

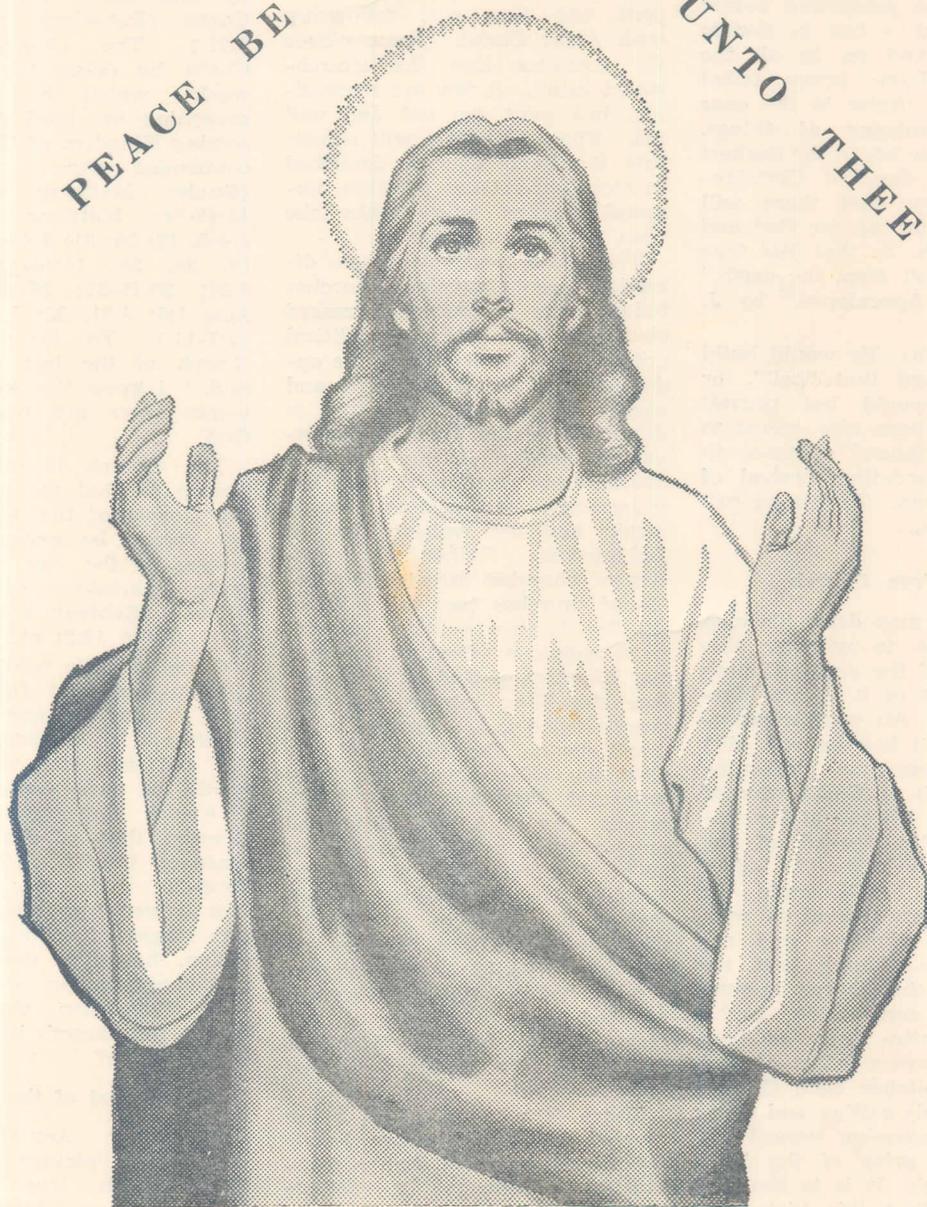
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PEACE BE UNTO THEE



The Church in the Last Days

By JERRY McCLENAGAN

"**GOD** has not left Himself without witnesses, and still has His true people, who have not kissed their hands nor bowed their knees to the reigning idolatry of the times. Earthy and vile as the congeal may be, there is gold in it, as there was an Enoch and a Noah in the generation before the flood, and a Lot in Sodom itself And so, in all the ages, there have never failed some blessed offsets to the ever downward tendency of things. Nor will it ever be, in the darkest and dreadest days of Christendom's apostasy, that there will be none to stand up for God and his pure truth, or that His true people shall fail from the earth." (From "The Apocalypse," by J. A. Seiss.)

Jesus said that He would build His Church and that "hell", or the Grave, would not prevail against it! There also seems to be ample Scriptural evidence in favor of an end-time **revival** of the True Church. To this we call your attention.

The True Church

The reader may draw his own conclusions as to whether this "revival" is of the entire Church or just a part of it. (Note Matthew 25:1-13. All were awakened, but not all had enough oil!) Perhaps an end-time awakening of the Church is God's way of preparing the 144,000 of Revelation 14, or the travail of the Church (in Revelation 12) before giving birth to the Manchild. We will not concern ourselves with the technical divisions and rewards of the Church, but we will speak of the Church in general terms, considering as a whole the entire body of true Christian believers. Our central aim is to challenge each Christian to make his calling and election sure by pressing toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God. It is to the entire Church that this high and holy calling is given by the Lord Himself!

The False Church

The church-world, or so-called Christianity, is described in its end-time condition in Revelation 3:14-22. It is largely a group of self-satisfied, spiritually blind people who need to repent and find real fellowship with Jesus Christ. Jesus pleads for entrance into the church-world today. A few are responding, but most are not and will not. These apostates will constitute the False Church described in Revelation 17 as a fallen, immoral woman who thinks she "has need of nothing."

There is a tendency in two directions among nominal churches today: one is toward increased church-state or religious-political union; the other is toward the endowment of the Holy Spirit and obedience to God. The first is described in the Bible as spiritual fornication in that it is a church-state relationship, not being espoused to Christ as a chaste virgin and not waiting for the Bridegroom. Rather, this system of churches stresses the union of churches (not the unity of the Spirit) in a political, as well as a religious effort to advance the Kingdom of God on earth before the King returns! But the second trend is a returning to an emphasis on the power of the Christian religion, not the form only (II Timothy 3:5). (Such moves are being witnessed among such nominal groups as the Episcopalians, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Dutch Reformed, Disciples of Christ, Churches of Christ, Congregationalists, Baptists and others.) We are not to build the Kingdom of God, but to preach it and taste of its powers (Hebrews 6:5) until the Bridegroom and King returns!

There is a strong urge being created in many sincere hearts for something more than a fashionable religion or a sociable church. A hunger deeper than pride is winning in a few hearts. The "eyesalve" of Christ is being

applied. The "tried gold," or true spiritual experience, is being bought. A few are opening doors to Christ. Some are listening as God says, "Come out of her my people! Come out of the False Church of shallow form and godless practices! Come out of the way that seemeth right!"

The Purpose of the Church

What is the purpose of the True Church? The Church is God's Building, to be inhabited by His Spirit and to glorify Christ. (Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:22; 3:21.) The Church glorifies Christ by doing His work and works, which is, in essence, preaching the good news of the coming Kingdom of God with the confirming signs of Christ. (Study: Matthew 4:17; John 12:49-50; Matthew 10:7; Acts 8:4-5, 12; 28: 31; John 9:3-5; 5:14, 17, 20, 36; 14:10-14; Matthew 4:23; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:8; 4:31, 33; I Corinthians 12:7-11.) To the "lukewarm" church of the last days Christ said, "I know thy **works**." Their works were not the works of God!

The Church is not only the agency of God for promulgating the Gospel of the Age to come, but should be experiencing the powers of the Age to come by being "partakers of the Holy Ghost." (Hebrews 6:4-5; Romans 14:17; Luke 10:9; etc.)

Christ said He would build His Church and that He would be with it until the end of this age (Matthew 16:18; 28:20). But He did not say His "little flock" would be free from wolves in sheep's clothing; rather, He stressed that attacks would be made on the True Church (Acts 20:28-30; Jude 3-4; etc.), and that it would go through successive stages of weakening, persecution, hardship, deception, and lukewarmness up until His return (Revelation, chapters 2-3). Would the Church be revived in the end-time?

A Revival of the Church

Would it? Actually, Revelation 3:7-22 pictures the entire Church—both true and false, both fervent and lukewarm, both rich and poor. The Church of
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dress, giving both old and new
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Evangelistic Reports . . .

Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd La-
Munyon, with gospel worker
Carol Baker, conducted a meeting
in the Sugar Land, Texas church
January 16 - February 3. Ser-
vices were good and God blessed
and strengthened the church.
The Ted Barkers are pastors at
Sugar Land. Anna Scroggs also
helped in the meeting.

Following the Sugar Land
meeting the LaMunyon party vis-
ited the Buckhorn revival, had
one service with the Katy church
congregation, and Thursday
through Sunday services with the
Austin, Texas church where the
Stephen Welshes are pastors.
The Austin church is a new con-
gregation and at present they are
meeting in a rented building.
Prospects look very promising
and the number has about out-
grown their present seating ca-
pacity. The people hope to start
with a building program before
long, as the Lord leads.

The LaMunyon party began a
meeting in Joplin, Missouri
March 17.

We always enjoy the Apostolic
Faith Report. Keep up the good
work. We had a nice two-week's
revival at Imperial Beach, Calif-
ornia. One was saved, one re-
claimed and two were sanctified.
We plan to return there before
we leave California and assist in
building a Nursery and possibly
a baptistry. Brother and Sister
Bob Taylor are faithfully labor-
ing for the Lord there.

The last part of March we
were in a meeting at Stockton,
California. Brother Bill Patter-
son, Jr. helped us. He is return-
ing to the Panhandle to work in
the Balko, Oklahoma Church as
Youth Director. Brother and
Sister Bill Patterson carry a real
burden for the people out here.

March 31 we began a revival
at Modesto, California. Brother
and Sister Ross Briles are the
pastors here. Helen and Laura
Lee Arnold are helping in the
work there. Brother Ross Briles
is pushing hard to see a new
church building erected in Mo-
desto.

Our next revival is planned for
Spring Valley, California where
Brother and Sister Bill Allen are
the pastors. Do pray for us.

Evangelist Jacob C. Regier and
party.

Evangelist Roy Wooster writes
that the meetings which he re-
cently conducted in Mississippi
and Alabama were blessed with
the presence of the Lord. One
meeting was at Pine Hill, Ala-
bama where the Harold Bollin-
gers are pastors, another was at
Pine Crest, Mississippi where the
George Hintergardts are pasfors.
Weather conditions were very
bad during most of the meetings
but God blessed and souls were
encouraged in the Lord.

Evangelist and Mrs. Jacob Reg-
ier have been busy since the first
of the year in a series of revivals.
Their revival at Buckhorn church
near Bellville, Texas was well at-
tended and God blessed in every
service. Four persons were
saved, many were blessed and
some healed of various diseases.
The Buckhorn church has a fine
group of young people who were
a great help and inspiration in
the meeting. The Winston Bar-
kers are the pastors at Buckhorn.

Following the Buckhorn meet-
ing the Regiers have been in
California conducting revivals in
the Imperial Beach church in
February, where the Bob Taylors
are pastors, and in the Stockton
church where the Bill Pattersons
are pastors.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

BAXTER SPRINGS, Kansas — According to Superintendent
F. E. Waterbury, there will not be a Bible School tour this year;
however, plans are being made for a Special Bible School Service, to
be held simultaneously in our churches, on a local basis.

Each Pastor is asked to have a Bible School Appreciation Service
on the last Sunday in May, 1963, May 26th. Each Pastor is asked
to secure a special speaker for that day. Either a former teacher,
or student, or if they have been either, the Pastor may do this
themselves. Let us all give the Bible School a big appreciation boost
May 26th, 1963.

The starting date for the '63 Fall Term will be September 9, 1963.
Rev. F. E. Waterbury, Superintendent.

In the Last Days

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Philadelphia pictures the True Church in the last days walking through an open door, and the church of Laodicea represents the false Church closing the door to the living Christ and His Holy Spirit!

Although Christ has been with His Church through every period in history, it seems logical that the "preparing" and "maturing" of the Church is especially concerned with the end-time remnant. In the beginning stages of the Church, at the time of the Early Rain, the Church was accompanied with signs, wonders, and gifts of the Holy Spirit. Christ was with them to confirm His word with signs following. Should it seem presumptuous to expect a renewal of the Spirit's manifestations in the Church of the last days, the time of the Latter Rain? It seems apparent that the Church was not only to begin at a zenith of power, but was prophesied to close out this age at the same peak of strength—"terrible as an army with banners" (Song of Solomon 6:10) and accomplishing "noteable feats" (Daniel 11:32, translation). Since the beginning of this century there has been such a revival to a certain degree—scattered showers of the Spirit's rain. But, now, we are entering into a period of which Joel speaks when he said the Spirit would be poured out upon all flesh!

The Early and Latter Rains

Two downpours of rain occur in Palestine. The former or autumnal rain falls in October, and softens the soil for the seed, both before and after sowing. The latter rain falls just before the ripening of the grain. Between seed-time and harvest there is generally an interval of dryness. If either shower fails, the harvest is lost. The first is necessary for seed-germinating and the last for grain-ripening.

Christ is both Sower and Reaper (Matthew 13:37 and Revelation 14:14). The good seed becomes the children of the kingdom (Matthew 13:38). Wheat

is a type of the True Church and tares (which resembled wheat) are a type of the False Church (Matthew 13:24-30; 3:11-12; Joel 2:23-32.) Fulfilling the prophetic symbol of Joel, the Early Rain came on that day of Pentecost as recorded in the second chapter of Acts. Here Christ began building and empowering His Church. The Latter Rain, according to the second chapter of Joel, was to be related to the second coming of Christ. God has been patient for the mature harvest of wheat since the Early Rain until now, the time of the Latter Rain (James 5:7).

Because one has been a true Christian, or is one now, does not mean that at the time of the Latter Rain he automatically is baptized with the Holy Spirit. Rather, here is the Scriptural command: "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain" (Zechariah 10:1). I have seen irrigated fields of wheat in which some of the wheat on the outskirts of the field was not reached by the water. That wheat did not mature! There will, no doubt, be some Christians who do not ASK for the maturing rain of the Spirit, and who, consequently, will not be among the mature Wheat gathered into the kingdom of heaven. (Keep in mind that each individual in this crop of Wheat must maintain a Spirit-filled experience and grow in the spiritual life if he is to attain spiritual maturity. Ephesians 4:15 and Philippians 3:14-15).

There will be tares among the wheat — the false mixed with the real. Even in the present "Pentecostal" move we may expect some tares; but we are not to do the separating in this age.

Israel or the Church?

Some of the prophecies we shall look into are often applicable to Israel, especially God's blessing upon them in the Millennium. For instance, in the prophecy of Joel, there is an illusion to Israel's future. Peter, on the day of Pentecost, quotes from this same prophecy to show that Joel's prophecy was fulfilled upon the church. This is proof that in Joel, at least, there is both a spiritual application to

the Church and a literal application to Israel! It is, thus, very possible that the same duality is incorporated in other Old Testament passages. (Perhaps the reason for this duality is the fact that the Church, made up of Israelites and Gentiles, is "spiritual" Israel. Note: Romans 9:4-6, Galatians 3:29; Ephesians 2:11-12, 16, 19; I Peter 2:9-10.) Let us look into a few of these Old Testament passages that make known some of the future blessings upon Israel and the Church. We will fix our attention on the Church in these passages.

Preparation of the Bride

Whether the Bride is all or only a part of the Church, the following suggests an end-time preparation of some or all of the Church. In Revelation 19:7 we read, ". . . for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready." Do we see a type of this preparation in the book of Esther? In chapter 2, verses 12 and 17 we note that before the king accepted Esther as queen, she had to prepare herself through many days of purification — oil of myrrh, sweet odours, etc. Such a preparation is to be realized in the Church before the coming of Christ as King and Bridegroom. (Pictured in Psalm 45 is the presentation of the king's daughter" who "is all glorious within; her clothing is of wrought gold." Ephesians 5 shows the preparation of the church for its presentation to Christ as a pure, spotless Bride, agreeing with Song of Solomon 4:7, "Thou art fair, my love; there is no spot in thee." Did not Paul say to the Church in II Corinthians 11:2, ". . . I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ?") Esther had to be purified; so does the Church! Esther anointed herself with oil of myrrh. The Church should prepare herself with the sweet anointing oil of the Holy Spirit!

In the Song of Solomon

The Bride and Bridegroom in this book must picture Christ and the Church. Many analogies are hidden in this poem, but I

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True and False Fellowship

By MRS. E. A. GREEVER

In thinking on this subject, my mind went back to childhood days. Therefore, I present this parable: When we children of this certain Missouri country community would get together for a time of play the entire time was spent in "playing like". One little girl would say, "I'm going to "play like" my name is Mrs. Harbison and I'm going to see you and you "play like your name is Mrs. Davis." Then the two of us would go visit another little girl who was "playing like" she was Mrs. Jenkins. We would "play like" we were going to town or most anything our childish minds would think of that we wanted to do.

Throughout the many years, and especially is it true today, man, in his worldly wisdom and evil devices, has tried and is ever trying to make God's people one; in other words is saying, "Let us 'play like' we are one." Just let us lay down all doctrinal points; for if people name the name of Jesus we should fellowship them and be one. I agree, we need to lay down all man-made doctrines and come God's way. His way is the right way; because the word of our God shall stand forever, and in another scripture we read, "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." May each of us carefully and prayerfully read the 17th chapter of St. John.

Here we find the heartfelt prayer of our Saviour. May we notice a few of his precious words: "Holy Father through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be **one** as we are. And for their sakes I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified through the truth. That they all may be **one**; as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee that they also may be **one** in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." So may we not be unwise but understand what the will of the Lord is. Eph. 5:17.

"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for

all." Heb. 10:10. "For by one offering, he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified."

"Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us Heb. 10: 14-15. For this is the will of God even your sanctification that ye should abstain from fornication. That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour." I Thess. 4:3-4.

In Paul's writings II Cor. 11:2 we read: "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy for I have espoused you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

Jesus said, "My doctrine is not mine but his that sent me." John 7:16. So may we obey him and never teach for doctrines the commandments of men, Matt. 15: 8-9 thereby committing spiritual fornication.

"Wherefore Jesus also that he might sanctify the people with his own blood suffered without the gate. Let us go therefore unto him without the camp bearing his reproach." Heb. 13: 12-13.

Through repentance we are brought back to God placing us in the church. Christ loved the church and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. That he might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing but that it should be holy and without blemish. Eph. 5:25-27. "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of **one** for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren." Heb. 2:11. "He that despised Moses law died without mercy under two or three witnesses; of how much sorer punishment suppose ye shall he be thought worthy who have trodden under foot the Son of God and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing and done despite unto the Spirit of grace." Heb. 10:28-29. "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse deceiving and being deceived."

II Tim. 3:13. So may we find fellowship with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ and pray others may have fellowship with us. I John 1:3.

God loved the world and gave his Son, and Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. That we might be saved and sanctified. Jesus blood can make us clean.

May we no more be children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the slight of men and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive. But speaking the truth in love may grow up into him in all things which is the head even Christ. Eph. 4:14-15.

O what a price was paid that we might be **one**.

Psm. 119:104, "Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way." In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see
For twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.

NEW ARRIVALS:

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCance of Prosperity, Missouri announce the arrival of a new bundle of love to their home, January 21, 1963. Darrell Lee. He weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces.

Our little girl has just arrived, And we're happy as can be; And she will soon be on display, for everyone to see.

Beverly Kay arrived January 22, 1963. 8 pounds, 13 ounces

Rev. and Mrs. Homer Allen, parents.

Jacob John, weight 9 pounds, 8 ounces, came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Urick of Alvin, Texas. He arrived February 2, 1963. The grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Jake Pletcher of Leakey, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. John Urick of Alvin, Texas

Introducing our new daughter. She's too small to take a bow, but we think it's time to tell you all about her anyhow! Deryla Jean daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Deryl Lamunyon of Logan, Oklahoma, born March 17, 1963. Weight 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

PASTORAL REPORTS

SPRING VALLEY, CALIF.

We are enjoying the blessings of the Lord in the services here at Fair Oaks Chapel. We are praying for the paper and your efforts for Him. Remember us as you pray.

Rev. B. J. Allen, Pastor

HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS

Our services have been blessed of the Lord. The recent cold weather hindered the attendance during the month of January. Pray for us and the work of the Lord here in the Apostolic Faith Church.

Rev. George Polvado, Pastor

GUYMON, OKLAHOMA

Brother M. D. Methvin, assisted by Brother Bill Patterson, conducted a revival at the church in Guymon, January 20th through February 3rd. Three souls were saved and the church was stirred by the wonderful messages from the book of Revelation concerning the end time and the coming of the Lord. Some are seeking deeper blessings from God and all feel a great need for more of the power of God in our lives.

We extend a warm welcome to any ministers of the movement to come by anytime and especially all of the new ministers and gospel workers. We want you to know you have a place to work here in Guymon. We want them, we need them.

Rev. Doyle Wiles, Pastor

ENID, OKLAHOMA

The services here have been well attended, in view of the weather which has been in the 40 degree bracket. The road in front of the church has been made an all weather road which certainly is a great improvement.

Our Young People's group is growing. The attendance and interest is good. We meet on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and extend an invitation to all to visit our services at any time.

Rev. Eugene Webster, Pastor

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

We are all well and glad for the health and strength the Lord gives us. God bless you as you labor for him. Pray for us.

Brother and Sister J. O. Ferry
6030 South Mayfield Ave.
Chicago, 38, Illinois.

IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIF.

We are still rejoicing in the presence of the Lord. The Lord has been very gracious to us here. The services have been blessed of the Lord. We are expecting great things from the Revival with Brother Regier during the month of February. Sister Kaye Regier and Sister Glennis McClenagan will be in the Regier Gospel Party. There has been considerable conviction in the services of late and some new faces. We thank God for this. Pray for us.

Rev. Bob Taylor, Pastor

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

The Gospel is still going forth with power and glory in the Apostolic Faith church. Associate Pastor, Sister Louise Sutton and her family are now residing at 120 South Barkley in Spearman. This house has recently been purchased by the church for a parsonage.

Mrs. E. A. Greever, Pastor
Mrs. Louise Sutton, Associate
Pastor

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

We moved here from Arkansas and have a burden to start services and try to establish a work here. We know that it will take much hard work and prayer. We will appreciate the prayers of all the people of God for this task. We welcome any of the ministers or laity to come by and see us. We will let you know when things begin to shape up so that we can begin having services. We desire to be led by His spirit and do all that we do for the glory of God.

Rev. Elbert Pool
2309 Garland
Muskogee, Oklahoma

EDNA, TEXAS

The doors have been installed in the vestibule and the rest of the carpet is being laid in the Wayside Chapel. We expect the pulpit furniture to arrive at any time. We invite you to come and see the church and enjoy the blessings of the Lord with us.

Rev. Homer H. Allen, Pastor

JOPLIN, MISSOURI

The work of the Lord is progressing here. We appreciate the blessings of the Lord in the services. God bless you in the printing of the Report. Pray for us and come by to see us sometime.

Rev. Gail W. Schultz, Pastor

ALVIN, TEXAS

The Lord is graciously blessing us here in the Apostolic Faith Church of Alvin, Texas. Our Sunday School attendance has been very good during the month of January. It has averaged 93 and there has been considerable sickness.

Brother Jacob C. Regier, wife, daughter (Kaye) and Glennis McClenagan conducted a revival here. The bible lessons were outstanding.

Brother Roy Wooster is holding a victorious revival in Alabama.

Reporter, Bob Cannon
Rev. K. Kerr, Pastor

HARDESTY, OKLAHOMA

The first part of February brought a blessing to the Mission Church with some special services. Brother O. A. Busch was our Evangelist. On Sunday evening, February 17th Brother Leon Pugh, director for Youth for Christ in this area, was our speaker. And on February 24th, Brother J. D. Ray, from Alaska, spoke at our morning service. The ministries of each of these was of spiritual benefit to our congregation.

Rev. Jerry McClenagan, Pastor.

Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned.

KINGSMILL, TEXAS

We are looking forward to the Revival with Brother M. D. "Doc" Methvin that will begin Easter Sunday. Brother Methvin is the pastor of the Galena, Kansas Church.

Rev. E. K. Cornell, pastor.

Healing Testimony

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and HEALING all manner of diseases among the people." (Matthew 4:23).

Praise the Lord for his everlasting power which is the same today as in times of old. The Lord so graciously came on the scene and healed my broken body from the disease of diphtheria. Although my faith faltered after I was healed, I was able to stand on the promises of God.

On January 15, I began having a sore throat which I thought was tonsillitis. Steadily it grew worse until I could hardly talk or eat. My father, Rev. Jacob C. Regier, was conducting a revival at Alvin, Texas and on January 18, I went to spend the week-end with my family at Alvin. That night during the service I was so sick I could hardly stay in church. My mother tried to persuade me to go lie down but I was waiting for the altar service so I could be prayed for. No sooner had I sat on the altar when Brother K. Kerr laid his hands on my head, immediately the power of God flowed through my body! I felt something go all over my body and I was free to pray without whispering. I began praising the Lord and everyone was blessed because the power of Christ was so prevalent.

The following day the devil fought against my faith and I became ill again. Several days later my illness was diagnosed by a doctor as diphtheria and I was taken to the hospital. During the time I was under medical care, many people faithfully prayed and sent words of encouragement. Our prayers were answered by the Christ of Calvary. The baffled doctors said that if I had diphtheria as long

as I had been ill, it would have been fatal.

I give all the glory to the great King of Kings who saw fit to let me continue my life here on earth. After such a trial, I believe I can be better equipped to meet Life's trials and lean on the Lord. Being a teen-ager, I have a long life ahead of me if God permits. My desire is to dedicate my lowly life to God. Praise His Holy Name!

Joye Regier

THE LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is the substance that makes life flow through us like a flowing river. It gives us a deep settled peace which we can receive from no other source. It puts love in our hearts for all of God's children and also for the poor unfortunate sinner. It gives us a desire to help win the sinner to Christ. This love and tender compassion reaches out beyond the bounds of our own family circle and extends love to others. It always makes us a better person and a peaceful mind will be ours as we work to bring its blessing to those who are groping for the blessings of love which God has given to all men.

We give this love freely, expecting nothing in return, because God will repay us in his own good time. We do not look to man for the answer. I have found that when I can show love and kindness to some fellow-traveler along life's way, I receive the richest blessings from life. My life is richer by showing this love of God, that has been placed in my heart, to others, that they might see Jesus in me. My cup overflows with the blessings of the Lord—Praise the Lord for evermore.

I want to help people to see the true beauty of the love of God. That we can express this love through giving of ourselves unselfishly in service to others. Our life becomes broader and more beautiful as we live this life of love and compassion. We will pass this way but once. Let us do for God and others what we can, while we can; we will not pass this way again.

—Mrs. Wm. C. Stracener

OBITUARIES

MRS. A. W. ADAIR

Mrs. Austin W. Adair, 62, mother of Mrs. Louise Sutton, died suddenly at 3:15 Sunday afternoon in Kerrville, Texas, while visiting her husband in the Veterans' Hospital.

Mrs. Adair, the former Abbie Olivia Yancey, was born November 25, 1900 in Montell, Texas and spent nearly her entire life in Uvalde County Texas. She was married to Austin Adair on December 24, 1929 in Uvalde, Texas. Survivors include her husband; two sons, A. G. Adair of Monahans, Texas and Robert M. Adair of Crane, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Sherman Sutton of Spearman, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Boone of Uvalde, Texas and Mrs. Albert Jefferies of Eunice, New Mexico; seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

R. DALE HEIL

R. Dale Heil, son of Orrie and Elsie Heil, was born November 9, 1910 at Sharon, Kansas and departed this life February 7, 1963 in Ganado, Arizona at the age of 52 years, 3 months.

He was converted at an early age and faithfully followed his Saviour until death. He was associated with the Methodist, Baptist, and Apostolic Faith Movement. He pastored churches at Lovington, New Mexico; Guymon, Oklahoma; and attended the Apostolic Faith Bible School in Baxter Springs. At his death, he was in the Guidance Department of the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the United States Government, Department of Interior, working in Chinle, Arizona.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Lois; three sons: Louis Dale of Knoxville, Tennessee; Paul of Fort Worth, Texas; and Rene Aaron of the home; one daughter, Rebecca Ruth of the home; his father, O. J. Heil of Follett, Texas; his mother having preceded him in death; four brothers, John of Follett, Texas; Jack and Dean of Stratford, Texas; and Bob of Nixon, Tex.; six grandchildren, other relatives and a host of friends.

The Children's Hour

By ALBERDINE WILHITE

K - nowing that Christ died for us,
 This Easter, let us renew our trust
 In Him, so that we may be
 His for all eternity.

Jana, Danny, and Mother were out in the yard looking to see if the Crocus, tulips and daffodils were coming up. Suddenly Jana gave an excited cry, "Look, Look, Danny! Look, Mother! There is that old dead bulb coming up!"

"Anyway, Jana and I thought that it was dead," said Danny. "We planted it all by itself because we knew it wouldn't grow. But, it is! Isn't it wonderful?"

"Yes", said Mother, "One of these days there will be a beautiful lily. In this old brown bulb you have seen the power of God. God put life in it, and that life is coming forth in the shape of a flower.

As the children gazed in awe at the slender green shoots coming from the ground, Jana said.

"You know this lily reminds me of Jesus and Easter. Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a tomb. He was dead and His disciples were sad. Then God gave Jesus new life and he arose from the grave to be alive for ever more! How God must love us all!

"Indeed He does, Jana," said Mother softly, "and I hope that you and Danny will never forget that."

Yes, boys and girls, God loves us so much! Three days after Jesus had died on the cross, God's miraculous power brought him back to life. He lived again!

On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene, went to the tomb of Jesus while it was yet dark. When she got there she noticed that the stone was rolled away and that His body was gone. She ran and told Peter and John.

They were so surprised that they ran back to the tomb to see for themselves. After they had seen that Jesus' body was not there they went away unto their own homes in wonder for they did not understand what had happened. But Mary stayed and wept. While she was weeping she looked into the tomb and saw two angels in white, sitting, one at the head and one at the foot where Jesus had lain. They asked Mary why she was weeping and she said, someone had taken Jesus' body and she did not know where they had lain it. As she spoke, Mary turned away from the tomb and saw someone standing in front of her.

"Why are you weeping?" the stranger asked gently. Thinking it was the gardener, Mary said, "If you will tell me where you have laid the body of Jesus, I'll take him away."

Then in compassion and love, Jesus said, "Mary". When Jesus called Mary's name, she knew it was the Lord. She knelt at His feet calling Him, "Master."

We all love the message of Christmas when the Baby Jesus was born in a manger. But I think that we should love the message of Easter so much more! It is such good news! It is wonderful to know that God made Jesus live again. Jesus is now living in Heaven with God and He will live forevermore. Because He lives, you and I can also live with Him someday. There is nothing in the world more wonderful! No wonder Jesus asked his disciples to tell everyone He had risen from the dead. "Because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19. He was alive for

evermore. He wants you and me to tell others the good news too. The gospel of Christ should be just as wonderful today as it was when the disciples first heard it. We should want to tell others about Jesus.

Can you answer this Easter Quiz?

1. Easter is only mentioned one time in the Bible. See if you can find where.

2. Who betrayed Christ? _____

3. Who denied Christ? _____

4. Jesus was sold for how many pieces of silver? _____

5. Who was the high priest?

_____ John 18:24.

6. Who washed his hands of Jesus? _____

7. Name the robber that was freed when Jesus was crucified?

8. How many were crucified with Him? _____

9. What did Pilate write and put on the cross? _____

_____ John 19:19.

10. It was written in how many languages? _____

_____ John 19:20.

11. Name the two men that took Jesus' body and buried it. John 19:38-40.

12. Name the hill where Jesus was crucified. _____

OUR KEY LETTER IS "K"

Can you name:

1. Two animals that begin with "K" _____ Gen. 37:31 _____ Gen. 41:18-19.

2. A bird: _____ Deut. 14:12-18.

3. Is there a book in the Bible that begins with a "K"?

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It DOES Make A Difference

Religion is one of the oldest companions of man. In fact, since the beginning of human history, religion has been practically the major part of various civilizations of men and nations. Since the first form of religion, many religious cults and beliefs have sprung up in almost every way one might imagine. According to the word of God it is good to be religious, but this emphasis on religion is not enough, because some of the most hideous and ridiculous types of worship are as ungodly as can be, yet they are religious.



So that we can better understand that IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHAT WE BELIEVE, follow these statistics and find just how religious" the world and our nation is:

RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

Population:

Total Christians	888,659,038
Roman Catholics	537,533,000
Eastern Orthodox	137,136,985
Protestant	214,133,041
Jewish	12,355,000
Moslem	430,325,000
Zoroastrian	140,000
Shinto	50,050,500
Taoist	50,053,000
Confucian	300,290,500
Buddhist	151,810,000
Hindu	332,470,700
Primitive	121,150,000
Others or None	524,335,074
Grand Total	2,862,213,000

RELIGIONS OF U. S.

Buddhist	20,000
Old & Nat'l Catholic	589,819
Eastern Orthodox	2,698,633
Jewish	5,367,000
Roman Catholic	42,104,900
Protestant	63,688,835
Grand Total	114,449,217

Here are some interesting facts about some of the great world religions:

JUDAISM — is the religious faith of the Jewish people, and is one of the oldest faiths of mankind. The history of the faith goes back about 4,000 years. Unlike many other religions, it is not built around a Personality as are Christianity, Mohammedanism, or Buddhism. Many great personalities have made large contributions to the Jewish faith but none were permitted to overshadow the concepts or practices of its doctrine.

BUDDHISM — is a religious faith promulgated by a teacher named Buddha. In its concep-

tion Buddhism was a reformation and a protest against Brahmanism, which had run to seed in a tangle of philosophy and ritual. Making no attempt to solve questions as to the origin of things, Buddha proclaimed the equality and brotherhood of man, and that the great and only end of man was to obtain a great personality for himself. This religion recognizes no soul nor any future for the soul. It was the belief of Buddha that everything done, whether good or bad, holy or unholy, was unredeemable, and once committed, followed one to the grave.

MOSLEMISM — is a religion started by a man who was born in 570 A.D. whose name was Mohammed. This faith came into prominence about the seventh century, and flourished for about a thousand years. It is still used to a great extent, as you can see from the above chart. Mohammed believed himself to be the prophet of Allah, a single all-powerful god who could not be represented by any image. The cry for the expansion of this

faith was, Believe or be killed. No more than a hundred years after Mohammed's death Moslemism became the established religion in several major countries.

CONFUCIANISM — is the following of the religious educator named Confucius. This religion is one of the three main beliefs of the Chinese people. It is more or less a philosophy of good living, since it has no creed or church, sacred book or theology. This is not what one might determine as a spiritual religion, because Confucius was more interested in man and his natural success in life.

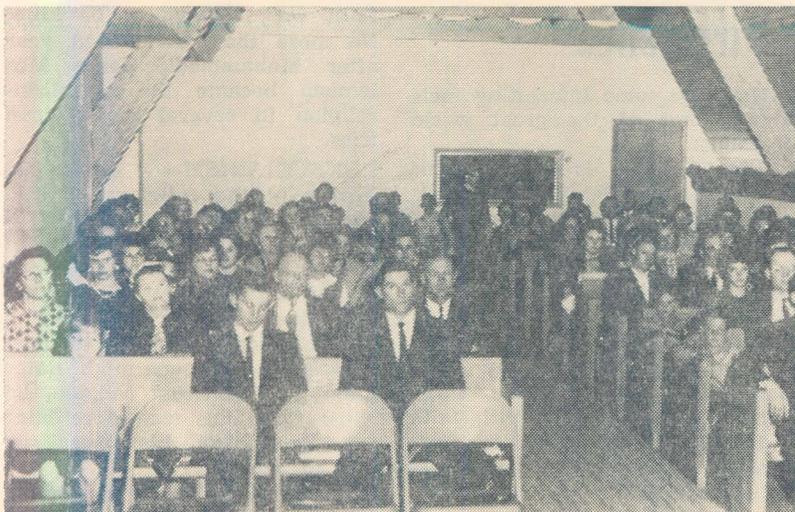
CHRISTIANITY — is the following of the teaching of Jesus Christ, the only begotten son of Jehovah God. Unlike other re-

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ligions of the world Christianity is based on the entire meaning of spirituality, and the fact of a soul and its future estate; and redemption from sin through the sacrificial death of Christ and His subsequent resurrection. The Easter season is here, and for the main thought of this article we would like to point out the fact that it DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHAT WE BELIEVE. All these other religions of the world follow dead leaders or no leaders at all. But the Leader of our faith not only died for our sins and for a way of salvation, but arose again with the power of God and ascended into heaven there to intercede for us.

A wheel is used for prayer by the Buddhists. Lengthy strips of paper with prayers written thereon, are wound around the wheel. When one wants to pray, he simply sets the wheel in motion and his prayer is prayed for him. In this way the Buddhist believer hopes to bring down a blessing upon himself. Aren't you glad at this glorious Easter

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WEST TEXAS YOUTH RALLY

The Rally met at the new Church in Canyon, Texas on the 4th Sunday in February.

Speakers for the Rally were Oscar Shomberg, Dale Ditto, and Beverly Peck.

Amarillo won the attendance banner.

TRI-STATE YOUTH RALLY

Brother Gene Waterbury, vice president called the Rally to order at Galena, Kansas January 21. Brother L. J. Ehrlich, president was absent. Brother Dale Cates of Galena, Kansas led the congregation in prayer. Special numbers from Joplin, Galena, Baxter Springs, and Prosperity were enjoyed. Brother and Sister Joe B. Dewees of Hempstead, Texas were with us and Brother Dewees brought an inspiring message. There were 70 in attendance.

Prosperity, Missouri was the meeting site of the February Tri-State Youth Rally. Brother L. J. Ehrlich, president, opened the Rally by taking prayer requests. The business of the evening was calling attention to Youth Camp with a special meeting called for February 25, 1963 to make plans for 1963. Special numbers were presented by the visiting churches: Cave Springs, Prosperity, Granby, Baxter Springs, Joplin, and Galena. Brother Hap Blythe brought the message of the evening. There were 80 in attendance.

Peggy Bard, Secretary

A cheerful chump gets farther than a grumpy genius.

TRI-STATE YOUTH RALLY

Joplin, Missouri was the meeting place of the Rally in March, because a Revival was in progress there. Meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Gene Waterbury of Baxter Springs, Kansas. Special songs were given by the Young People of the district. Churches present were: Purcell, Prosperity, Galena, Joplin, Baxter Springs, and Granby. Rev. Floyd LaMunyon, who was conducting the revival, brought a wonderful message to the Young People about S-I-N. There were 95 in attendance. The next Youth Rally will be at Tipton Ford, Missouri in April.

—Peggy Bard.

SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH RALLY

The March 2nd South Texas Youth Rally was held in the Wayside Chapel Church near Edna, Texas. There were 78 in attendance with Buckhorn receiving the attendance banner.

It was decided for the Rally to meet on the first Friday night during the summer months, at 8:00 p.m. The next Rally is scheduled for the Sugar Land Church on April 5th.

—Liz Elkins

WEST TEXAS YOUTH RALLY

Ralls, Texas was the meeting place of the March 1st Rally with an exceptionally good service. The presence of the Lord was felt from the beginning of the service. The special songs, readings, and sermon were anointed of the Lord. Brother Jim Morris brought the evening message.

The Ralls Church won the attendance banner. The total attendance was 60.

We are sorry to report that our President and Secretary, Brother and Sister Kit Scruggs, are moving to Hempstead, Texas. We remain in a prayerful attitude concerning the election of a new President and Secretary.

The next Rally will be in Snyder, Texas, April 5, 1963, 8:00 p.m.

Ellen Boyd, Reporter.

MID-WEST YOUTH RALLY

March 25th was the night for the Mid-West Youth Rally. The meeting place was the Follett Chapel, Follett, Texas. Brother Jim Fox, president, called the Rally to order, with prayer by Brother Leeland Grimmer, Pastor of the Arnett, Oklahoma Church. The song service was under the direction of Brother Bill Patterson. Specials from the attending churches was inspirational to all. There were 81 in attendance. The program was presented by the Follett Chapel Young Folks. The Tabernacle was the center of the theme.

This was election of officers night. The new officers selected were: President, Sandra Howard; vice-president, Rev. Edwin Modrick; secretary-treasurer, Margaret Batt. The next Rally will be April 22 at the Midway Country Church near Logan, Oklahoma, 8:00 p.m.

SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH RALLY

Buckhorn, Texas was the site of the February 9th South Texas Youth Rally. Special numbers were given by the attending churches. Brother Jacob Regier brought an inspiring message directed to the Youth. There were 108 present with Katy winning the banner.

Liz Elkins, Reporter

In the Last Days

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will refer to only one of the highly suggestive portrayals of Christ and the Church in the last days.

In chapter 2, verses 8 through 13, we are aware of the following possibilities: **Verses 8-9a**, "The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. My beloved is like a roe or a young hart . . ." This verse suggests that Christ is speaking, and that it is the voice of prophecy (Revelation 1:1-2; 19:10.) The "leaping" and "skipping" suggest the swiftness of prophetic fulfillment! **Verses 9b-10a**, ". . . behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice. My beloved spake . . ." Four things Christ does — He:

1. "Stands" — as one waiting patiently (James 5:7), expectantly (Matthew 25) for His Bride.

2. "Looks" — beholds the spiritual condition (Revelation 3:14-22) and preparation (Revelation 19:7) of His Bride.

3. "Shows Himself" — reveals Himself by the Spirit (John 16:14), the manifestation of the Spirit in the last days.

4. "Speaks" verses 10-13, ". . . Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." Pictured is abundant life — prosperity, productivity, flourishing! Could this be a spiritual abundance — a rich fruitage of the Spirit and the maturing of the Church? "The winter is past" — the time of a spiritual death of the Church (Revelation 3 pictured the church at Sardis: "thou has a name that thou livest, and art dead."), a definite condition of the Church at a specific period in history. But new life comes!

For this Church at Sardis that was "dead was told to "strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die." A revival of true Christianity in power was to be realized in the Philadelphia period of the Church. There is a revival! "The winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth . . .", etc. What causes this abundant life? What creates this revival in the Church? Why, the "rain," of course! Here must be the portrayal of the "latter rain" for the maturing of the Church. After the maturing, Christ calls out to His Beloved, "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away." He does not call for her before the rain, nor does He wait long after the rain, but as soon as the rain has done its work He calls!

Let Us Press On

Please read from your Bible verses 1-3 in the 6th chapter of Hosea. The following is the Berkeley Version of the same verses: "Come, let us return to the Lord; for He has torn, and He may heal us; He has smitten and He may bind us up. In two days He will revive us, and on the third day He will raise us up, that we may once more live before Him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; for as certain as the break of dawn He comes to us; He will come to us like winter rain, as the spring showers that water the earth."

We suggest: after two-thousand-year days of the Church the Lord will "revive" it! On the third thousand-year day we will "live in His sight" — the Millennium is the time we shall literally live in His sight! This suggests a revival of the Church 2000 years after its beginning, just preceding the coming of Christ. Notice: "for as certain as the break of dawn He comes to us." The break of dawn just precedes the sunrise. Evidently, just before Christ's coming as the "Sun of righteousness" at the dawning of the Millennium Day, He will "come" in another way. How will He come to us at the break of dawn just preceding His visible return in power and great glory? He tells us: "he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto

the earth." Of course! He came to His first waiting disciples shortly after His ascension. He had said, in speaking of the coming of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (John 14:18). And He did so at the "former rain." But it was also promised to the Church in the end-time — a "pouring out" of the Spirit. It was to be upon "all flesh" — in a larger scope and in a greater capacity than on Believers during the "winter" season. This dry season is between the two rains, or, the spiritual condition of the Church between that first century and this 20th century.

If we have strayed from God's plan for us, "Come, let us return to the Lord." If we feel the urgency of the times; if we hear the clarion call, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him;" if we sense the stirring in the mulberry trees; if we would experience the cloudburst of God's Spirit upon our dry-as-dust condition; if we would receive a full reward; if we would resist lukewarmness and be fervent in spirit — then "LET US PRESS ON TO KNOW THE LORD!"

Teen Talk—

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time when we celebrate the most important event ever to happen upon the earth we do not have to worship as many others do, with images and idols and prayer wheels? By simple faith in God we, through Christ Jesus our Lord, can have a life of happiness here and Eternal Life in the future. God Bless You.

—Edwin Modrick

Children's Hour—

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4. Did you know that Jesus is:
E-verlasting.
A-ll mighty.
S-aviour of world.
T-rue.
E-ternal.
R-ighteous.

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TRI-STATE YOUTH CAMP

JUNE 19 - 26

at the Tri-State Youth Camp Grounds 2 miles S.E. of Baxter Springs, Kan.

COMMITTEE: Rev. Gail Schultz, Rev. M. D. Methvin, Rev. Onel Nunn,
Rev. L. J. Ehrlich

PINE CREST YOUTH CAMP

JUNE 30 - JULY 5

at the Pine Crest Camp Grounds 20 miles south of Quitman, Mississippi

SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH CAMP

Opening the afternoon of June 23rd and continuing through the morning of June 29, 1963 — at the Lost Pines Encampment north of LaGrange, Tex.

MID-WEST YOUTH CAMP

JULY 10th through 18th

at the new permanent camp site — Laverne, Okla.

MISSISSIPPI - ALABAMA CAMP MEETING

JULY 7 - 14

at the Pine Crest Camp Grounds 20 miles south of Quitman, Mississippi

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at the Tri-State Camp Grounds 2 miles southeast of Baxter, Springs, Kan.

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