A large red heart is centered on the page, surrounded by a white lace-like border. Inside the heart, the following text is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font:

**By this shall  
all men know that  
ye are my disciples,  
if ye have love one  
to another.**

**John 13:35**

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Mt. 22-39 - Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Jn. 13-35 - By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Jn. 15-12 - This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Ro. 12-9 - Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

1 Th. 3-12 - And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: (He. 13-1; Ja. 2-8).

1 Pe. 1-22 - Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

1 Jn. 3-16 - Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Jn. 13-1 - Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

Jn. 15-9 - As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

Jn. 15-13 - Greater love hath no man that this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ro. 8-35 - Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, peril, or sword?

2 Co. 5-14 - For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

Ga. 2-20 - I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of Man, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Ep. 6-24 - Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity . Amen.

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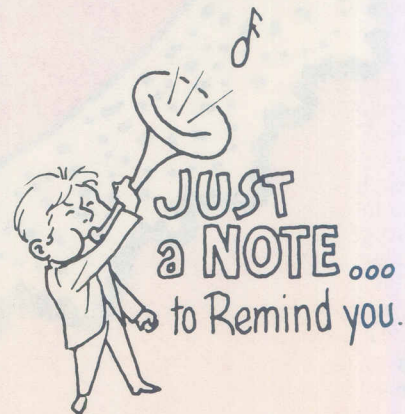
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# Counselor

By Patsy Waterbury

Not a King or a Judge? The New coming Messiah, the Saviour of Israel and of all mankind was to be a Counselor? The Word Counselor means one who gives advice, or one who deliberately consults with another to aid them in some matter. Counseling is described as professional guidance of the individual by utilizing psychological methods, or using various techniques of the personal interview, and testing interests and aptitudes. At any rate, it involves the most personal touch according to Websters dictionary, obviously a one to one relationship between two persons.

The Apostle Paul speaks of some very real problems in his day that surely exist today in probably larger proportions. I Corinthians 6:9; "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God; Be not deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God?" Also, I Corinthians 2:15, 16, "But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ." Clearly Paul recognized through the direction of the Holy Spirit, the need to go directly to the One Who could solve that need:

When Christ Himself was on earth in person, some of his Answers to very direct and difficult questions were as follows:

"What Can I Do..." His immediate answer was "Be Born Again." John 3

"What shall we have..." Christ's answer to Peter was, "...everlasting life." Matthew 19:29. To the Woman at the Well, His Answer was "Living Water", and to her accusers, this before-unheard of advice, "Go and Sin No More." John 4.

Prophecy proclaims, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

God had already tried Judges and Kings to rule his people Israel. The people rebelled, turned away, hardened their heart, and went into captivity because of their unbelief. Now God in His Great Mercy and Love was sending a New Method, something or Someone to deal with the very Heart of mankind. His Son was to be the Counselor. This very One sent from the courts of Glory was to be this very personal intimate confidante of the individual.

Dr. James C. Dobson, a leading Christian psychologist and marriage counselor, says in his book, *Love Must Be Tough*, "Just when the battle appears to have been won, everything can be lost for reasons that did not exist in the beginning." Every Christian believer needs Christian companionship, some good friends to confide in, and of course a good faithful mate. But still there remains a deeper need. Modern counseling is big business today. It is one of the most stressful demands upon the church, to somehow provide the remedy, the answer to every conceivable problem thought up by Satan himself. Wisely Christians can give guidance in many instances, seeking out the Wisdom of God, and searching His Word for answers from above. However, most counseling techniques simply don't work without that Divine intervention. Mere guidelines alone seem futile to the enormous pressures of today's society. For it seems the more counseling that man provides, the more self-help programs he dreams up, just so much more the problems increase around the world.

It is great that the world looks to the church and to the Christians in a real crisis in their lives, and it is needful that some answers be provided, but we who have tasted and shared in the very Presence of the Son of God can go directly to His throne for personal guidance and the Counselor Himself will be the very Jewel of Heaven. He has not remained on earth as a baby, as the world remembers Him at the holiday season, rather He "Ever Liveth to Make Intercession" for every believer.

Jesus Christ will indeed come back to the world as it's King, He indeed will become the Judge of all mankind, but He is presently that significant Advisor to the human heart. In the Wisdom of His Father, he can go directly to the source of the problem with His Healing Balm. In the Eternal Knowledge that He alone possesses, he can go right past all human methods with His Divine Counseling. Praise the Lord!

## Lesson From A Paper Mill

Queen Victoria, while driving one day, diverted her carriage to a new paper mill built a few miles outside the city. She left her attendants and went on alone to avoid recognition.

The manager, not knowing he had the first lady of England before him, showed her the machinery. He showed her how rags were first bleached white, ground, and then run through the hammers, thinned, dried, cut into sheets, etc. The queen was surprised and pleased.

As she was leaving, they passed through a room where men, women, and children sat sorting rags. Many of these rags had been picked up in dirty streets.

"What do you do with that filthy heap of rags?" the queen asked.

"We make paper out of them," the manager answered.

"But I notice they are of all colors; how do you whiten them?"

"By a chemical operation we remove every color. Rags as red as crimson, after going through the process, assume the whiteness of a cherry blossom."

The manager escorted the queen part of her way back, then, seeing the royal retinue, realized she was none other than Queen Victoria.

A few days later the queen found a pack of the prettiest white paper lying on her writing desk. On each sheet her initials and her portrait were impressed.

A letter of explanation was attached:

"Your Majesty will graciously accept a sample of my paper, hereby submissively transmitted as a small souvenir, with the assurance that every sheet therein is a fabric made out of those filthy dark-colored rags you saw in the mill.

"Your Majesty will permit me to add that it is from this transformation that I have often received much instruction. It has taught me how our Lord Jesus Christ is able to wash poor human beings who are spotted and begrimed with sin, and who are far filthier than these rags. As a consequence of His washing us, our sins, though they be scarlet, shall become whiter than snow.

"Again, I learned that God can impress his image upon poor sinful man, as Your Majesty beholds her image impressed in the paper. And as the paper, thus finished, is capable of attracting the good pleasure even of a queen, likewise the poor sinner may be so washed and adorned by the blood of the Lamb that finally he will shine as a welcome guest in the heavenly palaces."

# Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.

## ARTICLE VII Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Saviour. 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. These 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 Saviour, 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 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. Matthew 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 basic doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teachings approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

### From The Superintendent

It is the Spring Semester at A.F.B.C. and we are resuming our scheduled classes. Most of the students from the previous semester have returned to complete their two-year program of study. It is a joy to have these students back and to know God will be teaching them many wonderful things.

We want to express our gratitude for the financial help that was sent to close the last semester and meet expenses during the break. Your response to the needs of the school was a real encouragement, as we continue trusting the Lord to supply our needs.

There has been a computer fund established because of donation coming in so designated. We are currently using a

computer on loan from Wayne Freeman to co-ordinate the Alumni project. A permanent computer set-up will be very beneficial to the school, and it is our hope to make this a reality in the near future.

In conclusion, an expression of thanks must go to all who make this ministry possible and to the Board of Directors who have been most helpful. Without the efforts and prayers of many our labours would be in vain.

Sincerely,  
Lyndel Arnall

### Boy's Dorm

We have 14 young men in the dorm this semester and they are all working for growth from the Word of God. The semester started out cold but quickly warmed up as we got the hot water heaters working in the dorm.

John Kinion II  
Victor Hackney  
J.C. Morrison  
Todd Allen  
Nicki Gift  
Wayne Freeman  
Louis San Miguel

Karl Nelson  
Charlie Harris  
Stuart Bensch  
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Curt Fenton  
Seldon Harris  
Larry Arnall

Take one name a day, remembering them in prayer. Remember also, they are becoming labours in the harvests and will need the strength from the Lord. One gains that strength through study in the Holy Scriptures. I Peter 5:5:10 "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ establish, strengthen, settle you."

Ron Brening

### Attention - Alumni Members

You are invited to the first annual Alumni Banquet to be held on May 8th, 1987. We have secured the Convention Center at the Holiday Inn a Joplin, Missouri. This is a reservation dinner with a charge of \$12.00 to cover the cost of the meal. The facilities of the Hotel are very comfortable as well as private. It will accommodate up to several hundred people for dinner as well as leave ample room for fellowship. We will be conducting business to organize the Alumni Association and then spend the remainder of the evening in entertainment. The feature of the banquet will be the Royalhiars of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Many of the group are alumni and we appreciate their coming.

Due to the banquet following the closing exercises, there will not be any available rooms at the school. See below reference for suggested area motels. There will be child care services provided at the school for a nominal fee on that evening.

We hope to see as many of the past students, faculty and Superintendents as possible. This should be a time of uniting to become re-acquainted with one another and of meeting the husband-wife of many of the former students.

Please send your name and the price of the meal as soon as possible in order to secure the catering order. Your cooperation in responding quickly will be necessary in helping our plans come together. We are looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you in May. God Bless.

Lyndel Arnall

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 Kim Mathis  
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## February Notes

Kerala - India

Dear friends in Christ:

New Year Greeting to all the readers of the Faith Report! The New Year has begun for us with new opportunities and wider vision of the work.

The blessings of the Lord were upon us during this term of the Bible College. Twenty-one senior students will be graduating this month and some of them will be sent to new areas. A group of five students are going to the Adivasis (hill tribes) where we have purchased plots for church construction few weeks back. Dresses made at Hebron will be the New Year gift for the Sunday School children on the Adivasis.

The dedication of the Ebenezer church at Nellikala in Kumbanad District took place on December 13, 1986. Though work started there on a small scale seven years ago the faithful few continued in prayer and intercession and in God's time a proper place of worship has been made possible. Bro. T.J. Abraham works here and the efforts of the believers working in unity has been a great blessing and encouragement. The plastering of the outside of the church is yet to be completed though the dedication took place to enable the believers to begin the worship in the new church from the new year. We praise God for the financial help received through Valson and some other friends for this.

Some more work has to be done on the Sisters dormitory and we also need new classrooms for the Bible College when the next session starts. The Ladies session of the Bible College is planned to be held during March, April and May. Other furnishings such as cots for the dorms, benches and desks for the classrooms, utensils for the kitchen, etc have to be made available. We are thankful to the churches, families and individuals that have helped us during the past, especially to Brother Marcus Adair and family. May the good Lord bless you all.

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

Pampa, Texas

It has been sometime since we sent in a report. But we are still on the map and have had some wonderful services with visiting Ministers and wonderful Revival with Brother and Sister Jimmie Wallis. Everyone learned so much from the Spirit Filled messages of Bro. Wallis. We would recommend that each church have them for Revival.

Our pastor's mother has been real ill and he has had to be away some lately, but with the help of Bro. Regier and others we have been able to go on.

We are looking forward to a real growth in our Church in 1987. We are believing that God will add to our church as He sees fit.

On Wednesday nights we have been having a series of film on the book of Luke. The History behind all this is very interesting.

Pray for us and come by to visit us anytime.  
Austin Sutton Pastor  
Anabel Simmons Reporter

Jan-Feb 1987

Follett, TX.

Christmas has come and gone and a new year is before us. **Thanks to God for his wonderful love, power, and protection.**

This year our Christmas program was changed to a living nativity. God certainly blessed our church and our community with his presence. Our drive through nativity had five living scenes. The annunciation, no room at the inn, Joseph and Mary and baby Jesus at the stable, the shepherds, wisemen, and the star. The whole church had a part. We even counted cars. 120 the first night and 128 the second evening. But numbers didn't make the difference. The living nativity scenes and those who participated had been dedicated and consecrated to God for his honor and glory. Praise his name!

We hope to make this drive-through nativity a yearly effort for our Lord and Saviour.

Bro. M.D. Methvin, pastor  
Alberdine Wilhite, reporter

Ashland, AL.

We have experienced a wonderful time of Thanksgiving this month in our church family. Bro. and Mrs. Richard Morris were with us for a refreshing revival Nov. 9th through Nov. 14th. We are so thankful for the rich blessings of the Lord and for the dedicated ministry of Bro. Richard and Sis. Renee.

On Nov 4th, God blessed our lives with a beautiful, healthy granddaughter, TaLisa LaShea Anderson, daughter of Thomas and Kayla Anderson. They now have a girls' trio!

Our Old Fashioned Day and Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday, Nov. 23. We shared a bountiful Thanksgiving meal on Sunday evening and were blessed by the singing ministry of Mrs. Pat Allen, English teacher from Bibb Graves High School and Mr. Bill Pacher, formerly a member of our Youth Group, and Mr. Larry Mull, a blind pianist who were all a tremendous blessing to us.

God has been so good to us and we have much to be thankful for.

Bro. and Mrs. Jim Arnall, pastor.  
Bethel Church.

Pattison, TX.

Praise the Lord! This has been another month of many blessings. On Nov 22, we had a singing at the church, and refreshments afterward. Our visiting singers were Bro. Andy Qualls, and his group from Hempstead TX., The Gates of Praise, Bro. Bill Scruggs and Bro Alton Everton, who sing and play Gospel Bluegrass, Bro. and Sis. Jimmy Murrell, Bennie and Verosa Phillips, Glenda Devillar, and Bro and Sis. Jackson. We enjoyed all of them and want to welcome them back.

We can't leave our own singers out. It's always such a blessing to hear Bro and Sis. Scruggs' songs. We had two youngsters sing, Charlene Ellis, a ten year old from our church, and J.R. Hammock, a three year old with Bro. Qualls group. We thank God for these children, and pray that they will keep on singing for the Lord. We had many more visitors besides our regular folks. Among the visitors were Bro. and Sis. Carter from Waller. On Nov. 30, we went to a singing at Bro. Qualls church. We always enjoy going there.

Guests at our church that Sunday were Bennie and Verosa Phillips and sons from Needville, TX. They were with us for morning and evening worship and fellowship that night. Our own Nina Huskey is back from her trip to California. We are glad she is back.

May God Bless each and every one of you.

John Scruggs, pastor  
Ruth Ellis, reporter

A.F. Report

## Union Chapel - Anderson, MO

It seems we have started this year on a sad note with the passing of our dear Sister in the Lord, Lola Kidd. She will be sorely missed from our services, for she was always there, if not in person you knew she was there in spirit, because she would be praying for the service. As I think about Sis. Lola two different verses come to my mind, the first one is Romans 8:28-"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." We know that Sis. Lola was one of His called because her life has testified of that to us and we know that she believed in God's purpose. Many times she called on God for His healing power and it was not to be so, and she still put her faith and trust in Him. What ever was in her life was the will of the Lord and she loved Him and continued to serve Him. The other verse that comes to mind is 2 Tim. 4:7 - "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." There is not a doubt in my mind that Sis. Lola kept the faith and fought the good fight. Her example before us speaks for itself. And it should show us to stay true to the Lord no matter what comes our way in life. Our prayers are with her family, God bless and comfort you in the days ahead.

In Dec. we had our Christmas program as I'm sure you all did. This year Sis. Corrie got all the little ones involved in it and they sure had a good time getting it ready for their moms and dads. I know the Lord blessed Sis. Corrie for all the work she put into our program. Our children have also been singing alot for us lately and it's always a joy to see our children taking part in the services. We pray that they will always want to do things for the Lord.

The Lord is still blessing us at Chapel and we pray He is blessing in your churches also. Remember us in your prayers as we remember you in ours. Come and visit any time you can. God bless you.

Frank Arnall, pastor  
Beth Williams, reporter

## Midway, Okla.

Brother and Sister Bob Taylor had their last services at Midway Country Church on July 27, 1986 and since that time we have had no Pastor for the Church.

We have been having regular services with different ministers filling the pulpit for us on Sunday morning and evening, and Bro. and Sister Steve Arnall having our Wednesday night services. Those ministers that have filled the pulpit for us are Bro. Gene Cornell, Bro. Ted Barker, Bro. Earl Malone, Bro. Lowell Long, Bro. Jake Regier, Bro. Marcus Adair, Bro. Roland Haney, and I hope I haven't left anyone out, but if I did please forgive me.

Sister Kathy Arnall, and Sister Joyce had the Christmas program this year, we all enjoyed it very much, and they put lots of work into it, afterwards there was treats for all. The Christmas supper was at the Community Hall on Dec. 10th.

Our Church attendance is holding up good, and the spirit of the Lord is felt in each service, but we do need a pastor, so help us pray that some minister will have a burden for the Church, and someone that will want to live in the Country, we have a nice parsonage at the Church. We need a shepherd for our flock.

We want to say Happy New Year to everyone, and may the good Lord bless each and everyone of you, as we are one year closer to the Coming of the Lord, and I hope and pray that we can all be ready for His coming. Our Church Board is Glen Howard, Ezra Simpson, and Leonard Elston.

By Dorothy Simpson

## Trinity Apostolic Faith Church Joplin, Missouri

We're rejoicing God's blessings on our Convocation held in our church December 28-31, 1986. The Lord was gracious to us in giving us excellent weather and we are so very grateful.

Sunday December 28, was the dedication of our new church and also our Pastor's birthday. We had 94 in Sunday School and many more for the Morning Worship Service. Extra chairs were brought in for the 2:00 p.m. church dedication as we had a packed house. Attendance was very good for all four days of the Convocation.

Bro. Ted Barker brought the Sunday morning message and directed the choir for the night services until he was called home because of illness. Our Pastor, O.A. Busch was the speaker for the dedication service. Our five board members and their wives sat on the platform and the Board members annointed the door posts, altars, pulpit and communion table as Bro. Busch led the entire audience in a dedicatory prayer. Sunday night Bro. Roland Busch was the speaker.

Bro Lyndel Arnall was the Bible teacher for the Monday and Tuesday mornings' Bible Lessons. His subject was "miracles". Monday night Bro. Edwin Waterbury was the minister and Tuesday night Bro. Jimmie Wallis was our speaker. Wednesday morning Three young ministers brought short messages. They were Larry Arnall, Kenny Keeling and Joel Dorris. Bro. Howard Whiteley closed the service with a timely message.

Our Watch-night Service was really outstanding. Our pastor spoke on the Lord's Supper and God's presence was so very precious as we partook of the Communion. After an intermission and several good special songs the service concluded with an inspiring testimony service led by Bro. Roland Busch, and we were all in prayer at the altar as we entered the new year.

After the altar service, we dedicated Benjamin Mark Dorris, the son of Joel and Tammy Dorris, to the Lord. It is indeed a beautiful event when a child is given to the Lord, the parents realizing that they need the guidance of the Lord in yet their family. We praise God for the miracles he is performing yet today. We serve a mighty God.

We are unable to adequately thank the Lord for all His blessings on us in our building program and for the beautiful place of worship He has allowed us to erect for His Glory. We want to be a lighthouse set on a hill to point a hurting, confused world to Jesus Christ, the answer for all our needs and problems.

O.A. Busch - Pastor

## Stockton, Calif.

Dear ones in Christ,

We are so grateful to God for sixty wonderful years together. Over fifty years has been spent in the work of the Lord. We can truthfully say OUR GOD STILL REIGNS!

God promised to supply our need when we first started and he has never failed us.

We want to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, letters and money sent to us for our 60th anniversary. We are also thankful for everyone that came to see us. We love and appreciate our christian friends.

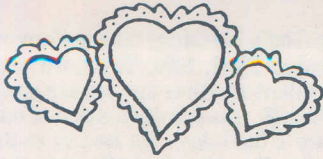
God bless every one of you for remembering us. We need your prayers that we can stay in the will of God at all times.

Rev. and Mrs. Lee Brock, pastors  
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## NOTES

Galena, KS.

Psalms 16:1 Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust."

Psalms 15:1,2 "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart."

Psalms 16:11 "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

Psalms 17:15 "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness."

Psalms 18:35 "Thou hast also given me the shield of my salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great."

Psalms 18:46 "The Lord liveth and blessed be my rock: and let the God of my salvation be exalted."

The Lord is still blessing our church. We have seen his hand working in lives and the Holy Spirit moving in lives, and anointing the Word as it is given in every service. We now are making plans to do some more work inside of our church. God is still supplying our every need, pray for our church as we labour and work. Pray for our shut-ins. Some of them have been very sick.

May God bless our many brothers and sisters in our Christian work, that we all may work together and labour harder in the year of 1987 than we did in 1986, and that we may see greater and mightier things accomplished for our Lord.

We were so happy to have E.K. and Stella Cornell from Laverne, Oklahoma here during the holidays. We were also happy to have Lynn and Lachelle home for the Christmas holidays.

We welcome all of our brothers and sisters to come by and visit us.

Howard Whitely, pastor.  
May Rowland, reporter.

## Thank You

I would like to express a special "thank you" to all of the many friends who have been praying for me through my recent trial of health. Once again it became necessary for me to enter the hospital (Houston Methodist) and have a triple Angioplasty performed on my heart. This is a balloon procedure in which blockage of the artery is cracked open.

The procedure was a total success and I am again making good recovery. I give God all credit as He was watching over me and guiding the doctors through it all.

Thanks for the cards, phone calls and other expressions of love you have shown to both Kathryn and me. God has given me a most precious wife who has stood by me and been a constant strength. It is great to have friends and most of all the 'Family of God'.

We are enjoying our pastorate in Laverne, Ok. again and have such a wonderful church to work with. These are precious people who all really love the Lord and express that love to others. It was our pleasure to pastor this church some years ago and we are so happy they called us back.

Some weeks ago we enjoyed a real revival with Bro. Ron Martin as our evangelist. Bro. Martin preached some wonderful spirit anointed sermons which moved all of us. We saw the salvation of souls, healing, Christians having needs met and other miracles happening. This was truly a REVIVAL.

Please continue to pray for us and if you are in the area come and see us.

God Bless All of You  
Rev. Jack Cornell

## Available For Services

Since August 3, 1986 I have worked as Youth Pastor and College Minister at Faith Community Church in Canyon, Texas. Through much prayer I feel the Lord is leading me into an evangelistic ministry. I will remain with Faith Community Church as my home church and headquarter in Canyon. As of February 22, 1987 I will be available for revivals, youth revivals, and weekend services. Your prayerful consideration will be sincerely appreciated.

Dan Bachler  
P.O. Box 1214  
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## 61 Years of Ministry

I should have sent in my change of mailing address. It was formerly Box 323, Hempstead, TX. Now we have mail delivery and my mailing address is 226 11th Street, Hempstead, Tx. 77445. My phone number is 409-826-2507. I am not active enough to answer or respond to all out of this vicinity but I do preach in this area when I am asked if I am able to.

On Thanksgiving day, 1925, I preached my first sermon. That was 61 years ago. I feel I am still a minister of the gospel and I expect to be as active as possible. I still pray and witness for the Lord in every opportunity I have. I also preach funerals when I am able.

I have told many people if I could live my life over I would do two things. I would be glad to have the same humble ministry God gave me. I have preached on the streets, in homes, in school buildings, in camp meetings, in Bible School, in tents, open-air meetings, in churches, in vacant store buildings, in brush arbors; any place I could find. I never took a collection or wrote to my mother when I needed money. I had trials of faith financially but I told my heavenly Father about it. When I had such tests I felt God knew about it and maybe I needed to be humbled and have patience to wait on him to answer. When I think of Elijah being fed by the ravens, Paul in prison, Jeremiah in the well and in the mire, John on the Isle of Patmos, I think I have had it pretty easy. Jesus gave us heaven and his life.

It has been a wonderful and rewarding life having the privilege to carry this wonderful gospel, to see lives changed when they are saved, to see people healed, to see homes become places where God dwelled in their lives, changed completely and having the hope of seeing Christ. My wife and I had many thrills then! I told her before she passed away that I would be glad to have the same ministry if I was given my life to live over, and I would marry the same girl if she would have me. She said she would marry me again. I am 87 years of age, but I still have beautiful memories of the way God blessed us. May God bless all is my prayer.

Yours in Christ,  
Joe B. Dewees





Victor and Donna Phelps of Chula Vista, Calif. are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Hannah Mae on Dec. 1, 1986 at 3:07 a.m. She weighed 8 lb. 8 oz. and was 20 in. long. She has one sister, Winona, and two brothers, Benjamin and Ricky.

## OBITUARIES

### Estell Seber

Estell Faithie Williamson Seber was born on Oct 28, 1984 to Charlie and Mary Williamson at Fieldstone, Waller County, Texas, and passed away on Nov 1, 1986. She married Charlie Curtis on Jan 7, 1912. He preceded her in death on Dec. 28, 1974. She is survived by one daughter, Ima Weindorff, four sons; Irvin Seber, Archie C. Seber, Jimmie O. Seber, and Charles Junior Seber; 16 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She was the sister of Maurice Williamson and step-sister of J.O. Anderson.

Services were held on Nov 4, 1986 at the Klein Funeral Home, Tomball, Texas, with Brent Blythe, Joe Deweese, Howard Seago, and Bennie Stanberry officiating. Internment was in Waller Cemetery, Waller, Texas.

### Lola Kidd

Lola Almina Kidd was born April 4, 1903 in Saginaw Village, Missouri. In 1921, at the age of 18, she gave her heart to the Lord. In 1922, at the age of 19, she was Baptized in the Holy Spirit. Lola had been filled with the Holy Spirit for over 64 years and she had trusted the Lord for her healing for over 60 years.

Lola was married to Arvel Gladys Kidd on June 30, 1935. They had two daughters. Arvel went home to be with the Lord on December 16, 1977.

Lola was a precious Christian wife and mother who always put the Lord first in her life and home. She always had time to pray for her friends and loved ones, and to teach them that the most important thing in their life was their relationship with the Lord. Her faithful prayers will certainly be missed.

Lola went home to be with the Lord on January 1, 1987 at her daughter's home in Independence, Missouri at the age of 83 years, 8 months, and 28 days.

Lola is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Beaver, Independence, and Mrs. Norma Sumler, Anderson; a brother Leo Eurit, Noel; three grandchildren, David Beaver, Belton, Dana Vandiver, Kansas City, and Mark Sumler, Anderson; and six great-grandchildren.

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God did not remove the Red Sea, and He will lead us through our difficulties if they cannot be removed.

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## The Iron Gate

An iron gate guarded the entrance to the country cemetery where my grandparents are buried. I remember from childhood that high, inviolable gate-always locked by night, and by day its heavy latch difficult to reach and lift.

Even after I became an adult, on my yearly visits back home I still had to stand on tiptoe and work several minutes to open that gate.

Then one summer I found the iron sentinel still standing tall and firm, but the fence was gone! I walked without hindrance into the cemetery and laughed mockingly at the great gate that no longer had any power to keep me out. It looked ridiculous standing there-alone, strong and yet so useless.

Certainly a gate without a fence would quicken the imagination of Jesus. What would He say about it? Could it be something like this:

"Alas for you! you who believe yourselves secure within the iron gate of Sunday church attendance, but have let fall in ruin the fence of your daily living so that vandals-distrust, materialism, hate, pretenses, little lusts-are free to come and go at will.

"Alas for you! You, who stand proudly behind the high gate, unaware that your life has been robbed day by day of its spiritual vitality.

"Alas for you! You, who through spiritual weakness make Christ's church to be mocked by the world."

Clare M. Gilmore

## What Do You Know?

Whoever it was that said the only two things for sure in life were death and taxes wasn't entirely accurate.

As a matter of fact, there is a degree of certainty within the heart of every true believer in Jesus Christ that baffles the minds of the people of the world.

The apostle Paul said:"I know whom I have believed" (2Timothy 1:12).

The apostle John Said-"We do know that we know him" (1John 2-3).

And again John said:"We know that we have passed from death unto life" (1 John 3:14).

In the same epistle he had said the very purpose of these Scriptures was "that ye may know that ye have eternal life" (5:13).

What a difference!

The purveyors of humanistic philosophy approach us with such doubtful expressions as:

"We may well suppose..."

"It is presumed that..."

"We can only guess..."

"One would like to be able to say with certainty..."

Etc., etc., etc.

But we can know, because the cross of Christ is the bridge of certainty. Yet until a person has bent his knee before that cross, he cannot know, for:

"The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God-for they are foolishness unto him-neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned"(1Corinthians 2:14).

What do you know?

What you know depends entirely on who you know. "And this is life eternal, that they may know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, who thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

Everett Stenhouse

# Cults Are False Prophets

By Yvonna Whiteley

## CHURCH OF THE LIVING WORD

The Church of the Living Word, sometimes called "The Walk, was founded by John Robert Stevens. The church embraces doctrines from orthodoxy, Assemblies of God and Foursquare denominations, occultism, Eastern religions, and gnosticism.

Adherents of The Walk can supposedly experience "deification, tongues prophecy, healings, auras, and 'transference of powers' in noisy and emotional meetings." Adherents can remain secure in the rigid, authoritarian group structure without having to think for themselves.

Stevens claimed attendance at the American Bible College in Chicago, but there are NO records to show that this school ever existed. He did, however, attend the Foursquare Life Bible College in Los Angeles.

This new church grew out of a nondenominational church that Stevens started in South Gate, California..in 1954..after having A VISION which he said was comparable to Paul's conversion experience on the Damascus Road. Since 1954, The Walk has grown to 26 churches in California, 51 in rest of U.S. and 22 in foreign countries. He has complete control. The children of followers are educated in 3 special schools, one in Washington, Iowa and the other in the San Fernando Valley, near Los Angeles.

According to Stevens, God has chosen Shiloah (their Iowa headquarters) as the most important spot on the face of the earth: "Shiloah is now the spiritual center of the world, the beginning of God's creation."

In common with many other cults, the movement is funded through sacrificial offerings of members (many live with other members, pooling their resources and giving all that is left to the church) and through church-owned and operated businesses...like Impact Industries paint roller factory in California.

Although the Church upholds the Bible as the written word of God, it also believes that the Bible is OUTDATED and must be supplemented by the revelations, writings, and sermons of John Stevens...whose pronouncements are on an equal par with Scripture.

The Church of the Living Word is claimed to be the only church today which is in God's will. Members of the Walk are said to have come out from Babylon in leaving their denominational ties. Only in The Walk lies salvation, and claim to be the only "New Testament" church.

It is another cult mark that the importance of the individual members is ignored and the unity of the body, to the exclusion of individuality, is stressed. Steven states: People often try to pigeonhole us to determine what we believe. Actually we start where the Pentecostals, and Holiness groups leave off. We believe that everything spoken in the Scriptures can happen again in our times and through us.

Another cult characteristic shown in this group is the belief that the cult IS BEING PERSECUTED FOR ITS BELIEFS AND THAT GOD in turn will judge those who are in "Babylon" who are doing the persecuting of the "saints" forth. We are NOT against God's people in any way. If they reject the Word that God is bringing forth, they reject us too, because we are bringing forth the Word of this hour. Once they begin to reject us, God takes exception to them..."

Stevens claims to be God's apostle for today. His authority is unquestioned and is ranked right along with biblical authority. The Bible is said TO BE MEANINGLESS WITHOUT STEVEN'S Divinely inspired interpretation of it. Followers of the Church of the Living Word must follow the leading of Stevens as though he were God speaking to them.

"God is moving for us to go in to conquer with the sharp two-edged sword ministry under the Captain of the Lord's hosts spoken of in Joshua 5. I am the Captain..I have come to lead you...words from Stevens. He can easily manipulate the Scriptures without fear of detection if his followers refuse to think over what they have heard, content instead to trust him. Remember that the Word of the Lord in this cult's terminology is NOT the Bible, but the Word for Today spoken through Stevens.

Stevens attempts to justify his office of apostle by taking Eph. 4:11-16 out of context and by misinterpreting the word "apostles" in verse 11. He literalizes the figurative speech of II Cor. 3:2,3 in an attempt to justify the continuing "scripture" which he calls a Bible that is increasing. The church's submission doctrine goes far beyond biblical bounds: Stevens urges his followers to follow him and other church leaders EVEN IF THEY ARE WRONG as long as they are sincere.

Stevens tells people that membership in the Church of the Living Word carries with it the probability of severe family problems. "One of the first things which happens when you come into this walk is that the Lord does something to your family. Mothers find they can hardly stand their children; the children are suddenly rebellious..."

When we examine the authority and structure of The Walk, in light of the Bible, we find the cult is NOT in harmony with biblical standards for Christ's Church. God will NOT appoint a leader who teaches contrary to what He has already revealed. The scriptures are God's PERFECT WORDS, and anything that purports to be from God MUST BE IN HARMONY with these words that He has already said. God has never commanded believers to follow a leader WITHOUT testing him continually with God's already-revealed word. Acts 17:11. Prov. 30:5,6.

Deut. 13:1-5 tells us that IF a prophet CLAIMS to represent God, but TEACHES DOCTRINES ABOUT GOD THAT ARE HERESY, we are NOT to believe Him.

As we see Stevens teaches the wrong doctrine of God..so we must label him a false prophet and a false apostle. The true apostle of God would invite close scrutiny, and his followers would carefully examine his credentials in the LIGHT OF THE SCRIPTURE (II Cor. 13:3-8).

Just as one Christian would NOT despise another church's work. Jesus taught His disciples to be tolerant of those who were in other bodies and yet were STILL OF THE FAITH. (Gal. 2:7..Paul reteaches it).

Although we would REJECT the teachings of The Walk because they err in the essential Bible doctrines of faith, we can still see the inconsistency exhibited by the followers of Stevens who claim to follow the Bible as other churches follow the Bible but who reject all others as part of "Babylon", the biblical symbol for corruption.

We are NOT to renounce reason and we are especially NOT to relegate all thinking to another fallible human being...like Stevens. II Tim. 3:14-17; II Peter 1:19-21.

## The Walk's Doctrine

God:

The church asserts belief in the trinity while at the same time teaching that God is NOT unique since it is the destiny of the church to become God also. The Walk teaches that human deification is possible. "The Lord puts you through a process that will bring you into sonship, into deity...Assume the deity that God wants his people to have...The Word becoming flesh, full of grace and truth...God becoming man means nothing unless we become God..."

The ERRONEOUS teaching that men can become God is totally foreign to the Bible. Isa. 31:3,4 shows the contrast bet-

ween men and God. Acts 14:15 Paul denies such a belief as it was then being taught by pagans in Lystra. God condemns such teaching. (Rom. 1:23).

The god of The Walk is changing and growing. The God of the Bible is eternal and separate from His creation (Mal. 3:6; Psa. 102:26,27) Satan was the first to teach that man could be like God (Gen.3:5) God emphatically declared his uniqueness in Hosea 11:9b.

The teaching that the church becomes God extends to The Walk's eschatology (doctrines of the last things). Stevens teaches that the 2nd coming of Christ has 2 aspects: the literal and the spiritual. The spiritual 2nd coming is NOT a coming at all but is instead the belief that Christ is present in the world through his church, The Walk.

The physical 2nd coming is true as said in Acts 1:11 but that will be just the sign. The principal coming is his coming forth in the persons of His saints, a corporate manifestation of God in a many-membered body.

#### Christ:

The Walk would rob Jesus of His unique title as God the Son, second person of the Trinity. Jesus becomes the church, and we as believers become part of Christ. He is no longer the only-begotten Son of God but is instead some sort of impersonal realm of deity in whose attributes and nature all Christians share. Christ is forever divorced from individuality. The Lord is NO LONGER an individual.

But Christians who stand by the Bible teachings find John 1:14,18 and Matt. 16:16,17 to reveal the truth that there is only 1 Christ. In the original Greek text we find the word "monogenes" which means unique or one of a kind. We are "adopted sons of God...not God or Christ. Rom. 8:23:25 tells us that we do NOT yet have our entire inheritance as adopted sons of God. At the resurrection we will be glorified and will have resurrected bodies like Jesus' body...but we still REMAIN CREATED BEINGS...we will NOT become God. We will worship God and Christ Rev. 21:3,4.

#### Holy Spirit:

The Walk places great emphasis on the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit in operation in the church. While Stevens does NOT comment extensively on his theological beliefs concerning the Person and deity of the Holy Spirit, his writings are liberally sprinkled with assertions of the Holy Spirit's moment-by-moment direction of the Walk. He believes that all the supernatural manifestations of the power of the Holy Spirit is being manifested today in his churches. He strongly teaches that the primary function of the Holy Spirit is to bring the divine nature of God into Christians.

Since we will never become God, the Holy Spirit cannot impart deity to us. Peter's statement that we can be "partakers" of the divine nature means that Christians enjoy an intimate spiritual relationship with God as His adopted children. II Peter 1:4; Rom. 8:14-17, John 17:21-23).

It should be clear from our discussion of Deut. 13 that since the church of the Living Word teaches false doctrine...neither the Holy Spirit nor any other member of the Trinity is going to bless Stevens' churches with gifts from God...of whatever kind. Gal. 1:8,9.

#### Mankind:

The 3 main heresies on the doctrine of man taught by Stevens are all related to the error that man can become God. The Walk teaches that 1) man can become divine; 2) that he can become perfect; 3) that he can become Christ.

In saying that man is divine, Stevens means that Christians share exactly the same nature as God...they become part of God. "...you're going to be robbed with deity itself...God's very nature being reproduced in you..." is what he teaches.

Since man is finite and changing, he can never hope to become infinite and unchanging as Stevens proclaims. It is

true that men who are Christians will inherit eternal life but man had a definite beginning so man is not infinite and unchanging. God is Numbers 23:19.

We can look forward to absolute perfection, or sinlessness, when we become like Jesus at the time of the coming resurrection. Rom. 8:11; I Cor. 15:42-44. But our bodies must be changed and glorified to be made like Christ's resurrection body. Phil. 3:21; Rom. 8:22-25. When Phil. 2:5 tells us to have the mind of Christ, it does not mean that we become Christ. The context of verses 1-11 shows us that Paul is admonishing us to be humble, even as Christ was humble.

#### Salvation:

Stevens teaches a salvation that is dependent on him and his church rather than on Jesus alone. In his soteriology (teachings about salvation); salvation is a continuing process...administered by Stevens' church and resulting in deification of its members. Like most cults, The Walk adds to the Bible's simple declaration that salvation is completely by grace...apart from works. (Eph. 2:8-10; I Tim. 2:5)

Stevens teaches that God accepts or rejects people in different degrees. God accepts the believer on the level he determines to live on. You determine the limitations of your relationship to God by what is within you. We do NOT walk into the Kingdom; we do NOT fight or preach into it...we simply become so full we start overflowing and FLOAT into the Kingdom..."

Their salvation is also accomplished through the offices of the church. He teaches that his leaders can transfer the people's guilt to Christ and transfer the innocence of Christ to the guilty. "Your shortcomings are of no significance at all, because you can reach up and touch Him through the ministry of the priesthood and be cleansed."

Stevens teaches that we will be saved from our human natures and changed into nonpersonal divine natures..."something must first be wrought in your nature so that you will to be a child of God and NOT a human being. Therefore the Lord puts you through a process that will bring you into sonship, into deity...Assume the deity that wants for you."

The Bible is emphatic in declaring that salvation is in NO way connected to any efforts on our part. Eph. 2:8-10. There is NO man on this earth, NO church that has ever existed, that can participate in a person's salvation...it's accomplished entirely by God through Jesus. I Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:25; Heb. 1:1,2).

So The Walk teaches error on almost all the essential doctrine of the Christian faith. Stevens' theology can't meet the test of biblical truth.

Nothing unclean can enter in  
Where God in glory reigns;  
His eyes so pure cannot endure  
The sight of spots and stains.

Nothing unclean must stand between  
The Holy One and me;  
Saviour from sin, Thy work begin,  
Wash me til Thou canst see  
Nothing unclean.



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