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Thanksgiving Day To Come

This month we Americans will again observe Thanksgiving. This tradition has been observed for many years. Many of us will take part in family get-togethers and the traditional stuffed turkey, pumpkin pie, and other good things to eat will be served at the family table.

Thanksgiving, today, means several things to us. A vacation from school, a home-coming football game, or a chance to visit grandparents and other relatives.

However let us, as Christians, remember to be really thankful during the Thanksgiving Holidays. It is always good to say, "Thank you Lord." It is also good to be thankful every day, not just one day a year.

Let us remember that Jesus gave his life that we might have a more abundant life. Truly, this is a miracle for which we should be thankful. Therefore let us add praise to our Thanks giving. "For whoso offereth praise glorifieth me." Psalm 50:23. We can give thanksgiving in prayer. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thess. 5:18.

However, as Christians, we can look forward to a thanksgiving day to come. The coming thanksgiving is going to be in heaven. We will be able to give praise and thanksgiving to God every day throughout all eternity! A song that the angels can not sing! It will be a song of the redeemed! Won't it be wonderful there! This will be the thanksgiving of all thanksgivings!

Let us look forward to this thanksgiving day that is to come. Today we spend several days in preparing for our dinner. Let us begin our preparation now. Let us lay up treasures for this day. Let us give praise and honor to whom it is due, **now**. Let us prepare to sing the song of redemption now! Let us come before His courts with thanksgiving and give due praise to the blood of the Lamb.

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23 Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
I shall not want rest-He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

I shall not want drink-He leadeth me beside still waters.

I shall not want forgiveness-He restoreth my soul.

I shall not want guidance-He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

I shall not want companionship-Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: thou art with me.

I shall not want comfort-Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

I shall not want food-Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

I shall not want joy-Thou anointest my head with oil.

I shall not want anything in this life-Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

I shall not want anything in eternity-And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Selected

Sent in by the Children Mission Class
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Kindness

Maybe I will never have the ability to be great or known outside of a very small area, but I can be kind. I can be kind to my loved ones in the home. Kindness demands no show, no audience and no special attention. Kindness may be expressed by a child, or parent or teacher or by one in authority as the hands of the law. Kindness tries to understand and know why you hurt or sting.

Kindness is reflected in words, written or spoken, in action and attitude. I think animals have certain rights and somehow by instinct know them and respect kindness. Kindness cares. Kindness seeks to please. Be ye kind one toward another.

by the late Gail Schultz

Attention!!

In a few copies of the October issues pages 5 and 12 were left out. This made the Minister's Directory incomplete. If you have received one of these copies please let me know and the missing pages will be mailed to you. Thank You.

Karen Oakes-Editor



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TESTIMONIES

FROM

The Apostolic Faith Bible College

My need of God never really occurred until after my graduation from college. It was then I met the girl that would become my wife. As she witnessed to me I slowly began to realize that my life was going nowhere. I envied the love she had for God and the happiness and peace in her life. My life was not what I wanted but I felt I had all the time in the world to change. I had searched for happiness in many places and many things, but I had never looked to Jesus. I knew there was a God and even went so far as to think that as long as I was basically good at heart, not necessarily in action, I would make it to heaven. I finally realized that I was a sinner and I could not make it without Jesus. On an Easter Sunday in church I asked the Lord into my life simply by raising my hand. I wanted the Lord but I was not ready to give Him my total dedication. I attended church under the pretense of being a real Christian. I knowingly sinned and my church attendance was not very regular since I was guilt ridden about my spiritual condition. My marriage at that time was not what I wanted it to be. For two years this continued until I attended a city crusade. The question was asked, "if you died tonight can you without any shadow of a doubt be sure that you would go to heaven." I could not raise my hand. I know Satan tried to deceive me, but I honestly did not know if I was saved or not. That night I totally gave my life over to the Lord. There was a change in my life. I began to grow spiritually and to seek the Lord's guidance in my life. My marriage even took on new meaning. I realized that all the money, land, or power of this world could not bring me the satisfaction or happiness I was searching for. I then knew there was a purpose for my life; it was to serve the Lord, and that I would eventually stand before the judgement seat of God and give account of my life. I am thankful that Jesus died for me and for the assurance of my salvation. It is wonderful to be living in the Lord's will, and to attend Bible College. I now, look forward to serving the Lord each day.

Bill Barby

As a child I was raised in the church and gave my life to the Lord at age seven. As children often do, I loved the Lord without question. Growing up my commitment was not very deep. I really don't think deep commitments were taught. I soon became disenchanted and tired of attending church, so I quit going. I figured I would go to heaven, hadn't I been saved at age seven, and wasn't I living my life basically good? My life became what was considered the normal for most teenagers. The object of life was to have a good time and lots of friends to enjoy the good times with. At the

closing of my senior year, I began to give thought of my future. What I wanted out of life and what I wanted to be. I realized my present life style would not get me very far in any situation. There just happened to be a city crusade going on and I decided to go. The speaker's message that night was how Jesus died on the cross. I had heard many times how Christ had died for the sins of all men, but that night was so different. The man on the platform told very vividly the physical and the emotional pain Jesus went through, and how his heart broke in two because of me. At that time I was feeling so guilty and small, I knew I was very much a sinner and needed Jesus and I gave my heart to the Lord. Going home that night I desired to learn more of God and His Word. I prayed the Lord to show me the way. The next day during school a classmate, who was a Christian, began talking with me. We discussed how good the services were the night before. I told her I gave my heart to the Lord, but wanted to learn more. She invited me to her church and told me about the Apostolic Faith Bible School. I decided I would enroll in the school, for this I felt was an answer to my prayer. Summer was soon over and Bible School had begun. I was learning the things of God, but within a week my life became a battle ground between God and Satan. I had been learning the things of God and wanting them in my life, yet Satan was tormenting me about the things of the world still in my life. I had accepted Jesus dying for my sins, but I hadn't consecrated my life or made Jesus Lord. My roommate shared with me how to allow Jesus to abide in my life. I wanted desperately to have Jesus completely controlling my life, to have inner peace and joy. It was then in prayer I gave everything over to God. The days since then have been filled with guidance and nurturing. I look forward each day to serving God and seeing His plans for me unfold. I continually thank Him for His love and grace, and for the eternal home I know He is preparing for me.

Lisa Barby

I was raised in church. I was going at least three and sometimes four days a week. I was very involved, but that didn't mean I was saved. I know now why I always felt an emptiness in myself, as if something wasn't quite right.

My life never really had a purpose, or direction. I was living in sin, and I should have known it.

I completed high school, joined the Marines and married the girl next door. The first four years we were apart as much as we were together.

When I completed my training, I received orders to go over seas, there life came as a shock. I saw reality in the faces of my friends as they lay hurting or as death took them. The only feelings I had were of hating, fear and anger. I closed my mind and heart. When I came home I thought that was all behind me, I was wrong. For years my life was filled with only hate and anger. My family life was going no where because of the hate I still had in my heart. I felt dirty, ashamed, lost and empty. I thought I could handle it on my own. I was wrong, it only got worse. Finally my wife found Christ when searching for an answer to our family problems. She finally persuaded me to go to church where in only 30 minutes I'd found the answer to my problems; Jesus!

That day in the church, my life began again. I felt lifted and light, as if walking on air. The weight of all my sins were gone. I was clean, and my joy full. I knew Christ had died for my sins but because He had risen from the grave, I knew I was heaven bound.

Almost immediately my life started changing. I just let Christ take control. I started feeling good about myself, and life in general. I found a new love for others that I never knew before. My heart softened and I've grown to feel closer to people and their needs. When they hurt I can feel their pain and really want to help. I've found a purpose in life which is to serve the Lord and those He put's me in contact with daily. My family life is getting better each day. My wife and I have allowed Jesus to be the center of our family, and He helps us to overcome whatever may confront us.

Of course He's not through with me yet. I've changed alot and that helped. I still have a problem even now and then, but now I go to Jesus looking for the answer. He's never let me down. It didn't happen over night, and it took faith in Christ and it's Him that I depend on now.

Billy W. York

I was truly introduced to the Lord a short time ago. Even though I had been going to church since I was quite young, I was brought up in the belief that: if I believed in God, obeyed the Ten Commandments, and confessed my sins often I would be forgiven and still be worthy of Heaven. Church became a routine for me. I would go to church mostly because I always have. This seemed wrong but I was lost. After I was married, my wife would question me on my religion. I became very uncomfortable because I didn't seem to know the answers. We moved into a new area and my wife said that we needed to find a church. We seemed to put it off week after week. Things weren't going too well with our marriage, which I know now was because we were living without the Lord. We finally made it to a church near us. We walked in and were greeted by everyone so warmly. I listened to the praises of the people, they were so happy. As I listened to the word of the Bible, I was touched and my heart became hungry for more. I started reading the Bible, and as I read, I became aware of the frightful discovery that I was a lost sinner. I knew I had to change my ways. I read the Bible and prayed to the Lord with all my heart for His forgiveness. I felt a great change in my heart and body. I felt good. Whenever something good happens, I praise the Lord because I know it is his work, not my own as I thought before. Life seemed so much brighter and clearer to me. I'm not lost anymore. I've found the Lord. I praise the Lord for my wife because the Lord worked through her and brought

me into His wonderous glory. Now I know that no one is worthy of Heaven. However, I know that Jesus died on the cross for me. It was through God's love and mercy, that a great sinner like I was could still be saved. Now I am certain that I will have a place in Heaven waiting for me, because I have a friend in Jesus.

Victor Phelps

I have been attending church most of my life. But I haven't always known the happiness I have now. I accepted the Lord into my life at a very young age. But as I grew older and was out on my own, things seemed different. It was as if I didn't need or have time for the Lord. I wanted to do things my own way. But it didn't work that way. I wasn't happy. I felt so empty and alone. After awhile, I didn't like myself or anyone else. I felt like there was something missing in my life. It effected my marriage and family. In the back of my mind, I knew that I should be in church with my family. The world seemed so scary to me and I knew that the only way I could raise my little girl would be through the grace of God. There was a church we passed on the way to work with the time of worship service posted on a sign. So, I told my husband I wanted to go. We put it off for a couple of weeks but we did make it and I praise the Lord that we did. I could see in the people something special that I wanted too. We went back that night, and I told God I had sinned and asked for His forgiveness. I asked Him to be Lord of my life. Now I have this special friend in Jesus. I am so glad that I don't have to worry about dying. I'm going to heaven. Christ gave His life for mine so that I can have eternal life. I still have problems, but now I can give them to the Lord, and He works them out.

Donna Phelps

I was a Christian at a very young age but later turned from Christ to follow the world. I tried to forget all about my Christian experience but couldn't because the thought of God was always in the back of my mind. I can honestly say that even though I was a sinner, God never gave up on me, nor quit loving me. There were times in my life, I know, that it was the power of God that reached down and spared my life. It haunted me, because I knew it was God that had saved me, but still I would not serve Him. I just kept on following my own desires. In this pursuit I tried alcohol and other things I thought were cool. I found out fast how these things could change your life and not for the best. People began looking at me as a different person than they had once knew. I had a friend one day ask me what had happened? He said, "You used to have something special in your life, but now you're the same as every one else." This hurt me very much because I knew what was missing. Others noticed the change too. I could not remember when I had been so miserable. So I began to ask myself the question, "In the six years I have lived for the world, have I been happy?" The answer of course was NO! I asked, "When in my life had I known happiness?" I knew the answer before I asked. It was when I was a Christian. Then I realized, I had been a fool. I had let the devil cheat me out of the happiness that God had for me all this time. Then one night when I was lying on my bed, trying to go to sleep, but couldn't because of the thoughts about God and the way my life was going, a strange thing happened, a small

still voice that I could hear inside me; said, "Ronnie, I need you. There are things you can do for me. People I can reach through you." I immediately got out of my bed, knelt and began to pray. I asked the Lord to forgive me and to make a new man of me. I prayed for a long time and when I had finished I knew I was saved and had a new goal in life! I was so happy, I walked around for days as if on a cloud. The cares of life couldn't touch me. I have beyond the shadow of a doubt found happiness and contentment in Jesus Christ.

Ronnie Hoskins

It seems as though I've always been searching for friends. I needed people I could count on in times of trouble. All through school I searched for the right group of people but I was continually being let down. Finally, I started settling for the fair weather friends and decided true friendships just didn't exist any more.

Being with friends who could really care less about me and even themselves, made me feel as though I amounted to nothing. I started to rebel. I became a manipulating, disrespectful, self-righteous snob. I lost the respect of my parents and teachers, both of whom I had always sought approval from in the past.

Then one day I met someone who was always happy and wanted me to be happy too. He brought out qualities in me that I never knew existed. He helped me to begin to like myself again. He began to share with me the source of his joy, Jesus Christ. Someone I had known so long ago as my Savior. But what would the Lord want with me now? I had nothing left to offer him.

My life became miserable. Everything I once enjoyed seemed to go from bad to worse. My lies and deceitful ways had finally caught up with me and I knew the Lord was the only one I could count on to help me make things right. That night I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior and Lord of my life.

Returning to school I was scared but I knew the Lord would be there with me to see me through all the difficult decisions. People began noticing the changes in my life and I was always proud to tell them that Jesus had given my life a new and exciting meaning.

God is continually changing my life and my priorities. He is always giving me new things to do and people to witness to.

The Lord has given me new friends that are the type of people I've been looking for all my life. I can trust them and they trust me. He's also given me a very special friend that's always there for me. The Lord is in control of my life now and He's providing me with all the things I gave up so long ago. He's even given me the promise of eternal life with him.

Mary L. Turner

My early years were controlled by my own emotions and beliefs. I had been taken to church until I was about seven years old but I had no idea what God could do or even what a Christian was. I fed on my own beliefs and was so controlled by them that I felt they were right regardless. They grew until I thought as long as I believed I was right, I truly was. I thought I alone could control my destiny.

When about fourteen I went to a church and enjoyed it, much to my surprise. It did not take long to see I had

been wrong for years. I was so rebellious and so unwilling to let God take control of my life that I turned back into the world. I had what I wanted for the next three years, complete control of my life, those were the worst years of my life.

I knew that God had shown me what love truly was and even though I knew it was what I wanted, I still tried to make it on my own. I had met a Christian girl at the church and I like her very much. But my ways were going in a different direction than hers and things just will not work if they are not going in the same direction. I tried to live a life that would please her and I used that as an excuse for Christianity. I was only fooling myself. She was putting God where He has to be, first. I was making Him take a backseat. This did not work and we went our own ways.

I knew God loved me and I could see that I needed Him in my life, but still I turned from Him. God kept His hand over my life and I knew that if it had not been for His grace I would not be alive today.

I refused to make God the center of my life and it seemed like everything I did turned out bad. All this time there was something inside me trying to turn me back to God.

I had the thought that if I just waited until I had done the things I wanted to do then I would become a Christian. Until one night God told me my time had about ran out. I was sick of living the way I was and I truly wanted God to take control of my life. I asked God to forgive me for I was truly sorry. I realized that the least I could do was live for God since He had sent His Son to die for me. I asked for help to learn and to study the Word. God made a way for me to come to Bible College so I could learn.

God is truly first in my life now. I only regret not making Him first sooner. Since I made Him first He has given me everything I could ever need. Now I found what I looked for all the time I tried things of the world. He has also brought the girl I cared for earlier close to me. We plan to raise a family in God's great love for without His love in my life I would have no love at all. He is truly a great and loving God. My goal is to serve Him. He has given my once useless life meaning. All it took was complete trust and now I have a complete life. I have only God to thank for it. My life has only just begun.

Tom Braden

As a child, I had been taught what was right and wrong, and all about how Jesus had died for our sins. Our family had always gone to church, that was the only thing that I had ever known.

Everybody in my church had always thought that I was a christian because I had been raised in church. I had been saved, but I hadn't grown spiritually, and just attending church doesn't keep you a christian. You must give your whole heart and life to the Lord.

As I reached high school, my friends became the most important thing in my life. I started not really caring what my parents thought or how they felt, but about my friends and what they would think until finally I was always unhappy and my parents were also.

Then after graduation, my parents were asking if I was considering going to Bible school. I didn't really want to, but I could feed the Lord dealing with me, telling me to

come and get back in His grace, so with that in my heart I came to Bible school.

During the first week of school I realized how much that I had disappointed God and I started seeking Him. Now I have rededicated my life to the Lord. I am happy and things don't bother me as much as they had before. It's amazing how much better things go when you're serving Christ, because then you have someone that you can share everything with, and He is always there.

I know I have had to sacrifice my friends, but the Lord has given me new Christian friends to replace the ones that had meant so much to me before. I am really excited about my life, because now I'm learning what God wants me to do for Him.

Donna Johnson

My life really started just a year ago. Up until then, I was confused, scared and lonely. My life wasn't terrible; I was happy at times but sad at many others. Then finally in my senior year in high school I was invited to church to hear a friend sing. I'd been in church a couple of times before when I was seven or eight, but I didn't understand the lessons very well or take them into my heart. My parents didn't go so they couldn't explain, but I was content to just go and visit with friends. Well, I went to hear my friend sing, but still I didn't pay any attention to the message, just to her.

Well, she was, still is, a Christian and a friend; combining the two, she became concerned about my soul and leading me to the Lord. We began to talk about it and I was very skeptical but also very eager to learn because I could see a joy in her. She wasn't just happy, she had JOY! Joy, she told me, that she felt knowing Jesus as her personal Savior, that He died for her and for me, knowing that she didn't have to be afraid, lonely or scared 'cause she had Jesus with her always to talk to. Well, I asked her what I needed to do to make things right in my life. She told me; that night by my bed I knelt and prayed asking God to forgive me of my sins and to give me that joy that she has. I prayed for awhile then went to sleep thinking of what I had just done. In the morning I felt that I was changed and wanted to do the right thing always and to stay away from my sinful habits of cursing, lying and other things displeasing to God.

Now my life is one of Joy, I'm happy and my life has direction. I know that Jesus is my personal Savior and that I am set free from sin and that my place in heaven is reserved for me.

I still have problems and worries but the difference is that now I have Christ to turn to for the answers, and He freely gives them. I'm no longer lonely, I have wonderful Christian friends, and that girl that helped me so much is now my wife.

After I came to know Jesus, my life really started. Now I have Joy!

Mark Reed

While I was growing up and through my early and mid-teenage years, I was never a very wicked person, but my life however was miserable. I disliked school and my teachers, and because of my shyness it was difficult to communicate well with others. I had very few friends. I enjoyed going to church to an extent, but not making any real commitment, I turned to the world for excitement.

I dropped out of high school and began to make changes in my life. I was conscious of my overweight condition and began to lose weight. I wanted to become a new person. I began to listen to rock music day and night to help me keep pace with my exercise routine. I had become totally engrossed in rock music and all of its sinful lyrics. I began to have dates and I had a really fantastic car, yet there still seemed to be a void. I sometimes wondered why I was living. What was my destiny at life's end? I didn't know.

All through this time, I believed there was a living God who wanted to use me, and I really wanted to know God. I made my own attempts to do righteously but rock music had filled my mind with 100% iniquity. I failed miserably to do God justice.

Then the most high God continued to deal with me. He helped me in ridding myself of wicked ways and music. Finally I realized my need to submit my all. My life did not change in one dynamic turn as some would have made me to believe it should, yet my desires for a whole new life, were my prominent thoughts.

The Lord was merciful and gave me a person to witness to who was also fed up with a life without meaning, joy, or peace. God brought the two of us together and by our love of God and the life He was giving us both individually and together, we grew closer to Him. I began to grow as never before, making decision after decision that effected both of our lives. Christ was always there showing me the right ways from the wrong and giving me the courage to stand up for my beliefs.

Jesus Christ died for me so that I might live and now I was going to give everything to Him. He filled every day of my new life with a peace and joy I can not explain. I look back on my past and see no good in it and wonder why I had not committed suicide. I praise the Lord He was able to forgive me for not hearing Him earlier.

I am looking forward to a new home with Him some day, when this short life is over. It is truly a wonderful experience to not simply believe God, but to know that He is God, and feel His spirit with me in every situation and in every wicked part of the world He might send me into.

Darrell L. McCance

The camel at the close of day—
kneels down upon the sandy plain—
To have his burden lifted off...

And rest again.

My soul, thou too shouldst to thy knees
When daylight draweth to a close.
And let thy Master lift thy load...

And great repose.

Else how couldst thou tomorrow meet,
With all tomorrow's work to do,
If thou thy burden all the night

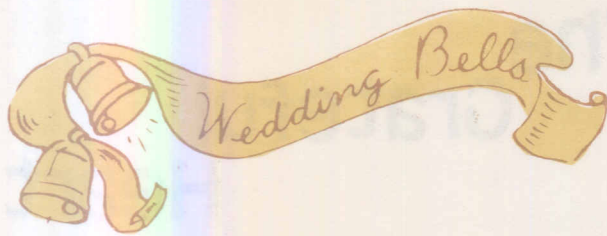
Dost carry through?

The camel kneels at break of day
To have his guide replace his load,
Then rises up anew to take...

The desert road.

So thou shouldst kneel at mornings dawn
That God may give thee daily care.
Assured that He no load too great...

Will make thee bear.



Allen-Keeling

Reverend and Mrs. Homer H. Allen of San Diego, California and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Keeling of Kingman, Kansas, proudly announce the marriage of their children Pamela Sue to Kenneth Louis Keeling. The ceremony was held at the Apostolic Faith Church in San Diego, California, on August 1st, 1981, and performed by the bride's father, Reverend Homer H. Allen.

Pamela was a student of the Apostolic Faith Bible College two years 1979-1981. Kenneth was a student 1980-1981.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Keeling have returned to Kingman, Kansas, where they are now living.

Reese-Ames

Miss Rhonda Reese and Mr. Sam E. Ames were united in marriage on September 4, 1981. The ceremony was held at the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs, Kansas, with Reverend Lyndel Arnall performing the ceremony. Janae Harris and Shari Cook provided the music.

Both Sam and Rhonda have been students of the Bible College. They are now living in Baxter Springs, Kansas, and are working for the Lord in the church here.

Rhonda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Reese of Taneyville, Missouri. Sam is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Ames of Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Obituaries

Emmett Cornell

Funeral services for Emmett C. Cornell, 76, were Oct. 8 at 2 o'clock in the Apostolic Faith Church, Laverne. Mr. Cornell died Monday evening, October 5, in the Newman Memorial Hospital, Shattuck.

Rev. Jack Barker and Rev. Jimmy Wallis officiated at the services. Burial was in the Laverne Cemetery under the direction of Seeger Funeral Home of Laverne.

Emmett Clarence Cornell, the son of William and Margaret Bushnell Cornell, was born May 26, 1905 at Beaver, Kansas, north of Hoisington. He came to Harper County with his parents in 1919, and was actively engaged in farming in the Laverne area until he retired a few years ago.

On October 25, 1923 at Beaver, he married Elizabeth Morris, and to that union two children were born, Berniece and Kenneth.

Mr. Cornell joined the Apostolic Faith Church in February, 1930, and when the first church was built there in 1930, he became one of the board members. He served in that capacity 42 years, until he resigned in 1972.

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He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, Kenneth Wayne Cornell.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth, of the home; his daughter, Mrs. Floyd (Berniece) Berends, Wichita, Kansas; his son, Kenneth, Laverne; two grandchildren, Pam Cornell of Woodward and Tony Berends of Wichita; six brothers, Walter of Oklahoma City; Ellis, Ft. Worth, Texas; Herbert of Henryetta; Rev. Eugene K. of Laverne; Harold, Berkley, Calif.; Gilbert, Los Angeles, Calif.; and one sister, Elizabeth Cornell Everett, Durango, Colo.



Frank
Stimson

William Franklin (Frank) Stimson was born on Jan. 13, 1898 in Thomasville Indian Territory. He was the son of Charles Edward Stimson and Minnie Belle Walker Stimson. He departed this life on Friday, July 17, 1981, in the Sequoyah Memorial Hospital in Sallisaw, Oklahoma, after having attained the age of 83 years, 6 months and 4 days.

On September 30, 1923, Frank was married to Bertha D. Rogers at the Rogers homestead at Gans, Okla. To this union was born four children; two daughters, Geraldine and Virginia Fern (who was stillborn) and two sons; Frank Jr. and Rogers Feryl.

Frank was a loving husband and father, who for many years was housekeeper, father, mother and breadwinner for the family when his wife was very ill. After Bertha began to improve in health God called Frank to be a minister. He faithfully ministered in the churches he pastored in Texas and Oklahoma. The greatest testimony of his life as a follower of Christ was given by his children who all will say "he lived what he preached."

He was an Apostolic Faith minister for over twenty-five years, having founded the church in Oklahoma City, Okla. After retiring in 1973 Frank and Bertha moved to their old home birthplace, Sallisaw, Okla., where all their beloved brothers and sisters reside.

Frank left his children a cherished heritage, not money, but something of greater value, a wonderful knowledge of the word of God. A Christian faith that was lived by a wonderful man. His daughter's earliest memories are of him sitting by a table with only an oil lamp for light as he read and discussed the Bible for hours each night with her and her mother. The family ended the day with prayer, as Frank ended his life with a prayer of praise.

Frank leaves to mourn his passing; his beloved wife Bertha, one daughter Gerri Beagle, Arnett, Okla.; Two sons Frank Stimson, Jr., Cherokee, Ala., Rogers Feryl Stimson, Okla. City, Okla.; eight grandchildren; Quineta Beagle Wylie, Omaha, Neb., Berylene Beagle Steed,

Dallas, Tex., Daryn Beagle, Arnett, Okla., Karol Sue Stimson Hayes, Montgomery, Ala., Dianne Stimson, Cherokee, Ala., Tracy Stimson, Okla. City, Okla., Crystal Stimson and David Stimson both of Oklahoma City, Okla., three great-grandchildren; Hud and Cassandra Steed, Dallas, Texas, and Trevor Wylie, Omaha, Neb. and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Matthew Beers, Canton, Okla., and assisted by Bro. Millard Gans, Okla., at the Gans Assembly of God Church, Gans, Okla., Bro. & Sis. Edwin Waterbury of Granby, Mo., was in charge of the music and sang three of Frank's favorite songs.



Larry and Jacque Hocking are the proud parents of a baby girl, Bethany Ruth, born Sept. 2, 1981. She weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 in. long. Bethany's sister is Ashley. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Dorcas Spicer. Maternal great grandparents are Mrs. Alma Spicer, the late O.O. Spicer, the late Rev. & Mrs. Charles O. Mahan. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Frances Hocking and Mr. & Mrs. Burleigh Hocking. Paternal great grandparents are Mrs. Mamie Smith, the late Gunner Smith and Mr. & Mrs. Ken Hocking.



Doing things together, Deborah and Charles Ament received their diplomas together August 14th, in Graduate School commencement ceremonies at Southwest Texas State University located in San Marcos, Texas. Both Aments received master of education degrees with Mrs. Ament earning all A's while pursuing her degree.

Deborah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry A. Hosek and grand-daughter of Mrs. Jerome Dreher, all of Rockdale. Charles is the son of the late Hazen and Mary Jane Ament of Gatesville, Texas. Deborah attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in 1970. She and her husband are graduates also of the University of Texas in Austin and are school teachers. They will appreciate the prayers of everyone as they continue to work with the young people of Texas. Dr. Lee H. Smith, President of the University, is shown in the picture with the Aments.

The Grateful Heart

by Frank Funderburk

A deaf girl, asked to define **gratitude**, wrote on a slate, "Gratitude is the memory of the heart."

What a need there is to cultivate a thankful spirit! A really thankful heart will extract motive for gratitude from everything, even the smallest blessings.

To be grateful is to have a due sense of benefits received. Multitudes of blessings fall unnoticed into our lives. For mercies known and mercies unknown, let us give God thanks.

Gratitude is achieved in the school of faith which declares that God is so good and so great that He begins every day bringing us new material blessings, letting us meet new faces, allowing us new opportunities for service, revealing new truths, and opening to us new regions of spiritual progress.

The Book of Lamentations for once ceases its wailing and says of the Lord's mercies, "They are new every morning." It is not monotony but variety, not dullness but delight, not poverty but riches, not a cold, heartless handout but the giving of a loving Father.

We do not give thanks for evil in itself but we may offer praise when it is overruled for good. Many things we regard as misfortunes are blessings in disguise. The disagreeable is often needed to enrich and strengthen character.

George Matheson, the well-known blind preacher of Scotland in the 19th century, once stated: "My God, I have never thanked Thee for my 'thorn.' I have thanked Thee a thousand times for my roses but never once for my 'thorn.' I have been looking forward to a world where I shall get compensation for my cross, but I have never thought of my cross as itself a present glory. Teach me the glory of my cross; teach me the value of my 'thorn.' Show me that I have climbed to Thee by the path of pain. Show me that my tears have made my rainbow."

Knowing our God lets us give thanks for the unexpected, the unachieved, the withheld, and the unanswered. We can say with the Psalmist, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life..." What better companions than His goodness and His mercy on life's pathway!

Don't Give Up

A man who was drilling for oil spent thousands of dollars without success. He became discouraged and sold out for a very small sum. The purchaser started to drill and in 6 hours he had found a flowing oil well.

How do you suppose the first man felt about giving up too soon? Many Christians do the same thing in prayer. They become discouraged if there seems to be opposition, or if the answer seems slow in coming. Their discouragement leads them to stop praying, oftentimes just when the answer is about to be given.

Four Tragedies of Our Day

by Jack Cornell

To introduce the subject "Four Tragedies of Our Day" we would like to use Psalm 48:1—"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountains of his holiness."

I am glad that I have heard of this great God and that I have joy in serving this God. I have something to look forward to from day to day and there is a purpose in my life because He is my God, my salvation, and my strength. Isa. 12:2-3—"Behold God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water of the wells of salvation."

As a Movement we believe in, teach and look forward to the soon coming of the Lord. However, to be ready for this event there are some things that we must have in our lives—some things that are necessary which we must possess. In buying we seek the best in quality; on the markets of our land there are qualities that we seek before we make purchase. So it is in the plan of life and salvation. While we may seek many things from the Lord, there are some things that He seeks from us. Often our mode of living is unequal, and there are some things that need to be strightened out.

Let us use our first tragedy, **The Unbended Knee. This means prayer and prayer is so necessary.** Men have forgotten to pray, they do not see the need of calling upon God. To many of them the bending of the knee shows childishness—they feel that it is not necessary to so live. They forget that we are living in a land where many have forgotten God—many are faithless. The prayer of repentance is far from them. The prayer of thanksgiving is unthought of. Alike in the home, or the church, in private or public there is no place to bend the knee and give homage to the most High God.

This drifting is dangerous and will lead to destruction—we must turn about face and look to Jesus. God has provided a way and for this we must be thankful. Remember there are many different kinds of wealth, money may be of the least in these comparisons, for indeed wealthy is the man who has health, and wealthy is the man who knows His God and walks and talks with Him. There is indeed a praise in my heart for the health that I have and that my life is what it is.

The second tragedy is **The Unread Bible. Do you read your Bible?** We are to study to show ourselves approved of the Lord. (II Tim. 2:15) The Bible is our road map—here is the road map of life—the road map of our travels from earth to heaven. The thoughtful traveler will choose his road from his starting point to his destination with care. He does this to assure a good road, the shortest distance or other factors that might add to a pleasant journey. By these maps we are able to by-pass poor side roads, dead ends and poor connections. The undesirable, by use of road maps, is discarded. Let us

take note that the way of life can be missed because of misreading or not reading at all. The Bible must be read carefully and then applied. The soap salesman complained to the minister that the Gospel was not effective. The minister pointed out that the little boy across the street was really dirty. The soap salesman replied, "That is not the soaps fault, for it must be applied to do any good," so said the Minister, "The Gospel must be applied." It was Billy Sunday who said, "If you took no more care of yourself physically than spiritually, you'd be just as dried up physically as you are spiritually." Our spiritual life comes not only by prayer but also by the study of God's Word and then applying it to our daily living. Be sure to read your Bible for it tells us of Him who is the Way.

Now we come to the third crushing blow, **The Tragedy of the Unpaid Tithes. This with-holding sin is nation wide.** Many people have read enough Bible and have heard enough preaching to know that one tenth of their income belongs to the Lord. You owe it to Him. It is not a gift, it is your rent for living here, for the provisions that He has granted you. It may be that we feel there are others who can better pay, the amount of the substance is not the question, not what would you do if you were a millionaire, but what are you doing with that which **Is Yours?** When you withhold you hinder the cause of Christ, cause heavy burdens to fall on others and from your standpoint, worst of all dwindle your faith, hurt your blessings and dwarf spirituality. Pay that which you owe, do it gladly, freely, as unto the Lord. Let not the judging Hand of God be laid upon you, your material standards and your loved ones. This can happen because the sins of a father can be visited to the third and fourth generations. Let God's work grow and your soul delight itself in fatness because you move at His command and do that which is pleasing in His sight. The tithe is important, don't forget it. A collection day against your will can be sorrowful.

The last pitfall tragedy that I want to mention is, **The Tragedy of the Empty Pew. Do you fill it at every service?** In Hebrews 10:25 we are told not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. An empty pew is a poor example of our **Christian Service.** It has been said, "The Devil does not shoot at an empty seat." Have you sought and encouraged others to likewise assemble at the House of the Lord? When God in His love called to Israel, He warned them to give heed to the Word of the Lord—but they turned a deaf ear. Do slight events and poor excuses bar you from the holy place of prayer? Are you keeping things right between you and your God? God is a God of Love, one of mercy and so are His ministers. Sometimes their preaching may seem hard or severe, it is for your good, for your correction, for your spiritual mending and Christian growth.

All of these things, the unbended knee, the unread Bible, the unpaid tithe, and the unfilled pew, can be weights that press down, they can easily lead you the wrong direction, however, we can make each of these a quality instead of a tragedy. If we pray, study our Bibles, pay our tithes, and fill the pew they are then qualities God will be pleased with in our lives. Let us mend our ways before God. Are you here who are caught in one or all of these tragedies?

If you feel the guilty charge there is a way out, God's way. Meet Him at an altar of prayer. Add not a forsaken altar to all the other tragedies. God is faithful to forgive. This is my call to the sinner—lost and weighted down.

Now Christian friend we turn to You. Get out of your life, the dross neglect, and go all out for God. Take up the slack, mend the broken promise, seek a deeper and closer walk. It is our hope that Jesus is coming soon, may we prove this by our actions and by being ready for the Mid-night call.

Joy Cometh In The Morning

"Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning." Psalm 30:5.
There must be thorns amidst life's flowers you know,
And you and I, wherever we may go
Can find no bliss that is not mixed with pain—
No path without a cloud, it would be vain
For me to wish that not a single tear
Might dim the gladness that you hold so dear,
I am not wise enough to understand
All that is best for you. The Master's Hand
Must sometimes touch life's saddest chords to reach
Its sweet music, and His child to teach,
To trust His love, till the long weeping night
Is all forgotten in the morning light.
Trust, trust Him then, and thus shall good or ill
Your trustful soul with present blessing fill.
Each loss is truest gain if, day by day,
He fills the place of all He takes away.

—Selected.

Attention

Sunday School Teachers, Youth Leaders, Children's Church and Vacation Bible School Directors, it is a workshop just for you. Sister Rhonda Stollings and Sister Shirley Depew are coming to the Apostolic Faith Bible College for a week of sharing ideas that God has blessed them with. They will be covering: songs, stories, object lessons, puppets, teaching methods, and visual aids. If you have been having trouble presenting your class with an exciting story or been wondering what you might do to make your summer V.B.S. different this year from any other year, I suggest you come and be a part of this workshop. Sister Rhonda and Sister Shirley will be with us the week of January 25th. There will be a teaching time every day beginning at 3:15. Then on Friday evening (beginning at 7:00) and Saturday afternoon (1:00-4:00) there will be a workshop. During this time you will have the opportunity to make patterns from the ideas that they will be presenting. Also please bring with you an idea that you have had so that you might share it with us. There will be a workbook available at \$7.00 each and a supplement at \$5.00. The charge is only to cover the cost of the paper and the printing. There will however, be a limited supply. If possible please contact us and order your books if you are interested. You may do this by contacting either—

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If you have any questions concerning further information do not hesitate in contacting one of us. Do pray that God would give **you** the opportunity to come and that **He** would use this time to help us equip ourselves to be better servants in His fields of labour.

"God has given us two ears, two eyes and one tongue for the intent that we might hear and see more than we speak."

Socrates

Move Forward

by the late Alford Whiteley

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God. (Heb. 6:1).

We as the people of God, have the greatest privilege of our lives in these the closing days of time. God is calling for a church without spot or wrinkle.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word that he might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing but that it should be holy and without blemish. (Eph. 5:25-27).

Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. (Heb. 13:12-13). Many today try to build on another's foundation or ride the other man's credit, instead of bringing their lives under subjection to the whole will of God, and go without the camp, living that clean, over-coming daily life that Jesus expects us to live through the blood that flowed from His veins.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. (John 15:7). And all things, what-so-ever ye shall ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive. (Matt. 21:22). Through faith in these great and mighty promises, we shall be able to see wonderful results in revivals, healing of sick bodies, and casting out tormenting demons that prey upon the human body, caused through disobedience from the fall of man.

To those who need deliverance from any bondage, Jesus said, And I say unto you, Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. (Luke 11:9-10).

To have these promises wrought in our lives, Jesus expects us to come from the world and quit the "sinning business". Many people have their petty sins which they hide from the world, yet in the eyes of God they are not hidden.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and

spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (II Cor. 7:1).

As we go on through life, looking for the hope of redemption, we feel the need of "earnestly contending for the faith, which was once delivered unto the saints." When we contend through fasting and prayer for a closer walk with God and to see these signs follow our lives that Jesus said should follow them that believe, it will cause us to shed off everything that is not like the Christ, and say, "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God."

When we can consecrate our all to the service of God and trust Him with a child-like faith, then is when we get a pleasure out of serving the Lord.

Many are living in a "stand-still" experience. And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you to-day; for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to-day ye shall see them again no more forever. The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. (Ex. 14:13-14).

If Israel had continued to stand still, they would have gone down before the enemy, but God spoke and they moved on out of the way. And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward. (Ex. 14:15). I feel that is the message the ministers should have to-day. that they urge the church to move forward in the Lord.

A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is to work with the construction gang
And not the wrecking crew.

The Sower

by Gail Schultz

"Listen then to the parable of the sower." Matt. 13:18-23.

Softly the light lay upon the warm earth. All nature responded in growth. The time of sowing is here. Soon the brown earth will turn to green.

I am thinking of another kind of sower, with a different kind of seed to be sown...not in the soil but in the hearts of men. The living Word of our God has so fallen. The hearts of men have been compared to types of rock, clay or good ground. Also to a condition of thistles and uncultivated land or again the good soil. Here is the story of humanity.

There are those who know so little, hide so completely and care so little about God's word that all they have is a "roadside" heart. They can tell you no more of the location of a spiritual church than I can of a beer-tavern or a dance hall. The minister, pastor and evangelist are useless. The Scripture is without meaning. Jesus is only another name.

Maybe one day they heard the word, even were saved, but in a flash Satan stole the experience, until some have no memory of it. What a pity! Such delusion, such darkness! God made a way for them but that way became a

snare. Souls without light, souls without hope, they swiftly drift downward.

Another soil type is found in rocky soil. Here somebody with joy takes a drink at the well of full salvation. Yet they have no root, they have not counted the cost. When the old companions of sin call, it is easy to answer. Persecution comes. The mocker, the fun maker and scoffer gets in blow after blow. They feel the best way is to quit. What a loss! They just don't know the cost of their surrender. The church is hurt and they suffer here and hereafter. We are told that the light afflictions of this old earth can't be compared to the glory that awaits the righteous.

There are others who hear the call of God and accept it with gladness. He is really their choice. Here again is another group who lets the gospel lose its beauty. For them it turns to ashes. The cares of life weigh down. The so-called "rat-race" is too much for them. For one it may be education, another it's sports or social functions. Others are too engrossed in their job, farm or business. These factors simply crowd out His word. The deceitfulness of riches choke out the work of the Lord. Time does not go around, so church activities are left out. Money does not go far enough, so again the church is forgotten. Why will people so cut the life line and suffocate the Word of the Lord? In so doing they return to Sodom and Egypt and bondage. Often they are cursed with a curse. Mal. 3:9. Having turned away from the holy commandments, they are as dogs returning to their vomit or sows to their wallow. II Peter 2:21, 22. Their estate now is worse than at the beginning.

Yet there remains others whose hearts are fertile, whose intent is to serve God in spirit and in truth. They taste of the good salvation and go "all out" for God. These people again may be divided into three groups. The thirty-fold are indeed a saved portion. Under the atoning blood they abide. While the sixty-fold are those who have gone on to sanctification. The one-hundred-fold have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

I know there are those who have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, then carelessly drift along unfruitful. Some even warm by the Devil's campfire. They seek again the things of the world. This only brings confusion. Christ is the example. The Word (the Bible) is the instructor and the Holy Spirit, the guide. Let us who know the Lord follow on to His fullness and completeness for us.

You Are Being Watched!

The eyes of the Lord
are in every place,
beholding the evil,
and the good.

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Apostolic Faith Bible College News

Superintendent's Notes

Greetings;

We feel that everything is going well here as we approach the last part of this semester. Time seems to have been moving by quickly, as the students are taking their mid-term exams. Soon this term will be history and blessings await us in the coming new year. May I say thank you to all who have supported this ministry with prayers, finances and gifts. The Lord has truly blessed and we are trusting the Lord will continue to meet our needs.

It has come to my attention that some would like to be more aware of the happenings and finances of the school. If you would like to place your name on our General Mailing List, you will receive our monthly letter of news and a financial statement. Please fill out the information below and return it to P.O. Box 110, Baxter Springs, Kansas. 66713.

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Sincerely,
Lyndel Arnall
Superintendent

From The Desk Of The Dean Of Men

"For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?" Luke 9:25

In these closing days of time where we see the people of the world placing greater emphasis on the material wealth of this world and seeking the treasures of the world, it is with joy that we see a few young men taking time out to deepen their lives in the Word of God. The time that these young men spend studying the Bible here in Bible School will be worth a great deal to them in the future when they need to take their stand against the modern teachings that abound in the world today. Satan is trying every way in the world to get our young people's attention away from the most important thing and that is their soul salvation and being able to stand and grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is hard for young people to live a sanctified life when they see those who profess Christ live a "loose" Christian life and say they are sanctified and putting the things of the world before the Christ who saved them. We, here at the Bible School are trying to teach, and live those things that uplift the name of God and His Christ. We see so much conforming to the world which is not a life of holiness. We hope that some of these students will go out and start revival in the churches of our Movement.

Folks, we need to be REVIVED! We here at the School are praying for our Churches, these students are in earnest...in their studies...in their living for the Lord and being an example of the believers. We are teaching them the ways of the "Old paths" the way God expects a

Christian to live. We want you to remember your students in prayer they are preparing their lives to live and tell the Gospel story. God bless all of you for holding us up in prayer.

R.C.B.

Greetings from the Girls Dorm

Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow. I thank the Lord for all that He is doing. How good the Lord is to us each day. Matt. 6:33 says seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. If we would just go to God first with our needs and problems, we would see more things accomplished.

Let us always remember to put the Lord first in our lives, our jobs, our activities, and in everything that we do.

We praise the Lord because He is blessing us here at the school, and here in the dorm. The girls have been studying for their finals and they are realizing the need of studying. We have had a good time together and are looking forward to even a greater one the second half of this semester. May we continue to grow in the Word of the Lord and find out what His will is for all our lives.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.
God Bless you all.

Tony Bartel

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