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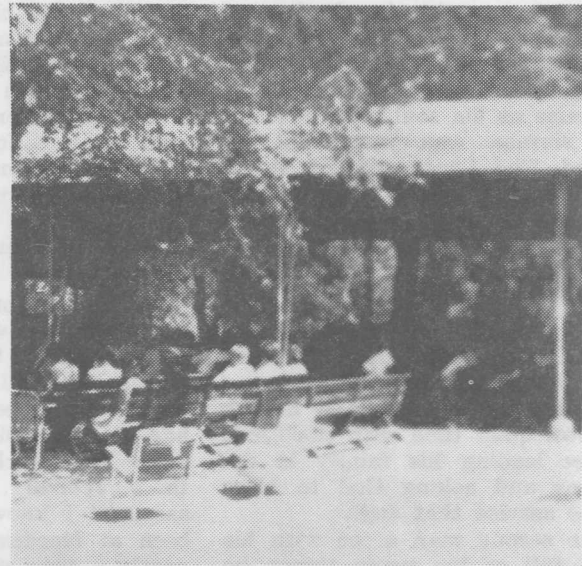
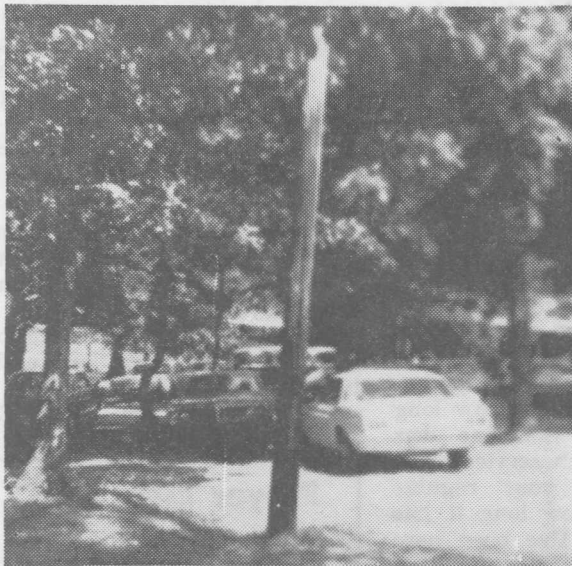
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EDITORIAL

It's summer time!! A time when many think only of pleasure... of getting away from the routine followed during the rest of the year. It's a time when often we forget that we have a responsibility to our church...not the pastor's church...but our church. During this time it's so easy to become involved with life's cares that we are "Missing" when church time comes. God's word tells us not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is.

Often, if we are present, our mind is many miles away. We fail to be in the spirit of worship as the pastor is delivering the Word of God. As one illustration states, two men came to church dressed very well. They sat in good seats so they could hear every word. Yet one goes away with a heart full of praise as his soul has been fed. The sermon was just what he needed. The Lord certainly spoke through the pastor today. The second man goes forth complaining that he didn't get a thing out of the sermon. It just didn't seem to be uplifting to do anyone any good.

What's the difference? The first man arose on Sunday morning rejoicing in the Lord and having his own quiet time with the Lord, maybe leading his family in devotions and asking God to bless in the service that day.

The second man arose with his mind full of the many things he had to do before church time. In stead of the family devotion, he

read the Sunday newspaper and filled his mind with the stock exchange reports, accounts of murder, divorces, and the world's troubles.

As youth camp services and Camp Meeting time approaches, how are we preparing our hearts? Are we praying that God will move on the ministers and direct them in the sermons to stir OUR hearts to a deeper walk with Him? Are we praying that God will move and save souls, that He will pour out His spirit in the services so that people will be healed, and that the Christians will have a hunger to be filled with the deeper blessings of God? Are we praying that Fruits of the Spirit may operate in our midst?

Or...are we so busy sewing, going to the lake, fishing, among many other time consumers and we're just going to let the committeemen pray for everybody? If so, we might just as well stay home and enjoy our cool houses and let the committeemen receive the blessing that God is sure to pour upon them for their faithfulness to Him.

I have heard several say how wonderful the Minister's Seminar was. These same blessings can be had at camp meeting if the time is spent in prayer, instead of out visiting with our friends around the snack shack. Yes, it's good to visit with old friends and to make new acquaintances but it is MUCH BETTER to renew our friendship with God around the altar asking for His Grace to be upon our lives for the coming year. We do need Him in our lives more than what we have at present as this is shown by the way our churches remain the same in number year after year.

If a group of people attending a church are where they should be spiritually, the scripture tells us that God will add to the Church DAILY as he sees best. How long has it been since someone was saved in your church service? Not in a revival...in your regular services! I know how long it has been at Hardesty. I've been here nearly a year with only one finding God. This doesn't only reflect on the pastor but the church

people as well. The Bible doesn't say that the pastor is to win souls and the laity can just attend church. It says He calls us that we can be "fishers of men."

Won't you join me at camp meeting with a spirit of prayer...tarrying before God that we can see His spirit renewed within our services? I haven't said any of this to be sarcastic...but to try to awaken us that we need to spend some hours before God in prayer that we can see Him manifest Himself among us with the signs which He said would follow the believer's lives.

Thank you again for your support for the Report. It is so wonderful to know that God rewards those of you for your faithfulness to Him in every area of your Christian lives. With His soon return at hand, we can't afford to let the complacency of the day rule our lives. Continue to remember us in your prayers that each day we shall be led of His Spirit in our work for Him.

Howard Whiteley

THANK YOU NOTE

We want to say "Thank You" to all of you for your prayers and support in Gene's behalf. He preached his first sermon May 16 after his heart attack in March. The damage to his heart is healing and the doctor said he was doing exceptionally well. It will be a while before he can return to work and get in the full swing of things, but we're praising God for hearing and answering prayer. We ask your continued prayers.

Gene and Lucy Webster
Hudson, Wyoming

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Psa. 51:10-12

Prayer List . . .

Arvel Kidd
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SERMON OF THE MONTH

GOD DOES GREAT THINGS

By Gail Schultz

Jer. 32: 17-18-19

O the wonders of His grace, God's loving care and watchful eye. The heavens are His creation and all things great and small are subject to His will and wish. The stars He knows by name and the sun and moon move at His command. The earth and all that is therein are only some more of His majesty. The seas hold a mystery all of their own, placed there by the mighty creative hand of God. Mountains high shrouded in greenery or the treeless plains are all a work of His hands. Each is worthy of His name. Continents do not make boundry lines for Him. He is not limited to time nor space. He must be exalted who does all things well, and our God cannot be charged with folly. Blessed be His name for ever more.

The coming new heaven, and the new earth and the new city are only some more of His holy wonder working power. Do you think there is nothing to hard for him? Jer. 32:27. "Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing to hard for thee": Then why do we accomplish so little? Why are the things that we want most so difficult to gain? Perhaps for one is the salvation of a loved one, for another divine healing, and yet another seeks some spiritual growth or victorious goal. Divine healing could easily be a stepping stone to divine health and divine health an entrance way to our coming redemption. I write now of the catching away. Dare we let the enemy rob us, torment us or tantalize us over coveted goals and rewards? I think not, I sincerely hope not. Dare we be



asleep as the mid-night hour approaches? I surely do not need to remind you that the very foundations of our present nations and all civilization is crumbling. The distance rumble now draws near and speaks loud of the doom of this present world, and Christians groan with themselves for the revealing of Christ, Master and King, and the kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdom of God and His Christ. Fifty one billion dollars is the cost of crime each year in the United States, and the figure is constantly rising. Many insist that more sin be unstrained. Legalized gambling is the clamor of many states, and the selling of strong drinks on Sunday so that some more of God's precious laws can be broken. Take down the bars and let sin have full sway is the cry of many. Lord Jesus, we pray, let the hand of justice come forth and shield us from the devourer of the souls of men. Already we are engulfed by waves of darkness that calls and drags and seeks the lives of the masses, both young and old. But just remember there is nothing too hard for God, nothing is impossible with Him, so look away, look up, dear saints, He will make a way for us. Many lost may be saved or reclaimed, be made holy and Spirit-filled. Many sick may be healed. Where the right standards of life have been crushed, the blessed Word of God may set a new standard and make life worth living again. God is our high tower and shelter in time of storm. He is our refuge and our hiding and abid-place. Let us shout a new victory that our anchor firmly holds.

The greater the call, the greater the joy, the greater the victory, the greater the glory, and full assurance and trust will not go unattended. Wait to renew our strength, but God does not forget His own. Indeed I am a child of the King. The sweet presence of

the Almighty is near, so why should we fret when we know there is no defeat with God? Do we shrink or shirk from His divine will for us and the divine commission that has fallen to us? Surely not. Heaven is cheap at any price. Count the cost and gladly answer to the great Creator. I love you so much that I will follow you all the way. I know that nothing is too hard for you.

DID YOU?

Did you give him a lift? He's a brother of man.
And bearing about all the burden he can.
Did you give him a smile? He was downcast and blue,
And a smile would have helped him to battle it through.
Did you give him your hand? He was slipping down hill,
And the world, so I fancied, was using him ill.
Did you give him a word? Did you show him the road,
Or did you just let him go on with his load?
Did you ask what it was—why the quivering lip?
Why the half suppressed sob, and the scalding tears drip?
Were you a brother of his when the time came of need?
Did you offer to help him, or didn't you heed?
Do you know what it means to be losing the fight?
When a lift just in time, might set everything right?

DID YOU?

—F. B. Gamell

OPEN FOR CALLS

We're open for calls in the gospel work as evangelist for revivals, or pastor, or fill-in for a pastor while he's away from home.

If anyone desires they can contact us at: 314 Mountain, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701: phone 501 443 4287.

Bill Yeakel

Faith is not a sense, nor sight, nor reason, but taking God at His word.

If a man really has the Gospel, it will soon give a "Go"-spell!

A Bible Scripture Lesson

Men Ought To Pray

Collected By Jacob Regier

Men Ought Always Pray and Not Faint, said Jesus Christ.**1. Deuteronomy 7:9**

"Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations."

2. Isaiah 65:24

"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

3. Isaiah 59:1-2

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."

4. Isaiah 29:11-13

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

5. 2 Chronicles 7:14

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

6. Matthew 7:7-8

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

7. John 14:13-14

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."

8. John 15:7

"If ye abide in me, and my words

abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

9. Mark 11:24-25

"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive your trespasses."

10. Matthew 18:19-20

"Again, I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

11. Luke 11:13

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him."

12. Ephesians 6:18

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel."

13. Colossians 4:2-4

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak."

14. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

15. Hebrews 10:22

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."

16. Hebrews 11:6

"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."

17. Ephesians 2:18

"For through him (Christ Jesus) we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."

18. Philippians 4:6

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

19. James 1:5-6

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."

20. James 5:16

"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."

21. 1 Peter 2:5

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

22. 1 Peter 3:12

"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."

HIS PRESENCE

As I lingered in my garden there,
In my secret hour of prayer
I could sense His presence every-
where.

In every blade of grass,—
In every clinging vine,—
His presence was divine.
In every drop of dew,—
On every single leaf,—
In the beauty of the sun,—
As it kissed the morning breeze.
In the tiny humming birds,
As they flitted thro' the trees;
And drank the wine as they hovered
O'er the honey-suckle vine.
His footsteps were so silent,
On the pebbles by the beach,
You could scarcely hear the tread-
ing;

In the stillness of His feet.
But you knew that He was there
For you felt His presence every-
where.

—Frances Speiher

TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK



OBJECT LESSON

AWOL

Construction of Object:

On a long strip of paper, print the words, "Lo, I Am With You Always, Even Unto the End of the World" in capital letters. Then fold some of the letters back so that only the letters, A, W, O, and L show. Fasten with paper clips.

Outline of Thoughts

Explain "A.W.O.L. and that it causes unhappiness and disgrace to the soldier that goes AWOL. Tell how they must receive punishment in the guardhouse or stockade and perhaps even the loss of part of his pay. These letters mean that he was unfaithful to his job and was not found at his post of duty at the time he was expected to be there...he was "Absent without official leave."

Explain how they may desire to be AWOL many times. That the soldiers go AWOL because they want to do something other than what is required of them. They want to go home, to town, or out to have a good time and so they "goof off" without counting the cost all for just a short time of pleasure. Then the pay-day comes and the price has to be paid.

How can the children go AWOL? In place of going to church on Sunday morning or Wednesday night, they goof-off. They don't answer to the call of their name. They have gone fishing, to a ball game, or maybe just slept-in. Maybe instead of being present for young people's meetings or junior choir practice, they went bike riding or out with the crowd and didn't get home in time to be ready to attend their service.

• Jesus is our Commanding Officer. We are responsible to Him. If he were AWOL some of the time, maybe we could have this right too. But He is NEVER AWOL. What if we needed Jesus because we were sick or had an important problem to which we needed a

solution ... and when we prayed, the voice on the other end responded to our prayer with "Jesus is AWOL."

We can be thankful that Jesus is never AWOL even though at times we might forsake Him and fail to do as He has asked us. (Open sign to full length) These are God's words to us, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Let's dedicate our lives today that we won't be AWOL when Jesus needs us to work for Him, that we'll be faithful in inviting others, being faithful to church, taking our part of the responsibility of the church in singing, praying, teaching or whatever He asks us to do.

HOW OTHERS DO IT

This summer is a good time to get those of the junior high department interested in bringing new members. Place in their room a fish net which may be hung in hammock fashion. Cut brightly colored construction paper into the shapes of fish. Give each member several of the fish-shaped pieces.

When a member of the Sunday school brings a visitor, he writes the name of the new person on the paper fish and his own name, then places the fish in the net. If there are more than one class in this department, each can use a certain color.

At the end of a designated time, count the fish that have been caught by the class members. The class or person bringing the greatest number of fish receive the award. You might wish to have the boys against the girls with one named "Go-getters" and the other, "Bring-Them-Inners."

Wednesday evening is time set aside for us to show that we "believe" in the power of God as we assemble to study His word, ("Study to show thyself approved...") and to spend time in prayer for His will to meet our needs.

WHY FORGIVE?

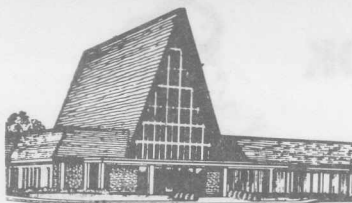
By Geraldine Denton

The Bible teaches us that we are to have a forgiving spirit. In Matthew 6:14, 15 Jesus said, "For if you forgive people their trespasses, that is their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. If you do not forgive others their trespasses, their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go and giving up resentment, neither will your Father forgive you your trespasses." (Amplified Version). This is very plain. If we want Jesus to forgive us then we must forgive others. If we intend to live in eternity with Jesus and God, then we are compelled to forgive, but there is so much more to be gained from this as we study about the subject. Jesus taught us to have a forgiving spirit because He loves His own body, and He knew what hatred and envy and jealousy will do to one of His own. Even if entrance into heaven wasn't one of the bonuses, it would still be very much to our advantage to forgive.

In Job 5:2 we read "For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one." More and more our physicians and psychiatrists are recognizing the important role our mental health plays on our body. God that created us already knew this so it isn't strange that Jesus told us to forgive. When we let hatred control our life it will kill us. When a person has let some act or word go unforgiving then every time that incident or person crosses their mind the body's defenses are put on red alert, the blood pressure rises and every cell in the body is under added pressure. In time this will cause many ailments such as heart trouble, ulcers and strokes to name a few. So when Jesus told us to forgive, He wasn't so concerned that our enemies not be harmed, but that we would be spared undue physical and mental suffering. In other words, Jesus was saying, "you are mine and I do not want you to suffer needlessly." Our wonderful loving Father even went farther in expressing His love when

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



Center Point, Texas

We've been enjoying a number of good services in the past few weeks. The weekend of Easter, Bro. George Polvado from Vanderpool, Texas, was with us for special services. He brought some wonderful inspiring messages. Easter Sunday was a full day of fellowship with a basket dinner at noon, and an afternoon service along with our regular schedule. These were well attended.

The Lord has been very good to us and recently we have had a new family to begin attending church. We would appreciate an interest in your prayers and welcome any ministers and gospel workers to stop by.

Marilyn Buchanan, reporter
Donald Dibbens, pastor

Pampa, Texas

We missed sending in a Report last month, but we were in the Valley of Decision as our pastors, brother Amos Harris and family, had resigned and were preparing to move to Bayard, Nebraska. We were so sorry to lose them as they have been outstanding as pastors, friends and workers in the church and community. Many who do not attend our church feel the loss of them keenly. As brother Amos prayed for us to be able to take up and go on and that God would supply the pastor that will be the man-of-the-hour for us, we have accepted the challenge to work harder than ever before as a church and pray that God will send whom he chooses, not our will be done.

Brother Amos came at a time when we knew that no other minister could take the church and encourage the people to move on. Under his able leadership the church was built and we have seen it grow for the Glory of God. We would have been happy for him to stay many years, but as he listened to the Spirit, he seemed to know it was time to go, so we must say Amen to the Will of God and wish

them much happiness and that the presence of the Almighty shall ever be upon them.

Since we have had to have people to fill in for us, it has been wonderful how each one has responded. Bro. Kay Kerr had the first Sunday which was May 30. Sister Pearl Parks came from Pueblo, Colorado and had two Wednesday night services and Bro. Ronnie Martin had the Sunday services for June 6. We have secured Bro. and Sister Gene Cornell to fill in for us until after Camp Meeting. We are more than happy to have them. We have prepared the parsonage for batching until we know who will come to pastor before we get furniture, etc. So we are looking forward to a good summer and we are not discouraged for we know when God builds the house it is well built and when He has His Will in a church it will move forward. We sincerely ask for your prayers in our behalf.

Bro. and Sister Cornell filled in the night services for Bro. Amos as he went to the graduation exercises at Amarillo for his brother David Harris. We really enjoyed the service and appreciated them coming.

Beginning June 21 Sister Ramona Kerr is leading our Daily Vacation Bible School, and at the same time Bro. Kay Kerr is having a Youth Revival. We are surely looking toward a time of reviving and spiritual help. The entire church is helping in that, as we are having it at night.

We hope that in the next report we will be able to tell you who our pastor will be and we are sure now that it will be the one that God desires to come. We are also looking forward to Kenneth and LaDonna Priest visiting us soon.

Anabel Simmons, reporter

Galena, Kansas

We just closed our Daily Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 75. Sister Bonnie Clanton

was director of the school and the following were teachers: Edna Michener, Peggy Sutton, Anne Cox, May Rowland, Roberta Porter, and Glenda Reeves. Teachers helpers were Shyrl Cox, Helen Flock, Marjorie Watkins, Terry Rowland, Brenda Walton. Those in charge of handicraft were Irene Hollis, Wanda Prescott and Wanda Wyren. Terry Rowland was pianist and Brenda Walton was the secretary. Dorothy Jackson and Betty Himes were in charge of refreshments. The children had a sack lunch on Saturday. The closing exercises were Sunday night, June 6. We had a nice attendance for this service.

Rita Robinson, reporter
Paul Clanton, pastor

Hardesty, Oklahoma

We've just concluded our VBS with Mrs. Howard Whiteley as director of our school. The Rev. E. K. Cornell conducted prophetic Bible Lessons each night Sunday through Thursday. These services were well attended and certainly enriched each life present. God anointed these lessons and hearts were stirred by God's Word concerning Israel and the second coming of Christ and the 70th Week of Daniel.

On Sunday we enjoyed having Bro. Kenny Barker as he ministered to us. Our hearts were stirred and people were moved to realize they needed to make their lives ready for Christ's coming.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

Westminster, Colorado

We are happy to report that the work on our Educational Building is now well under way. We will soon be putting in the electricity, and the heating system. When the building is completed, we will have three, much needed, classrooms. We hope to have the building completed in time for our DVBS, the second week of July.

We certainly appreciate our pastor. The Taylors are doing all they can to see the church grow, and we are seeing many results of their labors here. They are a great blessing to the people here.

We thank the Lord for His goodness to us, and we desire your prayers that we can continue

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to see the work of God go forward.

Lois Riley, reporter
Bob Taylor, pastor

Alvin, Texas

Our "Bible School Appreciation Day" service was conducted on May 23 with each graduate giving a testimony concerning their attendance at Bible School. Those participating were: Geraldine Denton, Ralph Denton, Lola Bell Doty, Roberta Methvin, Tina McLeod, David McLeod, Helen McAlister, Judy Wooster, Roger Denton, and Rev. and Mrs. Winston Barker. Around \$230 was given to be sent to the Bible School. The school means so much to all of us and how we thank God for such a place where people can study God's Word without cost of tuition.

Winston Barker, pastor

Arnett, Oklahoma

May 2 was designated as Laymen's Sunday at our church. The Lord blessed as they led us in our morning worship hour. Prayer Meetings for the ladies continues on Friday afternoons. God is blessing in our local Wednesday night Bible Study and prayer meetings as well as the one held at Ioland on Thursday nights.

We're very busy with various activities planned for our young people and children. Promotional Sunday was May 16 when all students eligible advanced to the next class after receiving their diplomas.

We invite you to come and worship with us anytime you're in our area.

Ruby V. Kibbe, reporter
Rene Heil, pastor

Centerton, Arkansas

Due to illness, our pastor, Leon Smith, has resigned. Won't you pray with us that God will send us the minister that He has for our church.

Roy Townsend
Phone 501 795 2521
Centerton, Arkansas

Stockton, California

God has been most gracious to us during the past few weeks. We're seeing results due to our

special prayer time. There have been some conversions and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We've felt the revival spirit moving since Bro. J. D. Ray held a revival in Modesto for Bro. Ross Briles. We're expecting great things from the hand of God as Bro. Delvin Wiles conducts our revival.

We appreciate our pastors very much and feel that God is really going to bless us out here. We desire your prayers that our church may grow and become a soul-winning church.

Della Priest, reporter
Dewey Flock, pastor

Why Forgive?

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He said, "To me belongeth vengeance and recompense." Duet. 32:35, Romans 12: 19 Paul states, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, I will repay, saith the Lord." What a wonderful privilege to be a part of the body of Christ because in Christ we have protection.

You may say, "That is good that God will avenge my enemies, but my problem isn't my enemy, but my brother or sister in Christ." This person has not met my approval in what he is doing or this person has done something that has hurt me and a Christian just would not hurt me so he just isn't in God's favor."

Let us consider this for awhile. In Matthew 7:1, 2 Jesus said, "Judge not lest ye be judged. For with what judgement ye judge ye shall be judged." Again in Romans 14:4, Paul states; "Who art thou that judgest another mans servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth." One day as I was praying about this very problem the Lord came to reason with me and He said, "I love all my children. You have two boys. When they argue or disagree or even fight you don't disown one and just love one boy. You correct the one that is wrong, but you do so in love. His brothers may wish to disown him, but that doesn't put him out of the Denton family. (With children it never lasts very long) They both belong to you and they don't necessarily have to approve of one another to

remain in your family. They were born into your family. You do not leave the discipline of one boy to another. In my mind's eye I could see God's large family and the many ones all wanting to please God, but not spiritually adult enough to please one another and I also saw that my job was to love all my brothers and sisters in the Lord and let the Lord discipline His own children. So we can't always agree, but we can love and pray for the whole family of God. We can keep bitterness, jealousy and strife from eating into our own heart and causing us to lose out with God. Misunderstanding has taken its toll of the family of God. It is a very deadly disease and will kill, if allowed to eat into the body of believers, but it can be treated and cured by love and a forgiving spirit.

In Zechariah 7:10 (latter part) we read; "and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart." In Hebrews 12:14 "looking diligently, . . . lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you and thereby many be defiled."

The Lord is coming soon. I believe it is a time for us to quit censoring our brother and sister and start examining our own hearts lest the Lord come and find us lacking in love and concern for others.

Is it possible we have been so busy pruning the Lord's vineyard that we failed to set out new plants? The Lord wills that His vineyard be enlarged and we have a job to do.

Souls are perishing every day.

Wanted — Parents

Parents who will be as diligent to get their children to Sunday School as they are to get them to week-day school.

Parents who are as concerned about the spiritual development of their children as they are about their social standing.

Parents who will set the right example before their children by attending the Sunday service with their children.

Parents who love their children enough to practice family worship and to seek to lead their children to know and love the Lord.

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THE BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT

By Rev. Winston J. Barker

I. Introduction: Assumptions:

- A. Bible is the Inspired Word of God. II Peter 1:20, 21, II Timothy 3:16.
- B. That The Holy Spirit is A Personality.
 1. Comforter (Para-Kleatus) is Newter in Gender. John 15:26.
 2. He-Personal pronoun is Masculine in Gender.
 3. Holy Spirit can be grieved. Eph. 4:30.
 4. Holy Spirit can be lied to. Acts 5:3-4.

Before any subject can be rightly discussed, there are certain things that must be assumed or taken for granted. There must be an authoritative voice in any discussion. To any subject, that is related to the Bible, The Bible itself becomes the all-powerful voice, and not the voice of many men. In this study of the Baptism of The Holy Spirit, there are two things that must be assumed. First of all, the Bible is inspired. Secondly, the Holy Spirit is a personality. Let us look first at the fact of inspiration.

A. The Bible is Inspired; II

Peter 1:20-21 and II Timothy 3:15-17. There are many people in this modernistic age that doubt the plenary inspiration of God's word. There are many that think their minds are greater than the mind of God. They reason Him out at every turn in the road. If there was ever a time that men need to return to the sacred scriptures and believe them for what they are, it is the day in which we are living.

Peter said, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old times by the will of man: But Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." This scripture defeats the modernistic trend away from the Word of God. Paul, the great Apostle, told Timothy that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God

may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Paul said, all scripture is inspired of God. So you see, if the scripture is inspired, then that makes God's Word the only final authority. The Word of God must receive pre-eminence, and not the minds of men. There are many that will tell you their theories concerning the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, but we are not after theories, we are after what God has to say about this great subject.

B. The Holy Spirit is a Personality. There are people who do not believe that the Holy Spirit is a real personality. They regard Him as an influence, a feeling, and some refer to Him as "it." John 15:26 says, "But when the comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth which proceeds from the Father, He shall testify of me." Jesus called Him, the comforter and used the personal pronoun of "He". If the Holy Spirit were only an influence or a thing, Jesus, who is the Son of God, would surely be in the position to know.

We find that Jesus says that the Holy Spirit is a real personality. Also, Paul said in Eph. 4:30, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." So if the Holy Spirit is not a real personality, how could we ever grieve Him. Truly, there are many, in this day and age, that are grieving the Holy Spirit by continually rejecting His Baptism. There are many that study the Word of God, cover to cover. They know much about prophecy, salvation, the blood, but are continually rejecting God's precious Baptism. How can these people earnestly stand before God in eternity and say I have fought a good fight when they have rejected God's greatest source of Power?

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not to be scoffed at, ridiculed or mocked. For the Bible states that when we receive the Baptism, we receive Power. Yes, truly, there are many that grieve the precious

Spirit by rejecting the Power He wants to put in every believer's life.

Also, we see that the Spirit can be lied to. In Acts 5:3-4, we find, "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men but unto God." Peter definitely made it clear that they had lied to the Holy Ghost. Also, he made it clear that the Holy Spirit was not an "it" or "a thing" but a divine Power, for he attributed Diety to the Holy Ghost. He said, you have not lied unto men but unto God, proving that the Holy Spirit is an essential characteristic of the Divine Godhead.

I urge you not to regard the Holy Spirit as "a thing" or "an it" but to regard Him as He should be regarded, as a real personality. The Third force of the Godhead. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

II. Holy Spirit in Old Testament:

A. Only Rested Upon Certain Individuals.

1. 70 elders. Num. 11:25. came upon them.
2. Balaam. Num. 24:2. came upon him.
3. Othniel. Jud. 3:10. The Spirit came upon him.
4. Gideon. Jud. 6:34. The Spirit came upon him.
5. Samson. Jud. 14:6. The Spirit came upon him mightily.
6. Saul. I Sam. 10:10. The Spirit came upon him.

A. Only rested upon certain individuals. In the Old Testament, we know that the Holy Spirit was in the world; however, he was not in the world as we know Him today. Now, thousands of people are filled with the great dynamic Power of God. But in the Old Testament, there were only a few that had the great Third Person of the Godhead to come upon their lives. In the New Testament we see multitudes filled with the Holy Spirit. But in the Old Testament, we see only a select few, receiving the great power of

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CHILDREN'S HOUR

AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

By Lois Riley

It was gone. Yes, it was gone. The quarter had been right in Susan's hand while she was walking along the sidewalk to the store. She had stopped to talk to Sarah a minute but she hadn't been playing, and now the quarter wasn't in her hand.

Susan walked slowly back toward home, looking at the sidewalk and looking in the grass at the edge of the sidewalk on both sides. But she couldn't find the quarter anywhere. Then Susan turned around and walked again slowly to where she first noticed that the quarter was lost, but she still couldn't find it.

Susan didn't know what to do, so she went back to talk to Sarah. "Sarah," she said, "I've lost the quarter that I had in my hand, and I've looked all over and I can't find it anywhere. And now I don't know what to do. I was going to buy milk for my Mother."

"Oh. I'm sorry," said Sarah. "I'll help you look for it." So Sarah and Susan both looked and looked. They looked on the sidewalk, in the cracks between the sidewalk, in the grass on both sides. They even looked in the street. They asked everyone who came along whether he had seen a quarter. But no one had.

Finally they sat down under the shade of a tree by the sidewalk to rest and think.

"I know one other thing you might do before we have to go and tell your mother," said Sarah.

"Oh, what is that?" asked Susan.

"We can pray and ask God to help us find it," Sarah said. "God knows just where the quarter is; and if He wants to He can show us just where it is, if we ask Him."

"Wouldn't He show us unless we asked Him?" Susan wanted to know.

"He might," Sarah said, "but He hasn't. Even if we ask Him He



might not want us to find it, but at least we can try."

So Sarah and Susan sat there under the tree and each one prayed. Susan said, "Dear God, I have lost my quarter. Please help me to find it."

And Sarah prayed, "Dear God, Susan has lost her quarter. Please help us to find it if it is Your will." Sarah's mother had told her once that when God doesn't give us the things we ask for, it is better that we don't have them, no matter how much we want them.

Just as Sarah and Susan finished their prayers, Susan gave a little cry and jumped up. She had put her hand in the pocket of her dress, and now, out came the quarter!

"Oh," said Susan, "just as we were praying, I thought about feeling in my pocket to see if I had put it there. I don't know why I didn't think of that before. I guess we didn't need to pray about it after all, because it was in my pocket all the time."

"Oh, no!" Sarah said, laughing. "That isn't the way to think about it. That is the way God answered your prayer. He made you think about where you put it. That is a very, very nice answer to our prayer."

"Yes," said Susan, "a very nice answer, and now I think we should sit down again and thank God for giving my quarter back to me."

Questions:

1. What was Susan going to do with the quarter?
2. Where did she and Sarah look for the money?
3. How did God answer their prayer?
4. Will God always help us find lost money? Why?

CHURCH NEWS

Hudson, Wyoming

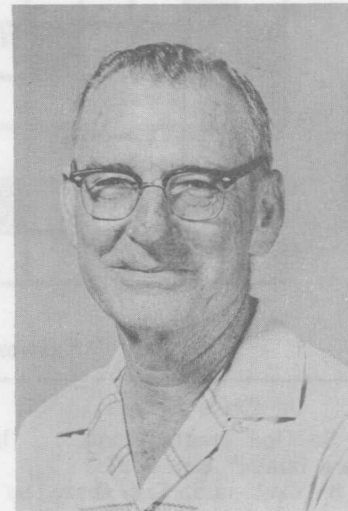
We're enjoying the goodness of the Lord and trying to work for Him. He has been wonderful to us every day and especially so during my illness. I'm now able to return

to pastoral duties but can do no other type of work. We wish to send a big "Thank You" to everyone for their prayers. The Lord is to be given all credit and praise for all progress thus far.

Our church attendance is holding steady even with the lack of space. We have three classes in the parsonage, one in the trailer house and three in the church. We're working on a plan now to build a combination church parsonage. It is a bi-level building with classrooms in the basement. We desire your prayers for this project too.

Eugene Webster, pastor

In Memory of . . .



Rev. Herman C. Hoke

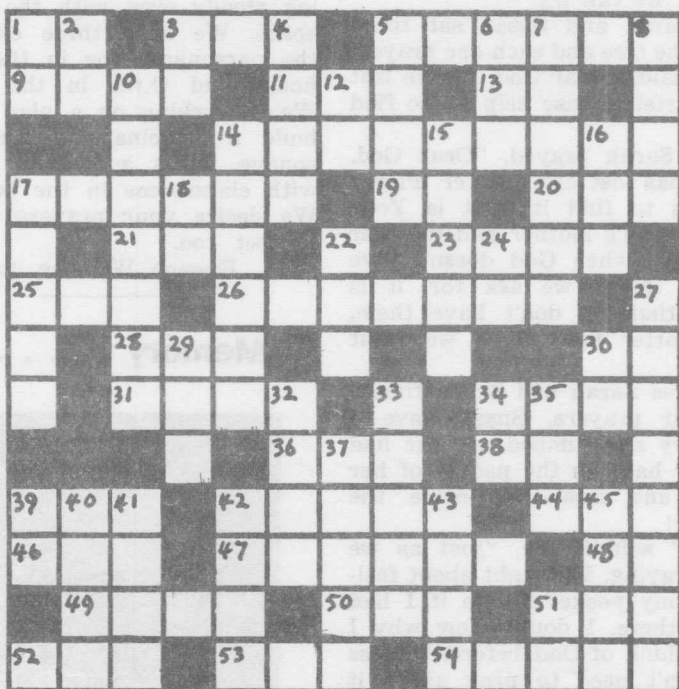
Rev. Herman C. Hoke passed from this life one year ago, on June 23, 1970. He was a faithful servant of God following his conversion under the ministry of the late Rev. Alford Whiteley. Rev. Hoke founded and pastored the Apostolic Faith Church of Dickinson, Texas.

This church stood and is standing as a lighthouse for God where many souls are benefited as they find salvation and the Christians deepen their lives in the Lord. Though Bro. Hoke is dead . . . still he lives in the hearts of many today and never be forgotten by his wife, Selma, the church of Dickinson and his many other friends.

CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST

"IN THE BEGINNING—GOD"

Genesis 1



Answer Next Month

Clues Across

- 1 "So God created man ... his own image" Gen 1:27
- 3. 5 "God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of ..." Gen. 1:6
- 9 "Nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined ..." Gen. 11:6, two words
- 11 "Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, and Shoa, and..." Eze 23:23
- 13 an altar Jos 22:34
- 14 "In the ... God created the heaven and the earth" Gen. 1:1
- 17 "My ... and my friends stand aloof from my sore" Ps. 38:11
- 19 initials of two descendants of Adam Gen 4:22, 17; an instructor of artificers in brass; a son of Cain
- 20 2,000 pounds
- 21 a son of Bela 1 Ch 7:7
- 23 "I beseech thee, ... me thy glory" Ex 33:18
- 25 "And ... saw every thing that

- he had made" Gen 1:31
- 26 "In the image of God ... he him" Gen. 1:27
- 28 large deer with big antlers
- 30 father of Elmodam Lk 3:28
- 31 a measured quantity of medicine
- 34 "God ... the beast of the earth after his kind" Gen. 1:25
- 36 "The ..., which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman" Gen 2:22
- 38 son of Judah Gen 38:3
- 39 contraction for "it is"
- 42 disciple who denied Christ three times Jn. 18:15
- 44 "The sucking child shall play on the hole of the ..." Is. 11:8
- 46, 47 "Let there be lights in the firmament of" Gen 1:14
- 48 "God saw every thing that ... had made" Gen. 1:31
- 49 "Breathed ... his nostrils the breath of life" Gen. 2:7
- 50 "A time to ..., and a time to lose" Ec. 3:6
- 51 "... of the ground made the

- Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant" Gen. 2:9
- 52 "Be fruitful, ... multiply" Gen 1:28
- 53, 54 "Fowl that may fly above ... in the open firmament" Gen 1:20

Clues Down

- 1 "Replenish the earth and subdue ..." Gen 1:28
- 2 "He that gathered little had ... lack" Ex 16:18
- 3 "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven ... divide the day" Gen 1:14
- 4 barely ... out a living
- 5 "Rest in the Lord, and ... patiently" Ps 37:7
- 6 the number of horns the fourth beast had Dan 7:7
- 7 prepared for publication
- 8 "Let them be for ... (singular), and for seasons, and for days, and years" Gen 1:14
- 10 "God made the firmament, and ... the waters which were under the firmament" Gen 1:7
- 12 a king who fought the Israelites Deu 3:1
- 14 "The tale of the ..., which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them" Ex 5:8
- 15 "The birds of the air have ..." Mt 8:20
- 16. Adam said, "This is ... bone of my bones." Gen 2:23
- 17 "The greater ... to rule the day" Gen 1:16
- 18 the father of Lecah 1 Ch 4:21 Gen 1:3
- 24 "The darkness ... called Night" Gen 1:5
- 27 "Cattle after their kind, and every thing that ... upon the earth" Gen 1:25
- 29 "He bringeth ..., and lifteth up" 1 Sa 2:7
- 30 name of an altar Jos 22:34
- 32 name of one of the Great Lakes
- 33 God...divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were ..." Gen 1:7
- 34 "She gave ... of the tree, and I did eat" Gen 3:12
- 35 a son of Jether 1 Ch 7:38
- 37 "So God created man in his own ..." Gen 1:27
- 39 "To you ... shall be for meat" Gen 1:29
- 40 "The glory of Jacob shall be made ..." Is 17:4
- 41 "God did ... me before you to preserve life" Gen 45:5

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The Holy Spirit

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the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was not in the believers of the Old Testament but only rested upon them until their divine mission had been accomplished. Time and time again, we read the Holy Spirit came upon them. Now let us take a look at some men of the Old Testament that the Holy Ghost only rested upon.

B. Individuals the Holy Spirit rested upon. We see the Seventy Elders of Israel in the eleventh chapter and 25th verse of the Book of Numbers had the Holy Spirit upon them. We read, "And the Lord came down in a cloud, and spake unto Him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, (Moses) and gave it unto the seventy elders; and it came to pass, that when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease."

You would think that even Moses, who in many ways a type of Christ, would have the Holy Spirit in Him. The man that led his people from Egyptian bondage, across the Red Sea, through the Wilderness, performed many miracles, by the power of God, did not have the Holy Spirit in him but it only rested upon him. This behooves every one of us to really go forward for God. If Moses did all of these great things, with the Spirit only resting upon him, we should do even greater with the Spirit in us. We see in this passage of Scripture that God took of the Spirit that was on him and made it to rest upon the seventy elders of Israel.

Now, turn to Numbers 24:2. We read, "And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon him." Here is a man that many have wondered about. Balaam could have done great things for God but he chose the things of the world in the final analysis. The King wanted Balaam to curse the children of Israel, but when Balaam rose up to speak, the Spirit of God came upon him. We read now in Judges 3:10-11 "And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Chushan-rishathaim King of Mesopotamia into his hand;

and his hand prevailed against Chushan-rishathaim. And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

Now read Judges 6:34. "But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and abiezer was gathered after him." Now turn to Judges 14:6. Speaking of Samson it says, "And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him." Turning to I Samuel 10:10, where we read of a young man by the name of Saul. The word of God says, "And when they came thither to the hill, behold a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon him and he prophesied." We find that after Saul prophesied here that many asked, is Saul among the prophets? So looking in the Old Testament, we see God's Spirit only came upon the individual.

This is a great contrast to that of the New Testament, for we find in I John 4:4, "Ye are of God little children and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world"; also in John 14:16-17. "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." So we see that these great men of God were saturated with Power and the Holy Spirit only rested upon them until the day of Pentecost.

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Christian Layman's Views

REVIVAL TIME

Oh, what a wonderful time when we and our church have a real good revival time in the Lord! I can remember when I was younger that revival meant services for at least 10 days and about 10:00 p.m. before dismissal prayer. Those were really revivals. So many times in this fast pace of life, our churches will schedule a week of services for the church and maybe nobody is converted and no other definite gains were made in the Lord; just "souls were blessed and the church

was strengthened."

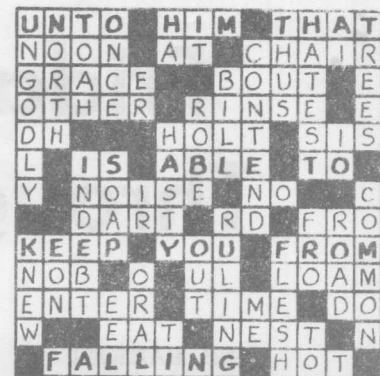
Let your mind wander with me for just a few minutes. Suppose your church had a week of prayer meetings before a choice was made on an evangelist. Then after the evangelist and date are chosen, spend a week or two in prayer (maybe some fasting too) before the revival, asking for God's blessings on each night of services. Can you imagine how God would honor such a church? If you could possibly tear yourself away from those things of life that take all your time, you may even ask God to give you a special burden for some lost soul. (It sure does a Christian good to pray for someone and then see them saved.)

Things like this take effort on our part, but if we are really Christians, we enjoy talking to our maker, gaining strength in our Spiritual bodies for the tests that will come tomorrow. "But as it is written, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Cor. 2:9

BIBLE PUZZLE

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- 42 "Her blossoms ... forth" Gen 40:10
- 43 first two and last two letters of the town from which Maharai came 2 Sam 23:28
- 45 "As God had commanded him: and the Lord ... him in" Gen 7:16
- 51 "Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good ... bad" Gen 31:29



Answer To Last Month's Puzzle

GOD'S MIGHTY HAND

I can see God's mighty hand.
 In the beauties of our land.
 In the lovely little dafodil
 In the beauty of the lily
 On the rolling hill.
 In the lovely little swallows
 All dressed in their Sunday best,
 As they darted from their nest
 When the door was left at rest.
 In the tiny, little brook,
 As it babbled past the nook.
 In the warm summer sun,
 As it cast it's golden rays
 In the fields of new mown hay.
 In the creation of Old Bill
 As he grazed upon the hill.
 In the croaking of the frog
 As he sat upon the log.
 All these things God created,
 For you and me.—
 To show us, He was our Creator,
 And, —Loves us,
 More than, all of these.
 —Frances Speiher

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 A motion or a tear
 Has often healed the heart that's
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 And made a friend sincere.

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