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MY HEART IS FIXED

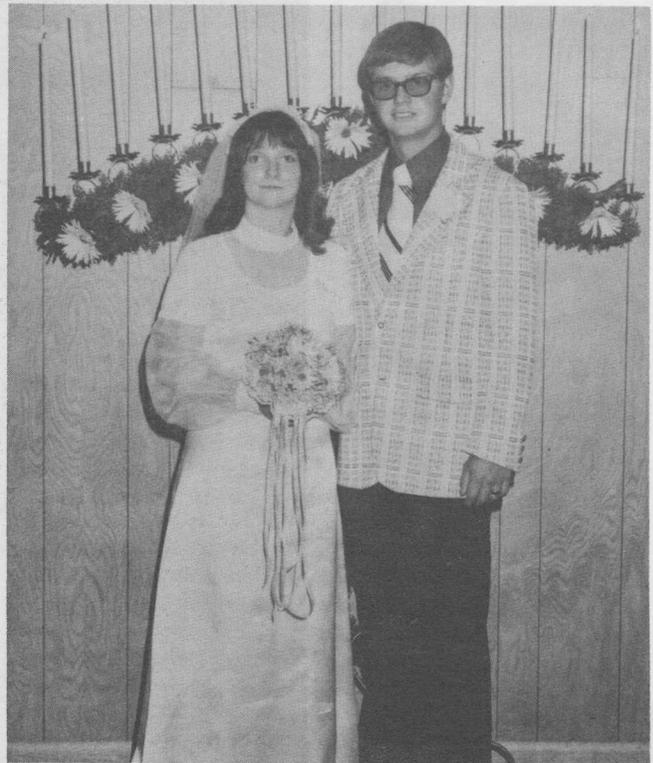
"My heart is fixed, Oh, God, my heart is fixed. I will sing and give praise." Ps. 57:7.

These are days of confusion for most of us. How often have I heard people make the statement lately "nothing makes sense anymore — things seem out of kilter and without rhyme or reason." We can't depend upon anything being concrete and stayed. Prices on nearly everything are out of reason — food — clothing — gasoline and "what have you." Our government and high officials have lost their credibility — our dollar is fastly decreasing in value — families and churches seem to be falling apart. What can we count on? WE CAN COUNT ON JESUS! For He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you. Lo, I am with you alway." But can He depend on us? I remember the words of the old song I used to sing, "I am satisfied, I am satisfied with Jesus. But the question comes to me as I think of Calvary — Is my master satisfied with me?" In Ps. 57. 7 and again in Ps. 108: I David says "My Heart is FIXED". Bill Gaither took that for a theme and wrote the beautiful song, "My Heart Is Fixed, O God, On Thee Alone, Whate'er the future holds — Is nought to me. I've made my choice for aye to follow Thee." Prices are not fixed — they fluctuate from day to day — climbing ever higher it seems. People we thought we could depend on for certain things, disappoint us and turn with the crowd — "everybody's doing it." Principles and morals that we have built our lives on seem to be thrown to the winds and "everything goes now adays" is the cry. But all these things need not "throw" us if our hearts are FIXED on God. Years ago we used to sing the song "I'm going through, I'm going through, I'll pay the price whatever others do." We can't dictate to, or decide for, the other fellow, not even our children and our companions — but we can see that our heart is "FIXED", fixed on God. He made us free moral agents and we make the choice. Oh, we may blame our families, our pastor, our church, the hypocrites, the country or even the times in which we live for our failures — but it won't stand up in the judgment. For no one can make you give up and lose out with God. We do that ourselves. Never have you faced a difficult situation and trial, but if you look hard enough you'll find someone has faced the same thing before you and maybe much worse and has made it through with their faith still intact and with victory in their hearts. Is your heart FIXED? fixed on God alone? "He that endureth to the end the same shall be saved". How about it? — better double check — make sure your heart is fixed, Fixed, FIXED on God alone.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Stollings

WEDDING

David Stollings, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Stollings, Sr. of Perryton, Texas and Rhonda Dale Grimmer, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lealand Grimmer, pastors of the Gray, Oklahoma Community Church, were united in marriage June 8, 1974 at 2:00 p. m. in the church at Gray. Bro. Grimmer performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Edwin Modrick of Guymon, Oklahoma, who is a cousin of Mrs. Stollings, Sr. The young couple will be at home in Goodwell, Oklahoma, Box 764. Due to the church being small they were only able to invite family. They were sorry it couldn't be open to all their friends of the movement.

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Obituary Of Gerald Morehead

Gerald Morehead, son of Gladys and Leslie Morehead, was born on September 9, 1929 in Balko, Oklahoma and departed this life at his home on May 17, 1974 at the age of 44 years, eight months and eight days.

He attended the Balko Schools all of his school years. Gerald was united in marriage to Billie Phelps on December 24, 1950 and to this union two sons were born.

Gerald gave his heart to the Lord at an early age and remained a faithful and true Christian all of his life. For more than 19 years, he has served on the Apostolic Faith Church Board and has been a dedicated Sunday School teacher. At the time of his death he was teacher of the teenage class. He was always interested and active in community and school functions.

Gerald had a friendly personality and made new friends wherever he went. Of all the good qualities he possessed, his faith in God was his greatest possession.

For 20 year Gerald has been engaged in farming. The past two years he has been a Conklin Dealer and Frontier Seed Dealer. For many years he has been employed as a bus driver at the Balko School.

He was preceded in death by his father on July 27, 1973. His survivors are: his wife, Billie, two sons, Gary and Brent of the home; his mother, Mrs. Gladys Morehead of Balko; one brother, LaRoy Morehead of Balko; many other relatives and a host of friends.

OBITUARY OF J. OBED DOTY

Mr. J. Obed Doty of 3000 Bissonett St., Houston, Texas, was born December 5, 1900 at Tupelo, Mississippi, and moved to Alief, Texas, while a small lad with his parents. He passed away June 26, 1974, at his home after only a few days of insecurity concerning his health.

He was married to Stella Mae Hassell on October 12, 1925, who was also of Alief. A deepening of their lives for God came in the year 1938. Bro. Homer Coberly and his wife and family held a tent revival for the Community Church of Alief that year and they were baptised in the Buffalo Bayou. This family along with others was responsible for the Alief Apostolic Faith Church being built in 1941. Bro. Otto A. Busch held the first revival and was the first pastor of this church. Bro. Doty was filled with the Holy Spirit in 1971. At the time of his death his church affiliation was the Faith Assembly of God in Houston.

Survivors include besides his wife, Stella Doty; his daughter, Odessa Mott of Sugarland, Texas; two sons, Kenneth of Alvin, Texas, and James of Smithville, Texas; 10 grandchildren and four great - grandchildren. Mrs. Kenneth Doty is the former Lola Belle Barnes and Mrs. James Doty is the former Norma Jean Stanberry. Odesa's husband is Virgil Mott.

Services were conducted by Rev. Jerry B. Walker and Rev. Bennie Stanberry.

OBITUARY OF M. O. "Nig" FORBES

M. O. Nig Forbes of Joplin, Missouri, was born September 23, 1903 and passed away June 26, 1974 in the hospital in Joplin after a very brief illness. Services were held in the Apostolic Faith Church on Fourth street in Joplin, where he and his wife attended church, June 28, 1974 at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Ollie Kinser officiated assisted by Rev. Paul Clanton. Bro. and Sis. Ollie Kinser furnished the music. Pallbearers were: Wilburn Williams, Brooks Moser, Jerry Forbes, Dennie Oakes, Lee Oakes, and Emery Oakes. Burial was at the Union Cemetery.

Survivors are his wife, Faye of the home and one son, Bill of Riverton, Kansas; also three grandsons, Scott, Brad and Doug Forbes; besides a host of other relatives and friends.



Coberly's 60th Wedding Anniversary

June 6, 1974, Sunday afternoon from 2:00 until 5:00 p. m. Homer and Pearl Coberly celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in the Lubbockview Christian Church Reception Hall in Lubbock, Texas. Their daughter, Euteva, arranged it all, and their children and all their grandchildren were present for the happy occasion. They received many cards and letters as well as long distance telephone calls. And they appreciate and want to thank all their many friends who sent congratulations. Bro. Homer said in his letter that he entered the ministry in 1912, two years before they were married on June 6, 1914.



Roswell, New Mexico

It has been quite a while since we have sent in a report from our church. The Lord is still blessing us in so many ways. We just praise Him for being so good to all of us. In May, Bro. and Sis. George Polvado came and held us a revival. Bro. Polvado preached some wonderful sermons on Holiness, and it was a soul-searching time for all of us. We saw young folks and older ones seeking God and praying through to definite victories. We are so thankful that God is still on His throne and ready to bless us if we will yield ourselves to Him. We have had several visitors, Bro. and Sis. Mark Bard and boys and Bro. Garold Oakes. Kathy Judd will be attending AFBC this fall. We are happy to have a representative from our church this year. Bro. and Sis Hickman from Fort Sumner, New Mexico filled in for our pastor while he was teaching in the youth camp. They were a blessing to us. Five of our young people attended the camp at Baxter Springs this year.

We are sorry to lose our pastors, the Jerome Crowhursts. They will be teaching in the Bible School. Bro. Jerome is an outstanding Bible teacher so we know that our loss will be the Bible School's gain. Pray for us that God will send us the pastor He would have us have.

Joann Hall, Reporter
Jerome Crowhurst, Pastor

Guymon, Oklahoma

While our pastors, Edwin and Eula Modrick, are on their tour to the Holy Land, Bro. Keith Barker is filling in for them, with his wife, Charlene and 7 months old son, Chris.

We are planning another Lay Witness Mission September 6 - 8.

There was a Ministers and Layman Meeting Monday, May 6 at the Balko Church. The program was given by Bro. Roland Busch, Board chairman of the Bible College in Baxter Springs. He explained the building and expansion program there. There were about 75 ministers present.

Sunday, May 29, Shirli Morgan's new singing group called the "New Beginnings" gave their testimonies in song for us. They were at the Perryton church that evening.

Edwin Modrick, Pastor

August 1974

Galena, Kansas

Greetings in Jesus' name! We would like to thank Bro. and Sis. Jacob Pletcher for the wonderful messages that Bro. Pletcher brought to us, during our revival at Easter time. Each message was anointed in the Holy Spirit. We wish also to thank Sis. Pletcher, for the lovely chalk drawings; they were both an inspiration to us all.

May 26 our church had a homecoming service for all of the former pastors of our church. Some of our former pastors couldn't be present but it was a success.

Vacation Bible School started June 3 and ended June 7. We had the sum total of 74 children enrolled in Bible school. We had a very good school this year, thanks to the Lord, Sis. Bonnie, the teachers, and many helpers that pitched in with the work.

Please pray for our church. Remember, God is still on the throne and He still loves us.

Mark Price, Reporter
Paul Clanton, Pastor

Pampa, Texas

We send greetings to each one from Pampa and to let you know that we still are on the map and working for Jesus. The latest thing we have to tell you is that we have a bus and the Young People along with their Pastor and several others have been to Six Flags and all report a good time. And the bus has been picking up people each Sunday morning. Our attendance has increased some. We are looking forward to a Daily Vacation Bible School soon and hope to reach more people. We so enjoyed Bro. Ted Barker and the girls during the Revival in April. Bro. Ted did some outstanding preaching and we see some results from that Revival. Thank you Bro. Ted. The summer will be busy as it always is but we, in our church, plan to put God first in all our activities.

Edwin Waterbury, Pastor
Anabel Simmons, Reporter

Big Spring, Texas

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We want to praise God for His many blessings. He has been so good to us this past year. As the time nears for Bible School to begin, we find the Lord leading us back for another term.

We have enjoyed pastoring the church here in Big Spring. We praise God for the wonderful people here, they have been so kind and thoughtful and we appreciate this very much. In the past few months we have had three saved, seven sanctified, and five receive the precious Holy Spirit. We are thankful that God is still on the throne today.

As of July 1 we will no longer be pastors here for God is leading us on elsewhere. We hope to visit a few churches and help in some youth camps, before returning to Bible School. We would appreciate your prayers for us that we may continue to stay in the will of the Lord.

Jim and Kathy Russell

Crosses, Arkansas

Bro. and Sis. Paul Clanton were with us for a revival in April. His messages were an inspiration to the people, and everyone enjoyed Sis. Bonnie's singing and readings. Some of the young people from the Galena church visited during the revival and brought special songs.

Our third year here at Crosses is coming to a close. We can truly say that we have enjoyed pastoring the church here.

Roland Haney

Katy, Texas

Our DVBS was held May 29 - June 1. We had 65 enrolled and average daily attendance of 52. Our Missionary offering was sent to Jerry and Lavanda Barker with Missions to Mexico. In the near future we are starting an "Extended Session for our pre-schoolers so they can have their own worship service on Sunday mornings. David and Latonna Blonstein are the happy parents of Shawwna Tonnete, born Monday, June 17, 1974 — weight 6 lbs. 13 oz. — length 19½ in. Shawwna has 14 living grandparents, which include maternal grandparents, Buddie and Doris Stanberry and great-grandparents, Bennie and Veva Stanberry.

Sunday, June 23rd we had a water baptismal service.

G. K. Kerr, Pastor

Perryton, Texas

We worked in the Youth Camp in Mississippi, June 24 - 28 and held a short meeting in the Pine Hill, Alabama church following the youth camp.

We plan to work in the Laverne, Oklahoma Camp Meeting July 24 - August 4. Bible School will open soon after Camp Meeting and God willing, we'll be there.

We have visited a few pulpits in our area around Perryton, Texas. We held a two week revival in Las Vegas, Nevada that began on Easter Sunday. Pray for us.

Jacob and Rosalie Regier

Joplin, Missouri

Greetings in the name of our Lord. We appreciate so very much the blessings God has shown to us in the past few weeks. We enjoyed the Youth Camp and Camp Meeting services, but the Lord has been good to us in our regular church services as well. Two weeks ago one young woman came back to the Lord. Yesterday, July 14th, we had a water baptism service and three were baptized in water. We look now to the Camp Meeting at Laverne for blessings exceedingly, abundantly, above all we may ask or think. May the Lord reward all of His children with manifold blessings from above. Come worship with us.

Ollie Kinser, Pastor



Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Abraham

A LETTER FROM THE ABRAHAMS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings to you all in the Precious Name of our Lord!

The Lord is good and He is still on the Throne for us. Praise His Holy Name! We are again praising God for His many blessings upon our lives and for His guidance in the work here. He is enabling us to reach new places and new people with the Gospel. Churches are being established and church buildings constructed by the help of God's people. Evangelists are stationed in unevangelized areas and they are being wonderfully used by God.

This year's session of our Bible College commenced on June 3rd. About 35 students have been selected and enrolled out of the hundred and odd applications received for admission. Due to the limited facilities in the dormitories and classrooms we are not able to admit more in the college. The price of food materials and other necessary articles have gone very high, which also force us to limit the number of students enrolled. The Lord is supplying the needs of both the students and the staff. Praise the Lord!

God willing I am planning on attending the International Congress on World Evangelization to be held at Lausanne, Switzerland, July 16 to 25. If the Lord opens the way, I have a desire to visit the States also after the Switzerland Congress. (You may contact Brother Abraham in care of Rev. Marcus Adair).

We are thankful to all the dear ones who have a share in the work here. We do pray that the Lord may bless and reward you abundantly. We do say a BIG THANK YOU to you all. As you know, our son, Valson is with the Adairs in Canyon, Texas attending WTSU. Our girls (Annie, Starla and Shirley) are doing fine. Write to us when you can.

Yours in His Service in India,
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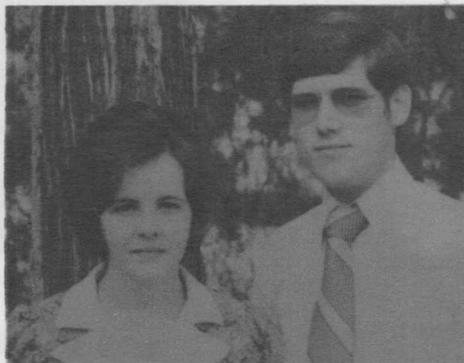
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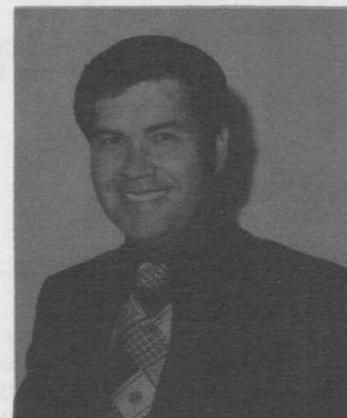
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REPORT FROM BIBLE COLLEGE

Greetings to everyone from the Bible College at Baxter Springs. We are happy to report everything is coming along fine and progress on the new dormitory building is made each day. As of this writing the sheet-rock has been hung and is now ready for the finish work to begin. We are now in need of help to hang doors, put wood trim in each room and also paint. We must have all the help we can get if the building is to be completed for use by August 19.

Work on the house being remodeled is coming along fine and will make a nice addition to our school property. The Old Bible School Home is being painted on the outside, which was needed very much.

We are happy with each member of the faculty the Lord has given to work with us. Please pray for each of us that we can be a spiritual help to every student who attends this term. It looks like a full house again. A number of married couples have shown interest in coming this year. We are in need of housing to take care of them. Please pray with us about this need. If you have



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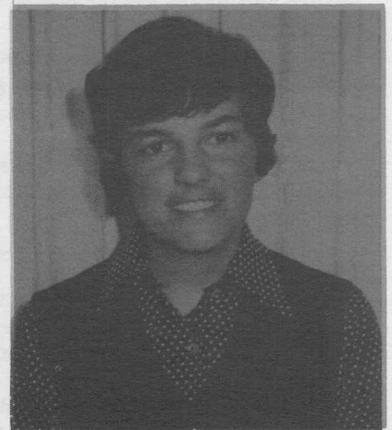
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Jerome and Peggy Crowhurst

Secretary



Dorothy Kinser

Judy Wooster House Mother Dorm I



a small trailer you would rent or loan for this purpose, please contact us.

Please remember the annual work week set for August 12-17. Plan to come and help. Of course work will also be in full swing the week preceding if you can come then.

Some have asked about meat for the coming school term. We have had one beef and one pork given at this date. Much more will be needed if anyone feels led to do so.

We want to say thanks to everyone for your interest and burden for the school. Thanks for the financial help you have already sent. May the Lord bless you is our prayer.

Our greatest desire for the school is spiritual, so pray for us that God will grant us the spiritual wisdom we need to guide the school.

Yours in His Service,
Jack Cornell

Delvin Wiles
Assistant
Superintendent
and
Business
Manager



Rita Wiles
House
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4-STATE YOUTH CAMP

The Youth Camp at Baxter Springs, Kansas was a very successful one both in attendance and spiritually. There were over 120 enrolled. On Friday afternoon when the count was taken 45 had been saved, 21 sanctified, and 24 received the Holy Spirit. The camp ran very smoothly and we had more volunteer help than in previous years.

Bro. Paul Clanton, pastor of the Galena church and Bro. Ollie Kinser, pastor of the Joplin church were the committeemen in charge. Shari Cook was in charge of the music, and in charge overall of all the rallies. Sammie Ames had the morning and evening rallies and Bro. Johnny Arnall had the noon Rallies. Bro. Jerome Crowhurst had a special class for the teenagers on Christian living and Bro. and Sis. Jack Cornell had a music theory class for the junior age, emphasizing choir directing. Sis. John Rogers of Galena was the main cook and Bro. O. A. Busch cooked breakfast each morning.

The evening services started at 7:30 p.m. with thirty minutes of Junior choir singing, directed by Dorothy Kinser, then at 8:00 p.m. the teenagers filled the choir to start the main service. Ministers of the surrounding area and visitors brought the messages each evening.

MISSISSIPPI YOUTH CAMP

Local people and those traveling from miles around gathered at Pine Crest Campground near Quitman, Mississippi, the week of June 22-28, for a week of fellowship in the Lord. The week started with Camp Meeting services on Saturday and Sunday, and visiting ministers brought inspirational messages.

Approximately 40 students enrolled and Monday thru Friday was busy with Youth Camp classes, rallies, and Prayer and Share groups during the day, and Camp meeting services at night.

The well-known southern hospitality was displayed once again. The abundance of fresh garden foods is always a highlight of this area, and Sis. Bea gave the finishing touches.

Most important, God's blessings were poured out on hungry hearts. Thanks and Glory be given to our Heavenly Father!

Purcell, Missouri

Greetings from the Purcell Church. The Lord continues to meet with us in every service and we are so thankful. Our DVBS was well attended with 32 enrolled and 17 regular attendants. We are expecting to have a youth revival later on, the Lord willing. We enjoyed the Camp Meeting services at the Baxter Camp Ground so very much.

Geo. Hintergardt, Pastor

Enid, Oklahoma

Our Vacation Bible School was held May 27-31 this year with Sis. Paula Buschman in charge. She was helped by Marsha Turner. We feel it was a very successful school.

We have had several good Wednesday night services brought by members of our congregation. God has been good to us here and we appreciate Him.

**Elmer Christenson, Pastor
Sue Phares, Reporter**



On Friday, June 7, 1974, Roger Charles Sharp of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Kandy Rae Wallis, of Alvin Texas were united in marriage at the Alvin Church where Jimmie and Lavonda Wallis, her parents, are pastoring. The ceremony was performed by Kandy's father and her grandfather, Rev. Jack Barker. The young couple plan to live in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boyd, of Big Spring, Texas wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Carolyn Christine to Gene Woodrow Fowler. The wedding took place in the Apostolic Faith Church Friday, July 12 at 8:00 p. m. Rev. O. A. Busch of Baxter Springs, Kansas performed the ceremony. The couple will reside in Big Spring.



Alvin and Eva Hollis of Wichita, Kansas are the proud parents of a little baby girl born July 7 and weighing 7 lbs. 1½ oz. They named her Jeanene Kandi. Her big brother, VanAl, is also happy about his little sister. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Neff of Wichita, Kansas. Paternal foster grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hollis of Baxter Springs, Kansas.

The Second Coming Of Christ



Rev. and Mrs. Winston J. Barker

by Rev. Winston J. Barker

Acts 1:4-11

"And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

"For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

"When they therefore were come together, they asked of him saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

"And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

"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 all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

"And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

"Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

The Bible is unlike all other sacred books, basing its authority on fulfilled prophecy. Fulfilled prophecy is stronger evidence of the inspiration and the authenticity of the Scriptures than even miracles. God who kept His word in the past will keep His promises for the future. Therefore, with perfect confidence we can look forward to that great event which is yet in the future. That event being the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

He, our Saviour, will return in exactly the same manner as when He went away. When He ascended into heaven the first time He was taken up bodily and physically as a cloud received Him. He will return to this earth in the clouds of great glory.

Matt. 24:36-51

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

"For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

"And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

"Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

"Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

"But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

"Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

"Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

"But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

"And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

"The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

"And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

There have been those who claim to have a special revelation on the exact day and time of His return. Do not be deceived as no one knows the day nor the hour, There is only One, Jesus said, who knows the exact time, He being the Father. He has not revealed it, even to His angels.

We have enough evidence available to day to show us that man is headed toward some sort of catastrophic climax in his long history. Knowledgeable people are saying that man will probably not survive this century. Population explosion, pollution, ecological imbalance, and nuclear threats all point to the end of time.

There is a time limit on the human race from the stand point of pollution and from the stand point of population. And there is another great problem we are up against — the nuclear threat.

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When scientists and statesmen speak of the dangers confronting this generation, they all point to the fact that we will reach a critical point by the mid 70's and a catastrophic point by the turn of the century.

If we are headed toward an obvious climax in history, there must be something in the Bible about it. There are events today which, because they are happening all at once, are different from any other time in history. We are seeing the final fitting together of all the prophetic signs that Jesus said would come.

The writer of the book of Hebrews said, quoting God, "Next time I will not only shake the earth, but the heavens, too." By this He means that He will sift out everything without solid foundations, so that only unshakable things will be left. Since we have a kingdom nothing can destroy, let us please God by serving Him with thankful hearts, and with holy fear and awe.

Hebrews 12:27-28

"And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:"

In the midst of all this shaking and trembling, there are certain things that cannot be shaken nor can be destroyed. These are the things which will give us security in the midst of the spreading moral darkness. One of the things that will never change is the Gospel.

You cannot separate the Cradle from the Cross and the Crown. The three go together: His coming to the cradle in Bethlehem, born of a virgin; His death on the cross for our sins; and the coming crown, when He shall rule the world.

The Gospel of Christ is that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. (I Corinthians 15:3-4) The Gospel of Christ is even more; It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth (Romans 1:16) The Gospel of Christ is the most wonderful revelation that God ever gave to man. The apostle Paul knew its power and its wisdom. He proclaimed it to the rich and to the poor, to the cultured and the uncultured, throughout the ancient world. He wrote to Rome and said, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ," and he proved it by his total commitment.

While we may not have a full understanding of all that the gospel means, yet, by faith, we accept it.

European Common Market Big Step Forward

Daniel 7:24

And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

Only one event in modern European history has been more significant than the decision of the six nations of France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg to admit four more members . . . Britain, Ireland, Denmark and Norway . . . to the European Economic Community. That was the founding of the Community itself in 1957.

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The accession of Britain and of the other West European countries to the European Economic Community is welcome evidence that all parties have recognized, and acted on their common interests. For the world, for the community, and for its components, founders and new members alike, the accession of the four opens up wide and promising horizons.

To put it in other than British understatement, one of the most amazing things in history of the world has occurred: The age of recurrent wars, of political and economical rivalry, of shifting alliances and power balances, of the decimation of a generation of young men every 20 years, has ended in Europe.

We now see more and more of the word of God come to pass. Let us be watchful.

Our country has 10.5 billions in gold bullion at Fort Knox. The Common Market nations hold 47 billion in notes, payable on demand, redeemable in gold. When Richard Nixon wanted to bring home some of our 300,000 soldiers stationed in Europe, they said that if he did they would demand payment on those notes, in American gold. It's amazing how man is troubled with one problem after another for which he cannot find a solution. The world situation is getting beyond man's control.

I believe the reason for man's trouble is found in the word of Paul in Romans 1. Even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are not even to be mentioned . . . As man refused to acknowledge God, His heart becomes the habitation of demons resulting in rank degeneracy. The decay accelerates at such an alarming rate that we can only conclude that the countdown of history has already begun. The Zero Hour is momentary. You cannot reject deity and retain decency. Any skeptical person ought to be convinced these times are not commonplace; they are most unusual, the times are perilous.

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ISRAEL

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Scriptures come alive as Pauline links them with places they visited in Israel this summer.

The fall of Massada to the Romans in 73 A. D. marked the end of that era of Jewish independence. A Nation that disobeyed God was driven to world wide exile. History began to unfold as we stood in the ruins of this fortress. Our fifteen days in Israel this past April took us from that event in history to the present fulfillment of prophecies, where once again Israel is regathered and a nation favored of God.

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We were so surprised at the size of the hills. Really rugged mountains covered with rocks! There isn't much virtue in the land but to know the prophecies written about the country, makes one stand in amazement as you see the unfolding of God's plan.

Standing on Mount of Olives and remembering the scripture, "Why stand ye gazing up into the heavens? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven," makes one rejoice. Looking over Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives which is 2500 feet above Jerusalem, gives one a vivid picture of Christ saying, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem which killed the prophets how often would I have gathered thy children together as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings and ye would not!"

A thrilling prophecy being fulfilled is the dead sea giving her wealth to a people God had promised it to. Isaiah prophesied in 60:5, "Then thou shalt see, and flow together and thine heart shall be enlarged, because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come to thee." For 3700 years God has been building minerals in the dead sea making it four times the value of the United States. There are huge plants extracting these valuable chemicals and shipping them to the Gentile nations. We were told there was 500 million dollars income from the Dead Sea in 1970 and they expect it to reach one billion dollars by 1980. The cities and industries being built around the Dead Sea are booming.

The prophecy Isaiah wrote in Chapter 35:1, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom like a rose," became alive to us as we rode through the Negev Desert where rainfall is about an inch annually, orchards of fruits, fields of wheat, barley, cotton, and sugar beets growing in abundance being irrigated by large conduits bringing water from the Sea of Galilee and Jordan River to this vast desert. "Behold I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19. In drilling for oil, they found about six to eight thousand feet down a lake of pure water. They are now using this for irrigation and the desert with its heat gives four vegetable crops a year. They are growing alfalfa and getting fourteen cuttings per year. The prophecies of Isaiah are being fulfilled today!

Isaiah 27:6 says, "He shall cause them that come of Judah to take root, Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the face of the world with fruit." In 1972 Israel had over 110,000 acres of citrus groves. The total production was 452 million dollars. Jaffa oranges are very popular in the world and even sell here in our country as cheap as native oranges. We saw and ate fruit from fig, date, almond, apricot, apple, pear, plum, orange, lemon, grapefruit, and banana trees. We also saw peach and olive trees blooming. There are many grape vineyards and all kinds of vegetables growing. Israel can easily be a self-supporting nation as it is hard to think of anything they can't produce. The second oil refinery was opened at Ashdod in June 1973, refining oil from the Sinia desert fields.

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It is fantastic to see what three million Jews are doing to Israel. The majority of these have immigrated from 104 nations. Ezekiel 11:17 says, "Therefore say, thus saith the Lord God; I will gather you from the people and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered and I will give you the land of Israel." Never in history has a nation dispersed for 2000 years returned to its former name, former land, former language and former religion. The names of new cities are being named their former names. Ezekiel prophesied this in 36:11, "and I will settle you after your old estates and will do better unto you than at your beginnings." We stayed in the city of Arad mentioned in I Chron. 8:15, in 1967 the population was zero but today is a city of 5,500 people.

As we visited Mount Sinia where God gave Moses the Ten Commandments I tried to visualize the six hundred thousand Israelites camping at its foot. The long miles of travel through rugged and desolate mountains, following their leader to a promised land. It isn't hard to understand the murmuring and complainings. It caused us to stop and consider what a privileged people we are.

The rocks and mountains are crying out Praises to God! The excavation findings that prove the bible, are marvelous. The Shrine of the Book Museum houses the Dead Sea scrolls. The scroll of Isaiah buried for hundreds of years was found preserved in earthen jars at Qumran. We were told it reads the same as our King James Version. With so many new translations and critics revising the Bible, it is thrilling to know God preserved his true word for all ages. In the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem are the gravestones of King Uzziah and Pontis Pilate. Critics of Isaiah have said there is no proof outside the Bible that there ever lived a King named Uzziah. Yet Isaiah said, "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon his throne—." The reinterment stone of King Uzziah was found in Jerusalem, the inscription reads; "Hither were brought the bones of Uzziah King of Judah." Uzziah had not been buried in the royal tombs because he was smitten with leprosy according to II Kings 15:5. The Mayor of Jerusalem paid \$150,000.00 for the stone and put it in the museum according to the Jerusalem Post. The Pontis Pilate stone was unearthed while excavating the ruins of Ceserea. Praise God this proves the Bible to a generation of doubters.

It just seemed every place were signs of the coming Messiah, the Jews before the Wailing Wall anxious to rebuild their Temple are working for that event to take place, and the Golden Gate standing ready for the King of Kings to enter. Bible stories came alive while visiting the places of their origin.

We are convinced that the close of the Gentile Age is very near. Luke 21:24, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Jerusalem is no longer controlled by the Gentiles, it is under the Jewish rule and government. We stand amazed as we observe the accuracy of the ancient prophecies. Just to think we have seen them fulfilled! "When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His Glory." Psalms 102:15. Surely, He is coming Soon!

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