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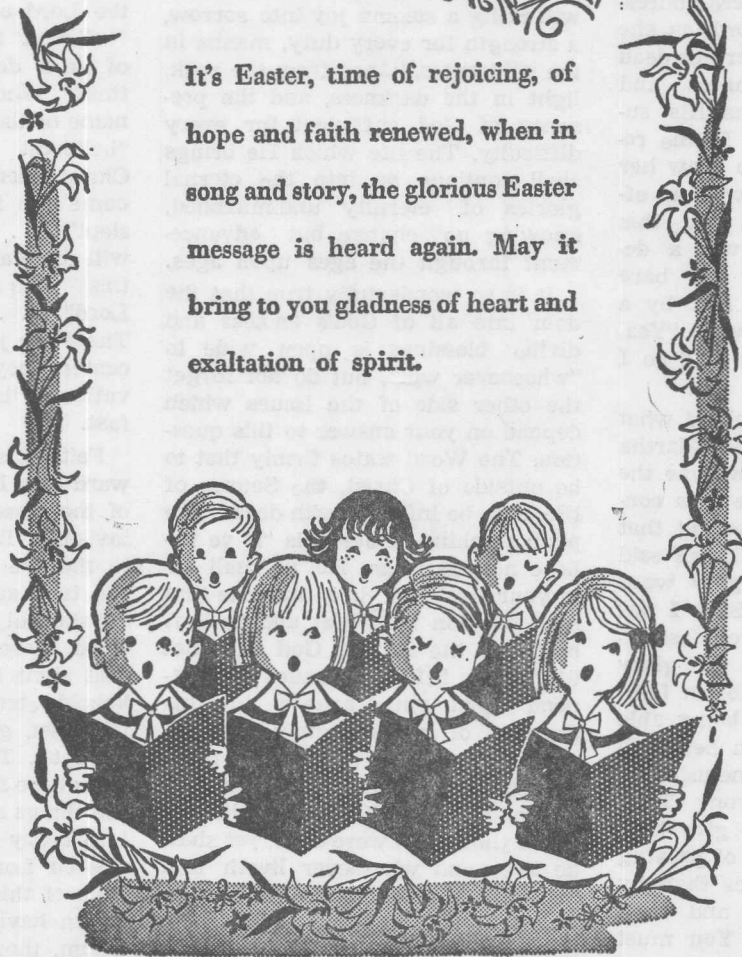
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An Easter Message

It's Easter, time of rejoicing, of hope and faith renewed, when in song and story, the glorious Easter message is heard again. May it bring to you gladness of heart and exaltation of spirit.



BELIEVEST THOU THIS?

Rev. Harrol Waterbury

Christ's resurrection as a fact, bears on the belief in a future state as nothing else can. It changes hope into certainty. The shadowy hopes of continuous life are molded into a solid certainty of resurrection life. It changes hopelessness, terror, and awe into joy, and opens up a future which is satisfying and complete.

Our faith does not rest upon vague stories, incomplete analogies and myths, but upon what has actually been done on this earth. Christ is the "first fruits" of them that slept. He arose from His slumber and brought order to the land of confusion.

The words of my text, as you will remember, John 11:26, were addressed to Martha by our Lord, as she was writhing in agony over her dead brother. With great calmness and majesty, Christ proclaims His supernatural character and Divine relation to life. He seeks to draw her from her absorbing sorrow to an effort of faith. He flashes out this sudden question which was a demand for credence on His bare word. The demand was met by a swift, unfaltering answer "Yea, Lord," I believe in Thee, and so I believe in Thy Word.

Let me ask you to think of what depended upon her answer. Martha had to believe that Christ was the Resurrection and the Life as a condition precedent to her seeing that He was so. For, as He Himself said before He spoke the mighty word which raised Lazarus, "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?" Jn. 11:40, and so her faith was the condition of the being able to verify the facts which her faith grasped. The logical conclusion is just this: a man gets from Christ what he trusts Christ to give him, and there is no other way of proving the truth of His promises than by accepting His promises, and then they fulfill themselves. You must first "taste" before you "see that God is good." Faith verifies itself by the experience it brings.

Notice just for a moment what immediately precedes this text.

and the Life", Jn. 11:25. Then He declares that it is possible for Him to communicate to dying and dead men a life which triumphs over death and which shall exist after the superficial experience which we christen by the name "death". Also He declares that the condition on which He, the life giver, gives of His eternal life to dying men is their trust in Him. "Believest thou this?"

If your answer is the ringing "Yea, Lord!", then you will get a life which will quicken you out of your deadness, a life which will mold you day by day, in the beauty of holiness to a character which is in conformity with Himself; a life of sweetness, charm, and dignity, a life which will bring a solemn joy into sorrow, a strength for every duty, manna in the wilderness, honey from the rock, light in the darkness, and the presence of God sufficient for every difficulty. The life which He brings shall continue on into the eternal glories of eternity undiminished, knowing no change but advancement through the ages upon ages.

It is so wonderfully true that the door into all of God's endless and divine blessings is open wide to "whosoever will", but do not forget the other side of the issues which depend on your answer to this question. The Word states firmly that to be outside of Christ, the Source of life, is to be infected with death. The plain teaching of Jesus is "if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins", Jn. 8:24, and "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life", I Jn. 5:12. The issues that depend upon your answer to this question of my text may be summed up by taking the words of the Lord and reversing them to their opposite. He said "He that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.", Jn. 11:25-26. The implication is, he that believeth NOT in Christ, though he were living, yet shall he die, and whosoever liveth and believeth NOT shall never live. These are the real issues that depend on your answer to this question.

Indeed, the question comes to us all. These are days of unsettlement with the obvious fluctuations of contemporary opinion. There seems to be no clear understanding of what is the IRREDUCIBLE MINIMUM of Christian teaching which constitutes the fundamental truths of Christianity, the very heart and core of the Gospel, faith in which makes a Christian.

Let me expand the question for you. "He that hath the Son hath life" . . . "believest thou this?" This is the will of God, even your sanctification" . . . "believest thou this?" "And it will come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh:" . . . "believest thou this?" "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:" . . . "believest thou this?" "The wages of sin is death" . . . "believest thou this?" Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" . . . "believest thou this?" "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept" . . . "believest thou this?" "I will come again" . . . "believest thou this?" "So shall we ever be with the Lord" . . . "believest thou this?" These are just samples of the living center, they mean your eternal salvation. I beseech you, hold them fast.

Faith is sight, the sight of the inward eye. It is the direct perception of the unseen. It sees Him who is invisible. The vision which is given to the eye of faith is more real in the true sense of that word, more substantial in the true sense of that word, more reliable and nearer than that sight by which the bodily eye beholds eternal things. We see, when we trust, greater things than when we look. The blessing of blessings is that the faith which triumphs over the things seen and temporal, brings into every life the presence of the unseen Lord. The Word gives the echo of this promise. "Jesus Christ: whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your soul." "Believest thou this?"

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Associate Editor

Dear Readers of the Apostolic
Faith Report:

This is the date line to get in my remarks for the report, and here I am over in Taneyville, Mo., in a revival. The Lord is blessing. There has been a lot of sickness as hindrance, plus a snow storm that blocked one night's service. Yet the attendance has been good. There have been four saved and many other hungry hearts. We are to continue here this week.

Saturday night a large group (about 30) young people and adults came to this revival from Joplin which was a real boost for us. Saturday and Sunday nights the church was well filled.

The Joplin church is really doing good. We have one class of study in Revelation with interest way up and on Wednesday nights we are in a chart study that too proves high in interest and value.

The good Lord is leading us all on and we feel encouraged in His work. Sunday morning Bro. and Sis. Eldon Graves brought their new daughter, Brenda, forward for dedication. This was indeed a sweet service.

I wish you would read Acts 3:19-

We find some very wonderful scripture recorded in Luke 24:5B, "... why seek ye the living among the dead?" Jesus makes this remark in the book of John, 11:25, "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live:" we find the whole chapter of I Cor. 15 deals with resurrection. We find the 11th chapter of Hebrews, verse 35, "... not accepting deliverance: that they might obtain better resurrection."

Jesus said for this purpose (my death and resurrection) came I unto his world. Is He alive? Why did He die?

To many people in this world Christ is still dead. The angel ask the question, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?"

I am afraid too many of us are seeking Christ among the dead things of the world. The world doesn't know Him in reality. They have never felt His presence. They do not know what it means to enter into a closet and close the door and wait on Him until the blessings come. You mention to men today about praying through to real victory and it is a mystery to them. He is not a real experience in their lives, so they are seeking for Him among the dead things of life.

Christ said I am the resurrection;

23. Here we have and are informed of the need of repentance—deep and sincere. Then we read—when the times of refreshing shall come. Do we not all hunger for the overflowing wells of eternal salvation—for the holy cleansing fire and Blood of Jesus that gives us sanctification definite, with a real knowledge thereof. It is most gracious that the Holy Ghost can fill us and seal

*Pens
of the
Editors*



I am the life. It was necessary for Him to die before He could rise with victory over death, giving us the hope of a resurrection with Him.

This is our hope. This resurrection. He arose in victory! He arose as conqueror! He arose that we might have new life. This wonderful 15th chapter of I Cor. tells us of our hope. Men then would not accept deliverance that they might have a better resurrection. They were willing to give their lives for that hope which they had in Christ. Are we ready to die with Him? If so, we shall also reign with Him.

"Why seek ye the living among the dead," "I am the resurrection and life." Oh! What hope! A life here after. This is the reason He came. This is the reason He died, that we might LIVE. Are you ready to live? You must die to self desires and pleasures first, giving all to Christ.

This is a wonderful time of the Year. May we look to Him as our resurrected Christ, alive for evermore.

May we thank each and every one for the continued support of the Report. We ask an interest in your prayers that the Lord will give knowledge, wisdom, and guidance for this work.

Howard Whiteley

us, preparing us for the soon coming of Jesus, the one whom the heavens retain until all the mighty words of holy prophets are fulfilled. Indeed these words are being fulfilled in war and gloom and distress of nations. They are also being fulfilled in a church that moves forward and upward to the

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Children's Hour . . .

— Kathryn Cornell



BAD WEATHER'S DECISION

By Luella Keener

Bad Weather was the name of a young Creole boy who lived in Haiti. It is the custom of the Haitian Creole people to name a baby after something that happens at the time the baby is born. As it was very stormy when this boy was born, his parents named him Bad Weather.

"Bad Weather! Where are you?"

Bad Weather looked up from the book he was reading as he heard his father calling. He listened to his father coming through the bamboo clump muttering, "I'll find him... Oh, there you are. What are you doing sitting here on the wood pile? What's that in your hand?"

"It's — it's the Gospel of John — a part of the Bible," Bad Weather stammered. "I got it at the Bible class when I received Jesus into my heart as my Saviour."

"I told you to stop believing in Jesus," roared Father. "Let me see that book."

Fearfully Bad Weather handed his precious Gospel of John to his father. How he wished Father weren't always so angry with him. Father had always had a bad temper, but he seemed to be worse since Bad Weather had told him he had let Jesus come into his heart.

Like most of the other Creole people of Haiti, Bad Weather's father could not read. Now he just stared at the cover of the book and growled, "It's a poison book. The priest said poison books were coming into our country."

"No Father, it's not a poison book," insisted Bad Weather. It's God's Book. It tells about Jesus who died for our sins that we might be saved and have a home in heaven. Father, God loves you—"

"Stop. You can't tell me anything," ordered Father. "You're the only boy in the whole village who can read. But I didn't send you to read poison books. I'll go to the men of authority to see whether or not this is a poison book."

Bad Weather sat watching his father shuffle along the path that led to the house of the priest. As his father went out of sight, Bad Weather prayed that God would help him not to be afraid of his father. Then he just sat and waited. Before long his father came puffing back up the path. Shaking the book at Bad Weather, he shouted, "This is a poison book. The priest said so, and the witch-doctor said so." He ripped the little book into pieces.

Bad Weather's eyes filled with tears and his heart ached as he watched his father tramp angrily away.

That night Bad Weather could not sleep. "I must know more about God's Book. I want to read it all." How would he ever get another Gospel, even? Praying that God would help him get another book he finally fell asleep.

All the rest of the week Bad Weather waited patiently for the next Bible class. Finally the day came. And after the class the teacher gave him another Gospel of John!

That evening Bad Weather had just gone to the woodpile to read when he heard his father coming after him. "Bad Weather! You must come with the rest of us. It is time to contact the spirits—Ha, you've got another book. How dare you disobey me." He slapped Bad Weather hard. He grabbed the little Gospel and tore it to pieces.

"Oh, Father," sobbed Bad Weather. "You don't understand. It's a good book. And it's true. It tells us that God sent His Son into the world to die for our sins—"

"Oh, oh, oh," Father screamed, "he has an evil spirit in him." He pulled his hair and wailed. "We will all get sick and die. The animals will die. Oh, oh, oh."

"Father, don't be afraid. Believe in Jesus. He'll protect you from the

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Birthday Calendar

MARCH

- 4. JOHNNIE RAY
- 4. MIKE WELSH
- 5. LINDA SMITH
- 6. JERRI JUNE MORRIS
- 11. RENE HAINES
- 12. LINDA PHARES
- 15. DIANNA HIGGINS
- 19. MARILYN COOLEY
- 20. SANDRA MILLIGAN
- 21. KATHY McLEOD
- 23. KEVIN THEILEN
- 24. GINGER ADAIR
- 24. LACHELLE WHITELEY
- 24. KAYLA DOLL
- 28. TIMMY BARKER
- 28. TODD BERRY



TEACHING THE LESSON

Effective Christian teaching is the results of the Holy Spirit's empowerment. But, the Holy Spirit is more likely to use the teacher who has a practical knowledge of good teaching techniques. **Training is essential.** Yet, unless there has been careful, prayerful, Spirit-guided preparation, teaching is likely to be fruitless. Training only provides the necessary framework of reference and establishes the basic knowledge, attitudes, and skills of the teacher.

The actual preparation and teaching of a lesson can be approached with confidence if the general aims, objectives, and principles of teaching are clearly understood. Having given adequate time, prayer, and thought to planning the work, the final step for the teacher is to work the plan. **Prayer and preparation determine whether the teaching of a lesson will be drudgery or joy,** and children are quick to sense if it is a drudgery to the teacher.

LESSON INTRODUCTION

The teacher's first sentences may determine the success or failure of the entire lesson. Upon the spirit and method of the opening attack rest the results that follow.

Most students are absorbed with interests other than the Sunday School lesson. How can the teacher draw in the minds and create the right attitude in the student? Arouse genuine interest with a current news event story or illustration, or with reports from assignments given. A well-told story can arouse and sustain attention or a picture or object will gain immediate response.

With your introduction of the les-

son be sure to relate it to the previous lessons. It must be so related in order to interest the pupil and increase his understanding. It will help to orient the pupil if he knows just what place today's lesson has in relationship to the entire story of the Bible.

Your review procedures should be varied and fresh. And never feel that you are wasting time with review as more **REAL** progress can be made in the next 30 minutes after 5 of reviewing with a point of contact than in 35 minutes unrelated to other lessons.

LESSON DEVELOPMENT

"Well begun is half done." As the teacher presents the lesson, he must remember that "one does not actually teach unless some one learns something." The best test is now what the teachers says, but what the students remember.

The question method may be the most effective in stimulating the pupils to think. Anyone who teaches through the use of questions must keep his outline clearly in mind. The pupils should be able to sense the development and progress of the thought patterns of the lesson.

Encourage your students to "tell back" points of the lesson covered. Adults profit greatly by this and with children it is essential. It is worth infinitely more to a pupil to tell some truth, even in a broken, bungling way, than to have you tell it beautifully and eloquently. **when he can tell it, he knows it.** Trying to tell it makes an imprint on his mind while he may hear you tell it many times without knowing it.

Then the teacher should lead the

class to face specific situations in which they need to practice the Christian ideal. This will result in growth in grace. They must be able to apply it to their lives or they will receive no benefit from your efforts of teaching.

LESSON CONCLUSION

The lesson should **NEVER END ABRUPTLY.** The last 3 to 5 minutes should be unhurried and prayerful, "drawing in the net" of the Bible truths taught.

Consider these points at the close

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How Others Do It

OBJECT LESSON

"CARTONOLOGY"

Use different packages for illustration of your different points.

We are God's packages, our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost. If a company can't improve the product, they improve the package. Packages can be deceptive. They can make the people want the product.

PENNY BANK

For a project lasting three months or one quarter, the large penny bank should be used. Cut from gold paper with backing a number of coin-shaped pieces. On these, letter the names of the members of the class. When the pupil enters Sunday School he deposits the coin with his name in the bank. Whenever he brings a visitor, he deposits an extra coin with his name in the penny bank. An award is given to the one having the most coins at the end of the contest.

NEWS from the CHURCHES

FOLLETT, TEXAS—

We enjoyed a wonderful revival that lasted two weeks in the month of January. Rev. Harrol Waterbury was the evangelist assisted by Carolyn Quesenbury, Wilma Glidden, and Sandra Bachler. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way and many were blessed with the good sermons and songs.

The last Sunday morning we enjoyed a wonderful spirit filled service as we joined in the Lord's supper. In this service we witnessed the salvation of two souls, Mr. and Mrs. Don Haines.

We are still rejoicing as this same revival spirit continues to burn. Pray for us that this may be the beginning of a harvest of many souls.

Jack Cornell, pastor

UNION CHAPEL CHURCH—

We are glad to report we are enjoying the wonderful blessings of God. We had two saved on Christmas night and others are being blessed. Bro. F. E. Waterbury was with us one night and showed the pictures he had taken on his trip to the Holy Land. Also Bro. and Sis. Elmer Miller were with us for one service. We enjoyed so much having these ministers visit us. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Clanton conducted a revival for us beginning the 1st of February and God blessed in a wonderful way.

Onal Nunn, pastor

CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS—

We desire the prayers of all that the will of the Lord might be done in securing a pastor for our church. Bro. Bill Yeakel and Bro. and Sis. Roy Townsend are filling in for us.

Kerneth Bright, reporter

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA—

Our Sunday School attendance has increased in the past month, but our night services need a boost. We have our final church plans and hope we can complete the financing soon so that we can begin building before the one year extension expires that was given us by the planning commission last September.

We are very thankful to God for sending Dennis and Ginger Huff to Modesto to be co-laborers with us. We are looking forward to working together with the church and trust God will use us to His glory. Your prayers for the church here are always greatly appreciated.

Ross Briles, pastor

PAMA, TEXAS—

We enjoy receiving the Report and enclose herewith an offering from our church for the paper. We do appreciate the hard work that goes into putting it out each month.

We have been having wonderful services here, and we are so thrilled to report that seven have been saved in our services the past two Sundays. Four of these were young people who have just begun to attend our church. Three were children. We are so glad that God is able to reach the hearts of people of every age.

We have started having a weekly fast and prayer day with regular visitation every two weeks, and feel that our efforts have shown good results. We are looking forward to a revival in the near future, and we feel that God has already started a revival in our hearts. We praise Him for it.

Mrs. Paul Simmons, reporter
Amos Harris, pastor

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—

Since our last report the Lord has blessed us with another soul saved, a larger building with an attached parsonage, plus many spirit filled services. The Lord has undertaken in a wonderful way and we have seen many victories on every hand. We desire the prayers of the Christian people for the work here and that we may see something accomplished for the Lord.

We have had some wonderful workings and healings from the Lord in our services here. They have asked us to stay and pastor the church. We would ask the people of this movement to pray and get a burden for this new work and also other new works that the gospel might be established and more new churches started. Please remember us that the Lord will bless and work in this place.

Raymond and Eleanor Whaley,
pastors, 711 Ogden, Las Vegas, Nev.

AMARILLO, TEXAS—

God is blessing in the church. We have much to praise Him for and are enjoying our new building. We have started fixing the old auditorium into classrooms.

In the near future Sis. Mary Adair is going to conduct a series of lessons on Sunday School work. We feel this will help our Sunday School. During the month of April Bro. Ronnie Martin, Bro. Keith Barker, Bro. Delvin Wiles, and Bro. Dewey Flock are going to be here for a revival. We are praying that this will be a time that souls will be saved and Christians blessed by God.

Neil Ragan, pastor

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GALENA, KANSAS—

Once again we give God glory for all His blessings which He has been giving His people that call upon His name. He is standing by our side waiting for us to call upon Him that He might pour out bountiful blessings. We have been in a remodeling program for the past 6 weeks on the inside of the auditoriums. The annex has been completely refinished including new sheet-rock, window and door facings, etc. We express our appreciation to Mrs. Wade for the new lighting system which has also been installed and adds such a wonderful finish to our church. The inside has been repainted and we are now waiting for warm weather to arrive that our work on building our classrooms might begin. This is much needed as we presently have 5 classes convening in our auditorium.

Most of all we would like to thank the Lord for the spiritual growth which we have witnessed in our midst. This is the day in which we should strive to become rooted and grounded that in the day of trials ahead, we will not fail our God.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

BUCKHORN, TEXAS—

The church is enjoying revival services which began February 12th with Rev. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon as evangelists. The messages are going forth nightly with power and anointing. Several visitors from other churches in the area have been with us and are always welcome.

Larry Welsh, pastor

SNELL, MISSISSIPPI—

We feel that God is blessing us so greatly that we would be selfish not to share with you the good report of our work here in the Snell church. We have again accepted the pastorate of the church as no one else took it up. We have started a Tuesday night Bible study which is proving a blessing to the people. Our Sunday school attendance has reached between 25 and 35 regularly now. As some of you know we plan to build a new church in 1967. The old building is gone but we feel it has served a good purpose. Everyone is

working and worshipping together as becometh Christians. Please pray for us that we will let God have complete right of way in all our efforts for Him.

Dorothy Anderson, pastor

SHATTUCK, OKLAHOMA—

We are glad to report the blessings of the Lord in the work here at Shattuck. Recently we have again begun having a service on Sunday evenings for the youth of our church. Bro. and Sis. Malone are in charge. Interest is being shown for a class for preschoolers to be held at the same time, and we are praying that God will direct in this measure.

Sunday School attendance averages in the mid-twenties, with 28 attending last Sunday. Much illness has hindered our people during the winters months, but God has been near to answer prayer and has proved to be sufficient for every need.

We request the continued prayers of our friends for the church and community. It is evident that the opportunities are great for many around us are without God. Please help us pray for a revival in the near future.

L. J. Ehrlich, pastor
Earl Malone, Asst. Pastor

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO—

The Lord has really blessed the people here this new year. Bro. Homer Coberly was here for two or three services. It was a real blessing and many new victories were won. The young people and some adults attended a youth rally in Lovington which was very moving. The Lord has been very good to us all.

Julia Wilkerson, reporter
Jerome, Crowhurst, pastor

PERRYTON, TEXAS—

We are rejoicing over three young people who were saved in a Sunday night service recently. The Lord still honors His Word. New pews have been ordered to fill out the remainder of the auditorium, and the men are making plans to begin the finishing touches to our remodeling program. Everyone has marvelled at the way God has been with us in this. Surely His promise is still

true that "All things work together for good to them that love God and are the called according to His purpose.

Mrs. Bill Cornell, reporter
O. A. Busch, pastor

BIG SPRING, TEXAS—

It has been a long time since we have sent in a report, but the Lord has been very good to us here. Our church is growing spiritually as well as in number. We have been blessed in some special services recently. Bro. Dennis Huff held some services through the Christmas season which were enjoyed very much. This month Bro. Homer Coberly gave us a few services. Bro. S. B. Echols and Bro. Danny Clanton brought some wonderful messages from God as they were passing through. Also a missionary from India, Bro. S. D. Barnabas, preached for us two nights, and told us of some of the work he is doing in India and the way God is reaching those people over there.

Sister Myrtle Carney is still with us. She is working with our youth and helping in our church. Sister Dorothy Kinser is coming soon to be with us a while. I'm sure she will be a help and blessing to us here. We desire the prayers of all for us here that God will continue to bless here and see more saved and brought into the kingdom of God. All ministers of God are welcome to come by for services.

Eugene Raney, pastor

HUFFSMITH, TEXAS—

We have been working hard since the first of the New Year on our radio program and also in our church. This year affords a great many blessings for those interested in the gospel. We appreciate your faithfulness to the Lord in your responsibilities.

Bennie Stanberry, pastor

HINTON, ALABAMA—

We are glad to report the Lord has been very gracious to our church and community recently. Rev. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon held us a wonderful revival from January 4 thru the 22nd, and the Lord met with us in a gracious way with 5 souls saved. Two were saved

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just before the revival and 2 have been saved since. We are praying earnestly they will pray through to a real sanctified experience soon that they will be better able to stand for the Lord.

George Hintergardt, pastor

SPEARMAN, TEXAS —

We recently closed a revival meeting in the Apostolic Faith Church here with Rev. and Mrs. Roy Wooster, evangelist. Rev. and Mrs. Francis Dearing were in charge of the singing and she served as pianist. The Lord blessed in every service. Bro. Wooster preached under a deep anointing and the Dearings were a blessing to the meeting. A young man and his wife were soundly converted and some were sanctified and others gained definite victories.

Robert Girouard, pastor

WESTMINSTER, Colorado—

We are happy to report the church has been receiving the blessings of the Lord. Bro. James Jones is helping Bro. Taylor on Wednesdays to make house calls. We have seen some of these folks come to the house of God and others have promised.

We are praying that the Lord will provide a tabernacle for us. We feel that others would come if there was a church. Please remember us in your prayers that we may see God's work go forth.

The church is having a very extensive Bible study for the year 1967. Everyone seems to be enjoying this very much. We extend a welcome to anyone that would like to join us in our services.

Alvera Brening, reporter
Bob Taylor, pastor

HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS—

The church at Hempstead has recently been blessed with a very spiritual revival held by Bros. Ronnie Martin, Keith Barker, Delvin Wiles, and Dewey Flock. The Lord blessed in a marvelous way. Souls were saved and blessed. We appreciated their ministry and pray that God will continue to guide and bless them.

Joey Morgan, reporter
George Polvado, pastor

CROSSES, ARKANSAS

We as a church here at Crosses take this opportunity to express our appreciation your labors as editors of the Report. It is always a blessing to us.

The Lord is still blessing his people and covet your prayers to that end. We thank the Lord for those who came and ministered to us as evangelists this past year. God's people certainly need one another. We are praying for a revival

in the future. Remember us in your prayers.

Jim Morris, pastor

POYNOR, MISSOURI—

January 27th we closed a revival meeting with Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Huff as the evangelists. Sister Marg Kinser also helped in the services. The services were very good and conviction on the lost was present. Pray for the church here.

The Robert Beydlers, pastors

Items of Interest

Dear Bro. Whiteley,

We have moved to Las Vegas from Booker, Texas, and would enjoy hearing from our friends across the country. We enjoy the paper and appreciate your labors there.

Sis. Gladys Russell
711 Ogden St.
Las Vegas, Nevada, 89101

SHARI COOK HONORED STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

Shari Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Cook of Granby, Missouri, has been selected as "Student of the Quarter" at the Granby High School. She was elected by a vote of the teachers on the basis

of attributes befitting those of an honor student.

Shari is a busy student being the editor of the Cardinal Spirit, school paper a member of the year book staff, accompanies church and school groups on the piano, is a soprano soloist at community activities as well as school, is a member of the FHA, pep club, and participated on the school's winning tournament of knowledge team.

Shari has been active in our movements youth groups as well as in school. She plans to attend Bible School in September before making any further definite plans for schooling.

Congratulations to a wonderful Christian girl for holding high the standard of Christ for all to see.



We've a baby Boy
We've got a new star on our team
His uniform is blue
An we're convinced that he will score
A great big hit with you!
Paul Franklin, Jr.

Weight 7 lbs 10¼ ozs.
Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wilkerson,
Proud parents.

Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wilkerson of Roswell, New Mexico
Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Long of Taneyville, Missouri.



Crusaders for Christ

12 INCH ANSWER

QUESTION: The Bible says, for children to obey their parents. Yet if they ask me to do something that I feel is against Christian standards, what should I do and how do I explain it to them?

ANSWER: In this situation, like all others, there is the law and the exception to that law. Certain conditions are often referred to as, "the exception to the general rule." The condition under discussion certainly is the exception.

Lest I be misunderstood, I will first discuss the law or general rule; children obey your parents, Eph. 6:1.

God has taught from the beginning that children should be obedient to their parents. The first commandment with promise is, "honor thy father and mother".

Prov. 23:22. "Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old." I Tim. 5:4, "But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God."

These few scriptures are enough to show us that the perfect plan of God is for children to obey. However, God placed a responsibility upon the parents also, with such admonition as, "Fathers provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Eph. 6:4. Again in Col. 3:20, "Fathers provoke not your children to anger."

There should be such a relationship between parent and child, that problems could be successfully worked out. There would be if all were led of the Lord, but unfortunately we have an enemy and none escape him.

There is a greater trend toward child monarchy today than ever before. We find children and young people more defiant and rebellious against authority, generally speaking. This attitude can affect the Christian youth if they are not on guard.

Enough on this line, now to the question at hand. The majority of parents, both saved and unsaved, hesitate to hinder their children in their religious convictions. No doubt there are rare cases where parents are so driven by the enemy that they do not want their children to serve the Lord. The very young, to a great extent, are at the mercy of their parents, but even they can pray and God can intervene.

In this article we are dealing principally with young people. One that is old enough to make decisions on other lines should have the same privilege religiously. As far as obedience is concerned you have this scripture to stand on. Eph. 6:1 Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."

Here as in all other phases of life, the attitude is important. Ask yourself these questions. Am I completely honest? Do I hide behind "convictions" to do what I want to, or refuse to do something I do not want to? Are these convictions my

own, or those of someone I admire. If you will be completely honest with yourself and the Lord you may find some of the problems eliminated. If you are mature enough to face these things squarely and make sensible decisions on other lines, then you should decide between right and wrong for yourself. There have been extreme cases where young persons have had to choose between their home and their God. These, thank the Lord, are rare.

So far we have been dealing with the question from the standpoint of being ask to do things below Christian standards. However, there is another facet in the young and parent relationship. This one involves the callings of young people.

It is natural for parents to aspire great things for their children. They want them to excel in the educational, business, or professional world. Too many parents, even Christian parents, have placed these things above religious training or callings of God. Some who have served in active religious work and faced hardships there would spare their youth these things. Whatever the reason many young people face opposition from their parents as they make their religious decisions. It is strange that parents who should shield their child from the sin of this world, will also shield them from learning the Word which is the only weapon that will make them true warriors for the Lord.

True, many young people are

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BAD WEATHER—

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evil spirits."

"Keep quiet," snapped Father, hitting Bad Weather on the head. "Get that spirit out of you or I'll beat you every night when the sun goes down."

Slowly Bad Weather walked back to the house trying to think what he could do to make his father see that God's way was best.

Every day for two weeks Bad Weather did his work cheerfully and well. He gathered plenty of sticks for the cooking fire. He hoed the garden. He took the mats his mother made to market. And he minded whenever he was told to do anything else.

Yet every night when the sun went down, his father beat him.

One night as the sun started to dip behind the hills, Bad Weather leaned against the corner of the house. "I can't stand it any more," he moaned. "My back hurts all the time. Tonight I'll tell Father I don't want Jesus any more. I'll go back to devil and spirit worship. I'll take part in all the ceremonies—"

Bad Weather bowed his head. He stood that way for a long time, thinking in his heart about the Lord Jesus who had died for him.

Suddenly he looked toward the sky. "I can't do that, Lord Jesus," he whispered. "I'll be true to you till death."

Just then Father came around the corner of the hut with a leather cord in his hand. "Bad Weather, are you ready to give up this foolishness?" Father asked, just as he had asked every night for two weeks. "Are you ready to be one of us again in worship? Are you going to give up this Jesus, or must I beat you again?"

"I can never give up Jesus. He lives in my heart and will never leave me." softly but firmly Bad Weather answered.

Angrily Father raised the lash.

Bad Weather gritted his teeth and waited for the blows to come.

But Father just stood with his arm raised. Finally he dropped it limply to his side.

"Bad Weather, I can't beat you tonight," Father said in a strange voice.

WHY I'M AN APOSTOLIC

Haulace Novinger

After reading Bro. Edwin Modrick's article on our identity in the last Report, I began to meditate upon why I'm an Apostolic and I have summed it up in this manner.

First: It has pleased the Lord to set me in the body as an Apostolic; it is His choice for my life.

Second: Though I have worshipped in various denominations and have respect, and appreciation for them all, from my point of view, the Apostolic Faith Movement has a greater gospel. Their doctrine is pure, without any ism's attached to it.

Third: Approximately ten years ago when I desperately needed an answer to my questions concerning the Apostolic movement, God definitely answered those questions with these scriptures: Duet. 7:67, "For thou are an holy people unto the

Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: but because the Lord loved you."

God's love, God's approval—rich and rare are the blessings which rest upon this minority group.

I am happy and pleased to be an Apostolic and I'm not ashamed to be identified with them; This is God's plan and God's way for my life.

I can say with Paul of old, I'm not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone, to everyone that believeth.

Bad Weather's heart filled with gladness. "Father", he said gently, "God is speaking to you. He wants to save you."

Sinking down on a big rock, Father sat with his head in his hands.

Bad Weather sat beside him. From under his shirt he pulled his third copy of the Gospel of John which he had kept hidden. Quietly and slowly he read several verses from the book and told his father how to receive the Lord Jesus as Saviour.

Father closed his eyes and with halting words prayed, "Lord Jesus—I've been a wicked man. But now I believe you died for my sins, and I will take you for my Saviour. Thank you."

Then Father turned and spoke in the kindest voice Bad Weather had ever heard him use. "Bad Weather, I'm sorry for all those beatings. But it was your good life and the strength you showed in spite of all that that made me want to know Jesus, too. Will you forgive me?"

"Of course, Father," Bad Weather beamed.

Almost choking with joy as his father put his arm gently around his sore shoulders, Bad Weather

said in his heart, "Thank you Jesus for saving my father and for helping me to be true to you."

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carried away by a zeal or an ideal and think they are called, when time proves they were not. It is also true, the wise parent endeavors to guide their young to the best of their ability, but the conclusion of it all is that such person, younger or older, will answer to God for themselves.

Now, as to how to explain these things. There are as many answers as there are situations. James said if any man lack wisdom let him ask of God. Surely God will meet each need. Young person, watch these attitudes, "This is my life, I'll do as I please with it". — "God showed me and you can't stop me, etc." These are not Christian. Quoting a young girl, "A little old fashioned prayer helps a lot."

Remember, all things work together for good to them that love the Lord and are the called according to His purpose. Keep the right attitude toward God and parents and He will work for you.

YOUR FAITH IN GOD

Gail Schultz

HEB. 11:1.

FAITH is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith is most precious.

Faith is very personal, between your God and you.

Study and discuss these Scriptures with care.

There is a blessing in every one of them.

1. Matt. 9:27-30. ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us (29) Then touched he their eyes, saying, according to your faith be it unto you. (30) and their eyes were opened—.

2. Luke 8:22-25. WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?

(24) Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water, and they ceased, and there was a great calm. (25) And he said unto them, where is your faith?—

3. Romans 1:8. YOUR FAITH SPOKEN OF.

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of through out the whole world.

4. I Cor. 2:4-5. THAT YOUR FAITH STAND IN GOD.

And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

5. I Cor. 15:14-17. YOUR FAITH IS IN VAIN, IF

And if Christ be not risen, then our preaching is vain, and your faith is also vain. (17) And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain: ye are yet in your sins.

6. II Cor. 20:24. NO DOMINION OVER YOUR FAITH

(24) Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

7. II Cor. 10:15. YOUR FAITH CAN INCREASE

Not boasting of things without our measure, that is of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly.

8. Eph. 1:15-16 HEARD OF YOUR FAITH.

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers.

9. Phil. 2:16-17 THE SERVICE OF YOUR FAITH

Holding forth the word of life that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

10. Col. 3:4 HEARD OF YOUR FAITH, PLUS LOVE

(4) Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which ye have for all saints.

11. Col. 2:5. STEADFASTNESS OF YOUR FAITH.

For though I be absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in the Spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

12. I Thess. 1:7-9. YOUR FAITH IS GOD-WARD.

(8)—but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

13. I Thess. 3:1-3. 5-7. 10. CONCERNING YOUR FAITH.

(2) And sent Timotheus our brother, and minister of God, And our fellow labour in the Gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith. (5) For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith —. (6) — and brought us tidings of your faith and charity — (7) Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith. (10)

—might perfect that is lacking in your faith?

14. II Thess. 1:3. YOUR FAITH MAY GROW EXCEEDINGLY

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth.

15. James 1:2-3. TRYING OF YOUR FAITH?

My Brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers tempting of your faith worketh trials; knowing this that the try-patience.

16. I Pet. 1:6-7 TRIAL OF YOUR FAITH.

(7) That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried by fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

17. I Pet. 1:9-11. THE END OF YOUR FAITH.

(9) Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

18. I Pet. 1:20-21. HAVE YOUR

(21) Who in him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory: that your faith and hope might be in God.

19. II Pet. 1:5-8. ADD TO YOUR FAITH.

(5) And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge.

20. Rom. 12:3. THERE IS A MEASURE OF FAITH.

For I say through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

21. II Thess. 3:12. REMEMBER, ALL MEN DO NOT HAVE FAITH.

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you; and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men:

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OBITUARY

MARY ELIZABETH WILSON

Mary Elizabeth Wilson, the daughter of Zurna and Issacc Wilson, was born May 8th, 1869, in Staunton, Virginia, and passed from this life February 17th, 1967, at the age of 97 years, 9 months, and 9 days

As a young lady she moved with her parents to Texas and later to the Indian Territory of Oklahoma. She was married to Benjamin David Coberly Septemebr 5th, 1888. The family moved to the Cave Springs community in 1910 and remained here until the death of Mr. Coberly October 22, 1939. Most of the time since the death of Mr. Coberly, she has been with her daughter and family.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Delphia Arnett, of Wichita, Kans.: two sons, Rev. Homer Coberly of Lubbock, Texas, and Fred Coberly of Cave Springs, Arkansas; She is also survived by 7 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren, and many true and loyal friends.

FAITH IN CHRIST—

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for all men have not faith.

22. Heb. 11:6. In Conclusion: **WE MUST HAVE FAITH.**

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

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Day of His return.

...And in thy seed (Jesus) shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed, of a truth, full and free. He is blessing us today. Let us labour to enter into that rest as spoken of in Hebrews the 4th Chapter.

May God bless you one and all. Remember us in your prayers and thank you for every favor extended to the Apostolic Faith Report.

As always in Christian love,
Gail W. Schultz

GEM OF TRUTH

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

John 15:21

Teachers Notebook

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of the period: What are the important truths? What practical lessons have been taught? What final application should be made? How has Christ been revealed as the Saviour of Sinners? How can the lesson be demonstrated at home, at school, at work?

In the closing moments of time the teacher should also prepare the pupils for the truths that will follow in successive lessons. Stimulate eagerness by whetting their learning appetites. By some startling statement or striking question, curiosity and interest can be aroused.

The wise teacher will plan, work, teach, and pray that the grace of God will transform each pupil in the class with his amazing grace.

When you flee temptation, be sure you don't leave a forwarding address!

The trouble with doing nothing is . . . "you can't stop to rest"!