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Psalm 95

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In His hands are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. To day if ye will hear His voice,

Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.

when your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people

that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

Unto whom I swear that they should not enter into my rest.

Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.

ARTICLE VII

Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Saviour. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows:

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Creation and Formation

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation

Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.

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

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by speaking in other languages.

Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9.

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.

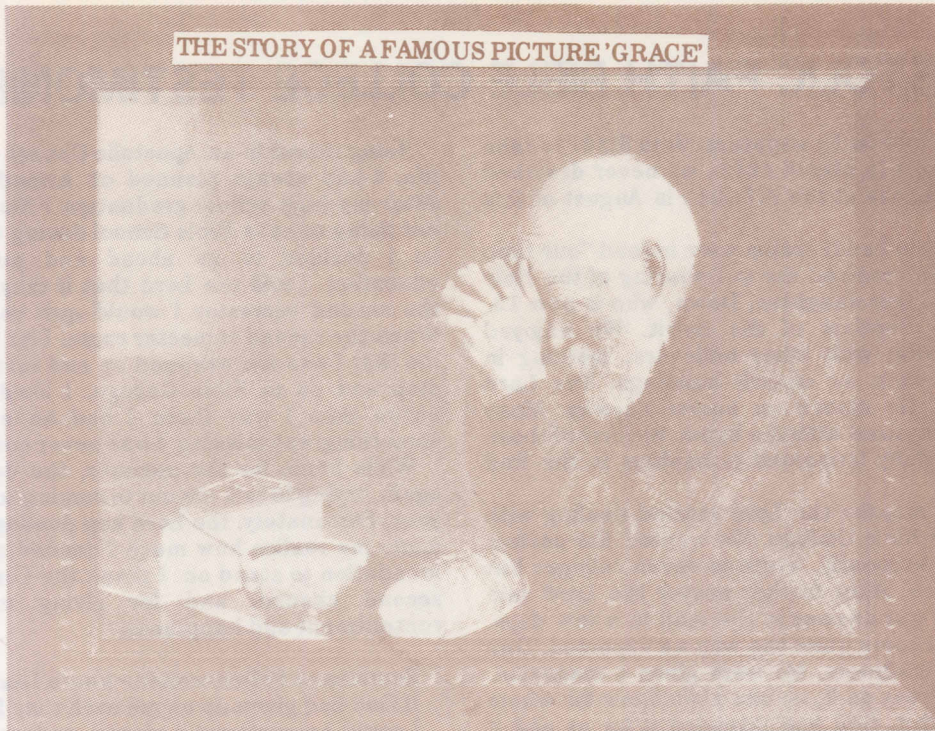
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THE STORY OF A FAMOUS PICTURE 'GRACE'



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Back in the war year of 1918, a bearded old man, with footscrapers to sell, called on Eric Enstrom at his photography studio in the tiny mining town of Bovey, Minnesota.

Out of this chance encounter came a world famous photographic study.

Today Enstrom's picture, "Grace," showing the elderly peddler with head bowed in a mealtime prayer of thanksgiving, is known and loved the world around.

"There was something about the old gentleman's face that immediately impressed me. I saw that he had a kind face...there weren't any harsh lines in it," Enstrom said in recalling the visit of Charles Wilden to his studio.

It happened, at the time, that Enstrom was preparing a portfolio of pictures to take with him to a convention of the Minnesota Photographers Association.

"I wanted to show people that even though they had to do without many things because of the war, they still had much to be thankful for," Enstrom said. "I wanted to make people conscious of the things they had instead of the things they had to do without.

"In Mr. Wilden, I knew I had found the subject I was looking for," he continued. "I invited him to stay for dinner. Then I asked him to pose for me."

On a small table Enstrom placed a large family Bible and a pair of spectacles. Beside the Bible he placed a bowl of gruel, a loaf of bread, and knife. Then he had Wilden pose in an attitude of prayer with eyes closed and hands folded to his brow.

To bow his head in prayer seemed to be characteristic of the elderly visitor, Enstrom recalled, for he struck the pose easily and naturally.

The picture seemed to say, "This man doesn't have much of earthly goods, but he has more than most people because he has more than most people because he has a thankful heart."

The picture caused little stir at the 1918 photography convention. A few years later, however, he took it to

convention again. This time it was hung in exhibit and received warm critical acclaim.

Enstrom said his best customers for the picture in the early 1920s were traveling people who came through Bovey and saw the picture in his studio window. As soon as one framed print was sold, he'd make another to take its place.

The early "Grace" pictures were printed in either black and white or in brown tint. Later Enstrom's daughter, Mrs. Rhoda Nyberg, began hand-painting them in oils. Interest in the picture soared.

Sales outside of Bovey also got a boost when a businessman in nearby Grand Rapids, Minnesota, wrote about the picture in a newspaper column. He concluded the column with a simple prayer to accompany the picture:

"Lord, there may be many homes that are larger than mine. There may be tables groaning with food and drink in abundance. There may be riches in supplies and appointments. There may be conveniences on every hand, and there may be physical assurance that tomorrow will bring still more. But, Lord, You have been with me and supplied my necessary requirements. On that assurance I rest my belief that You will bless my efforts, if I apply them to the best of my ability to carry on. I am content. Amen."

Enstrom sold the photo studio to his son Roger in 1946 and went to live in the nearby town of Coleraine, Minnesota.

In 1957 he sold the "Grace" copyright to Augsburg Publishing House, a Lutheran firm in Minneapolis, Minnesota, which prints the picture in full, natural color. It has sold hundreds of thousands of prints.

Mr. Enstrom died at the age of 92, but his famous picture lives on. It hangs in dining halls, and other places throughout the world reminding us all to be content with such things as we have and to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE COLLEGE TESTIMONIES

When the Lord told us by scripture (Acts 8:26) to take a job in Saudi Arabia in March 1981, we never dreamed we would be in Kansas at the A.F.B.C. in August of this year.

Those two years in Saudi Arabia were indeed "our time in the desert." We received the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit while there. Our daughter, Dawn, who is now 12, also received the Baptism of the Spirit. We enjoyed wonderful fellowship with other believers, meeting in homes as there were no church buildings. The Lord wasn't hindered, He moved on hearts anyway. Many were saved and baptized with the Spirit. Several of those went on to be joyfully immersed in baptism in the Red Sea.

After about 18 months the Lord started dealing with us about going to Bible College. We wanted His perfect will so we prayed earnestly, wrote to seven colleges but received no replies. After further prayer the Lord said we would receive our answer in the mail in a few days. The answer didn't come quite the way we expected. One afternoon at the mailroom, we were given a magazine. There was no address on it, no one even knew for whom it was intended. But, God had intended it for us and it found its way into our hands.

We began to read that July 1982 Apostolic Faith Report with curiosity and later amazement. We had never heard of the Apostolic Faith Movement, yet here were all the doctrinal beliefs we held. We quickly sent off a letter to the Bible College and received a prompt reply. After reading the literature about the college we knew this was where the Lord wanted us to be.

We returned to America in May, visited family for the summer, and then headed to Baxter Springs for the August 22 registration. We were confident of the Lord's leading yet we were not completely aware of everything the Lord had in store for us.

The A.F.B.C. has turned out to be all we expected and more. Our most important needs have been met. The classes are scripturally based and the teachers and faculty are thoroughly dedicated to the Lord which results in a college that is 100 percent effective for God. The comfortable housing and delicious food are additional blessings. Since we've been here our son, Jeremiah, who is 6, received Christ for Salvation. Our family is indeed now complete in the Lord. We don't know how long we will stay at the college or where the Lord will lead next but we do know the time we have spent here will be important in shaping our future walk with the Lord.

John and Pat Hawley

I would just like to say that I love the Lord, and praise His name for all that He has done for me. I think it is a privilege to get to come to this Bible School and to study God's word. I have really grown stronger in the Lord and I pray I will continue doing this through the rest of the term. I would like to ask each of you to continue to pray for the Bible School.

Love in Christ,
Arla Freeman
Follett, Texas

Being raised in an Apostolic Church all 19 years of my life, I had always planned on attending Bible School. After my high school graduation I found out they were not going to have Bible School during the Fall Semester, so I decided to go ahead and pursue my college education. I told the Lord that if they had Bible School the second semester I would quit college and attend. When the second semester came, I let the devil convince me that I was too wrapped up and involved in college to stop and go to Bible College. I liked college, but the entire time I was there I had an empty feeling like something was missing. I was never content.

While home for the summer, the devil went to work again, trying to talk me out of coming to Bible School this year. Fortunately, the Lord kept dealing with me, and he made me realize how much I needed a strong Christian foundation to stand on. I thank the Lord for giving me a second chance, and for giving me a feeling of contentment and happiness.

Sometimes I often wonder where I would be today,
If God had given up on me each time I turned away.

I could have stayed a sinner, and never known God's grace,

But God gave me encouragement to step out of the worldly race.

He made me a deal I couldn't refuse--trading old life for new,

In return I promised to be His child and to share His blessings with you.

Love in Christ,
Jana Sanger
Elmwood, OK

There are so many things the Lord has done for me I can't begin to list them all.

I thank him for the great family he's given me and for the closeness we share. He has answered prayer many times and bestowed many blessings upon me.

One great blessing He has given me is the privilege of allowing me to come to Bible School. I thank Him for all the many friends I've made here and for the spiritual atmosphere here at school.

The best thing the Lord did for me was saving my soul. I thank Him for taking me from the world and letting me become a child of the King. As the song says, "Praise God, Praise God, I'm a Child of the King."

In Christ's service,
Kim Mathis
Hempstead, Texas

I was raised in the church most of my life so I came to the Lord early in life but there were times that I backslid and I ask Him to forgive me of the sins that were in my life and He did. I'm glad that He did forgive me and keep me safe from danger. He gives me strength to go through the tough times that are in my life and I love Him for doing this for me.

I also thank Him for giving me this chance to come to the Bible College this year. It is really a blessing to me.

James Swanner
Pine Hill, Alabama

I just want to thank the Lord for bringing me back to Bible School again and also for showing me His way and the way to witness to others. I know before I found the Lord, I was lost but now since I found Him, my life has changed from good to being the best it has ever been. I know the Lord has done great things for me.

I remember there was a time when I rejected the Lord, but because of His love and His Word I found Him as my Saviour. I must look to what is right in His Word and I will someday live with Him.

I just want to thank everyone for their prayers and remember I will be praying for you.

Wayne Rucker
Katy, Texas

I love the Lord for saving me by His grace, through His word, and influencing me through Christian people. I thank Him for showing me the way to go daily. He stands by me daily through thick and thin. He's never left me and He's always there. I'm learning to lean on Him and I love the Lord.

Charles B. Gimlin
Bradleyville, Missouri

I was a boy in a Christian home. I was raised in the truths of the Word, but I didn't listen to it. About a year ago I was shown how Satanic forces were affecting my life and God started to enlighten me to the truth. When arriving here at Bible College I saw the love of God working in people just like me. I knew right then where to find the peace in my life. Through the grace of God He gave me Salvation. I still need to mature greatly as a Christian, but God has sent us a Comforter to help us make it. I praise His name for this. I also pray that as you read these testimonies, that we can give glory to God all in one accord.

Ron Brening
Denver, Colorado

My name is Bryan Morris. My background is one of a Christian home with lots of love. And all of the members of my family are now Christians. But as for me, I didn't accept the things I was taught in my childhood until I had gone out into the world and tried my own way of living. When I tried to live the way I wanted to I found out that all of the things which I thought were pleasurable, were actually tearing me apart and sending my soul to hell. But for some reason I didn't care. What I didn't realize at that time is that God had begun to work in my heart to straighten out my life and the things I had done wrong. Eventually I did come to know Christ in the way that Christ meant for us to know Him; personally, not just saying you know Christ, but living it also.

Now I strive every day to live the way Jesus would have me to live. Not because I think that if I live right then I will go to Heaven, but because I have a genuine desire to please Christ. This desire is in me because I have finally allowed Christ to make the change in my heart. I also praise God for this change and I pray each day for more maturity in Christ Jesus. And I believe one reason I am in Bible College today is to mature upon the foundation of Jesus Christ.

Bryan Morris
Anchorage, Alaska

I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to God, for giving His only son, Jesus Christ to die for my sins. He shed His blood and purchased a place in Heaven for me.

I was brought up to believe that: If I believed in God, obeyed the Ten Commandments, and confess my sins to a priest I would be in the will of God, and go to Heaven. So, I went to church mostly because I scared me. I needed to earn my way to Heaven and suffer in purgatory, before we could go to Heaven.

I was really introduced to the Lord, when my wife would question me on what I believed. I didn't really know what to say. We went to church near us and were welcomed so warmly. I had never experienced this before. I listened to the word of God from the Bible, which I had never read before. The Bible was always in the house, but no one read it. I finally came to realize that I was a lowly sinner. I needed what these people had, which was Jesus Christ in their lives. I asked the Lord to forgive my sins and asked Jesus into my heart and life.

I began to read the Bible, and through the teachings of others, I began to learn what Gods real real will was for me. Now I know that no one is worthy of Heaven, and it is not earned by being good. Ephesians 2:8,9. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Victor Phelps
San Diego, Calif.

My name is Delvan Blythe. My parents are Reverend and Mrs. Van Blythe from Rockdale, Texas. You know I give all my thanks to my Heavenly Father but if it was not for my earthly parents I don't think I could have made it through the battle. I have been just about as far down in sin that you can get but through God's loving power He has brought me out of sin once more. All the time I really thought that I had a lot of people fooled but really the only person I was fooling was myself. Satan is alot stronger than most people give him credit for being. He will try and trip you up any way he can and he is still trying today, but through Jesus Christ I am strong and able to with stand him no matter what. I ask for all your prayers that the Lord may use me in the way He wants to use me when I am through here at Bible College, because I know that He has a place for me somewhere.

Delvan Blythe
Rockdale, Texas

I attended church when I was young but not enough to know how to be saved. I had heard the word salvation but did not know what it meant. My brother was my inspiration. He invited me to church and I became enlightened to a better way of living. I later accepted Christ as my personal Savior. I felt like a new person. I had a whole new outlook on life. I realized the things I took advantage of were blessings from God.

I love the Lord and I praise His name. I thank Him for saving my soul and providing me the opportunity to attend Bible School.

Sarah Morris
Ashland, Alabama

What I was-a sinner saved by the grace of God. Ephesians 2:28 says: For by grace are ye saved through faith. There is no other word for grace but amazing, because that's what God is. He had pity on me, a hateful, unsatisfied, lifeless and empty person. My first recollection of noticing something missing in my life was when a new family moved into my community. They were pastoring the church up the road from me. A friend and I met a new girl in our class at school which was the pastors daughter. My friend became interested in this girl, so he ask me to go to church there with him.

Later on this same pastor started helping with the youth around the community in church. I could see something in this whole family's lives that I desired to have. I didn't know what this joy was in their lives, but I longed for it until one summer in June of 1975, a bunch of young people, me included, went to Camp Pine Crest in Mississippi. Before we got there I ask the preacher if there were any elevators or big buildings there, because the way they had been talking about this camp, it must be fantastic.

When we arrived, I found out things weren't as I had planned. It was really different being away from home and my sinner friends. Tuesday evening a young lady at the camp talked to us about Jesus Christ coming into our hearts. As a song of invitation was given, I went and knelt on the saw dust floor, my heart burdened with sin. I felt like, Lord you can't forgive me for all the sin and wrong I've done. Then friends that knew the Lord came and prayed with me. I thought to myself, these people must truly be Christians to kneel with a sinner like me. I poured my heart out to Jesus and He saved my soul , giving me a new life within.

I find that all sinners are longing in their soul for sweet peace within . They can find this peace if they will only reach out to the Lord.

Now in my life the Lord means more than He ever has before. A love that passes all understanding, a friend that sticketh closer than a brother, a well that springs up in my soul that will never run dry. He is all these things and more if you will only come to Him in a broken and contrite spirit.

No, I found no elevators or big buildings in that camp when I went, but I did find a Savior that was bigger than any building and reached higher than any elevator ever could.

Wade Price
Ashland, Ala.

The Lord came into my life in April of 1974. Since then He has blessed me and given me strength to go through some things I know I couldn't have made it through without Him.

In July of 1974, I lost my father. A year later I lost my oldest brother. This was a very hard time for me, but I know that God was there all the time.

In school sometimes I felt like I was all alone. A majority of my classmates were not saved. They were doing things I didn't approve of and so I stayed to myself. I had a consolation though. God had given me a church and youth group to go to. I knew that there I was loved and would have Christian friends to do things with.

After I finished school I got married. I am very thankful for the Christian husband that the Lord gave me. Three years later God sent us a beautiful, healthy baby girl.

There isn't enough paper to write all the blessings that I have received. I know that God is with me and my family and He has many more blessings in store.

I am thankful for the scripture in Philippians 4:13 that says: I can do all things through Christ which strentheneth me. I know that through Christ I can do all things!

Julie Price
Ashland, Ala.

I look back now and see just how the devil works. When I was young, I was in a Christian home, but the devil started putting thoughts in my head of where I should go and what I should do, and I would be happy if I did these thing. He made me feel very welcome in bars and around people involved in dope. But no matter what, I kept watching my sister. I often wished I was like her, but I didn't want to be bored. One night I saw a person collapse and when I checked for a pulse there wasn't one and also no breathing. I just started praying, in just moments this person opened their eyes and asked what had happened. That is when I realized where I should be and what I should do. Well, the devil started on me again so it was a few days later when I remembered that I had promised the Lord I would do His will. I called my sister and asked if I could go to church with her on Wednesday. She said sure but sounded a little shocked. I went but it was the following Sunday, November 14, 1982 when I was saved. I earnestly praise the Lord for hearing this sinners' prayer. I found out that you don't need alcohol or dope to make you feel good, because with Jesus in your heart you always feel good. Of course the devil tries to trick you and tries to make other things look better than what you have, but if you put the Lord in the drivers seat you can come out a winner everytime. I love the Lord for what He has done, and I praise His name that I am where I am today.

Shirley Burns
Taneyville, Missouri

I have been raised in a family that trusts and believes in God. I am very thankful for my parents, but my parents couldn't live a Christian life for me. In high school I wrestled with the Lord, sometimes I would be living for God and really being a good witness to others, but then there were the times that I tried to run my own life and leave the Lord out. After awhile I lost my witness completely and I felt pretty uncomfortable around friends that I had tried to witness to before.

During the last of my senior year I had to make the decision whether to go to a secular college or go to Bible College. I had played basketball since I was in the 4th grade, and I had an opportunity to play College basketball. I had always wanted to play basketball in College, but I knew the Lord was calling me to go to Bible College. I am here now and I love every minute of it. I believe the Lord has truly blessed my life since I have given Him all of it. The Lord has given me many chances to start over, and I want to give Him all the glory for everything that He has done in my life.

Thank you Lord,
Doug Forbes

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I thank God for opportunity to attend this Bible College, to study God's word, so we may know His will in our lives. For there is no greater joy than having Jesus in your life to guide and direct. Proverbs 3:5,6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto our own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and, He shall direct they paths." PRAISE THE LORD!!

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. Psalms 18:2 I'm thankful I know Him as my personal Savior. I'm glad that He is with me each step I take and that He is guiding me wherever I go. It's good to know that the Lord is always there when I call upon Him, no matter what time of day or where I may be, He is there, ready and willing to help me.

I'm also thankful for the privilege I've had to come to Bible College this year. It's good to be around so many christian people everyday and fellowship with them. I am having a chance to learn more about the Lord. Pray that I will grow in Him daily.

Love in Christ,
Janis Mathis
Hempstead, Texas

My life before I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour was one leading to destruction.

I was raised in a home that believed in discipline but did not go to church. As a youngster I would attend V.B.S. and take part in different church plays such as Easter, Christmas, Mother and Fathers day, but had never experienced salvation.

While in High School I had gotten away from church completely. I joined the Army National Guard right after high school and was sent off to New Jersey where I guess I started "sowing my wild oats" if you want to call it that. Within two years I had become an abusive user of alcohol and drugs. My life was truly falling apart in front of me, but Satan had me blinded enough to where I couldn't see it.)

After dating my wife for some time I had slacked off of these things but still had not given them up. Her Dad was a preacher and he along with her Mom let me know what Jesus had done for them and I saw something different in their lives.

After some months of dating and attending church with Renee', the Lord started dealing with me to turn my life over to Him. Finally one Saturday night, God opened my eyes as well as my ears after I witnessed a severe car accident, which involved my Dad and other loved ones. God dealt with me all night long. Sunday morning at church I walked the aisle and knelt and I felt Jesus touch my heart. His love surrounded me and I've never been the same since that day. Renee' was saved in the service that night.

Withing the last two years the Lord has placed the call to preach on my life and also opened the door for me to come to Bible School for a second term. This time my wife Renee' is along with me. I've seen God move in the hearts of my family. My two sisters, Mom and Dad have been saved and are serving the Lord.

We have so much to Praise the Lord for that there is no way that we can ever repay Him. He has sanctified me with His blood and filled me with His Holy Spirit as well as supplying my every need. I love my Lord and its my

desire to live for Him and let others know of His wonderful love and grace. Salvation is free and it is for everyone if they will just accept it. Eph. 2:8-9-"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast." May God Bless you and keep you is my prayer.

Richard Morris
Ashland, Ala.

My life before Jesus Christ came into it was very unhappy.

When I was lost it seemed lik there was something wrong I was doing. Sometimes it felt like my whole world was caving in on me. But "Praise the Lord" one night I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. Then my whole life turned around. The old devil is on my back more, trying to tempt me, but I know Jesus Christ is so much stronger if I only rely on Him.

I would like to share a personal testimony with you. This is when I think the Lord has helped me out the most.

Back in April of '83" my mother was very ill with Leukemia. She was put in intensive care in critical condition. When I went in to see her for the first time I knew she was suffering so much. I prayed to the Lord for His will to be done because I knew that was what had to be done. My mother passed away April 5th. It was really hard but I know one day I will see her again in that Beautiful Heaven. It is going to be so wonderful. I just Praise the Lord for dying on the cross for our sins. I ask each one of you that read this to pray for my dad and my two sisters at home.

I also want to praise the Lord for my wonderful husband, Richard, He has given me. I ask you to pray for us that we will depend on the Lord completely.

Renee' Morris Ashland, Ala.

Fortunately, I was raised in a Christian home. During the last two years of High School I drifted away from the Lord and became involved with many worldly things. I was away from the word of God until November of 1982. The Lord then enlightened me of the mistalke I was making, and I was put under heavy conviction from the Holy Spirit. I made the commitment to follow Him, and I just want to praise the Lord for saving my soul.

In Him,
Jerrilyn Allen
Katy, Texas

My parents are Roger and Janice Baldwin. I was raised in a Christian home, and at age 10 I was saved, and at 12 filled with the Holy Ghost at the Laverne Youth Camp. Through my Junior High and High School years I disliked myself because I didn't know exactly who I was. So I was determined after my High School graduation to set out on my own and find me. Out on my own I discovered that I was a Kings Kid. I belonged to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ. What I really needed was the peace and contentment of being totally in the Lord's will. So here I am at Bible School now happier, and more peaceful than I've ever been.

Kristi Baldwin
Laverne, Okla.

Saved when I was seven and went on to give my life fully to the Lord, baptized in the Holy Spirit at 8. For a long time I thought I didn't have a testimony that was very interesting. My testimony however, is of God's keeping power.

Through my grade school years I was teased and tormented about being fat. I was terribly shy and backward. Every day ended in tears in my bedroom. Teased also for my stand in the Lord. If you've never been continually teased as a child, then it would be difficult to see why it was so hard. You soon become an introvert. Not even able to look someone in the face. Yet the Lord was there. All those nights I struggled with nerves and fear. The Lord was there, and a praying mother to see me through.

From the time salvation came to my life I prayed for my Dad. I told the Lord I would do whatever He called me to do if He would save him. Then one night in a revival service as I knelt at the Altar praying for him, I heard the steps of my Father and felt him kneel beside me to be saved. That was when I was about 12. Tho the answer was slow in coming it came. I've many times been reminded of the vow I made. Tho I know I do not serve the Lord for that reason. I serve Him because I love Him.

In Junior High and High School I became faced with new and different situations. Such a need to feel accepted but what a price it would mean. So I still stood on the side-line. Feeling fat, ugly and stupid at times. Still I knew Jesus cared and he was the right way. The most unusual thing was when people really needed someone they didn't go to one of the "in" crowd. I told the Lord I was willing to do His will and go His way. Many hurts and disappointed yet to come.

In 1977 I attended A.F.B.C. You might think it isn't a place you would be tested, yet, there are things to overcome even here. The Lord is greater than any of these. When leaving Bible School the Lord used me in various ways. Youth camps, VBS, Sunday Schools, and so on. Many times I remember Him leading me to just write a letter to someone. I pray I was obedient and a blessing to those people. Never be afraid to do anything the Lord leads you to do. Even tho it may seem silly, he may have a very special purpose in mind. How many times a smile or hug has mended a hurt or soothed a broken spirit.

In 1981 I married and 1 month later became pregnant with my first child. I was not prepared for so many changes in my life., yet I know the Lord used them. I was very sick during my pregnancy. Every 2 days or so I had to stay in the hospital there. Dehydrated and weak I could not eat or drink anything. I lost weight rapidly. At 6 months I weighed less than when I became pregnant. They told me I was going to loose the baby. We had a church but really no friends. We felt alone yet the Lord was there. Donnie called the church to pray as they flew me to Mississippi. There was an Air Force Hospital there which had specialist in OB. They could not do anything. But, the Lord could and did. That week the vomiting stopped. I began to gain weight in fact more than was necessary. We were still worried because of the medication they had given me for hyperemesis. Yet the Lord knew. On July 9th came time to go to the hospital. I was in labor 26 hours. They did not have the monitor attached correctly and the baby was in distress. We do not know how long. I was rushed to O.R. and they took

the baby C-section. On July 10th Britney Dawn was born. Healthy and beautiful. a miracle baby. There were many times I asked the Lord why. Why all these trials. Lord I've served you the best I knew how so why. But you know, He knows best. He worked so many miracles. We were many times without food, He supplies. Sickness tried to conquer, He overcame. If some day I can touch a heart, If I can help a hurting life thru the Lord, it will have been worth it. At times I thought why should I serve the Lord. It seems to just bring pain. Yet how much more he suffered. My prayer is...Lord I ask forgiveness for the time I've doubted you. I'm sorry for ever saying I should turn back. Lord tho I can't always understand the why help me to know you do. Have my life under control. Lord use me to help some one hurting, lonely, and discouraged, everyday. Lord most of all I Love You.

Kimberly Burnett
Gower, Mo.

I came from a family of five living on a farm in north Missouri milking and farming out in the country. My dad one day started having breathing problems so we went to the doctor and found out that dad's heart was skipping a beat. He was instructed that he was not to do any hard work. That didn't stop him though, he kept on milking and farming as he always did. Meanwhile one of the people of the community, a Spirit filled Plumber's wife, was praying for our family. She invited us to church. Finally one night we went. My parents were saved. I later came to receive the Lord, the same day my parents were baptized in water. My Uncle was the one who lead me to the Lord, explaining the steps to me. I was also baptized that day. At this time I was 12. A short time after salvation at a brusharbor meeting I received the Holy Spirit. The church we went to was a small in north Missouri. Dad felt the call of God on his life to be a minister. We ministered in different churches for the years to follow. We had a family singing group and each one was closely involved in the work of the Lord. I felt the call of God on my life in this church. I didn't realize what it was until I started having a burden for youth.

In a camp meeting in 1976 I met my wife to be, Kimberly. She also felt the call of God to work with youth. In 1980 I joined the Air-Force. In 1981, after not seeing each other for several years, Kimberly and I dated and married.

Being in the Air-Force we met a lot of people. Young men hungry for something trying everything and not finding any satisfaction. We had a chance to tell some what they were really wanting and hungered for. Drugs weren't the answer, alcohol wasn't the answer, only Jesus can satisfy that inner hunger of crying out for from the soul.

After getting out of the military my wife and I felt that we should go to the Apostolic Faith Bible College. We needed to learn more about God's word and better prepare to minister. God has taken us through many trials but we thank Him for them. If we had no trials there would be no growth or learning of God's wonderful works. We thank God for what He has done in our lives. Our desire is to follow in the ministry where ever the Lord leads us after Bible College.

Donald Burnett
Gower, Mo.

I've been privileged to have been raised in a Christian home all my life, although I was saved as a little girl, I'd backslid during the years and I was rededicated in 1982. Sometimes it's real hard since my mother died, sometimes I feel really alone. But when I'm down the lowest He's always there just waiting to be my friend. Since I've come to Bible School I've drawn closer to Him every day and I praise Him for that.

Barbara Handley
Enid, Oklahoma

Well, like all people I have made my share of mistakes and fallen short of the glory of God, but I praise the Lord that He never gave up on me! I was saved when I was eight years old and went through my High School years with the call to be a preacher on my life. When I graduated, the Lord allowed me to play the drums for a Contemporary Christian band. The guys have been a real blessing and a help to me, and I want to praise the Lord for their lives.

I was having a hard time trying to decide whether or not to leave the band for a while and come to Bible School, but not I am here and the Lord is blessing me and teaching me many things. I pray everyday that I can do the Lord's will. I know that with His strength and guidance I can. Praise God!!

Bless the Lord,
John Scruggs
Waller, Texas

I just want to say I love the Lord, and I thank Him for His many blessings on me. I'm thankful for the privilege I have to come to Bible School to learn more about Jesus Christ!

Staying in the dorm with the girls is a lot of fun and even though we have our ups and downs, it's good to know we can depend on each other for prayer.

Bible School is a great experience and I'm so glad I came. I'm not only learning a lot about the Bible, Music and Piano, but I am also learning a lot of things about myself! I love the Lord and am thankful He showed me the need to come.

I am also thankful for my mama and daddy, and for the fact that I was raised in a Christian home. They have helped me in so many ways, and I love them for it. God Bless You All!

Because of Him,
Paula Jeann Perry
Lodi, California

Coming to Bible College was a hard decision for me to make. I know now that this decision is one I will never regret. The atmosphere at the Bible College is one of Christ's love. I have grown in the Lord and I have seen many prayers answered. My sincere desire is to have a closer walk with my Savior, Jesus Christ, day by day. I have learned a lot about the Bible these first few weeks of Bible School. I know that God has great things in store for those who seek His will. I thank God for His many blessings and I love Him with all my heart.

With Christ's Love,
Jo Jett
Laverne, OK

I could never express the love I have for the Lord. He has done so much for me and has helped me in so many ways. I am learning more about Him and His Word than I ever dreamed I could.

I praise God for allowing me to come to Bible School, and for giving me wonderful parents who have loved and supported me throughout everything. I also want to thank Him for the good Christian friends I have made here. They are always willing to pray with you about your problems or just lend a listening ear.

My desire is to grow as close to my Lord as possible and to do His will no matter what it takes. I want others to know my Savior as I do and to realize Jesus Christ, we are nothing.

In His Love,
Karla Schelf
Taneyville, Missouri

After I arrived here at college and was in class a short time, I realized I had a limited knowledge of the Bible when I was home, but now I know that I'm getting closer to Jesus each day by studying His Word.

I know that Bible College is going to be a great help in building my spiritual foundation because I nor anyone else can get to Heaven on parents or relatives reputations or lives.

I'm in the best place to be after graduating from school. In school I didn't always do as I should have and I wish I could live several days from the past over but the best I can do is mend the past, ask forgiveness, and trust the Lord to lead me in the way I should go.

Wherever I go after I leave here, I pray that I will have enough courage to do what the Lord wants and expects of me.

Ron Noble
Balko, Oklahoma

What God Can Do

-Longfellow could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it, and make it worth sixty thousand dollars.

That is talent.

-Rockefeller could sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth millions.

That is capital.

-Uncle Sam can take an ounce of gold and stamp an eagle on it and make it worth \$20.

That is money.

-A mechanic can take material worth \$5.00 and make it into an article worth \$50.00.

That is skill.

-A merchant can buy an article for 80 cents put it on his counter, and sell it for a dollar.

That is business.

-But God can take a worthless, sinful life, wash it, cleanse it in the blood of Jesus, put His Spirit within it, and make it a blessing to humanity.

That is Salvation!

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How long had it been? TOO LONG!

November is a special month for me. First of all because it is the month I celebrate my birthday. Some people don't consider growing older a privilege, but I do. Second of all I like November because of Thanksgiving. I always have a special thanks upon my heart because of what I am going I am going to share with you, but at Thanksgiving my miracle is little more real.

It must have been 13 years ago. Yes, it was in August of 1971. Harvest had ended and Daddy was in the field busy doing what all farmers do at that time. Papa was a grain elevator manager so he was finished with his busy time. We hardly ever vacationed but this year we decided that Papa, Grandma, Mama, my two sisters and I would go on a short, quick vacation. Calsbad Caverns, New Mexico was our destination. I sure wished Daddy could go but he worked hard at an 8 hour job, then had cows and land to keep going too. We'd just have to understand, he couldn't go. I remember the last thing he said to us though, "Girls" he said, "Please don't go swimming in those Motel swimming pools. There are just too many kids who have accidents and drown." Sure Dad. Lets see everything packed...toothpaste, shampoo, hair dryer,...swimming suit. We were ready to go.

Drive, drive, drive, I thought we would never get to a stopping place. But finally we did. Roswell, New Mexico was our overnight stop. I remember shopping around a little for the perfect, yet affordable motel. Then I remember getting changed into that swimming suit.

I must stop here and tell you this wasn't just an ordinary swimsuit. This year was the year, my year to get a new swimsuit and Mama had let me order one out of the catalog. I was so excited. I went to school one day telling all the girls, in vivid detail, which suit from the Penney's catalog that I was getting. My excitement was soon turned to dismay because one of the other girls had ordered that exact same one and "Please", she asked, "don't get one like mine." This put me in a predicament cause this classmate was one of the popular girls and I always did my best to be friends with the popular girls. If that meant getting a different suit, then a different suit it was. I rushed into the house that afternoon afraid that Mama had already mailed the order. Luckily she hadn't. I changed the order, maybe a bit reluctantly. This "different" suit was the one I put on that day in Roswell.

My memory stops here. The rest I was told later. Debbie, my sister, and I were in the pool playing. Mama and Papa were watching. I was floating around on a rubber ball. Soon I was in the deep end and suddenly I lost the ball...and I couldn't swim. I panicked. Debbie tried to help me but I was strong and scared. Before she knew it I had her in a grip she couldn't get out of. I pulled her under. She struggled and later told must have fainted. Somehow, finally she got loose from my hold. She came up to the surface of the water and got out of the pool exhausted. Mama became a little frantic and she jumped in. She couldn't swim a stroke and so Papa jumped in to get her. Papa was an excellent swimmer, but his heart condition wouldn't allow him to go the bottom for me. He asked, he told Debbie, "You have to

go back in and get Deana." But Debbie was exhausted and she knew if she went back into the water she wouldn't come out. She ran to the motel room, into the bathroom and the bathtub became her altar. "Please God, save Deana." Back out to the pool. No one, no one was helping. How long had I been in there...Back to the room, into the bathroom, kneeling by the tub,"Please God..." Back to the pool. Still no one was there helping. Some people had began to gather though...to watch. Now Debbie remembered thinking, "Only a miracle, only a miracle will save her now." Back to the bathroom, back to her altar.

Grandma had been changing Jami's diaper and just exactly when she came to realize what was happening I don't really know. She ran to the Motel office and she was crying out for help.

Mark Gerek was the 15 year old boy God chose to help perform His miracle. His parents were the owners of the motel. He was only 12 or 13 and quite small for his age, but he was brave. He pulled off his shoes and into the pool he went. Mama was crying for her "Baby" and he surely wasn't expecting a 12 year old. I was really too big for him to bring out of the water...but wait! My swimsuit. It was a 2-piece and the top was made similar to a tank top. He was able to put his hand up the back (I was lying face down) and pull me up that way. If I had been wearing the suit I had intended to buy, or if I had been wearing a 1-piece suit... well I wonder if Mark could have brought me out. But God had prepared everything!

Finally I was out of the water. The ambulance was there, but the respirator wouldn't work. How long had it been...too long, much too long.

As we were entering the driveway to the hospital they discovered I had swallowed my tongue. Now, that precious oxygen was finally making its way into my body. I was still unconscience and hours began to pass by. How long had now turned into long enough for there to be assurity of brain damage, the extent however, would not be known until I awoke.

Of course, Daddy came. He was there in the room with me when 14 hours after I entered the hospital, I woke up. My head was turned towards the windows and in the window sill were these big thick leather straps. My first words were, "What are those?" Daddy told my I had been fighting everyone and those were used to hold me down. Then I asked what had happened and a brief explanation was given.

No brain damage apparent and it was a MIRACLE! I didn't even have the battle with pnemonia because I had swallowed my tongue and no water entered my lungs.

Mark, my hero, had stayed up all night worrying about me. He had been physically sick for fear I wouldn't live. Mama and Daddy bought him a new watch because he had ruined his old one when he jumped into the pool. When we got home my parents went through the American Legion and got a medal for Mark. It was presented to him at a school assembly. How I wish I could have been there. Sometimes I wonder about Mark. I pray he has found Jesus Christ as his Saviour as I have. Sometimes I wish our paths could one day cross.

The doctors told Mama and Daddy that school work would be the ultimate test. Praise God! I was able to graduate from High School with honors. I learned how to swim and Debbie took a life saving course and will never be helpless when faced with a swimming crisis.

You know Daddy never once punished me with the word, "I tried to tell you", or "if you would have only listened" or anything like that. He was merely silent and I think in being silent he did the most good. It reminds me of my Heavenly Father. He shows us the way, and if we falter, He is still there. He simply loves us and guides us back to Him.

Sometimes when I balance a checkbook, or get a compliment on a dress I made myself, bounce the basketball down the court, or sit and play the piano, I'm reminded of how wonderful and loving my God has been to me. I'm a miracle and if it hadn't be for God performing that miracle in my life then the simplest functions would be an impossibility for me.

One summer, not long ago, I drove through Roswell. I'm almost certain I recognized the motel and the very pool I nearly lost my life in. I thought about stopping, getting out and reliving that day. I decided not to. That experience is past and now I am on the most important mission of my life. Sharing Jesus Christ with others. I feel a very special calling on my life and I feel I've only been in preparation for it. Yes, I'm certain my job is just to continue to prepare, striving to be what God wants, and needs me to be in order to be effective for Him.

I love Him and I love my family with all of my heart.

Deana Fish

Let Every Heart Give Thanks

by George Wells Arms

Real thanks comes from the heart. Thanks from the lips may be polite, but it is the heartfelt thanks that rings true and warms the one who receives it.

Moreover, gratitude is the test of character. Shakespeare tells us that the winter wind is not so unkind as man's ingratitude. The wind may chill the body but ingratitude chills the soul.

Of course, some may say, "I have nothing for which to be thankful." Such a one poor indeed, for these words flow only from poverty stricken heart-unhappy, bitter, jealous, covetous.

Did you ever notice that the poor are often more thankful than the rich? The reason is that they count their blessings. They have God's sun and air, health and life, and loved ones-the things that make life rich indeed. Thanks is not measured by our possessions. It is the man with a thankless heart who is poor, and it is the man with a thankful heart who is rich.

If, when we are offered a gift, we snatch it out of the hand of the giver and say "That's mine; it belongs to me anyway," we show no gratitude. How often a child does that, and "a thankless child is sharper than a serpent's tooth." Yet that is what countless thousands do toward their Heavenly Father-they count every earthly blessing plus all the beauty of this world as theirs by right.

Robert E. Speer told of a very young boy brought up in a Christian home where family worship and grace at meals were the common order. On being invited to a pal's house for dinner where everyone pitched in and ate as soon as they were seated, the lad looked up and said, "Around our house we always give thanks and then eat. But you are just like my dog Fido. He just eats!"

Once again our nation is summoned to observe its national day of Thanksgiving. We do not thank a thing, nor a law of nature, nor luck; we thank a Person. We do not thank America; we thank God for America. Whether it be on the bleak New England shores of the Pilgrims, or in the dark days of the Civil War when Abraham Lincoln called our nation to give thanks, or today, how much there is to thank Him for! Yet when our God looks down upon this nation which we want Him to bless, I wonder if He sees us snatching everything out of His hand and boasting of our own sufficiency; or does He see us in His courts giving thanks? How much do we warm His heart? How much can we expect His mercy and blessing?

Then above all this we hear the clear call, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift," the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 9:15). We can't be thankful for that which we refuse to accept. Our hearts will never know the thrill of that joy if we have not accepted Him. Christ has come, the gift of God's love, freely offered to all; and if our hearts are not warmed with gratitude, it is because we have not received Him.

If you have not accepted Christ as your Saviour, do it now. As you confess your sins and forsake them, Christ will come into your life as Lord and Saviour. You cannot earn this; it is a gift, and all you can do is accept it. When you have accepted God's most precious gift, the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, you will find true thanksgiving welling up in your heart.

"Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ!"

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"Live Peaceably With All Men"

A Christian citizen endeavors to live in peace with his fellow men. He cheerfully elects to suffer personal loss rather than to occasion loss to others (cf. I Cor. 6:7).

A neighbor-loving Christian bought a farm. Soon thereafter his nearest neighbor, who was not a Christian, asked him, "Have you bought this farm?" "Yes," was the reply. Said the non-Christian. "It is this way. I claim that your fence line is ten feet on my side, and I am going to take the matter to court to prove it."

"Oh, don't do that. If the fence is on your side of the property, we will take it up and move it back to where you claim it should be."

The non-Christian neighbor was completely disarmed. He asked, "Do you really mean it?" "Of course I do," said the peaceable newcomer. "Well," said the neighbor, "the fence will stay just where it is."

From the Superintendent



We are happy to report God's blessings upon our School and the work here. Time is passing so rapidly it hardly seems possible that this semester is past the half-way mark.

In our revival with Bro. & Sis. Roland Busch we enjoyed some real spiritual sermons and spiritual times. We praise the Lord for spirit anointed sermons and all the special music provided by our music class. This was a time of refreshing for all.

The last of October was choir tour and this semester we traveled to the Panhandle area. Sis. Janae Harris did a great job in preparing the choir and in the song selections. Songs of praise and songs that minister to the need. It was a joy to visit your church and see friends again.

Thanks again for your support to the school and faculty. Through the extreme hot weather our electric bills have been high. We hope the weather has eased to the point we won't see this high cost each month. Please continue to send your monthly support to all the needs here.

It would be wonderful if all our former students would remember the school and do your part to see this work continue. In the past this school blessed you, now it's your turn to bless the school.

Thanks for your prayers. We feel those prayers and know that God has answered and blesses us with His presence.

Supt. Jack Cornell



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 ...for seeking us even when we have not looked for You;
 ...for freeing us when we clamor for security;
 ...for guiding us, perhaps most carefully, when we think we are quite able finding our own way;
 ...for speaking to us, perhaps most poignantly, in the distress and evil we encounter;
 ...for forgiving us of even our own righteousness;
 ...for giving us tasks that we neither want nor can do;
 ...for giving us critics and those who disagree with us when we would rather have approval and agreement;
 ...for using those who are unaware and perhaps even unbelieving when we who are "faithful" cry to be used;
 ...for seeing us as children when we see ourselves as controllers of the universe.

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