

“But you,
O Bethlehem...
from you
shall come forth
for me
one who is
to rule....”

Micah 5:2

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"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"

St. Luke 2:8-14

8 - *and there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.*

9 - *And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.*

10 - *And the angel said unto them. Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

11 - *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

12 - *And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.*

13 - *"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,*

14 - *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."*

This being the Christmas season, I felt perhaps this account written by Luke might be very appropriate for this issue. As I reread the familiar verses, I couldn't help but wonder about the feelings and thoughts the shepherds must have had. Don't you know that surely there were times when they wondered why God would choose for them to be the first to hear the most wonderful message ever given— that the Saviour and Redeemer had finally come? These men, not rulers or kings, simply common shepherds and yet God sending his angel first to them. Can you imagine how they felt that beautiful night? I can, for I remember very well, the time that God sent his son to me, a person without fortune or fame, with the message that I too could have this same Savior bringing peace to my sin filled heart and life. Oh, the joy of knowing all is well between my Saviour and me! Many times I have also wondered why God would have cared so much for me, and then I realize it was because of His infinite love toward mankind. His great love— sending the greatest gift to this world—His son. May His great love and peace fill each of your hearts at this joyous season!

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	JAN'94	FEB'94	MAR'94	APR'94	MAY'94	JUNE'94	JULY'94	AUG'94	SEPT'94	OCT'94	NOV'94	DEC'94	GRAND TOTALS
DEPOSITS													
General	2,819	2,686	18,589	6,545	3,182	10,329	1,564	9,655	2,875	4,284	16,266	995	79,789
Faculty	5,065	2,669	8,515	3,565	930	1,285	2,392	3,604	3,785	7,947	5,004	5,532	50,293
SAVINGS													
*All SAVINGS (Deposits or Withdrawals) pass through one of the two above accounts.													
Deposits	2,615	615	9,915	20	620	6,489	20	4,459	20	15	11,784	25	36,596
Withdrawals			6,317	5,096						4,860		4,500	20,773
*NET INCOME = TOTAL DEPOSITS - SAVINGS Withdrawn													
NET INCOME	7,884	5,355	20,787	5,014	4,112	11,614	3,956	13,259	6,660	7,371	21,269	2,027	109,309
EXPENSE													
													CATEGORY TOTALS
Electric	583	533	1,186		672	1,097		714	730	1,401	650	456	8,023
Water / Trash	294	353	265	245	265	228	161	301	263	348	291	102	3,116
Natural Gas	272	1,388	1,916	487		315	90	75	113	134	186		4,978
Telephone	215	194	483	225	321	84	205	69	231	168	102	82	2,380
													18,496
Advertisement			27	86		723	143		24	5	81	3	1,092
Postage		273	174	41	6		77	48	39	3	58		720
Office Supplies	65	181	338	176		8	64	47	10	6		26	922
Other Supplies	77	224	395	99	20			323	124	62	103	370	1,797
Class Supplies		66	149						292		225		731
													5,261
Bus Fuel/Repair	-		1,579							530			2,109
Travel Reimbursed		31	137										168
													2,277
Insurance			704	5,096									5,800
Bldg Maint/Repair	27	208	73	129	46	2			806	350	130	96	1,867
Equip Maint/Repair			270			1,008			36				1,314
													3,181
Food	238	747	437	871	380		130	438	844	668	553	289	5,595
Misc	26		486	83	650	292		550	275	349			2,711
Donated Gifts	405	75	758	35	365	215	175	1,275	790	445	1,570	60	6,168
Faculty	5,060	5,260	7,143	5,260	1,315	1,640	820	3,365	5,500	7,610	5,500	5,532	54,005
TOTAL	7,262	9,533	16,520	12,833	4,040	5,611	1,865	7,205	10,078	12,079	9,449	7,016	103,493
*NET SURPLUS / LOSS = NET INCOME - TOTAL EXPENSE													
NET SURPLUS / LOSS	622	(4,178)	4,267	(7,819)	73	6,003	2,091	6,054	(3,419)	(4,708)	11,820	(4,990)	5,816

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HIS STAR

by the late Gale Schultz

*WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR
IN THE EAST, AND HAVE COME
TO WORSHIP HIM.*

*AND, LO, THE STAR,
WHICH THEY SAW IN THE EAST
WENT BEFORE THEM, TIL IT
CAME AND STOOD OVER WHERE
THE YOUNG CHILD WAS. WHEN
THEY SAW THE STAR, THEY
REJOICED WITH EXCEEDING
GREAT JOY. MATT. 2:2, 9-10*

The star, His star! What significance does this speak to the heart and mind? It cannot be said that the appearing of the star and the birth of Christ was coincidental. It did not just happen, but the star was sent of God as one of the signs and messengers of His arrival.

Much valuable information of the heavenly bodies are unknown to me, because I do not know the science of astronomy. The poet wrote about a star, by which his ship could be guided. God knows all the stars so well that He can call them by name. Job 9:7-9, Ps. 147:4. The evening star and the morning star are spoken of in the Scripture, and are known to almost everybody the world over. Job 38:7. The course of the stars are known, and its graceful place, but the STAR was different.

How long had it shown? Did God make it, place it and then remove it when its message and mission was fulfilled? How long did it shine? Did it gradually come into view and then slowly withdraw its light? All these things I do not know, but I do know that it was His star, the light that guided the wise men from afar and coaxed them on to the very spot on this big earth where Jesus lay. Their knowledge of prophecy must have been scant, but inspired wisdom always leads aright.

I do not think that it was misleading that took the wise men to Jerusalem, and to the king of that land. Some how Herod must be informed. the shepherds were too humble to be heard by him, but these wise men gained entrance to his courts and presence, and their message was taken seriously. Although Herod had no desire for worship because his concern was for his own world position, yet for evermore he knew that Jesus has arrived. How much like our old world, so many know that Jesus was born, King of the Jews, Savior of the world, coming judge and king, and there is no other alternative, save to admit that He is the One and Only one to serve, yet they shun Him, and avoid His presence.

From the pomp of a king's palace the wise men gladly continued their journey, directed still by His Star. It, by its light led them from the main roads to the little secluded village of Bethlehem.



Perhaps there were a few better home of the rich. The inn could have been "first class" for its day, but not in such was Jesus found, but in the most humble quarters of this inn the wise men found Jesus. Here they rejoiced with exceeding great joy and worshiped Him. They did not withhold their gifts of gold, and frankincense and myrrh. Jesus was worthy of this. How much are you giving Him? What place does He hold in your heart? With how much can you be trusted with spiritual truths and strength?

By the large majority (outside of a very brief Christmas season) the Star that led the wisemen is forgotten. Worst and far more disastrous is the fact that Jesus, Star of David, Son of David is forgotten also. If the right gift is presented to the right person in the right spirit, to me, it is a representation of God's love and great Gift to the world.

But to give in thoughtless pride or for advantagious reasons does not advance the Deity of Christ. My heart grows sad and weary when I feel that Christ is forgotten. I think I hate sin more as the years go by.

That Star, now a Star of faith, must shine in our hearts in order to reflect His purpose. When faith diminishes and sacred trusts give way to the practices of men, whose idea is commerce alone, then the true worth of Christmas has vanished. I know that we do not know the exact day of the birth of Christ, for that matter, perhaps the month or year has not been fully established, yet there is a season, a day, which permits me as a Christian to worship in recognition of His Divine birth. For we who do keep that day in faith and magnify our Christ, it does have a worth.

Star of Hope shine on! The earth is groaning under present day pressures. Many nations are in trouble, and war and want. The burden of sin and misery and distress are comrades. Sickness and suffering, and wounded and dying mount high. This cannot go on forever. We who know Jesus, as the Light of the world, have a hope. Why should I let Satan destroy my soul? Why should a few short years of earthly abiding lure me to its flashing vanishing wares? A Christian has a broader scope than this, his hope is steadfast unmoveable waiting until Jesus shall appear again.

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts. II Peter 1:19. As the Star of David, Lord Jesus come quickly, but until that day may we wish you a very Merry Christmas with loads of spiritual gifts and treasures that will make you rich in Him.

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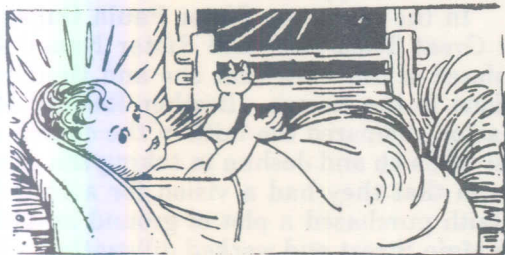
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LUTHER'S CRADLE HYMN

It is surprising to read that the same man who wrote the rousing Reformation hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," also wrote the tender cradle hymn:

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down
His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down
down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*



It was on a Christmas day over 470 years ago when Martin Luther first saw that story in the Scriptures. The other monks at Erfurt were assembled to sing Advent hymns, but Luther was alone with his Lord, silent and rapt, reading the Biblical narrative of Christ's birth.

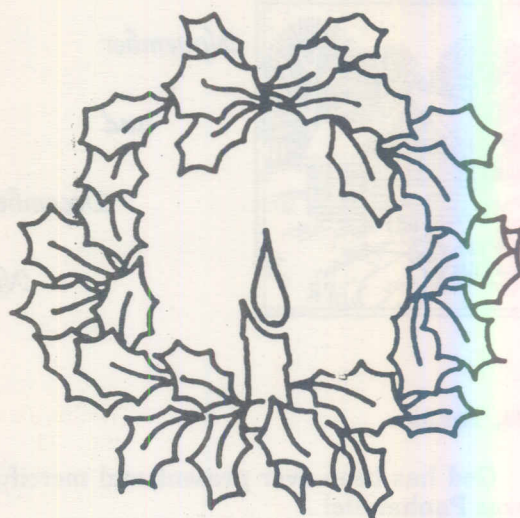
He was 23 years old and had received religious training, but never until he entered the monastery at Erfurt had he had opportunity to study the Scriptures. He read them at every opportunity, and there he saw the account of the manger and the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Some believe the Reformation started there, in Luther's worshiping soul, that Christmas Day. There in solitude he wrote his cradle hymn. There he caught a gleam of God's wonderful grace and knew that one day he must make this gospel known to all the world.

Finally true to his vision, Luther the monk threw off his cowl and went forth as Luther the reformer, preaching and singing the gospel.

His songs, as well as his sermons and writings, stirred the nation and the world. People wandered in droves all over Europe, singing as they went. The songs carried into the castles of the nobles and the cottages of the peasants. People everywhere took up the songs-singing, singing, and on the wings of those gospel songs the Reformation spread in all directions.

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CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY

He was born of simple parents. By worldly standards they were poor, but in character and faith they were wealthy.

Even in youth He was a builder. He worked with His hands as a carpenter, and by His example He showed, better than any words could do, the dignity of man who works with his hands.

He was an obedient and loving child, humble courageous. He was humble when He washed the feet of his own followers. He was courageous in the temple amid those who would trick Him into treason. He was supremely courageous on the solemn journey to Gethsemane. He sought to minister to all mankind — rich and poor, weak and strong — and even to those He knew to be hypocrites. He was patient, forgiving even His enemies. He lived what He preached. (Did He not lay down His life for His fellow men? He was forgiving: He found it in His heart to forgive even Pontius Pilate and Judas Iscariot.

He was a warrior, yet He never bore arms. He fought His cause with reason, love and justice.

He was a king, yet He was never crowned save with a crown of thorns.

His way was the way of salvation, of love for His fellow men, of peace and goodwill.

He was indeed a builder. He built a foundation on which the world could live in peace for all time.

It is because mankind has forgotten His teachings and failed to live up to His ideals that the world is in conflict. Peace, happiness, human welfare are inseparably bound in our following His way of life. Let us humbly and with penitence resolve on this His birthday to return to His way of life. There is no other answer for a troubled and heartsick world.

A.F. Report



November

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December

Notes

Follett, Texas

God has been ever present and merciful in the Texas Panhandle!

Revival services with Brother Calvin Springer of Rockdale, TX took place September 16-22. We thank the Lord for these times of refreshing.

Our youth group, of which I was recently appointed director, was able to attend the youth rally hosted by the Perryton Full Gospel Church. We toured Alabaster Caverns at Freedom, OK, and later picniced at Boiling Springs State Park at Woodward, OK. Sister Barbara Waterbury was the evening speaker.

October began with a thorough cleaning of the church. The ceiling, walls and floor of the Fellowship Hall were painted as well the walls in other classrooms. Several walls in the basement were paneled. This took hard work and dedication to God's house and we thank those who helped.

October also blessed us with a visit from the Bible College as they toured the panhandle. This group of students and faculty members sang songs of inspiration and praise that blessed us. God Bless our Bible College, the lives that have been changed, and the work that emanates from the school.

On Sunday, October 28, we celebrated our 40th anniversary of serving God and the community of Follett. The first speaker of the day was Brother Savoy Grimmer, followed by Brother Marcus Adair. Lunch was served at the noon hour. Services then resumed with Brother Jack Cornell. After an evening meal, the night services were held by Brother M. D. Methvin. Music for all services was led by Brother Donald Dibbens who also favored us with several musical selections. Each service evoked memories from our former pastors, as well as the congregation. Attendance was estimated around 160 people.

Sunday evening, November 6, Brother Donald Dibbens returned to the Chapel to sing and minister before he returned to his home in Vanderpool. I was reminded of Psalms 90:1,2,

which reads: "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."

Fay Haines, Reporter

Roland Haney, Pastor

Joplin, Missouri

We, at Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, Missouri, counted our blessings and celebrated this Thanksgiving season on November 20, with all day services, dinner in the fellowship hall, and a note burning ceremony that completed the services. In the morning worship service, the men of the congregation sang, "When I Thank Him For What He Has Done". Sister Renee Morris and Sister Sandra Forbes presented each one with a red carnation in appreciation.

In the afternoon Sister Paula Oakes sang, "How Great Thou Art" and Sister Naomi Busch reminisced of the work that she and Brother Otto had done in the church. Brother Richard Morris, our pastor, compared the faith of the church elders to that of Caleb and Joshua in taking the promised land - in that they had a vision for a church and with faith purchased a plot of ground at 44th and South Main Street and worked diligently until they saw their hopes materialize into a beautiful structure eight years ago. The dream hasn't ended there. They see a continued growth and already are talking of expansion so others may be accommodated.

Jeanie Mullins, Reporter
Richard Morris, Pastor

Okeene, Oklahoma

Dear Friends,

We enjoy the Apostolic Faith Report. We see the names of so many dear friends that we have known for many years and the spiritual food is appreciated.

We are continuing our ministry to the Longdale Community Church. We have had twelve years there and the Lord is blessing. We are grateful for Dean and Doris Randal. They come to the services regularly when they are in this vicinity and they are such a blessing and help to us.

Remember us and our church families in your prayers. So many things happening in the world and prophecies fulfilling. God will shorten the days for the elects sake, but there are yet some souls not saved.

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ARTICLE VII
Doctrine**



Snyder, TX

The Apostolic Faith Church of Snyder, Texas celebrated its 50th anniversary on November 6, 1994. The services went well with 40 people in attendance. Service began that Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. with a reading of the Church's history by Ruby Gregory. During the reading, letters sent from former pastors and pastor's wives were read. Following the reading, former pastor M. D. Methvin and his wife Juanita spoke of their time in Snyder. At noon, lunch was served with services beginning again at 1:30 p.m.. Former pastor Louise Sutton spoke of her memories of Snyder. Brother Bill Brown of Big Spring, Texas also spoke. Brother Brown filled in at Snyder after Brother Lee Nelson left Snyder. Services ended at 3:30 p.m.. At 6:30 p.m. Sunday night service began. Sister Louise Sutton was the speaker for the evening.

Nicholas and Donna Gift, Pastors

**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
9:00 A.M.
FEBRUARY 3, 1995
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It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who have accepted Him as their personal Savior. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows.

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Creation and Formation.

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation. Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.

Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body, A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by the speaking in other languages.

Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage, Matt. 19:8-9.

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.

A ministry supported by tithes and offerings.

These doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not in consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

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Savoy Grimmer, Superintendent

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JANUARY 9 — MAY 3, 1995



From the Superintendent

Dear Friends,

As we pause this time of year to celebrate the birth of our wonderful Saviour and King, we reflect upon those who have joined hands with us in educating and instructing the youth in God's Holy Word. It has been your prayers, words of encouragement, acts of kindness and financial support throughout the year that has helped us obtain whatever measure of success we have obtained. I celebrate my third year as superintendent and the school celebrates it's 56th year of operation.

From the entire staff and student body, let us extend to you and yours a very merry and safe holiday season.

Sincerely,
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