

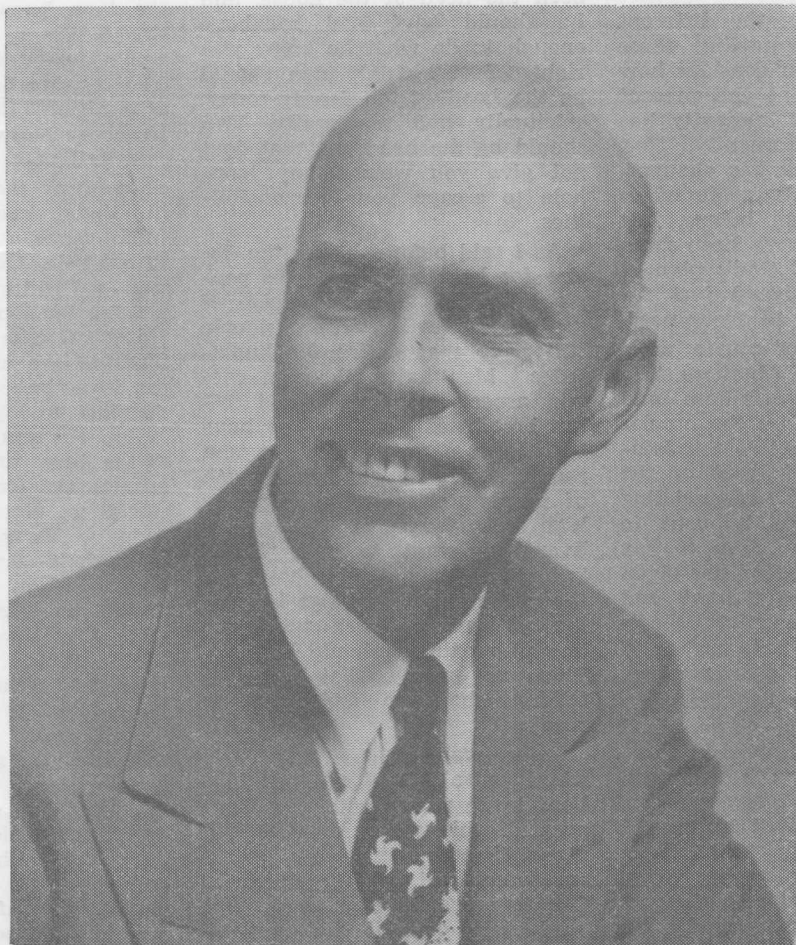
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In Memory



REV. CHARLES O. MAHAN

A Heart to Heart Message

... A Sermon by CHARLES O. MAHAN

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 1:21-24, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness: But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God."

When I think of the different circumstances surrounding these scriptures and then consider how things are going at the present time, I think that humanity has always just been humanity. Yes, our mode of living has changed, but basically, down inside of us we are still human beings, just the same as we have been from the beginning, and God's plan of salvation was designed just for us and it will still fit every need.

Now the Jews, of course, were the descendants of Abraham. The promise was to Abraham and to his seed, therefore the oracles of God were opened to the Jewish people. But instead of the Jews thoroughly appreciating this great privilege it went to their head. They began to say "Look who we are, God has given us these marvelous things," and instead of appreciating God's blessing they began to act as if it were something they merited.

Human nature is just the same now as it was back there. God blesses His people with the necessities of life, with intellect, wisdom, and with many luxuries and nine times out of ten, yes, I believe I can safely say 99 times out of 100 without making it too strong, people get the idea it was all by their own merit and ability, and instead of being humble and thankful to God for His blessings they become heady and high-minded. Well, they are just being human; man has been this way since the fall of Adam.

In the book of Ephesians we find that God had predestinated that man should have eternal

life through Christ but man chose the wrong way. It was the desire for knowledge that got people in trouble in the first place. Eve took of the fruit and found it desirable. Now not only Eve was to blame—I don't think she was as much to blame as Adam. I don't want the ladies to think we are "picking" on them. The facts of the business are that I think Adam was more at fault than Eve, because he was to have been the head of the house, and he should have had backbone enough to do what he knew was right. I still think men should be the head of the family today, spiritually and temporally. Man should be the head but that does not give you women any loophole to escape your responsibilities.

As I said before, it was the desire for knowledge that got people in trouble, the knowledge of good and evil. Today people still have that desire for knowledge. Men have taken on certain aspects of wisdom and this has broadened out until we have built such a pace in the human race that we do not think much of people unless they are pretty high in wisdom of the world. Everybody wants to know "how," "why," and "what." I have my theory and someone else has his theory, and we each think we know how things should be done. That was exactly what Paul was talking about in our scripture reading.

Peter was right about Paul when he said Paul wrote things hard to be understood. Paul expressed things so deeply that many times we have to get on our knees and ask the Spirit of God to reveal it to us or we will read right over it and not get much out of it.

"It pleased God through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." The Jews thought if they kept up the ceremonies, the traditions of their fathers, the doctrines, the worship in the Temple, and so forth, that God was **bound** to do some-

thing for them. Anything that was orthodox was right as far as they were concerned.

There are so many people like that today. They have their own ideas and opinions and try to prove them by scripture. But when Christ came preaching this wonderful gospel of deliverance, He paid the price, His blood was shed that man could have a real experience by accepting the sacrifice which He made—the shedding of His blood for the remission of sins—He was to the Jews a stumbling block.

Alexander the Great came with great power in his day, making his boast of the desire to have the then known world to speak one language, the Greek language. The Greeks were very high in the educational world. Much of our finest literature came from Greek scholars.

They added much to the world of culture, and took great pride in their knowledge. Because Christ came as a poor babe, born in a stable, from the family of a poor carpenter, when they were looking for someone great, it was "to the Greeks foolishness." "The birds of the air have nests, and the foxes have holes, but He had no place to lay His head."

Yes, He was a stumbling block to the Jews, and He was foolishness to the Greeks; He is still a stumbling block to many people today. Many people want to work their way into the kingdom of God. You can say to people, "Have you ever prayed through?" and they wonder what you are talking about. "prayed through? What do you mean? Why, I'm a member of the church, never did steal anything, live a pretty good life—what do you mean, have I prayed through?" Many have been taught that if they didn't lie or steal, if they were faithful to their church and loyal to their family, that would be sufficient—what else can a man be required to do? Therefore to them Christ is a stumbling block.

You might say "Brother Mahan must be somewhat of a fanatic"—don't you know we are living in an age of advancement. Things are different than they were years ago. Yes, I understand that. We

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The Latter Rain

By CHAS. FOX PARHAM

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From this place went Mrs. Crawford, who established one of the Full Gospel Movements in Portland, Oregon. With immense headquarters and missions in many parts of the U. S., she was the first white woman to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit on the Pacific Coast. About this time Bro. Seymour wrote frantic letters appealing for help. Spiritualistic manifestations, hypnotic forces, all the old time working up the animalistic power known among the colored people in camp meetings in the south with all manner of fleshly contortions broke loose in the meetings. He appealed to me to come quickly to help him weed out that which was real and that which was false, but during a camp meeting held in Baxter Springs, Kansas in the early summer of 1906, I received a definite call to Zion City, Illinois to the home of Dr. Dowie, (as many of the prophets of old testament times were called of God.) Dr. Dowie had been discredited and displayed. The actions of the new man, who took his place, had disgusted a host of Dr. Dowie's followers both in Zion City and throughout the world. After entering the city and all doors being closed against me, we opened meetings in many of the best homes of the city. So that every night we had five meetings running which lasted from 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 p.m., with residences crowded upstairs and down. (Under special ministers and helpers) I made it a point to preach in five different homes every night. I preached at the first home at 7:00, the next at 8:00, the next at 9:00, the next at 10:00, and the next at 11:00. The results were that hundreds were reclaimed from a backslidden state, marvelous healings took place, Pentecost fell profusely, and thousands of Dr. Dowie's followers in Zion City and throughout the world, by reading my sermons in the "Independent," were brought into the light of a fuller Gospel than they had pre-

viously known. So that Dr. Dowie's movement furnished at least 500 ministers, workers, and Evangelists, among the best in the world today.

Mr. Fred Bosworth, noted minister of today, was sanctified and Baptized with the Holy Spirit and went out to his wide fields of labor. South Africa was swept by workers that went out from that meeting who were instrumental in bringing this Gospel to Mr. Robert Semple, first husband of Mrs. Aimee Mc-Pheron, and who received the light of the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ from him.

In a later meeting, Raymond T. Ritchey, then a lad of 19 years, after a desperate struggle was wonderfully converted, whose ministry has awakened thousands to the knowledge and power of the Faith once delivered to the Saints. From this first campaign in Zion City, we hurried to Los Angeles. To our utter surprise and astonishment we found conditions even worse than we had anticipated. Bro. Seymour came to me helpless. He said he could not stem the tide that had arisen. I sat on the platform in Azusa Street Mission, and saw the manifestations of the flesh, spiritualistic controls, saw people practicing hypnotism at the altar over candidates seeking the Baptism and also many who were receiving the real Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

After preaching two or three times I was informed, by two of the elders, one who was an hypnotist (I had seen him lay his hands on many who came through chattering, jabbering, and sputtering, speaking in no language at all) that I was not wanted in that place. With workers from the Texas field we opened a great revival in the W.C.T.U. building on Broadway and Temple Street in Los Angeles. Great numbers were saved, marvelous healings took place and between two and three hundred who had been possessed of awful fits and spasms and controls in the Azusa Street work were delivered and

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tongues.

During the years from 1907 until 1910, the latter rain spread with the rapidity of a cyclonic revival throughout the world. Workers penetrated every country, with the flaming message of the restoration of primitive christianity. Many religious movements and schools were captured. And had it not been for the wild-fire and fanaticism, spiritualistic and hypnotic forces with a lot of the old fashioned negro performances which were dubbed Pentecostal manifestations that accompanied nearly every Christian worker that went out from Azusa Street in California, the work would have appealed more fully to hundreds of thousands than it did. For the Power that was to accompany Pentecost was not foolish, ridiculous, insane, idiotic, fleshly performances, but the power to WITNESS.

The specific office of Pentecost is to give to the world a preaching church. During these years demonized spirits entered into many of the would be leaders who immediately sought to organize, and harvest all the forces into organized movements that leaders and preachers might gain an easy living out of their

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dupes. Perhaps nothing in all the world has been such a curse to religion as these evil spirits entering into would-be leaders to organize the people of God.

Luther never intended to organize his work, neither did Wesley or Alexander Campbell, but after their death, lazy, profligate mercenary preachers imbued with the spirit of hell, organized the results of their great work, thus creating manifold divisions among the people of God.

The Holiness work 30 and 40 years ago bid fair to sweep the world, until the spirit of organization entered the meetings. So with Pentecost. A world sweeping revival was on until mercenary faithless ministers began to organize different movements. Their argument was in each case of a new organization that all the Full Gospel people should and would unite with them. Thus bringing about a glorious Church without spot or wrinkle to welcome back the King.

Paul said, "Where there is division among you there is every evil thing," until a pitiful spectacle is now presented to the world with 15 to 25 organized Holiness Movements preaching sanctification when Jesus said that if we were sanctified we would all be one. And 15 to 25 organized Pentecostal movements, when Paul said we were to be Baptized with one spirit into one body. And with our forces all divided in this despicable manner, creates a situation at which the old line preachers and sensible worldians laugh, while every new preacher who creates any special stir starts a new organization.

Whenever Satan decides on the downfall of any preacher and at the same time the destruction of many souls who have confidence in them he surrounds such a preacher (male or female) with a myriad of religious spirits who create a great religious stir and tends great popularity to their ministry, and often great numbers of converts are seemingly made and sometimes seeming

healings result, but all this is to make the deception stronger in attracting a multitude of followers.

A "give" spirit enters these people and they are willing to sacrifice the last thing they possess in the interest of their favorite leader until untold wealth flows into their hands, and like a sky rocket they shoot upwards illuminating the sky, dazing the multitudes who have pinned their faith to these leaders and suddenly they are deceived. Their idol falls, their faith is wrecked and a pitiful multitude staggers along the religious highway leading backward and downward to hell.

Brethren, from the beginning I have maintained that this Full Gospel Movement is not to organize new churches or start new movements or elevate men or women to great leadership, but to preach "This Gospel of the Kingdom" to all the world as a witness and that we as ministers and evangelists have only a message and no authority to organize or set the church in order as that special work belongs to the Christ of God who Himself will set in order the glorious church without spot or wrinkle, and that our unity can only be found in the bond of love and the unity of the spirit loving each other with pure hearts fervently, in honor preferring one another, each one filling their places in the body, the church, beautifully compacted and joined together by that which every joint supplies and working in wondrous harmony.

That all the ministers could work in the interest of each other and such a movement which began 26 years ago still maintains hundreds of missions and perhaps 100,000 adherents with hundreds of preachers and evangelists and we maintain the National Camp Meeting at Baxter Springs, Kansas, or within a radius of 100 miles of there for 22 years.

We represent the largest body of Full Gospel Pentecost believers in the world. All the position that I have ever known in this great unified body of believers is a sort of seniority, because of the years I preached this

Gospel before others did, and I have been granted a position of authority upon the question as to what is Full Gospel or Pentecostal teaching.

We have at all times maintained a spirit of fellowship and love for all others of every name, sect, and order.

Nearly all the fight of 26 years that has been waged against me has been caused by jealousy in the hearts of those organizing who sought to Lord it over God's heritage under one system of organization and are either ruled or lorded over by some man or woman who are complete dictators and spend their time in gathering tithes and seeking to obtain the titles of the church properties.

Such a spectacle is presented in one city in the country where eight or ten religious leaders are today worth from \$50,000 to a million ginned out of their followers. Commercialism has well nigh eaten up the Full Gospel Movements.

Our original plan which we maintain was strictly biblical and was that in each locality a community chapel would be opened where all the people of the community, where church members or not might find a church home, where they might express a larger faith in God than they could in their own creed-bound institutions, and where unchurched people might find a place to work for God and all together maintain a great revival spirit the year around.

Where the control of affairs was wholly vested in a board of elders and that local sovereignty was the Bible order and where pastors and evangelists were invited by the elders and those regularly attending such meetings invited them. And that we should have itinerant ministry both pastoral and evangelical. Each doing the work of their respective offices and then moving on.

I maintain that dictatorship of preachers over audiences of this kind is popery itself. And that all Holiness Full Gospel Pentecostal Missions that have organized themselves into little churches are part of Babylon and

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will go down in the coming crash when Anarchy sweeps the world.

Among the prominent leaders that came up in the movement was J. W. Seymour, the colored man who started Azusa Street. He had spent six months in getting all the teachings in the Bible School in Houston, Texas and we sent him to California. From his work, the first white woman to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost on the Coast was Mrs. Crawford who established the immense work called the Apostolic Movement in Portland, Oregon, and which maintains most all of the original teachings of the Movement except the hellish anti-Christian doctrine of eternal torment and inherent immortality which we have always utterly repudiated as wholly unbiblical, invented by the Roman Catholics and adopted by the Protestants.

As a result of the work in Zion City, thousands of former Dowiettes throughout the world became independent Christians and at least 500 ministers and Christian workers went out to the ends of the earth to preach the Full Gospel. Among them was the Bosworth Evangelistic forces which created such a stir in South Africa until mighty miracles were wrought and hundreds of thousands of whites and natives were brought to the light of the Full Gospel.

One Evangelistic party who deserves much credit because of great sacrifices undergone to secure the knowledge which afterwards gave them such prominence as Evangelists are the Morton sisters. In the early days of their Christian experience Sis. Eva taught school during the winter months saving as much as possible of her salary while sisters May and Bess remained at home to sew and prepare the necessary things to enable them to attend the National Convention where they might obtain the teachings and be instructed in the things of God. Then loading everything into a covered wagon with a small team of horses, they

used to come over 100 miles walking up the hills to relieve the horses and thus footsore and weary came into the meetings. Afterwards they secured work in factories both in Chicago and Zion City, that they might receive further instructions in our meetings that they might further be prepared for their life's work. The result has been that they have done a mighty work for God.

It would take too long in this article to mention the very prominent men and women in every country of the world who are now preaching and advocating the restoration of the Full Gospel, until you can scarcely enter a community where you will not find meetings of larger or lesser proportions along Full Gospel lines. The saddest part of all is the despicable jealousy among preachers and missions of various organizations.

Regardless of what work may be going on in any community backed up by any of the Full Gospel Movements, each of the other Movements are seeking to enter, steal the sheep and start a new corral of believers. But in spite of all this, the day is coming shortly, when all churches and missions will be utterly broken up and the truly spiritual ones will be gathered into the garner and united together in the bond of love and the unity of the spirit believing and practicing everything that Christ and the Apostles taught which is an essential preparation to meet the Lord. And the Church all glorious without spot or wrinkle will not be the result of some man or womans organizing schemes but inaugurated by the Lord himself. For His church is a spiritual house, built up of lively stones, baptised by the one spirit into the one body, over which "He sets in the church Apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, miracles, healings, helps, governments, and diversities of tongues."

All self-exalted leaders of today are blaming God for having led them to do this or that or the other thing until often I am sorry for God for the things that these would-be leaders lay to His charge.

All selfish mercenary honoring preachers are bound to fall and bite the dust, and all their schemes fail, and only those who unselfishly pour out their lives for God and humanity will be able to go on. Even many of them of understanding shall fall to try those that remain, yet those who fall shall be "holpen with a little help."

Whenever an individual gets another Christian or a preacher or leader between themselves and God, or exalt any man or woman in their own estimation, that individual thus exalted is bound to fall, in their estimation, so they can get their eyes off the individual and to the Christ. God may permit us to use someone as a crutch for a season, but after a while He will break every crutch however painful it may be to us until we lean wholly and souly upon the Christ of God. Every Babylonish woman (church organization) must be divorced until we lean wholly and souly upon Him, espoused to one husband even to Christ.

The people who are to compose the glorious church without spot or wrinkle will be the truly spiritual who will be drawn out of all these Babylon churches and movements into a free and independent Christian living, thus permitting the Christ of God to assemble this free material into the glorious church. And in spite of all our prejudices, divisions, schisms, creeds, doctrines, and teachings that now separate the true people of God, that day is soon coming when purged from sectarianism, self exaltation, etc., all the true people of God are going to be brought into blessed unity, fellowship, and love: "See eye to eye, have the same mind and same judgment," and then and not until then will the mighty work of Christ and the Apostles again be seen on earth.

When fair as the sun, clear as the moon, terrible as an army with banners, the Christian church will go to the ends of the earth in the last great evangelistic war of the age, raising the dead, casting out devils, cleansing the lepers, healing the sick, and causing multitudes to flow into the hill of the Lord.

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PASTORAL REPORTS

ARNETT, OKLAHOMA

Bro. and Sis. Murphy Barnes and Bro. Bill Briles have been recent visitors in our church. The services were a real blessing. Arnett is now on the dial system and our new telephone number is 885-3891.

July 15, 1962 is set for our last service here. We will be moving to Spearman, Texas. We have certainly enjoyed our service here.

Sherman and Louise Sutton
pastor

HUFSMITH, TEXAS

Rev. and Mrs. Bennie Stanberry accepted the pastorate of the church here following the death of the former pastor, Rev. J. K. Seber, in April. The Stanberrys live in Katy and drive back and forth to Hufsmith.

KINGS MILL, TEXAS

We are having good services. God is blessing and His spirit is in our services to bless. We just closed our Daily Vacation Bible School with 71 enrolled. It was a blessing to our church. Sis. Yvonne Whiteley was in charge.

We have accepted the pastorate of the church here for another year and ask your prayers that God will make us a real blessing to the church.

Rev. E. K. Cornell, pastor

CRYSTAL CITY, TEXAS

I believe that someone with a tent and workers and really has a burden, would come here prepared to stay as long as the Lord leads, we could get a good work started. A preacher came to Carrizo Springs (13 miles from here) and preached in the Methodist church and the pastor, his wife, and several others prayed through to baptism of the Holy Spirit. They are really being persecuted by church folks and don't know where to turn. Let us pray for them.

Mrs. Laura Thompson
Star Route No. 1
Crystal City, Texas

IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIF.

Bro. and Sis. Ross Briles and Sis. Melba Bartlett conducted a revival here at the Silver Strand Church May 15 to May 29 which was a wonderful blessing to our church. Thirteen found the Lord precious to their hearts and one couple were saved on Tuesday night before their wedding the following Saturday night. They are really growing in the Lord together.

We appreciate the prayers of the people of the Movement for our healing. We are on the mend after a serious illness and operation. I have great hopes of filling the pulpit this Sunday. My wife has wonderfully filled for me during the illness and has brought some inspiring messages. May God bless all is our prayers and remember us as you pray.

Rev. Bob Taylor, pastor

ALVIN, TEXAS

The church is running along smoothly. The new building plans are delayed for a time until the rush season is over for the contractor. We are still praying God will work out the details for us.

The McLeod baby got to go back to Center Point this week after a long stay in the hospital at Galveston. Let us continue to remember him and the parents in prayer.

Our pastor and wife spent a week visiting in Baxter Springs, Kansas. Bro. Winston Barker had the Wednesday night service in the Kerrs' absence.

Rev. K. Kerr, pastor
Robert Cannon, reporter

BELLVILLE, TEXAS

I really enjoy the paper. We are in need of spiritual help in our little church. We miss our dear Bro. Seber as he was such a wonderful man of God. He was our pastor for 38 years. I need healing and several here need salvation to their souls. We earnestly covet your prayers.

Mrs. H. R. Crawford, reporter

LOGAN, OKLAHOMA

July 9th was the starting date of a Youth Revival at the Midway Country Church near Logan, Oklahoma. Bro. Austin Morgan was the speaker. Assisting in the services were his wife, Peggy, as accompanist and a male quartet consisting of Roy Matthews of Hempstead, Texas; Kit Scruggs of Hempstead, Texas; Dale Ditto of Ganado, Texas; and Billy Patterson of Stockton, California. Youth for Christ was the theme of these series of services and both young and older were encouraged in the things of the Lord.

Rev. Edwin Modrick, pastor

FOLLETT, TEXAS

Sis. Beulah Steffen filled in for us while we were taking some youth to Youth Camp Sunday, June 24th. Her preaching and singing was a blessing to the church. Bro. and Sis. Marcus L. Adair were with us for an inspiring service Wednesday night June 27th. Bro. Marcus and Bro. Donald sang a number of songs that blessed our hearts. Sunday night, July 1st. Bro. Sung Jae Chyo was our visiting minister and was a blessing to our people. Remember us as you pray and come by and visit with us in services.

Rev. Donald D. Dibbens, pastor

TOMBALL, TEXAS

We here at the Huffsmith Church are very happy to have Bro. and Sis. Bennie Stanberry as our pastor since Bro. J. K. Seber passed away. We really enjoy their singing and preaching. Our Youth have been encouraged. Pray for us.

Loeda Mueller, reporter.

CANYON, TEXAS

July 2, 1962 is the date the Adair family will be leaving for Alaska and meetings in Spenard, Cordova, Anchorage, and some of the summer fishing camps. The Adairs plan a meeting at Canyon, Texas upon their return from Alaska in the late summer.

PERRYTON, TEXAS

The Full Gospel Church of Perryton, Texas was wonderfully blessed in a recent revival. Several outstanding experiences were wrought by God's hand. The preaching was outstanding with the powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit. Bro. Gail W. Schultz was the Evangelist. Bro. Jerry McClenagan drove from Hardesty, Oklahoma as much as possible to conduct the musical part of the revival. Bro. Edwin Modrick came a few times from Logan, Oklahoma to help. All in all, this was a wonderful meeting.

July 22, 1962 will be the final service for the departing pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Jacob C. Regier. The Regiers plan to attend the South Texas Camp Meeting.

Rev. Jacob C. Regier, pastor

HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS

Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon conducted a revival with the church here during the first two weeks of June. God blessed the services and four persons were saved. The christian people were helped and encouraged in the Lord. Miss Bobby Bishop of Ralls, Texas directed the choir and arranged the special singing. Her ministry was a great blessing in the revival.

George Polvado, pastor.

SUGARLAND, TEXAS

Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon conducted week-end services here the middle of June. The church is progressing nicely and God is blessing.

Olen Bachler, pastor.

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A Testimony

OF DIVINE HEALING

About two years ago a small growth came on the side of my nose, and in recent months it had become quite irritated from my glasses rubbing it. At times it would break out bleeding and was a constant worry and bother. During our revival at Big Spring with the LaMunyons and Bobby Bishop I felt definitely led to have this growth anointed with oil and prayed over according to the scripture in James 5:14-15. In less than two weeks time the growth was gone and the skin where it had been was completely healed and back to normal. I do not know the nature of the growth for I fully trusted the Lord for my healing and did not have a medical examination, but this I do know, the Lord definitely healed me in answer to prayer, for which I give Him all glory and praise.

R. D. Wooster.

NEW ARRIVAL

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry McClenagan of Hardesty, Oklahoma are proud to welcome to their family a bundle of joy in the person of a fine baby boy: Richard Dale. The arrival date was June 12, 1962.

THANK YOU

Mrs. Anna R. Mahan and family want to thank you for the cards, letters, prayers, flowers, contributions, and words of sympathy during the loss of their husband and father, Rev. Charles O. Mahan. Especially for the use of Bible School facilities and Rev. and Mrs. Gail Schultz and the Baxter Springs people for every kindness shown. God bless you all. — Mrs. Anna Mahan, Rev. and Mrs. O. A. Busch and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Mahan and family and Marsena Mahan.

When a spot of neutral ground is found in heaven, or earth, or hell, then let neuters take their stand; real neuters are nothing, and professed neuters on religious subjects are always false and faithless in reality.

Notice!

CHANGE OF PLACE AND DATE OF BUSINESS MEETING

After much prayer and consideration the Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible School decided to change the place of the annual business meeting to the Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas. The exact date will be announced in later issues of the Apostolic Faith Report and will probably be in December, at the close of the fall term of school.

This change of plan was made for the purpose of creating greater interest in the Bible School. The last business meeting was held at the School in March at the close of the School term, and this meeting was blessed with a fine spirit of harmony and accord. From this it would seem that the logical place for the business meeting is the Bible School.

The Business on the agenda is to vote for a member of the Bible School Board of Trustees. Otis Wade is the incumbent and will not be subject to re-election.

Each Apostolic Faith Church has one vote (to be sent in by the Church or cast by the representative) and each Apostolic Faith Minister has one vote. If you cannot be present for this meeting send your absentee vote to Olen Bachelor Box 514, Katy, Texas.

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have met people who are 30 to 50 years behind the average mode of living. Yes, they are good people but their mode of living is different to ours and you would have to see it to appreciate the difference. When I compare the two, I say yes we have made advancements.

You might have advanced, set up a plan to obtain more money, live finer, be up-to-date in every way, but down in your soul the need is the same, whether you lived a thousand years ago or are living today. The only thing that will reach that need is God's plan of salvation.

I recently read an article by a scientist and the question was asked, "Can a scientist believe in God?" The writer went on to say, Sure, he believed in God, but as I read on I found that he did not believe in the inspired Word of God. He said it was just a theory; one should learn to appreciate good things, cultivate the habit of prayer, and the overall effect would be such that the channel of our lives would be directed by these things, and we would not lose our reward. He went on to say that eternal life was just a supposition. In other words, he really did not believe in God.

Mother sings a song "Wonderful Hand of God" which speaks of deceivers in the last days. The Lord said the same thing in Luke, chapter 21, speaking of His second coming. "Be not deceived." Many people are deceived. They have worked out their own systems, going to church, using the name of Jesus Christ and religion only for a ceremony. As I said, very few know what you mean when you say "Pray through". It is a sad state of affairs, but it is the general condition of the world today.

"The world by wisdom knew not God." Paul said they knew not God. It is an individual affair—I can't tell you what to do, and you can't tell me—I can't lift you and you can't lift me, but every person must repent and

believe God for himself.

"But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD, AND THE WISDOM OF GOD." I tell you, neighbor, we have become so accustomed to hearing this glorious gospel that we have counted it as commonplace. On one hand we have cold, dead formalism, and on the other hand we have wild-fire and fanaticism with fleshly demonstrations. Some people say, "I know what I am doing, the spirit has shown me this or that." But they never try the spirits to see which spirit showed them; they expect all spirits to be of God. (Read 1 John 4:1)

The prophet Amos saw the Lord with a plumbline in His hand. Now neighbor, a plumbline is straight, and let me tell you this good old gospel is straight yet today. It is by the miracle-working power of Christ that we are redeemed from the fall. All that was lost in Adam is restored in Jesus Christ. On one side we find worked up emotion, tickling of the flesh—you have probably seen it as much as I have—but let me tell you it takes the mighty miracle—working power of Christ the Saviour to change a life, and when a person is yielded to Christ he will walk the straight line.

One Apostolic Faith believer said to me, "Brother Mahan, I didn't think this falling away from the faith could ever happen in our Apostolic Faith ranks. I thought we were established. What do you think caused it?" I said, "Brother, a good bit of the blame falls on the shoulders of our ministers. We have failed to hew to the line, preach the old-fashioned gospel that will keep people straight—let the chips fall where they may." As David said, "They will have to let their feet go straight before them."

Man's wisdom and knowledge has led him a good many places. Many have gone to the Nth degree in the knowledge of this world. Yet as they have gained in wisdom and in knowledge they have become more and more corrupt. Civilizations have arisen, corrupted themselves, fallen into decadence, and disappeared. This civilization will surely

crumble. Men have become so ungodly, so evil—this thing has become so top-heavy, weaving this way and that, it will eventually go off balance. All evidence says it will fall. There is only one plan that will not fall, and it isn't by your merit or by my merit, but it is by the foolishness of preaching. Don't ask me why, when, where, or how—just believe. This is the miracle-working power of Jesus Christ. We need our prayer bones calloused today through their much use. We must come to the realization that we are nothing, and that He is our sufficiency. Talk about a miracle, it is a miracle of God when men stay right with God and walk the straight path.

Many have departed from the Apostolic Faith teaching, running hog-wild into wild-fire and fanaticism. They say they are going to have a sweeping revival. They have wonderful zeal, but somewhere they have missed the boat. Yes, I would like to see a million souls saved, even ten million or a hundred million souls saved, but the Bible teaches me that "narrow is the way, and FEW there be that find it." We are enjoying the greatest privileges of any people; we are living in the time of the returning of the Lord back to earth again. When He comes will there be faith on the earth? Jesus said His children would be hated for doing His will. Does that sound like a great sweeping revival?

Yet there is going to be a great sweeping revival in the last days. Now you say, "Brother Mahan, what kind of double talk is that? You say there isn't going to be a great revival, and in the same breath you say that there will be. what are you talking about?" This is the sweeping revival that I am talking about: the Bible says the rich, the poor, the great and the small will accept the Antichrist. They will not know him as the Antichrist, but he will be declared as Christ—this is the great revival. Millions will accept him. Jesus said unto His people: "Be not deceived." Neighbor, this thing is shaping up. People who have known the truth have let it down; many have become high-minded about

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The Antichrist

By ALICE CASS

There are many people who are anti-Christ today because they do not believe there is a God nor a Christ. The anti-Christ spirit rages all over the world today but when the Anti-Christ man is revealed he will be much worse than anything we have seen before.

Nero, of Rome, could be a type of the Anti-Christ. He was born of a noble family closely related to the Caesars. His mother was determined that her son should reign. She secured the execution of Messalina, wife of the Emperor Claudius and the following year she married Claudius, who then adopted Nero and changed his name to Nero Claudius from Lucius Domitius Ahenobarbus. Nero later married Octavia, Claudius' daughter.

Five years after the marriage of Agrippina and Claudius she poisoned him and thus the reign of Nero began. During the early part of Nero's reign he lightened taxation and corrected many of the abuses of the government. He gave freedom to the senate to legislate and advise, and ruled the provinces wisely. This may be compared to the way the Antichrist will operate in the first part of his career, and will be the reason for his being accepted, just as Nero was.

Nero was fortunate in having for his teacher the great philosopher and moralist, Seneca. Seneca was a disbeliever in the popular religion of his countrymen, and entertained conceptions of God and His morals, but never was a teacher more unfortunate in his pupil.

Nero's advisors tried their best to keep him away from his evil mother. This made her very angry and she threatened to support Nero's rival. Then began Nero's reign of bloodshed. He poisoned his rival and banished his mother. She was assassinated soon after that, apparently with his consent.

This brings to our minds how in the "midst of the week" the Antichrist breaks covenant with the Jews, which until this time

was thought to be just. The same spirit which was in Judas who betrayed Christ will enter into this man and become the Antichrist. He will then claim himself to be God and set himself up in the Temple. Daniel 12:11, "And from that time the daily sacrifices shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days." For more information on this read Daniel 9:27.

All the people of the earth will worship the Antichrist if their names are not written in the Book of Life. The Antichrist will perform great miracles and wonders for men to see; in doing this he will deceive all the people. Now he tells them to make an image to the "beast." He the Antichrist, has power to make this image live and speak, and everyone who does not worship the image will be killed. The "beast" has a mark, a name and a number, which is explained in Revelation 13:17-18, and is the number of a man. This number is six hundred sixty-six. The Beast spoke great things and blasphemed against God and the saints. He fought with the saints and overcame them.

The Antichrist, the Beast, and all who worship him will taste of the wrath of God, the wrath which will be poured out without measure. They shall be tormented with fire and brimstone, and have no rest day or night. Men are scorched with great heat, they blaspheme the name of God, and "repent not to give Him glory."

The Antichrist will gather his followers together at Armageddon. Armageddon is God's red period to man's gory history, and the complete triumph of right over wrong, which is brought about by God's intervention in the affairs of man. Wicked men will perish, nothing can stop God's day of reckoning with the nations. He cries from the Throne saying, "It is done." By then, even the evil and the wick-

ed will recognize the evil of their ways.

When Armageddon breaks upon the world may we be found on the side of God.

(Prophecy class theme, Bible School of 1962.)

DIXIE YOUTH RALLY

The "Dixie" Crusaders for Christ Youth Rally convened May 19, 1962 at the Pine Hill Chapel. We were gratified with the large crowd that congregated from the surrounding churches. The Hinton Church exceeded in number, therefore they received the attendance banner.

With the absence of the special speaker, Rev. Harold Bollinger filled the position by presenting a very interesting object lesson, with a soap box.

The next convention for the "Crusaders for Christ," will be at the Snell Church June 16, 1962.

WEST TEXAS AND EASTERN NEW MEXICO YOUTH RALLY

June 1, 1962 on the hour of 7:00 p.m. the Youth Rally met at an open-air supper and service in the Towle Park in Snyder, Texas. It was a wonderful service with Rev. Austin Morgan, pastor of the Ralls church bringing the message of the evening—"What We Can do for the Lord."

Election of officers was part of the evening program. The new officers are: President, Truman Summerford, Ralls, Texas; vice-president, Billy Blythe, Snyder, Texas; secretary-treasurer and reporter, Ellen Boyd, Big Spring, Texas. The outgoing president, Rev. Homer Allen of Lovington, New Mexico, helped our rallies a great deal. We enjoyed working with him the past several months. We are looking forward to similar fine association with the new president.

There were 65 in attendance. The Snyder church won the attendance banner.

Reporter, Ellen Boyd

Neutrality is no favorite with Providence, for we are so formed that it is scarcely possible for us to stand neuter in our hearts, although we may deem it prudent to appear so in our actions.

Heart to Heart

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their accomplishments. I read a publication recently by a certain person and 37 times he used the personal pronoun "I", while the name of Jesus Christ was mentioned only two times. Pride goes before a fall. Because men do not love the truth they will believe a lie and be damned. I Thes. 2:11-12. I believe this is the machinery of the Antichrist, and it is engulfing the formalistic church world as well as the pentecostal and holiness church works.

On one side are people who do not know one thing about praying through to a real experience, and on the other hand are people who have given themselves over to the spirit. You say, "Brother Mahan, are all these people lost? Are you and your people the only ones who are right with God?" No, all of these people are not lost, God has some honest-hearted, sincere people who have been deceived, and not everyone who claims to be an Apostolic Faith believer is right with God. You can carry the name Apostolic Faith, know its teachings, be known as a believer and yet go to hell. It takes actually knowing the Lord, having His miracle-working power working in your life—there is no other way. You may have great wisdom and understanding but you cannot depend on that alone. If we become creed bound, formalistic, we will fail; if we have wild-fire, fanaticism, fleshly demonstration it too shall fail. The only thing that will take us through is reality—a definite experience with God.

In the chapter following our text Paul says "And I brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech, or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of

the Spirit and of power." To some it was a stumbling block, to some foolishness, to some a demonstration of the Spirit and of power. Demonstration of the Spirit—lots of people think that means only fleshly demonstrations. Sure, I believe in a heart-felt salvation, I love to hear people say "Praise the Lord," and "Hallelujah," but when you put on a demonstration, let me see that your life is straight—in the church, in the town, in the home, among your family, among strangers, wherever you are. That is the important thing.

A fellow minister made the statement that when he heard people speak in other tongues and their lives did not measure up, he was not overly impressed. Neither am I. Neighbor, let me say right here that finances, blood-birth membership in some church, nor a certain standing in society will ever take you through, but only the miracle-working power of Christ. If we make it in we will have to pray ourselves in; I can't take you in, you can't take me in. I am alarmed about the falling away, the ratio of true christians is dwindling all the time. I have as great a burden to see God's people keep their victory as I have for sinners to be saved; and God knows I nearly get saved all over again when a sinner is saved. We have seen a few souls saved in our meetings since the first of the year and I am very thankful for that and rejoice that God answers prayer. But I am also concerned in seeing God's people stay "on fire" for Him.

When Jesus was here on earth, the nearer the time came for Him to be glorified the fewer people there were who followed Him. And so it is today. People have lost their vision, they have lost their thirst for the water of life, they have lost their hungering desire for more of Christ. Because they have had the privilege to be in the house of God anytime they want to be, they have taken it for granted and it has become commonplace and to many has lost its importance. I want you to think that over.

Will you meet me around the altar for prayer tonight? We need

to pray through individually and keep ourselves prayed through to victory. If I pray through and you pray through we can leave this place with the peace of God ruling our hearts. May we all pray through to a new appreciation of what God has done and is doing for us in these last days.

(Sermon preached in Apostolic Faith Church, Hempstead, Texas, March 25, 1955.)

The Latter Rain

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While speaking in tongues has been known in every century in a limited measure more or less since the days of the Apostles few authentic cases are known in the last century except that of Chas. G. Finney. Many who claimed the experience antedating the outpouring in Topeka in 1900 proved to be a spiritualistic origin and while we do not discredit all these who claim to have the experience previous to that, we do claim that this outpouring and the ministry that came from that school was the beginning of all latter rain movements, and after an exhaustive study the Government at Washington has recorded the fact in the Archives of Religious Cults that it was through my ministry that these truths of the Full Gospel are now preached throughout the world.

TRI-STATE YOUTH RALLY

The Tri-State Youth Rally was held at Union Chapel, Missouri, May 21, 1962 on the hour of 7:30 p.m. Singing was led by Bro. Bob Cooper. Pianist was Sis. Norma Watson. We had a good attendance and several special numbers from the district churches.

Evangelist Floyd LaMunyon brought an inspiring message followed by a good altar service. The next rally will be held at the Youth Camp grounds at Baxter Springs, Kansas, the third Monday night in June.

Roberta Sluder, reporter

OBITUARY

Charles Oren Mahan, Jr. son of Charles Oren Mahan, Sr. and Harriet Ostrander was born December 3, 1901 at Leavenworth, Kansas and passed away June 1, 1962, at his home in Wichita, Kansas. He was united in marriage to Anna Ruth Dibbens on May 25, 1923 in Conway Springs, Kansas. To this union was born three daughters and one son: Naomi Busch of Granby, Mo.; Dorcas Spicer of Dodge City, Kans.; Marsena Mahan of the home; and Paul D. Mahan of Wichita, Kans. Surviving are eight grandchildren besides a

host of relatives and friends.

He was converted in the Apostolic Faith in April 1921. He entered full time ministry in 1945. He loved and lived the Gospel he preached—Trusting his Master to the end.

MY JESUS

My Jesus, a beautiful, wonderful, phrase,
Growing dearer to us all the while
They were favorite words of our loved one
And he spoke of them oft, with a smile.

My Jesus, the phrase is yet simple
But when it was spoken by him,
It always brought Heaven much

nearer
And things of earth grew strangely dim.

Again as he stood in the pulpit
And plead for the souls of men
Neighbor, Do you know my Jesus?
He asked over and over again.

When he walked in the dark shaded valley
Where loved ones and friends could not go,
With unaltered faith he still whispered
My Jesus is with me, I know.

And now as we stand in the shadow
Bidding our loved one adieu
In our heart each one of us whisper
Pal, Daddy, your Jesus is my Jesus too.

— Sister Edna M. Schultz.



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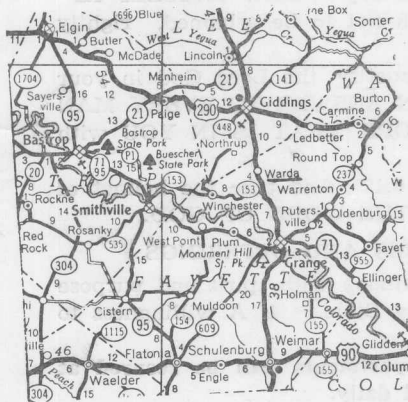
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