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**And he said unto them,
"Follow me, and
I will make you
fishers of men."**

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Of The

Apostolic Faith

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EDITORIAL VOICE

The close of one year and the beginning of another has come once again. As we look back over the year of 1978 many of us no doubt think of what we've done and what we've accomplished. The business world now takes time to take inventory and see exactly how they stand. It's a time of seeing if they have gained or lost. What about our Christian life? Have we progressed or fallen behind? We need to take inventory of our lives to see just how we stand, but this inventory needs to be taken daily and not yearly. Psalms 72:15 tells us that prayer should be made daily and praise also to be made daily. Proverbs 8:34-35 "Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. Forsofindeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favor of the Lord." Jesus tells us in Luke 9:23—"and he said to them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me." In Hebrews 3:12-13 we are warned "Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called today: lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." So we find throughout the word of God the importance of our daily living close to the Master. As we look ahead to the year of 1979 let us purpose in our hearts to daily serve and praise the one who is worthy of all praise, honor and glory. May God's richest blessings be to each of you throughout the year of 1979.

Karen

Witnessing is not just something
a Christian says, but what
a Christian IS!

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From the Superintendent's Desk



Dear Friends in Christ,

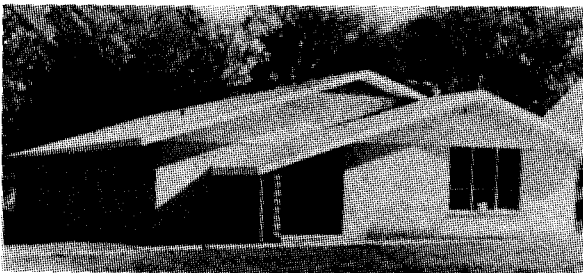
Another new year has come. We thank the Lord for every day He has already given us. Wednesday, January 10, we held enrollment for Bible School. Thursday we started our first day of classes for the Spring Term of 1979. We have 22 students and are glad that they have come. Everyone seems excited about their classes and all that they can gain in the Lord this semester.

The faculty welcomes Janae Harris as one of their members. She will be teaching private piano and organ. For our future concerts she will also be arranging the singing and special groups.

Plans are being made for a choir tour March 3-16. Hopefully, we can be at some place close enough to everyone so all can attend. Also we are planning an Easter Convocation April 11-13. Everyone who can come and join us for those few days are welcome.

All that you have done for us is truly appreciated. Your support and prayers are necessary for this school to continue. We welcome you to visit our Bible School, sit in on the classes, and visit with us at anytime. Please feel free to come whenever possible.

Yours in Christ,
Lyndel Arnall
Superintendent



Report From The Girls' Dorm

The girls dorm has already been busy since school has started. Even though we have had a lot of snow and cold weather, we are going to have a good term of school. I gained two new girls for this semester of school. The dorm has been busy with everyone getting acquainted with the new girls and finding out if everyone had a good holiday vacation. Since vacation is over they all found out it takes a little work getting back into the studying habit. They all are interested in learning more about the Lord. I thank the Lord for each girl that is here this semester. I pray that each one will continue to grow and learn throughout this semester. May the Lord guide each one in the way they should go. Continue to remember us in your prayers. That we all may be able to do all we can for him each and every day.

Love in Christ,
Tony Bartel

Apostolic Faith Bible College News

From The Dean's Desk:

Happy New Year everyone. It seems like everyone is glad to be back in school, and eager to gain from God's Word everything they can so they will be able to be good witnesses for the One who has saved them. We have five boys in the dorm this semester thus far. There will be two couples living in the basement of the Chapel and one part time male student who will drive back and forth to the morning classes. In all, there will be eight male students.

The order of the day around the College is shovel snow and push stalled automobiles. There has been snow and blowing snow almost every day since the first of the New Year.

I would encourage each of the Churches to hold the School and the students up in prayer; and the Churches that have students attending the school write them a word of encouragement, I am sure it would encourage the students.

We are hoping to see great things accomplished here at the school this semester. I know having the students at home during the Christmas break was a blessing to you as parents and also to your local church. I appreciate every student and those of you who are standing behind them in every way. We want them "to contend for the faith that was once delivered to the Saints" and promote the Word of God in its fulness. Our aim here is to prepare the students to put into practice the Gospel they are being taught in their classes—"Holding forth the Word of Life," "not being ashamed of the Gospel for it is the power of God to them that believe," not conforming to this world but by coming out from among the popular way and "being a separate people" for Christ. The way of God never has been a popular way with the social world, but it is the way of Life, Joy and Peace. This is what we have to offer to the world in truth and reality through JESUS CHRIST WHO CAME TO SAVE PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.

R.C.B.

THE ECUMENICAL MAN-MADE-BIBLE

Because the Bible God wrote according to 2 Peter 2:1-2 Eph 5:11 teaches DIVISION (between professors and possessors of saving faith), the Ecumenical Church must replace it with a "MAN-MADE-BIBLE," in which all objectional doctrines have been removed. A Bible that answers this description is said to be well on it's way.

THE EVOLVING ECUMENICAL BIBLE

Current, conflicting and confusing Bible Versions and Paraphrases appear to be part of a "BRAIN-WASHING" process, to prepare both clergy and laity for the reception of the new "EVOLVING BIBLE."

A recent magazine article tells about agents operating within the World ecumenical movement, who hve initiated the preparation of a new "Authorized Version" of the Holy Bible. This is evolving through the "BRAIN-WASHING" power of the translators who delete important Scriptures by saying they are not in the "best" Manuscripts. By "best" they refer to the codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus, which were elevated to the "Chair of Authority" through the deceptive teaching of Westcott and Hort (1). Codex Sinaiticus was found in the monastery of St. Catherine at Mt. Sinai in 1844 by Constantin Tischendorf, a German Biblical professor. For the most part Codex Sinaiticus is in agreement with Codex Vaticanus. Several good authorities believe these are two extant copies of the 50 Greek Scriptures copied for Constantine by Eusebius in 331 A.D. (2).

ECUMENICAL BIBLE TO DISPLACE KING JAMES BIBLE

This new Evolving Bible is to be the Bible of the UNIVERSAL CHURCH of WORLD BROTHERHOOD. It will go beyond anything we have seen yet, for we are told that it will "delete" (blot out) every trace of the story of Christ's crucifixion, whereby He died for the sins of who will believe. More than this, plans are being made by which this UNIVERSAL CHURCH BIBLE will supplant (take the place of) both the Douay and King James Bibles. Already, before our very eyes, we see both the clergy and laity turning away from the King James and turning to various new versions and paraphrases which omit portions of God's word which are essential for salvation. The "FAITH" that saves can be no more perfect than the word of God from which it comes. (See Romans 10:17). The preaching of the "CROSS" is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God (I Cor. 1:18). But unto the wicked God Saith, "What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth? Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee," (Psalm 50:16-17.)

1. Kenyon, Recent Developments, p. 71.
2. Dr. Scrivener, Introduction to the N.T., Vol. 1, pp. 36-37.

BAD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN

Today's English Version of the New Testament, by the American Bible Society, is called "Good News for Modern Man." When all the facts are revealed this becomes, in reality, "Bad News for Modern Man." The precious "BLOOD" of the Lord Jesus is omitted 15 times in the following scriptures:

	Christ's "BLOOD"	is	out.
1. Matthew 27:4	"	"	"
2. Matthew 27:24	"	"	"
3. Matthew 27:25	"	"	"
4. Acts 5:28	"	"	"
5. Acts 20:28	"	"	"
6. Romans 3:25	"	"	"
7. Romans 5:9	"	"	"
8. Ephesians 1:7	"	"	"
9. Ephesians 2:13	"	"	"
10. Colossians 1:14	"	"	"
11. Colossians 1:20	"	"	"
12. Hebrews 10:19	"	"	"
13. I Peter 1:19	"	"	"
14. Revelation 1:5	"	"	"
15. Revelation 5:9	"	"	"

"Without shedding of "BLOOD" is no remission," (Hebrews 9:22) "It is the "BLOOD" that maketh an atonement for the soul," (Lev. 17:11).

"BEGOTTEN" IS OMITTED 8 TIMES

	Begotten	Is	Out
1. John 1:14	"	"	"
2. John 1:18	"	"	"
3. John 3:16	"	"	"
4. John 3:18	"	"	"
5. Acts 13:33	"	"	"
6. Hebrews 1:5	"	"	"
7. Hebrews 5:5	"	"	"
8. I John 4:9	"	"	"

After studying the false doctrines being brought in the days of the apostles, Paul's warning, Acts 20:26-31; Jude's admonition, Jude 1:3-5; John the Revelator's exposing in Revelations 2:2-6; false apostles Rev. 2:14; doctrines of Balaam and Nicolaitans, Rev. 2:20 Idolatrous Jezebel. Then looking at the 1000 years of Dark Ages when the true Christians were martyred and the early translations were defiled, it makes us realize the King James Bible is to be greatly loved and cherished. It also makes us to realize these so called good news for modern man, amplified, paraphrased, added to and taken from type translations are just a trick of the enemy to cause humanity to lose aith in our best translation, and to get people ready for the Mother of Harlots that will come into power on the back of the Ten Horned Beast. Rev. 17:1-6.



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The Power Of The Holy Ghost

by Dora Beydler

The Holy Ghost is one of the Gods in the Triune Godhead. He has always been equal with God and with Christ. The King James version of Genesis 1:1 reads, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." The Hebrew word for God in this place is Elohim which is the plural form of Eloah. This plurality appears in many of our scriptures denoting three persons in the Godhead. The creation story says, "Let us make man in our image." When the people were building the Tower of Babel, Genesis 11:7, the Bible says, "Let us go down and confound their language." It is also interesting to note among the scriptures showing the plurality of the Godhead is the one in Genesis 18:1-8. This is the one with the story of three men coming to talk with Abraham. Verse 2 states there were three men yet Abraham spoke to them as though he was speaking to one. The same plural term, Elohim, is used when Abraham was speaking to Abimelech in Genesis 20:13, "When God (Elohim) caused me to wonder from my Father's house." There are many more scriptures, especially in the Old Testament, where the plural term of God is used. They have always been equal, working unitedly as one.

When the time came for a Redeemer to come to this earth to make the plan of salvation possible, one of these three, through the power of the Holy Ghost, became incarnated to become the Son of God and born of Mary. In Luke 1:26-35 we read this was through the power of the Holy Ghost as well as the power of God. Jesus came to give His life on the cross and in the shedding of His blood made the sacrifice, as the Lamb of God, for our sins but the other two of the Triune Godhead, working through Jesus, now called "The Son of God" also have their part in the total plan of man's redemption from the fall which came through the sin of Adam. 1 John 5:7 reads, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, The Father, the Word (Jesus), and the Holy Ghost: and these three are One." Another translation would read "these three are united." They all work as One toward the redemption of man from sin.

We read 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." Then in verse 26 of the same chapter, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, what so ever I have said unto you."

As the time drew near for Jesus, The Anointed One, to return to the throne of God, Hebrews 12:2, He began preparing the disciples to receive the One who would be following Him. He said, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgement, because the prince of this world is judged," John 16:7-11. These verses give us the important part the Holy Ghost has in the plan of our salvation. He is the One who reproves, or convicts, a person of sin. When we hear our conscience telling us we need to repent for anything it is the Holy Ghost who has revealed that light to us. After repentance and acceptance of the blood of Jesus to blot out our sins we still often have a guilty feeling over some of our habits, our shortcomings, quick tempers and failures. It is the Holy Ghost who convicts us and calls us to draw closer to Jesus who paved the way and paid the price for a total commitment to Him. "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself: but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come," John 16:13. One of the jobs of the Holy Ghost is to teach us or to open our understanding that we might be better equipped to deal with the temptations of this life; also to guide us into the paths of righteousness that our joys in a Christian walk might be full.

One day while John the Baptist was baptizing in the Jordan River, he saw Jesus coming and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is He of whom I said, 'After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for He was before me. And I knew Him not: but that He should be made manifest to Israel, therefore I am come baptizing with water.' And John bare record, saying, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him. And I knew Him not: but He that sent me to baptize in water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the same is He which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost,' "John 1:29-33. By these scriptures we learn that Jesus paid the price for our salvation but that salvation is not completed in us until we have also received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

But wait—Jesus came to be the Lamb of God, and was the sacrifice for our sins; "That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16. To accept Christ as our Savior makes it possible to have eternal life because He blots out the sins we have committed. Then in John 17:17-19 we read, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. —And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." After

we have had our sins blotted out the next step in God's plan of salvation is sanctification. To be sanctified does not make it impossible to sin again but it does take away the desire for the things of sin. We are better fitted to overcome sin. In sanctification we let the blood of Christ not only blot out the sins we have committed but we let it cleanse our temples (bodies). Old habits such as filthy conversation, vile language, smoking, drinking, and telling lies—yes, even gossip can no longer be a part of our lives if we are sanctified. These things are habits which cannot be controlled without having the inbred nature to sin cleansed.

After we have been thoroughly cleansed through sanctification we are then candidates for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The latter part of John 14:17 says the Holy Ghost dwells with us but shall be in us. John the Baptist said Jesus would baptize us with the Holy Ghost. We read in 1 Corinthians 6:15-18 that we are members of the body of Christ and as such, we cannot partake of the sins so prevalent among people who claim to be Christians but do not live the life necessary to be a testimony of that claim. Then in verses 19 and 20 of the same chapter we read "What? know ye not that our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

The Holy Ghost will not come into a temple which is unclean and burdened down with sin and sinful habits. Today there are a number of cults and even organized churches who endorse a counterfeit of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. I recently read an article written by a man who had attended a convention of a Charismatic movement with people of various denominations who claimed the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, yet the room was filled with cigarette smoke! Such is not the Baptism of the Holy Ghost but people who do such only make a mockery of the real experience.

Joel prophesied of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in chapter 2:28, 29, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit."

Jesus said, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high," Luke 24:49. "And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, 'ye have heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence,'" Acts 1:4,5. Then in verse 8 of the same chapter Jesus also says, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Both in Luke and in these verses from Acts is peaks of receiving power through the baptism of the Holy Ghost. That power is a confidence to let Him work through you in witnessing of the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ; a boldness to stand true in the face to temptation or persecution; the grace to be submissive to His will in all things without reservations; and the power to be an overcomer and victorious at all times.

On the day of Pentecost—that word does not denote an experience as some use it but merely means a Jewish feast which occurred 50 days after the Passover." And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance," Acts 2:1-4. The next several verses say people from many nations heard them speaking in their own languages. Then the same Peter who had feared the multitudes and denied the Christ, stood up and preached a sermon which resulted in about 3,000 souls accepting Christ as their Savior. Peter declared this speaking in tongues to be that of which Joel had prophesied. In Acts 2:39 Peter also said, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." When we put it all together we understand the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is for us today and that it is to give us power to witness. The speaking in other languages is the evidence that we have been baptized. When one has had his sins forgiven through the blood of Christ; the saving power of His blood has done an inward work in the soul of man which is later witnessed through the act of water baptism. One must be completely immersed in the water to receive that baptism and so it is with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, we are completely immersed, even to the use of our tongues, to do His will. The tongue is the one member of the body which man cannot tame, James 3:2-8, but when the Holy Ghost baptizes us, He takes control of the tongue and we let Him tame it to speak only those things which praise and edify.

Let it also be understood though, that this baptism is given in definite clear languages. It is not a "jibberish jabber." When the Holy Spirit fell upon those in the upper room on the day of Pentecost He gave them definite languages that were understood by other people who spoke those languages. When the Holy Spirit fell during the Bible School in Topeka, Kansas on New Years day 1901 there were in the course of a few days several people who heard them speak and were able to identify the language spoken. One Hebrew man heard the Bible read in his own language and asked for the Bible. When they gave it to him he said that was not the one. He wanted the Hebrew Bible because that was what they had read. Even reporters from different well known news papers heard them speak and published what they heard. Though the language spoken is unknown to the speaker, if it is given by the Holy Ghost, it will be a definite language.

It is given for a sign and is the evidence of the inward work we have received from the Holy Ghost. If an unknown language is spoken in a public assembly, the Bible says it must also be interpreted; and the interpretation is also given by the Holy Ghost.

Let us look a bit farther into the history of what happened since the outpouring of the Holy Ghost at the Bible School conducted by Charles F. Parham in 1901. Brother Parham, assisted by different students held services in a number of places for the next few years. Then in 1906 he held another Bible School in Houston, Texas. Many received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost during the school term. One of the

students from this school felt led to carry the message to California. Though this student did not have the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, he preached it and several received it. From this work the Azusa Street Mission in Los Angeles was started. Soon afterward a fanatical spirit came into the work there and they sent for Brother Parham but as a result of the unteachable spirit, he was asked to leave soon after arriving. Through this fanatical group were started several movements believing in fleshly manifestations. Such flesh manifestations as falling under the power and dancing in the spirit do not come from the power of the Holy Ghost. His power gives us a quiet peace that we are not troubled with the powers of this world because "Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world," 1 John 4:4. Satan can, and does, counterfeit any part of God's plan of salvation except sanctification. The only way to receive the true Baptism of the Holy Ghost is to first be sanctified and completely cleansed so the Holy Ghost can enter into a clean temple. If we first honor the blood of Christ to do this cleansing then invite the Holy Ghost to come in. He will give us a blessed experience which is free from fleshly manifestations and jabbering tongues. There is a real product for every counterfeit. This goes as much for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as for anything else. We do not stop preaching the forgiveness of sins just because there are hypocrites in the church, neither should we let the counterfeit of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost keep us from seeking God for the real experience that would give us the power and boldness to speak for our Lord.

Even though the powers of satan have caused great confusion and even distaste for a closer walk with our Lord, it is still real today and He has it for anyone who will seek Him with an honest heart for that which will make them pure in His sight.

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Typed from original handwritten articles
Sermon 7

GOD

God, Heavenly Father, Creator of all things and the Father of us all. In the beginning was God. I need to know no more. I could not understand. Do you tell a child the complete terms of contracts and deeds and land titles? Of course not. Sometimes it takes a fleet of lawyers to untangle the web of commercialism. God is my Father—He told me He was. He left evidence of this fate—in Him we live and move and have our being. God is a Spirit therefore we must worship Him in Spirit and in truth. He is the God of little things and Universal Ruler of all.

God clothes the earth in the green of trees and grass. He placed the boundary line of every ocean and traced the course of the rivers. From valley to mountain high He is God and beside Him there is none other. He is as a high tower. He is the Rock of our salvation, the bulwark of righteousness. By Him my mind is illuminated and all scripture becomes an open letter, penned by the Holy Spirit from Him to me.

My Prayer To God

by

Vanessa Oakes
Age 12

Lord, Help me to find strength
 in you each and every day,
 And help me not to get weary
 As I travel along the way.

Give me the courage that I need
 To witness to family and friends
 And help me to tell them how
 I feel Since you freed me from my sin.

And keep your protecting hand
 over me everywhere I go
 And if Satan tries to tempt me,
 Please help me to say "no".

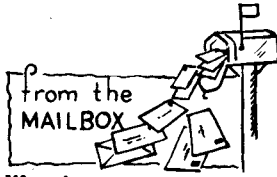
Lord, help me to never forget
 That you gave your life for me
 So I could have peace within
 And my blinded eyes could see.

Thank you Lord for letting me
 tell you the way I feel,
 For I knew you'd understand me
 And I know you always will.

DOOR KEEPERS BY Pearl Menke

Doorkeepers are important in our world, though it may be a humble work in the eyes of the world. The Psalmist said a day in thy courts is better than a thousand, I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. Ps. 84:10-11. For the Lord God is a Sun, (beautiful Light and Shield) might protection from all harm). It is much better to be connected with the house of God even as a doorkeeper than to be at ease in the habitation of evil. Better to be a servant in the realm of goodness, than a ruler in the realm of wickedness. There are several different doors mentioned in the Word of God. Jesus said I am the door: by me if any man enters in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. John 10:9. Jesus the great doorkeeper has opened up the door to God and life eternal and whosoever will, may enter in and find great values. It is the greatest honor to open the door of fellowship to that lost person. Many a humble person has opened the door to a fine leader. Many years ago a lady minister and her worker held a meeting in a little country school house in the Oklahoma Panhandle. With only one twelve year old being converted. They felt they had labored in vain. But in a few years he became a wonderful minister of the gospel, living in Portland, Oregon, with a wonderful radio program and a beautiful tabernacle. It was our wonderful privilege to spend one Easter in that beautiful tabernacle. That morning service, he told about his conversion. He was so surprised that lady was a dear friend of mine. She was privileged to live and learn of his wonderful work for God. The Bible mentions two closed doors. The one we close when we say no to him and turn him away from our heart's door. The other door the Lord himself closes. Luke 13:25 we are warned of the door closing. May our dear Lord bless these few lines to his Glory. And may many enter while they may.

In his dear name,
 Pearl Menke



Stockton, California

Greetings from Stockton, California.

Just a note to let you know that the Lord is still graciously blessing us out here in the far west. We enjoy receiving the Report so much, and to hear how the Lord is blessing our brothers and sisters everywhere.

We are enjoying the ministry of Jack and Jane Wimer very much. May God richly bless our church as we work together until Jesus comes back to receive His own.

Yours in Christ
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Della Priest—Reporter

Dumas, Texas

Praise the Lord for the new year. We are expectantly looking forward to new victories in the Lord. All ready we've seen the Lord moving in new ways as the Spirit of the Lord is allowed to minister freely. Another soul was added to our church body this past month. Sister Barbara Crouse is beginning a Ladies' Prayer Meeting which will be an inspirational time of fellowship. On December 31 we had a special watch night service at Bethel Assembly. The 12th hour was spent praying for the year 1979. It's time for revival again and we're glad to be having Bro. Winston Barker coming in February as the evangelist. In closing we'd like to just Praise the Lord for every one of you, our brothers and sisters in Christ and for the changes He is making in our lives and our ways of serving and worshipping Him. Also for his presence in our services. It makes us realize that the time is surely close for his soon return.

Jim Russell—Pastor
Debbie Fish—Reporter

Pampa, Texas

It was a wonderful Thank You and Praise time as we were able to commemorate 10 years of services in our church and to pay off the note two years ahead of time. Our Pastors that served us since the beginning of our work in Pampa, were able to be with us, except Bro. Floyd & Sister Grace LaMunyon, and Brother Girouard but they were given their rightful place in the history of the church. Of course, Sister Girouard Martin was with us in the time of praise and fellowship.

Both the former Pastors, Brother Harris and Brother Waterbury, gave wonderful sermons and exhorted us to stay faithful. I believe that God is going to do a work among us as we continue before Him faithful.

We also enjoyed three services with the Winston Barkers and Bro. Barker just gave us the very messages that we needed and we have been having Altar services and such wonderful peace in our hearts. We know God is still on the Throne.

Our Pastors' new little girl, Mindy Brooke, has been a great asset to our church. We hated to see Bob & Dorcas Spicer leave us we would love to have them always.

Again, we thank God from whom all blessings flow and Praise Him for all the wonderful things He has done for us.

Pampa Chapel
Keith Barker—Pastor
Anabel Simmons—Reporter

Roswell, New Mexico

The Lord has been blessing the church in Roswell. We had our own watch-night service with Dwayne Wilkerson presenting a cantata entitled, "This Christmas Day" alone with a slide presentation. At the close of this service a young lady found Christ. Praise the Lord! After a short break Bro. Jerome Crowhurst brought the message followed by a communion and foot washing service. This was a wonderful blessing to each of us.

Our church had a Christmas supper at the Salvation Army building. We had several visitors which included Bro. and Sis. Hickman from Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

The children and youth presented us with a lovely program entitled "A Christian Example." We are proud of children and young people who will work for the Lord.

Several months ago we told you about our building project on the parsonage. We are near completion and praise God for his strength in helping us with this project.

It was nice to have Billy and Kathy Huckabee visiting her parents, Ira and Leona Winkler, during the Christmas holidays.

Our family went to Joplin, Missouri for the Christmas holidays and enjoyed services at the Joplin church. Also we visited with friends in Baxter Springs, Kansas, which we grew to love—May God bless them.

We are proud to announce the engagement of a young couple in our church—Tammy Hall and Dwayne Wilkerson. We thought their friends would like this piece of news.

The church is praying about a revival in the spring. Remember us in your prayers.

Peggy Crowhurst—Reporter
Jerome Crowhurst—Pastor

Pattison, Texas

This last summer the Pattison Church was pleased to have Bro. Marlon Sparks for a revival. Each night was an inspiration and uplifting. We were blessed with visitors from the Katy and Bellville churches. The weekend of Halloween we had a party of fellowship for the young people of the church. A group of Christian young people from Sam Houston State University were with us that weekend. Sunday morning they led the church in worship songs and Bro. Olen Bachler was our special visiting minister. We receive many blessings from the Report.

John Scruggs—Pastor
Doris Scruggs—Reporter

Kingman, Kansas

The Kingman church held their Christmas program on December 20th. The children had poems and pieces to say and the young people presented a play entitled "A Christmas Stranger." Treats were handed out after the program. December 23rd was a tasting party where everyone was to bring a sample of some tasty tidbit that one makes at the holidays. Everyone had a delicious time. Our pastor, Melvin Shephard, attended convocation and was able to return to share the blessings he received with the rest of the congregation. Due to a bad snowstorm, no services were held here New Years Eve, but we managed to dig out for the following Wednesday night Bible Study. May 1979 see others won to Christ and the churches overflowing with victories.

Melvin Shephard—Pastor
Phyllis Wimer—Reporter

Dickinson, Church

It is with joy that we continue praising the Lord for sending the Dickinson Apostolic Church, Bro. Harold Wills. We are receiving many blessings from the messages he brings for the Lord, and the feeling of growth, Spiritually, we as a church have felt in just the short time he has been with us. Under Bro. Wills guidance and the Lord's presence, we welcomed the year 1979 with singing praises, testimonies for past blessings and prayer for future growth, a foot washing service, a warm and fulfilling fellowship, and the partaking of the Lord's supper. All minds were made clear and hearts enlightened by having alter prayer. We were also blessed with services delivered by Brother Jake Pletcher from December 29-31. Words alone cannot express the uplifting we received from Words delivered and fellowship we had with Brother Pletcher and his family. We were all sad to see them go and pray that they will return to be with us again, soon.

Our prayers are many, but at the top of the list is a burden for Dickinson. Our hope is to witness to those in Dickinson who are searching.

Harold Wills—Pastor
Dee Boles—Reporter

Big Springs, Texas

Greetings in the name of the Lord! The Lord has richly blessed our church the past few months and we are glad to report that Bro. James Hosler is our new pastor. He is doing a wonderful job and we appreciate him so much. The Lord has added to our church and we appreciate Sis. Darlene Matthews for her faithfulness and willingness to work for the Lord. We would like to extend an invitation to all ministers of the faith to come visit us anytime. Our services are Sunday morning, Sunday school—10:00; Worship—11:00; Sunday night—6:00; Wednesday worship—7:30. We greatly appreciate your prayers. May God richly bless you.

Rev. James Hosler—Pastor
Helen Sherman—Reporter

Centerpoint, Texas

Dear Friends in Christ,

Once more we wish to speak well of our Lord for He has been so good to us supplying our every need. The warmth of the Lord seems so very essential in our lives as He walks with us and never leaves us alone. We need to lean more on Him every day. We ask once more for those who have been ill to be remembered in prayer. God has touched so many of us, but there are still some who need the complete touch of the Master. Pray with us concerning revival. May God bless each of our brethren in Christ.

Frank Arnall—Pastor

Cave Springs, Arkansas

It has been some time since we have sent in a report. God has been very good to us here at Cave Springs. We have had a very good summer. Thanksgiving week we were blessed with a good revival conducted by Bro. & Sis. Roland Busch. The preaching was outstanding and God blessed in a wonderful way. Sis. Tammy Oakes assisted with the music, and with her musical talent was a blessing to us. We look forward to a good year in 1979 and wish the same for you and yours.

A. W. Ferguson—Pastor

West Purcell Apostolic Faith Church

We are very thankful for the great love and mercy of our God, He is so mindful of all humanity, even of the very least of us.

So glad for His precious word, for it is the road map from earth to heaven, and it will surely lead us aright. Psalms 119:105 says, "Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Heb. 10:35,36, tells us "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For you have need of patience, that after you have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." So thankful God truly is a present help in every time of need, and we have found Him to be so, down through the years and so thankful He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Have had to dismiss a few services recently because of bad roads and weather, but the Lord has been present to bless when we meet together to worship Him in Spirit and in truth. For which we thank Him so much.

Pastor
Geo. Hintergardt

Midway Country Church

The fall months have been filled with work and Thanks to our Master. Testimonies of God's blessings and healings have been given and we give God all of the praise and glory. Bro. Bob Taylor has been bringing lessons on "The work of the Holy Spirit" for Wednesday evening Bible study. Some of our Sunday evening worship services we have had lessons on "Coping with problems of the closing age." These have been exceptionally enlightening.

A community Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed November 19th, at the activity building. After the bountiful meal a special program was presented by community churches. A Christmas program was presented December 17.

We are saddened by the passing of Sis. Ida Taggart, who was a member of our congregation the past several years. Ida had moved to Fritch, Texas to be near her daughter. She passed away December 1, 1978. Funeral services were held at Fritch, Texas, December 5. Ida attended the Apostolic Faith Bible School and was a dedicated Christian.

Rev. Bob Taylor—Pastor
Pauline Messner—Reporter

DEADLINE!!

Copy must be in by the 15th of the month to be in the next month's issue.

Pearls Of Promise

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

More News

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings from India!

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the manifold blessings received from the Lord during this year. The Lord is blessing us and the work is progressing. The boundaries of the churches have been extended and new souls have been added to the assemblies. Evangelists write to us from their stations in North India about the problems they have to face in those areas.

Our Bible College is in session with 36 students and five teachers. The Lord is blessing the classes. The second year students will graduate in March 1979. A few more church buildings have been built during this year and we thank all the dear ones who have helped us financially and with their prayers. We are also thankful to all the brothers and sisters who have contributed toward the flood relief in Andhra Pradesh. Our Convention at Secunderabad was scheduled for November 7 thru 12.

During February/March this year the Lord enabled Brother Abraham to visit our churches in the Arabian Gulf area and the Lord blessed his ministry in those places. It was also a great opportunity that Brother Abraham was able to visit Israel for 11 days in October and see the historically important places in the Holy Land.

By God's grace Valson was able to spend six weeks with us in August/September. Then he was privileged to spend a few days in Hong Kong, Japan and Korea. We know that you dear ones pray for Valson and Laly as they continue their studies at the Fuller Theological Seminary at Pasadena, California. Our girls are also just fine and convey their regards to you all.

We know that you all are praying for us and will continue to pray for us and help us as we carry on the work here in India. Our dear Brother Marcus and Sister Mary Adair of Canyon, Texas are always behind us encouraging and helping us in the work we are doing for the Lord. We can only say a BIG Thank you for everything you are doing for us. May the good Lord bless and reward you abundantly and strengthen your hands to do more for the work here in India. Your help for the work will be greatly appreciated.

With Christian love and regards,
Yours in His Service in India,
Bro. & Sis. T. S. Abraham

Dear and Most Precious Friends,

How wonderful to think of '78 being such a blessed year, although neither one is scarcely able to go or do hardly anything. The entire year was spent trying to help everyone we could. Many sick needing help; lives discouraged; homes breaking up; kids going to the devil. It's sad the way so many lives are in despair. Every letter we try to write helpful encouragement, to comfort hearts, encourage faith, strengthen everyone we can. My, what would the year have been without YOU, your prayers, and help.

We can't find suitable words to say THANK YOU for what YOU have meant to us through 1978. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR PRAYERS and so greatly appreciated help.

With WORLD conditions, who can tell if we will have another JOYFUL and HAPPY Christmas in 1979. Looking forward for greater things done in HIS SERVICE and in the meantime, keep watching the cloud, Mark 13:26—surely won't be long.

Thank God for YOU. YOUR LOVE and PRAYERS have made it possible to carry on in HIS service since August 8, 1912. Still doing all we can for the KINGDOM. THANKING YOU again for YOUR help and prayers that made it possible to carry this wonderful glorious GOSPEL message from California to Virginia - Michigan to the Gulf. Thank you for all your prayers and help again. As ever yours in His LOVE and SERVICE.

Evangelist Homer & Pearl Coberly

65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Sol Getz of Overton, Texas celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on December 25, 1978. Helping them to celebrate in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Mildred Day and husband, were Mrs. Sue Monn and husband and twin daughters of Brownwood, Texas, Mrs. Sandy Blevens and husband and three daughters of Florey Lake, Overton, Texas. They also have a daughter, Mrs. Bertha Hamilton and husband of Shattuck, Oklahoma. They have eight living grandchildren, twenty-six great-grandchildren. May God bless them with many more years together.



Rev. and Mrs. Amos Harris of Bayard, Nebraska are happy to announce the marriage of their son, Mark Amos Harris to Joan Kay Meier. Joan's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meier, also of Bayard. The wedding took place on November 11, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sunrise Hills Church. After a wedding trip to Mazatlan, Mexico, Mark and Joan are residing at 2914 19th in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.



NEW ARRIVALS

Bill and Rhonda Waggoner, Combs, Arkansas, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Kristal Lynae, born December 4, 1978. She weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sanger, Elmwood, Oklahoma, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Waggoner, Elkins, Arkansas. Kristal's great-grandparents include Mrs. Zana Yeakel, Elkins, Arkansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Waggoner of Roswell, New Mexico.

Duane and Margaret Cox of Columbus, Kansas are proud to announce the arrival of a new son, David Benjamine. He was born December 1, 1978. He was 20 inches long and weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. He has a big brother Nathaniel, 2 years old. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William D. Cox of Galena, Kansas and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Daniels, also of Galena, Kansas.

Duronda Dawn Manning came to bless the home of Danny and Patty Manning on December 12, 1978 at 8:07 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Arnold of Guymon, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Deal of May, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Deal of May, Oklahoma and Mrs. Audrey Baker, May, Oklahoma.

Jerry and Lavanda Barker announce the birth of a new baby girl, Julie Marie, on November 21, 1978. She weighed 8 lbs. 1/2 oz., and was 21 inches long. Julie has a sister, Kristal and a brother Stephen. The paternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Winston Barker, and maternal grandparents are Don and Opal Russell. Great-grandparents are Ermal and Fern Barker, Wilma Russell, and Julia Roy.

Gene and Carol Fowler, Big Spring, Texas, are blessed with the birth of a new son, Kirk Evan. He was born November 9, 1978 in the Edin Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boyd of Leaky, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Fowler, Andrews, Texas, and Mrs. Ruby Fowler, Big Spring, Texas. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Long, Synder, Texas, Mrs. J. J. Langford, Big Springs, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Massey of Utopia, Texas.

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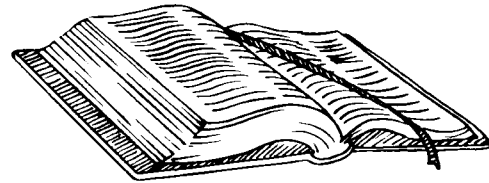
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Another Day

As I come to this the close of another day,
Have I done my best for you—to show someone else the way?

Could I have taken the time—someones cries to heed?
Could I have given of myself to a soul in need?
Could I have caused some sorrowing one to smile?
Could I have gone a little farther—just another mile?
Could I have spread some sunshine along the dreary way?
Could I have given a little more—a debt to repay?
Could I have helped someone up when they have fallen down?
Could I have had a brighter smile to replace a frown?
Could I have made a door, when closed, to open very wide?
Could I have shown more love and my displeasure hide?
Could I have helped carry the burden of a heavy load?
Could I have made smoother a rough and rocky road?
If I have failed, there is only one thing I can say.
The opportunity now is gone—as is forever this day.

Jeanie Mullins



Mrs. HonorLue Grimmer

Funeral services for Mrs. HonorLue "Lue" Grimmer, Hardesty, Oklahoma, was held on December 15, 1978 at 10 a.m. at the Mission Church of the Apostolic Faith in Hardesty, Oklahoma. Rev. Jack Cornell officiated at the service with Rev. Bill Patterson assisting. Mrs. Leon Lathman sang "God's Family" and "Sheltered in the Arms of Jesus" accompanied by Mrs. Ron Jackson. Mrs. Jack Cornell was the organist.

Grandson's were pallbearers, with burial being in Hartville Cemetary, Hardesty, Okalhoma.

Mrs. Grimmer was born June 10, 1904 in Mountain View, Oklahoma and married Frank L. Grimmer in 1920 at Spearman, Texas. The couple had lived in Hardesty since their marriage. They attended the Apostolic Faith Church in Hardesty, Oklahoma.

She is survived by her husband Mr. Frank Grimmer, a daughter, Mrs. Fleta Werner of Guymon, three sons, Billy of Auburn, California; the Rev. Lealand Grimmer of Perryton, Texas, and Aubrey of Gallup, New Mexico, a sister, Mrs. Jewel Morris of Nederland, Texas; three brothers Jay Hale and Marlin Hale of Hardesty, Oklahoma, and Paul Hale of Liberal, Kansas; and 12 grandchildren.

THE GREAT DEEP

by Carson Perry

When you read your bible, do you ever start at the very beginning? If so, do you have any idea of what it's talking about? Let's see if you do.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Now as I see it without form and void suggests that there was no form of life of any kind either plant or animal. And darkness was upon the face of the deep. What was the deep? And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Do you think it was the ocean that it's talking about? Well let's just see how wrong you are, if that's what you think and I suspect that most people do, if they have as much as given it a thought, because in my lifetime, I've never talked to anyone who did know what it was.

I believe if we study our bible carefully and reverently, seeking to learn what it really teaches, without trying to make it say what some Theologian's doctrine says it does, that the Holy Spirit will show us many things that will simply amaze us.

Now let's go on down to the sixth verse. And God said let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament and it was so. Well now just what was this firmament? Well the eighth verse says God called the firmament heaven. Well if we study this very carefully we find that it isn't speaking of the place where God's Throne is but the sky which is often referred to as the heavens. Now the ninth verse says, and God said, let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear, and it was so. Tenth verse says and God called the dry land earth; and the gathering together of the waters He called seas. Now here was the earth composed of continents and oceans or land and seas. Above it was this huge body of water up there above the heavens in space completely surrounding the earth spinning around the earth just as the satellites do in our time. Now if the earth was completely surrounded by this body of water known as the great deep, spinning around up there in space, with the sun shining down on this water, that would cause the whole earth to be one huge hot house. Well let's see if it was. Now in the third chapter of Genesis and tenth verse and eleventh verse we find that Adam and Eve were naked. Now I'm convinced that if they had been cold they would of wrapped something around them to protect and keep them warm if for no other reason. We also hear about mammoth elephants whose bodies have been found up near the north pole completely preserved as though they were quick frozen while they were grazing. Well we know that elephants are native to a hot climate. If the whole earth was a hot house that would account for them being up toward the north pole, but what would account for them being quick frozen.

Well we'll have to read a little farther to find the answer to that one. Now turn to the seventh chapter of Genesis and the eleventh verse, and we read, In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month the seventeenth day of the month the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up and the windows of heaven were opened.

And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. So you see when God was ready to bring the flood upon the earth all He did was cause this huge body of water to slow up in its spinning around the earth and allow the earth's gravity to pull it down. I suppose in order to protect Noah and the land also God caused it to slow gradually taking forty days and nights to completely come down. And the windows of heaven were opened and the sun shone upon the earth directly for the first time. Now I would assume that if the earth was turning toward the east as the water fell on it, the water would shift more toward the poles where the cold from outer space could now reach the earth and cause it to freeze.

I suppose most people believe that it was raindrops from clouds that brought about the flood, so let's think about that for a moment. If it would pour down rain at the rate of a foot an hour, that would be some rain. But in forty days and forty nights that would be just nine hundred sixty feet deep. At ten feet every hour that would be nine thousand six hundred. And even that would not cover the highest mountains. You see it took an awful lot of water, but the great deep had it. If you will study the scriptures mentioned here I think it's just as clear as can be what the Great Deep was.

Isn't it interesting? There are many other things just as interesting if we will only study them with an unbiased view and just let the Holy Spirit reveal them to us.

"We never know another's pain;

We only feel our own.

We never know real loneliness

Until we're left alone.

Too oft, it seems, our real concern

Is just our selfish gain,

And so we often shut our eyes

To someone Else's pain."

E. Jay Ritter

The **POWER** of PRAYER

To All My Dear Friends In Christ:

I would like to express my sincere and deep gratitude to all of you that prayed with me for my closest friend (which is more like a sister) Vi Harper when she had to have open heart surgery.

"Blessed Assurance—Jesus is mine, Oh what a foretaste of glory divine.

Heir of salvation purchased of God, born of His spirit washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song praising my Saviour all the day long,

This is my story, this is my song praising my Saviour all the day long."

This song will always mean alot to me as Vi called me the next morning after the doctor had a talk with her and her husband, Gerald, about the open heart surgery, singing this song. I tell you it was so pretty and sweet and you felt the definite positive feeling as she sang. O I tell you the Lord is good. Doctor said there was absolutely no chance to survive without the surgery and her odds were the worst they could be for this type of surgery. If you ask me a pretty black picture in the natural but Thanks be to God it takes just "One Touch of the Masters Hand."

On October 13, 1977 she had a massive heart attack—myocardial infarction, three cardiac arrests, the fourth cardiac arrest at their home on December 5, 1977. Doctor told the family he had done everything that was possible to do for her,—now it was left up to someone bigger than him. Well Praise the Lord a miracle was performed. The good Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever and the days of miracles are not over. Doctor said one in five hundred live after having the type of heart attack she had. During this past year she has witnessed to many hundreds of people and believe me the devil has fought her continually. Also about three or four weeks before her last trip to the hospital on October 31, 1978 she had three different speaking engagements at the hospital for the three different shifts on her out of body experience and on death and dying. The Lord really has blessed her at all her speaking engagements. The first part of this year the article of her healing miracle and out of body experience with her picture was in our paper. I know many of you read this and was blessed. So you see why this miracle of her coming through the open heart surgery is all over the hospital. I have been to Oklahoma, and several other speaking engagements with her. She tells of her salvation, healing miracle and her out of body experience and she has always said she was not afraid to die. Those days before she went in for surgery she practiced what she preached—she was face to face with death—and she was never afraid—Oh how beautiful it was.

One year, one month and three days later on November 16, 1978 she had a 6½ hour open heart surgery and has four by-passes. Gerald was told by the surgical nurse that as she was warming Vi's heart after surgery it started on its own accord. Very few start on their own accord, they have to be shocked back to beating. Doctors were amazed. And also said she was starting to heal before she left the surgery room. Isn't that just like Jesus.

The surgeon came in the room where Gerald and all the family members, myself and two of Vi's good friends were and told him about the surgery, and said everything went beautiful. Tears of joy was shed and Thanksgiving was given the Lord for His protecting hand over Vi. I know the Lord has some more work for her to do for Him. And believe me she is so thankful to the Lord—right now in the hospital she is witnessing for Him. I wish everyone could hear her give her sermonette—it is really good and the presence of the Lord has been in everyone to bless people, there are no dry eyes in the congregation.

The Lord has given her such sweet peace, assurance, courage—in fact she encouraged many people who cried and was so upset because she had to have this surgery. The Lord gave me assurance that she was going to make it through the surgery also and money cannot buy that. As you walk into her hospital room the presence of the Lord is felt so sweet. Her Doctor said he has never seen such courage and confidence in any of his patients in a long, long time as he seen in Vi. And as the days went by and it got closer to the day, his confidence was built up each day as he visited her and by the day she went in for surgery, he was confident too she was going to make it. When Jesus takes over and works in a persons life like He has Vi's it is the most wonderful, outstanding sweet experience. The surgeon let the family in to see her an hour after surgery, two at a time. She was awake and knew each one of us but could not talk.

Several of the nurses have told me she is doing things and mending quicker than open heart surgery patients ordinarily do. The Lord does make a difference between them that serve Him and those that don't.

Another touching thing about Vi's surgeon is that the morning of surgery, he told her God was going to guide his hands as he operated. Thank the Lord for surgeons like this.

Vi and I met eleven years ago this coming January 6, 1979 at 3:30 p.m. I was in St. Joseph Hospital also. six months after my sweet dear mother passed away, I landed in the hospital. I was at my lowest ebb spiritually, mentally, physically and financially—did not want to live. Those six months were horrible. But the good Lord is mindful of us through the good and bad of our life. Vi was the nurse that took care of me at this time. She was definitely my "God Send." As she came into my hospital room she was not walking on the floor but was about 12 inches off the floor and there was the most beautiful glow she was engulfed in. Her smile and tender look in her eyes I will never forget. She was an angel of the Lord He sent to me. As she came to my bed and touched me on the shoulder—there was such warmth you just can't explain it. She did not know any of this until I was out of the hospital and I called her one day. I know the Lord caused our paths to cross.

To me Vi is and always will be very, very, special. She has helped me in so many ways. What an inspiration she is to me. She is just one in a million.

Read Psa. 91—Psa. 23—Psa. 37:3,4,5,6, and first part of verse 7 says "Rest IN The LORD"—This is very important for us all to do each day of our lives. "Only one life t'will soon be past, only whats done for Christ will last."

I am very thankful to the Lord—He is a good God. He sticketh closer than a brother and is a present help in everytime of need. His grace is sufficient and He said He will never leave us nor forsake us but go with us all the way even to the end of the world.

I know He is coming soon and I want to hear Him say "Well done thou good and faithful servant." I like the saying I saw on one of the City employees desk—"Don't give up on me—God is not through with me yet." I want to be clay in the potters hand, so He can mold me and make me what He wants me to be.

May God Bless you each and everyone is my prayer. Thank you again. We all are brothers and sisters in Christ. Continue to pray for Vi through her convalescing days and her adjusting time.

Yours in Christ,
Marsena "SENIE" Mahan

THE STANDARD

Lift up the standard, wave the banner high,
Sow the precious seed, to those that march by.
Spread the songs of praise, to GOD and to the Lamb,
Behold the LORD thy GOD, in all the land.
HE careth for you always, though poor rich or fame,
HIS name will bring you joy, and always be the same.

Your sorrows HE bears for you,
Assurance steadfast, always bearing HE is true,
The gentle kindly word of hope,
And songs so dear of peace, man cannot cope.
It is the pure water from above, that refreshes,
GOD'S grace, mercy and care, is so precious.

Hold HIS hand though dark the night may be,
GOD leads you through to vic-to-ry.
He'll bear you up on wings of love,
The way, the truth, life from above.
For time cannot lengthen day of man,
Only GOD in HIS great grace, extends the span.

Trust HIM with all that is in thee,
All Glory and praise to the Lamb.
For GOD'S Spirit is hope and joy with in,
Through JESUS CHRIST, you are born again.
By faith and comfort, the GOSPEL so dear,
It is the power of GOD, to keep you from fear.

Looking unto JESUS CHRIST, the SAVIOUR of man,
Who in the HOLY WORD, has the perfect plan.
Love sing and trust, try to please GOD,
The heavenly way, will bear fruit from the sod.
Lighting our lives, with love joy and peace,
In all the years will never cease.

JESUS saith unto him, I am the way, the truth,
and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the
west, and HIS glory from the rising of the sun
When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the
SPIRIT of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.
And the redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that
turn from transgression in Jacob saith the LORD.

Isaiah, 59:19,20

By Opal Townsend Ferry

Arise, my child, awaken
Come and meet the Lord.
He is gently calling,
Speaking to your heart.

His glory is round about you,
His angels stand close by.
Come into His presence.
Come and touch the sky.

Oh, the glory that awaits you,
You have never seen.
When you meet with Jesus,
You shall believe . . .

All the stories that you've heard of Him.
You'll know to be true
And the angels in heaven shall rejoice over you.

How He loves you and needs you to let Him within.
He will give you such joy and cleanse you from sin.

Can't you feel Him? He's asking,
Please let me in.
Consider Him very carefully,
He may not ask again.

Don't hesitate, say "Yes Lord."
"I need you within."
My life alone is empty, and cluttered with sin."

Then a voice came to me and said,
"Here I am."
And the angels rejoiced
By the Blood of the Lamb.

Jesus, Jesus, you have
washed me as snow.
You have given me love and
joy that overflows.

How I missed you, not knowing
you could fill the void.
Lord Jesus, you are perfect joy.
Karen Pletcher

Watchman What of the Night? I hear my master say,
I pause and think what have I done?
Perhaps I failed to pray, or maybe I have neglected some
soul along life's way.
For very, very often I hear a still voice say,
Watchman What of the Night?

Lord Jesus now awaken me and let me see more clearly
what you would have me say and do,
Never let me shirk my duty,
So when you say again to me
Watchman What of the Night?

Let my voice ring clear and true,
All is well, here master I'm standing guard for you,
And let me feel the smile of God as I stand fast for my Lord,
And always keeping him in sight as he gently says to me,
Watchman What of the Night?

WATCHMAN WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

Ollie Summerford



THE CHURCH

Jesus said, "I will build my church." Matt. 16:18. He built it. Eph. 2:19-22 and I Pet. 2:5.

Description

It has a solid foundation. Eph. 2:20.

It has a great high wall, Isa. 20:1, Zech. 2:5 and Rev. 21:12-17.

It has a door, John 10:7-9, Continually open, Rev. 3:7-8.

It has a head (Ruler) Eph. 1:22, Col. 1:18, Eph. 5:23.

It has a name, Acts 20:28, I Cor. 1:2, I Cor. 10:32, I Cor. 11:22, II Cor. 1:1, Gal. 1:13, I Tim. 3:5-15.

It is built together, Eph. 2:22.

It is fitly framed together, Eph. 2:21.

It is fitly joined together, Eph. 4:16.

It is knit together, Col. 2:2.

It has no creed, I Cor. 12:25, Heb. 12:22-23.

It is founded on a rock, Matt. 16:18.

It will stand forever, Dan. 2:44, Heb. 12:28.

Its support—Tithes and Offerings, Lev. 27:30-33, Mal. 3:8-10, Matt. 23:23.

Its form of worship, 1 Cor. 14:26, Heb. 10:25.

Members

To be a member, "Must be born again," John 3:8, Psalm 87:5, I Cor. 12:18.

Their names—"Christians," Acts 11:26.

The Signs of a Christian

Prayer, Matt. 6:6, Acts 9:11.

Preaching, Mark 1:14, and 16:15, Rom. 10:8.

Healing, Matt. 10:7-8, Mark 16:15-18, James 5:14, Psalms 91.

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If my life were full of sunshine
With never a rainy day
I wonder how I'd greet my Lord
And Just how much I'd pray.

And if all were peace and happiness
With never a stormy sea
I wonder would I live as close
And could He speak to me.

If my heart were never broken
And never a tear I'd shed
Would I search His Word for comfort
And let my soul be fed.

If through life I knew no sorrow
And If my body felt no pain
Would I long for heaven glory
And His coming back again.

My Father knows the answer
And He all my weakness sees
So perhaps He sends the stormy clouds
Just to drive me to my knees.

So that I may fully trust Him
Feel secure from all that harms
So that I may feel beneath me
His everlasting arms.

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