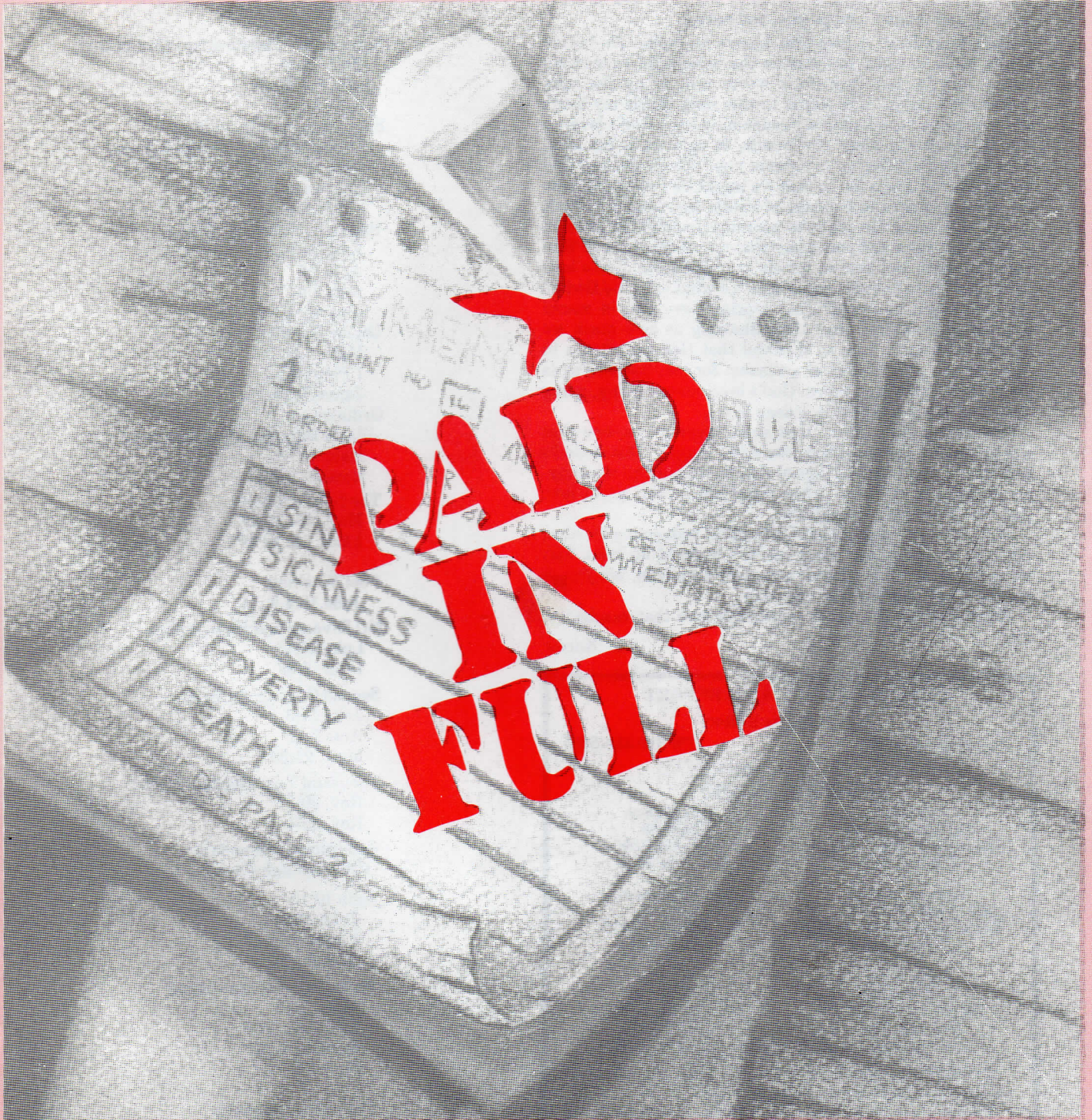


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But He was wounded for our Transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and by His stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

EDITORIAL ---

Redeeming Love

Rev. 5:9

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred and tongue, and people, and nation.

Redeeming love, A love that knows no limits. No better words could be used to describe the wonderful redeeming love of our Saviour than these words written by the song writer Bill Gaither. The words to this song thrills my heart and soul when I think of God's redeeming love. God's love—a love that knows no limit. No bounds, no endings to His love. To what limit did God go to redeem you? We all think of God giving His son Jesus for us that we might be redeemed from the powers of sin and bondage of Satan. God placed no limit on His love when He sent the precious Jewel of Heaven to stand in my place and your place that day as they raised Him between earth and heaven for our transgression. God's love didn't end there as some might feel. To what limit did God go that you might be saved? That precious love that in mercy pleaded with us time after time, showing us how much we needed a Saviour. I am so thankful that God sent Jesus to this earth to give His life as a ransom for me, but oh I'm so glad that it didn't stop there. God's love never ending, going on and on to a world that was deep in sin.

Redeeming love, a love that shall never die, a love that will go on and on throughout the endless ages. This is God's love to you and I. The things of this world hold no meaning, no allurements, no value when compared to this great love that God gives unto His children.

May we never forget what God's great redeeming love has done for us and where His great love brought us from. May we always give praise, honor and glory unto Him, not just in word but by living for Him each day.

Thank God for His great redeeming love that reached to me.

Karen

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The Redeemer



EQUIPT

Equipt yourselves by putting on the entire armor of God. Hidden away in Jesus, yet seen everyday as pilot and engineer of the affairs of life. Never ground yourself—never deflate your calling—never go unprepared, but yielded and led of His Holy Spirit, the world becomes your parrish. I have counted the cost—self could not pay it, but His grace could. The gladsome soul is such because it is equipt. Prayer has been issued and requests granted. I know one thing—I know I am saved, and although I may travel the high seas my boat will not sink and my anchor will hold. Hold fast till He comes. We are all being equipt and tutored for the last day. Our age is trying, yet rewarding. Expectation is a part of our equiptment. He has chosen—selected—and qualified or equipted us for a special mission.

Page Sermons By: Gail Shultz
Typed from original handwritten articles

TWO DISTINGUISHING MARKS

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me (John 10-27).

Christ's sheep have two marks—the ear and the foot: they hear and follow.

Gems from Bishop Taylor Smiths
Bible

Pearls Of Promise

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelations 21:4

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your GOD (Isaiah 40:1).

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings as eagles: they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint (Isaiah 40:31).

Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your soul. (Jeremiah 6:16).

But unto you that fear my name shall the Son of righteousness arise with healing in his wings, and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall (Malachi 4:2).

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world (St. John 1:12, 13, 17, 29).

GOD is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth (St. John 4:24).

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (St. John 8:32).

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live.

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? (St. John 11:25, 26).

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you...Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid (St. John 14:6, 18-27).

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with GOD through our Lord Jesus Christ.

By whom also we have access by faith into his grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of GOD (Romans 5:1,2).

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life (I John 5:12).

Casting all your care upon Him: for He careth for you (I Peter 5:7).

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely (Revelation 22:17).

Song

Come unto me: And I will give you rest,
Take my yoke on thee: I have heard thy plea.

Come unto me: And I will give you rest,
Sow the blessed seed: JESUS will bless.

—Opal Ferry



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Testament History; Church History
and Christian Ministries. Let us pray
for him as he labors for the
Master.

The Christian Sabbath

Rev. Lyndell Arnall

The word "sabbath" literally means "to rest" and in the Old Testament times there were sabbath years as well as sabbath days. It would seem to me that if a person was obligated to keep the sabbath days of the law, he would be obligated to keep the sabbath years, after all they are just as binding as the sabbath days.

The origin of the sabbath is a time that many people are confused about. There was no sabbath kept by Adam and Eve, by Enoch, Noah, Abraham, or anyone else before Moses. God first made known His sabbaths to the Israelites as they stood before Mt. Sinai. "Thou camest down also upon Mt. Sinai and speakest with them from heaven...and made known unto them thy holy sabbath." Neh. 9:13-14. "The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all here alive this day. Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God commanded thee." Deut. 5:2-3;12.

Reference is often called to Genesis 2:3 as the time God sanctified the seventh day. But let us look at that verse again. "God blessed and sanctified the seventh day, because

in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made." The Bible does not say God blessed and sanctified the sabbath the first day He rested, but that He did because He had rested. The resting took place long before the sanctifying.

God had good reason for sanctifying the seventh day and giving it to the Israelites as a day of rest. It was given for a memorial that God had led the Israelites out of Egypt's bondage. "Remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day." Deut. 5:15. The Israelites in Egypt had never had a day of rest. they had work from sunup till sundown seven days a week all their lives, and now through God's deliverance, they could rest every seventh day. And then too the sabbath was given as a shadow of our spiritual rest we find in Christ. "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that were against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross. Let no man judge you therefore in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon or of the sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come." Col. 2:13-18.

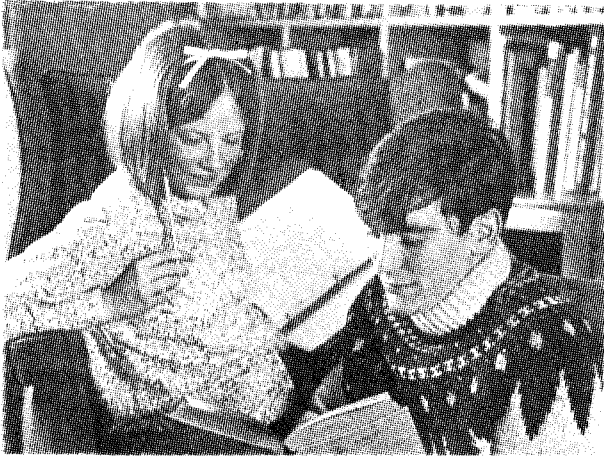
The Israelites were the only ones under the levitical ceremonial law, for Paul writes in Romans 3:19 "Whatsoever the law saith, it saith to them that are under the law." The Gentiles, as such, never were under the sabbath law. "The Gentiles, which have not the law." Rom. 2:14 "Shall we sin because we are not under the law, but under grace?" Rom. 6:15 "The law was our school master to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under the schoolmaster." Gal. 3:24-25. This is not to say, we need not a day of rest, because we do. I believe it is wrong for a person to fail to set aside a day for which to rest and worship God, but we are not judged according to a particular holy day. Col. 2:16.

The obvious question is, why do christians worship on Sunday? There are no doubt several reasons for this. We are told in Mark 16:1-2 that Christ arose from the dead on the first day of the week, and in Acts 2:1-4 we have the record of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which was on Pentecost, fifty days after the resurrection, or the first day of the week.

Shortly after christianity began to expand, great conflict began to emerge between christian and Jewish worship. In order to prevent as much conflict as possible and, to make it easier for Jews to attain christian services, the disciples began to worship on the first day of the week. "Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them." Acts 20:7 Note also in 1 Cor. 16:2 Paul writes, "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by store as God has prospered him." We suppose it was the combination of these facts that, at the beginning of the fourth century, Sunday was established a special day, to be sanctified by rest from secular work, and by public worship.

We must be reminded of the warning given to us in Heb. 10:25. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Remember also that mere outward religion is not acceptable unto God, read Isaiah 1: 10-17. If we are to worship God we must "worship Him in Spirit and in Truth." John 4: 23-24.

With obedience unto His word, let us make every day a holy day unto the Lord.



CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST 12 Inch Answer

Question: What do you think of going "parking" with "Apostolic Faith Boys?"

Answer: What do you think about this question—to enjoy it, avoid it, tolerate it, or do you accept it as part of your society?

Parking or petting, for the two go hand in hand, is a dangerous pastime, whether with an Apostolic Faith boy or not. ALL are human. You all know of those who have suffered from these things, yet there is always the thought, "it won't happen to me."

The most I can do is to point to some of the pit-falls and trust God that it will save some from remorse and regret. Let us divide this into several thoughts chained one to the other. In the first place there is such a thing as courtship.

COURTSHIP

Courtship is of the Lord—in its completeness to consummate in marriage. Jesus taught that this would be so. Matt. 19:4-6. The method of courtship has its many variations, according to the age of those involved, the period of that courtship that is of, say 100 years ago and now, the nation in which the courtship is carried on. Again a division may arise as to city or country, or even a local custom, or a church order.

DO NOT COURT

First, you are putting yourself in the way of temptation. Human emotions have been the same since the dawn of creation. Things seem different in the setting you have made by parking, especially in dark or lonely places. Some of the natural results are heartbreaking but must be borne as a penalty for our "wild oats." When you gain the reputation of a petter, you often close the door for close association with young people of higher standards. One young girl refused to go for a coke because a certain young man was in the group. She said, "I don't trust him and the bad part about it is, I like him, I really do." This young lady was not a back number, by any means, but she avoided temptation.

WHY THE PARKING?

Parking for what? Do your parents know that you are on such an adventure? Do you care, or are you on a hidden mission? Does your conversation and thoughts (both the boy

and the girl) reflect wholesome material, be that of the lighter sort, laughter and fun, or the events of the day, week, school, or what not? Is the motive for the parking sincere, will the results of it make or break, bend or mend, mold or crush your spirit? Will you be able to face your friends if the action of you parking becomes known? "Apostolic Faith Boys" too are subject to temptation. They, may be unsaved, only coming from an Apostolic home. That term does not define a boy emotionally nor spiritually. Are you talking about a consistent Christian or a weak professor?

Then there is your own self condemnation. If you are a devout Christian girl, do you really feel good after you have permitted heavy petting? Remember I have to live with myself and so I want to be fit for myself to know. I want to be able as days go by always to look myself square in the eye. Just how do you feel, stronger or weaker? Don't forget, there are girls who are not Christians who have high moral standards. What kind of a Christian example are you to them? It is heartbreaking to have young people who are not Christians to meet with Apostolic youth who are not discreet along these lines. Too many times one hears, "I am not a Christian, but I wouldn't do that."

FOUR WONDERFUL THINGS

There are three wonderful things which are to me, yea, four which I know not: The way of an eagle, in the air, the way of the serpent upon a rock, the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

There is the danger of drifting to a loveless marriage or a distrustful one. Beautiful experiences have been tarnished and jealousies have been aroused of or by former petting partners.

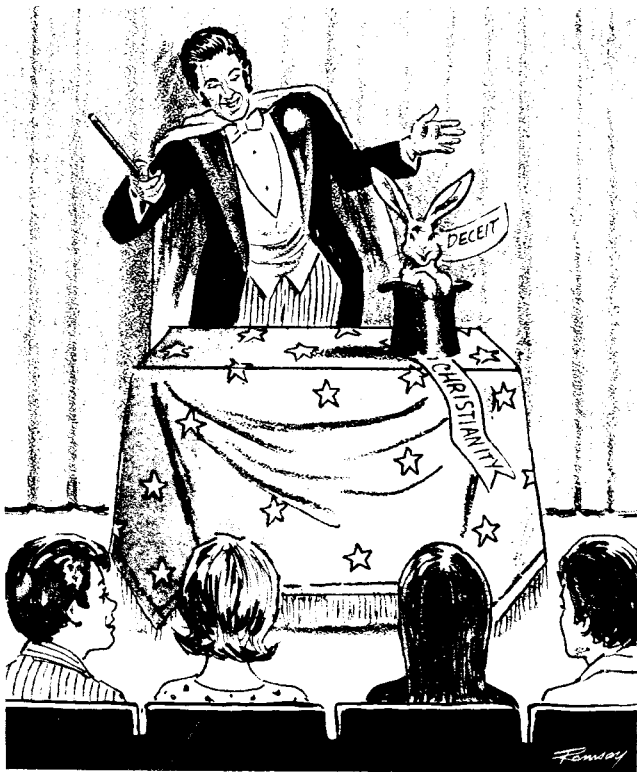
Do you ever think of that distant future when you may have the responsibility of guiding a young girl or boy through these turbulent years? Are your actions today those that would inspire confidence in your child, because you were strong, your child will be strong also. Or will you be a fearful parent who tries frantically, maybe by unwise methods, to spare your child the pitfalls into which you fell?

Think: how will your companion effect you, good or bad, richer or poorer, strengthened or broken down? Try in your relationship to be cheerful, clean, careful, and above all, TAKE the LORD with you, so that you have no regrets. It should leave only room for relationship that will obey in spirit and protect in body and give no room for common talk, because you acted common, but for a valuation of friendship that can be admired by all.

All that glitters is not gold. Life is short, yet it can be LONG if it is lived unwisely, and many years of reaping can follow foolish, on the moment actions or decisions. Do not expose yourself in such relationship with another as to cause the seed of respect and friendship to grow into love and marriage. Do not let a few days of loneliness coax you into a pit or way of no return.

Have a good time, but make that "Good time" a beautiful experience. Youthful years are so short but the long years of maturity are vitally affected by them.

Yesterday is only a dream
Tomorrow is only a vision
But today well lived
Makes yesterday a dream of happiness and
Tomorrow a Vision of Hope.



The Little Foxes Spoil The Vine

I feel many people, to some extent, are trusting in and using some things that are condemned by the Bible, such as magic tricks and astrology.

Some are trying to get direction for their lives by their birth month, instead of asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Daniel 1:19 and 20 says: "The king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; therefore stood they before the king. And in all matters of wisdom and understanding that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm."

Some think it is alright to use magic tricks to teach the young people. They reason that the end justifies the means. King Saul thought that, when he saved the best of the flock that Samuel told him to utterly destroy. He saved them for a

sacrifice unto the Lord; but Samuel said that obedience is better than sacrifice. I Sam. 15: 16-26.

Since magic tricks, sleight-of-hand, fortune telling, and astrology cannot be used to give Spiritual guidance or direction to our lives, we must not use them in the Lord's work, for they are the devil's tools which he uses to deceive us.

Moses stood against the magicians as these things come from a satanic force. "Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? What communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 2 Cor. 6:14-15.

Simon, the sorcerer, tried to work with Peter and John but Peter rebuked him. Acts 8:23 says: "For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity."

In Acts 16:16-18, a damsel followed Paul and said: "These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation." Many would think she was harmless but Paul recognized the false spirit and cast it out of her. It surely was not what she said, but God does not want any communion with the devil. We have to be so careful, because in the end time, the devil will deceive the elect, if possible. Mark 13:22.

Let us not fool around with puppets and magic tricks trying to entertain our young folks but teach the word as Paul told Timothy, "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 3:15. In verse 14 he was urged to continue in the things he had learned.

In Acts 19: 18-20 "Many that believeth came and confessed, and shewed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

"But in the eighteenth year of Josiah wherein this passover was holden to the Lord in Jerusalem. Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah, and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiyah the priest found in the house of the Lord. 2 Kings 23: 23-24.

When King Saul lost contact with God, he turned to a woman with a familiar spirit for help. 1 Sam. 28 3-7.

The Lord is so wonderful and trustworthy let us not disobey him and end up being deceived by the devil and his cunning devices.

What is magic? Any mysterious, seemingly inexplicable or extraordinary power or influence: the art of producing baffling effects or illusions by sleight of hand, or concealed apparatus; sorcery, wizardry and witchcraft. Along with magicians, are soothsayers, astrologers, and fortune tellers.

I know there are some who will say that we do not need to be concerned about these things that I have brought to your attention but I have a burden that impelled me to give this warning for the sake of those who are not familiar with what the Bible teaches about such things. I offer this article very prayerfully.

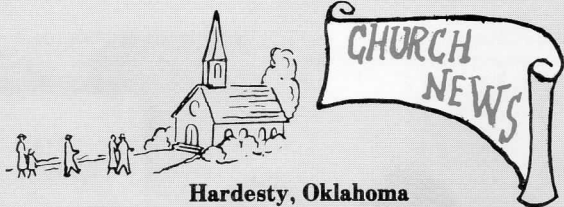
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Standing left to right—Dora Beydler, Demirita Pletcher, Karen Pletcher, Molly Lewis, Tony Bartel, Vicki Bartel and Barbara Cooper.

Seated left to right—Robert Beydler, Jake Pletcher, Howard Whitely, Lyndel Arnall and Kathy Arnall.



Hardesty, Oklahoma

We have enjoyed two wonderful years and will be looking forward to another year with the people of Hardesty. This year we have seen many improvements to our church property, among them new windows and storm windows, steel siding on the parsonage and a new carport and patio. But more important we thank the Lord for the many spiritual blessings. Our May revival with Bro. Ronnie Martin brought a real spiritual awakening to our church.

We appreciate all of the visiting ministers who have helped in our services. We extend a welcome to all who are in our area to worship with us.

Rev. Jack Cornell - Pastor

Midway Church Logan, Oklahoma

The Lord has blessed our church the past few months as the summer activities have progressed. Several of our youth attended Youth Camps and reported good services.

The week of July 10th, V.B.S. was well attended by the children of the community. Bro. Leland Grimmer played Mr. Clown and gave the children inspirational bible stories. After the closing program, an ice cream social was enjoyed by all.

Since camp meeting, Bro. Bob has been bringing Bible lessons on "The Church Foundation" using the scriptures: Psalms 11:3, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" and Jude 3 "Beloved,.....earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints." The foundations are the Doctrinal truths of the Gospel we hold dear to our hearts. These lessons have been a blessing and exhortation to all.

Bro. Frank Arnall and family visited us on Wednesday night, the 26th of July and brought the evening message.

Pastor: Bob Taylor

Reporter: Pauline Messner

BAYARD, NEBRASKA

We praise the Lord for His mercy and grace, and thank Him for the many blessings He has sent our way. We enjoyed having Bro. Calvin Klaus visiting with us and ministering in four services.

We had a children's Crusade the first week in August. We had a total enrollment of 72. We had several children accept the Lord during the crusade, for which we are thankful.

Sunday August 6th the Cupbearers were here for services. We enjoyed the ministry in songs of Bro. David Harris and Bro. Tim Taylor.

Alvin Buschman, Pastor

Dickinson, Texas

God's Apostolic Faith Church in Dickinson is small but he is always with us. We have felt the need for growth; in spirit, number, and the size of His building. He has already opened some doors for us. With our knowledge and faith in God we know that these things are possible.

Pastor: Ralph Denton

Reporter: Dee Boles

Ashland, Alabama

We have had a very busy summer and God has been pouring His blessings out on us. He has permitted us to be in several revivals and work in V.B.S. and it can't seem possible that the summer has slipped by so fast. Our last revival will be at New Harmony. We appreciate the faithfulness of our Youth Group & Choir helping us in revivals and also the Adults from our Church who back us with their support and prayers. It's a wonderful privilege to labor **together** for the "cause of Christ" and only time and eternity will reward many who have so faithfully worked behind the scenes in the Lord's Kingdom. But, may we say thank you and God bless you for carrying a burden for our ministry.

We have a new member in our family—Thomas Anderson, husband of our daughter, Kayla. They are making their home in our community and will continue to work in our Church for which we will be thankful.

Steve will be attending Bible College in Baxter Springs this fall, and several other young people will be going off to college. We'll miss them, but we hope the Lord will send them back to us soon, better equipped to work for him. Remember us in your prayers, and may God Bless You!

Pastor: Jim Arnall

Taneyville, Missouri

Beginning Memorial Day, we had vacation Bible School with an enrollment throughout the week of about 70. We thank Sis. Shari Cook for being in charge of our kid's crusade. We also thank Belva Pennington who was in charge of the small children's activities, and also to Shannon Clay for coming and sharing her talent and puppet ministry with us. Also, thank you church people for your much needed help!

The second week of June proved to be very exciting and rewarding for twenty young people, three children and two lady workers as they stayed at the 4-State Youth Camp. I heard good reports from many. Everyone was richly blessed.

We have had many visiting ministers in our services filling in while our pastor has been traveling to camp meetings and visiting relatives. Bro. Lee Inman blessed us with his ministry in several services. The Parks Family shared their ministry in song and prophecy. Bro. Don Russell shared with us regarding the works and blessings from Mexico.

We were very happy to have The Cupbearers—Tim Taylor and David Harris—with us in service on Father's Day. Their ministry on praise and worship to the Lord was a real blessing. We thank the Lord for their lives and the anointed ministry that they have to share with others.

Our young people are really beginning to work on a Youth Retreat to be held September 15th and 16th. We feel the Lord is moving in the four-state area with the youth. Please plan to come to the Youth Retreat. We need as many young people, youth directors and pastors as possible.

I am about to start a nursery in our church. Our church has grown abundantly with children, and Praise the Lord for the little children. The need to feed the people and care for the children in a different area has become a necessity.

Please pray for us and for the works in our church. May the Lord bless you all!

Grace Beeler, reporter
Winston & Alberta
Barker, pastors

CAMP NEWS

Midwest Youth Camp 1978

The midwest youth camp was held June 4-16 with a total enrollment of 120.

The first week of camp was held for our teenage group. Bro. Johnny Arnall brought wonderful inspiring messages nightly with many being saved, others dedicating their lives in sanctification, and others receiving the precious Holy Spirit. Sis. Barbara Myers was in charge of the sing time during the teenage camp.

During the second week of camp which was for our younger children many victories were gained. Sis. Barbara Myers was in charge of our nightly services.

A new class was added to both weeks this year called "Action Time." During this time they put into action what they had learned during the regular classtime by different groups bringing skits, songs and art work. This class was a real blessing to our camp.

We had handcraft during both weeks with the girls working with macreme and the boys working in woodwork-ing.

There were many that made our camp a success this year. We would like to say a special thanks to our cooks this year who prepared wonderful meals for us. They were Vicki Bartel, Lana Stewart, Edith Lamunyon, and Leland Grimmer.

We thank the Lord for all the blessings and victories that were gained at camp this year.

Midwest Camp Committee

Jack Cornell

Danny Robinson

Keith Barker

Mississippi Youth Camp

In our camp this year we had an enrollment of 45 students. During the day was our Youth Camp with all the classes. At night we also had our Camp Meeting with everyone in the area attending nightly services.

Our teachers were Randy and Jane Dalton, Terry Mathis, and Cindy Trowbridge. Shari Cook was in charge of the Junior and Senior singing classes. Sis. Naomi Buch was in charge of the noon rallies.

Bro. Randy Dalton baptized 13 of our campers in water baptism on the last day of camp.

We would like to express our thanks to all those who travelled many miles and those in our own area who supported and helped in any way that they could. Thank You for your support.

DEADLINE!!

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Apostolic Faith Camp Meeting 1978

Apostolic Faith Church,

We want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the movement for the faithfulness of all who attended and had a part in any way in making camp meeting a great success. The tremendous spirit of unity and worship that prevailed in every service from the first to the last refreshed us and made us strive to worship God. Every minister delivered the word with the authority and power of the Holy Spirit. Some were heard to say that this was the best camp meeting we have had in several years. This could only have been because hearts were hungry and the Spirit was present to feed them.

There were approximately 40 camping vehicles parked on the grounds and of course a number of people stayed in motels. There were 75 to 100 who attended the morning prayer services and we feel that this kind of determined attendance to prayer was greatly responsible for the blessedness of every service.

We, the committee, wish to thank you for your obedience to the Lord in supplying the material need of the camp. This is the fulfilling of the scripture, that when we prosper spiritually, we will prosper naturally as well. Praise God! So great is He to us that He never fails. God bless you all as we labor together in His service.

Yours in Christ,

Delvin Wiles

Danny Robinson

Ollie Kinser



I want to praise the Lord for all the things he has done for me. He has been so wonderful to me by blessing me and helping me.

We had a wonderful Youth Camp and camp meeting. We felt the Lord's presence at every service. At Youth Camp the Lord blessed me and won a battle for me.

School will soon be starting and I will have to witness for the Lord. I expect the Holy Spirit to guide me and help me in all that I say and do.

Valerie Oakes

Age 12

Caring For New Christians

By David Turner

After a person has accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour, then what happens? Just what is their role to play? How can the person that led them to this wonderful, new life assist them in their growth? In fact, does this person have the right to expect his older Christian friend to help him? Every one of these questions come under the heading of "Follow-Up."

Following up on a newly converted individual is perhaps the most important aspect of their spiritual life after their conversion. It is our desire to offer a few hints and helps that seem to us to be most practical in this endeavor.

Why do we need to follow-up this "new person?" That's it right here. Because, he or she is a **new person**. The Bible says in II Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Or, as the Living Bible states it, ". . . a new life has begun." You see, when an individual accepts Jesus into their heart, he or she becomes a brand new person. A second birth has taken place. So, why the need for follow-up? When a woman gives birth to a new child and that child begins life, it is a very precious and fragile existence. This new child **CANNOT** live on its own. And, certainly, when these proud parents take the little baby to their home, they have a very important responsibility. The father doesn't walk into the house with this child for the first time and set it down on the floor. Neither does he take it into the kitchen and instruct it, "Now, the green beans are in the cupboard with all your baby food, and the milk is over there in the refrigerator. Your diapers are down the hall in the closet and so is your baby powder and oil. Your room is the second door on the left and next to the restroom. Oh yes, the T.V. is color and is in the front room. Any questions! Good . . . see you next Tuesday. Oh, one other thing, don't forget to brush your teeth when they come in." Seems a little bit ridiculous and far-fetched, doesn't it? Yet, don't we do the same thing to a new Christian after just a little while? No matter if this "new person" is 60 or 6, he still needs the tender loving care that parents can give him . . . to nurture him and help him grow.

Follow-up is, then, nothing more than **PARENTAL CARE FOR SPIRITUAL CHILDREN**. You can be that parent that some spiritual babe needs desperately. It is a big job. Ask God to give you a burden to fulfill the needs of the new Christian.

Just as the proud new parents give attentive care day and night to their new son or daughter, so must you give care to the people that you lead to new life in Jesus Christ. It is a big task, but with God at your side, and a knowledge of what the Bible teaches is basic truths for righteous living, **YOU CAN HELP THAT NEW PERSON!**

So many times we see a person come to Christ, and then sort of say, "God bless you. See you next week." Then we expect them to grow on their own. This will not work but in only a few isolated cases. They need guidance, suggestions, fellowship with other Christians, and instruction.

II Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

As you take time to teach the "new person" about your walk with the Lord and understanding and obeying his guidebook, the Bible, you will not only see a tremendous growth take place in that person's life, but you will also grow in return. Remember, "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Take time to sow!

Spiritual babies need three things to assist them in their growth. (1) **FEEDING**—I Peter 2:2, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby." Babies need food. Spiritual food is the Word of God. Babies don't need to know all the great doctrines of the world, or this or that . . . They need to know the simple 'milk' of the Bible. Teach them "For God so loved the world . . . While we were yet sinners Christ died for us . . . By grace are ye saved and that not of yourselves . . . He that hath the son hath life." Don't try to take it too fast with the "new person." Take it at his own pace. Don't expect any setbacks on his part. But, when and if they come, remember not to give up on him. A father does not kick his one year old son when he falls after taking his first step. He doesn't tell him not to try that again. No. But, he encourages him and, above all, **HE LOVES HIM NO MATTER WHAT**. Don't give up on any person. Be faithful and patient. Teach them I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (2) **PROTECTION**—I Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour." The devil is not dead and is certainly not asleep. He wants to get them sidetracked, or detoured. Now, if you were an old lion looking for something to eat, who would you jump on . . . A stalwart, well-equipped soldier or a new baby? **THAT IS WHO THE DEVIL WILL ATTACK . . . THE BRAND NEW CHRISTIAN**, first. So, you see, it is vitally important that we help them "suit up" with God's equipment. He needs protection, warning against this cult or that thing, and he needs to go where he can be fed. He needs you to see that his needs are met. And, just as a little child doesn't always know what is best for him, so is this person like him. Your job is really important here . . . Care for him, give of your time, help him and feed him. (3) **TRAINING**—Col. 2:6, 7, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." The objective is a pure, strong, Christian, over-flowing life. How does it get there? It is rooted and built up in Jesus (he does the planting in your life), and it grows like a plant in good, rich soil. Help to provide the right atmosphere for the new Christian by setting the right example for him to follow as you live entirely for Jesus.

VITAL SUGGESTIONS FOR EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP

(1) **Teach him about faith.** Teach him how to have faith, how to keep it going and growing and how you do this in your very own life. Teach him how to share it with others.

(2) Stress to the person the need to find time to **pray everyday.**

(3) Show him how to **read and study his Bible** everyday, also. (You cannot be effective at this if you do not do it yourself). If he does not have a Bible, it is up to you to make sure he obtains one. You may have to buy him one as a gift.

(4) Teach him how to **witness.** Let him observe how you share your faith in God with your friends. Encourage him to share about God and Jesus also.

(5) **Feed him.** There are a number of good ways to accomplish this: write him letters (short mostly) that always encourage him not to give up; take him with you to church; take him with you to youth group meetings; take him with you to informal teen prayer meetings; invite him to come along on an outing where there will be healthy, Christian fellowship and atmosphere; and always be ready to share things about what God is doing and will do. **CAUTION: DO NOT BE SO MUCH OF A SPIRITUAL PARENT TO THE NEW PERSON THAT YOU CEASE TO BE HIS FRIEND. DON'T COME ON SO STRONG THAT HE FEELS UNCOMFORTABLE AROUND YOU. THIS IS WHERE THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES IN. AGAIN, IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO BE FILLED AND LED BY THE SPIRIT AT ALL TIMES. SEEK GOD FOR THIS.**

PROBLEMS OF FOLLOW-UP

(1) A feeling of inadequacy—**YOU ONLY HAVE TO BE ONE STEP AHEAD IN ORDER TO LEAD SOMEONE ELSE.**

(2) Afraid of the cost—**FOLLOW-UP IS COSTLY, BUT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS NOT A LIFE OF EASE. IT IS A LIFE OF INVESTING YOURSELF IN OTHERS. THAT IS WHAT CHRIST DID.** John 12:24, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many."

YOU ARE NOT EQUIPPED TO COUNSEL AND FOLLOW-UP EFFECTIVELY UNTIL YOU, YOURSELF, ARE WALKING DAILY WITH CHRIST.

FOLLOW-UP IS COSTLY . . . YET IT WILL STRENGTHEN YOU. FOLLOW-UP WILL TAKE TIME . . . BUT IT IS AN ETERNAL INVESTMENT.

(3) Lack of vision also will hinder follow-up. The great explanation of the new birth was given to one man — Nicodemus. The revelation of Himself as the Messiah was given to one woman at the well. Jesus travelled around a lake to minister to just one person, a lunatic. These examples all show the importance of a one-on-one relationship. Ministry to others as individuals is the most costly but most effective ministry going today.

Ministry—God's Way

"He hath made us able ministers
of the new testament";
Does that mean that every one of us
is "called" and truly "sent"?
Does it mean we each have ministry
for which we must account....
And "enablement" is possible....
in needed great or small amount?
We think nothing of ourselves
but "our sufficiency is of God"....
Let us give Him loving service
WITHOUT the chastening rod!
If He asks us just to smile a smile,
or life our neighbor's load,
Or if just "faithfulness to God's house"
is the task on us bestowed;
Lord Jesus, won't you help us
if we need to sing a song,
May we minister **IN YOUR NAME**
in the midst of sing and wrong!
May our ministry of "influence"
lead others to the Cross....
God forbid **OUR** faithlessness
should bring dishonor to Your cause!
Guide us Jesus, into **MINISTRY**
that is **HOLY SPIRIT LED,**
Enabled and sufficient....
to feed the hungry **LIVING BREAD!**
The enemy fled as
"they stood every man in his place"....
The key to victory under the law
is still the key through Grace!
For the body of Christ,
like the body of man,
Functions perfectly only
as it follows God's plan!

II Cor. 3:4-6
I Tim. 4:12-16
I Cor. 12

Heb. 10:25
Judges 7:21

Barbara Waterbury

OPEN FOR CALLS

The Cupbearers
Tim Taylor
David Harris
(ministering in music)
507 S. Clinton
Dallas, Texas 75208
PH. 214-943-5783



Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Busch of Baxter Springs, Kansas, announce the birth of a son, Nickolas Wilson. Nickolas was born July 15th, 1978 and weighed 7 lb. 5 oz. The maternal grandmother is Mrs. Sarah Harshman of Baxter Springs and paternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. O. A. Busch of Baxter Springs, Kansas.

And Now Abideth Faith, Hope And Charity, These Three; But The Greatest Of These Is Charity.

1 Cor. 13:13

I'D HATE TO THINK
Jerry L. Howard

I'd hate to think that I had learned
all the church doctrine and all the church creed,
But still missed Heaven because the Commandment
"Love thy neighbor as thyself,"
I had failed to heed.
I'd hate to think that I had been faithful to pray,
right up to my dying day,
But when redemption came, my grave would not budge
because I had gone holding a grudge.
I'd hate to think that I had liberally tithed all that I had
earned,
But on the Judgment Day I remorsefully learned,
There was no home reserved for me in heaven above,
Because I had failed to share my love.
I'd hate to think that I had lived
a good moral life, while on earth I did dwell,
Only to find my eternal address was,
Route 1, Hell!
I'd hate to think that among murderers, adulterers,
drunkards and thieves,
I would be,
Because of my only sin—A lack of charity.
I'd hope to think our life's
motto would always be—
Lord, help me love my neighbor as much as I love me!"

What Therefore God Hath Joined Together, Let No Man Put Asunder Mark 10:9

Arnall—Anderson

Miss Kayla Gae Arnall and Mr. Thomas Anderson were united in marriage on Saturday, July 22, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethel Church, Ashland, Ala.

Kayla is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jim Arnall, Ashland, Ala. and Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, Millerville, Ala.

The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, and she was given in marriage by her brother Steve Arnall.

Kayla and Thomas have been active in the Bethel Youth Choir and worked in revivals with Bro. Arnall. Kayla attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College and Thomas is a graduate of Nunnley College and presently employed at the Craigford Dam. They will make their home at Rt. 2, Ashland, Ala.

Mitchel—Price

Miss Julie Mitchell and Wade Price were united in marriage, June 23, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in Bethel Church, Ashland, Ala.

Julie is the daughter of Mrs. Mildred Mitchell, Ashland, Ala., and the late Homer Mitchell. Wade is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Price of Talledega, Ala.

The wedding vows were given by their pastor, Bro. Jim Arnall. Wade and Julie are both active in the Bethel Youth Group and Choir.

Wade attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in 1976. The couple are making their home at Rt. 3, Ashland, Ala.

Buschman—Cheatwood

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Bushman of Stinnett, Texas announce the marriage of their daughter, Paula Faye to James Ray Cheatwood of Borger, Texas. Jamie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Cheatwood. Jamie and Paula were married May 27, 1978 at the Riverview Baptist Church, Borger Texas. Rev. Alvin Buschman, brother of the bride, and Rev. Jacob Regier officiated at the ceremony. The couple are living at Stinnett, Texas.

Engagement Announced

The engagement of Deborah Rose Davis to Gary Murray Kenny, both of Quincy, Ill., is being announced by her parents, Mr. William G. Davis of Quincy, and Mrs. Peggy L. Davis of Neosho, Mo. Mr. Kenny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Kenny of Keene, New Hampshire.

The bride-elect is a 2-year graduate of the Apostolic Faith Bible College and attended Midwest Bible Institute for 1 semester. She is presently attending Flamingo Beauty College. Mr. Kenny is employed at Harris Broadcast Corp.

They will be joined in marriage, September 9, 1978, in Bethel Assembly of God, Quincy, Ill.

WE desire your prayers as we join our lives together with Christ.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will
 fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they
 comfort me,, Psalm 23:4



OBITUARY

Birdie B. (Taylor) Hosler was born Oct. 8, 1916 in Beaver County, Oklahoma and departed this life July 18, 1978 at the San Antonio Community Hospital, Upland, California after a brief illness.

Birdie was the daughter of the late S. M. (Bob) Taylor and Chloe R. Taylor of the Beaver Nursing Home. In 1934, she was united in marriage to George J. Hosler of Logan, Oklahoma and to this union was born two sons and three daughters.

In 1947, the family left the Logan community and moved to Princeton, Kansas and again in 1949, they moved to San Diego, California. Later they moved to the Los Angeles area and have resided in Ontario, California the past 17 years where she had been employed as a cook for the Wag's Restaurant, Ontario.

At an early age, Birdie became a Christian and a member of the Apostolic Faith Church, living a devoted Christian life to the end. She currently attended the Community Church of Ontario, California. She always lived out the golden rule of the Bible by doing unto others as she would have them to do unto her. The needs of others always came first in her life and she loved to be helpful to all that she met.

Funeral services were conducted July 21, 1978 at the Draper Memorial Chapel on Ontario, California by the Rev. Bill Finch and interment was in the Bellevue Cemetery, Ontario, California.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, George, of 1724 S. Laurel Ave., Ontario, California; three daughters, Mrs. Norman (Lois Faye) Johnson of Ontario, California; Mrs. Jerry (Chloella Letterman of Clever, Mo.; Mrs. Ray (Ava) Manchester of Diamond Bar, California; two sons, Mr. Melvin Hosler of Norwalk, California; Mr. Eldon Hosler of Anaheim, California; 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; her mother, Mrs. Chloe R. Taylor, Beaver, Oklahoma; two sisters, Mrs. Glen (Eva) Howard of Logan, Oklahoma and Mrs. Howard (Lois) Daniel of Laverne, Oklahoma; two brothers, Mr. Jack Taylor, Beaver, Oklahoma and Rev. Bob G. Taylor of the Midway Country Church, Logan, Oklahoma; a host of friends and relatives.

Obituary

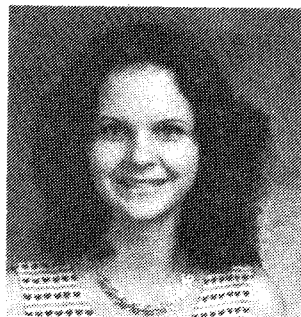
William Leon Webster

William Leon Webster was born April 9, 1951 in Quitman, Mississippi and passed away July 18, 1978 in an accident at the Union Equity Elevator in Enid, Oklahoma.

Services were held July 21, 1978 at the Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home, Enid, Oklahoma. Rev. Stanley Jenkins officiated.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Sue, whom he married Feb. 28, 1975, 2 children, Shelly and Dean of the home, his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Webster of Hudson, Wyoming; his grandmothers, Mrs. Charles Payne, Enid Oklahoma, Mrs. Ethel Webster, Alva, Oklahoma; 2 sisters Pat and Dora, and two brothers Glen and Justin.

Leon attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in 1970 and 1972.



Obituary of Becky Martin

Funeral services for Miss Becky Martin, 18 yrs. old, of Millerville, Ala. were held July 24th near Ashland, Ala.

Services were conducted by Rev. Jim Arnall, Rev. Daniel Nelson, and Rev. Bobby Richardson.

Becky is survived by her parents: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Martin, one brother, David Martin of the home; two sisters: Mrs. Marie Scott, Hollins, Ala. and Mrs. Laura Pitts, Talledega, Ala.

Pallbearers were: Steve Arnall, Herb Burkhalter, Bruce Lowery, Phillip Martin, Tim Williamson and Tony Thornburg. The 1978 Senior class of Bibb Graves High School sat as Honorary pallbearers.

Becky was a talented musician and member of the Bethel Youth Choir. She had composed several songs and had planned to attend the Apostolic Faith Bible College this fall.

**"WE DO NOT
 WALK ALONE"**

We do not ever walk alone!
 God's promised He will stay
 Beside us as our friend and guide
 Each step along life's way!
 When our hand is clasped in His
 There is no doubt or fear,
 And all the cares that once loomed large
 Suddenly disappear!
 How sweet the hours spent at His side
 How blest the miles we've trod
 We do not ever walk alone
 When we love and trust in God!
 by Jon Gilbert

From The Superintendent's Desk:

MINISTRY OF INTERCESSION

Valson Abraham

EPAPHRAS—[Col. 1:7, 4:12, 13, Philem 23]

Epaphras, whose name meant "charming" was a giant in prayer. A native of Colossae, he preached the gospel of Jesus Christ in Colossae, Laodicea, and Hierapolis in the Lycus Valley of Asia Minor. He founded the church at Colossae and ministered under the direction of Paul.

Epaphras is called by Paul as a "fellow servant," "faithful minister," "fellow laborer," "servant of Christ", and "fellow prisoner." What a biography! I would like to have known Epaphras.

Paul was dependent on his friends like Barnabas, Silas, Timothy, Titus, Tychichus, and Epaphras for support through prayer, concern for his welfare, and partnership in his mission. Epaphras prayed, ministered to Paul's personal needs, and worked hard. Paul was pleased, encouraged, and valued the friendship of Epaphras.

Paul says of him that he was always **laboring fervently or striving in prayer**. What a Ministry of Intercession! Epaphras was a prisoner with Paul when these words were penned. Although away from his "flock" and friends, it did not diminish his burden to pray for them. "I can vouch for him", says the apostle, "that he hath a great zeal for you." But how could a man express "great zeal" for the church from which he was separated by a great distance? The apostle explains, "always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God." And that Alexander McLaren says is, "the noblest service which Christian love can do....Love has no higher way of utterance than prayer."

Dear Friends of the Movement:

We are now underway with our new term of Bible School. The student body is a little smaller than last year at this time but we expected this since a number of second year students will not be enrolling until January. At the present time we have 17 enrolled with about five more due to arrive during the next two weeks.

We want to express our appreciation and thanks to those who came and worked so diligently during work week. Much painting and repair work was finished and the place cleaned for the student's arrival.

I am thrilled about this year of school but it will only be a success if you stand behind us with your prayers and support. The Lord is the God of all our battles. Let us learn to turn them over to Him.

Your prayers are requested in behalf of the teachers and students. Each of us need the divine guidance of the Lord.

The one big need of the school at present is a need for meat, as our freezers are empty. But above all we need the prayers of every Christian that God's blessings will reign supreme.

In Christian service,
Howard Whiteley
Superintendent

The expression, "Laboring fervently", is literally "wrestling in agony" in the original. What does it mean to wrestle or agonize in prayer? We read about life-transforming wrestling of Jacob at Jabbok (Gen 32) by which he earned a new name Israel, and entered into a new life of fellowship with God. We are reminded of our Lord Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, "And being in an agony, he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." (Luke 22:44). Our Lord agonized in prayer that the will of God may be done. Paul knew what it meant to strive in prayer and he encouraged others, "to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me." (Romans 15:30)

Wrestling or striving in prayer does not mean that we change God's plans or bend God to my will—but it means that we learn to bring ourselves in subjection to His will, so that His will may work in and through me. Wrestling with God means laying hold upon God with an intensity of purpose which will not let Him go until He blesses.

This is how Epaphras prayed. He strove earnestly in his prayers, even unto agony of spirit, that God's will may be done. He made the "Saints to be complete and perfect in their standing through his kneeling." Epaphras agonized over the spiritual welfare of others. He manifested great zeal and prayed earnestly for those under his care.

Are you concerned about the spiritual welfare of others? How much time do you spend praying specifically for your family, friends, and the work of the Lord? Have you learned to toil on behalf of the saints of God? Who and what are on your prayer list? Recently, Bishop Stephen Neill from Oxford, challenged us by his lectures at Fuller, commenting on prayer. He said, "Tell me whom you pray for and I'll tell

you the quality of your Christian life."

Will you resolve with God's help to pray daily for growth in your Christian faith and love and an increased awareness of the presence of Christ in **every phase** of your life? The following lines were sent to me by a friend from India last month:

JESUS CHRIST
30 years of living
3 years of preaching
1 act of dying
1,900 years of PRAYING...

"HE EVER LIVETH TO MAKE INTERCESSION
FOR YOU"

What have you done for Him....?

PRaise GOD

1. For a new work that has been started in a place called Siddipet, many have been saved, fourteen baptized.
2. The basic needs of the families in our fellowship affected by the cyclone and floods are being met.
3. Few of the church buildings have been repaired and rebuilt.
4. My father received over \$400 worth of books for the library at Hebron Bible College.
5. For the new weekly four-page Christian newspaper published by our church in Malayalam language. It is reaching a lot of students and people from all walks of life that we have not been able to reach before.
6. For friends (about 30) who have promised to take time and pray on a systematic basis for the work in India and our studies and ministry.
7. For God opening the door for me to go to Korea, India, and other places to study and share, and for providing the expenses for the travel and study.

PRAY FOR

1. An outpouring of Holy Spirit in all churches in India.
2. Evangelization of 550 million Hindus, 65 million Moslems, Sikhs, and Parsees.
3. My thesis work—focusing on the 2 million non-Christian population of Hyderabad. Wisdom to make strategies and concrete plans and knowledge to reach them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
4. More Intercessors for the ministry. Share with your friends.
5. For 2 printing presses for literature work
2 vans for gospel work
2 good theological libraries for the ministerial students in South and North India.
6. Hebron Bible College—students and faculty—new mission stations started by students.
7. Funds to publish weekly or fortnightly Christian newspaper with Christian messages and testimonies in Hindi, Telugu, and English.
8. Orphanages, regional Bible schools.
9. For the political leaders, cyclone victims, and the destitute.
10. Pray for our parents, their ministry, our studies and ministry for the Lord.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in Jesus' name. One year has rolled by since we moved to Pasadena, California. As we look back, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the way He has loved, blessed, taught, and helped us to share His love and **Him** with others. With Paul, we say, "He has supplied all our needs," with Prophet Jeremiah, we confess, "(His) mercies are new every morning, great is His faithfulness," and with the Psalmist, we declare, "His mercy endureth forever."

Finished another hectic quarter last month. Working closely with my mentor, Dr. Donald McGavran, on my thesis project, and the classes with Dr. Edwin Orr was a tremendous blessing.

Since we wrote to you last, God gave us the opportunity to minister His word at a retreat for college students in Fresno, and also to the Adult Sunday School Class of the People's Church in Fresno. Spoke to an international student's gathering in Los Angeles. It was a joy and blessing to solemnize the wedding of our dear friends, Garvin and Kim McCarrol in Canyon last May. Enjoyed visiting, renewing friendships, and ministering at Canyon, Perryton, Guymon, and Hardesty.

God willing, I leave August 7th for two months on a study tour of Iran, India, Hong Kong, and Korea as part of my thesis project. I'll be gathering data, interviewing scores of people, and with God's help, make definite plans and strategies to reach the non-Christian population in the city of Hyderabad with the Gospel of Christ.

In Iran, I'll be exploring the work among Muslims and in Hong Kong among the Chinese. In India, besides working on my thesis project, I'll be involved with teaching and preaching at retreats, churches, and a church growth seminar in Hyderabad with my professor, Dr. Donald McGavran. (He is known as the Apostle or the father of the modern church growth movement. He spent forty-five years in India as a teacher and missionary—a prolific writer and a man of God—his age is eighty-two!)

In Seoul, Korea, I'll be studying and working with Dr. Paul Yonggi Cho, Pastor of the Full Gospel Central Church. It is one of the largest churches in the world. In January of this year—two years ahead of schedule, this church in Seoul surpassed the goal of 50,000 members (does not include children) that had been set for the end of 1980. In 1977 alone, Full Gospel Central Church's membership increased by 13,181 with **85 percent of them coming by conversion**. I'll be studying all the phases of the ministry with special emphasis on their outreach.

We praise and thank God for opening doors and providing expenses for the travel and study. It has been a series of miracles. Our Lord "doeth all things well."

Pray for God's anointing and grace on my travel, study, and ministry. Pray for Laly as she will be here in Pasadena, California.

We thank you very much for your prayers, love, and support. Praying that God will bless and reward you greatly. Continue to uphold us in your daily prayers.

In Christ's Love,
Valson and Laly

A CHRISTIAN ALPHABETICAL GUIDE

A -ttend church faithfully.
 B -e careful in all things.
 C -onsider well; then decide positively.
 D -o right; fear to do wrong.
 E -ndure hardships with calmness.
 F -orsake not your family.
 G -o no place that will ruin character.
 H -ate no one. Do good to everyone.
 I -gnore no one; practice hospitality.
 J -oin hands with the righteous.
 K -eep your mind pure.
 L -ie not for any consideration.
 M -inister unto the needy.
 N -ever try to appear what you are not.
 O -ppose things that are evil.
 P -ay your debts promptly.
 Q -uestion not the honesty of a friend.
 R -espect the advice of your parents.
 S -acrifice money rather than principle.
 T -hink before you speak.
 U -se your time wisely.
 V -alue the Bible above all books.
 W -atch your temper.
 X -ray your thoughts before speaking.
 Y -ield not to discouragements.
 Z -ealously labor for the fight, and spiritual success is certain.

(Copied from Pulpit Helps, August 1977)

LORD, I thank you for your goodness,
 And I thank you for your love
 I thank you for your mercy
 That came from Christ above.

How you came into my heart
 And made it over-all anew,
 Then you gave me something wonderful
 A desire to walk with you.

Though the walk is sometimes stony
 And the path not always bright
 You give assurance of your presence
 Through the dark and gloomy night.

To guide our steps to heaven
 So we'll never lose the way
 Should we ever be discouraged
 All we need to do is pray.

Jesus walked the steps to Calvary
 And died upon the cross
 For your and my salvation
 So that none might need be lost.

He bore the stripes upon His back
 And uttered not a cry.
 He purchased there our healing
 For these bodies—You and I.

So let us never cease to praise Him
 As we marvel in His love,
 For someday we'll see His face in glory
 When we reach that home above.

Till we receive that place immortal
 With our Saviour upon high
 Let us lift the name of Jesus
 To the ones who stand nearby.

So they, too, may gain this vision
 From our countenance and our joy,
 By the lives we live before them
 And the faithfulness we employ.

LET US NEVER RUN FROM THE BATTLE
 BUT GIRD OUR LOINS AND FIGHT
 FOR JESUS IS THE VICTOR
 AND IN **HIM**, WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT . . .

Shirley Johnston

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