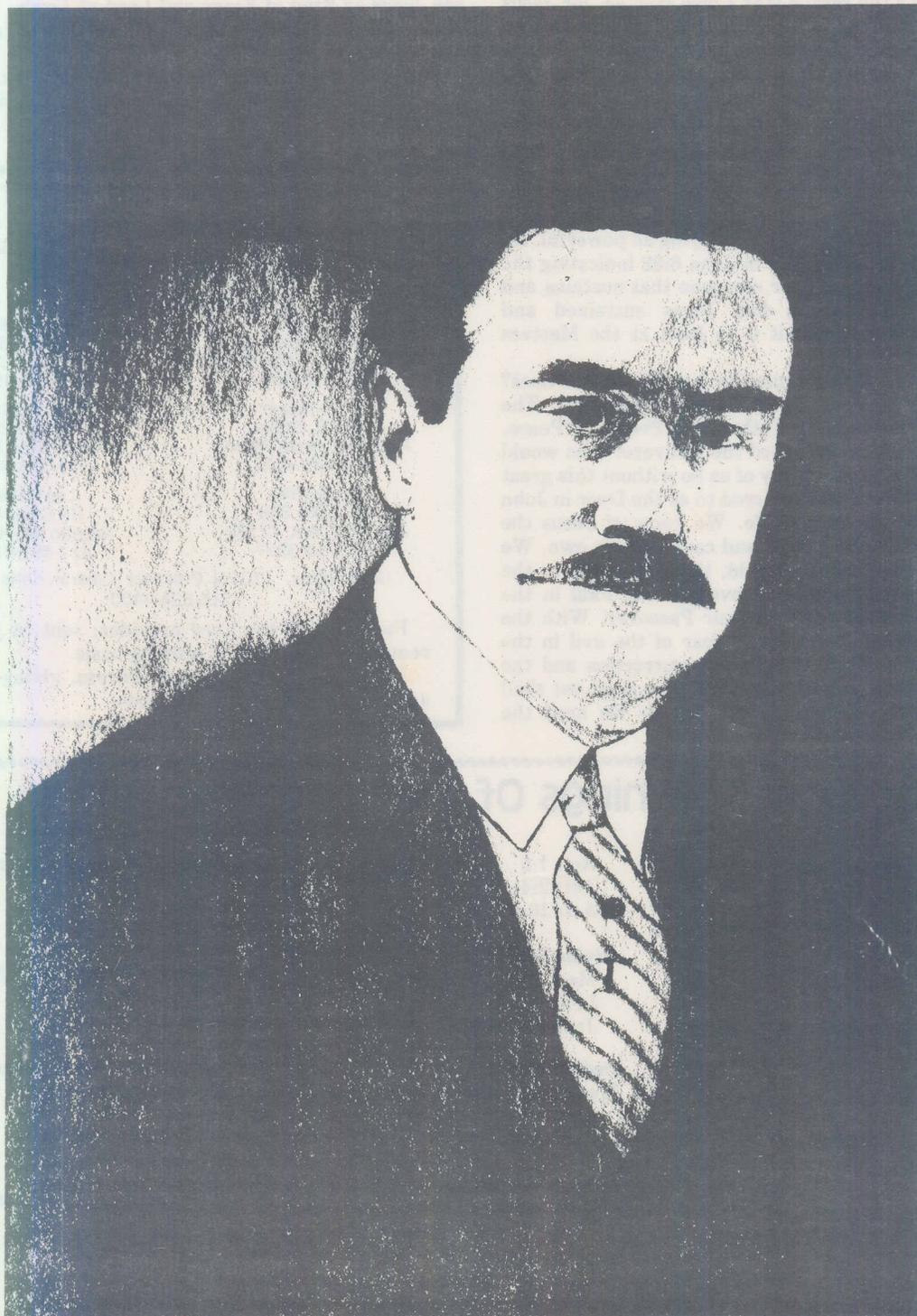


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EDITORIAL VOICE

Quite often at the close of our services we sing "Jesus is the sweetest name I know, and he's just the same as his lovely name, that's the reason why I love Him so, for Jesus is the sweetest name I know". I decided that I'd just look up some of the names and titles given unto Jesus and I found even more than I realized I would. I counted at least 102 different names given unto Christ and as I read those names I realized what the writer of that familiar chorus meant when he said "He's just the same as his lovely name." I want to share with you some of the names that I found.

I John 2:1 tells us of Jesus the advocate, one who intercedes. Has Jesus ever interceded for you? Revelation speaks of Him as being Almighty, signifying all powerful. He is spoken of as the Bread of Life in John 6:32 indicating the necessities of life, livelihood, or someone that sustains and nourishes. How may times has Jesus sustained and nourished us? Oh how sweet it is to feast at the Masters Table.

Have you ever needed a counselor or one that advises? Isaiah 9:6 speaks of Jesus as Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Romans 11:26 speaks of one called the Deliverer who would take away sins. Where would any of us be without this great Deliverer, Jesus? Jesus was referred to as the Door in John 10:7, the only way to eternal life. We know of Jesus the Good Shepherd, one who guards and cares for his own. We also read of the Light of the World, that will show us the way even though darkness is on every hand. Paul in the book of Romans speaks of Christ our Passover. With the precious blood applied, we have no fear of the evil in the world. Jesus himself said, "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth on me, though he were dead yet shall he live." In a world of deceit and falseness we need the

Truth-Jesus. We are told in the word that if we keep the commandment, without spot and unrebukable that we shall see Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Won't it be wonderful to hear those wonderful words from our Saviour Jesus—"Enter in".

Yes truly Jesus is the sweetest name I know and truly He is just the same as His lovely name—that's the reason why I love Him so,

Karen

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The Great Physician

On the morning of Oct. 25, 1979, I was taken to the emergency room at St. John's hospital in Joplin, Missouri desperately ill. It was found after a number of tests, I was to have stomach surgery again, after having it already two times before. I was told I would be operated on Tuesday morning, Nov. 6th. My two boys were sitting with me (as we had lost Mr. Brown a year ago) late Monday night, Nov. 5th, and the doctor came and told me no surgery was necessary. I had lost what was to be cut out of my stomach a few days before after three days of vomiting. I give all of the glory to Jesus as everyone of my friends, my church, and relatives had been praying for me. My pastor, Rev. Elmer Christenson and his wife came every day and had prayer with me. I just thank God from the bottom of my heart for what He has done.

Mrs. Ruth R. Brown
Galena, Kansas

Prayer is one of God's greatest gifts to man. It often seems no more than a heart to heart talk to God, but how many things are made right with such a talk. Prayer of faith often brings an answer greater than the things asked for. It brings the soul in touch with God. Praise his dear name!

I received a wonderful healing just before Christmas. I was in town with Sis. Shephard shopping and I fell. I received an awfully big bruise, bigger than both of my hands. Of course we prayed right away but the bruise got larger and went down in my knee. I was alone with God one evening during my devotion time. I was reviewing Jesus' sermon on the mount. Then I started to read the 8th chapter of Matthew. As I read the second and third verses the Lord was blessing me and I said Lord you didn't love the leper any more than you love me and you are just the same today, and you can heal me now. What a joy the next morning to see the bruises gone! He is my all in all. I Delight in Him. He is my joy and song.

Pearl Menke
Kingman, Kansas

Healing Service Announced

Dear Friends of the Apostolic Faith,

As we are making preparation for the class on Divine Healing scheduled for February 18-29, we have felt led to announce a special healing service. This service will be conducted at the conclusion of the two weeks of study. We ask you to mail in or call in any special requests for healing of spirit, soul, or body. Then at our healing service the student body and faculty will anoint those requests and pray that God will meet the needs. As we pray and believe together, we expect God to give the victory. Thank you for your prayerful support in this effort through the Bible College.

Yours in Christ,
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Our Cover

Our cover this month was drawn by Danny Mack Robinson, Balko, Oklahoma.

Danny is currently a student at A.F.B.C. We appreciate Danny Mack using his talent for the Lord.

Let's all pray for our young people as they serve God.

1980 APOSTOLIC FAITH CONVOCATION

April 2-3-4

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Apostolic Faith Bible College News

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE:

Dear Friends of the Movement:

We greet you in the Lord as we begin our second semester of school. Everything is going well and we expect many blessings from the Lord as we study His word together. As we look forward into this semester we have many activities planned. Night courses will begin in the very near future along with special revival services. Our choir tour to the South Texas and Miss.-Ala. areas is scheduled for the first week of March. This will be followed by a Holy Convocation, April 2-3-4, and we hope you will start now making plans to be with us for this time of refreshing.

By the middle of February we are expecting our bus back which is in the process of being refurbished. The cost is going to be approximately \$10,000. We have in our bus fund at present \$6,530.11. May God bless you for your continued prayer and support of each of the school's activities.

Yours in Christ,
Lyndel Arnall
Superintendent

AFBC GIRL'S DORM

We are a busy place since the Christmas vacation and break. The Lord blessed everyone while we were at home with our families and friends over the holidays. We all had a good holiday season. After the nice long break, we are back in to the schools' activities and the classes. I have nine girls in the dorm this semester. They all seem willing to get into the classes and to dig into the scriptures and learn all the Lord wants them to this semester. Even though our attendance is low they all seem willing and interested in the school and the classes. The girls show an interest in their studies and in our devotions in the dorm. We have set aside a time at night, in the dorm, to get together to sing and read God's word and have a time to share together. It is a real good time for all of us. The Lord has blessed us abundantly in our devotions.

We are really looking forward to a good time in the Lord this semester. We pray that He will always be with us and

show us His way through each and every day.

Please remember to pray for the school, the students, and the faculty that we will do the will of the Lord throughout each day.

Love in Christ,
Tony Bartel

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalms 118:24

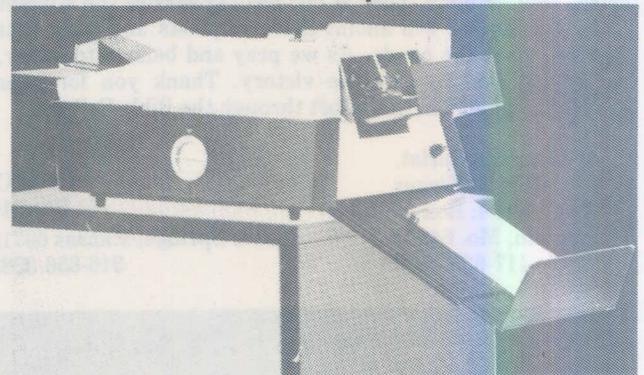
AFBC BOY'S DORM

Greetings to each of you of the Movement from the boy's dorm. I hope each of you had as blessed a Christmas as Sis. Beydler and I had. Last semester came to a close with victory and great anticipation with each of us here at the Bible College. I hope each church in the Movement who had a student attending the Bible College used that student while he, or she was at home.

This semester is well on the way and the students are all settling down to their studies, and great interest is being shown in their classes. There are only two students in my dorm this semester. We hope next year there will be more who are interested in the study of the Word and become established in the Faith. We need to Contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. It would be wonderful if every student that comes to school here when they leave would live, and stand up for the Gospel they have been taught. This is the only way that we will see others won to the Faith; is to live a life of holiness, and not conform to the world. We are not going to win the people to the Lord when we conform to the world. This is something we want you to pray with us about. I am happy to be a part of the Bible College, to help students to become better equipped to live for the Lord, and to present the Gospel to those who are hungering for the Truth. Pray for the students. Pray for us that we may follow the leading of the Lord in everything that we attempt to do. May God bless all of you of the Movement, and have a happy new year.

R. C. B.

New Machine for Report and AFBC



The Apostolic Faith Report office has recently purchased a new address machine for the use of mailing the Reports. The old machine served its purpose well but it came to the place that a new one was needed. We have bought this by Faith knowing that God will supply the need. We have an indebtedness of approximately \$2000.00. If you would like to help with this please specify exactly where your offering should go.

Robert Beydler, Dean

of men at AFBC, and
has taught a segment of
the Doctrine II Class.



Lesson No. 1
Bible Doctrin #2
Restitution
Teacher: Robert Beydler

Restitution is the act of restoring, specif; restoration of anything to its rightful owner; act of giving an equivalent for loss, damage, and etc, Return to, or recovery of, a firmer state as of an elastic body.

Restitution is as vital to Spiritual life as breathing is to the natural life. When a person becomes a Christian, and as they grow God is going to reveal to that person certain things he needs to do, and things he should not do. Remember, babies do not understand, neither do they know everything when they are born. They must take of the food that is suitable for them to grow, which is first, milk; then soft foods; then things such as meat and other foods that are harder to digest. This they do as they grow and become strong in the physical body. So a child of God must do when he accepts Jesus as his personal Savior. He has to start out on the milk of the word. 1 Peter, 2:2. The Holy Spirit will reveal to that person what he needs to do. When the Word is obeyed there is growth. When we disobey we hinder our Christian growth. When a Christian sees his need to make restitution that step must be taken in order to grow in his Christian experience. Many Christians have fallen by the wayside because they did not obey the Word of God, when they Holy Spirit spoke to them. If a person has stolen or destroyed, or cheated, these wrongs need to be made right, no matter how much it may hurt our pride. A person cannot grow until restitution is made. James 4:17; Proverbs 28:13.

Let us look at some of the requirements under the law.

1. Exodus 21:18-26; 22:1-15.
2. Leviticus 6:1-7; 24:18-21.
3. Proverbs 6:30-31.
4. Ezekiel 33:10-20

Let us notice some examples of restitution.

1. 1Kings 20:35.
2. II Kings 8:1-6
3. Nehemiah 5:1-13

We notice some Christian examples in Luke 19:8 (Zaccheus) and (Paul) Philemon 18.

1. Be honest in everything. Romans 13:1-7.
2. Have a clear conscience. Acts 23:1;24:16; and II Cor. 1:12.
3. Demonstration of a Christian life, by renouncing the hidden things of dishonesty. II Cor. 4:2.

Spirit Filled Temple by Bertha Stimson

With moving from place to place, down through the years, I observed that most houses take on the personality of the occupants. No two families make the house the same. I have never visited a house where we once lived that looked the same or seemed the same as when we lived there. Our habits tastes, likes and dislikes are all different, and our homes reflect our personality. Some have a knack for interior decorating and their taste for the best comes through every where you look, while others of a more conservative nature reflect their personality also. Two people can take the same house and make it look completely different. In other words the house where you live looks like you. Even so in the spiritual. Our temples take on the personality of the occupant. The scripture teaches us that we are the temple of the Lord. If we have given ourselves completely to Him then others can tell that He dwells there. If God lives in our lives our walk, talk, actions, speech, places we go, things we do will all reflect Jesus. If self still reigns in our lives that is also very evident to those looking on. Oh, how we need spirit filled lives today! Lives that radiate the sweetness of Christ, lives that show His habits, traits and virtues to those that are looking on. When He reigns supreme in our temples He'll rearrange our lives. He may remove some things that we've held dear, but He always replaces it with something much better. He'll change the dull, drab colors of sin for the vibrant, warm shades of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. There's no need to hang out a new occupant sign for all will know the change. Have you ever wished that you could afford to have someone come in and decorate your home? Not many of us are able to do that in the natural but spiritually speaking we hire the best interior decorator Heaven can afford when we let Jesus into our lives. If you will let Him be in charge you will be amazed at what He can do. Whose personality does your spiritual house reflect?

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Cor. 3:16-17

Pearls Of Promise

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Psalms 107:29

It has been said that "Fear not" appears 365 times in the Bible, once for each day. Doesn't that sound just like our Lord?

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Roswell, New Mexico

We praise the Lord for BLESSING our Church this past year. At the start of a new year we are expecting great things from the Lord.

Recently we started a new Sunday School Class called "Spares and Pairs". This class is studying a very timely book "The Christian Family".

We were glad to have the Cecil Hill family from Fayetteville, Ark. with us recently. Their son, Robert brought an inspiring message which stirred our hearts. The Lord blessed in a wonderful altar service. We also enjoyed having Robert's wife, Becky and his sisters, Peggy Hill of Fayetteville, Ark. and Shirley Depew and daughter from Baton Rouge, La. Robert grew-up in our church and we praise God for his dedicated life.

Our Christmas supper was held in the Salvation Army building. Christmas carols were sung followed by a devotional given by Bro. Cliff Evans.

The children along with some of the adults presented us with a nice Christmas Program. May God bless them for their willingness.

Over the Christmas holiday we enjoyed having, Carl and Cody Jelsovsky, Billy, Kathy, and Ricky Huckabee, Zana Yeakel, Bobby and Winona Waggoner, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Bard and Linda. Sis. Bard is visiting with her daughter, Peggy, and family for several weeks. Linda plans to stay with us in Roswell for awhile. We will enjoy having her with us.

The Roswell Church wishes each of our Church friends a VERY HAPPY 1980!

Jerome Crowhurst, Pastor
Leona Winkler, Reporter

Alvin, Texas

Hope this letter finds you all in good cheer!

Our church once again presented the Live Nativity scene to the people of Alvin. We believe that this is a ministry where we, as a church can offer the message of the birth of Christ to the ones who might not otherwise attend church.

Ernie and Mollie Wilson visited with us recently and shared what the Lord has been doing in their lives on the mission field. Also, Calvin Springer ministered to us while our pastor was out of town. We appreciated so much these men of God sharing what they have learned from the Lord.

Our building project is coming right along, thanks to God's faithfulness. We are almost ready to carpet and begin to furnish the rooms. It has been like a dream come true for us and we are anxious to begin teaching God's word in this new building.

Ron Martin-Pastor
Linda Logsdon-Reporter

Spearman, Texas

Last November, Bro. and Sis. Leland Grimmer of Perryton, Texas with their daughter Debbie had a ten day revival in our church, which was a spiritual blessing to all of us. Since then Bro. Grimmer has accepted the pastorate of our church, and will be moving into the parsonage soon. We are thanking the Lord for sending us a pastor and we are looking forward to working with the Grimmers for the cause of Christ.

During the time we were without a pastor a number of ministers came by to help us out and we are very grateful to each one who preached the word and was a blessing to the church. Bro. E.W. Dickson lives here and filled the pulpit for awhile, but due to ill health and a visual handicap was not able to minister all of the time. We were glad for the times he could preach to us. Bro. and Sis. Lowell Long of Laverne, Okla. came every Sunday night for more than four months. Their ministry was a blessing to us. Bro. Jim Long brought some of the students from Goodwell, Okla. and conducted some services. Bro. Jacob Regier preached for us a number of times this past year. Bro. Alvin Buschman also visited the church when he was home and brought the message. The Bible College had a service last summer and the College choir was here in October. The singing and the testimonies of the students were a blessing, also the message brought by Bro. Lyndel Arnall. Bro. T.S. Abraham, from India was here in August and gave an interesting report on the work in India, and also gave an inspired message from God's word. At our regular Wednesday night prayer meetings usually one of the church members would have the lesson. Mr. and Mrs. David Buschman, who are former students of the Bible College are attending our church and we are glad for their help. David married Joyce Mathis of Hempstead, Texas in September.

We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people that our little church might grow and others be won to Christ. We need to work while it is day, the night comes when no man can work.

Leland Grimmer, Pastor
Mrs. Irwin Delk, reporter

Liberal, Kansas

The Lord has been very good to us here in Liberal. We're thanking God for our church that He had prepared for us to purchase when the fire destroyed the old one. We were able to sell it for a good price so we hope to have this one debt free in the near future.

We are seeing new ones coming consistently and some have been saved. We're looking forward to a revival beginning January 27 with Bro. and Sis. Olen Bachelor, from Katy, Tex.

We have lots of excellent talent here. Shelby Marchel directed our Christmas contata "My Christmas Gift" by Otis Skinner. It was really a blessing to our church. We presented it twice, Sunday morning, Dec. 16 and Wednesday night Dec. 19 to a nearly full house. Our children's program was Wednesday night Dec. 12 directed by Jolene Martinez and it was excellent.

This is a wonderful group of people and we're enjoying our work here.

O. A. Busch-Pastor

Joplin, Missouri

Praise the Lord for His unspeakable gifts! We have so much to be thankful for.

The Christmas season has come and gone and hopefully we haven't lost the meaning of the Blessed event some 2000 years ago. Our young people put on a very impressive play entitled "A Star out of Jacob". Each of the younger classes gave readings or skits. They all did a fine job and every one was blessed by the efforts and hard work of all involved.

We had a Watch Night service on New Year's Eve with Bro. Austin Sutton bringing the message. Several special songs were sung and a beautiful testimony service followed. The New Year was ushered in with prayer followed with a sacrament service.

It is nice to have the Ollie Kinser family and the Carol Oakes family in our community.

Our church is saddened with the loss of Bro. Carl Sluder a long time resident of Joplin and one who attended the Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin for many years. He was very faithful to his Lord and his church. There is a vacant spot in our hearts as well as our church. The death of God's saints calls the attention to the life which they lived and truly Bro. Carl's life was a testimony of his love for God.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, Foreasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. I Cor. 15:58

Neil Ragan-Pastor
Billie Ragan-Reporter

Stockton, California

Nineteen hundred seventy nine has come and gone, and as we met for our Watch night service, we each had a chance to express our goals for ourselves and the church. It was a marvelous service as the Lord met with us there. Everyone seemed to have the same goals, to put Christ first and to do His will. Time really flew, soon we noticed it was almost twelve thirty and we were still praising God. The service gave us a glimpse of what heaven will be. Truly the Lord is good if we let Him have His way in our lives.

We have a new family in our church, Dale and Barbara Plate and their three children, who have recently been ministering in Bangladesh, but now are residing in Stockton. We welcome them to our group and know they will be a blessing to us.

A winter retreat was held for the youth in January. The Ladies group has had several projects to raise money for the church building. All have been successful.

Our prayers are that the Lord will bless His people everywhere. It is good to belong to the family of God, isn't it?

Ken Priest-Pastor
Ella Swaim-Reporter

Rockdale, Texas

Rev. and Mrs. Jake Pletcher, daughter Karen and granddaughter Demi Jo held a revival at the Rockdale Apostolic Faith Church Dec. 5-12. The attendance was good and Bro. Pletcher brought some good gospel messages. Sis. Pletcher brought chalk drawings and Karen and Demi Jo brought some lovely music. Karen also presented some slides of the Holy Land which were very interesting. Lives have been blessed and seemingly brought closer to the Lord. Bro. Andy Perry and his family are proving to be a real blessing to our church. Pray for all of us that we may work continually for the Kingdom of God.

Andy Perry-Pastor
Peggy Hosek-Reporter

Galena, Kansas

Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to thy own understanding."

Greetings from Galena! The Lord has blessed us abundantly as we serve him. We were glad to have the choir from the Apostolic Faith Bible College in service with us in November. We enjoyed the testimonies of each one and the singing. Refreshments were served after the service. Visitors in recent weeks have been, Barry Methvin, Bro. and Sis. George Hintergardt, Stella Cornell, Todd Comer of Parsons, Kan., Walter Johnson, of Shattuck, Okla. We enjoyed celebrating our pastor's wife's birthday by having cake and coffee. We are so thankful to report victory and healing for Sis. Ruth Brown. God is still in the healing, saving and keeping business. Our ladies group is still meeting and enjoying our services. Our ladies are working very hard to help in every way to make our church a more beautiful place to worship. God wants his temple in order as He does in our lives.

Psalms 62:2 He only is rock and my salvation, He is my defense: I shall greatly not be moved.

Yours in Christ
Elmer Christenson-Pastor
May Rowland-Reporter

Secunderabad, India

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in His Holy Name!

We do praise God for His many blessings upon us. By the help of God, this year Brother Abraham was able to visit the dear friends in U. S. A. and enjoy the good Christian fellowship there. Our hearts are full of gratitude as we look back upon the grace of God during this year.

We are again glad to say that the Lord is blessing us in the ministry here. Souls are being saved and brought to Christ. Work is established in new places and churches built for the worship of God.

We have 35 students and 6 teachers in the Bible College. The Lord is supplying all the need of the school. This school was started in 1930 by the late Rev. K. E. Abraham (our father) and we plan to have the Jubilee celebrations of the college on February 29 and March 1, 1980.

The convention at Secunderabad in November was a great blessing. There were about one thousand people each night to hear the Word of God. More than 200 people were provided with meals and accommodation during the week. Praise the Lord, many have been saved and 16 were baptized in water.

Now we are busy with the arrangements for our next Annual General Convention to be held January 20 thru 27, 1980. This is the largest Pentecostal Convention in India where thousands of people gather and hear the Word of God. Please do pray for the blessing of the convention.

Our family is just fine. Valson and Laly are at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. Annie and her husband Shaji are in Kuwait. Starla is in college and Shirley is in High School.

We do thank you for all the help you are doing for us and for the work here. May the good Lord bless and reward you all and strengthen your hands to do more for the work in India.

With Christian love and prayers,
Yours in His Service in India,
Brother and Sister T. S. Abraham

More



Denver, Colorado

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

Hello from the Mile High City! We write this letter to Sister Karen and to you good people that the Chapel was sold effective October 15, 1979.

It was with much prayer and thought that this step was taken. But it was not without God's approval and blessing. We know many will not agree with this decision but it was what we felt had to be done.

As many know, we have had difficulty obtaining a pastor down through the years. You all know it is difficult to keep a church going and growing without a pastor.

We have long been servants of God and plan to continue to do His will, but we just felt we could not take care of the church's needs in a proper manner. Remember us in Denver as we seek a new church home. None will ever take the place that we loved so well and have many memories of. We do know God has a new work for us somewhere.

Your Friends in Christ
The Brennings
Ed, Alvera, Roger and Ronald

From the Coberly's

Greetings to all of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We want to thank the many friends who remembered us with nearly 150 beautiful cards and gifts. We are not very well and your prayers are so greatly appreciated.

With the world conditions as they are it looks like it is time to trim our lamps and get plenty of oil in the vessel. With the trouble in Iran, I wonder if it could lead up Zech. 14:2-4 and wind up at Rev. 16:16. May we keep watching. Mark 13:26 surely won't be long. As perilous times, war, famine come upon the world it's glorious to be looking for the blessed hope. There are many on our prayer list for help and healing. We are doing our best for the Kingdom. Love and prayers.

Homer and Pearl Coberly

News From Convocation

The 1979 Convocation at Centerpoint, Texas, ushered out the old year and brought promises and new hope for 1980.

It was a time of rededication and reinforcement for our Christian lives.

Services began Saturday night, Dec. 29th for a three day Convocation.

Many blessings were outpoured, the greatest being the salvation of 1 soul.

Services ended New Year's Eve with Watch Night Services. Communion was served to those who wished to partake. The spirit of the Lord was felt in every service. He promised, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20.

A special thanks to Bro. Frank Arnall and Bro. Alvin Buschman for their work and dedication to make convocation possible.

January-February, 1980

Ministeral Announcements

Dear Friends of the Apostolic Faith,

I am thankful unto the Lord to be able to write to you today that God is working out the ministry that we announced to you last summer. Several months ago the Lord began to lay upon my heart a call to an evangelistic ministry. There were a number of things that had to be worked out and for a time it seemed that we would not be able to do this. But beyond what we could ask or think, the Lord of Glory has intervened so that the burden He has given us may be fulfilled. I am now available for revivals and crusade ministries. I ask you to pray for me and my family that we will be faithful and obedient to the Lord in all that He leads us to do. I want to be ready to go into all the world and preach the gospel unto every creature. Praise God! We are excited because of the many miracles the Lord has preformed for us during the past few months, but we are more excited about the greater things He has promised to do for all His children in the days that lie ahead. My prayer is that we shall climb together onto a higher plane of fellowship with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
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Dear Friends in Christ,

I have been preaching for ten years now, trying to fulfill the call that God has placed on my life. I have assisted my father in pastoring, and preached in several places as God has made the openings. For some time now, I have felt that I should be active in evangelistic work. I am open for calls now, if you would be interested in having me for services. I would appreciate your prayers in my behalf that God would open the right doors for me, and that I would be a blessing to those I would minister to.

Yours in Christ Service.
Peggy Sutton
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Pastor Needed

The church in Ralls, Texas is in need of a pastor. If there is anyone with a burden for this work please contact Mrs. Lela Grant, Box 321, Ralls, Texas or call 806-253-2993. We desire your prayers in this matter.





NEW ARRIVALS

Hocking

Larry and Jacque Hocking are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Elizabeth Ashley. She was born Nov. 28, 1979 at 12:22 and weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs. She was 21½ in. long. Grandparents are Bob and Dorcas Spicer, Wichita, Kan., Francis Hocking, Bennington, Okla., and Kenneth and Fern Hocking of Lovington, Ill. Great-grandparents are Ocee and Alma Spicer, Hutchinson, Kan., Mamie Smith, Bennington, Okla., and the late Charles and Anna Mahan.

Waybright

Marvin and JoNell Waybright of Liberal, Kansas announces the birth of a son, Adam Marvin Waybright, on December 4th, 1979. He weighs in at 8 lbs. Maternal Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hibbs and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, both of Liberal. The great grandmother is the late Elsie Hibbs. Both parents are 1971 graduates of the Apostolic Faith Bible College.

Wilkerson

We have a new son . . . and we wanted to share our pride and happiness! Allen Gail Wilkerson was born at 2:55 a.m. on Dec. 29, 1979 weighing in at 8 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 22 inches long. Allen's parents are Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wilkerson, missionaries to the Crow Indians, Pryor, Montana. Grandparents are Wilma Wilkerson, Roswell, New Mexico, Oddus Wilkerson, Pampa, Texas, Maxine Long, Taneyville, Mo. and the late Allen Long.



Richard and Deborah Lamkin of West Columbia, Tex. brought their little son, James Michael, to Katy Apostolic Faith Church on Dec. 16, 1979 for his dedication. Rev. Jim Fox, pastor, and the child's great-grandfather, Rev. Joe B. Dewees of Hempstead, Tex., shared the service. Present for this special occasion were the grandparents, Richard and Eleanor Lamkin, Kenneth and Mary Jo Elkins, and the great-grandmother, Mrs. Joe B. Dewees.

January-February, 1980

Obituary of Carl Sluder



Carl Sluder was born May 3, 1899 and passed away Jan. 2, 1980 at his home. On June 3, 1933 he was united in marriage with Ida Alexander. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Roberta of the home, Mrs. Mary Higley, Joplin, Mo., six sons, Leon, Quenemo, Kan.; Leonard, Mayfield, Ky.; John Arlie, Frisco City, Ala.; Birchie, Tulsa, Okla.; Jack, Fayetteville, Ark.; Bob, Joplin, Mo. and 20 grandchildren. Also surviving are a sister, Bernice Bugher, Galena, Kan.; and a brother Leland Sluder of Grand Junction, Colorado.

Services were held Jan. 5, 1980 at the Original Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, Mo. with Rev. Neil Ragan and Rev. Ollie Kinsler officiating. Burial was in Osbourn Memorial Cemetary, Joplin, Mo.

As we were leaving the church, I overheard two men talking, and one said, "Carl really was a Christian." No greater testimony could any man leave than, "he was really a Christian." We will never forget Bro. Carl, but most of all let's never forget his Lord.

Karen



Carl Sluder

MY DAD A RAINBOW OF LOVE

Let me paint you a picture of my dad Jack Sluder
He's the best friend a person ever had

He is honest and loyal and true
For his faithfulness let's color him blue

In all things said and done, his Christian light shows
Let's paint him red, like a beautiful rose

Raising his children in a Christian mold
Paint him emerald green: A wealth untold

Like a spring flower he's a bright fellow
For his cheerfulness color him yellow

As can be seen from the above,
Picture my dad a rainbow of love.

A. F. Report

"Oh, What a Savior"

Savoy
Grimmer

John 16:5-6

But now I go my way to him that sent me: and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

Can you imagine the sorrow that filled the disciple's hearts when they heard that Christ was going away? For they had walked, talked, ate, slept, prayed and followed Jesus for the last three and a half years. They had been able to go directly to Jesus when they were discouraged.

Do you remember how the disciples tried to heal the lunatic and failed? Discouraged, they went to Christ who rebuked them gently and healed the boy. Then instructed them that this kind goeth out only by prayer **and** fasting. Prayer **and** fasting. Prayer **and** fasting? I wonder why prayer **and** fasting? God has the power to heal instantly. Why then, can't we have the faith for this miracle? —By fasting we show God our earnest desire to do His will. Fasting shows we are willing to suffer or do without, so that He might be glorified. Fasting, done according to scripture, shows our humility before God. It allows us to become desperate before God. Desperate enough to pray until we pray through without giving up. As the scripture says, "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." The fasting places us in a position before God in which we are unable to obtain victory any other way. Then prayer would be the kind of power that comes from the throne of God, and Him alone. In ourselves we do not have that kind of power, but all is possible with God. Oh, what vast wisdom and knowledge filled this Savior that walked among men.

Remember the time they were all in the boat together and the storm roared with all its fury? The disciples were afraid and they looked to Christ for help. Again he rebuked them gently and commanded the sea, "Peace, be still." They again marveled at the power of such a Christ. Oh, just think of the power and how they looked to Christ for help. **They looked to Christ for help.** What a dynamic thought! **They looked to Christ for help.**

Many times, out on the sea of life, the waves become so high. You can always look around and see men drowning everywhere in sin. Life is too cruel to try and fight against it. But the disciples looked to Christ. **They looked to Christ.** If the disciples had to look to Christ, how much more must we?

Satan is roaring louder than ever before. He is out to destroy everyone he can. We must do as the disciples and look to Christ. If we try to solve the problem ourself, it ends in disaster and shipwreck. If we look to Christ and him alone, no-one but Christ, then we cannot fail. Only Christ can save a soul that is in shipwreck. He alone can lift the discouraged, and when the waves become their biggest, if we can only look to Christ, He says, "Peace, be still." Peace, be still, how beautiful, how marvelous, how peaceful the peace of God is. How fulfilling that deep settled peace that the world cannot put within the heart. That peace comes when Christ calms the storm and the burden is rolled away.

Do you remember when the man with leprosy came and cried, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." Immediately the leprosy was cleansed.

The disciples witnessed miracles of healing such as this all the time they were with Jesus. They saw the faith that it

took to obtain such healing. The faith it takes is to look to the cross and to the whipping post. Just to catch a glimpse of the great price that Christ purchased for us with His own blood. **How important to honor the perfect body of Christ that was broken for our imperfect body.** The suffering that Christ endured was **all** for you and me. Christ bore those stripes, and it is His will that we walk in divine healing and divine health. If it was not God's will for **all** to obtain, Christ would not have had to pay such a precious and complete price. The man said, "If thou wilt". It **is** God's will **if** only we can place our trust in him. Then what did Jesus answer? I will, be thou clean!" Be thou clean! Be thou clean, so sweet and precious. I am clean and made whole by His stripes. By those stripes that made His precious blood flow, I am healed. May we have that child like faith to simply believe. Oh, that we too could touch the physical body of such a Savior. But just think how much greater the promises we have, because Christ died for us. May we never take for granted the suffering of Christ.

The disciples witnessed this Savior who had compassion and mercy on all He saw. Though tired and weary in body, still He had time for the little children. Parents brought their children to Christ to be blessed by Him but the disciples told the people that Christ had no time for them. Then Christ called for the children and blessed them saying, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." Oh what a Savior who would care for even the little children. He does care for the little children, but also for the older. He cares about the one no-one else seems to love. The one that may be ugly to humanity, is beautiful to Christ. He cares for the fat, skinny, rich, poor, cripple, blind, and naked. He cares for all. I Peter 5:7 tells us to "Cast **all** our care upon him (Jesus) for He cares for you." To cast all our cares upon Jesus means that He is concerned about who I date, or where I go, or how I dress and act? He is concerned about what happens to us at work and how things are at home. Jesus does care. This is the Kind of Savior that walked among men.

One time the disciples witnessed Jesus going through the middle of Samaria. A place of outcasts, a people who were considered dogs. Yet, as Christ went through their town, He actually talked with a Samaritan woman. He asked her for a drink of water. Then the Lord offered her living water. Water whereby she would never thirst again. Oh what a Savior. What a wonderful Savior, who would actually come to visit us. We, a people, who by all rights should have been on the cross instead of Christ. A people who are not worthy to be called by His name. I am ashamed of what I have given back to Jesus. It doesn't even begin to compare with His sacrifice. I could never repay the Lord for what He has done for me. But all Christ asks for is our all. He doesn't ask me to be a spectacular preacher, He just asks that I give him my all and **be willing to preach the whole truth.** He doesn't ask me to save four thousand people, but just **be willing to go** and say and do as He wills. Jesus sees my unworthy sacrifice, but He still sweetly offers me a drink of living water. Living water that will quench my thirsty soul. How simple, just to humbly ask and Christ comes into the heart to stay. What a wonderful plan of salvation.

Once Jesus ate with a sinner! He could have eaten with the Scribes and Pharisees, but He chose to eat with Zacchaeus, a sinner who had robbed the people. To think, Jesus chose to eat with Zacchaeus instead of the religious leaders. The worst thing they could accuse Jesus of was that He ate with sinners! Aren't you glad that He does? For one day Jesus sat and ate with me. When I asked him to come into my heart, He did. Help us Lord, to always be humble,

that we too could eat with sinners. That we might be able to tell them of your marvelous love.

The disciples saw a Christ who knew the value of prayer, and many, many times spent all night, talking to His heavenly Father in prayer. Christ, although the mighty son of God, knew where his strength came from. If Jesus saw the need to pray to the Father, how much greater need there is for us. May we learn the value of Prayer. Teach us Lord, how to tarry and wait before you. To wait on bended knees until the answer comes. Never before has the need been so great, to pray **through** everytime we kneel in prayer.

The disciples saw a Christ whom God poured out such mighty power upon. A power that could only proceed from the very throne of God. Yet this savior, who had such great power, knelt and washed the disciple's feet. Peter cried, Lord, I cannot let you wash my feet! Jesus answered and said, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." Jesus knew something priceless,—He realized and saw something. He knew the value of humility. Jesus set the example for us in the act of footwashing. No individual on earth is greater than any other. We all have a calling. We all are running a race. We wash feet to humble ourselves before our fellowman and God. The footwashing in itself is nothing, but when we kneel down, as Christ did, to wash our brothers' feet, we are in effect lifting our brother above ourselves. Matthew 20:27, Christ said, "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." Christians we are mere servants to each other, to encourage and uplift one another. A haughty, proud spirit will destroy much that could have been done for the Lord. We must not forget the scripture, "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." Lord, keep us humble before you, and our fellow brethren.

I can remember, one time when the disciples were in a boat in the middle of the sea. Peter looked across the water and saw someone. Peter cried out, "Lord, if that be you, bid me to come." And Jesus said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus! Peter began to look around and see the waves tossing. By doing so he took his eyes off Jesus. Peter began to sink and he cried, "Lord save me!" Jesus tenderly reached down and took Peter by the hand and lifted him up. Oh! What an experience! To think, actually walking on water! But then you and I can have this same experience. Perhaps not to walk on water, but we can walk above the storms of life. Christ is calling for us to step out, to leave the things of this world that we have grown secure in and really step out by faith. Unquestioned, deep faith in Christ and Him **alone**. We need never worry about failing or sinking if we just keep our eyes on Jesus. The key is to keep our eyes on Him. We must not look to the right or to the left but straight ahead toward Jesus. We must not look at the water around us, the problems or the troubles. We must keep our eyes on Christ, let Him be our measuring stick, our firm foundation, and build on the solid rock, then we will not fail. If we begin to look around and sink as Peter, then just cry out to Jesus. If we will repent and place our eyes back on the Savior, then the Lord will hear us and in mercy reach down and save us. This is the Savior that walked with the disciples, and this is the Savior that will walk with you and me if we will keep our eyes on **Him** and **Him** alone.

There was the time when the rich young ruler came to Christ and asked, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" And Jesus asked him, "Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is

God." He then instructed him to keep the commandments. The young man replied that he had kept them from his youth up, and what did he lack? Jesus said, "If thou **wilt** be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven, and come follow me." It is hard to believe the humility of Christ. This Savior who had worked so many mighty miracles, had healed the leper, made the lame to walk, caused the blind to see, had fed the multitudes, and now he asks, "Why doest thou call me good?" Jesus, although he had done so much, took absolutely no credit or honor but gave it all to God. Christ wants us to do the same. If the Lord does anoint us or use us in his work, it is a priviledge and we should give God all the credit. He that planteth is nothing and he that watereth is nothing, but it's God only who giveth the increase. If we could only learn that God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble. Christ shows how dedicated He was by telling the young man to keep the commandments, and to sell all he had and to give to the poor and then to come follow Christ. Is it enough just to keep the commandments? Must we give up everything? Christ made it clear that God is a jealous God and that he wants everything or nothing. We must be willing to sell everything for God. We must be willing to give up the things we want for Christ. Only then can He give us the desires of our heart. Truly we must set **all** our affections on things above and not on things on the earth. Our dreams must be on the things of the Lord. Our ambitions must be on the things of God. Everything we have, or ever will have, or ever hope to be, must be given over by to God, even the ones we love the most. If we can do as Christ and give our all, then we will have treasures in heaven. We will have treasures in heaven that money cannot buy. There moth and rust cannot corrupt and thieves cannot break through and steal. We must sell **all** for Christ. Then we must follow Him. We must follow **where** he leads. Go **when** he calls. Stand still **when** he commands. We must follow the lamb whither so ever he goeth, through poverty or wealth, through sickness or health, through the good times as well as the bad. This is the Savior that you and I can know, if we will only be willing to **PAY THE PRICE**. So great was the price for our salvation. Jesus suffered first, for you and me. He paid the greatest price of all with His life. All because He loved us so very much that He wanted us to partake of so great a salvation.

Once Jesus told a great following, "Except ye eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, ye have no life in you." Many of His disciples said this was too hard and they left. Jesus then looked at the twelve and asked, "Will ye go also?" Then Peter said, "Lord, to whom will we go? Thou hast the words to eternal life." What strength! What boldness! What courage! Christ preached the truth straight and hard. He didn't sugar coat it or water it down. He stood and proclaimed the word of God. If some didn't receive it, He didn't change the gospel to fit them or He didn't apologize. He didn't give up because it was rough or discouraging, but He just turned to the twelve and asked them if they would go too. Christ wasn't afraid He might offend. He only taught the truth. If it meant the closest to Him, then he still would stand. Christ said one time that he didn't come to bring peace but division. How true, the word truly is sharper than any two edged sword. May we have the boldness to stand for the true word, even if we have to give up a few friends. I want the whole truth! Just like the apostles received. May God help us to truly partake of Christ's blood and of His flesh. Help us Lord to truly apply you blood for our salvation

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Oh, What a Saviour, Contd.

and sanctification. Help us to honor the virtue in your **broken body for our healing**. This is what the apostles were taught, and this is what I want to teach today.

This Jesus, this Christ, walked among men. They could see, feel, and touch him. Is it any wonder that sorrow gripped the hearts of the disciples when they heard Christ was going away? If I could only imagine what I would do if my Lord would leave me. I am so thankful that Christ promised that He would never leave me nor forsake me even unto the uttermost parts of the world.

How wonderful, the joy that was shared with the twelve. You and I can have this joy and this kind of reality in our hearts. **If we are willing to PAY THE PRICE.** The key to it all is to be **willing**. The price is great, that's true, but the rewards are even greater. Do you have this kind of experience with Christ? Do you know the joys in your heart and life today that only Christ can give? You can, if you will consecrate and dedicate your **all** to the Lord. This work of grace is called Sanctification. I hope you can see how needed this work is and how important it is to you. Stop listening to the preachers and friends who denounce this work! This work of grace is a definite work of grace and it is imperative in having an overcoming life. You cannot have an overcoming life without this desperately needed work. You can never have this experience with Christ without having the sanctifying blood of calvary applied. May we call out to God and humbly ask the Lord for this work of grace to be wrought within our lives. Begin now to consecrate and dedicate everything to God. Give the Lord all your time, talents, desires, ambition, and affections. Give the Lord yourself and ask Him to sanctify you and help you in your walk of clean, holy living. I trust God to richly pour His abundant blessings upon those who will heed his call. God has much to do for each one of us, but we must first be willing to give of ourselves. God gave his all for us.

Dear Readers Of the Apostolic Faith Report,

As I look back over the past year of 1979, it is with thankfulness unto God for the opportunity to serve Him and for all of his bountiful blessings. I thank God for allowing me to labor here at the Apostolic Faith Report office and for blessing the work. God has met and supplied every need, spirit, mind, and body. I want to thank each of you, God's people for doing your part in helping to see that the Report goes out each month. Your prayerful support has meant much to me for I know that without God's direction our efforts would all be in vain. Your financial support of the Apostolic Faith Report has met every need. Inflation hit our work here also but as always God supplied every need. I know that God will Bless your faithfulness as you listen to His leading. As you know, a paper without reading material would be very empty, and I thank each of you for your help in this matter also.

I look forward to this new year of 1980, knowing that God has greater blessings in store for His people. My prayer for each of you is that you will keep Him first in your life and that He will meet your every need.

Thank you for all of your help,
Karen Oakes

Secret Place of Prayer

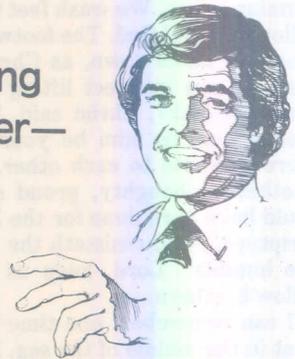
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There is a place where thou canst't touch the eyes
Of blinded men to instant perfect sight;
There is a place where thou canst say, "Arise!"
To dying captives, bound in chains of night.
There is a place where thou canst reach the store
Of hoarded gold and free it for the Lord;
There is a place upon some distant shore
Where thou canst send the worker and the Word;
There is a place where heaven's resistant power
Responsive moves to thine insistant plea;
There is a place—a silent trusting hour—
Where God himself descends and fights for thee.
Where is that secret place? Dost thou ask where?
O soul, it is the secret place of prayer!

Instead of pointing
a finger—



Why not hold
out a hand?



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