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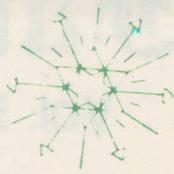
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PEACE  
On earth,  
good will  
towards  
men



## St. Luke 2:1-20



And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3. All all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

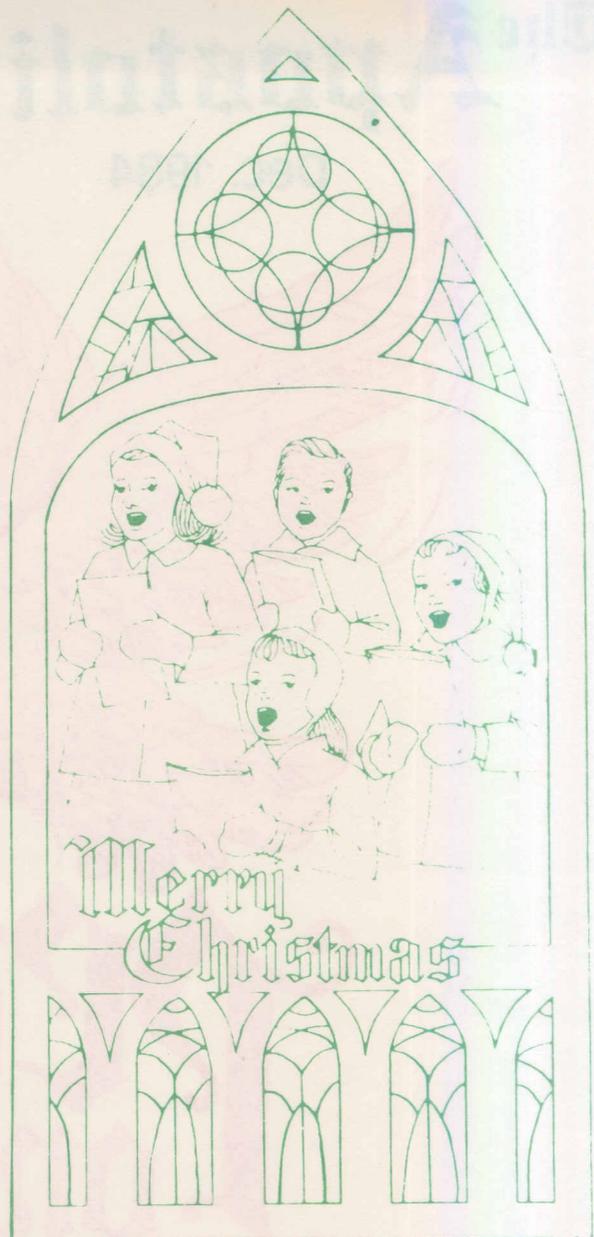
16. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



I think that I shall always see  
God's gifts upon our Christmas tree,  
You cannot touch them with your hands,  
Yet they are there at your command.

There's a joy and faith and hope renewed,  
There's laughter for a happy mood,  
There's gratitude for each new day,  
A time to think, a time to pray.

These things are yours if you can see  
God's gifts upon your Christmas tree.

C.C. Gilmore  
Sent in by the Children's Mission  
Class, Amarillo, Texas.

# There's A Baby on Your Doorstep

Startled by retreating footsteps, awakened full by a distinct, though muffled cry, you hurry to the door. There on your doorstep is a baby, a tiny bundle of human life, brought to you out of the night.

The soft crying is stilled as the little one senses your presence. In that long strange moment urgent questions flood your mind. Whose is it? Who sent it? Why to your door?

But no answer comes. The little one's past is as silent as his future. Could it be a future of destiny with such a turbulent beginning? Every philosophy, every discovery, and every government has slept in the cradle with some child...

The crying continues. Louder now and with more insistence. Crying babies demand attention. You must reach your decision quickly. There's a baby on your doorstep!

Even though it was probably the child of a Hebrew, Pharaoh's daughter could not delay. A baby was crying amid the rushes. Most certainly she must do something, for she is a noble woman and this is a noble child. A baby on her doorstep!

Pharaoh's daughter is forever remembered as the guardian of a baby whose little hand held within its grasp the destiny of a nation.

"The law was given by Moses..."

The world was given a law and a Moses because someone cared enough about a baby on a doorstep.

Silent Night...*holy night*...

Suddenly the Judean hillside blazes with light and echoes with angel voices. "Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

The Eternal Son sleeps as any other child under a mother's watch. His cradle song is the familiar lullaby of Judean mothers. But in this cradle sleeps a cross and throne. There He lies-wrapped in the inspired fold of prophetic utterances a Baby on the doorstep of the world.

There is something inescapably personal about the doorstep visitation of the Almighty. Like Moses, He was the hope of Israel, but He was infinitely more. The Babe on the door-step of the world is the hope-the only hope-of every creature with whom He shared a common humanity. "For unto you," the angel declared, "is born a Saviour..."

Choice is inevitable. Having once looked in His face or sensed His gentle invitation you can never be the same again. The moment you shut the door on the Babe of Bethlehem, you refuse a Saviour, and "neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

Simeon saw salvation in the face of Jesus Christ. Listen as he speaks...his body is trembling...the Holy Ghost is upon him: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace...for mine eyes have seen thy salvation" - (Luke 2:29,30).

*O prodigious wonder  
To be sounded by the thunder-  
Our God on earth a Child.  
But as the Light, not lightning  
Attracting and affright'ning  
Earth and heaven reconciled.*

Nothing can alter the fact that God has entered the realm of human relationships.

Sir Winston Churchill, discussing English-American associations in a wartime broadcast, said, "Our affairs are somewhat mixed up together." This is exactly what happened when Jesus Christ was born at Bethlehem. The affairs of heaven and earth became somewhat "mixed up together."

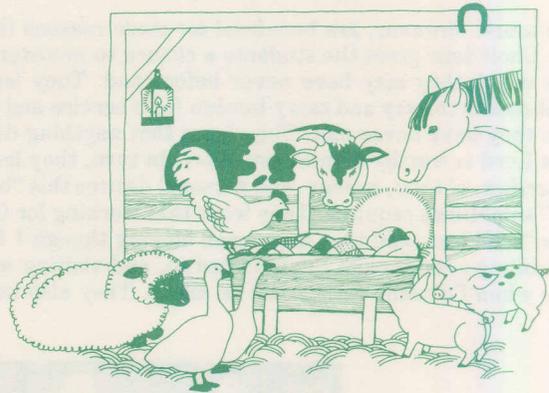
Let us remember that Jesus Christ has come to stay. His birth has no passing event. Separation by 2,000 years from that point in time when He came as a Baby does not remove us from a personal decision concerning His claims. "As many as received Him, to them gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

Intellectual difficulties will not excuse you. No man ever yet understood the Incarnation, the doorstep visitation of the Almighty. Here is a realm where man must believe with his heart. What will you do with Jesus?

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:16-18).

There's a Baby on your doorstep. Your destiny depends on your choice.

New Zealand Evangel



## NO BOOK LIKE IT

I have guided my life by the Bible for more than 60 years, and I tell you there is no book like it. It is a miracle of literature, a perennial spring of wisdom, a wonder of surprises, a revelation of mystery, an infallible guide of conduct, and an unspeakable source of comfort.

Pay no attention to people who discredit it, for I tell you that they speak without knowledge. It is the Word of God itself.

Study it according to its own direction. Live by its principles. Believe its message. Follow its precepts.

No man is uneducated who knows the Bible, and no one is wise who is ignorant of its teachings.

## CHOIR NOTES

The AFBC choir has been "on the road again." We recently completed our fall tour of the Oklahoma - Texas Panhandle churches; consisting of fourteen concerts in thirteen days. We had a wonderful tour with several being saved, good concerts, no bus trouble, and only minor personal mishap! To all who ministered to our physical needs while on tour, we extend a hearty THANK YOU!

I must admit to some "pondering" concerning our tours; this was the fifteenth tour I've completed in six years with the Bible School. Every tour represents an intense concentration of hard work on the part of the choir and the school - as well as on the churches who feed, house, and support us. What is the real reason for these tours! Who benefits from the tours?

First, good Christian music with a message can do three things; praise God directly, edify (encourage) the believer, and witness to the lost. As a choir, we endeavor to sing a variety of inspirational gospel music with a strong message and to do so with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Our desire is that the songs we sing will minister to others by uplifting fellow Christians and testifying to lost souls. We also want to minister to God; praising and glorifying Him as we worship Him in spirit and in truth. We want people to enjoy our concerts, to be refreshed in the Lord, and to leave the service with more of the Lord and His peace and love than they came with.

The tours, however, are beneficial for more reasons than these. Choir tour gives the students a chance to minister to others which they may have never before had. They learn what it means to pray and carry burden for a service and for people they have never met. They learn that anything done for the Lord is worthy of our best effort. In turn, they learn the sacrifice, of time, energy, and personal desires this "best effort" sometimes requires. They learn that working for God means "self" last- and that may mean singing though I feel sick, smiling even though I'm too tired to, and visiting with people when I'd really rather just be silent. They also learn

the wonderful ways the Lord rewards His people for this kind of faithfulness and commitment. Seeing someone in a concert respond to the invitation and come forward to repent and be converted - and knowing you've had a part in ministering to that person...well, that's worth any sacrifice!

Choir tour also accomplishes other things. When the choir comes to your church, we get to meet you and you get to meet the choir members. This is good "ground-work" because one of these young people might be working in your church as a youth director or Sunday School teacher; one of them might counsel your child at Youth Camp or teach him in VBS; one might hold a revival in your church someday, or even be your pastor in the future. Mutually getting acquainted is important you could be laying a foundation for these future relationships.

Finally, choir tour helps us at the Bible School "keep in touch" with the people of our movement. We realize that you probably can't be with us in Baxter Springs on a daily basis; so choir tour brings a little bit of the Bible School to you. We pray that as we come, you will be able to "catch" some of the excitement, the joy, the vision of Bible School. Perhaps you will be challenged to invest some of yourself in the school; to invest more of your prayers, support, loyalty, and interest than you ever have before.

Time for the next choir tour is just a couple months away. We are already preparing muscially and spiritually to make it a successful trip. Remember that, as we come your way - we've come with a purpose! Enjoy the choir, hear their message, be blessed and be challenged.

For we know that our (your) labour is not in vain in the Lord.

One sows, another waters, still another reaps at harvest - but God gives the increase. We know His word will not return to Him empty (void) but it will accomplish whatever mission it was sent out to fulfill.

Praise the Lord.

Janae Harris  
Director of Music  
AFBC



## AFBC NEWS

Report from the Superintendent

This is a blessed time of the year. We at the Bible College have been privileged to enjoy the beautiful colors of the trees, a part of God's wonderful creation. Thus we are reminded of God's creative power, for who wise can paint such beauty. As we travel we are made aware of God's beauty every where in a different way.

The greatest beauty of God would have to be in His great love, the giving of His only Son to die for our sins. And then there is the love of His keeping power to watch over, keep and protect us daily, as well as supplying our daily needs. God truly is great!

We at the Bible College, continue to Praise the Lord for all His blessings to us. The spiritual blessings come to us as we study, pray, and wait upon the Lord. Then He gives us physical blessings in many ways, among those are gifts by people like you.

Our thanks to all of you who support the school through prayer and giving offerings and gifts in other ways. Many give financially and some have responded with meat and other food. Thank You!! Please keep up the good work.

Thanksgiving week-end the students were given time out of school and most were able to go home to be with families. Only a short time after Thanksgiving and we will be in our Christmas holiday. We dismiss this semester Dec. 14th and then resume classes for the spring semester Jan. 7th.

Please continue to pray for us daily. This is the greatest of all needs and everyone can have a part in this burden. Come visit when you can. We always enjoy having visitors.

God bless you,  
Supt. Jack Cornell

## Boy's Dorm

Greetings from the boy's dorm. It's hard to believe that half the school year is almost over. I guess when you enjoy something so much, time just slips away faster than you can keep track. I have really been impressed with each young man in the dorm this year. I count it a privilege just to be associated with each of these that have dedicated their time to the study of God's word. I don't know about you, but I'm impressed with any young person that will turn their back on the world and serve God. Too many people wait to turn their lives over to God until they're adults.

We have had a precious time of fellowship in the dorm this semester. Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday we gather in the front lobby of the dorm and have a time of singing, prayer, and sharing of God's word. We do not have a piano player in the dorm, but that does not hinder us from singing as unto the Lord. We praise the Lord for answering many specific prayers that we have prayed together. I think that we also have experienced a special unity in the dorm; the love of God. God's love is something that can bring two perfect strangers to be the best of friends simply because of the bond of Christ. I feel that kind of relationship with each of these young men. I invite you to pray for each of these young people that are trying to tune in their lives to God's will. That's what it's all about. Pray for us as the leaders of the school that we can direct them to that goal. We need your prayers.

Dean of Men  
Danny Robinson

## SIX WAYS TO HELP YOUR PASTOR

One of the most difficult responsibilities in Christian service today is that of being a pastor. And it's getting more difficult all the time. People today are becoming more independent and more self-centered. Everyone wants to do his own thing.

To certain people, the "shepherd of the sheep" has become a byword and they are beginning to depend on services outside of the church for spiritual help and growth. This is a pity; for they need the church-and the church needs them.

1. *Tell your pastor he can count on you.*

One of the most difficult tasks of a pastor is trying to get people to do something. Pastors have heard all the excuses. "Sorry, we will be gone out of town." "That's the night our women's group meets." "I have to be at a school activity that night." "I've just got to get my sleep; I'm too tired"; etc.

On the other hand, I have heard pastors say, "There's no one like Bill and Mary. I can count on them."

2. *Be faithful at all the church services.*

Ladies, you know what it's like to prepare a good meal and then have no one show up to eat it, or for your husband to come home late when the food is all cold. If you haven't had this experience, let me tell you it's disappointing.

Pastors face this type of disappointment very often. They will work hard praying and preparing a sermon, and then just a handful of people will show up to share it!

If your pastor knows you're going to be there, he will make an extra effort to prepare something just for you. Be sure to be there to enjoy it.

3. *Look for his good qualities and tell him.*

I am not talking about flattery. I'm talking about sincere encouragement.

Pastors are human and they can get discouraged. They can feel dejected like anyone else. You and I both know what a little encouragement will do. It will go a long way in helping someone be the type of person they should be.

Yes, even your pastor needs encouragement! You will be amazed at the many good qualities you can find in him when you begin to look.

4. *Don't talk behind his back.*

This can hurt! Besides tearing down the pastor, your talk involves others. The young people get impressions. Others form opinions, and communications between your pastor and his people is broken down.

When you speak about your pastor, say only good things. If he does make a mistake, why not be a part of the solution rather than a part of the problem! Remember tht he is a man of God, and determine that you will not have a part in destroying his position and his influence with your tongue.

5. *Be concerned about his children.*

You've heard people talk . The "PK", preacher's kids, or "TO," theologian's offspring, are expected to be something special. Actually they have their own problems. They live in a glass bowl, and are subject to criticism more than any other group of children, yet they would like to be treated the way other children are. Help the pastor with his children by being concerned for them. Never complain to him about his children, but show them the same friendliness and helpfulness you show other children.

6. *Pray for him each day.*

The pastor is always there when you need him. He is trying his best to help you. Why not try your best to help him! There's no better way to do this than to pray for him and his family every day.

# DECEMBER NOTES

Union Chapel - Anderson, Mo.

Once again the Lord has been good to us at chapel. Over the past few months He has blessed us with the preaching of His word from Bro. Ferguson and from visiting ministers. We have enjoyed visits from Sis. Dorothy Cook, Bro. & Sis. Elmer Christenson, and Bro. Gene Cornell.

Nov. 4-11 Bro. Randy Dalton held revival services for us. We had wonderful altar services with a renewing of our commitments to God. We also had some good music by The Waymakers, The Mathis Trio, The Canaan Bound Singers and Shari Cook and Cindy Trowbridge.

On Sept. 8 we had a singing here at the church with some of the same groups that were here during our revival.

We thank the Lord for the singers and ministers who have ministered to us and we pray God's richest blessings for them.

Pray for us at chapel that we will keep this revival spirit and reach out to the people around us. We pray that God be with you and bless you all.

A.W. Ferguson, Pastor  
Beth Williams, Reporter

Galena, Ks.

Again it is the Holiday Season. We should remember our Dear Lord always, giving thanks for all things. Matthew 26:27 "And He took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to them saying drink ye all of it." We should always remember to give thanks for Christ's precious blood that He shed for our sins.

Psalms 95:2 "Let us come before His presence with Thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with Psalms." We are so grateful for the way God is blessing in our services. The precious Holy Spirit doing His work in our lives. There are souls under conviction. Our prayer is for their salvation. We were glad to have Brother and Sister E. K. Cornell with us on October 14. Bro. Cornell preached Sunday night. We also had visitors from Springfield; Lachelle Whiteley, Gineen Dutra, Renee Arditiore and Donna Van Luven. Also, Mrs. Edna Bittick from Las Vegas. We welcome our Brothers and Sisters in the Lord to come by and worship with us.

Phillippians 4:6 "Be careful for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

Prayer List: Mr. Jack Coberley  
Mr. Porter D. Rowland  
Bro. Ted Jackson  
Sis. Sarah Jefferies  
Ruth Brown  
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cooper

Bro. Howard Whitely, pastor  
May Rowland, reporter

Arnett, Oklahoma

Praise the Lord! Victory is our through Jesus Christ our Lord and soon coming King.

A communion and foot washing service was held the evening of September 23rd and the blessings of the Lord came down.

On October 26, 1984, Brother and Sister, Jim and Mary Lou Arnall came from Ashland, Alabama to start a revival. There was a choir about every night with Brother Richard Morris conducting. The congregation joined in the singing. Sister Kathy Arnall was at the piano. Special numbers followed. Brother Steve and Sister Kathy Arnall were very helpful in bringing specials. We really appreciated this dedicated effort of their driving from Midway Country Church to Arnett nightly to help in the service. They were a great blessing to us. We pray the Lord to bless them greatly.

Russell Ball of Laverne, Oklahoma also came for the weekend to help with special music. We wish to say thanks to Brother Ball for his help.

There were others who helped, from time to time, with special music. All this help was also appreciated.

Isn't it wonderful how God's people work together in the service of the Lord.

Brother Jim Arnall gave forth the word of God under the mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit. following the message, many sought the Lord for personal needs as well as for the needs of others. The precious spirit of the Lord was present in every service. We do indeed feel revived and ready to go on for the Lord. Praise His Name!

Brother and Sister Morris left Wednesday, October 3rd, for Alvin, Texas to hold a revival. This was cut short by Mrs. W.S. (Lucy) Sibley's death and he returned to conduct her funeral services.

The Lord is still moving. We just praise His wonderful name.

Richard Morris, Pastor  
Ruby V. Kibbe, Reporter

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Deryl and Edith Lamunyon are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter Deryla Jean to Richard Lee Royal son of Mr. and Mrs. John Royal of Hydro, OK. on August 11, 1984 at 2 p.m. Reverend Danny Robinson, pastor of Balco Apostolic Church, performed the double ring ceremony in the First Christian Church at Beaver, OK.

Deryla's attendants were Robin Downing, Tracie Bennett, Jana Sanger and LaShana Ward.

Richard's attendants were Rusty Huiatt, Steve Spencer, Richy and Steve Royal.

Deryla is a 1981 graduate of Beaver High School, Beaver, OK. and is now Senior at Weatherford majoring in Vocal Music Education.

Richard is a 1982 graduate of Hydro High School in Hydro, OK. and is a junior at Southwestern Ok. State University and is majoring in Music Education.

They are making their home in Hydro, OK.



Donald and Kimberly Burnett of Gower, Mo. announce the birth of their second child, a son, Casey Jo, born on September 4, 1984. Casey weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and was 21 inches long. Casey has a big sister, Brittany Dawn. Donald and Kimberly were students of AFBC in the fall semester of 1983.

## God is at work today!

God is at work today, He really is! I love the Lord and my thanks go to Him and His marvelous grace. I have been out of Bible School for about 3 years now and somehow between the time I graduated from there, got married and had a wonderful child, I somehow forgot how to put God first in my life. It's not that I quit loving the Lord, but I was trying so hard to get my new life together, deal with changes, that I got my eyes pointed toward life instead of God. Let me tell you something, I never could get my routine together and the longer I worked at it the more frustrated I became. Finally, through the help of a very dear friend, I decided to stop trying to work out the natural things and concentrate on spiritual things. Guess what? I found my first love, Jesus, waiting patiently for me to let Him help me. Oh, if you could only feel what I feel in my heart right now! My relationship with God is more beautiful and peaceful so then also my relationship with my husband is more wonderful than ever before! God is at work in Baxter Springs as well as anywhere else! I thank God for Brother Jack and Sister Kathryn Cornell and the testimony they live.

Rhonda Ames  
Baxter Springs, Ks.

Dec. 1984

## 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. The 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.

Santification 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 teaching approved by the Board from time to time are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

### CAMP MEETING 1985

JULY 22-28 BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS

#### 4-STATE YOUTH CAMP

BAXTER SPRINGS, KS. JUNE 16-21

#### PANHANDLE YOUTH CAMP

LAVERNE, OKLA. JUNE 3-8 JUNE 10-15

## SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is a truth that needs to be preached, practiced, and lived; yet it is almost a forgotten message. Whenever the scripture mentions sin, it is talking about the sin nature that we were born with. We are not responsible for this sin nature that we were born with, so we can't repent for it. But through a thorough surrender, 100 fold, in full consecration to do God's will we can be cleansed through the cleansing blood of Christ. I John 1:7-10 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin" is speaking of the sin nature. Verse 8 "If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." This is talking about if we deny the sin nature that we were born with then it plainly says the truth is not in us. Now the 9th verse talks about sins. "If we confess our sins, he" Jesus "is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." In verse 10, "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." This is denying that we ever committed a sin. Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." We were all born in sin and are all sinners until we repent with a Godly sorrow for the sins that we have committed, and believe in our hearts that Jesus has forgiven our sins. Acts 3:19 "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshings shall come from the presence of the Lord." This is true conversion. This has to take place before you can be sanctified. Then you are a candidate for Sanctification. Many say it is a controversial message. Jesus was the most controversial preacher that ever came along. Jesus said many times in his teaching and preaching: Matthew 5:38-39, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." Now this was very controversial to what they had been taught. I have often wondered just how would I react if I was really put to the test. I was working for a man one time and I said something that made him very mad. He was a man that was well built, much heavier and stronger than I. When he got mad and drew back his fist there was such a sweet calm feeling that came over me. I didn't defend myself at all and through the grace of Sanctifying cleansing blood of Christ I remained calm. He never hit me but I think if he had I could of turned the other cheek. I take no honor or praise to myself, only praise the Lord for His Sanctifying Grace.

Jesus taught Sanctification, Paul taught it and the twelve Apostles taught it. Many ministers talk about the born again Christian. What they are saying is that you are born again at salvation; which I don't believe the scripture teaches. I definitely believe in being born again. John 1:11-13 "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave him power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." I believe this scripture says to as many that received him in Salvation he gave them

them power to become the sons of God. Son of God, being born of the Spirit, Spiritual Birth. John 3:6-8. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." (Spiritual Birth) I believe that Jesus made it very plain what being born of the Spirit is, by using the wind to explain this truth of Spiritual Birth. You can't see the wind, you can't tell where it came from and where it went. You can't see the Spirit either. You can see the results of the wind but not the wind itself. Jesus said that in those born of the Spirit you can see the results of a spiritual birth, that comes when we are Sanctified. You may have a good experience in Salvation but you don't become Spiritual until the Spiritual Birth in Sanctification. Jesus said in John 3:3 "And Jesus answered and said unto him verily verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." In Jesus sermon on the mount Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Sanctification deals with the purity of the heart. It is necessary to be born again to see the Kingdom of God. Also it is very necessary to be in the first resurrection. Revelation 20:6 "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection." If we are not sanctified we will not reign with Christ in the glorious 1000 year reign of peace.

Jesus prayed in John 17:9-21 "I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me, for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in my name; those thou hast given me I have kept and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now I come to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hateth them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray that thou shouldest not take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth. And as thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they might be also be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but them also which shall believe on me through their word. That they may all be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they may also be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Aren't you glad that Jesus didn't leave us out in this prayer? Thank God!

Romas 5:1-2 "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. "I had never heard a message of sanctification, but after I had been saved three weeks this experience became a reality in my life. I was on the way to the field to work driving a six horse team when the Lord sanctified me. I was trying to sing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and as I completely surrendered myself to God He sanctified me completely. I definitely felt the cleansing power of the blood of Christ go

through my whole being. It was a definite experience. After you are sanctified there is a growth in holiness and in living a sanctified life. Jesus is going to present to himself a sanctified church without spot or wrinkle a glorious church. Let us strive to be worthy of being in this glorious church. God bless you.

James Hosler



#### THE BLOOD

The Blood is the life. There is the Blood of Christ, given for the salvation of the lost and sanctifying of Believers. There is the Blood of the Covenant, the promised redemption. Praise the Lord for his shed Blood. Without the Blood we are lost. A Bloodless religion is worthless. This is all my plea, nothing but the Blood of Jesus.

Gen. 9:4-The Blood is the life. We must have blood in the natural to live, and there is no spiritual life only be acknowledging the Blood of Jesus.

Lev. 17:11-It is the Blood that makes an atonement. Not good works or deeds, but the Blood.

Ex. 12:13-When I see the Blood, was a pass for Israel, and through the Blood we enter in today.

Matt. 26:28-The Blood of Jesus is shed for the remission of the sins of the world.

Luke 22:20-There is the Cup, there is the Blood. Let us honor the Blood as the only saving and keeping power.

I Cor.-The Testament, or new covenant of the Blood must be kept til Jesus comes again.

John 6:54-Drink the Blood of Christ, and live. Because he lives, we shall live also.

John 6:56-Drink, by faith, the Blood and have the Christ life within.

John 19:34-Jesus gave every drop of His Blood on the Cross. It is His death that set all sinners free.

Col. 1:20-We are reconciled and have peace through the Blood. It is the Blood that makes us worthy of His Name.

Heb. 9:12-This is our eternal redemption-The Blood of Christ.

Heb. 9:22-Without the shedding of Blood there is no forgiveness.

Heb. 10:19-There is a new and living way, that is we enter into holiness by the Blood of Jesus.

Heb. 10:29-Be careful about the Blood. It is holy, it has power, Death and destruction lay in the path of disrespect of the precious Blood of Jesus.

Heb. 13:12-Jesus suffered and shed His Blood without the gate. Let us gladly bear the approach of a holy life.

Heb. 13:20-Let us be made perfect through the Blood for the everlasting Covenant. For victory over the forces of evil plead the Blood. Faith in the Blood is a shield.

Hebrews is the book that testifies of the Blood in a special way.

Exodus 12:7-Where the Blood was sprinkled, there was a refuge.

Exodus 24:8-Moses gave approval of the Blood, by sprinkling. A covenant is a contract, or promise, of God in this case.

Heb. 11:28-Sprinkling stands for the Blood, and should not be imitated by water.

Heb. 12:24-Abel being dead yet speaketh, but Jesus is the living way, as the sprinkling of Blood testifies.

I Pet. 1:2-By obedience to the Father, the Blood of Jesus was sprinkled for all nations.

I John 1:7-Read correctly, If we walk in the light, as Jesus is in the light, we do have fellowship one with the other, then the Blood, of Jesus does cleanse us from sin. To have fellowship proves disciple-ship.

I John 5:6-9-There is a spirit of truth, and the Father and Son and Holy Ghost bear witness. There is a testimony from man, but also a spirit given witness within that is greater. Let us have that witness from above.

Rev. 5:9-10-It is by the precious Blood of Christ that people are saved, and made ready for the ages to come.

Rev. 7:14-The standing grace of man, even to come through a great time of trouble is the Blood of Christ, and the word of their testimony. Be a witness of victory.

Rev. 12:11-The devil and the powers thereof, now, and always, will be overcome by the Blood. Get under the Blood for safe keeping.

Eph. 2:13-The open door, the pledge of security is found in the Blood, all people are made one through the atonement.

I Pet. 18:19-False doctrines, dead form and the like pass away, as we honor the Blood. Let your mind and heart, your thoughts and actions be covered by the Blood.

Matt. 27:25-Be not as the Jew that invited His Blood upon themselves. The curse and disapproval of God will lead to ruin.

Acts 20:28-The people that are washed in the Blood make up the Church of God, not one denomination, but all the saved of all the earth.

Rom. 3:25-The Blood of Jesus Christ was shed for the remission of sins. We are justified by His grace through faith.

Rom. 5:8-9-Sinners are redeemed and saved from the wrath of God by repentance, and honoring the Blood.

Eph. 1:7-Our redemption is through the Blood, the only open door. Our hope and firm foundation.

Col. 1:14-The idea of the Redeeming Blood, is still continued; it is the Scarlet thread of the Bible.

Matt. 27:4-Judas knew that the Blood of Jesus was pure, and innocent. The entire world should acknowledge the atoning Blood.

Mark 14:24-The Blood of the New Testament given at Calvary is still in force, to save and keep.

Sinner, come God's way, accept His plan of salvation and the Blood will cover your soul, so that you are free. Christian, walk in the light, and honor the Blood to keep you and give you victory in every trial. Under the Bloodstained banner of Christ, we go marching on, until the crown is won.

# Emmanuel

We are entering into that wonderful season when we remember the day Jesus was born. It is a precious time of year, however we should love Jesus every day and we should serve Him every day. Not just at this keeping of His birthday.

I want to explain how God deals in a broad spectrum then narrows that spectrum down to a point. Like a funnel--broad at the top to catch any scattering drops and the funnel conveys the liquid to a small opening to direct the liquid into a small mouthed container.

Gen. 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise the head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

This was after the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. The first promise of redemption from the curse of sin. Somewhere among the seed of eve there would come a deliverer. This is very broad. All human kind are from Eve.

We now start the funnel. Abraham was chosen and blessed. Issac lost his birthright. Jacob received the blessing. We are narrowing down because God chose the Semitic race to bless. Jacob became Israel but he had twelve sons. Judah was chosen of these twelve sons. Matt. 2:6 "and thou Bethlehem of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor that shall rule my people Israel."

Judah, though small, was still quite large so God narrowed again. Isa. 11:1 "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse had eight sons so God narrowed more and chose the youngest David. Isa. 7:13-14, "And he said, hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary God also?"

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

We read now, out of all the cities, God choice the city David, Bethlehem. We are narrowing more and more. The Lineage of David--the city of Bethlehem.

I am ready to ready my scripture found in Matthew 1:18-25.

(18) "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise; When as his Mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

(19) Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

(20) But while he thought on these things, behold, the Angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

(21) and she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

(22) Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

(23) Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

(24) Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

(25) And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus."

We have come to the small end of the funnel. Joseph who has direct lineage to Abraham (Matthew 1:1-16), and Mary who has direct lineage to Adam (Luke 3:23-38). This is most astonishing as the women were not generally included in lineages. Mary's lineage was kept.

One other item concerning lineages--Matt. 1:19 "So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations."

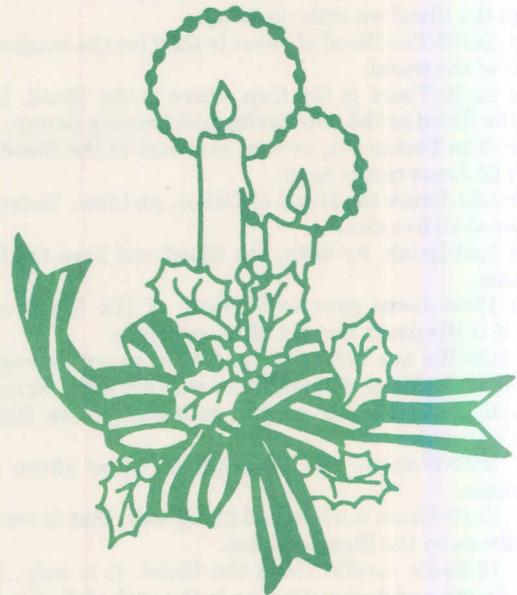
Isn't it nice to know that God has order in his plan and makes things work out just exactly right. Three sets of fourteen generations Abraham to David--David to Babylonian Captivity--Babylonian Captivity to Christ or the virgin birth.

Let me insert here that I believe in the virgin birth of Jesus. He is the Divine Son of God. This is necessary for Him to be the Saviour of all mankind. This brings me to my thought..Emmanuel..interpreted God with us. The only way God could be with us is by his Son--Jesus. His meaningful name is Emmanuel--The Divine Son of God with us in human flesh, conceived of the Holy Ghost..born of the Virgin Mary. The name we use is Jesus--for he shall save his people from their sins. The only one who could pay the price. The only saviour. The best of Heaven. How precious indeed.

Isaiah 11:6 "For unto us a child is born; unto us a son if given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: And his name shall be called Wonderful, counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." I could add Emmanuel and Jesus. Oh, how precious is that name Jesus. He is my Saviour. He is my friend. He is my deliverer. He is my soon coming King of Kings.

Emmanuel--God with us. Thanks be to God for his wonderful gift--Jesus.

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