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Editorial . . .

THE FOUR C's OF THE SHEPHERD'S PSALM

In searching for something for my editorial I ran across this article in a little Devotional book of Sis. Lula Parham's that, among other books of hers, was left for the Apostolic Faith Movement to be kept with the Apostolic Faith Report. It is titled "God's Message" and was copywrited in 1931.

"The Lord is my shepherd . . . and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." Psalm 23: 1-6

"This is the Psalm of the four "C's." "CONFIDENCE" in the Lord. "CONTENTMENT" in the heart. "COURAGE" amidst dangers. "COMPLETENESS" here, and hereafter.

These are life's four greatest qualities. And they are for us; not for angels! But if we are to possess them we must take them in the Psalmist's order.

Confidence in God is first. Contentment can never sing in your heart without confidence. This is true in your home; and among friends. It is true also with God. Nor does courage long live when confidence and contentment are dead. And who could ever hope for completeness in this life, or in any other, without a foundation in God for it?

Let me commend to you the four "C's" of this Shepherd Psalm. Make them yours, and be unafraid. Jesus is the "Good Shepherd."

Rev. John Grant Newman

"Many Christians are anemic and undernourished, because they are content to chew on the husks of wordly pleasure rather than feed upon the bounties of God's well-prepared table." — G. W. "Thou preparest a table before me." Ps. 23: 5.

Someone has said this is the most personal passage in the scriptures; for you aren't once mentioned in its six verses — only God and ME.

"The Lord is MY shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh ME to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth ME beside the still waters. He restoreth MY soul: He leadeth ME in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with ME; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort ME. Thou preparest a table before ME in the presence of MINE enemies: Thou anointest MY head with oil; MY cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow ME all the days of MY life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

It is one of the first scriptures we learn to quote as children and it is our solace at the end of life's way. It is used at funerals as comfort to the bereaved family; and hundreds of times through our lives as we face difficult situations. As I sat by my mother's bed and watched her life ebb away by degrees, it was what I quoted over and over to her as her last words to me were, "Naomi, Pray". It comforted my heart and it brought a sweet smile to her face. I expect My Shepherd to be there when I cross over; COMPLETENESS will be mine then and until that time for whatever He sees fit to send my way I know that His CONFIDENCE, CONTENTMENT, and COURAGE will be mine for the asking.

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MY BELIEF

The Lord is the source of my supply,
I shall not want.

He restoreth me in sleep when worry
would sap my vitality.

He reneweth my courage when the
battle goeth against me.

He openeth my eyes to my hidden possibilities.

He leadeth me into the paths of new opportunities.

When my faith in Him is strong, I am unafraid;

Yea—He even enableth me to face seeming failure courageously.

When I am exhausted, He giveth me new strength.

When the way seems blocked, He openeth up new paths.

When all my plans go awry, He giveth me a new sense of values.

Fortunate indeed is the man who hath discovered his greatest Friend.

"Oh, Lord, help me to sustain my faith,
Help me to realize always, that no harm can come near him who puts his faith in Thee."

—Carroll Page Fisk

NOTICE!!

Bro. Bill Hollis and Bro. F. E. Waterbury were nominated for your choice as candidates for Trustee for the next three years. Remember! You must ask for an official ballot to vote in the final election which will be held on December 13, 1974 at the close of Bible School in the business meeting. Write to the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Box 110, Baxter Springs, Kansas 66713 before December 13, 1974 for your official ballot. Each church received two ballots and each minister receives one ballot.

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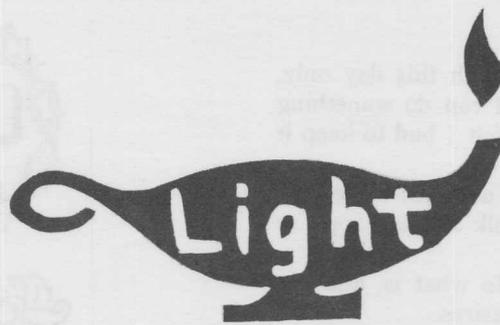
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This Little



Of Mine

LESSONS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

By Mrs. Opal White

Hertford, North Carolina

This classic melody, belonging to a child's world of Christian education, has sprung up from the Sunday school classroom to be heard in the adult field of Gospel music. Although the music and sometimes the lyric has undergone radical change, the message is the same. Namely, that the Believer in Christ is to "Let his light so shine . . ."

Christ made this statement of truth to his followers after introducing Himself as "the Light of the world." He taught His disciples, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:14, 15).

It is evident that lights shine brightest in dark places. Such a light has been lit against the dark background of Watergate. The conversion of former White House aide Charles Colson and Senator Harold Hughes.

Colson and Hughes were interviewed by CBS Mike Wallace on "60 Minutes." Mr. Wallace commented that both have "recently renewed their faith in Christ." He said, "One senses that Hughes is the teacher, and Colson is the student."

At the close of the interview, Senator Hughes declared, "I know that Chuck Colson accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. I know by that very acceptance and surrender to Jesus Christ that the debts for all his sins were paid on that cross 2,000 years ago in the spiritual realm. That does not absolve man's physical needs in a material world for the justice of the courts. But it certainly cleanses his soul and his being for eternity. And he has salvation."

Syndicate columnist Nick Thimmesch who wrote the testimony of Senator Hughes (Saturday Evening Post, June/July) said, "Nothing quite like Hughes's decision has occurred in the history of the Senate." He continued, "In Washington, many were flabbergasted. Religion is no stranger here, but to actually give up earthly power to go with God is regarded as strange."

In the article Hughes "declared that he was renouncing politics for Jesus Christ when he declined to run for reelection next year."

Many have shed the false lights of Hollywood, Radio, Broadway, and TV to become "lightbearers of the truth found only in Jesus Christ." Skitter Davis told the world on a recent TV interview, "I believe my absence from the world of country western music is my most effective witness to Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour."

Pat Boone and family now "Sing a new song," witnessing to their personal faith in Christ. Their "light" is shining brightly in concert across our troubled country.

After a silent drop-out from TV's famous nationwide program "He-Haw," Lulu Roman has made her comeback through the Person and power of Jesus Christ. She, too, is singing new songs and through the telling of her faith in Christ. On a nationwide TV program she declared, "My whole hearts desire is to tell the whole world what Christ means to me."

We who live on the lower plane of everyday living may wonder if our "light" shines out bright enough to "light" the way to Christ so that others may come to Him. Someone said, "A pilot light may seem as insignificant part of a furnace. It is usually hidden from view and gives off so little heat or light that very few notice. Yet if the pilot light failed, the furnace would not function."

Inconsequential though the "little light" may seem, it is actually very important.

Remember the old song, "Let the lower lights be burning?" Though we may be one of those "lower lights," let's remember this, that the same Light that "lit up" those higher "lights," lit our candle, too! So, "Hide it under a bushel, No- I'm gonna let it shine . . ." Nor will we "let old Satan blow it out, No! I'm gonna let it shine . . ."

As Believers in the "Light of the world," we choose to affirm the positive and continue to sing along with multitudes: "Let it shine until Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine . . . Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine."

Essential to a continual shining is to maintain a Spirit-filled lamp. "But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

It was the five wise virgins who had kept their lamps filled that went in with the Bridegroom to the marriage. The five foolish? While they hurried out to buy oil to fill their lamps, the five wise, along with the Bridegroom, went into the marriage "and the door was shut" (Matt. 25:1-13). Upon their return, they found the door to be indeed shut. To their plea for the door to be opened, Jesus the Bridegroom said, "Verily I say unto you, I know you not." The thirteenth verse sounds a stern and awesome warning: "Watch, therefore; for ye know not the day nor the hour in which the Son of man cometh." Only those who had filled lamps were ready. This truth should serve us in the Christian community to make "our calling and election sure" day by day. He could come today . . .

JUST 24 HOURS

JUST FOR TODAY I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life at once. I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said: "Most folk are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everybody to my own desires.

Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought, and concentration.

Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways. I will do somebody a good turn. I will do at least two things I don't want to do. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt, even if they are.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will act courteously, not criticize, not find fault with anything, and not try to improve or regulate anybody but myself.

Just for today I will have a quiet half hour all by myself and relax. During this time I will try to see my life in better perspective.

Just for today I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

EMPTIED FIRST

I FIRMLY BELIEVE that the moment our hearts are emptied of pride and selfishness and ambition and self-seeking and everything contrary to God's law, the Holy Ghost will come and fill every corner of our hearts. But if we are full of pride and pleasure and the world, there is no room for the Spirit of God. Many a man is praying to God to fill him when he is full already with something else.

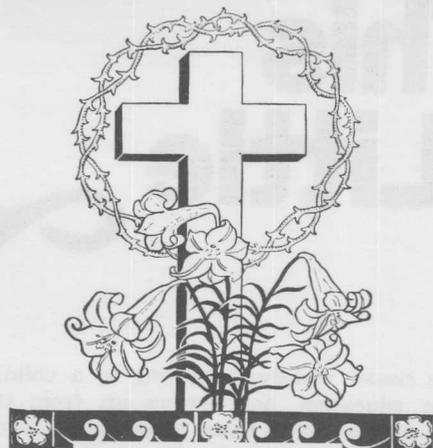
—D. L. MOODY

MY STRENGTH

by Ollie Summerfield, Ralls, Texas

When Satan comes up against me,
The hosts of hell assail,
My frail barque tossed in angry waves,
It seems I am sure to fail,
Then Jesus walking on the waves
beckons unto me,
The angry waters then subside,
And calm becomes the sea.
The boistrous waves obey His will,
And all is so serene,
Such wond'rous power
Such grace divine,
The world has never seen.
He is my all sufficiency,
Much nearer than a brother.
And He will always stand by me;
I really need no other.

September 1974



Duane Nolan McClenagan

Funeral services for Duane Nolan McClenagan, 41, of Hooker. After being transferred to Liberal, they were Church in Pawnee, July 9, 1974. He passed from this life on Saturday, July 6, 1974, around 10:30 p. m.

Duane was born in Hardesty where he lived until about 1965 when he moved to Pawnee. He served on the Hardesty Apostolic Faith Church Board following the death of his father, Bud.

In 1952 he was united in marriage to Lorita Murray of Hooker. After being transferred to Liberal, they were faithful members of the Liberal Apostolic Faith Church. Later he was transferred to Pawnee and attended the Assembly of God Church until his death.

Survivors other than his wife, include three children: Christine and Galan McClenagan, and Sherry Ray.

Also his mother, Phyllis McClenagan, Hardesty, Oklahoma; two brothers, Jerry McClenagan, Amarillo, Texas, and Michael McClenagan, Guymon, Oklahoma; one sister, Glennis McAlester, also of Amarillo.

Mrs. Zella Bingley

Mrs. Zella Bingley, 80, a Hardesty area pioneer, died in the Guymon Memorial Hospital, Wednesday, July 17, 1974.

The daughter of James and Mary Ann Graves, she was born October 24, 1893 at Decker, Indiana. She moved to the Hardesty area with her parents in 1808 from Ripley, Oklahoma, when they settler their homestead.

On June 6, 1915 she was married to Oscar Bingley at Hardesty. He preceded her in death in 1952. Mrs. Bingley was a faithful member and supporter of the Apostolic Faith Church in Hardesty.

Suvivors include one daughter: Mrs. Buford (Mildred) Stump; one son, Dale Bingley; two sisters: Mrs. Deloris Martin and Mrs. Faye Booth; one brother, Ennis Graves . . . all of Hardesty; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the Hardesty Apostolic Faith Church with the Rev. Howard Whiteley officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ted Barker. Special music was sung by the Reverends Neii Ragan, Edwin Modrick, Ted Barker, and Howard Whiteley. Organist was Mrs. Howard Whiteley.

25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Cowart and Rev. and Mrs. Bill Sparks celebrated the 25th anniversary of their double wedding which took place August 16, 1949. A reception was held in their honor Sunday, August 18, 1974 at the Calvary Temple Fellowship hall, Perryton, Texas from 2 - 5 p. m. The church is located at 5th and Colgate Streets in Perryton. That Sunday morning the "Son-Rise Singers" of which Marlon Sparks is a member, held a concert at the Full Gospel Church in Perryton and both families and many of their relatives attended that concert.

Ruby Cowart and Patsy Sparks are sisters; the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Patterson.

LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING 1974

"... and I will cause the shower to come down in his season, there shall be showers of blessing." Ezekiel 34:26.

God never fails one word of his promises. Through hungry hearts who believed his power, multitudes enjoyed his presence.

Every service of the camp was a refreshing and victorious time in the Lord. So much comment was made about the way each minister was anointed to deliver the message of the hour.

May we express our thanks and appreciation to those who worked so hard to make the camp a success. To Bro. and Sis. Lowell Long and Bro. and Sis. Doyle Wiles, May God bless you greatly for your faithfulness.

After such a refreshing from God's heaven let us share what we have received and continue to follow our Master, looking for his soon return.

May God be given the glory for past blessings and much praise for the present and future.

Bro. Jack Barker was in charge of the 9 a. m. prayer services. The attendance at these services was the best I've seen in many years and the spirit of prayer seemed to fill the very air.

Bro. Jacob Regier was in charge of the morning Bible lessons with a different speaker each morning and they were outstanding. Bro. Regier presented a little history of the family and work of each preacher before their message and it was especially enjoyed by the audience as it linked the younger generation with the old timers of the faith.

Sis. Dorothy Kinser had charge of the youth service and was assisted by Bro. Duane Methvin. These were held in the dining hall and from all the reports I heard from the teenagers, they were great.

Bro. Bennie Stanberry from Katy led the choir for the evening service and a live album was made of this choir service. We will give you the information about how to obtain them when they are available.

Different of our ministers from all parts of the country brought the messages in the afternoon and night services and they all were inspiring. You missed a great camp if you didn't get to attend. We don't know if any records were kept on the accomplishments of the camp, but many people prayed through to the blessings of God in each service.

September 1974

DEDICATION SERVICE Taneyville, Mo. new church parsonage



Taneyville, Missouri

The dedication of the new parsonage at Taneyville, Missouri was at 3 p. m., Sunday, August 11.

Rev. Danny E. Robinson, pastor of the church, opened with a welcome and Bro. Russell Clemans was asked to offer the opening prayer. Songs were sung by the congregation, then the history of the parsonage was read. Also, present and past board members were recognized, and also former pastors. The only former pastor present was Bro. Allen Long. Then Carol Williams sang a special entitled "Jesus Use Me".

Bro. Marcus Adair then brought the dedication message, commending the church for their efforts and accomplishments and bringing to mind responsibilities of the laymen and encouraging all as a joint effort, to provide for a pastor that He in return might also be able to perform His duties as a pastor.

The board members, John Crouch, Sam Clemans, and Roger Sims anointed the doors of the parsonage and Bro. Allen Long was asked to offer the dedication prayer. Two young ministers present, Bro. Randy Dalton, and Bro. Calvin Clauss were asked to come up and also asked to pray with us in the dedication prayer.

Immediately after the dedication service, there was an open house reception of the new parsonage. Refreshments were served and a good time of fellowship was enjoyed.

Danny Robinson, Pastor



Kirk Edward Pshigoda was born May 23, 1974 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pshigoda of Corpus Christi, Texas. He weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. Edward and Lillie both attended AFBC before they were married while Ted Barker was superintendent.

Claude Jr. and Bernice McLeod of Willow, Alaska wish to announce the arrival of their little baby girl. They named her Michelle Elizabeth. She was born April 18, 1974 at 5:30 a. m. in Palmer, Alaska, weighing 8 lbs., 11 oz. Her two older brothers, Bobby and Gary, also are happy with their new sister.



Midway Country Church Logan, Oklahoma

The Lord is still blessing each one of us. Several of our church people were able to attend the camp meeting at Laverne and enjoyed the good services.

Our pastors Doyle and Jo Wiles have resigned and have moved to Decatur, Arkansas. On July 23 we had a farewell for them. Several of the church and other people of the community gathered for the evening at the Victory school house. A short program of songs and a reading was enjoyed by all. Bro. and Sis. Wiles received and opened some beautiful gifts. Then homemade ice cream and cake were served. Their farewell service was August 11.

Our new pastors, Bro. and Sis. Howard Whiteley, had their first service on August 18.

Our best wishes and prayers go with the Wiles as they labor elsewhere for the Lord, and we pray for God's blessings to be on the Whiteleys as they minister in our church and community, as we work in one accord with them for the furtherance of the Gospel here.

Howard Whiteley, Pastor
Mrs. Deryl Lamunyon, Reporter

Guymon, Oklahoma

We are happy to have our pastors back from their tour of the Holy Land. While LaParsha was gone, Donna Anderson had charge of the Junior choir and did a great job.

Recently Bro. and Sis. J. E. James visited our church and ministered to us in song. They are working in a church in Amarillo, Texas.

Our youth camp this summer was well attended by our church. We had 26 go to the Junior camp and 10 attend the Senior camp. Besides special guests of the F.C.A. (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) director, Vicki and the Royalheirs gave their testimony in song to the Senior group.

Bro. Modrick's class had a very inspiring lesson on the "Pressures of the Day." We as Christians can better cope with these pressures if we have a quiet time alone with God every day.

Please pray for our coming Lay Witness mission.

Edwin Modrick, Pastor

September 1974

Apostolic Faith Church Snyder, Texas

We certainly enjoyed having the College Vibrations with us in May. Their dedication to this fine ministry in song is a real blessing. After service, we had a covered dish dinner and a time of fellowship at the barn in the park.

The church was able to buy a large evaporative cooler this summer for the church building. The air comes in through vents in the ceiling, and does a fine job of cooling. We had been in need of such a system for quite a while, and thank the Lord both for the cooler and for those who worked to install it.

Bro. Otto Busch stopped by for Sunday evening services and gave us an inspiring message to "Forget Not the Old Landmarks." We also have had several other visitors since our last report, and our number for both the Sunday and Wednesday services has remained steady.

Bro. and Sis. Vester Clanton have agreed to pastor the church here for another year. We appreciate their ministry and concern for the people, and Bro. Vester's stand for the Bible truths in his Bible lessons and messages. The church has prospered both spiritually and materially, and we praise the Lord for it. We ask you to pray for the church at Snyder, and remember with us that victorious promise that God supplies our every need!

Janet Mitchell and LaWayne Fagan were united in marriage June 28, 1974 at the Faith Lutheran Church in Sweetwater, Texas. The couple will make their home in Seabrook, Texas.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mitchell of Sweetwater, and the grooms parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barnes of Hermleigh, Texas. The Barnes are longtime members of the Apostolic Faith Church of Snyder, Texas.

Vester Clanton, Pastor
Kay Shifflett, Reporter

Katy, Texas

Sunday, July 14 the "Son-Rise Singers" were featured in both the morning and evening services. This group consists of Teloa and Twanna Stanberry, Frank Arnall, Jimmy Potter, Marlon Sparks and Garold Oakes. This group won second place in the talent contest at the Gospel Singing in Springdale, Arkansas, sponsored by Albert Brumley's family.

We are sorry to lose two of our young couples. Gary and Lori Kerr will be attending Bible School and then go into the work of the Lord. And Dewey and Sandra Flock and little Kristi will be the new pastors of the church in Hardesty, Oklahoma. May God bless their respective ministries in pastoring and evangelism.

Quite a large number of our congregation attended the Campmeeting at Laverne, Oklahoma.

G. K. Kerr, Pastor

DEADLINE — Copy for the Report must be in the Editor's possession by the 15th (instead of the 20th) of the month preceding the date of the issue it's to be in.

Hardesty, Oklahoma

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber." Psa. 121:1-3. These are words of promise to us as Christians and God is so faithful to fulfill His Word when we're faithful to Him.

The past two or three months have been busy ones for the people of God everywhere. We've enjoyed several visitors in our church. On Mother's Day, the E. K. Cornells and Bill Cornells were with us in the morning service before attending the college graduation of their daughter and sister, Yvonna Whiteley.

God gave us a gracious service as we honored our high school graduating seniors and presented them with Bibles engraved with their names: Shirley Smart, Sue Mason, Lewis Banks, and Janeane Martin. Then a dedication was held for Miss Tiffany Swann, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Swann, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bingley. Great-grandmother Zella Bingley was present and stood with the other proud relatives.

Other recent visiting ministers include the Rev. Bill Briles and the Rev. Harold J. Bollinger. God has certainly blessed in our midst and has dealt with hearts of men as his convicting power rested upon the services.

We have resigned as pastors of the church after a wonderful four years. It is with regret that we leave the wonderful people and sometimes we don't understand why the Lord leads us away so quickly. Yet to be in His Divine Will, we must do his bidding. August 11th was our last service in Hardesty. We wish to express our deep appreciation to the people here for their cooperation and support over the years. We ask that God will bless them under the ministry of their new pastors, Sandra and Dewey Flock. With faithful prayer, God's work will progress.

Howard Whitely, Pastor

Pharr, Texas

The Lord has been so very tremendous to us and our work with Missions to Mexico. Our summer has been full with attending and working in camps and having services at a few churches. The Lord has been good to us and guided us safely through the last three months on the road. We are back home and feeling more and more of God's blessings. We hope to be able to let you know more about our work with Missions to Mexico. Please write if you desire to be on our mailing list and would like information about the orphanage and the other works of Missions to Mexico.

We would really like to say thank you to all who have prayed for us and supported us and the Missions with offerings, clothing and etc. Praise God for everything!

Jerry, Lavanda and Kristal Barker
c/o Missions to Mexico
119 W. Gore,
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September 1974

Enid, Oklahoma

We are thankful for the blessings reported by many of our congregation after attending campmeeting at Laverne, Oklahoma. We feel privileged that there is such a place for us to go in this world, where the spirit is sweet, the fellowship great, and the food good also.

Bro. Elmer Christenson and his family feel that God would have them stay and work here with us another year. We're happy to report this for we appreciate them and their labors very much.

We were happy to have Bro. Eugene Webster and family for two of our Wednesday night services. Bro. Calvin Klaus was in our service on Wednesday, August 7, also. We are glad for visiting ministers and workers of the faith to be with us in services whenever possible.

Elmer Christenson, Pastor
Sue Phares, Reporter

Center Point, Texas

We are thankful for the love of God and His goodness to us. We appreciate the Report and Sis. Busch's dedication and work on it; so that we, the people, may benefit from it's contents.

Bro. and Sis. Dibbens have agreed to stay at Center Point another year. They are a real asset and blessing to our church. We have started work on remodeling the parsonage. We are putting in a new septic tank and bathroom which, we hope, will make everything much more convenient for our pastors.

Bro. and Sis. Claude McLeod celebrated their 40th anniversary with an Open House on August 19th. We pray the Lord will bless their home and give them many more years of happiness.

Donald Dibbens, Pastor
Marilyn Buchanan, Reporter

Dickinson, Texas

We the members of the Dickinson church ask an interset in your prayers. We are few in number but we do love the Lord and feel the need for moving forward in the work of the Lord. We want to stand for the true Gospel. We are in need of a pastor. If God should lay a burden on your heart to come by and give us a hand in God's work here please contact Stafford L. Schmidt, Rt. 2, Dickinson, Texas or Mrs. Cecil Boles, Box 126, Bacliff, Texas 77539.

Mrs. Cecil Boles, Reporter

Granby, Missouri

Praise God for His continual blessings to us. We were privileged to have Sis. Dorothy Kinser to direct our Youth Crusade in June. The Lord blessed abundantly with special results in the teen services.

We have had many visiting ministers to fill our pulpit since Bro. and Sis. Ronnie Martin left in May. We appreciate these ministers and the messages they presented to us.

We are now looking forward to Bro. and Sis. Gene Waterbury's arrival as our new pastors. Their first service will be August 14th. Pray for us as we endeavor to share the gospel with those around us.

Faye Neff, Reporter

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THE TUNNEL

Near where I live is a tunnel. It is formed by trees where the road pierces a dense woods and extends for about a half-mile. At night, we'd stop and turn off the car lights for an instant to give the children a thrill; they'd squeal in excited terror as the blackness swallowed us. We reveled in the comfort of steel and glass shielding us.

One night I was coming home alone at midnight. My family was away and no car waited at the railroad station. I phoned taxi companies until my dimes ran out but they didn't answer or had nothing available. I had to walk it. At first the four miles promised to be fun on the soft, warm night. Then I reached the country highway. In the back of my mind loomed the tunnel and every hobgoblin of my childhood screamed out at me.

As I stepped into the tunnel, the thick heavy trees completely obliterated any starlight. My only sense of direction came from the hard surface of the road. Deep nameless fears closed in on me.

And then, like a song filtering through the night, I remembered, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." I was my Father's son. Jesus said so.

The thought flooded me with joy. My Father owned those woods, just as He owned the world. I felt as confident as if I were in my own back yard. As I walked on through the woods, my eyes even adjusted to the darkness.

We all have tunnels to walk through. If we remember that they are His tunnels, we can travel through them in peace and confidence.

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Coming of Christ

Consider Inflation

Inflation today is unlike anything that has ever occurred before. Why? Because it is not merely American inflation; it is World INFLATION. Only the Mark of the Beast is going to stop the spiraling world inflation. As a result of the Bretton Woods United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference, four consequences have opened the way for One-World Economics:

1. Destruction of the value of the dollar by depleting the United States gold reserves.
2. Building up the industrial capacity of other nations at United States expense.
3. Destruction of United States competitive commercial superiority on land and sea.
4. Dependence of the United States upon the policies of other nations.

The program is on schedule.

Signs of His Coming

As an eyewitness of today's fast-moving, end-time events, you see places and names jump from the pages of your Bible into newspapers, radios, and television sets. As a believer it is important that you recognize what is going on in the world today.

The truth of God's infallible word of prophecy has stood the test of time for thousands of years. It will certainly not break down now.

The First Sign: Israel to Become a Nation

This sign is the most important. If this sign were not present in the world today, nothing else would be relevant. Every generation has witnessed some of the signs of the return of the Messiah — so that it has always seemed that He might come in their time. But there never has been a time, before this generation, when

this first sign has appeared. It is a warning of God's timepiece, Israel. Moses first predicted that because the people of Israel would not believe God and would turn away from Him, they would be scattered around the world. He said a great nation would come and take them captive and they would serve this nation while their own nation would be destroyed. This is the first part of a two-part prophecy regarding Israel's history.

Other prophets added details. The dispersion of the people occurred in 600 BC when the Babylonian Nebuchadnezzar swept in and took the Jewish people captive. Jerusalem, along with the temple was utterly destroyed. In Babylon the Jews were held against their will for exactly seventy years, just as Jeremiah the prophet had predicted.

Jeremiah 25:8-13

"Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words,

Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the Lord, and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy the, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle.

And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

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And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations."

Just as Moses predicted, and Jesus added more detail, Titus and the Roman legion totally crushed the Jewish people in AD 70. The Romans destroyed Jerusalem and sold the survivors into slavery, dispersing them throughout the world and into exile that has lasted to this present generation.

In Ezekiel, the prophet predicts that just shortly before the Messiah will return and set up His Kingdom here on earth, these scattered Jewish people will return to become a nation again.

Ezekiel 36:8-12, 24-30, 34-36

"But ye, O mountains, of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come.

For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown:

And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded:

And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of men.

For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Elen; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited.

Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the Lord build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it."

Jesus, the Messiah (before He was taken to be crucified), in speaking of the events that would immediately precede His return, told of the return of the Jews to the land of Palestine. As a nation, He said, they would be in possession of Old Jerusalem. Now remember that! He also said that this generation which saw the Jews back to their land and in possession of Old Jerusalem would see His return!

Luke 21:25-36

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

That is what Ezekiel was predicting 2600 years ago.

On November 29th, 1947 the United Nations voted to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab States. Jews approved plans but it was rejected by the Arabs. But May 14, 1948 British ended the Palestinian mandate. The state of Israel was proclaimed. The Flag of David is now flying over Israel for the first time in many hundred years.

When the Jews became a nation again in 1948, that was the most important sign any generation could see.

Jesus warned that we who watched the rebuilding of the Israeli nation are a destined generation. We should know, as positively as spring buds announce the summer, that the season has come: The end He spoke of is

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near! Luke 21:28 — What are these “things taking place” which we should anticipate? They are new and unprecedented events which are intertwined with the ancient promise of God to Abraham, father of the Jewish nation, Genesis 12:1- 2

“Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing.”

This promise has not been broken although the ravages of time, persecutions, and wars have almost succeeded in pushing Abraham's people into oblivion. What has this to do with the end of time? Simply this: The ancient prophets linked the rebuilding of Israel to the last days of history and the Second Coming of Christ. The Jewish people, after a long period of exile would return. Israel would be rebuilt against overwhelming odds right in the face of her enemies. Read Ezek. 38 and 39.

Ezekiel the prophet saw that the reborn nation's enemies would be supported by Moscow, the powers from the North. Research of old historical records will show that Ezekiel's terms Meshach, Gog, and Tubal are ancestral Russian names. The people of Meshech became subjects of Gog, the ancient prince Rosh. Later these tribesmen were called Muski. Herodotus, the historian, referred to these people as Moschoi. From these names Moscow, Russia is derived Ezekiel's term Tubal is synonymous with Tobal, a river in Russia. Tubolski, a city on that river, has the same name origin. Ezekiel prophesied the Moscorietes' hatred of Israel centuries ago.

Christ, speaking of the period of Israel's rebirth, described it as: Luke 21:25-36. A time when man's attention would be turned toward the moon and space. A perplexing and greatly distressing period of the nations of the earth. An age of the uprising and rebelliousness of the mass wanes of Humanity. “The roaring of the tossing sea.”

Jude later refers to those rebellious masses as “causing together — openly — without scruple — They are clouds without water, swept along by the winds, wild waves of the sea, flinging up the foam of their own shame.

According to Luke, Jesus says it will be an age of heart failure, anxiety, and fear. An age of breakdown which would even see the shaking apart of the powers and laws of the universes, the laws of time, distance, gravity, and the breaking down of matter.

This is a generation which would see the emerging of nations. More nations have been formed and have come to play a part in world politics in this century than all of the last 2000 years together. From 1950 to 1966 51 new nations were born, and from 1966 to 1970 41 new nations came into existence. Luke 21:29-30 And He told them a parable: Look at the fig tree. (The fig tree is symbolic of Israel: it appears on the national seal) and all trees; When they put forth their buds. These are the new nations.

This is a time when people will be caught up in a life of trivia, silliness, entertainment, and indulging; also

an age of mental depression. We are warned to be on guard lest our hearts be depressed, weighed down with the giddiness and nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares.” This is also a time when even serious minded people would be so wrapped up in the business of the day that they would be unaware of the coming events.

Jesus Christ will Return! Many people will not be ready, yet it is true — Christ wants us all to be ready.

The Second Sign: Jews Return to Old Jerusalem

The second sign is this: before the Messiah can return the Jews must possess Old Jerusalem. Much of the warfare in the last war of the world will be over the city of Jerusalem.

Zechariah writes about the battle of Jerusalem, one of the campaigns of Armageddon, The War of Wars! He tells us in Zechariah 12:2-4, 9 that the last war of the world is triggered over a dispute about who owns Jerusalem. Now this was a writing 500 years before Jesus was born.

“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

In that day, saith the Lord, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.”

The whole purpose of the Six Day War in June of 1967 was to get Old Jerusalem back again. Do you realize that for the first time in 2500 years the Jews have total possession and sovereign control of Old Jerusalem? They have never totally controlled it since they were taken to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar and yet they have it now.

Since these two signs have set the stage for the coming of Jesus the Messiah again, every other sign we see today has great significance. If the first two signs were not true, the other signs would have no more significance than they had in 1940 or any other time. There has never been a time before when the Jews were returned from a world wide dispersion and in total possession of Old Jerusalem.

The Third Sign: Rebuilding of the Temple

The third sign has not been revealed, but it will soon. The Jew is to rebuild the temple again in Old Jerusalem. Documents discovered last year show us that all the stones and all other materials are now ready for rebuilding the temple. This could be accomplished in just a short time.

The Fourth Sign: A Russian attack on Israel!

The fourth sign could only happen after the Jews were a nation again in their ancient homeland. Ezekiel (chapter 38) predicts the restoring of the people as a nation. He said that after the Jews are returned from this dispersion, there is going to arise a fantastic power from

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their uttermost North. This Northern Nation would become their arch-enemy and this nation would actually be involved in a direct attack upon Israel, triggering the last war of the world. Men who have studied this passage have identified this power by ethnic background. Meshech, Magog, and Tubal are tribal names as old as history itself. These tribes are descendants of Japeth, the son of Noah, and are named in Genesis 10. Experts on ancient Hebrew declare, "This is referring to the tribes that now form the Russian people." Read Gen. 10.

Russia is the only nation to the uttermost north of Israel. If you take a globe and go directly north, you will arrive in the midst of Russia. If you want to read the future of Russia, read Ezekiel 38-39. All of Russia and its Communist confederacies are mentioned, including the Arabs.

The Fifth Sign: A Final Arabic-Israeli War

At the same time this northern power will arise, there will develop a confederacy of Arabs who will unite in common hatred of the nations. Finally, they will actually launch an all out attack against the nation of Israel, bringing about the last war of the world.

October 6, 1973 — the Israel-Arab threat is one of the key situations of all prophecy. We call the Near East boiling pot the "Bear Trap", because the Bible says that just such a situation will trigger the last great battle, ARMAGEDDON. Again the stage is set. The armies of the Arab world, backed by Moscow and all the Red Communist World are set against Israel and her allies. Will this be another feint, another bluff, or is this the real thing that will plunge the world into World War III and the great day of God's vengeance against the powers of evil? Time will tell.

The time of the end is defined for us in Daniel. It is the time when Christ comes back. The king of the South is also identified for us in this chapter. He is Egypt in league with the Arab nations and Egypt will be the leader. The king of the North (Russia) will stretch out his hands against the countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape. Russia is going to double-cross the Egyptians. Russia will become ruler of the wealth-filled treasuries of Egypt. The Libyans and the Ethiopians will also be captured. The words in the Hebrew translated as "Libyan" and "Ethiopian" do not mean what we think of today as the countries of Libya and Ethiopia. These words refer to a whole race of people. The word translated as "Libyan" means the African Arabs, all of them. The word in the Hebrew translated as "Ethiopian", is the word Cush" which means "black man," and is talking about the Black Africans.

Russia, with its confederates, is going to make a lightning-like thrust through the Middle East and conquer the whole African continent. Daniel said, "But while Russia is doing all of this conquest of the African continent reports from the East and from the North shall alarm him so he (the Russian) shall withdraw in great fury to destroy and annihilate many." While the Russian army is down in Egypt and Africa, news from the North and East will trouble it. If you look to the North of Africa, what do you see? Europe. And as you look to the East, you see Asia.

September 1974

The Sixth Sign: China Will Enter the Mid-East War

While all of this is going on, there will be a great confederacy of Asians formed. They are going to come into this battle once the Arabs and Russians begin. Rev. 16: 12-14, 16 tells us about their entrance on the scene. The kings of the East will come and stage their armies on the banks of the Euphrates River.

Revelation 16: 12-14, 16

"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the East might be prepared.

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."

This is the news which comes from the East to trouble the Russians. Revelation 9 tells us in symbolic language that a vast army will come from the Euphrates River. This Eastern power will build an army of two hundred million soldiers. China, right now, boasts a militia of over 200 million soldiers. India is taking Pakistan to the U.N. General Assembly because Pakistan was cooperating with the Red Chinese to build a road over the mountains which separate them, a road connecting the Red Chinese with the subcontinent — a straight shot to the Euphrates River.

The Rebirth of the State of Israel

November 29, 1947 the United Nations voted to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. May 14, 1948, the State of Israel proclaimed, and is by far the greatest Biblical event that has taken place during the twentieth century. The Bible calls this land, "the land of Israel". God promised thousands of years ago that His people would possess it. The call of Abraham was to this land. When God brought Israel out of Egypt with a mighty band, it was to bring them into this land. In our time, no other spot on earth is capturing so much attention, for the Bible teaches that the final drama of human history as we know it will be enacted in Israel — His Land! Hope rises in the hearts of millions as this generation witnesses the returning of the Jewish peoples from the world over to their homeland. This great move brings to pass the Bible's declaration of centuries' standing, "My people shall come home."

When the Bible deals with things which are coming on the earth, it calls itself "a more sure word." It likens itself to "a light that shineth in a dark place." Before Jesus went back to Heaven, He told us that He would send us the Spirit of Truth, Who would show us things to come.

HIS LAND

Let us look at Israel, and more so around Jerusalem. People have died just to live in the Holy Land. Others have lived just to die in the Holy Land. Why? Why Israel, in the Heart of the Holy Land? Why in such a little place?

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You can drive over it in a day or fly over it in an hour. In it are seas where nothing swims, and a desert where nothing grows. As real estate, it is nothing much. Here is a country so tiny it is inconspicuous on a map of the world.

No other part of the world, square foot for square foot, has played such a historic role in man's life; YET, there in that little place every ethic of Western Man was born. The Bible, or much of it, was written, and every man has a root deep in the stubborn soil.

As you study about Jerusalem, Bethlehem, or Galilee, you will be following the course of a man that changed the course of billions of lives. Yet! If Israel is only a dot on the map of the world, Jerusalem is only a dot on the map of Israel. Study any part of it or all of it, every inch is History. The Bible is the best guide book of the Holy Land. In a land of miracles; miracles are to be expected. You will see the harvesting of chemicals from the Dead Sea where nothing swims, and oranges from the dessert where nothing grows.

A variety of terrain makes up this area — desserts, mountains, forests, grassland and seashores. The Holy Land also provides habitats for an exceptionally wide range of plant life, about 22,500 species of trees, shrubs, and plants.

The climate of the small country ranges from Arctic at the summit of 9,400 foot Mount Herman to tropical along the shores of the Dead Sea which is 1292 feet below the level of the Mediterranean Sea.

Because it lies "at the crossroads of three continents", the Holy Land has a tremendous variety of wildlife. Almost every kind of bird that inhabits Northern Africa, Southern Europe and Western Asia has been seen in the Bible Land.

The Regathering

Micah 5:2 The one who is to rule in Israel.

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler of Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Ezekiel 34: 11-13

"For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country."

Jeremiah 16: 15

But, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the North, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

Isaiah 43: 5-6

Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the East, and gather thee from the West;

I will say to the North, Give up; and to the South, Keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

Isaiah 43: 19-20

Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

Isaiah 52: 9-10

Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Ezekiel 36: 24, 28

For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land,

And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The previous passages, with many others, describe the great regathering of Israel to the Holy Lands which is to take place in the very last days. Throughout these verses the direct working of God and spiritual blessings to Israel are made prominent. Throughout the prophecies many additional details are given concerning this wonderful time. None of these prophecies were fulfilled in the return of Israel from Babylon after the seventy years of bondage. This return is a second regathering, as prophesied in Isaiah 11: 11-12.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, and Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Jeremiah 31: 35-27 tells us that following this regathering, Israel shall never cease from being a nation.

Amos 9: 15

And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.

Already we see the fulfillment of God's Holy Word. What about these prophets, Ezekiel, Daniel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and others? Did they write their books after the occurrence of the events which they describe? If so, they must have written during the twentieth century! NO! They wrote of these things some two thousand five hundred years before our day.

II Peter 1: 21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

The renewal of national life in the Jewish homeland has been accompanied by some remarkable changes in Jerusalem. In the case of that city which God has chosen out of all the Earth, "to set His Name there."

With this we are living in one of the greatest times in History.

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BIBLE COLLEGE NEWS

The opening of school has arrived and excitement has picked up with the arrival of students.

We are happy to report the new building is finished and is very beautiful, complete with new furniture with the exception of the lobby. We are still in need of lobby furniture for both girls' dorms. Among other remodeling around the school is the new music studio, behind the chapel, for Shari Cook to give piano and organ lessons. This is a 12 x 14 soundproof room which will be of great service to the music department.

At the time of this writing, it looks like we will have a full house of students. We expect from 8 to 10 married couples plus all the single students we can take care of.

Once again let me ask for your prayers and also to encourage you to fast one day a week for the spiritual condition of the school. This is our desire more than anything else. We need God's help and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We will give a more complete detailed report in the following issue.

We invite you to come by and visit the school any time.

Let me say thanks for all the help both physically and financially that many of you have given. May the Lord bless and repay you is my prayer.

After the first week of Bible School has passed there are now 77 enrolled this year; with two more coming in a week or so. This is the largest enrollment since the very early 1950s.

A large number are enrolled in Sis. Cornell's Child, Youth and S. S. training workshop. Sis.'s Judy Wooster and Rita Wiles are assisting her in this new class offered this year. Students in this class are conducting the children and youth services in the Baxter Church on Sunday night and will be going out in teams to conduct the same kind of services in the area churches on request. A mid-week Good News Club is in the planning for local children grades 1 through 6 to be held immediately after school; with all the work and follow-up work being done by the class.

Jack Cornell, Supt.



New sound proof music room, Shari Cook, Teacher

A. F. Report