of David, and written this message:

I believe in the sun—even when it does not shine:
I believe in love—even when it is not shown:
I believe in God—even when he does not speak.



Obituaries

Mary DeWees

Mary Crowhurst Dewees passed away on February 26, 1981, after a lengthy illness. Survivors include her husband, Joe B. Dewees of Hempstead, Texas; daughters and sons-in-law Mary Jo and Kenneth Elkins of Katy, and Elva Dean and Donald Mathis of Hempstead; sons and daughters-in-law Claude and Betty of Rockdale, James and Lorene of Alexandria, La., and John and Carol Faye of Katy. Another son, Parham, preceded her in death. Many friends and relatives, including 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, 1 sister and 4 brothers are left to mourn.

Memorial services were conducted in Hempstead at 2 p.m. on February 28, 1981, with burial in Salem Cemetery in the Howth community. Rev. Roland Busch was in charge of the service, being assisted by Rev. Waple Ferguson and Rev. Jim Fox.

Sis. Dewees was a staunch believer in the Apostolic Faith doctrine. She faithfully attended and ably ministered in her own church as well as in revivals, youth camps, and in the Apostolic Faith Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Rev. 14:13—"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Heather Wright

Heather Kay Wright, age 11 months 9 days, was born July 18, 1980, in Enid, Oklahoma and died June 27, 1981, at a local hospital following a brief illness.

Survivors include; parents Brent and Brenda Wright and one sister, Stephane Shawn, of the home. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmo L. Gregory of Katy, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Wright of Enid, and paternal great-grandmother Letha Smith of Aline.

Those who knew and loved baby Heather include a host of friends and loved ones.

A BORROWED ANGEL

One day God smiled upon you,
And blessed you with His love.
He sent to you an angel,
Straight from His throne above.
You were picked to be her parents,
And to share in her dear life.
She brought with her new meaning
To a husband and wife.

You gave her lots of love
And all you could afford,
But most important to her life
You gave her to the Lord.
The months passed by so swiftly,
And she changed with each new day.
She rendered joy and purpose,
In her special little way.
She cried, giggled, talked and walked,
To the center of your heart.
Only you, her chosen parents,
Know the joy she did impart.
Tho today your heart is saddened
And your eyes are filled with tears.
Let her memory fill your being
And so quiet your troubled fears.
Perhaps your mind is locked in wonder,
And you question her short stay.
Remember she was borrowed,
And thank God for your precious **Heather Kay.**
Dorothy Cook

Thank You Lord

"Do not weary in well doing, for in due season you shall reap, if ye faint not!"

The car was loaded to the top with fans, clothes, shoes, electric cords, "off", mirrors, stuffed animals, Snoopy, two adults, and three kids, bound for a 14 hour drive to Lost Pines Youth Camp!

Excitement was running high as we began the drive, soon our spirits were dampened as the Zephyr grew considerably smaller with every mile we covered. The Kool-aid spilled, the candy melted in the back window, the tar around the window got sticky and stuck to everything (even Andy's pictures of his 1950 dream truck, the International) and as we searched hopefully for the "golden arches" we were ready for some good hot food!

The pop was watery, the burgers were cold, and they left out my fries, which we had paid for! Things had to get better.

On we went, and the miles slowly added up on the odometer, Dr. Walter Martin talked on as the cassettes helped the hours pass. Soon three sleepy little heads were down, and Mom and Daddy could drink coffee, share, and talk about the dreams we had in the Lord. Such precious moments, when life seems so simple and God is so close and so real, when the phone isn't ringing, and the door is quiet, and you can say it's quiet now Lord, I'll listen. And He talks, and oh the sweet anticipation of what the week ahead will hold. If we had made a list then of what we wanted from Jesus, we would have probably said, "a safe trip, no car trouble, healthy kids, and a good camp." Oh how we undersell our Saviour. He had much more in store for us, and probably more, if we had only asked! Didn't He say ask and I will do it?

We finally reached the camp, it was pouring, the pine needles were washing in torrents down the side of the hills, and making a flood right through the sanctuary. We trudged through the soggy ground and banged on the door of the compound.

As always there were many last minute things to do to get ready for the camp meeting services and youth camp. Hammers, rugs, curtains and altars, all were being prepared to fit the camp for His services.

I don't know when "it" happened, maybe the weeks, and months of prayer and fasting, maybe the hours of work and planning and organization, maybe the innocent expectant hearts of the young, maybe the diligent study of the speakers, but "it" happened. He came, the precious Holy Spirit, He came with the first workers, the first campers, the first visitors. He was there with every smile, every laugh, every prayer that was prayed. The first night of Youth Camp He filled a young woman with His presence and for hours she prayed and sang in sweet languages to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As Christ was exalted and preached, the altars were filled to overflowing with young people eager to meet this Christ and to receive the blessings He had for His own. Every night some prayed through to salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some nights the lights in the tabernacle would be on at midnight as hungry souls cried out to their living Lord.

All my life I have heard about the "good old days" when people would pray till the wee hours of the morning, when the Holy Spirit would anoint and bless the services, and the altars would be filled, when Jesus would heal, and save, and give new hope to a lost and dying child. I've heard how it's not the same anymore. Well, I declare to you today that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. If anyone has caused us not to have services "like the good old days" it's us! Because at Lost Pines this year, it was more than I have ever imagined. Jesus Christ meets the needs when we come with broken and contrite hearts and lift Him up!

It was a quiet night, the sermon was over and the altar call was made, slowly the young made their way to the altars. One of those was a little 14 year old girl, she's ours, I watched her pray and she was so close. I knew she was almost to pray through. But satan was fighting and she was so afraid the Holy Spirit wouldn't come. A friend came, she began to pray with Cassie and in a few minutes the Spirit fell and Cassie had the victory. Joy was ours, as we rejoiced in the goodness of the Lord!

Finally, the long hours, the rain and the bugs were taking a toll on our human bodies, we thought we just "had" to leave one day early, we were so tired. Why didn't God just require a "reasonable service?" But sly old satan didn't win this one, we were determined to stay for that last night's services, and maybe there would be a special blessing.

He's only 9, this little freckled guy of ours, he's our baby. He's too little to get much out of the sermons, or so I thought. But that last night of youth camp God answered the prayers that weren't even uttered from our lips. He came in His fullness and filled our son with the precious Holy Spirit. We cried, we laughed, we thanked Him. Others, those so close to us, those that are bound by the blood of Jesus, they prayed with us through those sacred moments.

Camp was over, the trip was ahead, our 17th anniversary would be spent hauling kids and paraphernalia, 14 hours home.

Now the summer's over, camps, camp meeting, singing school, VBS, the list seems endless, and yet at

each point God met a need, God answered prayer. And just when we were sure that we couldn't contain one more blessing, He sent another one! Our 16 year old daughter prayed through to the baptism of the Holy Spirit also! It is well, it is well with my soul.

Jesus, when I think of what you brought us from to where we are today, I tremble. You are the deliverer of your people, you are the answer to every need, your blood is our protection and strength. Thank you Lord, for your many blessings, thank you that you are still a miracle-working God. Teach us to lean on you for everything, and to give our lives one hundred percent to you and your work.

Because of Him
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Youth for Christ

The Lord has helped me through school. I didn't get to go to Mississippi Youth Camp this year, but hoping to go next summer.

I went to Baxter Youth Camp, and got a lot out of it.

James Dorris



I thank the Lord for the chance to go to Youth Camp for the first time. I also thank the Lord for helping me through the first weeks of school.

Lynn Sargent

I want to thank God for all He's done for me. He helped me through school so far. I thank God because I got to go to Youth Camp.

Jill Dorris

God has been good to me through this summer. I went to Youth Camp and attended Bible School at our church. I thank the Lord for His many blessings toward me.

Julie Dorris



YOUTH LEADERS, Pastors

The Purcell Youth Group has shared with us how God has been blessing them. We would like to encourage other youth groups from our churches to do the same. If your youth group would like to send a page to the Apostolic Faith Report please contact the Apostolic Faith Report Office, P.O. Box 653, Baxter Springs, Kansas 66713. Let's encourage our youth to use their talents for the Lord and be a blessing to others.

Source of Power

by the late Charles Mahan

When a desire to accomplish an act is conceived in the mind the first requisite to the materialization will be power to produce. Obviously, such an important item could not be treated lightly by any right thinking person. Our dictionary defines power as the ability to accomplish an act.

In the 17th chapter of John 2nd verse Jesus said, as He prayed, speaking of Himself, "As thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him."

Paul said in all sincerity in Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Peter backs these statements up when in I Peter 1:15, He speaks in effect, "We are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

I am sure this is conclusive proof that we do not contain this power in ourselves so we must look for a source of that requisite. By the same verses we determine definitely that this source is from God. Following this line of thought we grasp readily that there must be adequate means of connection to this source if we are to derive any benefit of this necessary power.

Jesus spoke in parables that He might more thoroughly explain a truth to the people. Will you grant me the privilege?

Since we are dealing with phenomenal power, may we draw some parallels from the most phenomenal power we have in common use today.

Electricity is only an asset of energy when it is properly controlled. The power of God is always controlled by an omnipotent hand, therefore it is always an asset of energy. Electricity is only available for beneficial usage when the transmitting lines are intact and the connections firm. Again God's power is only available to you in a beneficial manner when your transmitting lines of faith and prayer are intact, and connected firm and sure to the throne.

Here is something that we might weigh and be sure to govern ourselves accordingly. Electricity, handled by one unqualified and unwise becomes a dangerous, potential killer. One unqualified as to scriptural requisites, carelessly endeavoring to usurp God's power do so to their own destruction.

We are reminded of Ananias and Saphira. Or as Peter told the sorcerer that desired to buy the power of God, in his unqualified condition, "Your money perish with you."

Electrical power when properly utilized is beneficial in every respect, furnishing power to roll the wheels of industry, to light man's pathway where darkness exists, to x-ray the body that the skilled surgeon's hand may be guided to the exact source of trouble. A very recent scientific triumph was the cracking of the atom and the subsequent release of that unbelievable, untried power. But it was electricity properly harnessed that made the feat possible.

So the power of God prayed down as our faith reached the Throne of God results in the salvation of souls, the industry to which our very lives are given. It illuminates the soul wandering in darkness that they might find the way of life and light. It brings to the one suffering, in the throes of sickness and disease, pain and misery, instant deliverance from known or unknown causes. It is consummated in this, God spoke into existence all things that man is daily endeavoring to discover. I am sure He merits your complete confidence and faith, for the Creator in His might and power transcends beyond all conception, the Creation.

We pay our electric bill religiously to insure a continuance of service, and have such confidence in the company dispensing the commodity that we walk to the wall, with full expectation, push the button and the lights are on. Christian, are your bills paid, your vows kept and the requirements met? Then you should walk to your closet with full confidence, kneel, push the button of prayer and let faith contact the power house to grant you your heart's desire. It makes you blush with shame when you realize that the restrictions in your lines limit the power of God in His service to you.

Your electrical service comes from such dependable sources as Boulder Dam in the mighty Colorado River that has flowed its way through the centuries and coursed its way to the depth of a mile through the mighty Rock Mountains. In our minds it is a symbol of continuity and dependability.

Our source is the Throne of God where the mighty river of the pure waters of life flow forth in such power, continuity and dependability as to make the Colorado sink into obscurity. This river of life flowed before the world was and has so deeply coursed its way among the mighty mountains of God's eternal truths that through the ages man's needs have been met, by its issues, from the greatest need of power to the quenching of ones thirst as they drink of its crystal flow.

Check your transmitting lines of faith and prayer, tap the miraculous source of power that will make you a living flame of fire sent to accomplish the Master's will.

There is an eye that never sleeps
Beneath the wings of night;
There is an ear that never shuts
When sinks the beams of light.
There is an arm that never tires
When human strength gives way;
There is a love that never fails
When earthly love decays.
That eye is fixed on seraph throngs;
That arm upholds the sky;
That ear is filled with angel songs,
That love is throned on high.
But there's a power which man can wield
When mortal aid is vain,
That eye, that arm, that love to reach,
That listening ear to gain.
That power is **Prayer**, which soars on high
Through Jesus, to the throne,
And moves the hand which moves the world,
To bring salvation down.

James Cowden Wallace

COMMUNICATION—OR “SLIP OF THE TONGUE”

A children's chorus gives us sound advice for today - (and everyday)

“OH be careful little tongue (mouth) what you say.” Do you praise the Lord at night in church and then speak wrongly to your neighbor the next day? James 3:8-13.

I hope you don't find yourself as one of these because of your tongue. II Thessalonians 3:11 I Timothy 5:13

Job decided this Job 27:4

Why are your words so important? Matthew 12:36,37

Also - those around you can know the true contents of your heart - How? by what you say. Matthew 12:34

“Oh, be CAREFUL little tongue.”

COMMUNICATION - or “BRIDLE IT”

James tells us that if we don't offend in word we are what James 3:1,2

What does he tell us in the result if we cannot bridle our tongue? James 1:26

Since we do have a choice, let us choose to use pleasant words. Proverbs 16:24

If we are wise we will bridle our tongue. Proverbs 15:1,2,7

If you are truly righteous, your words will show it. Proverbs 10:21,32

Sometimes, the best thing for you to say is NOTHING. Proverbs 17:27,28; 29:11; 13:3; 21:23.

Bridle (control) your tongue - use it for good to those that hear you! Titus 2:7,8 Ephesians 4:29

They Died!

Today the credit card died! What a death, to be cut in two by a rusty pair of scissors, and to be burned in a hot fire until the flames turned blue. But they died, all 14 of them, they had been taking a very prominent place in my billfold, and my heart. I am not sure when it started, this trust in a plastic card. I'm not sure when I stopped trusting God for emergencies, for shortages, for gas when I was broke, for clothing for my daughters. When did it all start?

When I look back to Bible School, I see that we had nothing as far as material things go, yet we had everything. As a need would appear we knew the only thing to do was pray. If God wanted us to have it, He would provide. We had no credit, no supporters, no one but Christ our Savior. Every need was met! Even our desires and wishes were fulfilled! Oh the precious trust of a new child of God.

To trust Him and to believe He will do what He says He will do, is all that is asked of us. He said it, and we believed it.

It took the smallest trailer to move us to Gray, Oklahoma. When we left that small community, we had to use a horse trailer. We trusted God and He was meeting our needs beyond our imaginations.

Doubt began to creep in as credit cards began to come in the mail. “This would be good in case of an emergency.” “We might need it for a rainy day!” Oh, our thoughts made lots of sense to the world. After all, didn't everyone have credit cards? We began to use them a little. Just as an extra, if we needed something, and didn't have time to pray through, or wait on God. Sometimes it seems God is too slow for us!

When we moved to Taneyville, the Lord had so

blessed our lives that we had to rent the biggest truck to haul our worldly possessions. We had what we needed, God would supply our needs. And yet, hidden in the back of our minds was a little dark spot. You know the place I mean. That little box with a lock and chain that no one can look at, not even yourself. I decided if I talked fast enough I wouldn't hear God's voice that kept urging me to throw away the credit cards. I rationalized, we might need them sometime. What I was really saying was “God, you can't supply our needs, I need these little plastic gods, just in case you don't satisfy.” I couldn't think those kind of thoughts, and I covered them with school, work, and prayer. Now and then at an altar of prayer God would quietly say, “I am enough my child, throw away your plastic gods.” But as soon as the words came to my heart, the burden to pray would leave and I would go back to “my ministry.”

Satan blinded me for a long time. He told me I needed those cards, he told me I was being foolish. Wasn't I a man enough to control the use of these great inventions? He said “Get rid of all of them but **one**.” One, just in case..oh sometimes he sounds so wise, so smart. And on I went, trying to hide the urging of the Holy Spirit.

Then one day, oh what a glorious day it was. Jesus said, “Now, this is the day, choose today which one you will serve, God or mammon!” I knew the time had come, I had to choose. Out came the scissors, and as the 28 pieces of plastic cards lay on my desk, the tiny chest that they had been hidden in lay open and empty...I praised my living Savior that He still sets the captive free! He is my everything, and he has given me a new Credit Card, and it truly is the **Master-Card** “**But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**” **Philippians 4:19.**

I have learned to trust Him for my healing, for my salvation, for my sanctification, and now I am learning to trust Him for my daily bread! So slow to learn, but when the lesson is learned what a joy, what a victory. Sweet is the taste of that victory when Jesus wins the battle in our lives.

Now I can say from every corner of my heart, “Jesus is the Lord of everything in my life.”

**Andy Perry, servant of Christ
Taneyville, Mo.**

BURDENS

As Christians - we don't live to or for ourselves, We are admonished to be as a servant of all if we want to be great in Gods' kingdom

As a servant, as a brother or sister, as a friend - we are admonished to help carry each others spiritual burdens; to pray for one another, to pray with one another.

Galatians 6:1 Romans 15:1,2

In another reference we are told to bear our own burdens. Don't shirk responsibilities, be dependable - one the Lord can count on to carry a burden. Also - especially as we are on tour - are you carrying your share of the load - physically. In other words, are you doing your share of the work involved in tour? Bear your own burden! Galatians 6:4,5

Do you feel the burden is too heavy? It shouldn't be - not if we are allowing Jesus to control our lives. Read Matthew 11:28-30.

And - if you feel the need for rest - You'll find it in only one place. Psalm 37:7a.

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Prayer Unlocks Heaven

Illustration: When you go to your car to unlock the door you take your key. You might say that it was you that unlocked the door but really it wasn't; it was the key. The same goes for starting the car, it's not you, it's the key. You have to place it in the ignition and thus far it is the key. We could not go anywhere without the key to start the motor. The key is a very important factor in driving a car.

The same with prayer. There is a key to prayer and without it we will get nowhere. This key will open windows and doors of Heaven and grant our every need.

Lesson: Read John 16:23-24

- 23) And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name he will give it to you.
- 24) Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name. Ask and ye shall receive, that your joys may be full.

Jesus is our Lord, mediator, intercessor. He stands between us and God. We pray to Jesus and he relates it to His Father; our God. We pray to the Father, in His name. If we want to make sure that our prayers are reaching the throne we must pray according to the rules laid down. If we ask the Father in His name this will be the key to open the doors and windows of heaven for our behalf.

When we pray we can tell Jesus how much we love Him. But when it comes to praying and asking, we must ask of the Father through the Lord Jesus. The Lord Jesus is our brother, God is our Father, we are one family. But Satan has his family too. We shouldn't belong to any church but to the one and only family. Ephesians 3:14-15.

14) For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15) Of whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named, Jesus will give us overflowing joy when we pray. (John 16:24).

But sometimes we should have faith before we pray. In other words if you are worrying about the problem and still trying to pray it isn't doing any good. You haven't got the faith needed.

Philippians 4:6-7

6) Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7) And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

We have God's word that He will give us joy, peace, happiness but we have to give the Father something in return. Thanks.

Ephesians 5:20.

20) Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

We do not get our prayers answered because we are good we get them answered because of Jesus Christ. The door of all things.

— Tena Cornell

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The Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible College is planning a meeting with the Advisory Board members to discuss a proposed building project. We ask your cooperation in updating the school's list, as the present list is incomplete. Please send us your representative's name and address. If your church does not have one, please elect one.

The person you choose will represent your church and relate to the Board the views and feelings of their church.

It is important that each church be represented and fully aware of future meetings and business matters. Each Advisory Board member will be contacted at a later date as to the time and place of such meetings.

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