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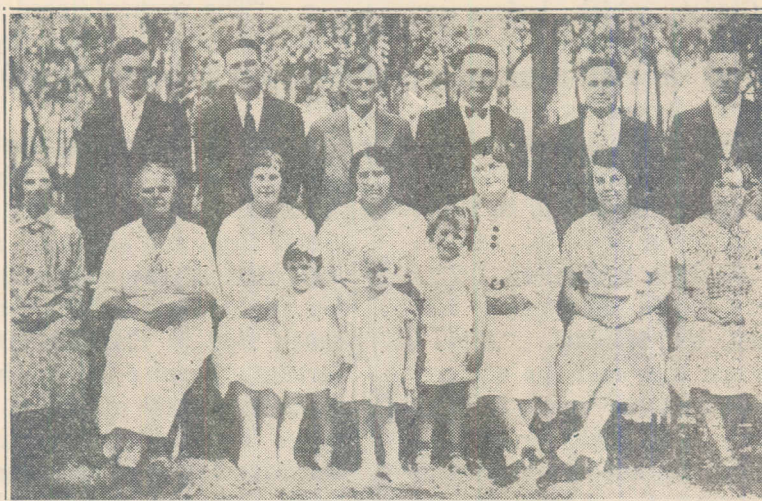
Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world
John 1:29.

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The Parham Family



Left to right: Miss Lilian Thistlethwate, Mrs. Parham's sister; Mrs. Chas. F. Parham and grandson, Charles E. Rardin; Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Parham and daughter, Roberta June, 2 years old; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rardin and daughter, Roberta Marie, 3 years old; Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred C. Parham and daughter, Bonnie June, 1 years old; Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Parham and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip A. Parham.

WHY IS THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST NECESSARY?

By Mack Wyatt.

So often we have been asked the question, "Why is the second coming of Christ necessary? It is not hard to answer from either the standpoint of the "Bible" or from the "present conditions" of the world.

There were, 297 prophecies concerning the first coming of Christ, there are 1845 promises concerning His second coming. Three hundred and eighteen times His second coming is mentioned in the New Testament, and fifteen hundred and twenty-seven times in the Old Testament. Which would seem the more important, His first or second coming?

Why it is Necessary.

First—The coming of Christ is necessary, that all prophecy may be fulfilled. "And we shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heavens must receive **until the times of restitution of all things**, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:20-21. The theme of the entire Bible is Christ, He came, but is to come again. He went, but promised to return. Acts 1:11, John 14:1-3, Heb. 9:28, Rev. 1:7.

The first prophecy made concerning His second coming must be fulfilled. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Gen. 3:15. This can not be referred to as a prophecy concerning the Lord's Second coming, it is more than A PROPHECY, i. e., one prophecy. It is a seven fold prophecy of Christ.

a. **The woman is to have a seed.** This points to the humanity of Christ, and we read "For verily he took not on Him the nature of angels; but He took on Him the seed of Abraham." Heb. 2:16.

b. It is peculiarly the "woman's seed" and not the man's. "But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his son, made of a woman, made under the law, (Born under the law) to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." Gal. 4:4-5.

c. **"I will put enmity."** This is God's barrier between the forces of wickedness and righteousness. There was an enmity that tried to destroy the Christ child from the time of His birth. Herod and his wilful destruction is a type of Satan and his wilful destruction. Satan's temptation in the wilderness was another plot at the destruction of Christ. It culminated in the crucifixion of Christ, God proving His power over death, the grave and all the forces of hell itself.

d. The enmity between "Thy seed and His seed" will be the age long conflict of the satanic forces of the devil in his seed, who will be the Anti-Christ; against the "Seed of the woman" who is Christ. The seed of the serpent is the Anti-Christ. The seed of the woman is Christ. The warfare will continue until the "Prince and power of the darkness of this world" is cast in the pit.

e. "The woman's seed is to bruise the serpent." Paul says, "And the God of Peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly—" Rom. 16:20.

f. "He is to bruise the serpent's head." A bruise of the head is death, therefore we read, "For as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also himself likewise took part of the same; that through DEATH He might **destroy him** that had the power of death, that is, THE DEVIL." Heb. 2:14. The serpent's bruise is death, and destruction, while the bruise of Christ was death for three days. The devil had seemingly won, had it not been for Sunday morning. Thank God the tomb was open, death could not hold Him.

g. "Christ Himself was to be bruised in the heel by the serpent." "He was bruised for our iniquities." Isa. 53:5. His bruise was only a temporary suffering, while the bruise of His opponent will be permanent.

All the Old Testament prophecies concerning His Second Coming must be fulfilled. Among them, there is one that stands out like the mountain peaks towering above the valleys below. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his **government and peace** there

shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth even forever." Isa. 9:6-7. The government was not upon His shoulder, He paid tribute to Caesar. Matt. 17:27. He did not rule in peace but declared, "I come not to send peace, but a sword." Matt. 10:34. He has not assumed the government and will not until He is come again, and establish His own kingdom. Matt. 19:28, Luke 22:29-30, Rev. 3:21, Luke 1:32-33.

Please observe the statement "Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end." Government and peace are inseparably connected. His government will be one of peace, justice and judgment. "He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off and they shall beat their swords into plow shears, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Micah 4:3. We are asked when this is to be, for it is the hope of all the world. We answer. "When the son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, THEN SHALL HE SIT UPON THE THRONE OF HIS GLORY." Matt. 25:31.

To be continued

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When, poor soul, God takes His "Book,"
And to your account doth look,
How, beside your "mites" will stand
The poor widows at His Hand?
She deprived herself of bread
That His gospel might be spread.
She for love of Him did give
"All her living:" not to live
For herself alone, she craved,
But that starving souls be saved;
Gladly bore, for His dear name,
Sorrow, suffering loss and shame. (Selected)

In times of discouragement it is a great help to remember that the Lord's work is not our work for the Lord, but the Lord's own work through us and others. "He will not fail, nor be discouraged."

UNBELIEF

For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? Rom. 3:3.

The sin of unbelief is the very thing that kept the children of Israel from going on over into the Promised Land.

God told Moses to send twelve men, one from each tribe of their fathers, to search out the land of Canaan.

They returned after 40 days, and said, the land surely floweth with milk and honey, and they brought a cluster of grapes and of the pomegranates, and of the figs, for to show of the fruits of the land.

"Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land," they are giants, men of great stature, we are as grasshoppers in their sight, said the ten that came back, but the other two Caleb, and Joshua said let us go up at once, and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it, and the Lord is with us, fear them not.

And all the congregation of the children of Israel believed the evil report the ten had brought back, they murmured against Moses, and Aaron, and wished they had have died in Egypt, or in this wilderness. They talked of making a captain, and returning back into Egypt, and they said our wives and our children shall be a prey to fall by the sword. God told Moses, and Aaron to say unto them, your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness, and all that were numbered of you according to your whole number, from twenty years old, and upward, which have murmured against me; doubtless you shall not come into the land, concerning, which I sware to make you dwell therein; save Caleb and Joshua. But your little ones which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. Your children shall wander 40 years in the wilderness, a year for every day that ye searched the land.

The men that Moses sent to search out the land, that brought back an evil report, died by a plague. Rebellious Korah, and all the men that appertained unto him, and all their goods, the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up. And there came out fire from the Lord, and consumed the two hundred and fifty

famous princes, of the assembly men of renown, that offered incense. Fourteen thousand, and seven hundred died with a plague, beside them that died, about the matter of Korah.

The Lord sent fiery serpents to bite the people, and many died. Moses prayed for the people, and the Lord said unto Moses, make a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole, every one that is bitten when he look upon it, shall live. Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole and it came to pass, that if a serpent, had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

I have given a few sketches of the terrible things that come upon the children of Israel, because of their unbelief, and rebellion against God. Read Numbers, 13; 14; 15; 16 and 21st chapters.

So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. Heb. 3;19. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. Heb. 4;11.

For we know Him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense saith the Lord, and again the Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Heb. 10, 30, 31. We read in Heb. 21; 8 the fearful, and unbelieving will have their part in the lake which burneth with fire, and brimstone. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of Man be lifted up. That whosoever believeth in Him should not **perish**, but have **everlasting life**. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him, St. John 3; 14; 16; and 36.

I will try to give just a few of God's promises to His believing children, they are so many it would take a book to hold them.

The man that brought his son to Jesus, that had a dumb spirit, Jesus said unto him if thou canst believe all things are possible to him that believeth, and straight way the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, "Lord I believe; help thou mine unbelief." Jesus cast out the foul spirit, and the child was set free, St. Mark 9; 23, 24.

Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them, St. Mark 11;24 Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in faith, in purity, 1st Tim. 4;12.

To believe we must have faith. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, Heb. 11;1. If the children of Israel would have had faith to believe, as Joshua and Caleb had, they could have gone over into the promised land, before their number, over 20 years of age perished in the wilderness, and not have had 40 long years of untold agony, pain and misery. It takes faith to believe, and works to accomplish a thing hoped for. We find lots of people say they believe, but they don't act like it, or they would surely seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us.

We walk by faith, not by sight. For we are saved by hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? Romans 8;24. But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Heb. 11;6.

Friends, do you believe that the wicked will cry for the rocks, and the mountains to fall on them to hide them from the face of Jesus. Read Rev. 6;15;16 and Isaiah 2;10;11;19. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. 1st. Pet. 3;12. Mrs. Ace Shaffer.

DIVINE WALK" COMMANDS

Abbie C. Morrow Brown

1. Walk in good works. Eph. 2:10.
2. Walk worthy of your calling. Eph. 4:1.
3. Walk not as heathens. Eph. 4:17.
4. Walk in love. Eph. 5:2.
5. Walk as children of light. Eph. 5:8-10.
6. Walk circumspectly. Eph. 5:15.

And John the greatest disciple, gives us these:

1. Walk in the light. 1 John 1:7.
2. Walk even as He walked. 1 John 2:6.

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PRAYER

By W. Bacon

Prayer only means something to God, when it means everything to the man who offers it.

Prayer only reaches the heights, when it comes from the depths.

Prayer and the Bible have been joined together by God; "What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

If we are to bring men to God, we must come direct from God to men.

We shall prevail with men in our preaching only up to the measure in which we prevailed with God in prayer.

There is much prayer after a sort-correct, reverent, Scriptural, but lacking in directness and intensity. We do not sigh and cry. The burden is not there. Travailing is a lost art.

Unless we have a revival of prayer in the church, we shall witness no revival of grace in the world at large.

The old cry which reverberated around the Israelitish camp, "To your tents, O Israel" should be changed to "To your closets, O saints."

If the spirit of prayer has died out among us then our great organizations and multitudinous efforts can only result in bitter and fruitless disappointments.

How better can we get a correct view of the world's need than from "The dwelling place of the Most High."

Men that bring the Cloud are those that cast themselves down.

Prayer that brings the Cloud is not easy. Jacob travailed until he prevailed.

The reason we so easily grow weary, and so soon cease from praying, is because we are not sufficiently in earnest for the blessing we implore.

Promised blessing must be sought for in continual prayer.

Though the Bible be crowded with promises, yet they remain inoperative until we turn them into prayer.

The promise of God can never do away with the necessity of prayer.

You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed.

Any man who is too busy to pray may de-

pend upon it that he is busier than God ever intended he should be.

SALVATION

There is none other name given under heaven whereby we may be saved save the Name of Jesus. Acts 4:12. God gave His Son to the world, the only way given. John 3:16. John 14:6. The Father will draw sinners unto the Lord. John 6:44.

Light is given to each seeker. Isa. 58:8. The divine plan is given under the direction of heaven authority and no man can change it. Look unto me and be ye saved, the Lord said. Jas. 45:22-23. When I think of my salvation and the many who have come to Him never to be turned away, I think that the plan is most perfect. II. Pet. 3:9. Do not look at the waves but the condition which is repentance. (Luke 13:1-5.) and faith. Heb. 11:6. In order to hold your experience make a confession. Rom. 10:8-9. For we overcome by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of their testimony. Rev. 12:11.

Our God will never fail but when sins are brought to Him there they may be left and the confessor will be made white like snow. Isa. 1:18-19. Don't be afraid to come to Jesus. Mark 5:35. A fearful heart will only bring you sorrow and torment. I John 4:18. The results of a confession and acknowledgement will bring divine approval upon a life.

Let the Christian be firm in the pathway of duty, II Thess. 3:3. Built up in the holy faith in the Holy Ghost. Jude 20. Travel not the byways of men and creeds but be led by the Spirit (John 14:26) and in prayer, watchful (Matt. 26:41) and much Bible reading. II. Tim. 2:15.

Praise the Lord for His plan. Jesus is the way of our salvation, so come all ye from the ends of the earth and be saved. Isa. 45:22. And the reward shall be eternal life. Rom. 6:23.

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DICTATORS

With Bulgaria moving into the dictatorship column, the total of Europe's one-man governments has risen to ten. These are:

Italy—the father of them all—where a dictatorship was established by Benito Mussolini

after the march on Rome, Oct. 30, 1922. Turkey, where in November, 1922, the Grand National Assembly, under the guidance of Mustapha Kemal Pasha, ousted the Sultan, set up the Turkish Republic and handed over the running of it to Kemal, the president. Poland, which has been a dictatorship ever since Marshal Pilsudski made his "March on Warsaw," in May, 1926. Russia, where the phrase is "the Dictatorship of the Proletariat," but where the facts point to the dictatorship of Joseph Stalin, who came to supremacy after the ousting of Trotsky and his followers in 1926. Portugal, where General Antonio Carmona has been both president and dictator since 1926. Yugoslavia, which entered the dictator column in 1929, when King Alexander abolished parliamentary government. Germany, where a dictatorship was ushered in by Adolf Hitler in Jan. 1933. Austria, which has been a virtual dictatorship since 1933, but where parliamentary government was not formally outlawed until April, 1934. Latvia, which suspended parliamentary procedure in May, 1934. Spain, which had a dictatorship from 1923 to 1929. Popular government has since been restored.

Rumania and Hungary, although not full-fledged dictatorships, are on a quasi-dictatorial basis.

All of this does not prove the failure of democratic government. It does prove, however, that democracy, following the war, was too hastily prescribed for peoples who were not politically prepared for it.

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BAXTER SPRINGS CAMP MEETING

The Annual National Camp-Meeting in charge of Robert L. Parham closed Sunday night, August 12, was a spiritual feast and an inspiration to all who attended, especially the host of ministers and other church workers. The young evangelists were probably strengthened more than anyone else by the scores of meetings held during the ten days the Camp-Meeting lasted.

One of the remarkable features of the meeting was the wonderful way the Lord provided for the common table, at which about four hundred persons, ate two or three meals a day.

On account of the drouth, the vegetables had burned up, but four beeves and one sheep, were donated, also canned fruit and other items brought in.

Brother and Sister Durbin were in charge of the cook tent and were assisted by many faithful workers.

Very large crowds attended the meetings, especially the night services, the number present one night was estimated by many at 4,000.

The hundred or more ministers and church workers and the many singers and musicians who attended made it possible for those who attended to hear powerful gospel sermons, and splendid musical programs at every session, every one of which proved to be a feast of good things. Two hundred persons observed the ordinance of footwashing Saturday, 7 a. m., and the tabernacle was filled Sunday forenoon, when the communion service was held.

The gratifying feature of the meeting was the fact that there were so many on fire ministers who were able to answer calls for meetings in different parts of the states, and the Gospel of Christ is going forth with more power than ever before and it is expected that at the end of another year should our Lord tarry that greater results will be expected.

MID-WEST CAMP-MEETING

The mid-west camp meeting conducted by the Barker brothers on the banks of the Clear Creek, twelve and one-half miles south and one mile east of Beaver, Oklahoma, was a wonderful time of rejoicing and refreshing for the children of God as He tabernacled in their midst and poured out blessings upon them from His bountiful hand. Many souls were saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number healed by His mighty power divine. Twenty-one were baptized in water.

There were one hundred nine individual tents pitched on the ground and two dormitories. There were also two screened cook tents equipped with tables and stoves to accommodate the campers. About six hundred were camped on the ground.

Approximately one hundred fifty-three loaves of bread and one hundred forty quarts of milk were used daily. Six beeves were donated and these were butchered and distributed to the campers.

There were approximately sixty ministers on the ground besides a number of gospel workers, singers and musicians. God blessed His word as it went forth and large crowds thronged the ground each evening to hear the word.

Eight states were represented at the camp meeting. The states represented were New Mexico, Colorado, Illinois, Texas, Missouri, California, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

Services were scheduled daily as follows:

9 a. m. Morning prayer.

10:30 a. m. Bible study.

1:30 p. m. Children's meeting.

2:30 p. m. Afternoon service.

6:45 p. m. Young people's meeting.

7:45 p. m. Evangelistic service.

Large crowds were present to take part in the closing services. Four hundred sixty-eight persons partook of the sacrament in the afternoon. The meeting closed with victory and with souls at the altar earnestly seeking God.

LOVEST THOU ME?

"Lovest thou Me?" said the Master;
"With a love that's always true?
Then indeed are you my disciple
And are numbered with the few."

"Lovest thou Me?" said the Master;
"Then you'll look beside the road,
And from the fallen brother
Help to lift his heavy load."

"Lovest thou Me?" said the Master;
"Then you'll never turn aside
From the cold, naked nor hungry,
But will keep them by your side."

"Lovest thou Me?" said the Master;
"Then you'll help to bind up the pain
With the love of love I taught you
And not merely for earthly gain."

"Lovest thou Me?" said the Master;
"Then you'll love all with the love I
taught you
And with this love help to set them free,
As I did you with the love I taught you
By the Sea of Galilee."

—ESTELLA MAYFIELD.

—Contributed by Mrs. M. J. Corl.

ARE YOU READY?

We stand breathlessly on the threshold of a new era. Every moment pulsates with emotion. Saturday night has come and the Morning Star arises. The Bride is going home to glory. She awaits the Bridegroom's call. The Jew has already packed up ready to go to Jerusalem. The Beast, the Antichrist, and the False Church will soon be enthroned. The great tribulation is at the doors. The 1,000 years of the glorious reign of Christ will follow on. Any moment now we may be translated—Christians look up! Be ready! The time is at hand. The coming of the Lord draweth nigh.—Rev. E. Middleton.

Amongst many Christians there is the deepest conviction day by day that the end of the age is upon us.

If the Holy Ghost is doing one thing more than another today, it is this. There is going on quietly, almost imperceptibly to some under its influence, a spiritual movement of heart separation from the visible and tangible, to the unseen presence of the Lord Himself and eternal realities. . . . To those who are capable of discerning it, this movement—entirely spiritual—is the proof transcending all others, that our Lord's coming is imminent. It is to many as a new experience.

This spiritual movement—felt rather than understood—is perhaps the first note of warning that our departure is indeed at hand—the first faint, far-off sounding of the Lord's shout, which is to call up His own to the meeting place in the air. . . . Friends, brothers, do we hear this whisper? Has the Holy Ghost had his way with you, to draw your spirit so near your Lord that you hear the first stirrings which the Coming One has sent forth—like wireless telegraphy—and can you discern the import? Every day seems to us to throw over all present circumstances, a deepening hush. To God's own, earth's din is being silenced that we may hear more readily the rallying cry of the descending Lord—Dr. R. McKillam.

"And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ." 2 Thess. 3:5.

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BRIEF MENTION

S. E. Waterbury and family returned home to Johnson, Ark., and will probably hold a meeting there.

Carl E. Forbes and company went to Southwest City, Mo., for a meeting. He took with him Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert to assist in the meetings.

Houston Nease and family went to Caney where they will hold a revival and they were accompanied by Howard Guest.

John Hockersmith and party will open a tabernacle meeting in Hominy, Okla., on their arrival there.

Olan Bachler will hold a revival at Wheeler, Arkansas.

Millard Brown will attend the Camp Meeting at Elmwood, Okla., and then start a campaign at Washburn, Ark., Aug. 29th. He will be assisted by Paul Johnson of Nevada, Mo.

Miss Edith Haslitt will begin a meeting at Lawn schoolhouse near Wyandotte.

Brother and Sister Albert Durham left for the Midwest Camp Meeting.

Brother Floyd Durham left for Texhoma, Okla., for a ten-day revival.

Brother James Davis left for Verona, Mo., where he will conduct a revival.

We were very happy to have Brother Thoro Harris in the Camp Meeting, who returned to his home in Eureka Springs, Ark.

Brother Horace Watkins returned to Cheney, Kan., where he will spend a few days and then leave for South Texas.

Evangelist D. A. Griffith and family of Ringwood, Okla., will have their next meeting at Mutual, Okla.

Our next meeting is to be in Pioneer, Mo.

We surely covet the prayers of the dear ones in Christ. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Menke evangelistic party. Our permanent address 246 W. Sherman street, Kingman, Kan.

Brother Ed Durbin and party just closed a revival meeting at Decatur, Ark., before coming to Baxter Springs. The Lord wonderfully blessed them. There were 66 conversions, and 21 sanctified, and 28 baptized in water. A large delegation attended the Baxter Springs Camp Meeting, from Decatur, Ark.

Mrs. M. C. Dean and her son from Meridian, Miss., attended the Baxter Springs Camp Meeting. The blessing of God has been upon their evangelistic work in Mississippi, and they intend to hold their next meeting in Tupola, Miss. May God continue to bless their service for Him.

Brother Ditto began a meeting at Biloxi, Miss., Aug. 10, and the meeting will continue indefinitely.

Mack Wyatt and wife went to Wichita where they will spend two weeks and he will finish another book on Prophecy, soon to be off the press.

Brother Wilfred and Alice Parham are continuing on with a revival in Baxter Springs, and their next revival will be in Kansas City, Mo., beginning the 9th of September.

Mrs. Hattie Ostrander, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, and Mr. and Mrs. Dickson left for Hugo, Colo., where they intend branching out in evangelistic meetings.

We were indeed happy to have Mrs. Emma Lang attend the Camp Meeting. She was accompanied by her son and his wife and Mrs. Anderson. They returned to their home in Detroit, Mich.

There is a Full Gospel Mission started at Selman, Okla. It has been going on for eight months. Brother Tica Tabor is pastor.

We were unable to get out a paper for July, as we did not have sufficient means to do so but we are grateful to the friends, that have made this paper possible.

The picture of the Parham family was taken during the Baxter Springs camp meeting. It was the first time the family had been together for some time.