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In October, 1900, Rev Charles F. Parham opened Bethel Bible College in Topeka, Kansas. Forty students entered realizing their need of more power from God with which to



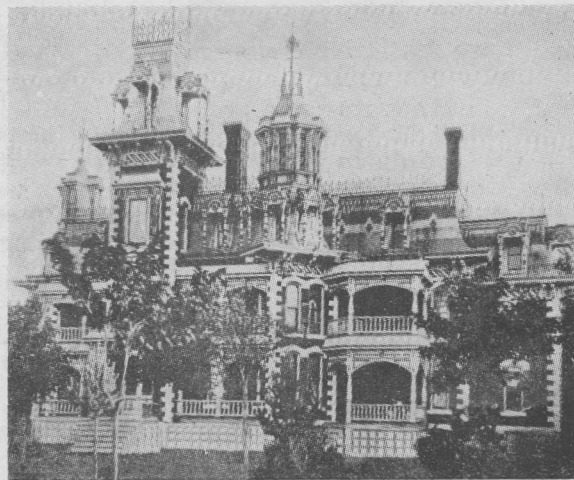
Rev. Charles Fox Parham

meet the challenge of the new century. They trusted God for every need and had all things in common. Seeking God earnestly, God met their challenge and poured out the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, thus ushering in the Latter Rain Dispensation. This momentous event marked the beginning of the Pentecostal Movements of the world.



Mrs. Charles Fox Parham

50th
Anniversary
of
Pentecost



Bethel Bible School, Topeka, Kansas, 1900

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HISTORY OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH PAPER

The first issue of The Apostolic Faith was published at Bethel Healing Home, 4th and Jackson Sts., in Topeka, Kansas in 1898. The first paper was somewhat smaller in size than it is now. Charles F. Parham was the first editor of this paper, giving it the name it has continued under since that time. It has been published intermittently since 1898.

After the death of Charles F. Parham in 1929, his wife, Sarah E. Parham, edited and published the paper, with her sons, Claude W. Parham and Robert L. Parham, serving as Assistant Editors, and Lula A. Parham, Secretary and Treasurer.

At the passing of Mother Parham in 1937, Robert L. Parham became Editor of The Apostolic Faith, serving faithfully until his home-going in 1944.

Since 1944, Pauline E. Parham, editor and Lula A. Parham, assistant editor, has been in charge of editing and publishing the paper.

In this 50th year of Pentecost, we give God glory and praise for His past blessings, For the wondrous experience of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost . . . but this generation, too, need its own experience. Tradition can

be deadening or inspiring, depending on whether we regard it as a fortress to hold, or a bridgehead from which to advance to further conquests.

YEAR OF JUBILEE

It is significant that we recall some of the details and remind you of the fact that Pentecostal people throughout the world are now giving due honor and recognition to the Apostolic Faith Movement as the first group of humble people on whom God considered worthy to intrust with the Latter Rain outpouring of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 under the leadership of the late Charles F. Parham in Bethel Bible College in Topeka, Kansas, 1900.

We are approaching the golden Jubilee of Pentecostal fullness and through the pages of this paper we are giving you the account of those historical events from the pen of the founder, along with others who have reached prominence in the religious world.

Fifty years ago a group of devout believers were searching the scriptures with hungry, open hearts and seeking the Lord in prayer and fasting for a refreshing from the Holy Spirit. In answer to their sincere faith

and prayer, God poured out His spirit as the Latter Rain as promised in Joel 2:28-29 and thus the Pentecostal Movement of the world was born.

In the beginning The Pentecostal Movement was not separate and distinct from other denominations. It was a mighty moving of the Holy Spirit within the believers of all churches. Every evangelical group was affected. Those who believed in Holiness, Divine Healing, and the Second Coming of Christ had many spiritually hungry believers who accepted the truth of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and received the experience. It was only when the leadership of those denominations rejected the Pentecostal light and began to teach against it that the Pentecostal people who were within those denominations began to withdraw and to form separate Pentecostal assemblies where they could worship God in the liberty of the Spirit. Because the Spiritual leaders of denominations rejected the Pentecostal light, great persecution, hardships, and ostracism were heaped upon the heads of those who accepted the truth and they were forced to withdraw from their church.

Are we facing a similar experience today? The amazing fact before us is the appearance and evidence of a great wave of revival spirit and Holy Ghost power. There is abroad, especially in America, a great yearning and desire on the part of spirit filled believers for a closer walk with God that will produce power with God, thus bringing about the results of "signs and wonders" through

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The above pictures are: Mrs. Pauline, editor, widow of the late Robert L. Parham. The late Robert L. Parham, former editor. Mrs. Lula Parham, assistant editor, widow of the late Claude W. Parham. The late Claude W. Parham, former assistant editor.

the Gifts of the Spirit. God may be seeking a "called-out number" who will follow the Lamb whither-so-ever He goeth. It may mean bitter persecution, hardship, suffering, rejection and ostracism as it meant to those at the beginning of the century. Are ye able?

What will be the outcome of this moving of the Spirit that is driving men to seek the power

of God? May we rally to His cross and meet the challenge that is before us!

Will it be necessary to withdraw from creed bound organized Pentecostalism? Have we drifted too far from the working and leadership of the Holy Spirit? God is seeking a people He can use. We can be that people if we pay the price.

Let us be open hearted and hungry as they were fifty years ago. If God has something greater for us — let's have it. With manifestations, power, signs and wonders will come persecution. But with these will also come the fulfillment of "Greater things than these shall ye do because I go to my Father."

"The Latter Rain"

By The Late Charles F. Parham

We opened the Bible School at Topeka, Kansas in October, 1900. To which we invited all ministers and Christians who were willing to forsake all, sell what they had, give it away, and enter the school for study and prayer, where all of us together might trust God for food, fuel, rent and clothing. The purpose of this school was to fit men and women to go to the ends of the earth to preach, "This Gospel of the Kingdom." Matt. 24:14 as a witness to all the world before the end of the age.

Our purpose in this Bible School was not to learn these things in our heads only but have each thing in the Scriptures wrought out in our hearts. And that every command that Jesus Christ gave should be literally obeyed.

No one paid board or tuition, the poor were fed, the sick were entertained and healed, and from day to day, week to week, and month to month, with no sect or mission or known source of income back of us, God supplied our every need, and He was our all sufficiency in all things.

In December of 1900 we had had our examination upon the subject of repentance, conversion, consecration, sanctification, healing, and the soon coming of the Lord. We had reached in our studies a problem. What about the 2nd Chapter of Acts? I had felt for years that any missionary going to the foreign field should preach in the language of the natives. That if God had ever equipped His ministers in that way He could do it today. That if Balaam's mule could stop in the middle

of the road and give the first preacher that went out for money a "bawling out" in Arabic that anybody today ought to be able to preach in any language of the world if they had horse sense enough to let God use their tongue and throat. But still I believed our experience should tally exactly with the Bible, and neither sanctification nor the anointing that abideth taught by Stephen Merritt and others tallied with the 2nd Chapter of Acts. Having heard so many different religious bodies claim different proofs as the evidence of their having the Pentecostal baptism, I set the students at work studying out diligently what was the Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that we might go before the

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"The Latter Rain"

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world with something that was indisputable because it tallied absolutely with the Word.

Leaving the school for three days at this task, I went to Kansas City for three days services. I returned to the School on the morning preceding Watch Night services in the year 1900.

At about 10 o'clock in the morning I rang the bell calling all the students into the Chapel to get their report on the matter in hand. To my astonishment they all had the same story, that while there were different things occurred when the Pentecostal blessing fell, that the indisputable proof on each occasion was, that they spake with other tongues. About 75 people beside the school which consisted of 40 students, had gathered for the watch night service. A mighty spiritual power filled the entire school.

Sister Agnes N. Ozman, (now LaBerge) asked that hands might be laid upon her to receive the Holy Spirit as she hoped to go to foreign fields. At first I refused not having the experience myself. Then being further pressed to do it humbly in the name of Jesus, I laid my hand upon her head and prayed. I had scarcely repeated three dozen sentences when a glory fell upon her, a halo seemed to surround her head and face, and she began speaking in the Chinese language, and was unable to speak English for three days. When she tried to write in English to tell us of her experience she wrote the Chinese, copies of which we still have in newspapers printed at that time.

Seeing this marvelous manifestation of the restoration of Pentecostal power, we removed the beds from a dormitory on the upper floor, and there for two nights and three days we continued as a school to wait upon God. We felt that God was

no respecter of persons and what He had so graciously poured out upon one, He would upon all.

Those three days of tarrying were wonderful days of blessings. We all got past any begging or pleading, we knew the blessing was ours with ever swelling tides of praise and thanksgiving and worship, interspersed with singing we waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

On the night of January 3rd, I preached at the Free Methodist Church in the City of Topeka telling them what had already happened, and that I expected upon returning the entire school to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. On returning to the school with one of the students, we ascended to the second floor, and passing down along the corridor in the upper room, heard most wonderful sounds. The door was slightly ajar, the room was lit with only coal oil lamps. As I pushed open the door I found the room was filled with a sheen of white light above the brightness of the lamps.

Twelve ministers, who were in the school of different denominations, were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke with other tongues. Some were sitting, some still kneeling others standing with hands upraised. There was no violent physical manifestation, though some trembled under the power of the glory that filled them.

Sister Stanley, an elderly lady, came across the room as I entered, telling me that just before I entered tongues of fire were sitting above their heads.

When I beheld the evidence of the restoration of Pentecostal power, my heart was melted in gratitude to God for what my eyes had seen. For years I had suffered terrible persecutions for preaching holiness and

healing and the soon coming of the Lord. I fell to my knees behind a table unnoticed by those upon whom the power of Pentecost had fallen to pour out my heart to God in thanksgiving. All at once they began to sing, "Jesus Lover of My Soul" in at least six different languages, carrying the different parts with a more angelic voice than I had ever listened to in all my life.

After praising God for some time, I asked Him for the same blessing. He distinctly made it clear to me that He raised me up and trained me to declare this mighty truth to the world, and if I was willing to stand for it, with all the persecutions, hardships, trials, slander, scandal that it would entail, He would give me the blessing. And I said, "Lord I will, if You will just give me this blessing." Right then there came a slight twist in my throat, a glory fell over me and I began to worship God in the Swedish tongue, which later changed to other languages and continued so until the morning.

Just a word: After preaching this for all these years with all the persecutions I have been permitted to go through with, misunderstanding and the treatment of false brethren, yet knowing all that, this blessing would bring to me, if I had the time and was back there again I'd take the same way.

No sooner was this miraculous restoration of Pentecostal power noised abroad, than we were besieged with reporters from Topeka papers, Kansas City, St. Louis and many other cities sent reporters who brought with them professors of languages, foreigners, Government interpreters, and they gave the work the most crucial test. One Government interpreter claimed to have heard twenty Chinese dialects distinctly spoken in one night. All agree that the students of the college were speaking of the languages of the world, and that

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A Way of Faith

Robert Girouard

The late Charles F. Parham was the man used of God in these latter days to champion a return to a more faithful observance of the teachings of Jesus and of Apostolic Faith and practice.

In 1898 Brother and Sister Parham established a Divine Healing Home in Topeka, Kansas, which was called "Bethel." In this home the sick in body were given loving care for their bodies and they received scriptural instruction showing them that it is God's will to heal the body as well as the soul. All this loving care and service was given "without money and without price."

The following are quotations from "The Life of Charles F. Parham": "It is a faith Home all the way through. Brother Parham and his co-workers are heart and soul consecrated to the work of God. They live by faith believing that "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Mr. Parham wrote, "Once after returning from a hard days labor among the sick, from the death bed of the President of the Santa Fe Railroad, it being a few minutes past 11 o'clock, the fact was suddenly flashed into my mind that the next day the rent was due with not a cent to meet it. Tired and weary, I looked into the star-lit sky, saying, Father, this is Thy part of the work, I must have rest and sleep tonight. Thou hast never failed us, Thou wilt not now." The next morning a gentleman unknown to Brother Parham gave him a check for forty dollars saying that he was divinely led to do so. The amount of the check amounted to the exact amount of the rent due.

In 1900, Brother and Sister Parham opened a Bible School

at Topeka, Kansas which was a faith supported school. I quote from "The Life of Charles F. Parham:" "No one paid board or tuition, the poor were fed, the sick were entertained and healed, and from day to day, week to week and month to month, with no sect or mission or known source of income back of us God supplied our every need and He was our all sufficiency in all things."

Brother Parham and those of like faith would not accept a salary for their services, nor would they take up collections in their religious services. The people were taught that God's work should be supported with tithes and offerings. On one occasion he was conducting services in the city of Houston, Texas. He was responsible for the care of twenty-five gospel workers and for the weekly rental of fifty dollars for Bryan Hall where services were being conducted. In all of these services no solicitation was made for money and no collections were taken, yet the Lord supplied every need.

Brother and Sister Parham have fallen asleep in Jesus, but the Lord is faithful today to those who wholly follow and trust Him.

The ministers and gospel workers of the Apostolic Faith Movement serve their Lord without a salary and without solicitations or collections in their services.

Each year there are from one to several Camp Meetings of the Apostolic Faith where people of our faith come for spiritual refreshing and where an effort is made to reach the unsaved. A considerable sum of money is needed to furnish facilities for cooking and for the comfort and convenience of the campers, as well as advertising

and rent on an auditorium tent. The campers pay for their own tents and rooms, but other facilities are on the free-will offering plan. Sometimes at our Camp Meetings and generally at our winter convocations the people are fed at what is called a "common table." People eat at the common table free of charge and no collections are taken for these expenses but they are born by those upon whose hearts the Lord has moved to supply the need.

Another work of faith is the Apostolic Faith Paper published at Baxter Springs, Kansas by Sisters Pauline Parham and Lula Parham. Originally there was a subscription price for the "Apostolic Faith" paper which began to be published in 1898, but it soon began to be published on the free-will offering plan and it is being published on that plan now. The editors receive no remuneration for their services. They receive their support as do our other ministers with tithes and offerings of those led of the Lord to do so.

Our present Bible School is a monument to the faith of men and women with a vision of the need for a place to train gospel workers and ministers for the highway and hedge call of these latter days. The beautiful New Chapel was built in the same manner in which all activities are carried on. The need was presented to the people and the response was wonderful. It was dedicated free of debt.

The recent three months term of Bible School where over one hundred and thirty-four students enrolled is another example of a work of faith. No charge was made for board and tuition. Single students were furnished sleeping quarters free of charge. The officials and teachers of the school made no charge for their services but trusted in God for their support. In addition to the generous gift of meats and other food stuffs it cost about ten thousand dollars in money for

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BIBLE SCHOOL HOME

The Apostolic Faith Movement was born in a Bible School in 1900, and we praise God that the Bible School vision is still with us today. In another place in this paper a complete account is given of the Bible School in 1900.

In 1905 Charles F. Parham, with a band of workers, opened a Bible School in Houston, Texas which was well attended and blessed of God. Many prominent ministers and workers came forth from this school. During this time the great Bryan Hall revival was held in Houston in which College Professors, Government interpreters, etc, came to hear and see them speak in the languages of the world as hundreds were filled with the Holy Ghost and power.

In 1937 and 1938 the Rev. Robert L. Parham conducted a Bible School at the old Parham Home in Baxter Springs, those assisting were: Gail W. Schlutz, Millard Brown, Pauline Parham and Claude W. Parham. These two terms of Bible School were most successful and renewed the vision and need of a Bible School for the Movement.

In 1945 a committee was appointed at a ministers meeting

to secure property for a permanent school. At that time the present Bible School Home at 923 Lincoln Avenue was purchased. A picture of this building appears on another page of this magazine. The Bible School grew until this building became inadequate to take care of the enrollment.

In the spring of 1950 work began on the new Chapel (picture on back page) at 10th and Lincoln streets. Construction began with very little money in the treasury and as the building went up God supplied the need. At the dedication of this beautiful Chapel enough donations were given to free it of all debt. All glory and honor unto our God.

BIBLE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Special closing services of this year's Bible School were held in the Chapel Auditorium, 10th and Lincoln. One hundred and thirty-four were enrolled for the training course. The great climax of the school came of the last day, Easter Sunday, March 25th. The Ordination service was held at 10:00 a. m., with Rev. Robert Girouard bringing the sermon, with the following ordained as Ministers of the Apostolic Faith:

Amos Harris, Gene Boulware, Bobby Whiteley, Paul A. Ross, Harrol Waterbury, Gilbert L. Cowart, Robert Muir, Billy Moorehead, Doyle L. Wiles and C. R. Wilson.

Also, the following were ordained as Gospel Workers:

Bonnie Murry, James Brooks, Joan Bryan, Mary Helen Ross, Donna Mae Peacock, Richard Nealy and Barbara Gregory.

The Home-Coming service was directed by Rev. Charles Mahan with Rev. Ralph Denton of Hawaii and Rev. Glayron Rees of Alaska bringing the messages.

Rev. Gail W. Shultz delivered a timely commencement message and at the close of the service Dean Elvis O. Bishop presented the Diplomas to the students. Thus closed another glorious and fruitful session of the Apostolic Faith Bible School.

"He hath put a new song in my mouth even praise unto our God."

FACULTY MEMBERS

1951 TERM

Elvis O. Bishop	Dean
Wallace Bingham	Asst. Dean
Pearl Yeakley	House Mother
Robert Girouard	Prophecy
Roy Wooster	Doctrine
Grady Adcock	Evangelism
Lorraine Fullbright	English
Mary Ross	Piano
Lavonda Barker	Piano
Wilbur D. Fullbright	Theory of Music, Harmony, Accordion, and Chalk Drawing

NEWS CLIPPINGS FROM OLD SCRAP BOOK OF CHARLES F. PARHAM

KANSAS CITY TIMES JANUARY 27, 1900

PARHAM'S NEW RELIGION
PRACTICED AT "STONE'S FOLLY"

Evangelist Who Recently Attracted Attention in Kansas City Has Established a Gospel School in an Old Mansion at Topeka, Where He Teaches Forty Students His Strange Doctrines—Converts Get What They Pray For, and, by an Inspiration, Speak in Languages Unknown to Themselves—The Tower of Babel

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 25.—The Rev. Charles Parham, evangelist, who lately has at-



TOPEKA DAILY BLADE
FEBRUARY 6, 1901

IN TOWER
OF BABEL.

Occupants of Topeka Mansion Talk Queer Jargons—"Parhamites."

Members of Religious Sect Tell of Latter-Day Miracle—Dwellers in "Stone's Folly" Declare Prayer Enables Them to Speak in Unknown Tongues.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 5.—Yes, the followers of the Rev. Charles F. Parham, leader of a peculiar sect that has established itself in

TOPEKA CAPITAL
JANUARY 14, 1901

A QUEER FAITH.

Strange Actions of the Apostolic Believers.

TOPEKA CAPITAL
OCTOBER 20, 1900

HE GOT MONEY.

Unusual Journey of Rev. Chas. Parham of Topeka

Had No Funds When He Started on His Trip.

PRAYS FOR RESOURCES

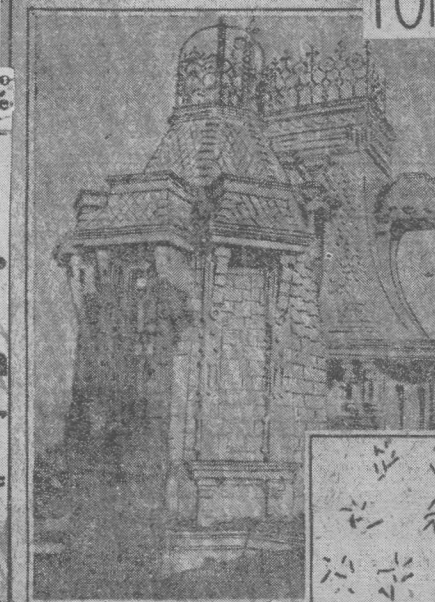
Cash Handed to Him, in Response to Supplications.

Went From Kansas to Maine and Back.

STRANDED IN WINNIPEG

POST DISPATCH, KANSAS CITY, JANUARY 26, 1900

NEW SECT IN KANSAS SPEAKS WITH STRANGE
TONGUES



THE PRAYING TOWER
OF BETHEL GOSPEL SCHOOL

Bethel Gospel School at Topeka, the Members of Which "Toil Not Neither Do They Spin" Preach New Doctrines.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 25. Special Correspondence of the Sunday Post-Dispatch.



MISS LIZZIE
OZMAN

KANSAS CITY WORLD, 1900

CLAIM A STRANGE
"GIFT OF TONGUES"

People Who Say They Are Able to Speak Foreign Languages by the Lord's Inspiration.

REMARKABLE RELIGIOUS SECT.



MISS OZMAN'S
INSPIRED HAND

The Wonderful History of The Latter Rain

By the Late Miss Lillian Thistlewaite

The first Shower of the Latter Rain — Bethel Bible School

In the year 1900, Charles F. Parham, and his wife and family and a number of Bible students, gathered in the Bethel Bible School to study the Word of God, using no text book excepting the Bible.

The building procured for this school was known by the people of Topeka, Kansas, as the "Stone Mansion" or "Stone's Folly" because it had been patterned after an English castle, and he, having failed to "count the cost," was unable to finish in the style planned. The beautiful carved staircases and finished woodwork of cedar of Lebanon, spotted pine, cherry wood and bird's eye maple, ended on the third floor with plain wood and common paint.

The outside was finished in red brick and white stone with winding stairs that went up to an observatory on the front of the highest part of the building. There was also a cupola at the back of the building and two domes built on either side. Into one of these a door was cut, making a room large enough for a small stove, a table and a chair. This was known as the "Prayer Tower." Volunteers from among the students took their turn of three hours watch; so day and night prayer ascended unto God. Sometimes a student would desire to spend the night in waiting before the Lord and this privilege was allowed.

When the building was dedicated for the school, while in prayer, on the top of the building, Captain Tuttle, a godly man, who was with Mr. Parham said he saw (in a vision) just above the building a "vast lake of fresh water about to overflow, containing enough to satisfy every thirsty soul." This we believe was the promise of

the Pentecostal baptism which followed later.

There were about forty persons gathered here including the children. The method of study was to take a subject, learn the references on that subject, also where each quotation was found, and present to the class in recitation as though they were seekers, praying for the anointing of the Holy Spirit to be upon the message in such a way as to bring conviction.

Mr. Parham also taught through lectures. I shall never forget the one he gave on the Songs of Solomon. How we were all lifted into the heavens and the room seemed filled with the glory of God's presence!

It was just before the Christmas holidays that we took up the study of the Holy Ghost. Mr. Parham was going to Kansas City to conduct meetings there and to bring some friends back with him to spend Christmas and be present for the watch night meeting. Before leaving the following is the substance of what he said:

"Students, as I have studied the teachings of the various Bible Schools and full gospel movements, conviction, conversion, healing and sanctification are taught virtually the same, but on the baptism there is a difference among them. Some accept Steven Merrit's teaching of baptism at sanctification, while others say this is only the anointing and there is a baptism received through the "laying on of hands" or the gift of the Holy Ghost, yet they agree on no definite evidence. Some claim this fulfillment of promise "by faith" without any special witness, while others, because of wonderful blessings or demonstrations, such as shouting or jumping. Though I honor the Holy Ghost in anointing power

both in conversion and in sanctification, yet I believe there is a greater revelation of His power. The gifts are in the Holy Spirit and with the baptism of the Holy Spirit the gifts, as well as the graces, should be manifested. Now, students, while I am gone see if there is not some evidence given of the baptism so there may be no doubt on the subject.

"We see the signs already being fulfilled that mark the soon coming of the Lord and I believe with John Wesley that at Christ's second coming the Church will be found with the same power that the Apostles and the early Church possessed."

Thus closed the regular Bible lessons, for a time, but there was individual and collective prayer and study of the Bible continuously.

On Mr. Parham's return to the school with his friends, he asked the students whether they had found any Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The answer was, unanimous, "speaking in other tongues."

Services were held daily and each night. There was a hallowed hush over the entire building. All felt the influence of a mighty presence in our midst. Without any special direction, all moved in harmony. I remember Mrs. Parham saying, "Such a spirit of unity prevails that even the children are at peace, while the very air is filled with expectancy. Truly He is with us, and has something more wonderful for us than we have known before."

The service on New Year's night was especially spiritual and each heart was filled with the hunger for the will of God to be done in them. One of the students, a lady who had been in several other Bible Schools, asked Mr. Parham to lay hands upon her that she might receive the Holy Spirit. As she prayed, her face lighted up with the glory of God and she began to speak with "other tongues."

She afterward told us she had received a few words while in the Prayer Tower, but now her English was taken from her and with floods of joy and laughter she praised God in other languages.

There was very little sleeping among any of us that night. The next day still being unable to speak English, she wrote on a piece of paper, "Pray that I may interpret."

The following day was Thursday. This day Mr. Parham observed as a day of special prayer and waiting upon the Lord. From 9 a. m. to 3 p. m., he believes to be the six hours Christ spent on the cross, so these hours were observed in special waiting on the Lord that all that was purchased upon Calvary should be wrought out in our individual lives. The "broken body" or the atonement for healing was especially honored in these meetings.

On this particular day the baptism of the Holy Ghost was sought earnestly, but no one received the gift. Having other duties in the home I had not searched the Scriptures to know the Bible evidence, nor heard the decision of those who had, but in my own mind concluded as the gifts are in the Holy Ghost any of the nine gifts would prove the baptism; and as Paul said "desire earnestly the best gifts." I, feeling "faith" was the most to be desired was looking for this gift in some way to be manifested.

An upper room was set apart for tarrying before the Lord, and here we spent every spare moment in audible or silent prayer, in song or in just waiting upon Him. There was no confusion as only one prayed audibly at a time, and when more than one sang it was the same hymn. It was truly a time of precious waiting. His presence was very real and the heart-searchings definite.

Mr. Parham was holding night services in Topeka and before leaving he said, "I don't suppose I shall be able to under-

stand any of you when I return."

Still I was not looking for "tongues" but some evidence from God, I didn't know of what nature that would convince me I had the baptism. We prayed for ourselves, we prayed for one another. I never felt so little and utterly nothing before. A scrap of paper charred by a fire is the best description I can give of my feelings. Then through the Spirit this message came to my soul, "Praise Him for the baptism for He does come in by faith through the laying on of hands." Then a great joy came into my soul and I began to say, "I praise Thee," and my tongue began to get thick and great floods of laughter came into my heart. I could no longer think words of praise, for my mind was sealed, but my mouth was filled with a rush of words I didn't understand. I tried not to laugh for I feared to grieve the Spirit. I tried to praise Him in English but could not, so I just let the praise come as it would in the new language given, with floodgates of glory wide open. He had come to me, even to me to speak not of Himself but to magnify the Christ, — and oh, what a wonderful, wonderful Christ was revealed. Then I realized I was not alone for all around me I heard great rejoicing while others spoke in tongues and magnified God. I think Mrs. Parham's language was the most perfect. Immediately following came the interpretation, a beautiful poem of praise and worship to Christ, proving the words of the Savior — "When the Comforter is come" — "he shall testify of me" — "shall not speak of himself" — "shall teach you all things and bring to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you." Then as with a simultaneous move we began to sing together each one singing in his own new language in perfect harmony. As we sang, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and other familiar

tunes, it would be impossible to describe the hallowed glory of His presence in our midst. The cloven tongues of fire had been seen by some when the evidence had been received. Mr. Parham came into the room while we were standing singing — kneeling he thanked God for the scene he was allowed to witness, then asking God if it was His will that he should stand for the baptism of the Holy Spirit as he had for healing, to give him the Bible evidence. His prayer was answered, the gift bestowed, and the persecution came also.

Never had such a hallowed joy, such a refined glory or such an abundance of peace, ever come into my life. The Comforter had come and the words of Jesus being brought continually to my remembrance as Scripture after Scripture was unfolded by day and by night filled me with a settled rest and quietness my soul had never known before, I lived in the heavenlies.

As we went into meetings it seemed impossible that any could resist the messages given. Some understanding the languages were convinced but others fulfilled the prophecy, "With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that they will not hear me, saith the Lord." I Cor. 14:21.

One one occasion a Hebrew Rabbi was present as one of the students, a young married man, read the lesson from the Bible. After services he asked for the Bible from which the lesson was read. The Bible was handed him, and he said, "No not that one, I want to see the Hebrew Bible. That man read in the Hebrew tongue."

At another time while Mr. Parham was preaching he used another language for some time during the sermon. At the close a man arose and said, "I am healed of my infidelity; I have heard in my own tongue the 23rd Psalm that I learned at my mother's knee."

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will not be fought with guns.

Doctrinal Teachings of The Apostolic Faith Movement

TRINITY OF THE GOD-HEAD

(God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, the Holy Ghost) "For there are THREE that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word (Jesus) and the Holy Ghost: . . ." 1 John 5-7

REPENTANCE

(Act of Man)

"Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: REPENT YE, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:14-15

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE." 2 Pet. 3:9

"REPENT YE therefore, and BE CONVERTED, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Act 3-19

CONVERSION

(Justification) (Act of God)

". . . Verily I say unto you, EXCEPT YE BE CONVERTED, and become as little children ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 18:3

"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man (Jesus) is preached unto you the FORGIVENESS OF SINS: And by Him all that believe are JUSTIFIED from all things, from which we could not be justified by the law of Moses." Acts 13:38-39

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a NEW CREATURE: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17

CONSECRATION

(Act of Man)

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that YE PRESENT YOUR BODIES a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what

is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Rom. 12:1-2

SANCTIFICATION

(Act of God)

(a second, definite work of grace)

"Wherefore Jesus also, that He might SANCTIFY the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach." Heb. 13:12-13

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the CHURCH, and gave Himself for it; That He might SANCTIFY and CLEANSE it with washing of the water by the word, that He might present it unto HIMSELF a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be HOLY and without blemish." Eph. 5:25-28

"And the very God of peace SANCTIFY YOU WHOLLY; and I pray God, your WHOLE SPIRIT AND SOUL AND BODY be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thes. 5:23

BAPTISM OF HOLY GHOST

"John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: He shall BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY GHOST and with fire." Luke 3:16

"For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts 1:5

The EVIDENCE of the baptism of the Holy Ghost is the speaking with other tongues. No fanaticism)

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

"And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Acts 10:45-46

DIVINE HEALING

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the king-

dom, and HEALING ALL MANNER OF SICKNESS AND ALL MANNER OF DISEASES among the people." Matt. 4:23

"Who His own self (Jesus) bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes YE ARE HEALED. 1 Peter 2:24

"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:14-16

WATER BAPTISM (by immersion)

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Rom. 6:3-4

THE LORD'S SUPPER

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it. For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Matt 26:26-28 (Read 1 Cor. 11:23-30)

FEET WASHING

"He (Jesus) riseth from supper, and laid aside His garments; and took a towel, and girded Himself, After that He poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded

... "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." John 13:4-5, 14

NO DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

"Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery." Luke 16-18

"The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord." 1 Cor. 7:39

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:3

"... Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing into heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, SHALL SO COME in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 2:11

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the SON OF MAN COMING IN THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN with power and great glory." Matt. 24:30

THOUSAND YEAR REIGN OF CHRIST

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus — and they lived and REIGNED WITH CHRIST A THOUSAND YEARS." Rev. 20:4

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall REIGN WITH HIM A THOUSAND YEARS." Rev. 20-6

CONDITIONAL IMMORTALITY

(Life through Christ)

"... I am come that they might have LIFE, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10

"And this is the record, that God has given to us ETERNAL LIFE, and this life IS IN HIS SON. HE THAT HATH THE SON HATH LIFE, and he that hath not the Son

of God hath not life." 1 John 5:11-12

"To them who by patient continuance in well doing SEEK FOR glory and honor and IMMORTALITY, eternal life." Rom. 2:7

(Immortality is yet future. Read 1 Cor. 15:51-54)

DESTRUCTION OF THE WICKED

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to DESTRUCTION, and many there be which go in thereat: ..." Matt. 7-13

... In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall BE PUNISHED WITH EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power." 2 Thes. 1:7-9

"For the wages of sin is DEATH; but the gift of God is ETERNAL LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23

"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall BURN THEM UP, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall LEAVE THEM NEITHER ROOT NOR BRANCH." Mal. 4:1

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In TITHES AND OFFERINGS. — Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there be not room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:8, 10.

"But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: THESE OUGHT YE TO HAVE DONE, and not to leave the other undone," Luke 11:42.

No man ever got lost on a straight road. — Lincoln.

The Christ we will not share we cannot keep.

"The Latter Rain"

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with proper accent and intonation. There was no chattering, jabbering, or stuttering. Each one spoke clearly and distinctly in a foreign tongue, with earnestness, intensity and God-given unction. The propriety and decency of the conduct of each member of the Bible School won the warmest comment from many visitors.

Our first public appearance after others had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit was in Kansas City, in the Academy of Music, about January 21st. The Kansas City papers loudly announced our coming. Two columns appeared in the Kansas City Journal, with large headlines on the front page. These headlines, being the largest on the front page, attracted the attention of the newsboys, and they not knowing a Pentecost from a holocaust ran wildly up and down the street crying their papers, Pentecost, Pentecost, read all about the Pentecost.

I have on record the sermon preached on this occasion. The first upon the baptism of the Holy Ghost in all modern Pentecostal Apostolic Full Gospel movements. Also on file all that the papers had to say about these things in those days. Through great trials and persecutions we conducted the Bible school in the city of Topeka itself, then on in Kansas City.

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearance of Jesus Christ." — 1 Peter 1:7.

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

Wonderful History of the Latter Rain

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The Bible School building was sold. We moved to a building in Topeka where we stayed for a short time, then went to Kansas City. While living in Kansas City we heard that the building where Pentecost first fell was burned. This was not a surprise to us, as it had been turned into a road house and the rooms that once had heard only the voice of supplication and praise to God, had been desecrated by worldly revelry. Warning was given that such actions would not go unpunished for the house was dedicated to the Lord from its highest place of observation to the cellar.

In Kansas City, Mo., Mr. Parham held a Bible School, also meetings. During this time souls were saved, some received their baptism and others were healed. The persecutions were great and we were learning many lessons.

In the third year of the work God mightily vindicated the cause and many souls were saved, wonderful healings took place, and the falling of the Pentecostal Baptism was very convincing.

I do not know to what denomination all belonged who received the baptism at Bethel Bible School, but some were Methodists, others Friends, and some Holiness, while many belonged to no denomination.

There were only white persons present at the first Pentecostal shower. No colored people were ever in the school.

As Mrs. Parham's sister, it has been my privilege to be in their home or in touch with their work continually. To witness Mr. Parham's zeal and untiring energy you would not believe it possible he had been a sufferer for years until healed by the power of God. The work of his ministry was conducted entirely on faith lines. He looked to the Lord to open the field of

labor and was obedient to that which he felt to be His will, then left the results with God, who hath said "His Word shall not return unto Him void." His family was dear to him. He enjoyed doing the little things about the home, caring for the children and giving the love service, which makes life worth living. Soon after they were married he was given some land in the country, and I remember him saying to my sister, "If the Lord would only let me, we would have a little home and raise chickens." But choosing the "better part," together they continued the life of service for others.

He taught as the discipline of the Movement he represented and for his own life and practice, the keeping of the commandments of Jesus. He rejoiced in the opportunity to "overcome evil with good." He also practiced the command to "Give to every man that asketh of thee, and to him that would borrow of thee, turn not away," and God rewarded an hundred fold. Many times he gave the last cent he had, or clothes and food that would be needed the following day; but the Scripture obeyed brought the fulfillment of the promised "good measure" returned, even to the running over. A marked characteristic of his work was his ability to reach all classes, the rich and the cultured, the poor and the outcast of society, with the same touch of understanding that makes of one common brotherhood all God's creatures.

Having known the power of healing in his own life, and believing God's promises are the same today for those who could believe, he prayed for the sick who were healed, even as sinners were delivered from the power of sin thru faith in the atonement. When Mrs. Parham first wrote me about the won-

derful healings they were having among the people, I could hardly believe it possible. I knew Christ and the disciples healed the people and I also believed that Mr. Parham was healed, but I thought these were special cases. I had a physical disorder that had troubled me for years, I would try the Lord and see if He would heal now as when here in person. God, searching the heart, knoweth all things. How great His patience and tender mercies toward us! He graciously healed me. Later I contracted a cold resulting in a cough which instead of getting better grew worse till I was confined to bed. My mother and the others were anxious about me, feeling I should have a doctor. To this I could not consent for I had not only been healed myself but had seen many others healed thru prayer. I remembered I had come for healing to prove God's promises, now I felt God was proving me. They were praying for me at Bethel Bible School where Mr. and Mrs. Parham were in charge, yet I still remained sick. Later, Mr. Parham came into my mother's home and prayed for me. I felt the healing virtue go thru my body and was entirely delivered. I thank God for His great love for His children; that He has purchased not only salvation for the soul but also healing for the body, which is the temple of the Holy Ghost. I also thank God for His faithful messenger, who has been an inspiration and blessing to so many and truly given his Life as a living sacrifice in service for others, though his faith was often tried, as by fire.

A WAY OF FAITH

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this last term of school alone. It was a work of faith throughout but praise the Lord He supplied every need. We can truly say with the inspired writer that "there has not, failed one of His good promises."

First to Receive Baptism of the Holy Ghost

We will let one of the students, Mrs. N. O. LaBerge, formerly Miss Agnes N. Osman, who was the first to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost in the school, give her testimony:

"I had been a Bible student for some years and had attended T. C. Horton's Bible School at St. Paul, Minn., and A. B. Simpson's Bible School at New York City. For some time I had been doing mission work. In the fall of 1900 I was in Kansas City and heard that a Bible School was to be opened at Topeka, Kansas. I had a desire to go to this school, and asked the Lord that if it was His plan for me to go, to provide the fare. A sister gave me more than enough to pay for my fare and so I felt assured it was God's will for me to go. I was living by simple faith in the Lord, trusting Him to supply all my needs according to Phil. 4:19.

It was in October 1900, that I went to this school which was known as Bethel College. We studied the Bible every day and did much work down town at night. Prayer was offered night and day continually in a special upper room set apart as a prayer tower. I had many blessed hours of prayer in this upper room during the night watches. As we spent much time in the presence of God, He caused our hearts to be opened to all that is written.

"I had some experience with the Lord, and tasted the joy of leading some souls to Christ, and had some marvelous answers to prayer for guidance and in having my needs supplied. I was blessed with the presence of the Lord, who, in response to my prayer, healed some who were sick. Like some others, I thought that I had received

the baptism of the Holy Ghost at the time of consecration, but when I learned that the Holy Ghost was yet to be poured out in greater fullness, my heart became hungry for the promised Comforter and I began to cry out for an endowment with power from on high. At times I longed more for the Holy Spirit to come in than for my necessary food. At night I had a greater desire for Him than for sleep.

"We were admonished to honor the blood of Jesus Christ to do its work in our hearts, and this brought great peace and victory. A text often used was this, 'Now the God of peace has brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, thru the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, thru Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen' (Hebrews 13:20-21)

"As the end of the year drew near some friends came from Kansas City to spend the holidays with us. On watch night we had a blessed service, praying that God's blessing might rest upon us as the New Year came in. During the first day of 1901 the presence of the Lord was with us in a marked way stilling our hearts to wait upon Him for greater things. The spirit of prayer was upon us in the evening. It was nearly seven o'clock on this first of January that it came into my heart to ask Bro. Parham to lay his hands upon me that I might receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. It was as his hands were laid upon my head that the Holy Spirit fell upon me and

I began to speak in tongues, glorifying God. I talked several languages, and it was clearly manifest when a new dialect was spoken. I had the added joy and glory my heart longed for and a depth of the presence of the Lord within that I had never known before. It was as if rivers of living waters were proceeding from my innermost being.

"The following morning I was accosted with questions about my experience of the night before. As I tried to answer I was so full of glory that I pointed out to them the Bible references, showing that I had received the baptism according to Acts 2:4 and 19:1-6. I was the first one to speak in tongues in the Bible school and it seemed to me that the rest were wanting to speak in tongues too. But I told them not to seek for tongues but to seek for the Holy Ghost. I did not know at that time that anyone else would speak in tongues. I did not expect the Holy Spirit to manifest Himself to others as He did to me.

"On January 2, some of us went down to Topeka to a mission. As we worshipped the Lord I offered prayer in English and then prayed in another language in tongues. A Bohemian who was present said that he understood what I said. Some months later at a school house with others, in a meeting, I spoke in tongues in the power of the spirit and another Bohemian understood me. Since then others have understood other languages I have spoken.

"The hearts of other students were made hungry for the Holy Spirit and they continued to tarry before the Lord. On the 3rd of January some of the students went to the mission and others gathered in prayer at the Bible School praying for the Holy Spirit. God answered their prayers by pouring out His Spirit and one after another began speaking in tongues and some were given interpretation.



New Chapel

On Sunday afternoon, December 31, 1950, the above new chapel of the Apostolic Faith Bible School was dedicated unto God.

Ben Barker, chairman of the board of directors, was master of ceremonies.

Congregational singing was directed by Albert L. Durham with Grace LaMunyon and Wilbur D. Fullbright at the two pianos.

The convocation chorus sang two numbers, "Wonderful Words of Life" and "Bless This House of God." These numbers were arranged and directed by Wilbur D. Fullbright, accompanied by Grace LaMunyon.

The dedication message was given by Rev. Roy Wooster of Alvin, Texas. Rev. Floyd LaMunyon offered the dedicatory prayer.

J. M. Scott anointed the door at the entrance of the Chapel, and Rev. Charles Mahan offered prayer. Otis Wade anointed the door at the rear of the building, and Rev. John Modrick offered prayer.

The board of directors of the Bible School announced that the \$45,000.00 structure was free of debt. The chapel was built by free-will offerings and practically all of the labor was donated.

The people of the Apostolic Faith Movement are very grateful to God and to the board of directors for the lovely chapel. It is a landmark of faith!

The trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible School are: Ben Barker, Otis Wade and J. M. Scott.