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Crusaders for Christ



Pictured in the above are five young people of our movement (left to right: Dale Ditto, Edna, Texas; Bill Patterson, Jr., Stockton, Calif.; Sherri Cook, Granby, Mo.; Russell Peck, Edna, Texas; and Bob Taylor, National City, Calif.) who are traveling as "Crusaders for Christ" during the summer months. Miss Cook was pianist at most of their appearances in the Tri-State district.

Rev. Bill Patterson, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. Bill Patterson, Sr., was ordained a minister of the Gospel at the close of our last Bible School term and has since been active in Revivals throughout our movement. Besides attending our Bible School for 3 terms, he also has attended college for 2 years in Stockton, Calif., at the College of the Pacific.

Dale Ditto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ditto and grandson of the pioneer minister, Rev. S. W. Ditto, is a senior at West Texas

State University in Canyon, Texas.

Russell Peck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Peck and grandson of the late Rev. "Bob" Russell, is a 1965 graduate of the Edna, Texas, High School.

Bob Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor, originally of Laverne, Okla., has been in college this past year in Southern California.

Sherri Cook is a Junior in the Granby, Missouri, High School.

It's a great thrill to see teenagers turn their TIME and their TALENTS over to God's services. These college boys could have spent the summer working to earn needed money for the next year's expenses, but instead chose to work for God. — — — seeking to win and influence young people for Christ.

These talented young men are an inspiration to the churches they serve. They are in the Mississippi area and will attend camp meeting.

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dress, giving both old and new
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"Excuse Me, Lord"

By Ted Barker

Luke 14: 16-24 Then said he un-
to him, A certain man made a great
supper and bade many: And sent
his servant at supper time to say
to them that were bidden, Come;
for all things are ready. And they
all with one consent began to make
excuse. The first said unto him, I
have bought a piece of ground, and
I must needs go and see it: I pray
thee have me excused. And another
said, I have bought five yoke of
oxen, and I go to prove them; I
pray thee have me excused. And
another said, I have married a wife,
and therefore I cannot come. So
that servant came, and shewed
his lord these things. Then the
master of the house, being angry,
said to his servant, Go out quickly
into the streets and lanes of the
city, and bring in hither the poor,
and the maimed, and the halt, and
the blind. And the servant said,
Lord it is done as thou hast com-
manded and yet there is room.
And the lord said unto the servant,
Go out into the highways and the

hedges, and compel them to come
in, that my house may be filled.
For I say unto you, That none of
those men which were bidden shall
taste of my supper.

Without doubt, the ole saying
"EXCUSE ME, LORD" is as old as
time itself. This phrase seems to
be used so freely in the day in
which we are living. I never cease
to be amazed at the many different
ways these three words have of
presenting themselves. It almost
seems this saying "excuse me,
Lord", has become a main item
in some of our daily diets, and if
not corrected, may leave some
without the invitation to the Great
Supper. Let us examine closely the
words of the Saviour in Luke 14:
18. "And they all with one consent
began to make excuse." I have
noted that a number of the people
of this generation are so quick to
excuse themselves from some of
the duties and commandments of
the Almighty. May we always re-
member some words from the Good
Book when it stated, "**—which is**
just a reasonable service." Some-
times, the way ordained for us to
travel may not always be the easi-
est, but undisputed, it is always
the best.

In the dictionary, we note that
the word excuse could have sever-
al meanings but generally, they
all end at the very same place. We
also see in the dictionary, one of
the chief meanings is to "Grant
exemption from; or to grant
release from." It seems so many
of us, at one time or another, seek
to be released from our Christian
responsibility. Let us examine the
parable Jesus told in these scrip-
tures.

The first said unto him, "I have
bought a piece of ground, and I
must go see it: I pray thee, have
me excused." To look at this par-
able in our language, it might read,
"I have bought a section of land
over by the river. I have never seen
it, I am not aware if it has water
or not, and I certainly hope it
isn't a big sand hill." This kind of
investment would show the lack
of business judgment and sound
reasoning. With all probability, the
buyer might never have checked
to see if the abstract was up to

date, if there were any mineral
rights, if the property had any pos-
sibilities at all, and the future of
the land. God help every Christian
to have checked into all of the val-
ues of the investment made in our
future and eternity. I am sure I
am not the only minister that finds
people giving excuses for not serv-
ing the Lord, that are just as ab-
surd as the one we find of the
land buyer in the Bible. May all
of us be very cautious in excusing
ourselves before the Lord.

The next example we find in
verse 19, "I have bought five yoke
of oxen, I pray thee have me ex-
cused." As the first example was
so absurd, we also find this excuse
very frail. Again in our language,
no farmer would think of buying a
\$7,500 tractor without seeing if it
would pull, knowing the horse-
power, knowing something of its
background, seeing if parts were
available, etc. The world is full of
people that take out a little reli-
gion without knowing the truth of
their findings. They excuse them-
selves from reality by doing sim-
ply nothing but the bare necessi-
ties to be able to stay in the church.
They excuse themselves from any-
thing that might cost some ser-
vice, some time, and some money.
They seem to justify themselves
with "I'll do what I can." A story
of this kind of an excuse will lead
to the very same end as it did in
the Bible when Jesus said, "That
none of those men which were bid-
den shall taste my supper."

Let us look at the last example.
"I have married a wife, and there-
fore I cannot come." This excuse
is as old as Gen. 3:12 "And the man
said, "The woman thou gavest to be
with me, she gave me of the tree
and I did eat." We note the exam-
ple given here, the wife had be-
come far more important than the
man's own welfare of his soul and
his eternity. We read in Matt. 19:
29, "And everyone that hath for-
saken houses, or brethren, or sis-
ters, or fathers, or mothers, or
wife, or children, or lands, for my
namesake, shall receive an hun-
dredfold, and shall inherit everlast-
ing life." This leads us to believe
the most important thing in all of
life, is our own soul. The excuse

of the wife, or in some cases, the husband have kept many out of the kingdom of God and shall without doubt bar many more. May we be sure. "Number One" follows the Lamb of God withersoever He goeth, and some of the trifle things of life shall fade from view.

I am sure that the readers of this paper will not be surprised when I say the stage is set for that great supper or gathering time Jesus talked about in these verses. Therefore let us lay aside any excuse we might offer for service to the king. I recall in Exodus 3:11 Moses tried to excuse himself by saying, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" In Judges 6:15 Gideon said, "O my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? Behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my Father's house." Jeremiah said in Jeremiah 1:6 "Ah Lord God, Behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child." Of these great men of the Bible we have mentioned, their excuses were all correct and were no doubt real problems to these men, but, the God of Heaven did not recognize any one of them nor excuse the men, Because the men accepted their duties and by-passed their excuses, they have gone down in the Word of God as great men. I have often wondered what would have happened to Moses, Gideon, and Jeremiah if they would have let their excuses stand between them and God. I also wonder what will happen to some of us that are so quick to offer an excuse when asked to be a SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, TO ARRANGE A SONG FOR CHURCH, TO VISIT NEW FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY, TO SPEND TIME IN FASTING AND PRAYER, TO COME TO CHURCH AT EVERY POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY, (Neglect not the assembling of yourselves together as a manner of some is') and a hundred other things that I could mention. Most often the excuses offered today are just as foolish as anyone we have mentioned from the Bible. We often meet individuals that tell us they are too busy to come to church but have time for anything

Tri-State Youth Camp

The week spent in Youth Camp at Baxter Springs, Kansas, was one of victory and blessings for the 107 boys and girls enrolled. Thirty-four boys and girls found Christ in salvation, forty were sanctified, thirty-one baptised with the Holy Spirit, and seventeen baptised in water.

Dedicated workers filled our staff with everyone having a will to work. Teachers were: Miss Carolyn Long, Miss May Rowland, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacobs, Mrs. Ray Michener, Marvel Carman, Carl Pitts, Bill Turner, Earl Malone, Mrs. Wayne Huff, Jim Morris, R. B. Clanton, Mrs. Martha Clemens, Mrs. Gail Schultz, and F. E. Waterbury. Doctrinal Bible study lessons prepared by Rev. M. D. Methvin, Mrs. Goldie Myers, and Mrs. Glenn Smith were used.

Counselors were: Mrs. Orville

else they want to do. Friends, this kind of excuses are folly before the Lord and WILL NOT stand in the day of judgment. May I be just a little harsh when I say that the trouble with a lot of our churches and other full gospel ranks, is that we can find time for just about anything but true dedicated service to God. The CARES OF LIFE and the DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES are driving people at a terrific rate of speed. I have noticed alot of "Good Saints" have become so involved with business affairs that they don't have time for church. I remember so well a service I heard my Father preach about people "Chasing Nickles into Hell", and the truth of this sermon is so evident in this day and time. God give us the insight of the foolishness of trying to excuse ourselves of the services expected from us.

May I close this little visit with you by saying there are reasons that God overlooks, but NOT excuses. God never asks anyone to do something they are not able to do. If you are called on to do a job for the Lord, your pastor, your church. please do not say "I PRAY THEE HAVE ME EXCUSED."

Kidd, Mrs. Leon Oaks, Mr. and Mrs. John Studivon, Pauline Riley, Peggy Bard, Mrs. Paul Clanton, Mrs. Dorothy McCance, Mrs. Bill Turner, Rev. and Mrs. Gene Raney, Shirley Hill, Dennis Huff, R. B. Clanton, Jerome Crowhurst, and Lyford Freeman.

Morning and evening rallies were under the direction of Bill Patterson, Dale Ditto, and Russell Peck. The 11 o'clock rally time was directed by Mrs. Howard Whiteley. Each of these noon rallies was built around the thought found in II Timothy 2: 21, purging yourself from the things of the world and becoming a vessel of honour to be used of the Lord. The older young people helped with this part of the rally. Bro. and Sis Earl Malone directed the singing with the campers furnishing our specials for this rally.

Many wonderful comments have come from our teenagers of the camp concerning our counselling classes directed by Sis. Edna Schultz and Rev. F. E. Waterbury. As one young girl stated that it was a real help to us and I wish my Mother could have been in class with me.

Wonderful meals were prepared and served by Mrs. Margaret Rogers, Rev. and Mrs. Onel Nunn, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richardson. Here again the Lord supplied a bountiful table.

Mrs. Earl Malone and Mrs. F. E. Waterbury served as secretary and book-keeper.

The evening service was the highlight of each day. It was at this time many victories and experiences were gained. However, a good number prayed through to definite experiences following the noon rally.

We thank God for this week of Spiritual deepening and look forward to next year's camp—should God permit.

Rev. Onel Nunn and Rev Howard Whiteley were directors.

Fran Waterbury, reporter.

Prayer List

Leonard Turner
Cheryl Briles
Gayle McLeod's baby
Mrs. Ophel Stockfish's parents.
Hazel Taylor (Crippling Arthritis)

NEWS from the CHURCHES

ALVIN, TEXAS—

During May we had several visiting ministers with us and each of these services were a blessing to us. We had a nice Mother's Day Service honoring our Mother's present with the most children present in church, youngest mother, etc. We do thank God for His continued blessings upon our church and pray for His continued blessings upon our church and pray that we will be a blessing to others for Him.

R. L. Cannon, reporter
G. K. Kerr, pastor

GALENA, KANSAS—

We do Praise God from whom all blessings flow and they flow abundantly to those that seek God. Once again we can report real victory in our church. God is adding souls to the church as He sees fit and we His children work for Him. Several of our people are seeking God for the deeper blessings which He has for each of us when we become hungry enough to ask for them.

Around 20 of our youth attended Youth Camp and came home with real victory in their souls. We're praying that God will help us to help them that this victory will be maintained and they will be true lighthouses for Him even as they enter school again in the fall. Again we ask your prayers that God will lead in every part of our work for Him and continue to bless His people everywhere.

Sunday, June 21st, Rev. Bill Patterson, Jr., Dale Ditto and Bob Taylor and Russell Peck along with the accompanist, Sheri Cook, were with us in our morning and evening services, God blessed as His Word went forth, and one soul was reclaimed in the night service.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

JOPLIN, MISSOURI—

We are still on the map in a

great way for the things of the Lord. The Lord has given us some wonderful services of late. Several coming to the Youth Camp of this district stopped by. They included Bro. Gene Rainey and family, Bro. Paul Clanton and family, and Bro. Allen Long and family were here also just before camp time. Sis. Robert Bedyler was with us too, plus a few more whose names I do not have. Then on June 23 we had a fine service with Bro. Bill Patterson, Jr., and his quartet. They include Bros. Dale Ditto, Russell Peck, Bob Taylor and Bill Patterson. Surely these young men are doing a great work for the Lord as well as the others that came our way. Let us all keep the standard high, the way clear, and the faith pure.

Gail W. Schultz, pastor

CROSSES, ARKANSAS—

We want to report the Lord's blessings upon the Revival that Rev. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon conducted for us recently. Although we didn't see the definite moves made toward God that we hoped to see, it was a **real** blessing to our lives. There was good interest and attendance with some new families coming. We pray that the messages will abide in their hearts and bring forth fruit in the days to come. We do appreciate Bro. and Sis. LaMunyon very much as our evangelists.

The Lord was good to us and blessed in our Vacation Bible School which was held immediately following the closing of the public school year's end. We had 47 enrolled with nearly a perfect attendance for each. We're happy that we can teach the Word of the Lord to these who are still at a tender age and pray that by His blessing these truths will stay with them.

We enjoy the recent addition of a front porch and car-port to the

parsonage. We close with a request for your prayers for us in our work here and we will be praying for you.

Jim Morris, pastor

PINE HILL, ALABAMA—

Greetings again in the Name of the Lord. We have found the Lord to be a present help in every time of need and to be faithful of all His promises. At the time of this writing we are looking forward to the Youth Camp and Camp Meeting in our area. We trust you as fellow Christians will join with us in prayer that the people here will be reached for the Lord and go forth from the camp with a burning desire to serve the Lord.

Our attendance has been down for the past few weeks, but there has been new interest shown in our Mid-Week Services. God is blessing the Bible Doctrine lessons given during these services in which we used the visual aid of our chart.

We were privileged to hold services at the Granby Church, May 25-30. God blessed and we praise Him for victories gained. Continue to pray for the work here. It is our greatest desire to see the people here firmly established in the things of God.

Jim Arnall, pastor

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA—

We have resigned here as pastors and will be leaving the first part of July to begin our ministry in Bayard, Nebr. God has blessed us in our work here and we desire your prayers that God will continue to bless here and in our work at Bayard.

Bill Patterson, Sr., pastor

SNYDER, TEXAS—

The Lord continues to bless us here and we have been enjoying the Apostolic Faith Report as it has arrived each month. Recently

we have had Rev. Ken Priest, Bro. and Sis. Rene Heil, and Rev. Danny Robinson in services with us at various times with one man saved during the services with Bro. Priest. We appreciate Rev. Vester Clanton filling in for us during our absence recently. His ministry has been a great blessing.

We will be staying in Snyder another year and ask the prayers of God's people that we will be a blessing in our work and be able to see the church grow to the Glory of God.

Sherman & Louise Sutton,, pastors

DENVER, COLORADO--

Often a great work has a small beginning, and often a new work, sad to say, is a forgotten work. Let us all remember that Bro. and Sis. Amos Harris are as busy as can be in the city of Denver doing their very best to establish a new church for the Faith in that area. They are meeting at present in their home which is located at 7100 Bryant st., West Minister. There are some mighty faithful believers that are interested and helping all they can. Won't you too join this band and see what the Lord can do? As visitors to the city, please feel a welcome to the Harris home and add your testimony to the promoting of this work. We had a nice letter from Bro. and Sis. Harris some time ago, but due to an over sight it did not get into this paper, we extend our apologies for this mistake. We expect an up to the minute report for you soon. In the mean time don't forget to pray for our new work in Denver.

Gail W. Schultz

HUDSON, WYOMING--

It has been such a great pleasure to be in the closing services of the Youth Camp and to feel again the fellowship of God's people. For many years we've been working in distant places and though God has been with us we have missed and hungered for the fellowship found in the Apostolic Faith meetings etc. We've been in Hudson, Wyoming for several years now and have a church started there. Our people need to know what the fellowship of other ministers can

mean to them as well as we need the fellowship and spiritual strength too. We want to extend an invitation to Apostolic Faith ministers to come see us, for a service, or several services, or a Revival as the Lord might lead, or spend a vacation in our beautiful mountains.

By: Sister Robt. Beydler

We have known these good people for many years. They have labored for the Lord in out of way places, that is to our Movement, but have left a good testimony of their labors. Hudson is located in the West Central part of Wyoming. It is about 100 miles north of US. No. 30 and let us save a little time to visit these folks when we are on a northern route, or as you are led of the Lord make an all out effort to visit and encourage the Hudson work. Sis. Beydler was with us in our church services in Joplin which we appreciated very much.

Gail W. Schultz

MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH, LOGAN, OKLAHOMA--

We are rejoicing over our Daily Vacation Bible School. We had 47 enrolled. Some were saved in our assembly programs. It was wonderful to see all these youngsters praying around the altar. A good crowd attended the closing program on Friday, June 4th. People seemed to enjoy the program of how the boys and girls had been "Discovering With Christ".

Our regular services have been attended well and interest shown. God is still blessing in each service for which we praise Him. We extend an invitation to all ministers and gospel workers of the Faith to come by and see us anytime.

Mrs. Deryl LaMunyon, reporter
Doyle Wiles, pastor

CENTER POINT, TEXAS--

Here is some news that we are so proud of and feel that some others would like to know. We are building 3 class rooms, a pastor's study, panelling the inside of the auditorium with Mahogany paneling (also the class rooms), and the auditorium ceiling will be beamed. By winter we plan to have a new

heating system with the air-cooling unit installed. We will again serve as pastors for another year here and desire your prayers that we might see the work of the Lord go forth. All ministers of our Faith are invited to visit us at anytime.

John Blythe, Sr., pastor

SPEARMAN, TEXAS--

The Lord has been good to us here. Rev. Ben Barker was here for services June 10-13 and God answered prayer. We plan to be in Spearman another year so everyone come by and see us. Pray that God will continue to bless in our church and lead in every effort for Him.

Hap Blythe, pastor

HARDESTY, OKLAHOMA--

We are thankful for the blessings of God on our church and for the way that the people are responding. Our attendance is holding up real well. The building project is progressing a little at a time with the addition being completed with the exception of a little bit of cement work. We are so thankful for this nice improvement to our church.

Ted Barker, pastor

QUITMAN, MISSISSIPPI--

The Lord has been very good to us in every way here, and His blessings have been upon the services. Our 5th Sunday service of May was an especially good day in the Lord. Sis Dorothy Anderson brought a good sermon in the morning service. After our basket dinner Rev. Leon Smith delivered the sermon in the afternoon service. That evening Bro. Jerome Crowhurst was in charge of the young people's service which was followed by our evening worship service. At the close of Rev. Hintergardt's message a soul was reclaimed for which we are thankful to the Lord. In each service we were blessed with the wonderful singing also.

We are looking for many of you to attend the Youth Camp and Camp meeting.

George Hintergardt, pastor

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Crusaders for Christ

12 INCH ANSWER

QUESTION: If Satan was once an Angel, then was the first sin committed in Heaven?

ANSWER: This is a thought provoking question and we may not be able to answer it to your satisfaction. If we do not, please trust the wisdom of God as we do scientists, Dr's. etc.

Think of the things we accept unquestionably, that we do not understand, from electricity to space travel. If you are not a scholar of these things, can you explain them? Why is it easier to accept mysteries from man rather than God?

What about those whom we trust and who are expected to trust us. The physician advises surgery and without question the patient accepts it. He doesn't understand it, he trusts the wisdom of his Doctor. Why is it easier to trust the wisdom of man rather than God?

Is a mother expected to explain to an infant the "whys" of all that she does for him? Would he understand it if she did? No, we do what is best for the little ones, yet we in turn often demand that God tell why.

Now to the question at hand. We can write what God has told us concerning Satan, but beyond that we must leave it in the hands of man.

Ezek. 28: 11-19 gives us a picture of Satan before his fall. He was perfect until iniquity was found in him. His heart was lifted up because of his beauty. Isa. 14: 12-20

tells us more about him. We learn that he was Lucifer, that he essayed to lift his throne above the stars of God and sit upon the mount of the congregation.

These scriptures tell us who he was, what he was and why he fell. They also tell of his ultimate destruction. According to Ezek. 28: 18 he will be destroyed by fire and brought to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all men that behold him. Isa. 14:19 says he will be as a carcass trodden under feet.

Man has been given the power of choice, for God has never ordained that man should be forced to serve Him. Evidently the heavenly host, created in such beauty and perfection was given the same.

We do not understand all things, but we do know that Lucifer fell because of pride before he became Satan as we know him.

We also know, according to Isa. 56: 20 and Zech. 14: 16-19 that while Satan is bound, it will be possible for the natural man to disobey God and to die.

Since an angel fell before Satan was, and the natural man may disobey God during the millennium while Satan is bound, I am made to wonder if we should not take the responsibility of many of our actions for which we blame the Devil. Just a thought to consider.

Let that be as it may, there are things that must be left to God to reveal in His time, or withheld as He thinks best. Peter referred to this when he said that Paul wrote

some things hard to be understood, which the unlearned and unstable wrest to their own destruction. II Peter 3: 16. Let us not be one of them.

Remember, Eve ate of the forbidden fruit because of the promise that their eyes would be open and they would be as Gods. Gen. 3:4.

We see that from the beginning man has endeavored to push ajar the gates of life and step within and all God's working see. Why can so much be left in the hand of man, yet so little to the wisdom of God?

Do these thoughts arouse the question: Will we ever be safe from falling? Certainly we will. Remember, the references we have made are for the power of choice.

Those who are saved by the blood of Jesus have made that choice. All who stay faithful to the end have won eternal life. II Peter 1: 1-11 gives us the promise of being a partaker of the divine nature with some things we must do. If we do these things we will make our calling and election sure and we shall never fail.

Paul said God would render eternal life to those who sought for glory, honor, and immortality. Eternal life does not end in death.

The way of salvation is so simple that a child may receive it. The instruction for Christian living is so plain that all may understand it. The promises of God are so sure

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The Children's Hour . . .

By ALBERDINE WILHITE

X often marks the spot
upon the sinful human heart
But Jesus' blood can wash away
All sin and make us clean today.

I saw God wash our little town yesterday! He sent several inches of nice, clean pure water to do the job. The washing was done gently as the rain came down in abundant showers all day long.

As I watched through the screen door, I began to compare the "washing of the outside world" to the washing of the inside . . . the heart."

The Bible says "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." If we love God and His Son we should be careful with words.

Sometimes we need to stop and think. Children forget their school books. Sometimes they forget what Mother wanted them to do. Could this be you?

A good remedy for this is to stop and think. Be still. Sometimes you close your eyes so that you can think better.

As you think upon the necessary things in your daily living, do not forget God. Boys and girls need to stop and think about God every day. Stop what you are doing and get by yourself. Be quiet. Close your eyes. Think only of the wonderful Lord Jesus Christ.

Have you thought about Him today? Have you opened His Word and read what He has to say to you? Have you shut your eyes and told Him about problems and what makes you afraid?

When you are still and think of the Lord, pray to Him, you will realize that He loves you. You will know that He can save you if you ask Him to remove that "X" that marks the spot upon a sinful human heart. Then God can use us after the sin has been removed from our hearts.

In these days of rush and noise, boys and girls are not finding

much time to be quiet and talk with the Lord. It is hard to find time, but the boys and girls who have quiet times (prayer times) with Jesus will be the ones He can depend upon later. They are the ones He can and Will use.

God has work for you to do. Now! Today! It is your job, and He wants you to do it yourself. He wants your work to be honest and He wants you to do it for Him.

It is only when we take time to talk to God that we are able to do our work well. Try to do this. Be the kind of boy or girl God can use.

After the Lord saves us and we become useful to Him, we need to be careful.

We stop at all railroad crossings and look and listen. So we need a map or a guide. We need something to tell us how to act, what to say, and where to go.

A good authority on being careful is the Bible . . . God's Word. The scriptures can enlighten us, protect us, encourage us . . . sometimes it convicts us of our fibs, our secret stealing, and sly ways. God's Word teaches us to beware of the ungodly. They will lead you into shame and ruin unless you watch and be careful.

So be careful: 1. Where you walk. 2. Where you stand. 3. Where you sit. Wrong crowds can spoil good times. Choose friends who 1. Love the Lord. 2. are unashamed to testify for Jesus. 3. Who do not laugh at Christians. 4. Who like to go to church and Sunday School.

If you do not believe sin can mar your life, cut out a big paper heart. Pretend it is yours. See how clean it is? Not a mark upon it. Now, think over your day. If you

have told anyone a lie, put a tiny X on it. If you have told several, put an X for each one. If you have taken anything that did not belong to you, put down an X for it. If you have taken several things, put down an X for each article taken. Put down an X for each time you have lost your temper too. So see, it is easy to ruin a clean heart. We need to be careful.

So keep up your guard. Do this with:

1. Faith in God
2. Trust in God
3. Prayer to God.

Although

X Often marks the spot
Upon the sinful human
heart . . .
Jesus' blood can wash away
All sin and MAKE YOU
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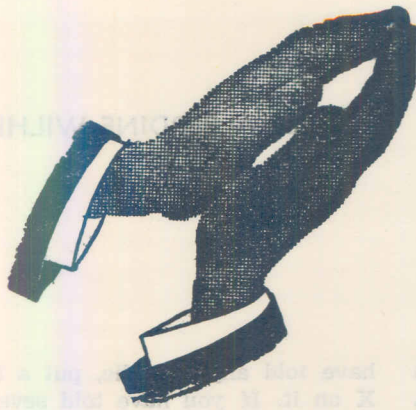
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to the believer that no one need miss them.

Let me close with this bit of admonition. Let us believe and obey all of the Word that we can understand. That which we do not understand, read it, and leave it in the hands of an all wise God, to reveal to us if and when we need it. Let us not be as the foolish ones who have tried to force their way into the mysteries of God, rather believe Him who promised that He would withhold no good thing from them that walk uprightly before Him. Our responsibility is to walk Uprightly.



Teacher's Notebook

WHAT IS "TEACHING"?

By Mrs. Lillie Spencer

To teach is to guide a learner.

What is the purpose of teaching?

So the lost can learn that they can accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, and then direct spiritual growth.

Pastors cannot give individual help and attention during a sermon; they can't stop and answer questions and deal with individual personalities. A teacher of a Sunday school class is guiding several learners at the same time. It is very important to become personally acquainted with each student in the class. Visit the homes and learn what kind of environment the child comes from. Are the parents really interested in the child's spiritual needs? Children from non-Christian homes give the teacher the added responsibility of reaching the parents for God.

The purpose of teaching is not fulfilled in one class session or a quarter of a year. This is a life-time job, because knowledge of God and spiritual growth is a continual, life-long process. A Sunday school teacher has a great obligation to God and unlimited opportunities.

When we send missionaries to foreign fields, we expect so much of them! We expect them to be wholly consecrated to their calling, Spirit-filled, and we certainly expect some results!

What about Sunday-school teachers? So many times we feel, "Oh, anyone will do; it's just the little kids." "Just anyone will not do! The Gospel needs to be taught with just as much consecration, Holy

Spirit anointing and results at home as the mission field. A teacher **must** be filled with the Spirit. "How can one teach unless he is taught?"

Just anyone will **not** do — precious souls are at stake!

What if God the Father, when He was making the plan of salvation would have said, Just anyone will do; they're just a bunch of rebellious people."

God gave **His** best — He wants **our** best.

HOW OTHERS DO IT

For a quick way to back your figures with flannel, place your piece of flannel on the ironing board, next place a plastic bag (from the cleaners) on your flannel (use a double thickness), then lay your figures on top of the plastic (this is easier if the whole sheet of figures if placed on the plastic before they're cut out), now lay a piece of newspaper on top of the figures and iron with a iron set at around "cotten" until the flannel adheres to the figure. **Carefully** remove the newspaper and cut your figures out. If there are places not sticking properly, just press a little again after it has been cut out.

DEADLINE FOR ALL COPY IS THE 20th OF EACH MONTH.

GEM OF TRUTH

"If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." II Tim. 2: 21.

THE CRY FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP!

Ezekial 22:30. "I sought for a man"

Where are the workers and teachers? Many are still trying to decide if it is worth it. Many have lumbago instead of salvation.

In the sight of God, what is a leader? What kind of individual does God want to stand for the church, for Christ, for Him? Look at Joshua 1:1-9.

I. Joshua was a **called man!** He didn't decide for himself what he was going to do—God chose him for a purpose. God calls Sunday school teachers, and if God calls, there is a purpose.

II. Joshua was willing to pay the price of preparation.

We are so busy, that so often we feel "put upon" if we have to spend extra time preparing for a class. Joshua was full of the word of God.

Just because the lesson is on some real familiar story doesn't mean there is no need for study. We need to be dependent on the Holy Spirit to guide our teaching so the need of every student will be met.

III. Joshua had a God-given courage!

This is what we need — courage! In the face of all of worldly opposition, we need courage to stand for what we know is truth, and to teach it to our children.

Don't just pray for the Lord of the harvest to send laborers, but pray with Isaiah, "Here am I, Lord. Send me." Make me usable, and then use me.

ARTICLE VI

Symbols In The Book Of Revelation

By ROBERT GIROUARD

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In Rev. 7:1-8 one may read the account of the sealing of one hundred forty and four thousand of the tribes of the children of Israel. Strange as it may seem to some of our readers, some Bible interpreters teach that those who will be sealed need not be natural descendants of Jacob whose name was changed to Israel Genesis 32:28. It is claimed that on the basis of Romans 2: 28, 29, and other scriptures, that converted Gentiles become spiritual Israelities and thus may qualify to be among those sealed.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. The only people who can possibly be spiritual Israelites are natural Israelites who have become converted and have received spiritual life. Converted Gentiles become spiritual Gentiles and not spiritual Israelites. This is quite apparent by the teaching of several scriptures that we shall examine. Let us read Romans 2: 17-29 carefully and prayerfully it is easy to see that this entire passage of scripture deals exclusively with Jews. Jews who are Jews by birth as the natural descendants of Israel, and Jews who become spiritual Israelites, or true Jews, by becoming converted.

Paul's argument is that the Jews claimed to be God's people, they had the law of God, they knew God's will and claimed to be capable of teaching those who were in darkness. Yet despite all these claims they did not live up to the teaching of the law of God. As a result of their inconsistent living the name of God was blasphemed among the Gentiles. They were not true Jews, but only Jews outwardly, the natural descendants of Israel. They needed to become true Jews by receiving spiritual life through Christ. Romans 2: 28, 29.

Jesus indicated the difference between an Israelite who is one outwardly as a natural descendant of Israel and an Israelite indeed, a true Israelite or Jew, because he

had right relationship with God when he said concerning Nathanael, Behold an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile. John 1: 47. Paul stated the same truth when he wrote, For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel. Romans 9: 6. Paul was saying that not every descendant of Israel is an Israelite indeed, or a true Jew who is one inwardly. Only a natural Israelite who becomes converted meets the qualifications.

In Galation's 6: 16 Paul wrote, And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, AND UPON THE ISRAEL OF GOD. Who were the Israel of God? Certainly not converted Gentiles, but converted Israelites. There is strong internal evidence in Paul's letter to the Galation converts that Gentile Christians were the one's principally addressed because Gentiles predominated in the churches of Galatia. However, there some Jewish converts there. They were the Israel of God.

Converted Gentiles are called the spiritual children of Abraham because God's promise of salvation to the entire human family came through the Abrahamic covenant. Galations 3: 6-9; Genesis 12: 1-3.

Nowhere in scripture are converted Gentiles called the children of Jacob or Israel. In Romans 11: 17-24 Paul gives an illustration of how the Gentiles were to become partakers of the blessing of the Abrahamic covenant by being grafted upon the stock of the good olive tree, which in his illustration represents Israel. The Amplified New Testament renders Romans 11: 17 as follows: "But if some of the branches were broken off, while you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among them to share the richness (of the root and sap) of the olive tree". This passage of scripture does not teach that Gentiles become spiritual Israelites when they become Christians. All it teaches is that according to the Abrahamic Covenant, Gentiles are to share equally in the blessings of the gospel with Israel.

Some nursery catalogs advertise apple trees that will bear as many as five different varieties of apples. The five varieties are grafted onto one stock. The part that is grafted onto another stock always bears its own kind of fruit. A branch from a Jonathan apple tree that is grafted upon the root or stock of a Delicious apple tree will bear Jonathan apples. A branch from a sweet cherry tree grafted on a sour cherry tree will bear sweet cherries. Likewise, Gentiles grafted by faith into the body of Christ may become spiritual Gentiles but never spiritual Israelites. We see no warrant anywhere in the Bible for calling converted Gentiles, Israelities.

According to the conclusions that we have reached from the study of the foregoing scriptures, the one hundred forty and four thousand that are sealed in their foreheads are all natural descendants of Israel. There can be no converted Gentiles among them. They are said to be children of Israel. Twelve thousand are sealed of twelve tribes that are named,

Israel as a nation is now in divine disfavor because of her past sins. Jews are eligible to the privileges of the gospel, but the majority of them are blind to the fact Jesus is their Savior and and their Messiah. This blindness will last until the "fulness of the Gentiles be come in: Romans 11: 25. That is, until the full number of Gentiles that are to be saved in this church age have been saved. After the church age closes the blindness that is now upon Israel will be lifted and at the return of Jesus Israel as a nation will be saved and restored to divine favor. Romans 11: 25, 26, 27; Zechariah 12th chapter; Zechariah 13: 8, 9.

Isaiah chapter 54 tells of the desolate condition of Israel since she went into captivity and of her future glory. Ezekiel chapters 36 and 37 tell about God's future plans for Israel as a nation after the return of Jesus. Read especially Ezekiel 36: 24-38; Ezekial 37: 21 28; Ezekiel 20: 33-44; Jeremiah 32: 37-41; Jeremiah chapter 30.

These scriptures are to be taken

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Items of Interest

CENTER POINTS, TEXAS—

We have a good report to give as the Lord has been so good to us. Just the daily blessings make living worth while, and yet He gives us something to look forward to in the future.

We plan to be in Alaska by July 19. Please pray that we will be led of the Lord in all we do. We plan to have a Revival in Willow before the Dearing's leave.

We appreciate the prayers of everyone and do thank God that our new daughter is strong and healthy. Please continue to pray for us that we will be used by the Lord to win the Lost to Him.

In Christian Service,
Ken and LaDonna Priest

BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRESS

Plans are nearing completion for the approaching Fall term. Word has been received of several new students planning to attend, with approximately fifteen students returning.

We are happy to announce the following faculty for the coming term.

Bible Doctrine: Jacob C. Regier
Music Theory, Choral; Howard Whiteley

Evangelism: Edna Schultz

Prophecy I and II: Gail Schultz
Piano, Organ: Fran Waterbury

Secretary: Carol Malone

Nursery: Carolyn Long
Cooks: Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Arnold.

Study Hall Teacher: Mrs. Jacob Regier.

New Testament History and Specialized Training will be offered.

Enrollment is Monday, September 13.

ANOTHER BUILDING PROJECT

The Hinton Apostolic Faith Church of Hinton, Alabama, is beginning construction of their new church July 1st. The old church has practically been destroyed by termites and storms.

Bro. George Hintergardt, our pastor, will be head of our build-

ing program. We covet your prayers in our behalf.

Mrs. James E. Carney,
Sec., Treasurer
George Hintergardt,
pastor

SEPTEMBER 6—10

Yes, work week at Bible School is nearing with the dates being set for September 6-10.

Money is coming in for the various projects needed at the Bible School. There is \$256.00 in the "Home" furniture fund, \$167.00 in the floor refinishing fund, and \$200.00 has been sent in for carpet in the chapel.

Make plans now to come do your part in this very important phase of our Bible School.

EVANGELISTS REPORTS:—

We are glad to report victory from the Lord. Through prayer and trusting the Lord to lead us over the past weeks, we feel that God has burdened us for pastoral work. So we wish it to be known that we are now open for calls as pastors.

Presently we are in a Revival in Dumas, Texas, with Rev. Regier. Beginning June 27 we are to teach in the Mid-West Youth Camp and

possibly by July 4, we will begin a Revival in Cave Springs, Arkansas with Rev. Haney. Pray for us and with us as we labor for the Lord.

Rev. and Mrs. Ollie Kinser
Box 294, Laverne, Oklahoma

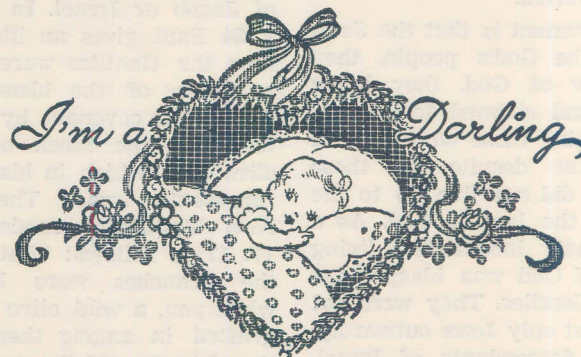
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literally. The children of Israel mean the natural descendants of Israel and not converted Gentiles. Israel is yet to become the leading nation in the world. Micah 4: 1-7.

This article concludes our studies from the book of Revelation. These articles were not meant to be a commentary on the entire book of Revelation but a key to help in the study and interpretation of this wonderful prophetic book. We consider Article II the most important in this series.

Article III goes with and completes Article II. This last Article we consider the next in importance. Many Bible interpreters assign to Israel the curses that were pronounced against her, but the blessings promised Israel are spiritualized and assigned to the church. This should not be done. When God made promises to Israel or to the children of Israel or to the Jews he meant literally what he said. He did not mean the church.



Penny LeAnn arrived at 11:20 P. M., Saturday June 5, 1965, to make her home with Ken and LaDonna Priest. She is the strong and healthy playmate for Delaine, (age 3), weighing in at 8-lb. and 6 oz.

Like to meet new people? Well, there ain't nobody newer'n me!

My name is Arla Kay

I arrived 12:36 P. M. May 13, 1965

I weighed 7 lb. 9 oz. and was 18 inches long.

My parents are Walker and Edna (Neff) Freeman, Follet, Texas.



William J. Dancer

William J. Dancer was born August 1, 1907, at Perryville, Arkansas, and departed this life June 20, 1965, at the age of 57 years, 10 months, and 19 days. In 1933 he was united in marriage to Dovie Price. In 1949 he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour at the Silver Strand Country Church, Imperial Beach, California and lived a faithful Christian life to the end. Bill was a strong believer in divine healing because not only was he saved in 1949, but he was healed of a very serious case of ulcers. He spent much time during his Christian life testifying to the double atonement that was purchased on Calvary.

He leaves to mourn his passing: Dovie, his wife; Mrs. Mabel Worth, a sister; other relatives and a host of friends.

Emma "Ma" Phillips

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma "Ma" Phillips, 84, were conducted in the Apostolic Faith Church in Hardesty, June 15, 1965. Rev. Ted Barker officiated.

Mrs. Phillips was born in Granby, Missouri, and married Mr. Phillips in 1901 at Sweetwater, Mo. Mr. Phillips preceded her in death in 1930.

Survivors include; a daughter Vononna Johnson, of Guymon, Okla.; three sons, Buck of Hardesty, Marion of Texline, Texas, and Colet, of Oklahoma City. One sister, Mrs. Oral Robertson of Neosho, Missouri; eight grandchildren, and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Phillips was converted at a very early age, and her testimony was that she was faithful to that conversion.

Jesus Christ is not valued at all, until He is valued above all!!

Lost Pine Youth Camp

We feel the Lord gave us a good Camp. Rev. J. D. Ray's ministry during our evening services was a blessing to everyone. On Friday night, Rev. Ray spoke on the subject "The Lost Command—"Go ye unto all the world and preach the Gospel". He challenged the young people to commit themselves to God for this task. Between 35-40 teenagers came forward to yield their lives to God to be used as the Lord would desire. This was a very sacred and precious service.

Our total enrollment was 126 students. Of this number Approximately 19 were saved, 14 sanctified, and 15 received the Holy Spirit. In addition to students about 40 staff members were enlisted to help run the camp.

We are still praising the Lord for a good camp and feel we shall all reap the benefits during this coming year and years to come.

Austin Morgan, reporter

MORE CHURCH NEWS—

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SECUNDERABAD, INDIA—

We praise God for the wonderful way in which the Lord has been leading us. Our youth camp was very successful with nearly 250 young people from the various parts of the country in attendance. Several were saved and there were many other victories won for Jesus. Our Bible School begins June 7 and 35 have already enrolled (May 26, 1965). As you know, our country is passing through many difficulties. The food problem is still there and we cannot buy sufficient quantity of foodgrains. Pray with us that the Lord will open the doors for us. We thank all the dear ones for your prayers and financial help. You can praise God with us for the several workers who have gone from the Bible School with the Gospel and the souls saved through their ministry. Our Bible Correspondence Course is entering new homes, schools, and colleges. We want you all to continue to remember us and the work here in your prayers.

T. S. Abraham, pastor

LIBERAL, KANSAS—

Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Wallis and gospel party held our spring Revival which was a blessing to our church. Rev. Lula Parham conducted our V. B. S. this year and the Lord blessed as His word went forth each day.

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry McClenagan have resigned as pastors to labor elsewhere. As yet we have not secured a new pastor and desire your prayers that God will lead in this matter. We do desire His will to be done.

Alvin Lee Barker, reporter

FAIR OAKS CHAPEL, CALIF.—

We are filling in here until camp meeting and God is blessing in the services. The Bill Allen family is missed very much from the West coast, but we pray that their lives will be a blessing wherever they labor for Christ. Remember to pray for us. Bob and Hazel Taylor

PAMPA, TEXAS—

Rev. and Mrs. Jack Cornell were with us in Revival services from May 9 to the 19th. Every message was annointed and their singing proved a blessing to all. We had good prayer services where many spiritual victories were gained.

Robert Girouard, pastor

CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS—

The Lord has certainly been good to us. We have been greatly blessed by the labors of Sis. Pauline Riley and Sis. Myrtle Carney since their arrival in January. Our VBS under the direction of Mrs. Roy Townsend was very successful with 44 enrolled and 7 receiving a definite experience of salvation.

We are looking forward to a real outpouring of God's spirit during our forthcoming Revival to begin July 3 with Rev. and Mrs. Ollie Kinser as Evangelists.

Roland Haney, pastor

NETTLESBORO, ALABAMA—

God has been blessing in our services here. We have been having Bible messages on Thursday night which has been a real inspiration to our church. Pray for the work in our community.

Leon Smith, pastor

