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*Now the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing,
that ye may abound in hope,
through the power of the Holy
Ghost.*

Romans 15:13

JOINT FELLOWSHIP IN DALLAS

On July 11-12, 1994 approximately 150 ministers of the full Gospel Evangelistic Association and of the Apostolic Faith Movement met in Dallas, Texas for a joint fellowship.

The purpose of the meeting was to renew old acquaintances and discuss the possibility of increased fellowship and cooperation within our two groups.

There was a wonderful spirit of harmony and a united consensus for this endeavor.

I enjoyed the privilege of working with Bro. Henry Pletcher, President of the executive Board of F. G. E. A. . I look forward to continued fellowship in the future.

Please pray for Superintendent Savoy Grimmer and the Board of Directors that we may be led of the Lord as we continue to work in behalf of the Bible College.

I appreciate the Movements on-going support of this ministry. May God bless us together as we seek to glorify Him.

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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 Savior Jesus Christ who have accepted Him as their personal Savior. 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 Savior, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.

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

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by the 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, Matt. 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 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 if they are not in consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

From the Superintendent's Desk

Greetings from the Apostolic Faith Bible College. The choir is now preparing to embark on its annual fall choir tour. Saturday, October 15th is the scheduled date of departure from Baxter Springs, Kansas. The choir will be traveling to our churches in the panhandle of Texas and Oklahoma, as well as New Mexico and Kansas.

Each concert should be approximately one hour in length in which there are a variety of solos, duets, trios and quartets. The choir has one violinist, three acoustical guitar players, one electric guitar player, two bass guitar players, one drummer and one pianist. The theme of this years choir tour is *Calvary's The Reason Why* which is the title of one of the songs. October 29th is the scheduled time for the choir to arrive back in Baxter. We hope and pray that the tour will not be a wasted effort, but that lives can be changed by the anointing of God.

The student body of the Bible school this year consists of five men and two women; David Banta, Johnny McCammon, Tommy Tolleson, Brad Williams, Sean Thomas, Kristal Urick and Darla Oakes. There is one drive-in student this year named Clinton Schneider. The faculty consists of Ja Urick, Tommy Tolleson, Lyndel and Katherine Arnall, Mechelle Doty, Glenn Oakes, Paul Clanton, Bev Karber, Paul Morrison, and Savoy and Karen Grimmer.

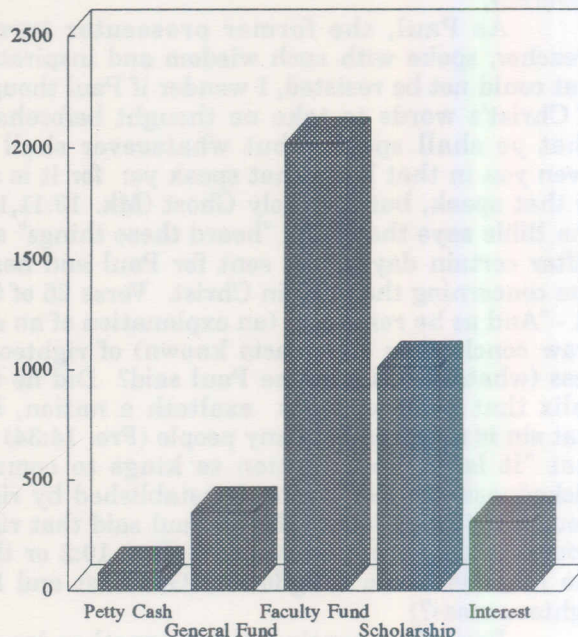
Several things have been accomplished in the way of repair and maintenance to the school and its property. The Rocky house has been bulldozed down and buried. The cost of that project was \$500.00. The teachers dwelling has received a new roof over the back porch as well as 1/4 of the roof re-shingled which totaled out to be \$560.00. New astro turf has been laid in front of the new building and Chapel at a cost of \$300.00.

During Spring choir tour of 1994 our bus sustained damage to the front windshield due to debris which blew from the tarp of a truck that had passed and then bounced off of the pavement and into the windshield. The bus is now being attended to and the estimated repair cost is around \$8,000. The estimated value of the bus is approximately around \$5,000. to \$7,000. The insurance company is now negotiating on how to proceed with the repair of the bus.

Glenn Oakes Reporting

Bank Account Status
as of
Oct 6, 1994

Petty Cash	80.00
General Fund	351.61
Faculty Fund	2,020.88
Scholarship	1,012.07
Interest	310.33
	<u>3,774.89</u>



MONEY WILL BUY:

A bed, but not sleep
Books, but not brains
Food, but not appetite
Finery, but not beauty
A House, but not a home
Medicine, but not health
Luxuries, but not culture
Amusement, but not happiness
A crucifix, but not a Saviour
A church, but not heaven

"The Trembler, The Visionary, and The Almost"

by Ron Noble

The date; 60 a.d. The situation: Paul, the least of the Apostles, again faces some of the 'light afflictions' that would crush most people. In the Acts of the Apostles (after begin empowered by the Holy Spirit), starting with the 21st ch., we read of Paul's defense; of the plot to kill him and his transference to Caesarea to meet with Felix the Governor.

As Paul, the former prosecutor turned preacher, spoke with such wisdom and inspiration that could not be resisted, I wonder if Paul thought of Christ's words to take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, ..but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost (Mk. 13:11,12)? The Bible says that Felix "heard these things" and "After certain days..." he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. Verse 25 of Ch. 24 - "And as he reasoned (an explanation of an act; draw conclusions from facts known) of righteousness (what do you suppose Paul said? Did he tell Felix that righteousness exalteth a nation, but that sin is a reproach to any people (Pro. 14:34) or that "It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness (Pro. 16:12.) Maybe Paul said that righteousness delivereth from death (Pro. 10:2 or that one must seek the Kingdom of God first and His righteousness?)

Paul then continues with another issue - that of temperance (restraint, self control) which is needed to resist the excessiveness on the lusts. The lusts of the eyes - the desire to have those things in life which will not satisfy the longing of the soul; the lust of the flesh-the desire to do those things which bring instant gratification, but not lasting peace, and the pride of life-the obsession to be something in man's eyes, regardless of their standing before God-all this is not of the Father but is of the world.

Can't you imagine Paul becoming more excited and further anointed as he speaks of judgement to come. "Felix, (I can almost hear him say) there is going to be a judgement when all the people that have ever lived will stand before God and give account of the deeds done in their bodies, whether good or bad. What do you think of that?" I know that Felix never heard the song, but the line is very fitting-"Sometimes it causes me to tremble..." What causes people to tremble: Is it not the knowing of judgment to come and of the passing of the opportunity to respond to enlightenment and conviction positively? What could cause more trembling than to know without a relation-

ship and experience with Jesus Christ, there is no hope?

Yet the convenient season (anything that add comfort to one's life or makes work less difficult) for Felix, according to his own mouth, hadn't arrived yet. for those who do not walk in "The Way" here, hadn't arrived yet. For those who do not walk in "The Way" here, someday the Great Judge will say Go thy way. You have had seasons of opportunities to accept, the god of this world has blinded you and kept you from seeing 'The Way'. Even though Paul was called for often and was able to speak to Felix. the records never show that 'convenient season' never came. It's strange that some men are more concerned with temporal, instant pleasures than with the things that really matter most (I speak to many Christians.)

This governor hoped to obtain money in exchange for Paul's release, but this was not in the plan of God. Paul was left bound as Porcius Festus came into Felix' room, but Paul is as steadfast as ever as he explains to Festus that he has appealed unto Caesar. Festus determines to send him (25-25) but not before King Agrippa arrives (and with him arrives yet another opportunity for Paul to witness concerning the faith in Christ.) Festus explains to the king the reason for Paul's imprisonment - "of one Jesus which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive." Now, it may seem at first that Agrippa, out of mere curiosity, said "I will hear the man for myself." (Many things seem at first, that there's no purpose in them, but things aren't always as they seem, are they?)

On the morrow Paul was permitted to speak for himself, "and now I stand and am judged for the Hope (of the resurrection-24:15-and of the coming of the One who gave Himself unto death for a little while!) While there may be some that say there is no resurrection. I know that now is Christ risen from the dead...(because) He was seen of me-I Cor. 15:8,10.

My beloved, do you not feel, have you not experienced the 'religious fervor' that has been building? Paul asks a profound question, not only to Festus, but to each one of us. Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you that God should raise the dead? -26:8.

Paul explains what he used to be, used to do, and again relates The Event that was more precious to him than anything else-his conversion experience. He told of what God had instructed him to do in the ministry-of his commission to open the eyes of the ones that were in darkness, to turn them to the light, and from the power of Satan unto God that they might receive forgiveness of sins.

How I wish I could have seen Paul as he earnestly exclaims, "Whereupon (having this experience) I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision (of Jesus. I've caught a glimpse of my Lord."

and we know that "...One glimpse of his dear face all sorrows will erase, so bravely run the race, till we see Christ.")

For these cause - 26:21- "I also suffer these things, nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know who I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day." "Nay, in all these things, we are more than conquerors..." because 'having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day.'

Beloved, we ought to be rejoicing today in the victory that can be ours! I am assuming that Paul was nearly shouting for "Festus said with a loud voice (in order to be heard over Paul) 'Paul, thou art beside thyself. Much learning doth make thee mad.' Paul's reply was that he spoke the words of truth and soberness, but yet he did do with such enthusiasm, such zeal that confirms Paul's declaration "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel."

With enlightenment of eyes and conviction of heart, Agrippa uttered some of the saddest words that ever were -Almost. How many people have searched vainly for a convenient season or have missed receiving mercy from God because they almost responded to conviction or almost made the dedication they should have. How many Christians have said (probably not outloud) Almost I am persuaded to pray, read, or live as I should. Almost, but not quite, for I still have more important things to so.

After v. 29, is it any wonder that Paul referred to himself as a prisoner of the Lord? The man who stood physically bound, restrained before men was held in bondage by much stronger restraints than those of men-Paul was restrained by Love to his Lord.

Can we call ourselves prisoners of the Lord and know we really are? Do we have the dedication Paul had? Are we bound to our Lord with such steadfastness that we can't be soon shaken? Can we say at the end of each day, I was not disobedient to what I have been instructed to do? I feel one of the Lord biggest admonition to us is Be thou Faithful

We are the children of the King

Were I not the son of a King, I would not care what company I kept; but being the son of a king, I must employ myself in such company as is suitable to my birth and breeding.

— Alexander the Great

Early Blessings

— Paul and Margaret Morrison

On May 21, 1994 our twins , Abigail Marie and Nathanael Scott were born 7 weeks and 1 day early. After a roller coaster of emotions, many tears, and prayers, prayers, prayers, they were released to come home 3 weeks and 3 days after their birth. from there they were restricted to the house until July 11th, which was their original due date. On June 17th with one check-up and one shot behind them, they were released from house restriction.



Now, October, 1994, they are 4 1/2 months old and approximately 15lbs each. Praise the Lord! We are rejoicing every day for the gifts the Lord has trusted us with. We dedicated them to the Lord on September 11th at the Baxter Springs Apostolic Faith Church.



The Grandparents of the twins are: Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Myers of Baxter Springs, Ks., Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison of Ethete, Wy., and Judy Morrison of Vista, Ca. Great-Grand Parents are Mr. J. C. Click of San Antonio, Tx. and Mrs. Julia Hallett of Lander, Wy.



Amarillo, Texas

Greetings from Amarillo, Texas. I can't believe summer has come and gone. We have been so busy and the Lord has blessed us. In May, Bro. Savoy Grimmer and Jacob Urick held revival services for us. We enjoyed the presence of God and appreciate the labors of these men of God. In June we had Youth Camp. Ron and I taught Bible lessons. We enjoyed and are thankful for the opportunity to work with the kids.

The end of June, Ron and I took time to go to Alabama to visit my family. While we were gone, Brother and Sister Jack Cornell were able to fill in for us. The Church enjoyed their ministry and being able to spend time with them.

Next, the first of July, we were off to Dallas for a meeting with FGEA. We enjoyed the meeting and could never explain the feeling of love and presence of God that we felt. We feel assured God was and is at work among us.

Then there was Camp Meeting. We were refreshed and enjoyed seeing those we had not seen for a while.

The Lord has blessed and kept us, we praise Him for His goodness.

In His Service,
Evelyn Noble

A recent survey shows

Americans who believe in God: 94%
 Americans who Pray: 90%
 Americans who believe
 in a final judgement day: 80%
 Americans who believe
 that God works miracles: 80%
 Americans who believe in life after death: 70%

Prosperity, Missouri

We have had a wonderful summer, the young people and children of our church really enjoyed Youth Camp this year. We sent 33 to camp and four workers. Our ladies cooked lunch and supper one of the days during camp. We praise the Lord for the great blessing that He gave us at each service. We saw many young people draw closer to the Lord.



Our young people also enjoyed a "Retreat". We went to a cabin in Pineville, Mo. There were 20 young people and seven adults. We stayed in a two story cabin and also brought a tent that slept seven.

The first night there, we went to town and heard gospel singing in the town square. The next day the group went canoeing. The young people learned what it means to work together in a way that they had never experienced before. After it took a little longer than it was supposed to, they reached their destination, with a valuable lesson on how to row with each other. That afternoon we went horseback riding at Ginger Blue, Mo. It was exciting and a whole lot of fun.

The two nights that we were there, we had a great time of singing and devotions around the camp fire. We had prepared for this retreat for two months with prayer for each other. Our theme was the song "Hey, Now". The song says, "I'm going to pray for you and you're gonna pray for me." and that is what we did. We made a list of all our young people and the leaders and each day we would call their names out in prayer.

We raised the money with three car washes and the people of the church gave donations. We would like to say thank you for the money and for your prayers. God really blessed us on the retreat and we praise Him.

Youth Leaders,
Cassie Wheeler
Regina Shannon

A. F. Report

Life's Sky

Dim and dark, storm clouds, o'er pass,
Hearts, once full of love, driven, now asunder.
Whirlwinds of pain and hurt, have encompassed,
While clouds of doubt,
shade, the ever present thunder.
Torrents of rain, rage on, most melodiously,
On the innocent soil of the broken hearts,
Which have endured the lash, though painfully.
Hearts of love and faith, now, only a part. . .
A part, of what once was, parched, thirsty ground,
What could be a bountiful harvest,
barren, dry, marred,
Now by a toilsome storm, of tears, profound,
These hearts, seem to be, forever scarred.

Yet when the Sun and rainbow, break through.
And dispell the clouds of strife, and torment,
The soil, now refreshed, the sky, made anew,
All that remains the storm, it's scent.
Crisp, fragrant air, a clear, gently breeze,
Of love and faith renewed, a new beginning,
the wind of the storm, that shook the leaves,
Now, to the soil of the heart, 'tis tending.

We often times pray for rain, yet when it comes, escorted by fierce winds and destructive lightning, we curse it. We wait patiently for the harvest, but loathe weeding and tilling our garden. When the row we are hoeing is rough, we wish the workday was over. Are we anxious to brave the storm, or are we wanting to just play in the mud puddles? Crystal and I would like to thank each of you that have helped us to endure the storm this past year. I am reminded of the times, either of us were discouraged, and we would receive and encouraging letter. Our hearts have been touched by many, in times of great need and despair. We thank God for friends such as you, willing to spread your umbrella and help us brave the storm. During Camp Meeting, you prayed for Crystal's healing and God blessed. We give God the praise, and thank you for praying. Crystal's hip is fine, The doctor feared it to be cracked or dislocated, but God intervened and Crystal is able to walk on it with no hint of pain. We, too, would like to extend a heart-felt appreciation to all who blessed us with offering at Camp Meeting. It fills our hearts with joy, to see the hand of God at work. And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; For there is the sound of abundance of rain. . .there ariseth a small cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. . .prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. (I Kings 18: 41-45) Rejoice for the rain is promised, the rainbow is given, let us look for God's hand in the clouds of our trials, and don't let the rain stop you.

Erik Cameron

90th Birthday

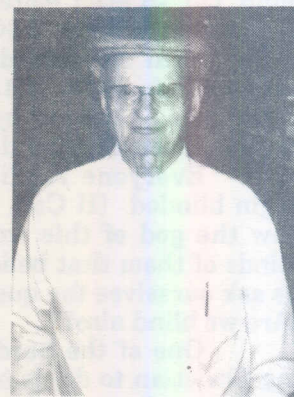
Bro. Glen Turner will turn 90 years old on November, 20th. The Apostolic Faith Church in Prosperity, MO wishes him a happy birthday.

Bro. Glen is faithful in attending church and his willingness to work for the Lord in any way he can, is an inspiration to us all, especially the young people here. Bro. Glen always has a testimony that he loves the Lord and wants to serve Him faithful and go all the way with Him. He carries souls on his heart for salvation.

Bro. Glen gave his heart to the Lord 50 years ago and attended the Apostolic Faith Church at 1314 Main in Joplin. He has two sons Darrell Turner of Independence, MO and Bill Turner of Joplin, MO.

We are very blessed to have Bro. Glen as a member of our church family here in Prosperity. Please share with us in wishing him a happy birthday. His address is:

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Pearls of Promise

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

The Pharisees, a religious group, ask Jesus if perhaps they might be blind also! Not physically blind, but an even more serious blindness...spiritual blindness. (John 9:40).

Paul addressed this problem in his own personal life (Rom. 7:13), "But sin, that it might appear sin;...that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful."

Everyone readily points to Israel's mind begin blinded (II Cor. 3:14) and of course we see how the god of this world (satan) is blinding the minds of them that believe not (un-saved). But let us ask ourselves the question, as the Pharisees did, "Are we blind also?"

One of the hardest things for any professing Christian to do is to admit that satan is blinding them. Some way we seem to feel that we are too good for something of that nature and it would never happen to us. However, Jesus referred to this situation (Matt. 7) as the case of the mote and the beam; our desire to remove a speck of dust from another's eye yet a beam (a large timber of wood made from the trunk of a large tree) is in our own eye.

David, in addressing this problem in his own life, said that seemingly, "all the foundations of the earth are out of course". However, he had to admit the real reason was, not because he never knew; neither was he willing to understand, so he just continued on in darkness. Each of us have heard more gospel than is necessary to say the entire world. The truth of the matter is, in most cases, that it's not that we don't know but that we are walking behind our privileges in the Lord because we are not willing to understand, so we walk on year after year in darkness. "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness." Matt. 5:23

What is needed today in the church as well as outside of the church is a general stirring of the convicting power of the Holy Spirit so that "sin", that it might appear sin...that sin, by the commandment (of God's word) might become exceedingly sinful." Rom. 7:13.

In Joshua 7, we find God very displeased with Israel because of one man. It is unbelievable how one person can cause so many problems and perhaps the others of the group may not know the real source of the problems. Achan has lusted after the goodly Babylonish garment, 200 shekels of silver and a wedge of gold of 50 shekels in weight. This man secretly stole these items and hid them among the possessions of Israel. God was aware of the situation and revealed Achan's well arranged lusts to Joshua. Joshua asked for a full confession of Achan. He had been so blinded to lusts that he could not realize how that lusting would cost him his life, damn his own soul to say nothing as to how

his lustful deeds would disrupt a whole tribe of people. Are we so blind to some of our lusts that we can not see how these things will send our own soul to hell plus disrupt the entire church organization? Too many people have little or no respect for themselves to say nothing about any one else!

In Genesis 13, Lot was so attracted by the well-watered plains that he could not see all the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah. Financial advantages blinded him to the fact that the evil influences, in which he subjected his family, would cost him his own self respect, the life of his wife and jeopardize the future of his family for generations after him. Are we too blind that we jump at financial advantages without considering the spirituality of our family. Many have taken their families out of a good church home, so they could make a few more dollars in some other location and later found out that their entire family was without a personal relationship with Christ. Oh, how dollars blind us until we have sold our families souls for financial gain!

In I Samuel, we read that Eli was a good Priest but a poor parent. Chapter 3, verse 13, "God judged Eli's family forever for the iniquity which he knew; his sons made themselves vile and he restrained them not". Are we a good minister, a good business man, a good provider and yet blind concerning our responsibility in restraining and bringing our children

up in the spiritual things of the Lord. Are we blind and unable to see how that things we neglect, as well as things we do, influence our children and grand-children. Many parents stay home from church when their children and grand-children come to visit. Are we so blind that we can not see how we are contributing to their neglect of spiritual things. We are, in actions, saying that church attendance isn't all that necessary, only going when it's convenient. Children and grand-children return home feeling that if Mom and Dad didn't think spirituality very important, why should we worry about it! Without doubt God will judge our family for several generations, because of us if we neglect.

John 14:6, Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life;" In verse 9, Jesus ask Philip, "Have I been so long time with you and yet hast thou not known me?" Are we by chance, one of those who have attended church, for perhaps years and still do not know Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour? Could we be one of those who have back-slidden but continue acting like we are saved; pretending there is nothing wrong with our relationship with Christ: Are we blind until sin does not appear to be sin? Are we in such a position, spiritually until it does not embarrass us any more to be seen committing sins that we know is

ARE WE BLIND ALSO?

..., by Bob Taylor...

wrong and that we once taught against. Satan will blind ministers, Sunday School teachers, church deacons, along with un-churched folk, until they openly commit sins without feeling any remorse! Oh, that sin might appear sin!

Often times because of some incident of the past or some misunderstanding among folk, hatred comes into the heart and good folk become so blind to this fact that they do not realize that hate is eating like a cancer at their spiritual life. I John 2:9-11, the writer says that hatred for a brother causes us to walk in darkness and that darkness hath blinded our eyes. We lose all sense of reasoning and all we can see is that hatred and what ever it was that hurt us.

In Malachi 3:8, the question is asked by God, "will a man rob God. Yet ye have robbed me....But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee?" God answers that question by saying... "In tithes and offerings". Are we blind also when we try to give to the ministry 10th of our increase (before any deductions). Offerings build and support the local church and the various ministries of the movement out of our nine tenths after we have cheerfully given our tithe, that belonged to the Lord. God loves a cheerful giver and are we blind to the blessing of giving cheerfully? Read Malachi 3:10-12.

Malachi 1:6..."If I be a Father, where is my honor? If I be a Master, where is my fear (respect)? And ye say, wherein have we despised (looked down upon with scorn) thy name?" In verse 13, God reminds Israel that they had not given Him their best. They had just given God their left-overs. In Chapter 2, Israel reminded that they had dealt treacherously with God, committing an abomination in Israel by profaning the holiness of God. God warns Israel that tho they cover the altars with tears, He will cut off Israel. Israel has shed many, many tears thru the past years. Oh, if Israel would have known their day of visitation. God would have gathered them as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings in times of storm. Oh, how sad that Israel was blind! Thru the years, unsaved folk have been blind to the glorious gospel of the power of God thru his Son, Jesus Christ. Today, are we blind to the lack of honor that we give God in our lives?? Where is the respect we ought to give to God and his precious work? Jesus said, "Ye call me Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say! Luke 6:46

I John 2:3-4..."Hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep his commandments, He that saith, I know Him and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar and the truth is not in him." I John 3:4, "Sin is the transgression of the law." Sin is sin regardless wherever you find it, in the church or out of the church. Let's recognize that worldliness really is....

I John 2:15-16, it's a love for the lusts of the flesh whether it is in the form of illicit sexual activity, selfishness, greed, insensitivity to the other human needs or whatever. It's a love for the lust of the eye, whether it is flirting with the opposite sex, desiring someone else's companion, desiring things that does not belong to us and etc....it is a love for the pride of life; desiring to be noticed and make a name for ourselves regardless who we have to hurt or step on to attain that desired goal. These things are worldliness that exist inside the church as well as outside the church. Are we blind also?

God help us to be "convicted by our own conscience" as it was in the days of Jesus' ministry. Jesus said in John 16:8..."when he (the Holy Spirit) is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment". God help us to be "pricked in the heart" as they were on the day of Pentecost. May the spirit of God move on our hearts, helping us to see our needs in the lord and then apply our hearts unto wisdom by seeking his face for a closer relationship with Him.

Diversity in the body of Christ

"And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them ..."
(Romans 12:6)

Here is a hypothetical illustration: A small child enters a room carrying a glass of water. The glass slips out of the child's hand, falls to the floor and shatters. The prophet's response to the accident is, "That's what happens when you are not careful." The servant's response is, "Let me help you clean it up."

The teacher's response is, "The reason you dropped the glass was because you were only holding it with one hand, and the outside of the glass was slippery and wet." The exhorter says, "Next time be just a little more careful. Carry it a little more cautiously, remembering what just happened so that it does not happen again."

The gift-giver says, "You know, I was downtown yeaterday and bought glasses just like that. Let me replace the one you broke." The mercy-extender responds, "Don't feel too badly. It could happen to anyone. It's alright."

The leader knows, depending on the child's response, whom to call in to minister to the child.

How would you respond?

COMMITMENT

...By *Louis Keeling*

Romans 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service, and be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

A life without commitment is a life not worth having at all. Joy and all that makes life worthwhile comes from commitment. Without commitment people would never finish a job that they started, never attempt marriage, and would not achieve or succeed in anything worthwhile. Commitment is necessary to make life rich and full of purpose. With the importance of commitment in day to day living, how important is it to be dedicated to God? Many Christians never get past what God has committed unto them. They never see the potential within themselves to be committed unto God. They accept all that God has done and believe in His wonderful promise, yet they refuse to commit their lives, or bring their lives unto subjection to God.

It is time for Christians to sell out unto a sovereign, all knowing, and all powerful God. To commit themselves unto the standards of loving one another and loving God with all their hearts. God has committed unto His people, His all through His Son Jesus Christ. He committed His life that they would have the privilege to commit their lives unto a Lord that will pour out His love, joy, and pureness unto their lives. It is time to put commitment back into the church. The church needs to say "no" to sin and "yes" to God and His way for His people.

A lot of people decide to get married, but a high percentage of marriages end up in divorce. Why? They weren't committed to each other. Many people make a decision to serve God. No one

wants to go to hell and everyone would like to go to heaven. The fact is very few that make a decision will commit to that decision. Just as a marriage will not work unless the commitment is there, how is God going to work in people's lives if there is no commitment? It is not what God can do for His people, but what His people can do for God. Christians must begin to be willing to do as God wants them to do.

In an orchestra the conductor oversees and regulates all the instruments and musicians. By doing so, all the instruments come together to make a beautiful melody. What is all the talented musicians decided to ignore the conductor and do their own thing? It would be chaos! The conductor commits himself unto the musicians and the musicians commit unto the conductor. Through this relationship the music comes alive. God is that conductor and the church is that group of musicians. It is no wonder churches don't see everything come together. They are too busy doing their own thing rather than being led by God, the master conductor. Christians must commit themselves to God, not in a partial way, but completely. If people would commit completely to God, people all over would see God come alive in their lives. God is desiring to interact with His people. Are Christians desiring to interact with God? Commitment is God's tool to work in peoples lives. The stronger people's commitments are, the more effective God can be. Talk can be cheap but commitment is full of integrity and honor. God is faithful and worthy. That kind of commitment to Him is a true joy.

II Timothy 1:12 "For the which cause I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed; for I know who I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

Heartfelt praying

The patient was to undergo open-heart surgery. The day before the operation, he requested communion from the Anglican chaplain to the hospital. The rite began: "Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be opened..."

- Source Unknown

But we won't, will we?

It is possible to worship God on golf course, or driving along the highway or in a baseball park. If however, we raise the question of statistical probability, we scarcely shall maintain that the worship of God is quite as frequent there as in houses built in his honor and devoted to his praise. To illustrate, there is the story of the father who said, Come on, we can sing hymns on the beach." To which the little girl replied, "but we won't will we?"

—George Hedley

Donald Ray Bachler

1935 - 1994

God saw that you were getting tired;
and a cure was not to be.
So He wrapped His arms around you,
and whispered, "come with me".
Golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove us,
He only takes the best.

Donnie was born December 2, 1935 in Anderson, Mo. In 1935, he married Ruth Edna Busch (Sissie) in Anchorage, Alaska. (Donnie was in the Air Force and Sissie worked with the J. D. Ray's in a church there). To this marriage was born four children: Patti Lynn, Daniel Ray, Polly Ann, and Olen Andrew. Donnie greatly loved his family and grandchildren.

Patti is now a nurse in Austin and has one son, Christopher, age 5.

Dan, and his wife, Angelia, are in Pampa, Tx. where he works for Coca-Cola and is youth minister at Trinity Church. They have two children: Spencer who is 4 and Amelia who is 16 months.

Polly lives in Georgetown, Tx. and is a court reporter.

Andy, his wife, Krista, and son Logan, age 14 months, live in Georgetown also. Andy works for Dell computers and also has a small business of his own.

Donnie served in the Air Force for 10 years and in the Navy Reserve 4 years. Don and Sis have lived in Georgetown for approximately the last 17 years. Donnie has worked most of that time as a truck driver and dispatcher.

Two weeks prior to his death, Donnie and Sis made a trip to the Panhandle area to visit family and attend Camp Meeting in Laverne. During Camp Meeting, Donnie requested a quartet of his friends sing "Sheltered in the Arms of God." From Camp Meeting they went to New Mexico to visit and fish with friends one last time. While there, Donnie's condition worsened and they returned home to put him in the hospital.

Donnie died on August 12, 1994 from a form of vasculitis called Wegeners Granulomatosis. Donnie fought courageously during the last four years in his battle. Wegeners had first settled in his kidneys which created bouts of kidney failure. The kidneys also secrete an enzyme which tell the bone marrow when to reproduce, so his battle included a diminished blood supply. God miracu-

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lously touched Donnie in February extending his life a few more months. This summer the disease spread to his lungs and the fight was just too much for his body.

Funeral services were held at the Phillips-Lucky Funeral Home in Rockdale. Bro. "Red" Watson, Donnie's pastor, and Rev. Doug Springer, a long time friend, were in charge of the service. Bro. Red shared that Donnie was a faithful supporter of God's work, and that he had an out-going spirit and friendly nature that created a wide circle of friends which he dearly loved and appreciated. He also shared that Donnie always had time to ask about others even when he was critical.

Bro. Springer shared life-time memories of Donnie, as well as a recent conversation with Donnie. Donnie told him that the Lord had taken away all fear about what would happen in life, because he was ready to go.

Scriptures from the service included: II Cor. 5:1, Rev. 21: 1-4, II Tim.. 4:6-8, Ps. 34:1-8, and Ps. 23.

Sister Patsy Waterbury sang, "Sheltered in the Arms of God". Ted Barker, Edwin Waterbury, Calvin Springer, and Buddy Stanberry sang, "I Will Meet You in the Morning". Edwin Waterbury were in charge of the graveside service at Harmony Cemetary just south of Rockdale, close to the family farm. Sissie's parents are also buried there.

Ted read the poem that we shared with you at the first of this letter. Sissie had found this poem and felt it described Donnie's fight and how God chose to heal him.

When Christopher heard that Grandpa's spirit had gone to heaven, he announced that he wanted to send him a balloon; so Chris and Spencer released four balloons, one for each grandchild after graveside services.

Donnie is survived by his parents, Olen and Phyllis Bachler of Katy, TX., sister and family, Sandra, & Fred Huff of Midwest City, Ok., Kristi & Ky Flock of Houston; uncles and aunts, Paul & Kay Durham of Houston, Joyce & Ken Culver of Houston, Betty & Bill Bone of Anderson, Mo.; sister-in-law & husband, Judy Carol & Floyd Pletcher; plus a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Donnie will be greatly missed by family and friends. But, As Bro. Springer shared, "It's just farewell for a little while".

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1994 Fall Choir Tour Itinerary

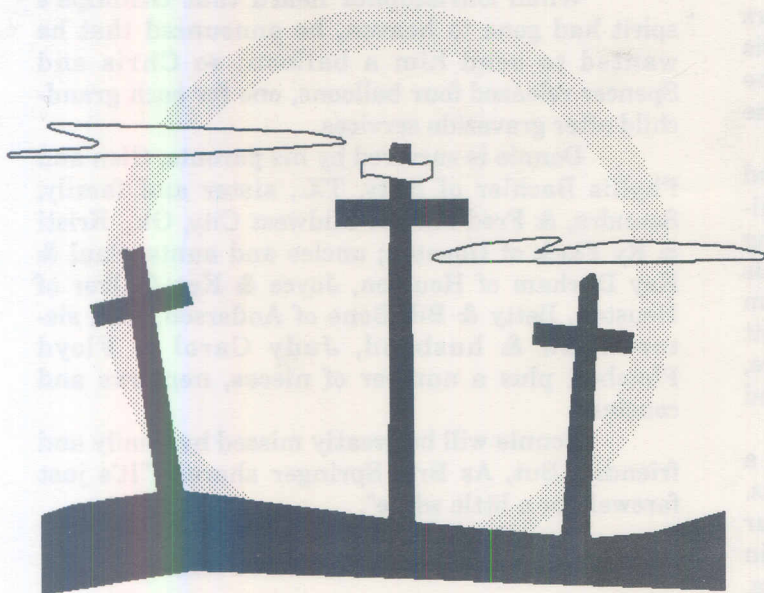
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