

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

Psalms 113:3

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Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. Ephesians 6:5-6

For the which cause I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed for I know who I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us. 11 Timothy 1:12-14.

On May 10, 1979 these words were spoken to a group of our young people in the ordination service at the Apostolic Faith Bible College. Many wonderful words that morning as God's precious word went forth. The thought of being in God's perfect will was no doubt the most impressive to this listener. The young people that made up this years graduating class have gone now, each to face different circumstances. Some will go to new jobs, some perhaps to college, some into the work of the Lord. These young people all heard the admonition to be sure they were in God's will wherever they went, whatever they did. But what about us, that were not in that graduating class? Is it not just as important for us to be in the center of God's perfect will? We are living in perilous times but we know that when we are in God's will and covered by the precious blood of Jesus, that He will lead us safely through. We know that no matter what our occupations or calling be that we must be in His will. God will not fail us, he will see us through.

Karen

Everytime we stay away from church, we are voting to close the doors.

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AFBC Superintendent's Report

Dear Friends in Christ:

We want to thank everyone for their part in making this last semester of school the success it was. More people attended our closing exercises than we originally expected, for which we are very thankful. We are grateful for the interest shown in the school by the good attendence.

Our group, who will be traveling this summer, is diligently preparing for the services we will be in. We have been practicing daily on the songs under the guidance of Sister Janae Harris. We hope to see many of you as we make this summer tour and want to encourage those who can to attend Bible School next semester. During this time, while our group is traveling, Sister Barbara Cooper will be at the Bible School some to keep up the bookwork.

We are preparing for another nine month term of school and would appreciate your prayers concerning this. All of your provious support, financially and spiritually, is much appreciated. May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ, Lyndel Arnall Superintendent

Dedicated to God's service May 10, 1979

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Let's not forget to use these young people in our churches and camps. Pray for them as they seek to do God's will.

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From the Jake Pletcher Evangelistic Party

As we are leaving the Bible College, we will be open for calls this year for revivals and three day bible lesson sessions. Our new address is--Jake Pletcher, Gen. Del., Barksdale, Texas 78828. Our phone number is 512-234-3250 and 713-331-1888.

Testimonies

"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice." Philippians 4:4. Praise the Lord for it has been wonderful to be here at Bible School this semester! The Lord gave my wife, Peggy, and I the privilege to come this semester and He has blessed us many times over.

God truly has been our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalms 46:1. No matter what problem might come in front of us, or that the devil may throw in our path, God is our shelter and our protection. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13

Today, as Christians, I wonder if we really are Christ-like? Are our lives the examples that they should be? In Matthew 6:21, Jesus tells us, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." In the thirty-third verse of this same chapter Jesus also tells us, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Jesus was our example, that we might be an example to the people that are around us. If we would point our lives toward Jesus, all the other things would be added unto us.

In the world today, men are looking for things that will satisfy their hearts and lives. If we are where we should be with the Lord, then people can see the peace and joy and satisfaction that only comes through the blood of Jesus Christ

Once I was told that just a smile on your face could encourage someone. Praise the Lord, it better not be hard for us to smile!

When things look kind of hard, and the sky looks a little dark, and you think you can't go on, remember this: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." I Corinthians 10:13

May the Lord be with you always, Mike Brening

We come to you with glad news and a good report of Jesus Christ. Truly He has blessed us and kept us safe.

As school comes to a close for this year we wait anxiously for the Lord to lead us where we should go. We know if we but trust Him, He won't lead us wrong, but put us in a place best to serve Him.

But we also want to take out this time to thank-you, the reader. For its through your prayers and your faith that we, the younger generation and gospel workers have the chance to learn the Good News of Jesus Christ and a place to have it taught to us.

This testimony might be from me, but it's to you, the Prayer Warriors. Again, Thank-You from all of us at the Bible School, for your Love and Prayers.

GOD BLESS you and yours and enrich your lives abundantly. In Christ's Love, Fred Arnall

Themes from Bro. Jake Pletcher's Doctrine and Prophecy Classes

CHRIST IS REVEALED!! by Deana Fish

They were at Caesarea Philippi and Jesus asked his disciples, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" They answered with such names as John the Baptist, Elias, Jermias, or one of the prophets. And then Jesus asked "But whom say ye that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Yes, Peter knew who this man Jesus Christ really was for... "my Father which is in heaven hath revelaed it unto thee." It wasn't flesh and blood that "told" Peter who Christ was but the Father in Heaven had revealed this Mighty Son of God-Jesus Christ to Peter. Jesus also said he would build his church upon this rock and the gates of hell would not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:17-19)

Let us look deeper at this Mighty Son of God, who was before the foundation of the world. John 1:1 tells us that the Word, which is Jesus (shown in verse 14) was in the beginning and that all things were made by Him. But he was made flesh to come dwell among us that salvation might be purchased for you and me. None other is worthy to make this purchase but Christ, being without sin, was worthy. Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. And we must always remember Christ is well able to save. Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore, he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

In John 17 as Christ was praying to the Father he said that the Father...lovest me before the foundation of the world. I Peter 1:20 tells us that Christ was foreordained before the foundation of the world. Christ was from the beginning. He came into this world and Colossians 2:9 says, For in him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Hebrews 1:4 says that Christ was made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Christ came to not only purchase salvation but to be for us a foundation, I Corinthians 3:10 bv,11 But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay then that is laid, which is Christ Jesus. By building on this foundation - Christ Jesus - I Timothy 6:19 says we are laying hold on eternal life. This foundation of God standeth sure - II Timothy 2:19

Christ builds His church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Jesus Christ himself being a part of that foundation, the very chief cornerstone. Ephesians 2:20. I Peter 2:6 says Christ is a chief cornerstone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded (confused) Those who are disobedient stumble over Christ but to the obedient we can stand fast and sure on that cornerstone.

We all know and realize Christ was rejected, which climaxed at His crucifixion. But in Psalms 118:22 it says The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. That stone which was rejected has become the cornerstone.

Let us look now at where this leaves us as being children of God. I Peter 2:4,5 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious. ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. And each lively stone plays an important part in the body of Christ. I Corinthians 12:14 For the body is not one member; but many. Each member is important! Each member has a responsibility all their own, which must be carried out with genuine concern, dedication, willingness and humility. Any child of God is a member. Our part as being a lively stone in Christ's church is to be used. But we must first be rooted and grounded in Christ Jesus before we can be used.

At Christ's transfiguration in Luke 9:35 a voice from heaven said "THIS IS MY BELOVED SON: HEAR YE HIM." This is a direct, very direct command from God.

In one of Christ's parables found in Matthew 7:24-27 Christ told us that whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a rock. The house stood the storm for it was built upon the rock, the sure foundation.

Let us build, build today on a foundation, a stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation. Isaiah 28:16.

Jesus Christ the Firm Foundation

by Tamara Oakes

Jesus Christ is the mighty Son of God, revealed by the Father. He is the rock, the chief cornerstone, that he said he would build his church upon and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18 says, "And I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." In building Christ's church, it must be built on a firm foundation. This scripture is our successful instruction on how to build a successful life in Christ's church. It must be built on the solid rock.

Many times in the precious word of God, we are reminded that "No other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." I Cor. 3:11

In the day and time we live in, full of Satanic power and worship, and a world full of doubts and unbelief, then we as children of the day, it is of vital importance to our lives, if we ever want to stand the test, "to take heed how he buildeth thereupon." I Cor. 3:10

"Now if any man build upon this foundation of gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble, then every man's work shall be made manifest for the day shall declare it, because it shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall recieve a reward.

During my terms of Bible School that I have attended, a new avenue of the word of God has been opened up to me. An avenue of reality, Life, a Blessed hope which each one may have, and most of all, Power and strength that I'm going to need to have to endure thru all that is ahead of us.

Materials such as gold, silver, wood, hay or stubble, are of no value to the spiritual needs in our life. Any foundation besides the rock, that we try to build upon, it will crumble and fall out from underneath the building. Yes, Christ is our foundation, the rock, the chief cornerstone, our answer to the problems we face, our strength to carry us thru.

Several instances in the Bible, we are told of the rock, and the help that came from it. "Numbers" portrays the story to us of Isreal as they drank from the rock, Christ, when Moses struck it in the wilderness. Unless you have tasted from the living waters, it is impossible to realize the power in Jesus and strength of Christ as our foundation. Simon Peter realized that Christ was the son of the Living God but "flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my father which is in heaven." Peter recognizes that Jesus was the Son of God, full of Strength, and most of all a hope of reality.

It's a wonderful assurance to know we serve a risen savior and one that lives, and loves us and reigns over Death, Hell, and the Grave. The calm assurance he brings into a heart thats torn and sad from the heartaches of a worldly life. The strength and power that fills a weary body, when it seems we can't make it another mile of the way, not one can ever tell me that Christ is dead, for I have felt his power so rich, and real in my life, since his blood cleansed my sad, heart-torn life. We are trusting in a savior who is backed by the power of God. He is strong, firm, and will always be the Rock of all Ages.

Jesus, thru the Resurrection from the tomb, is able to save to the uttermost, he's able to bring prisoners out of the prison house, bind the broken hearted, and bring us victory. We are a Victorious People. We are more than conquerors thru him that loved us "if we build on the foundation of Jesus Christ."

Satan isn't able to conquer Christ, because the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

"Surely this is the Grace wherein we stand." Praise the Lord!

JESUS CHRIST, THE ROCK, THE FOUNDATION BY Janice Perry

"In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." (John 1:1-4)

Jesus, our saviour was from the foundation of the world. He was with God at creation, the story of the coming messiah to the lost world, is woven throughout the whole Bible. He is the incarnate word of God, he is God in the flesh. Come to set the captives free and to preach deliverance to us, who are lost in the power of sin. "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalites, or powers; all things were created by him and for him." (Col. 1:16)

As in the Old Testament "Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also." (Nu. 20:11) In the first book of Chron. 10:4 it says "And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them; and that Rock was Christ." Jesus Christ is the rock, the foundation, the only foundation we can build our lives upon. (1 Cor. 3:11) "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Jesus is the stone that was cut out without

hands from the mountain. "Thou sawest till that a stone that was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces." (Dan. 2:34) In Deut. 32:4, it says "He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are judgment; a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he."

Since the beginning of time, Satan has deceived man, first through Eve and then Adam, we are all born with this iniquity in us. What then is the answer, the only answer to each man and woman on this earth is to turn to the marvelous power of the Light, the Word the Truth, Jesus Christ the Son of God who has come to set us free. We have given his qualifications noted throughout the whole Bible, He is the Prince of Peace, the answer for the world today. In Isaiah 42:1, the scriptures say "He will swallow up death in victory: and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces: and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it."

We can live a victorious life that Satan can't take away from us, because we have built our house on the solid Rock, the Lord Jesus Christ. He suffered for you and me that we might be made whole. "Wherefore Jesus also that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Heb. 13:12

Jesus is our intercessor. He is at the throne of God right now making intersession for us. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25 "Hereafter shall the son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God." Luke 22:69

Jesus defeated death hell and the grave when he was crucified on the cross and rose again. He is our perfect sacrifice, His blood is our protection from satan, from diseases and it is our keeping power. Jesus Christ is our sacrificial lamb. In Rev. 5:12, it says "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom and strength, and honour, and glory and blessing."

He is ALIVE, our savior is not in a tomb that we can go and visit, and put flowers on! He is ALIVE. If you want to worship a statue, you can go to Japan and worship the great buddha, it has withstood hurricains, floods, and earthquakes. It was built in 1252 and is still standing! Why, you can even climb into the head and look out through the eye sockets! I am so glad that my Jesus is alive, I don't have to worship an empty headed statue. We can worship the living saviour, the perfect Lamb, the King of Kings, the Lord of Hosts!!

HE IS ALIVE

Jesus, when he went to be with his father, didn't leave us empty handed, He said that he would go and send us the comforter, the Spirit of Truth, to be with us. "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you." (John 14:18)

Jesus didn't leave us powerless but he told us in Luke 24:49, "And behold I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." Acts 1:8 gives us the reason that we need the Holy Spirit in our lives, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in

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Prosperity, Missouri

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven-----He hath made everything beautiful in his time; Ecclesiastes 3:1 and 11. We'd like to praise the Lord for the beauty he has bestowed on Missouri this spring. You can plainly see His workmanship everywhere you turn. The Lord has been most gracious to us here at Prosperity. In the past few weeks we have had several visitors in our services. The Cupbearers of Pampa, Texas were here and ministered to us. April 22 the Apostolic Faith Bible College sent a group to minister and sing unto us in the morning service and on May 2, the Bible College Choir was here to sing. We enjoyed a revival with Brother and Sister Jacob Regier May 3-May 8. We're looking forward to the many blessings that Christ has in store for us. Pray for us that we can grow in Christ every day.

Tom Day, Pastor Cynthia Turner, Reporter

Granby, Missouri

We enjoyed a special Homecoming Day at the Tabernacle on April 8. Several former Pastors attended: Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Durham, Rev. and Mrs. Otto Busch, and Rev. and Mrs. Bill Patterson. Our Evangelist, Rev. Jimmy Arnall closed the service. Our Revival with Brother and Sister Arnall began April 4th and continued through the 8th. At the closing service, four children came forward to accept Christ. The Revival was a real blessing to all of us. The Word was appreciated, and its effects are still being felt. We had Daily Vacation Bible School May 28th through June 1st.

Rev. Edwin Waterbury

West Side Puzcell Apostolic Faith Church

We are so thankful we can report victory in our souls and that we find Jesus to be the same yesterday, today and forever, and is a very present help in every time of need, and that all things are possible with Him.

We enjoyed having different ones of the Bible School come and give us a helping hand and will miss them so much now that Bible School is over.

We also enjoyed having some of our relatives being in the services, two of my brothers, Loyed Long and Lawson Long and their wives. And our daughters and husbands, Leola and Benny were here Easter weekend and Nina and Robert just recently which we enjoyed each and all very much.

God is so good to us. Let us not forget all of God's wonderful and bountiful benefits and praise Him for all of His goodness and mercy to us, even tho at times we may have to sacrifice to praise Him. He is so wonderful to us all and don't forget the very least of us.

Job 33:4, 'The spirit of the Lord hath made me, and the breath of the almighty hath given me life! Psalms 84:11, 'For the Lord God is a sun and shield: The Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.'

Bro. and Sis. Jake Regier held us a revival which started May 27th.

Pastor Geo. Hintergardt

Joplin, Missouri

The church family at Joplin are still rejoicing over the wonderful revival that was held by Brother and Sister M. D. (Doc.) Methvin. Four souls gave their hearts to the Lord during the revival. Several were sanctified and some are still seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The revival was so good for us and we feel the whole church family was blessed during those two weeks. We will have Vacation Bible School this year June 4-8. A special thanks to Brother Paul Clanton and Brother Otto Busch who conducted our Wednesday night services while we were visiting our mother in Boise City, Oklahoma. A special thanks also to our church family who have been so very understanding those times when we were away from our church. May the Lord bless you all.

Neil Ragan, Pastor

Center Point, Texas

Time has so swiftly passed since we wrote unto the Report. Everyday that we live is enriched with blessings from on high. The waters flow freely from the throne of God with blessings beyond measure. The church is doing well with the congreation and spiritual growth. We haven't grown in number as fast as we would like but we gain little by little and grow together in Christ. The church family has been very busy with activities. Brother and Sister Jackie Davenport has labored diligently with guests in their home since Easter. They have enjoyed them and we have enjoyed having them in service. My family has also been visited with us for a weekend when our new son was born. We always welcome everyone to drop by and spend some time with us in serving the Lord. We ask the prayers for the following people; Sister Donnie Methvin, Claude McCloud, Bud Lemmons, Sister Jolene Dibbens, and Casey Methvin. These need the touch of God's hand desperately. We need Christ to pass by that we might just touch the hem of his garment and be made every bit whole. God has been a gracious God to our lives in supplying our needs and giving strength and encouragement every day. A people without a vision perish. God bless you.

Frank Arnall, Pastor

Trinity Apostolic Faith Church, Alvin Texas

Praise the Lord! God has been so good to us. We now have a structure started beside our church which will provide us with more space to teach His word. The Lord has blessed us with the finances to begin this project, and we are sure beyond a shadow of a doubt that He will continue to supply the funds to complete it.

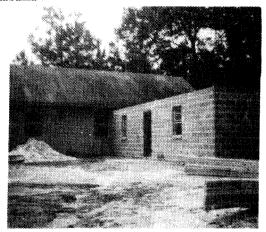
This year, we have several graduating high school seniors. We pray that God will deal in a special way with these young people as they search for His direction in their lives.

May God richly bless you all for your efforts to do His will.

In His Love,

Ron Martin, Pastor Linda Logsdon, Reporter

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The Lord has been very gracious to us here in the beautiful Southland. In February, I tood a trip to Egypt, Jordon and Israel, which I enjoyed very much, and was such a spiritual uplift to me.

Attendance has been up for a few months, and we are very happy to welcome a new family into our fellowship.

We have a building program going. We are adding on to the north side of our church an addition. "24x40 foot for a fellowship hall, class room and 2 rest rooms. We are building as the Lord provides and hope to have the roof on by June. There is lots of work to be done, but we are very excited about this project.

We extend a cordial invitation to our fellowship, and ask an interest in your prayers.

Myrtle Carney, Pastor

Faith never looks behind or back.

Dear Friends.

A year has passed since we moved from the church in Spearman, Texas to our house in Perryton, Texas. The Lord has given to us a good year and we praise Him for caring for us and supplying our needs.

After camp meeting, last year, we worked in the Hudson, Wyoming church where the Eugene Websters are pastors; the Balko, Oklahoma church where the Danny Robinsons are pastors; and the Amarillo, Texas church where the Austin Suttons are pastors. We enjoyed laboring with these pastors and churches.

In February, March, April and May of 1979, we had the privilege to conduct revivals in these churches: Hempstead, Texas, Johnny Arnall, pastor; Bayard, Nebraska, David Buschman's, pastors; Cave Springs, Arkansas, A. W. Ferguson, pastor; Prosperity, Missouri, Tom Day's pastors and we have plans to be in revival in the Purcell, Missouri church, George Hintergardt's pastors.

We praise the Lord for giving us opportunity to work in these churches and have fellowship with the pastors.

We thoroughly enjoyed being with the Bible College people during the closing services. The performance of the singing groups were superb. The spirit of the students was excellent. We want to say thanks to the superintendent and the faculty for working so faithfully to make the school a success.

> God bless you all, Jacob and Rosalie Regier

Dear Friends in Christ.

As we look back over the 16 years of ministry that God has allowed us, we cherish every opportunity He has given and every church He has provided for us to pastor. Yet, in these last months, God has spoken to my heart again and renewed the burden for lost and troubled humanity. I feel the Lord is leading into an evangelistic ministry and, like the Apostle Paul, I do not want to be disobedient to the heavenly vision. My family and I ask an interest in your prayers as we "launch out into the deep" of this renewed calling from God. In our anxieties of where and how we shall have a home and the people to whom we shall go to minister. God has simply said, "I will provide." So we are trusting and expecting the provision of our Lord to come to pass. What God hath promised, that will He do. We will continue to pastor here at Arnett until camp meeting at which time we will be open for calls for revivals and evangelistic ministries. God bless you for your prayerful support.

> Yours in Christ, Ollie L. Kinser



Terry and Elaine Littau of Perryton, Texas are proud to announce the arrival of a new son, Marlin Ray. He was born April 16, 1979 at 12:29 P.M. He weighed 9 lbx. 9 oz. and was 20³¼ in. long. He has a big brother, Stephen Wayne who is two years old. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William C. Reeves of Perryton, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Littau of Logan, Oklahoma.

Roger and Kay Denton announce the arrival of their third son, Jeremy Kyle born April 28, 1979 in Pasadena, Texas. Grandparents are Rev. and Mrs Ralph Denton, Pasadena, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Albert McGinnis of Galena, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bard of Seneca, Missouri announce the birth of a son on May 13, 1979 in Joplin Missouri. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 in. long. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Emery Oakes of Seneca, Missouri. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Bard of Joplin, Missouri.

Kelli Brooke, the 2nd daughter of Roy and Lois Matthews Jr. arrived April 12, 1979. She weighed 7 lbs, 13 oz. and was 20 in. long. Maternal grandparents are Carl and Louisa Taylor, San Diego, California and paternal grandparents are Roy and Deanie Matthews of Hempstead, Texas.

We are very proud of our new boy not because he's ours, but because he's wonderful! His name is Frank Jonathan Arnall. he was born April 17 1979. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 in. long. The proud parents are Rev. & Mrs. Frank Arnall of Center Point, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Arnall of Granby, Mo.

Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

"For it pleased the Father that in him (Jesus) should all fullness dwell." (Col 1:19) "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." (Col 2:9)

I adjure you to listen to the most direct commandment found in the Bible. God said to all of us at the Transfiguration of His own dear Son, "Hear ye Him." (Matt 17:5)

The Father glorifies the Son, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased," the spirit takes of Jesus' atonement and shows it unto us. The Holy Spirit will testify of the Christ, he will exalt the Christ.

Christ is supreme in Heb. 10:28-29, it tells what happened when someone transgressed against the law of Moses. "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?"

There is no name under heaven that we can receive salvation except by the name of Jesus. (Acts 4:12)

THE MIGHTY SON OF GOD BY Steve Arnall

"The mighty son of God revealed by the Father - the rock or cornerstone that Christ said he would build his church upon that the gates of hell would not prevail against it."

Jesus Christ was more than just a good man or prophet of God - He was and still is the precious son of God. No man that ever walked upon the face of this earth spoke with more knowledge and wisdom concerning spiritual things than Jesus Christ. Some thought that He was Elijah and others thought that He was John the Baptist but Jesus was revealed by the Father himself to be His precious son. Luke 9:35 "And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him." This was Divine proof from the Father not only stating that Jesus was His son but His beloved son. When Peter was questioned about who Jesus was this was his answer; "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Mt. 16:16)" In Psalms 118:22, We are told of the prophecy by the psalmist that Jesus Christ would be the head stone of the corner. "The stone which the builders refused is become the headstone of the corner. This prophecy not only prophesied that Jesus would be the most important member but that He would be rejected. The Jews rejectd the promised Messiah but Jesus became the Cornerstone and foundation of the Church. In Mt. 21:42 Jesus said, "Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner; This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. In order for anything to stand there must be a sturdy foundation that is solid, unwavering, perfect unmoveable and that is exactly the qualifications of our Cornerstone, Jesus Christ. I Peter 2:6,7, says, "wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious; and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious; but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner." Jesus Christ is likened to a stone or rock because they are steadfast. We are told by our Lord this in Mt. 7:24 "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock." The word of Jesus Christ is our basis for eternal life. "He that hath the son hath life and he that hath not the son of God hath not life." I John 5:12 In order for us to gain immortality we must have Jesus Christ living in our hearts. (Eph. 2:20-21; says "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord. We see by this that not only is the church founded upon Jesus Christ but His followers the apostles and the prophets. Jesus told His followers that greater works than this shall ye do (talking about the miracles that he had performed) because he goeth to make intercession with the Father. We have a mediator, an intercessor in our Lord Jesus Christ. We have the assurance that when we pray in the name of Jesus that our prayers are heard. Jesus made sure that the church would be able to stand even if the gates of hell were opened up against it. When the enemy comes in as a flood we have the calm assurance that our Lord and master will raise up a standard against him. In Mt. 28:18-20 Jesus gave the apostles a great commission "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsover I have commanded you; and, lo. I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. These apostles were told to teach us today to observe all things that the Lord had commanded them. It is important that we as Christians today uphold and keep these same commandments of Jesus Christ to be found worthy to be a part of the family of God and be a part of the victorious church of the Living God.

JESUS—SON OF THE LIVING GOD by Mike Brening

Matthew 16:16-19-- "And Simon Peter answered and said. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee. but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee. That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." If we build our lives upon Jesus, there is nothing that the devil can put in front of us that will make us fall, for **Jesus** is the **Son of God**. In Ephesians 2:20-21 it says, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord." Through Jesus we may have a holy temple in the Lord because He is the chief cornerstone of God's Church and of our lives. In John 17:1 it tells us "These words spake Jesus and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son that thy Son also may glorify thee..." and in verse 24, in which Jesus is speaking to His Father, it says, "Father, I will that they also, who thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world." In all things we should trust in Jesus, who is backed by His Father--this is very important in dealing with the enemy of our soul. We then find that this Jesus backed by the Father in Hebrews 7:25-26 is "able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens." Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we can have intercession with God, the Father, Jesus' ability is unlimited! Jude 1:24 says "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." Matthew 28:18-20 tells us "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Again, here we see Jesus is given all power and is placed beside the Father and the Holy Ghost as part of the Deity. Examples of Jesus' power are in Luke 8:25 when Jesus says to his disciples, "Where is your faith? and they being afraid wondered, saving one to another. What manner of man is this for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him." Here Jesus even had control over the winds and water! Also, in John 10:18 it says, "No man taketh it (life) from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." Jesus has power of life itself! In John 1:1-4 it refers again to Jesus being with the Father before the foundation of the world. It reads, "In the beginning was the Word, and Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of man." Jesus is the Word! I John 5:7 says, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one." Revelation 19:13 savs. "And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called the Word of God." Revelation 19:16 tells us that Jesus is KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS! He should be the ruler of our life, for he has all power through his Father. There is no demon force too powerful for Jesus Christ. If he is the chief cornerstone, and firm foundation of our life, then we will have everlasting life. In John 3:36 God gives his decree that "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

JESUS CHRIST: A SURE FOUNDATION

BY Deme Urick

As we read in Psalms 118:22, "The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner." Jesus Christ rejected, scourged and crucified of men, went on to conquer death, hell and the grave to become the building block, or head corner stone of our faith.

Christ was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, he opened not his mouth (Acts 8:32). Jesus paid the price and became obedient to death for you and me. And it is sad to say but many of us are not taking full advantage and full opportunity of the privilege we have of building our lives and faith upon the one who gave his life for us to become the corner of our faith.

If we as Christians build our lives on anything but Jesus Christ, we will surely fall. Jesus told of the rich and foolish man in Mt. 7:24-27, one who built upon the rock and the

other the sand. Verses 24-27: Jesus said, "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him to a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. And the rains decended and the floods came, and the winds blew; and beat upon it, and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man who built his house upon the sand: and the rains descended and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

We see that the house builded upon the **Rock** withstood all. Thru the rain, wind, and storm. Why?? Because it was built upon that solid rock. But we see the house built upon the sand, it fell when rains, wind and turmoil came. This so plainly illustrates that if we are builded upon anything other than the cornerstone, when trials, temptations or strife comes we will fall. Whether we have built upon teaching, doctrines of men, or just not putting Christ as the Center of our lives, we are upon the wrong foundation, and it will surely fall. But with Christ as the center we know that it will stand. Heaven and Earth will pass away, but the words of the Lord will last forever.

We find in building our lives around the chief cornerstone our foundation is also upon the foundation of the apostles, and their teachings. With Christ as the cornerstone, the apostles as the foundation we become **lively** stones, built in a spiritual house acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. (Eph. 2:20-21).

It is our duty to build and center our lives around and on Jesus, to keep our eyes always on him and to line our lives up with his standards. He never changes, he is the **Solid Rock**, not as sand that shifts or changes. We see the Apostle Peter, who when seeing Jesus walking on the water, went to him with all faith and confidence in Him, but as the waves and billows tossed we see Peter look at the surroundings and the situations and he takes his eyes off of Jesus. When we get our eyes off of this sure rock and onto self, men, or mens teachings we will sink as Peter did. We must line our lives up with Christs doctrines, and **His** will. Not ours, not man's, but His!!!!

It should be our main desire to see no man except Jesus in our lives. To see him as the author and finisher of our faith and to build and center our lives around and upon Jesus Christ the chief cornerstone of our faith.





On February 26th a very excited group of 10 persons left the New York Kennedy Airport headed for a very exciting tour of Egypt, Jordan and Israel. This tour group, which was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hopson of Butler, Alabama, consisted of Miss Karen Pletcher of Baxter Springs, Kansas: Miss Myrtle Carney of Hinton, Alabama; Mrs. Eugenia Cleary of Butler, Alabama; Mr. and Mrs. Henry James of Pennington, Alabama; Mrs. Lois Smith of Pine Hill, Alabama; and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Venters of Cave Springs, Arkansas. The group boarded a Swiss air jumbo jet with the first stop to be in Geneva. Switzerland. for a very exciting sightseeing tour of the city and surrounding country side. Then we boarded the next flight which would take us to Cairo, Egypt, for three very exciting days of sight-seeing which included the Egyptian Museum in Cairo with its priceless finds from the tomb of Tut-Ankh-Amen and other world famous relics and a tour of the mummie room. Then to Memphis, the ancient capital of Egypt, to see the colossal statue of Ramses II and the Alabaster Sphinx, and to Necropolis of Sakkara to visit the best preserved ruins in all of Egypt, and the step Pyramid which stands in magnificent isolation in the open desert. Of course we took a camel ride to visit the breathtaking Sphinx and the Pyramids and for those who were brave enough and in good health a climb to the tomb inside the great Pyramid. Egypt, with all its splendor, held the group constantly in awe and with cameras always clicking at such places as the colorful old Khan El Khalili Bazaar and the Alabaster Mosque with its pnaoramic view of Cairo. A very exciting ride up the Nile on a sail boat at night was one of the many, many things that the group enjoyed before a departure flight into Amman, Jordan, where another strange land and many strange sights awaited the group there. Here the group enjoyed an excursion to Mt. Nebo, from which Moses viewed the promised land. Then we traveled on to Petra, the dream-like unreal world; the Rose Red City carved from solid rock and forgotten for 500 years. This is Mt. Seir, the Selah of the Old Testament.

After all the excitement of the Egypt and Jordan sights still the most exciting part of the entire trip still awaited and that was the crossing over into the Land of Israel. No one had to be reminded when that day arrived, for with much anticipation and cameras loaded we boarded the bus for the crossing of the famous Allenby Bridge over into Israel. After crossing we viewed such sights as Jericho, the oldest city in the world and the first city in the promised land conquered by Joshus and the children of Israel and which is the traditional site of the Mt. of Temptation. Next the group

moved on to view the country side on the way to visit Jacob's well and on to Tiberias and to the Sea of Galilee where Jesus carried on most of his earthly ministry. Around the Sea of Galilee the group visited such places as the Jordan River for a beautiful devotional service and to the Mt. of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Tabgha, and Magdala. The group traveled on to Meggido where Christian tradition envisions that the last and final battle of the world shall be fought at Megiddo. Also known as one of the store cities of Solomon. Then we traveled on to Cana the Scene of Jesus first miracle where he changed the water into wine for a city tour of this town. We then headed to Nazareth the great city chosen by God for the annunciation of the birth of his Son and where Jesus grew up to manhood.

The time comes to move on to the cities along the Mediterranean coast such as Haifa and here we visited Mt. Carmel, the scene of the conquest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. Then to Caesarea the city founded by Herod the Great and the place of Paul's imprisonment.

I would think that if you ask anyone of the group, they would tell you the experience of entering the city of Jerusalem was one of the highlights of the entire trip. Much excitement existed on the bus diring this ride into the city of Jerusalem. The great and holy city which has been besieged more than 50 times, conquered 36 times, and destroyed 10 times. It was in and around this city that we visited such places as the Garden tomb, the Western Wall, Mt. Moriah, Pool of Bethesda, Mt. of Olives, the pool of Bethesda, Garden of Gethsemane and the Old City Markets where everyone spent at least part of their money. Then on to Bethlehem to visit the markets and the site where Jesus was born.

On the last day of the journey the group traveled south to visit the Dead Sea, Qumran, Masada and Beersheba and to Hebron, one of the most ancient cities in the world still existing, and the burial place of Abraham. Our tour ended just a few days before President Carter was to arrive in Israel for more peace talks. Security was beginning to tighten and the Military was really on the move as there were some tour buses blown up the day before we left that had American tourists riding on them. So, our group spent the last night in prayer for a safe exit out of the promised land. Two ladies in the group were on the Mt. of Olives and viewed one of the buses when it was bombed. This was quite an experience to witness. All went well with our group and we arrived safe and sound back in the United States with many memories and with many rolls of exposed film.

Reverend Jack Hopson

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James 1:12

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OBITUARIES



Margaret Williamson

Margaret Ruth Williamson, 62, of Baxter Springs, Kansas passed away May 2, 1979 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Williamson was born September 11, 1916 in Joplin, Missouri. She was married to Paul F. Williamson on March 8, 1936. She was a faithful member of the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs, Kansas. Services were held May 5, 1979 at the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs with Rev. Otto A. Busch and Rev. Jack Cornell officiating. Special song selections were brought by Sherrie Cook and Naomi Busch. Sherrie Cook accompanied on the organ. Interment was in the Lowell Cemetary.

Survivors include her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Patsy Garrett, St. Louis, Missouri, a brother, Sam Shrock, Galena, Kansas, two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Ferguson and Mrs. Adonna Martin, both of Galena and two grandchildren.

Hugh R. Watson

Hugh R. Watson, 70, of Galena, Kansas passed away May 3, 1979 after a six week illness. Mrs. Watson was Born February 23, 1909 at Granby Missouri. He was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs, Kansas. He married Myrtle Williams on October 10, 1970 at Joplin, Missouri. She survives.

Services were held at the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs, Kansas, May 7, 1979. Rev. Paul Clanton and Rev. Lyndel Arnall officiated. Special songs were brought by Bill and Irene Hollis, and Lyndel and Kathy Arnall with Janae Harris as organist. Interment was in Osborn Memorial Cemetary in Joplin, Missouri.

Survivors include his wife, a son Galen Watson, Joplin, Missouri, three daughters, Mrs. Barbara Wynne, Webb City, Missouri, Mrs. Nancy Pfeifer, Joplin, Missouri, and Mrs. Beverly Welch, St. Louis, Missouri; three stepsons, Don Williams, Dan Williams and Dennis Williams all of Galena, Kansas; two brothers, Bill Watson, Hobbs, New Mexico, and Richard McCumber, Dora, Alabama; two sisters, Mrs. Feroll Murray, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Mrs. Emogene Brewer, Seneca, Missouri, 22 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

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