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# As It Began to Dawn

By MRS. FLOYD LA MUNYON

The title for this article is a phrase from Matthew 28:1. The entire verse reads: "In the end of the sabbath, AS IT BEGAN TO DAWN toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre." In the remaining verses of this chapter is recorded, not a narrative, not a story, but a factual and true account of actual and real events surrounding the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This first verse of Matthew 28 speaks of an ending and also of a beginning. "In the end of the sabbath. . ." The Mosaic law of carnal ordinances and of animal sacrifices as typified by the word "sabbath" was at an end; not ended by being destroyed but by being fulfilled. (Matt. 5:17). The law had served its purpose and had now been fulfilled by the sacrificial death of God's Lamb, His only Son, Jesus Christ. And a "new day" was dawning. A new day of redemption and forgiveness of sins through faith in His blood (Eph. 1:7), and an entrance "into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh." Heb. 10:19b-20.

Something else had ended at the crucifixion and the resurrection of the Lord, it was the end of His sufferings here on this earth. Three days prior to this time, while He was on the cross, Jesus had said: "It is finished." Ended. No doubt He was speaking of the fact that the Father's great plan of Redemption for the fallen race was complete and finished. However, it was also the end of many other things. In the beginning Christ had been with the Father and had been surrounded by all the glory, the purity, the perfection of Heaven. Philippians, chapter two, verse six tells us that He (Jesus) "thought it not robbery to be equal with God", a position of majesty and of power far beyond what our minds can grasp. The following

two verses in Philippians reads: But (He) made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." All of Christ's earthly life was marked by troubles, griefs, indignities. Though He was the Son of God, He came to earth not as a king but as a babe born in a stable, of humble parentage. While He was yet an infant, Herod sought His life and He was taken into Egypt to escape Herod's hand. Later, during the few years of His ministry, He was rejected by the very people who should have known of His coming and rejoiced in it, the Jewish religious leaders. He was prosecuted, maligned. . . accused of being a devil rather than being honored as the Saviour. And where earthly possessions were concerned Jesus was a very poor man. He once told a would-be follower: "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the son of man hath not where to lay His head." (Matt. 8:20).

For a short period of His ministry Jesus had a measure of popularity, if it could be called that. Multitudes followed Him, some from a sincere love and affection for Him and for what He taught, but possibly the greater part followed Him for the "loaves and fishes", for the benefits they could receive from Him. And many followed Him, no doubt, because of curiosity or because it was "the thing to do." Yet in the end of His ministry many who had once followed Him turned back and walked no more with Him. (John, 6:66). And at the time of His trial and crucifixion even His beloved disciples, His chosen ones, forsook him. Isaiah's prophecy was true when he said "He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief."

I doubt if any mortal can fully

understand the grief and sorrow and pain the Saviour bore. It is true that other men have been betrayed by their friends and forsaken by them when they most needed friends to stand by them. Other men have been mistreated and abused. The history of this sinful world down through the centuries is filled with accounts of man's inhumanity to man. History records that approximately sixty million Christians were martyred for their faith in God during the dark ages. And we have only to recall the horrible days of Hitler when millions were tortured and killed. Such horrors are probably even now being inflicted upon men in some places on this earth. Yes, it is true that other men have been crucified, many of them. But I believe that no person has ever suffered as Jesus suffered. Not only did He feel the disappointment and the sorrow of being forsaken by all and the mental distress and shame of the indignities that were heaped upon Him, the physical pain of every thorn, every lash of the whip, every nail in his flesh, but here was the Perfect, Sinless Son of God and "upon Him was laid the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6). The scripture says Jesus did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. This Man never had a sinful thought, never did a sinful act, yet the scripture says "He (God) made Him (Jesus) to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Cor. 5:21). Here was the final crushing blow upon the Son of God: the weight of our sins, yours and mine and of the whole world, cast upon Him. Even God the Father turned away and Jesus paid the price alone.

But now, praise God, all this was ended! The ransom had been paid, sin and Satan had been defeated! The three days and nights of blackness and horror of the tomb were finished! Yes, it was the end of all pain and suffering for our wonderful Lord.

"As it began to dawn." Christ was alive and IS alive forevermore! The tomb was empty. Here was the dawning of His glorious resurrection, giving life

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### FROM THE EVANGELISTS:

This finds us still working for the Lord in the Evangelistic Field. The Lord has been very good to us with His blessings and a few souls being saved. We were up in the Gause, Texas area for services recently and did enjoy them very much. I went over to Rocklale and spent a day or so just calling on old friends and praying with a number that were sick. This was a wonderful blessing to me and them.

We go for a revival at Liberal, Kansas beginning March 8th with Bro. and Sis. Jerry McClanagan and the good people of the church there. We trust to be there about two weeks. March 25th we have a date to start a meeting at Ralls, Texas with Bro. and Sis. Jack Hopson and the good people there. If things work out, we will go down to Mississippi to be with Bro. and Sis. George Hintergardt for some meetings during the month of April. Yours for souls and the spreading of the glorious gospel of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Evangelist and Mrs. R. D. Wooster.

# Easter

By HAULACE NOVINGER

According to the Holy Scriptures, it was early in the morning when it was yet dark, that we see Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, were on their way to the sepulchre, bringing spices with which to embalm the body of Jesus.

As they walked along the road their hearts were heavy within them, and they are talking about Jesus, and the happenings of the last few days, their mind is not able to comprehend the meaning of all these happenings, so as they come to the tomb they are not expecting a risen Christ.

We know today that the cross is a symbol of Christ's victory, but to the disciples it meant defeat, the death of Christ, the denial of His claims, and the failure of mission: But if the ears of their soul had been in tune to heaven they might have heard a voice saying, "No, this is not the end of your Master's work and life; this is how a new age dawns upon a needy world," or in the words of their risen Lord, "... Thus it is written, thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24: 46-47.

When the women came to the sepulchre they expected to see the stone before the door, and felt their inability to roll it away, but nevertheless, they pressed forward, and "Behold! the stone was rolled away."

Removal of the stone teaches us we need not fear obstacles which lie in the path of duty, for as we approach in the Spirit of the Lord, Divine power will take them out of the way. No difficulty is too great to be overcome by those who seek the Lord.

The women entered in, and found the Lord was gone, they were much troubled and perplexed, but the Angel of the Lord said, "... Why seek ye the Living among the dead? He is not here,

but is risen." (Luke 24:5-6) Hallelujah! He lives.

Many churches today deny the Deity and resurrection of Christ, and teach doctrines of men, worn out traditions and dead forms, but "Christ is alive." The great need today is not preaching of new truths, or even presenting old truths in new ways, but rather a fresh realization of the power of those truths in our personal experience.

As the Easter tide approaches I hope we will be able to experience in yet a more vivid manner the truth that Christ lives about us, for us, and in us.

The resurrection of Christ is essential to our salvation "... If Christ is not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Ye are yet in your sins."

Had Christ not risen we would have no Baptism with the Holy Spirit for the "Spirit" could not be given until Jesus had been glorified. (John 7:39). Were it not for the resurrection of Christ we would have no hope of a blessed immortality, "But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept." (I Corinthians 15: 20). Blessed is our portion since Christ is risen and is now sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, and ever liveth to make intercession for us.

As the priest of Israel went once a year into the Holiest of all with blood, with which he made atonement for himself and for the errors of the people, even so, Christ has entered heaven itself with His own blood having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Now we have the liberty to enter into the Holiest, the very presence of the Father, by the blood of Jesus, and because He lives, we shall live also.

Our Lord has written the promise of the Resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime. — Luther.



# Trees

By REV. JOE B. DEWEES

We think of trees being used for ornaments, shade, fruits, nuts, lumber and different types of wood for various purposes. Let us consider some trees mentioned in the Bible and the experiences connected with them.

The first tree I shall consider is the **tree of temptation**. Genesis 3: 3, "But of the fruit of the tree of the garden God hath said ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die." We have all visited this tree. As soon as we come to the age of accountability, we found it in our path. This is a tree to avoid. Stay as far from it as you can. Do not linger around it.

Since all of us succumbed to its fruit, we found our life under condemnation and the sentence of death was pronounced upon us, as it was pronounced upon Adam and Eve.

What must we do?

We must visit **Calvary's tree**. John 19:30, "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said it is finished and he bowed his head and gave up the Ghost." I Peter 2:24, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body **on the tree**, that we being dead to sin should live unto righteousness, by whose stripes ye are healed." Galatians 3:13, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us, for it is written, cursed is everyone **that hangeth on a tree**." Also Acts 10:39. Since the plan of salvation came by the Cross, (tree) we must come to that tree, and this is the most important tree in the Bible. We must come to this tree (cross) in true repentance and have the burden of sin rolled away.

The third tree I will mention is the **sycamore tree**. I will call this the **spectator tree**. Read Luke 19: 1-4. In verse four, it tells us that Zaccheus climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for he was to pass that way. Some attend services as a spectator to see what is going on and sometimes they get saved as Zaccheus did. We always welcome spectators to our services.

The fourth tree is the **Juniper Tree**. I Kings 19: 1-8. I shall call this the **tree of discouragement**. All of us get under this tree sometime, but we need not live under it. We take the attitude that all has given up but us and we become critical, filled with self-pity, and decide there is no use to keep trying. I know it was a trial for Elijah. His life was threatened and everything looked dark. He prayed for a hole in the ground but God took him through a hole in the sky. Praise the Lord! As Elijah slept under the juniper tree, God sent an angel to minister unto him. Verse 8 said he went in the strength of that food for forty days God still had some important work for him to do. God used him to anoint a man to be a prophet and another man to be a king. Maybe you have been under the juniper tree — get out and go to work for the Lord.

The fifth tree is a **gourd tree**. Jonah 4:1-10. I shall call this the **disgruntled tree**. I wonder if some of you pastors have some people under the gourd tree (puffed up and disgruntled). Jonah was the recipient of God's mercy, or he never could have survived his experience with the whale. We want God to spare us and be merciful to us but we want to see judgment to fall on others. If things do not go like we want them to go, we get in our little booth and sulk. (God help us).

The sixth tree is the **oak tree**. Genesis 35:4. I shall call this the **burial tree**. Jacob, in his sojourn with Laban in Haran, gathered up some false gods and earrings. In the twenty years since he met God at Bethel, he picked up some things that displeased God. God spoke to him to go back to Bethel and he needed to get rid of them. Maybe we have picked up some things that hinder us in communing with God. We need to go to the oak tree and unload. We pick up some things that do not become a Christian. Maybe some gossip, worldly ways, indifference, slackness in church attendance and prayer life, and many other things. Let us unload and get back to Bethel.

The seventh tree is the **palm tree**. I shall call this the **tree of**

**judgment**. Judges 4:5. "And she (Deborah) dwelt under the palm tree in Mount Ephraim, and the children of Israel came to her for judgment." We need to come to the tree of judgment (palm tree) and give ourselves a good examination. The scripture tells us to let every man examine himself. In this self-examination, we need to be very severe with ourselves. The scripture tells us that no man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself. We all have an influence so we must use it for God. Anything that would destroy our influence for God and right should be put aside. Paul said that if meat causes my brother offence I will not eat meat while the world stands. We need to come to the judgment tree (palm tree) often and look ourselves over and let God judge us.

The eighth tree is the **pomegranate tree** or **backslider tree**. I Samuel 14:1-24. In verse 24, Saul pronounced a fast upon Israel. Jonathan, his son, had gone out against the Philistines and won a great victory. He did not know about Saul's vow so when the honey began to fall he tasted of it and was greatly blessed. When backslidden Saul heard of it, he wanted to take Jonathan's life but the people prevented him. When some backslider gets in charge of God's work, he always hinders the blessings of God. Even as good as fasting is for us, it can be misused.

If you have been under the pomegranate tree in a backslidden condition, then you need to go back to Calvary's tree and start over.

The ninth tree is the **fig tree**. John 1:47. I shall call this the **guileless tree**. Christ saw Nathaniel under the fig tree and said, "Behold an Israelite in whom there is no guile." What a good place to be! Not trying to practice church politics, not trying to fool anybody, just a good sincere child of the King.

The tenth tree is found in Rev. 22:14, "Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have a right to the **tree of life** and may enter in through the gates into the city." This tree is for the future. What a wonderful hope.



# Our Mistakes and the Remedy

By MRS. WM. C. STRACENER

We are ready to say, when we make a mistake, Oh well, it is all just in living. No one is perfect! We make all kinds of excuses for ourselves, but are we willing to look the same way on our brother's life; if he falters along the way? Are we willing to be of a kind forgiving heart and lift him up and help him not to make more mistakes, or the same ones again? Or do we point an accusing finger at him; pushing him down in the mire just a little further? At the same time, we do not know what harm and damage we may be causing in a life that belongs to God, and a vessel He has chosen to dwell in and use for His glory as much as He has chosen us.

God says that all of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Jesus also said, "Let the ones who are without sin, be the first to cast a stone." You remember all that were there turned and walked away from the woman taken in adultery. Then, Jesus asked the woman, "Where are thine accusers, dost no man condemn thee?" She answered and said, "No man, Lord." Jesus then answered and said to her, "Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more." Can we be like Jesus in this or do we look at ourselves as the Pharisees did, and commend ourselves on how much better we are than our brother; when there are things in our lives that are just as bad in God's sight as the things we are holding against our christian brother. The Lord says for us to forgive our brother 70 times 7 times and our brother doesn't necessarily have to come to us and say the words 'I'm sorry.' He can show that he is sorry in many more ways. If we see through Christ's eyes sometimes we can see the glimmer of tears in the eyes or look of grief or pain that crosses the expression, showing that one is sorry for a thing, without him having to say a word. If we are to please Christ, we will be concerned and

forgiving and take this dear one back to our heart and give him strength to keep pushing forward for God. We will give him understanding and hold him up that the feeble knees may receive strength to go on for the Lord. After all, we are our brothers keeper. On the other hand, if we refuse to be forgiving to our fellowmen, then, God says He will not forgive us. Let us, therefore, take much thought before we pass judgment on another of God's children or condemn, for God is not pleased if we are not forgiving. He says He will repay each of us for our deeds. He is a just and true paymaster so, let us put ourselves in our brothers place and consider are we any more righteous in God's sight than he is.

We stand or fall before God and man's judgment is not just or true. I have learned through much tribulation to turn my thoughts inward and look into my own heart and see if I am not just as guilty as he.

Our mistakes are a means of growing up. If we let ourselves be taught by them and learn to forgive others their mistakes as God would have us do, by seeing our own and realizing we are none of us perfect. We should grow tender and kind through our own trials. We should be willing to help others through their times of trial and mistakes. In so doing, we may be the means of a soul coming to Jesus, then, after coming to Him, help him to walk with the Lord in close fellowship. On the other hand, we may, by being unchristlike and unforgiving, cause some precious soul to stumble and falter, there, we become as a tinkling cymbal or sounding brass. We become a stumblingblock to someone who is groping in semi-darkness; who is looking to us to light the way for him by living the love of God in our lives. Christ said, "Ye are the light of the world." So it behooves us to lift Christ up, even as Moses lifted up the serpent in

the wilderness; that others may see Jesus in us and our lives, so that they will have a greater desire to be like Him, by the light we show them.

Remember, someone is watching your life: looking to you as a child of God to lead their boat to safety over the rough and troublesome waves of life's sea.

Christ is the remedy. If He rules supreme in our hearts, we will live a life of love and compassion.

## He Didn't Have A Lawyer

By GUILFORD L. JONES

I am a lawyer. My concept of being a lawyer is that it is for me to be an advocate—not a judge. Others can afford to speculate on the guilt or innocence of my client—I cannot. If he has been charged with a crime he needs a lawyer and that is my job.

My friends sometimes ask why I defended a certain murderer or thief—is it just a way of making money? No, it honestly isn't that. If you can spare a few minutes, I'll try to explain it to you. . . .

You see, I had a friend, a very dear friend, who was convicted of a felony. I will never forget how unfair that trial was. He was arrested on suspicion—no sworn complaint as the law requires, but he thought it best not to make a fuss about it and he went willingly enough to appear before the grand jury. He must have been amazed when he found that the grand jury had not been properly selected and that it had been intentionally stacked against him. There was never before or since such a grand jury. Actually it was composed of a carefully selected group of his personal enemies and accuser. They even permitted the prosecuting attorney (who had a personal grudge against my friend) to remain in the jury room and participate in all of their discussions and deliberations.

Well, they brought in several witnesses to testify against him,

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# PASTORAL REPORTS

## CENTER POINT, TEXAS

The church here is beginning to show some added interest, the Sunday School has had an increase in attendance as well as the worship services.

Pray with us that we may be that most Holy Place known only to those that love, long and look for His coming. Thanks to all for your support and prayers.

Rev. and Mrs. John Blythe,  
pastors

## PINE CREST, MISSISSIPPI

God is continuing to meet with us here from time to time and we appreciate His many blessings. The annual Easter services will be held in the Hinton, Alabama church with preaching service at 11:00 a.m. and basket dinner at noon followed by a "Singing" in the afternoon. Everyone in this area is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hintergardt,  
pastors.

## SUNRAY, TEXAS

We are glad to report that our Sunday School attendance has more than doubled in recent months, the Lord has blessed in great measure. The church building has been re-painted inside and outside, and we now have three Sunday School rooms completed. Our next project is the outside of the parsonage and grounds.

Apostolic Faith ministers and gospel workers are invited to come visit our services.

The L. A. Longs, pastors

## CROSSES, ARKANSAS

Brother Roland Haney has resigned as pastor here and the Danny Robinsons are the new pastors.

We ask an interest in your prayers as we labor here for the Lord. There is much to be done everywhere, people need the Lord and we pray God to use us in a special way. We extend an invitation to ministers and workers of the Faith to come by any time.

The Danny Robinsons

## JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Our church here enjoyed a two-weeks revival the latter part of February with Brother W. O. Nunn as the evangelist. The preaching was outstanding, and the Christians were blessed and encouraged.

Rev. and Mrs. Gail Schultz,  
pastors.

## BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS

The church here is happy to have Sister Glennis McClenagan working in the Youth Services. Her ministry is a blessing.

Brother and Sister Earl Morgan will conduct the regular church services here while Brother Waterbury is away on the Bible School tour.

Rev. F. E. Waterbury, pastor

## GRANBY, MISSOURI

The Lord has been blessing the regular services here. Sunday School attendance is holding up well, and there has been an increase in church worship attendance. Visiting ministers have been filling the pulpit recently, among them: Brother Ted Jackson, Sister Edna Schultz, Brother Floyd LaMunyon and Brother J. D. Ray.

## LOGAN, OKLAHOMA

The Midway Country Church report of December and January: We were very glad to have our young folks from college during the Christmas holidays.

God is blessing our church and the interest is good; our attendance has held up well during the stormy weather. January 26 we had 98 in Sunday School and we are looking forward to reaching the 100 mark. Our church brought back the attendance banner from Youth Rally at Laverne on January 6, and the rally of February 3 was held at our church.

Anyone in this area not attending church elsewhere is invited to attend Midway Country Church.

Rev. Edwin Modrick, pastor  
Glady's Klepper, reporter

## PERRYTON, TEXAS

Evangelist Paul Clanton held a two-weeks revival during the latter part of February; the ministry of the word was outstanding and the church was helped and encouraged. Two persons received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Attendance was good, and continues to be good for our regular services.

O. A. Busch, pastor.

## FOLLETT, TEXAS

Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon began a revival at the Follett Chapel March 8, 1964. We are expecting lasting spiritual benefits from this special effort for the soul salvation of men and the deepening of professing Christians in the unfathomable depths of God's great love. Bro. and Sis. Jack Barker came over quite often to help in the services.

Bro. Roland Haney filled the pulpit Sunday night, February 9. Bro. and Sis. Haney are making Follett, Texas their home while preaching at the various churches in the Panhandle area until a pastorate or revival opens for them. Bro. Haney has filled the pulpit at Spearman several Sundays.

Bro. and Sis. Joe B. Dewees came to Follett, March 21, 1964. Bro. Dewees will fill at the Follett Chapel for three weeks while Bro. and Sis. Dibbens are in South Texas. Bro. Dibbens is wiring the new church building that is under construction at Katy, Texas and will be visiting churches of the South on Sundays and service nights while doing the rough wiring. We feel very fortunate in getting Bro. and Sis. Dewees of Hempstead, Texas to fill for us during this time.

Rev. Donald Dibbens, pastor

## RESIGN PASTORATE

Rev. and Mrs. Roland Haney have resigned as pastors at Crosses, Arkansas and are open for calls at the present time. Their mailing address is Follett, Texas.



## Letters to the Editor:

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March 6, 1964

Dear Brother Dibbens:

We have always enjoyed the paper so much and I should have sent in the change of address long ago. It was just one of those things I kept intending to do, day by day.

During our three years in Japan we especially enjoyed reading the paper to keep up with what was going on back home. The assignment in Japan was educational for us, and for most part, very pleasant. We made some good Japanese friends, visited in their homes, and tried to learn as much about their ways as possible. Of course, we tried to make a favorable impression to them as Americans and most importantly, as Christians.

We had three Japanese "Mama-Sans" who worked in our home at different times and found that while we couldn't converse with each other very well, we did have a real challenge to "live the Life before them."

Jim taught a Sunday School class of 3rd graders and I played the piano in the Primary Department of the Base Chapel Sunday School. Yes, we were restricted in what could be taught since so many people of so many faiths were represented. However, on the whole, we felt it was important to try to help in the Lord's work and were blessed by doing so. When you think of it, is it possible for the story of the Love of God for us to be taught too much, or can we ever fathom the real meaning of it?

We are planning to take a furlough next summer and be with our families in Roswell again and hope to come by the Camp Meeting at Laverne on our way back to Michigan.

Enclosed is a small offering. We trust it will help and know we shall continue to enjoy the Report.

Your Friends in Christ,  
Jim and Helen Hammock  
David, 11, Karen, 6, Doris, 3,  
and Janis, 10 months.

Dear Brother Dibbens:

We enjoy the paper and wish to thank you for your efforts toward it.

The Lord has been blessing the ministry at the Full Gospel Chapel and last fall the superstructure was begun over the church basement. It is now framed in, windows and doors are in at the present time. Pray with us as we further the building program for the glory of the Lord. This winter much work has been done to the interior of the basement by way of painting, trim work and floor tile has been installed on the bathrooms.

On January 20 marked an exciting time for the Ray household as we began our trip for the southland. We had a safe trip but we encountered extreme cold to 65 below zero. We were glad to arrive in California.

The Lord has given us the opportunity to visit many churches, some of which we have never visited before. Our sincere appreciation to all who have given us such a warm welcome in your churches and in your homes. It has been a privilege for us to see our many friends and to enjoy the rich christian fellowship of many homes and churches.

Our appreciation is expressed to Rev. Ross Briles, Rev. Harrol Waterbury, Mrs. Marcus Adair and Rev. Gene Waterbury for their help in arranging our schedule in the following churches: In California: Stockton, Modesto, Imperial Beach, and Spring Valley; Lovington, New Mexico; Liberal, Kans., and Baxter Springs, Kans. In Oklahoma: Hardesty, Guymon, Gray, Balko, Midway, and Laverne. In Texas: Follett, Perryton, Pampa, Kingsmill, Sunray, Dumas, Amarillo, Dalhart, Canyon, Snyder, Big Spring, Austin, Rockdale, Huffsmith, Katy, Alvin and Wayside Chapel. May the Lord bless you good pastors for your warm hand of fellowship. We are sorry time did not permit us to visit all the churches as was our wish but we must be back in Alaska by Easter.

This summer and fall offers many opportunities and tasks for

us. Summer is our building season and this fall opens a kindergarten in our church. We pray this new venture will enable us to win some for the Lord.

We ask the prayers of all of you that we may be successful in the winning of souls as our days are short to work for the Lord. May we all be faithful to our tasks until we meet around God's throne.

Sincerely

J. D. and Eula Ray  
(Joanie, John, Jeffrey)

Shiprock, New Mexico  
March 4, 1964

The Apostolic Faith Report,  
Dear Bro. Dibbens and Bro. and  
Sis. LaMunyon:

We enjoy the paper so very much.

We wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and letters of encouragement during my illness.

We have been trying to acknowledge all letters and cards and hope to have it done soon.

I am able to work full time again now.

We sincerely appreciate the special prayers and wish to be remembered for complete victory.

With Christian Love,  
Paul A. Ross and  
family.

### IT IS NOT EASY

To apologize,  
To begin over,  
To be unselfish,  
To take advice,  
To admit error,  
To face a sneer,  
To be charitable,  
To keep on trying,  
To be considerate,  
To avoid mistakes,  
To endure success,  
To profit by mistakes,  
To forgive and forget,  
To think and then act,  
To keep out of the rut,  
To make the best of little,  
To subdue an unruly temper,  
To maintain a high standard,  
To shoulder a deserved blame,  
To recognize the silver lining  
But it always pays.

—Ohio Educational Monthly.



# The Children's Hour . . .

By ALBERDINE WILHITE

Now that it is Easter time  
Let's have no dread or fear.  
Let it be a happy time  
The loveliest of the year.

Let us remember in our youth  
A victorious Christ, who overcame  
Death. That we might live anew  
And glorify His name!

Some folks—this includes boys and girls—try to avoid the thought of death. But it is pretty hard to skip over when we hear it on the news broadcasts, television, and read it in the headlines of our papers. One day it is fire or explosion. Another an earthquake has buried a city, or an airplane with eighty-five fell and all were killed. In our larger cities, hardly a day goes by without funeral services.

All this sounds frightening to you, doesn't it? Yet a truth we have to face is as sure as we are born we must also die—and we become afraid. But we need not fear for we have a way of escape. Isn't it wonderful? Jesus said, "Fear not for I am with thee."

In this day and age—scientists call it the Atomic Age—people are living in fear. Just last week I overheard a person say, "A fear of living and a fear of dying."

We, of this Atomic Age, also have a way of escape. Do you know what it is? It is a "Bomb Shelter." Not, however, the type that men build. A Christian's bomb shelter is the Cross of Calvary. I saw a cartoon drawing of a huge cross flat on the ground. In its base was a door and people were entering. In the distance was the mushroom cloud of the atomic bomb. The caption of the cartoon said, "World's Fallout Shelter." The mushroom cloud had written on it, "Universal Sin." So, Christ's Cross is the shelter in which we can hide. It is OUR WAY OF ESCAPE.

Did you know that some people do not believe that Jesus died on the Cross? Or that He arose again? But if they would search

the scriptures and the history books they would find out differently. Yet they like to say that God is a good God and that Jesus was a wonderful man.

If it is true that Jesus did not die on the Cross or was raised from the dead, as God's word proclaims, we would have no way of escape.

But, praise be to God, we can overcome death.

In the old Testament, God said Jesus would rise from the dead. In the New Testament we find that Christ did rise from the dead! It is a glorious truth to know that our Saviour did overcome death and rise and furnish us with a way to escape. God did not lie. We may safely put our faith in Him.

Christ died for all but His mercy is also extended to the individual boy and girl, mother, father, and grandparents, if they will accept Him.

Isaiah, the prophet of old, cried out, "Look unto Me, and be ye saved." Isaiah 45:22. Isaiah was not talking about himself. He was talking about Jesus—Our way of escape.

"Forgive another's error for each mistake of your own and you will have no grudges left."

We would like the readers of the Children's Page to help select a name for our Kindergarten school, and the one selecting the winning name will receive an Alaskan souvenir. Send your selection to: Rev. J. D. Ray, Box 3366 C, Star Route B, Spenard, Alaska.

## LET US GO ON

Some of us stay at the Cross,  
Some of us wait at the tomb  
Quickened and raised together with  
Christ,

Yet lingering still in its gloom;  
Some of us bide at the Passover feast  
With Pentecost all unknown—  
With triumphs of grace in the heavenly  
place

That our Lord has made our own.  
If the Christ who died had stopped  
at the Cross,

His work had been incomplete;  
If the Christ who was buried had  
stayed in the tomb

He had only known defeat;  
But the way of the Cross never stops  
at the Cross,

And the way of the Tomb leads on  
To victorious grace in the heavenly  
place

Where the risen Lord has gone.  
So, let us go on with our Lord  
To the fulness of God He has  
brought,

Unsearchable riches of glory and good  
Exceeding our uttermost thought:  
Let us grow up into Christ,

Claiming His life and its powers—  
The triumph of grace in the heavenly  
place

That our conquering Lord has  
made ours.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust in much." — Luke 16:10.



# Advanced History

## FOR ADVANCED READERS

Let us continue last month's story . . . If you remember Daniel was just interpreting the King's dream . . . "Thou O king sawest and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms were of silver, his belly and his thigh of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

"Thou sawest till that a stone

made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain and the interpretation thereof sure."

"Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and . . . answered unto Daniel, and said, 'Of truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets.' Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon. Then Dan-



iel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the gate of the king." (From Daniel, chapter 2).

was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet which were of iron and clay, and brake them in pieces . . . And the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled all the earth."

**THE INTERPRETATION . . .**  
"Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things.

"In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

"Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath

iel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the gate of the king." (From Daniel, chapter 2).

Nebuchadnezzar was founder of the great Babylonian empire and reigned 43 years from its capitol city, Babylon. The Chaldeans (as the Babylonians are also called) destroyed the Assyrian empire and its capitol, Ninevah. Some time following the death of Nebuchadnezzar, his son of grandson, Belshazzar, became king. He was the last king of this powerful nation. Darius the Median, took Babylon from Belshazzar.

During his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had set up a golden image, ninety feet high and sitting upon a base thirty feet square and probably overlaid with gold. All were commanded to worship this image, and failure to do so was to bring punishment (intended for the Hebrew children) in the fiery furnace.

**THE SIZE OF BABYLON.** Ancient historians say that the walls

of the city were 60 miles around, fifteen miles on each of the four sides; the walls were 300 feet high, 80 feet thick, and extending 35 feet under ground so invading armies could not tunnel under them. The walls were protected by moats, or canals filled with water that were wide and deep. Guards stood watch in 250 towers on the wall with its 100 gates of brass. The city was divided by the Euphrates river over which were ferrys and bridges for travel from one side to another. One large bridge sat at the center of the city with a tunnel underneath.

The great temple of Marduk adjoining the tower of Babylon was the most renowned sanctuary of the city and contained the image of which we spoke before.

# TEEN TALK

The city was very religious in an idolatrous way; it had 53 temples and 180 altars, also many other fabulous places, such as the palace and the hanging gardens. Always remember, though, that the prophecies of the book of Daniel and of Babylon will always figure prominently in the study of the future. The Stone cut out without hands is Christ, and He shall return to earth to stamp out all evil, subdue world powers and great names and peoples, and shall then set up a Kingdom of His own as was told us in the interpretation by Daniel.

—Edwin Modrick

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### PANHANDLE TRI-STATE YOUTH RALLY

The Panhandle Tri-state Youth Rally was held in Perryton, Tex. Monday night, February 10, 1964. In the absence of the president, Rev. Ted Barker, vice-president Paul Wilkerson of Perryton was in charge of the service. Singing was under the direction of Rev. Jerry McClenagan of Liberal, Kansas with special songs arranged by churches represented.

The attendance banner was won by the Balko church, Rev. Jack Cornell, pastor. The total number in attendance was 130.

The special guest speaker was Rev. J. D. Ray of Spenard, Alaska, who brought an inspiring sermon on Job.

The next rally will be at Spearman, Texas, March 9.

### GOLDEN SPREAD YOUTH RALLY

The last Golden Spread Youth Rally was held at Canyon, Texas on February 10, 1964. The rally usually meets on the fourth Sunday but since Valentine's Day was on the 14th, this month's rally was moved to the 3rd Sunday. The theme of the rally was "Falling in Love". Every chorus and special number that was sung followed this theme. The program climaxed with a panel discussion on the comparison of "Falling in Love" romantically and "Falling in Love" with Christ.

Amarillo, Texas was awarded the attendance banner having 32 present. The total attendance was 140.

Diana Summerford, reporter

### PINE CREST YOUTH CAMP QUITMAN, MISSISSIPPI

Dates for the Pine Crest Youth encampment are June 21 through 26, 1964.

Dates for the Pine Crest Camp Meeting are June 28-July 5.

Committee: Leon Smith, Pine Hill, Ala.; George Hintergardt, Route 4, Quitman, Miss.; Harold Bollinger, Canyon, Texas; L. J. Ehrlich, Canyon, Texas.

(Further information in a later issue of the Apostolic Faith Report.)

### GOLDEN SPREAD YOUTH RALLY

The Golden Spread Youth Rally was held at Amarillo, Texas January 26th and the special theme for the rally was "Bubbles". Service was opened with choruses led by Joye Regier with Kay Regier at the piano and Rita Conn at the organ. Three special songs were sung, a mixed quartet from Amarillo, solo by Kay Fisher, and the Adair trio from Canyon.

Kay Regier, Rein Hile and Truman Summerford were speakers for the service. The six main topics were: Love, Health, Pleasure, Respect, Security, and Wisdom.

There was a good representation from each of the area churches with a total of 91 present. The Canyon church won the banner with 25 present.

Diana Summerford, reporter

### WEST TEXAS YOUTH RALLY

The West Texas Youth Rally met at Ralls, Texas, February 7, 1964. Rev. Howard Whiteley, assistant president replacing John Billings as president, called the rally to order with prayer led by Rev. Vester Clanton of Snyder, Texas. A new secretary, Mrs. Yvonne Whiteley, was elected to replace Mrs. Bobbie Billings. Ralls won the attendance banner with 15 present.

Rev. Jim Morris directed the choir with Mrs. Jack Hopson at the organ and Mrs. Howard Whiteley at the piano. Special songs were sung by Carla Blythe; A quartet from Ralls of the Claude and Mardell Bishops; Rev. and Mrs. Sharpe of Lovington, New Mexico; Rev. Jim Morris of Snyder, Texas; and a duet by Rev. and Mrs. Howard Whiteley of Big Spring, Texas.

Rev. Jack Hopson brought the message on thirsting for spiritual water from the book of Isaiah. The next rally will be at Big Spring due to the revival which will be in progress with Rev. Otto Busch of Perryton, Texas as evangelist.

Yvonne Whiteley, reporter.

Storms make a strong tree —  
Sufferings make a strong saint.

### TRI-STATE YOUTH RALLY

This is a general report on the Tri-State Youth Rally.

Present officers are: Bill Forbes, president; Rev. Gene Waterbury, vice-president; Norma Watson, secretary-treasurer; Linda Bard, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Our average attendance for October, November, December, and January has been 80. We certainly miss the Bible School students and all the help and inspiration they always are to our Youth Rallies. Since they've been gone we've kept our attendance up and our own young people are real good to help in the rallies. The Lord has been real good to us. Our next rally will be at Joplin, Missouri where Bro. Onal Nunn is conducting a revival.

Norma Watson  
Secretary-Treasurer

I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead yet shall he live. John 11:25.

### MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bishop of Brownwood, Texas announce the marriage of their daughter, Bobbie Bishop, to Mr. Raymond Mathis of Hempstead, Texas. The ceremony was read at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, February 14, 1964.



"It's lucky I'm a boy . . .  
'Cause with a name like Clint Eliot.

I'd feel silly being a girl!  
I was born on February 21, 1964.  
Which is also my birthday.

My parents, Rev. Lowell and Mrs. Thelma Long,  
Tell me I weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny Nelson of Beaver, Okla. announce the birth of their daughter, Danna Denise, February 1, 1964. Mrs. Nelson is the former Evelyn Elston.



## As It Began--

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and purpose to all His previous life and sufferings, and to His redemptive plan. The dawn of His glorification and return to the Father to once again enjoy the glories of Heaven, and to intercede for us there. The dawn of the dispensation of Grace when men can be saved through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and through Him only. (Acts 4:12). Here also, was the dawning of a day of glory and Honor for Jesus greater than He had had before. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:6-11).

"As it began to dawn." Thank God for the dawn of the Resurrection Day almost twenty centuries ago! Every child of God rejoices anew at this blessed Easter season, and our hearts swell and throb with gratitude and praise when we remember the words of our Lord: "Because I live ye shall live also." (John 14:19).

It seems to this writer that once again our world is nearing another ending and another dawning. When Jesus ascended back into the Heavens He gave His promise to return again. (Jo. 14:3; Acts 1:11). The church age is drawing to a close, the Gospel of the Kingdom is being preached unto all the world as a witness (Matt. 24:14) and the time of "falling away" is upon us. Many have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof." (2 Tim. 3:1-5).

Joel prophesied of the last days and said "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the **day of the LORD** cometh, for it is nigh at hand; a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness . . ." (Joel 2:1-2). What a dark night these words portray! But

this is only the ending of one age, there is **another dawn to come**. "As it began to dawn." Even now the first faint rays of that new dawn may be seen by those who look for His coming. "But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings." Mal. 4:2 "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: **BUT THE LORD SHALL ARISE UPON THEE**, and His glory shall be seen upon thee." (Isaiah 60:1-2).

This new dawn will see Jesus coming **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**, triumphant in every sense of the word. Then shall the angel voices numbering thousands of thousands proclaim: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the **LAMB** for ever and ever." (Rev. 5:12-13) Amen! May it be so!

## He Didn't Have--

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but even their own selected witnesses were so inconsistent the grand jury couldn't even frame an indictment. And then they started to work on him. No one told him he didn't have to testify and that if he did, everything he said could be used against him. No one told him of his constitutional right of silence . . . and so, he made a statement. No, what my friend told them was not a confession of crime—but he admitted certain things that gave them an excuse to indict him. Actually he admitted he had done certain things, but correctly denied they constituted any crime. Finally the prosecuting attorney said, "So what if we don't have enough evidence against him. He

has confessed all we need—let's indict him," and they did. And then in less than twenty-four hours he was put to trial.

At the trial they had no new evidence against him. He listened to what they had to say and made no effort to defend himself . . . he knew it was useless. They simply threw away the book that says a man is innocent until proven guilty, and instead, they dared him to prove his innocence. My friend had no lawyer that day. In that entire city there wasn't one lawyer with guts enough to stand up and represent him. Public feeling and resentment was too great.

And so he was tried. Under the pressure of public opinion, before a judge who actually invited the influence of mob sentiment, in a hasty, star-chamber proceeding, on perjured evidence and without a lawyer—he was tried and convicted . . . and that wasn't all. No, that isn't the complete story of this tragic day, for you see, he **wasn't even guilty!** That's right, my friend was convicted of a crime he did not commit. But he was convicted, and he was punished . . . and his punishment was a "cruel and unusual punishment"—the most inhuman ever devised. For my friend there was no blessed, painless gas chamber, or a quick searing bolt of electricity—nor even the shuddering, neck-cracking thud at the end of a hangman's rope. No—no, my friend died for a crime he did not commit—my friend and your friend, **Jesus of Nazareth**, was crucified for the sins of all mankind!

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. I Cor. 15:20.

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