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Olen Bachler

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours: and their works do follow them.

Revelation 14:13

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STEADFAST PRAYER



To pray steadfastly is easy to say. To do it may be another matter. Sometimes life's difficulties rain down upon us as bombs from the sky. Then we may feel torn to pieces and our desire to pray blasted away. Or we may feel as though things are going smoothly and our attention to constant prayer may ease. We may let up, like a sailor at the helm on a beautiful day, who feels so good he forgets the sea and the reefs.

What ever your situation, pray steadfastly, with thanksgiving. Ongoing problems require ongoing prayer. Deep challenges need deep prayer. Don't give up! Seemingly unanswered prayer doesn't mean God has forgotten you. "Unanswered" prayers mean we need to dig in and become quite serious and persistent in our prayers before the Lord.

—Dwight Sullivan

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Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who have accepted Him as their personal Savior. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows.

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Creation and Formation.

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation. Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior, which is the conception of Spiritual Life. Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body, A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by the speaking in other languages.

Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage,
Matt. 19:8-9.

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.

A ministry supported by tithes and offerings. These doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not in consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

We live as Kings in this world of modern technology and advancement. Some of the poorest of people have it better than royalty that lived just a few hundred years ago. Too hot? Turn on the air conditioner. Too cold? crank up the heat. Hungry? Just choose from a world-wide selection of foods at the local grocery store. We are living and doing what few men ever dreamed of. Imagine two hundred years ago the thought of going to the moon, or talking to someone in China while being on the other side of the world. Truly amazing, but do you think God is impressed?

Let us recognize God in this life and honor him as He is. All that we have and possess was made of Him. Our Lord God gave us our very breath and at the same time shattered the stars in an endless array of splendor. Our greatest achievements are petty compared to God's gracious resource spread abroad in our lives. In Revelations there was a church that thought they had everything but truly they were in need.

Revelations 3:17-18, "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with good, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art

IS GOD IMPRESSED?

...by Louis Keeling

In Isaiah 66:1-2, the prophet proclaimed, "Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? And where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word."

In the future who will know how man's brilliance is going to advance the way we think and live. One thing is for sure we are simply going to be and always will be God's creations. All of this world and all that is in it will some day pass away and all that will remain is God and his church.

In all of our convenience, let us not lose sight of the meaning of life. Let's not put too much importance on today's achievements. Life is as a flower, we bloom for a moment then we fade away.

wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind and naked. I counsel thee to buy of me (Jesus Christ) gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich, and white raiment that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see."

Truly we are a people in need not of material wealth, but of spiritual wealth. While we are well fed physically, spiritually, we are a starving people. Nearly everyone has at least one Bible; most have more. Do we glean of its wealth? Do we feed off of its truths? Let us see that we need a Savior, one who will redeem us from our sins, enlighten us in His truth, and freely grant to us His grace.

If Christ is the Lord and Savior of your Life, you are indeed rich, far beyond your wildest dreams. God Bless You!

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"WHAT, WHY AND WHEN?"

...by Dora Beydler

"He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8. Micah prophesied in the country about the same time Isaiah prophesied in Jerusalem. Isaiah was of the aristocracy while Micah was a herdsman and farmer. They lived at a time of prosperity in Judah as well as the Northern kingdom. Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah and Jotham were Judah's kings of this era. The boundary lines were expanded, materially they were people of plenty and spiritually they were worse than bankrupt. Oppression was wide spread while the rich became richer and the poor became poorer. The kings, princes, priests and officers of the temple were setting a corrupt example and leading the nation downward. Through Micah 1:16 God warned of a time of captivity. Their troubles probably began when Sennacharib besieged Jerusalem in 701 B.C. but the final part came when in 586 B.C. Jerusalem fell to the armies of Nebuchadnezzar and the captives were taken to Babylon.

But we serve a reasonable God and through Micah He pled for the people to return to serving the God they had chosen; while Joshua was still with them. "If ye forsake the Lord, and serve strange gods, then He will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that He hath done you good. And the people said unto Joshua, "the Lord our God will we serve, and His voice will we obey," Joshua 24:20,24. But like many people of today, the people of Judah hoped to obtain God's favor by performing outward religious acts and pleasing men while at the same time pleasing themselves. While doing this they are leaving the "Weightier matters of the law undone." Matthew 23:23. It was while pleading with the people that Micah gave the words copied at the beginning of this article. God had already--through His law and earlier prophets--made known what was absolutely His will regarding living for Him; but Micah tells them again what God requires. It is only "to do justly" which means to be honest, truthful and service toward God, and fellowmen and ourselves, "to love mercy"--show kindness, compassion and love to everyone even to those whom we may not be directly indebted. It means to show practical consideration to the poor, the oppressed, the handicapped and underprivileged. But this does not mean to just give of our possessions; it means to give of ourselves to lift and restore. We cannot expect God's mercy only in proportion to the way we have

given consideration to others. "To walk humbly" with God involves a life lived in obedience and worship accompanied by the sincere movement of the heart toward God.

What does the Lord require of man--humanity--not a formal religion of either sacrifice or works but an observance of God's laws for human relationships, walking daily under the leadership of God.

Now we come to WHY. Why should we serve God? After Jesus fed the multitude and they followed Him because of the loaves and fishes. Jesus told them "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you." John 6:53b. The multitude, complaining, "This a hard saying-----", John 6:60, turned away. "then said Jesus unto the twelve, will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." John 6:67-68. Luke also recorded Peter's words when he said, "This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:11-12. With these scriptures we have a firm answer to why we should serve God.

WHEN should we embrace God's laws? Solomon wrote, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth...." Ecclesiastes 12:1a. Psalm 119:9 reads, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word." Back to Ecclesiastes 11:9-10; "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgement. Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgement. Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity." Paul wrote in Galatians 6:7 "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." A whole life lived in keeping the laws of God will save the reaping of a lot of sorrows and give more confidence to the Christian's life.

God has always found a place for youth. It is a happier adult who has been guided by Godly parents. Moses recorded a command from God when he wrote, "Only take heed to thyself, and

keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;... that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children. Deuteronomy 4:9-10b. It is the duty of each parent and grandparent to teach and guide the children by word and example. However, not all whom God has called have had the privilege to grow up in a Godly home. Let us examine the early life of some of the towering men of the Bible. These whom I shall mention are men but God uses women also and I shall use the names of some who left an outstanding testimony by their lives and works.

Deborah was a judge in Israel who reigned in Hazor and was also called a prophetess. Miriam was a sister to Aaron and Moses. She was probably the sister who watched over the infant Moses when he was placed among the flags at the rivers edge in the basket his mother had woven. It was this Miriam who led the chorus of women in the song of deliverance after the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea. She was also called a prophetess. Exodus 15:20-21. Then there was Huldah. A prophetess, who lived during the reign of Josiah. She is the one whom Josiah sent for consultation about God's judgements mentioned in the scroll found by the workers when repairing the temple. II Kings 22:14-20. Lydia, a seller of purple from Thyatira in Philippi who worshipping God, attended a prayer meeting at the river's edge where she heard the preaching of Paul and was later baptized. A man called Phillip the Evangelist had 4 daughters who prophesied. Acts 21:8-9. Both Old and New Testaments give many accounts of how God used women in His work. Paul wrote in Galatians 3:28 "There is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

Now, back to some of the towering figures of the Bible, some were taught about God in their youth, some were not. Joseph was the son of Jacob, a man who loved God and it is reasonable to think his (Jacob's) younger sons were taught the ways of God, at least, Joseph was well favored of God from an early age in understanding dreams and the future.

Abram was the son of Terah (an idolator) and legend says Abram was sometimes even punished because he did not serve the idols of his countrymen. Some have advanced the idea that his only chance of hearing about God would have been from Shem (Noah's son). Yet of Abram, later called Abraham, James writes 2:23 "And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God."

Moses was taught by his mother before his Egyptian schooling began and what he learned

while too young to begin his school studies this brief teaching by his mother sustained his belief in God in later years.

Education has never been a factor when God calls a person. Jeremiah and Ezekiel had each studied the laws of God. Jonah was a Statesman; Micah was a herdsman. Paul was educated by Gamalial, Peter was a fisherman. All these contrasts made no difference but all had the message of God which was given to them by the Holy Ghost. God uses men and women from all walks of life with only one requirement. Titus 2:7-8 "In all things showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you."

Then Galatians reads, "Let him that taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

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IMPORTANT MEMORIES

By profession, I am a soldier and take pride in that fact, But I am prouder - infinitely prouder - to be a father. A soldier destroys in order to build; the father only builds, never destroys. The one has the potentiality of death; the other embodies creation and life. And while the hordes of death are mighty, the battalions of life are mightier still. It is my hope that my son, when I am gone, will remember me not from the battle but in the home, repeating with him our simple daily prayer, "Our Father who art in heaven."

-Douglas MacArthur

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CHRISTIAN JOY HAS DEEP ROOTS

Joy sinks deep into one's being and dwells there like the easy purring of a reliable car engine, aware of but unperturbed by bad weather. Joy anchors itself deeply, establishes roots and endures in the worst of circumstances alongside an unconquerable gladness that no barrier can confine.

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Midway, OK

The 50th Anniversary of the Midway Church at Logan, OK was a wonderful time for hearing good sermons from our former pastors. Wednesday, April 27th, Bro. Howard Whiteley had the evening services, Thursday, April 28th, Bro. Harrol Waterbury had the evening service and on Saturday, April 29th, Bro. Bob Taylor was the speaker for the evening. Sunday morning, April 30th, Bro. John McClendon had the service, then at 11:00 a.m. Bro. Adair and family had the service. At 12:00 noon, there was a covered dish luncheon at the Community Building.

At 2:30 p.m. we all gathered back to the church where Bro. Murphy Barnes was to be the speaker, but he was unable to come. We had some singing and Sister Helen Arnold gave her testimony of how the Lord healed her of cancer. Then Sister Leora Woodson Bridgewater, Sister Thelma Long, Bro. Delvin Wiles and Bro. Leonard Elston also gave their testimonies. There was a very special song that was sung by Bro. Doyle Wiles Great Grandson, who is 4 or 5 years old. IT WAS GREAT! Then we went back to the Community Building for the evening meal at 4:30 p.m.

Bro. Doyle Wiles had the evening service. There were approximately 300 that was there to help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary. We all had a good time of reminiscing and getting re-acquainted with each other.

The Midway Ladies meet for prayer the first Tuesday of each month, except the months of June, July and August. And that is the time for Bible Schools, Youth Camps, and Camp Meetings and also harvest time and vacation time.

Recently we met with Sister Gracie Bensch, and we had a good time of bible study and fellowship.

If any one has a need that you would like for our ladies to pray about, please call our pastors wife, Sister Billie Ragan, and we will promise you that we will help with your burden.

April - July

Sunday, May 14th, Richard J. Morgan from Katy, TX was our guest speaker for the evening service. Bro. Richard, along with his wife and 5 children are Missionaries and are planning to leave for Honduras in the near future. Remember our Missionaries as they go to tell others about the love of the Lord.

Brother Randall Bensch will take Brother Neil Ragan's place on the Board at the Bible School in Baxter Springs, KS. Do remember him in your prayers along with the others on the Bible School Board. Bro. Randall is our adult teacher at Midway. We appreciate him very much.

Brother Steve and Kathy Arnall are doing a great job working with the youth in Follett, TX. and other towns close by. There has been several young boys and girls that have been saved. Praise the Lord for the work they are doing.

Dorothy Simpson - Reporter
Neil Ragan - Pastor

Snyder, TX

Bro. Barry Methvin held a revival from April 15th through April 23rd. The singing, preaching and praying was wonderful and God met in a special way. There was always good attendance. God met in a special way.

Paul and Margaret Morrison and their twins Abigail and Nathaniel have recently moved here to be our pastors.

Maggie Barnes - Reporter

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Dear Brethren,

We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our daughter Debra got married on the 22 of April. The man she married, John Durland, we have known for many years.

Also, we have a Suburban we drive in Mexico. The differential went out on it several days ago. We hope to have it repaired soon.

The church in Salva Tierra, Mexico we helped to build last year is doing real well. The pastor, Bro. Gabriel, is one of our Bible School



The enclosed picture is a new church we are building in Flores Magon, Mexico. We started having services in a house. Then we moved to a second house about a block away. Then we built a small wooden church. As you can see, we are now building a concrete block church. The people with me in the picture are from the local church, working on the church. The church is doing good. The pastor is one of our Bible School graduates.

The motor just went out of our best car. It has over 200,000 miles on it. We are not going to repair it. It is not worth fixing.

graduates. He was Superintendent of the Bible School for three years. He also was the one who was with me in some services in Mexico when we were chased at night by some bandits through curves and mountains at more than a hundred miles an hour for fifty miles. At different times I have heard him telling people about it.

Brother Juan Casillas, that we are helping to go to college in Mexicali, is doing real well.

In Christian Love,

Sonny & Barbara Brown
and family

*Our little bundle of joy has arrived,
God has blessed us with a little angel.*

Tom and Tony Brown, Perryton, Texas announce the birth of their daughter Briana Jessica, on April 22, 1995. She weighed 8 lbs., 6 1/2 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Briana's grandparents are Pete and Dolores Bartel, Balko, OK and Pat Brown of Lubbock, TX.

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Morris, Joplin, MO announce the birth of a son, Jeremy Walker on July 12, 1995. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. He joins a brother Jeffery and a sister Amanda.

His grandparents are Fred and Peggy Morris of Ashland, Alabama.

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Greetings to you all from India Bible college!

We are thankful to you for the help we are receiving from you regularly. It enables us to pay some of our bills each month. We do pray that the Lord bless and reward you all for what you are doing for the work here in India.

In January we were privileged to see 56 students graduate after completing their three years of training here. Some of them are now in the unevangelised areas of India working for the Lord. The Lord is using them for the Salvation of souls in those places. As these young evangelists work in new stations having no one to help them financially we have to support them and thus our responsibilities increase as the working stations increase. But the Lord is supplying all the needs. We know that our prayer-partners and sponsors

will continue to do their part so that we can help these evangelists.

The enclosed picture shows you the 30 students now enrolled in the Ladies Session of our Bible College together with the teachers. The young ladies are here undergoing the three months Bible training course. Most of them are Sunday School teachers and youth workers. Some of them are wives of young evangelists. Some of the girls are from non-Christian background who have made new decisions to serve the Lord.

We request all the dear ones to continue to pray for us and the work here. We once again thank you for all the help you are doing.

With Christian love and regards.

Yours in His Service,

Pastor and Mrs. T. S. Abraham

John Oliver Haney

Nov. 2, 1905 - March 13, 1995

J. O. Haney, Sr. went to be with the Lord on Monday, March 13, 1995 in San Antonio, TX at the age of 89. He and his wife, Hester (Weems) had been living in San Antonio since December 1992 near their older son, J. O. Haney, Jr. For most of their 67+ years of marriage, Johnnie and Hester had lived in Big Spring, TX or the surrounding Howard County area.

Johnnie, as most people called him, was saved in his early adult life and was a lay leader in the church for most of his life. He was known for his hard work as a stock farmer and his generous giving to the Lord's work. Johnnie and Hester had always opened their home to traveling ministries through the years and had developed many lasting friendships. They were part of the Apostolic Faith Church at Vealmoor in the 1930's and early 1940's and later in Big Springs where the church moved (1946) until the mid 1950's. The Haney's were active in an interdenominational church until health prevented them. Johnnie was an elder of Christ Fellowship Church which is now a part of Living Water Christian Fellowship in Big Spring.

Johnnie is survived by his wife Hester, two sons, J. O. Haney, Jr. and his wife, Patricia, of Bulverde, TX and Don Hal Haney and his wife, Judy, of Seattle, WA, 7 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.

OLEN LEON BACHLER

June 7, 1914 - April 30, 1995

Olen Leon Bachler was born on June 7, 1914 in Joplin, MO to Grover Elijah Bachler & Mable Nora Culp Bachler. He moved with his family to Anderson, Mo around 1920, where he lived until he was married in 1935.

Olen was called to preach after being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit in a revival under Floyd M. Durham in 1932. He traveled in gospel work with other ministers until around 1934 when he and the Lee Brock family started holding revivals in the Arkansas and Missouri areas.

In 1935, he was married to Phyllis Durham in Anderson, MO. To this marriage was born two children, Donald Ray Bachler and Saundra Bachler Huff. Olen served over 60 years in the ministry including evangelizing and establishing new works in many communities in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Arkansas. He served on numerous Youth Camp and Camp Meeting committees and as pastor of many churches. One of his greatest loves of the ministry was the 15 years he served on the Apostolic Faith Bible College Board. He continued to carry a burden for that work until his death.

Olen was also owner of a residential and commercial building business, and worked as a loan appraiser and insurance adjustor. He also supported community activities and participated in several service organizations in his early years.

During his retirement years he enjoyed his affiliation with the Texas Gulf Coast Airstream Trailer Club and served as chaplin for several years. Some of his fondest memories in the last twenty years were of his caravanning with his friends across the United States.

Even though Olen was ill the last few years, he did his best to fulfill his committment to God as fill-in minister, evangelist, and teacher.

Olen passed away on April 30, 1995 after six weeks in a Houston hospital. I really believe daddy willed himself to live that last week, even though his suffering was great. He had said that he wanted to die on a Sunday. He also said he wanted to go to the close of Bible College to be with his friends. He did die on Sunday morning, and he was able to have his friends who had come to the close of Bible School be at his visitation and grave-side service.

Olen's funeral was at the Apostolic Faith Church in Katy, Texas under the direction of his friends, Revs. Ted Barker, Edwin Waterbury, and Ken Culver. Norma Jean Doty and Buddy Stanberry sang, "Mansion Over the Hilltop". His son-in-law sang two songs, "I Don't Have To Give

In To Despair" written by Fred while he stayed with him in the hospital April 15, and "Who Will Pick Up My Sword" written in memory of Jake Regier, one of Olen's friends and Fred's uncle.

Pallbearers were Earl Pitchford, Ray Hopkins, Billy Caldwell, John Hamm, Raymond Dollins, and Alan Pederson. Honorary Pallbearers were: Roland Busch, Ward Stanberry, John Thompson, M. L. Scott, Raymond Barker, Billy Morgan, Alvie Pitchford, and Johnny Scruggs.

Olen was buried in Anderson, MO on May 4, 1995. The graveside services were under the direction of Rev. Ted Barker and Rev. Paul Clanton. (Paul is not only a lifelong friend, but he also conducted the funeral of Grover Bachler, Olen's father.)

Music was presented by the Lee Brock family, Olen's first gospel workers who had made an unscheduled trip to Missouri just before daddy died. Iona played the accordian and sang with Almaje and Florene.

Pallbearers were Savoy Grimmer, Bill Forbes, and nephews Ronnie Bone, David Bachler, Clay Bachler and Noel Bachler.

At the end of the service there were one dozen balloons released, one for each of the grandkids and great-grandkids. This "family ritual" was started at the graveside of Donnie by grandson Christopher who wanted to send a balloon to granddad's spirit in heaven. We repeated the ceremony for "Gran".

Olen was preceeded in death by his parents and his son, Donald Ray Bachler. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; daughter and son-in-law, Saundra and Fred Huff of Oklahoma City, OK; daughter-in-law, Ruth Bachler of Georgetown, TX; Dan Bachler, wife Angelia and children, Spencer, Amelia and Madison of Pampa, TX; Polly Bachler of Georgetown, TX; Andrew Bachler, wife Krista and son Logan of Georgetown, TX; Kristi Flock and son Brenden of Oklahoma City, OK; Ky Flock of Houston, TX; and sister, Betty Bone of Pineville, MO.

The scripture daddy quoted most often in the hospital was "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Cor. 5:1

Some of my fondest memories of daddy were of his working hard at showing his family and friends and good time. He really enjoyed life and wanted everyone else to enjoy it too. He will be greatly missed.

LEALAND GRIMMER

CHILDHOOD

I was born at home in Hardesty, OK on June 16, 1925. My father, Frank Louis Grimmer, and mother, Honor Lue Hale, were tenant farmers, who have both preceded me in death. When I arrived, I met my 4 year old brother, William Louis, who now resides in Auburn, CA. Six years later another son was born, Aubrey Laverne, who now resides in Gallup, NM. To make our home complete my little sister was born five years later, Fleta Corine, who has preceded me in death.

At the age of 5, I and my brother William contracted diphtheria. For me it left it's mark in the form of asthma, which I suffered with until my death.

Most of my childhood days on the farm included raising the cash crop broomcorn. We worked with horses, particularly one named Dixie. She was easily spooked so you had to watch her very carefully or be bucked off.

I have many fond memories with my brothers and sister, doing chores and playing ball. My mother made sure that we attended the little community church in the Range area. After we moved to Hardesty, we attended the Apostolic Faith Church.

CONVERSION

In 1943 I graduated from the Hardesty High School and went to work at the Panhandle Eastern Booster Station for 2 years.

Brother R. P. Copland was the pastor at this time and during one of his services I gave my heart back to the Lord. Shortly afterward, I felt my call into the ministry. With the fatherly advice of Brother Copeland, I attended the Stamps Quartet singing school in Dallas, Texas.

EARLY MINISTRY

I didn't do much in the ministry, except help in my local church in Hardesty, OK, until after the 1945 Camp Meeting. One afternoon service during this meeting all the preachers and gospel workers were invited to the platform for a time of introduction. As a result, Brother Joe Farris invited me to help in some revivals. I stayed busy until the Christmas of '45 when I returned home to Hardesty.

In 1946 I attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS. From there I went to Pontiac, Michigan with Brother Fred Peters for 4 months to work in the church and help on a radio program. After the '46 Camp Meeting in Baxter Springs, KS, I traveled with Brother George Clay in revivals for awhile.

Brother F. P. Copland left Hardesty, OK to start a work in broken Arrow, OK and asked me to

help him. I left Broken Arrow long enough to attend the '47 term of Bible School and to help Brother James (Jimmy) Aarons in 2 schoolhouse revivals and 1 brush arbor meeting and then I returned.

Soon after my return to Broken Arrow, Brother Mitchell Mordick invited me to help in a tent meeting in Enid, OK. During this meeting I met a beautiful young Nazarene woman named Ms. Edna Lee Goodhue. After the meeting Brother Modrick asked me to remain in Enid and help start a new work. It was almost 2 years later when Edna Lee and I were married on the front lawn of my Father-in-law's, June 11, 1950. We continued to work in the church at Enid for the next two years. During this time we helped in revivals with the following ministers: Brother Billy Sparks in Milano, TX, Brother F. P. Copland and Harold J. Bollinger in Doniphan, MO.

After the '52 Camp Meeting we left Enid and went to Big Springs, TX as the youth director and music director for Brother A. W. Ferguson for 1 year. It was here that we had our first child, Deborah Jean Grimmer, who presently resides in Perryton, TX where she teaches the first grade in the Wright Elementary School. She often sings in the Full Gospel Church.

After the '53 Camp Meeting we left Big Springs and went to Roswell, NM to work with Brother Paul Clanton in the church for 1 year.

PASTORAL

I began pastoring in 1954 in the church that I had helped to start in Enid, OK. During this period our second child, Rhonda Dale, was born. Rhonda Dale currently resides in Perryton, TX with her husband David Wayne Stollings and three children, Jeremy, Nathan, and Rachel. Rhonda is very active in the youth department of the Full Gospel Church. Also, during this period our third child, Lealand Savoy, was born. Savoy resides in Baxter Springs, KS with his wife, Karen Joan (Pletcher) and three children, Kristen, Miranda, and Joshua. Savoy is a minister of the Apostolic Movement and is the current Superintendent of the Apostolic Faith Church Bible College.

In '56 we filled in for Brother Harold J. Bollinger at Arnett, OK while he taught in the Baxter Springs Bible College. Upon Brother Bollinger's return we went to Dumas, TX to pastor until '59.

In '59 we went to Sunray, TX to pastor. In '62 we moved to Arnett, OK where we pastored for 4 years. In 1966 we moved to Gray, OK where we pastored the Gray Community church until Dec. '79. All three of our children graduated from the Balko High School during these years. Edna Lee

worked at the First National Bank and I worked at various jobs during these years to make a living for my family. I have plowed fields, planted seed, driven harvest trucks, fed cattle, and worked as a gas station attendant at Bryan's Corner. My greatest joy has been working with and around people.

In Jan '80 after all our children had left home, we resigned the church at Gray and moved to Spearman, TX where we pastored until the Easter of '92 when we moved to our home at 913 S. W. 19th in Perryton, TX due to my failing health.

THE FINAL BATTLE

My health continued to decline until October of '94. I was diagnosed with lymphoma cancer. For myself and my family, the diagnosis appeared to be a death sentence. Together we cried and prayed. The doctor's prognosis was poor and the only options were to either take chemotherapy or not to take chemotherapy. After much prayer, I along with my family chose not to take treatment. I felt the Lord made me a promise. He said that if I chose not to take chemotherapy, that He would prevent me from having any pain associated with the cancer. As a testimony of His mercy, I never did experience any pain. The doctors and nurses all marvel at God's grace. I was able to remain at home until three days before my passing due to the love and devotion of my wife, my family, and the Hospice organization of Ochiltree County. I laid down my sword and shield and took my rest in the Ochiltree General Hospital on March 27, 1995 at 11:55 PM.

I have had a good life, the Lord has always been faithful, and now I rest until I can taste the joys of Heaven.



Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Phillipians 2: 5-8

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Faithful to God and Faithful to others, he knew the art of being a friend.

We salute the memory of a great man. . . servant of God. . .servant of men!

Matthew 23:11 - Phillipians 2:5-8

- Barbara Waterbury

**But he that
is greatest
among you
shall be
your
servant.**



Matthew 23:11

JULY



CAMP MEETING 1995

BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS

JULY 24 - 30

SCHEDULE

Breakfast7:00 - 8:15
 Morning Prayer9:00
 Bible Lesson.....10:30
 Lunch12:00
 Afternoon Service2:30
 (At Baxter Chapel)
 Supper5:00
 Youth Service6:30
 Evening Service7:30

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