

# The Apostolic Faith Report

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## Landmark of the Gospel



Pictured here is the new Apostolic Faith Church at Sugarland, Texas. It is located on a three-acre plot on Eldridge Road, one mile east and one mile north of Sugarland. Ground breaking was in October, 1960, and the first service was held in the building on Easter Sunday, 1961 with the beginning of a revival conducted by Rev. G. K. Kerr.

The building is all brick and has central heating, air-conditioning, classrooms, nursery, kitchen facilities, and an auditorium

finished with mahogany wainscoting and white acoustical tile, with exposed beam ceiling. The floor is of white and gold vinyl tile with platform, altar area and aisle carpeted. The auditorium contains 200 opera seats, and a new Baldwin Organosonic Organ, which was a gift to the church.

There were 68 present for the first Sunday School, and during May and June the Sunday School average attendance was 53. Since Easter 23 persons have been converted and 18 baptized by water. In June the church had a Vaca-

tion Bible School, and a Singing School conducted by Bro. and Sis. Donald Dibbens.

The old church property at Alief was sold, and this lovely new church is the result of the vision and zeal of the former Alief congregation and of their pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Olen Bachler.

Dedication of the new building was held May 28th with Rev. Gail W. Schultz as speaker. All the local churches were well represented at this service.

# The Antichrist

By GENE WATERBURY

The word Antichrist is mentioned only a few times in the Bible, and that in the writings of John. However, the Antichrist is described by several other titles in passages we shall refer to later.

## I John 2:18-22

John, in reference to the Antichrist, signifies that in the last time (which is our day) the Antichrist is to appear. "He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son." (v. 22) "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." (4:3) John says that the spirit of the Antichrist is in the world "now" — in his day. In II John 7 we note, "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." Notice that John did not say this is the Antichrist, but he says this is an Antichrist, meaning that there are going to be many spirits of the devil that will go into the world to turn men away from the true and living God to follow Satan's evil ways so that he might establish his kingdom.

## Daniel 9: 25-27

"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times." (v. 25) "Messiah the prince" is Christ. Verse 26 speaks of another "prince"; "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined." The "prince that shall come" is the Antichrist. He is connected with a nationality of people — "the people of the prince." How do we know who these people are: It said that they would "destroy the city and the sanctuary." This

happened. It does not take a learned historian to know the history that took place in 70 A. D. The emperor of Rome sent his boy Titus down to destroy Judah at all costs. Titus laid a 134-day siege against the city of Jerusalem. One million one hundred thousand Israelites died because of the siege. Daniel said that the "prince that shall come," the Antichrist of the last days, was to come out of this people—the people that destroyed Jerusalem. The Antichrist is to arise out of the Roman Empire which is to be revived.

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifices and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." (v. 27) The Antichrist shall "confirm the covenant with many for one week." This "one week" is the 70th Week of Daniel as we know it. This is the seven year period of tribulation that is going to come. This Antichrist will not be known as Antichrist until after the first 3½ years. He is only going to be known as a great world leader. He will have political domination over the country of Israel, the people with whom he confirms the covenant. Even today there is a lot of territory that still belongs to the Israelites. Geographical boundaries that God set forth in His promises and covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is going to be restored. First of all, we know that the Antichrist is going to set himself up in the temple which is to be rebuilt. In the middle of the Week he is going to "cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease." Jesus speaks of this in Matthew 24: 15-21. He said: "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, . . . Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains . . ." It will be a time of hurried departure from Judea because of the rule of Antichrist in this area.

## Daniel 11

The 11th chapter of Daniel has a

greater preliminary fulfillment than it does an end-time fulfillment. That is, we know the 11th chapter deals a lot with kingdom of Alexander the Great, etc. But we do find that the language goes far beyond that of the Maccabean period until the time in which we are living today.

"And the king shall do according to his will: and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall magnify himself above all. But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things." (vs. 36-38)

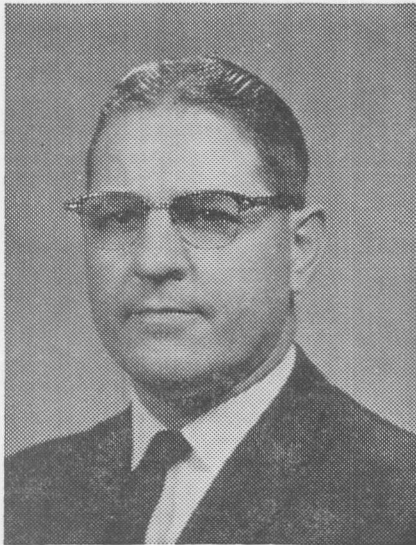
"Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers." This causes us to believe that the Antichrist is going to be an apostate Israelite. What other nation of people could this be referring to? A people that regarded God must be Israel!

The Antichrist is going to honor the "god of forces." The mind of the world is being trained to honor the god of forces. There are more people today who fear the A-Bomb, the H-Bomb, and Cobalt Bomb than the God of heaven who created the elements from which they are made! Man exploits the inventions of man far more than anything that God ever wrought here upon this earth. People are worshipping at Russian astronaut because he encircled the earth. Russia got a rousing ovation from Great Britain which is supposed to be a God-fearing nation as we. They are worshipping the god of forces. And if we are not careful we will find our own selves preparing our lives and our activities around the world powers more than honoring the power of God.

## II Thessalonians 2:1-12

Here Paul gives a very clear picture of the Antichrist. He says "Now we beseech you brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

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**DONALD D. DIBBENS**

**GREETINGS:**

I feel much the same as Joshua must have felt as he assumed the responsibility of leading the children of Israel across Jordan into the promised land. He made this statement: "Ye have not passed this way heretofore." The acute awareness of the uncertain ground that lies ahead is upon me. It makes me feel the need of help from my fellowmen and the guidance of God. This uncertain feeling is not the only feeling that is present. I am

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*From the Pen of the Editor*

consciously aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit to lead us on a certain course and help us to keep this "Our Apostolic Faith Report," we accept this responsibility; hastening unto the coming of our Lord and Savior back to this earth again.

Sister Grace and Brother Floyd LaMunyon, as associate-editors, will be depended upon heavily. We thank God for their acceptance to help us bear the load.

Our appreciation to Brother Regier and Brother McClenagan for their help in getting us ahold of the reins. May God bless them for their work and thoughtfulness.

Let us work to keep the Apostolic Faith Report, The Apostolic Faith Movement, and our individual spirituality, ever going on conquering and to conquer. In closing this first visit with you, I am reminded of the words of Simms:

"The conditions of conquest, are not always easy. We have but to toil awhile, endure awhile, believe always, and never turn back."

—Donald D. Dibbens



**JACOB C. REGIER**

**FAREWELL:**

Dear Friends:

The Apostle Paul in his farewell address to his friends (Acts 20) quoted the Lord Jesus as saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The more we give our-

selves to God's service the more we are blessed of God.

As former editors of the "REPORT", we wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks to you who have faithfully backed the Apostolic Faith Report.

We offer a special word of thanks and "God bless you" to you for the many times you faithful readers have sent your money to pay the expenses. Another Special Word of Thanks goes in appreciation to the Churches and Church-groups who regularly sent in offerings. We would be happy to learn that in the future, more of our Apostolic Faith Churches take their places in filling this responsibility.

As Brother Donald D. Dibbens and Brother and Sister Floyd LaMunyon take the responsibilities that go with the work of Editors, we trust the ministers, laymen and churches rally to their support. Do send in your testimonies, prayer requests, sermons and news items.

We trust that each issue was helpful to you in some way—as a comfort in the hour of trial—as a challenge in moments of unconcern—and as strength in times of weakness.

Remember, your new editor bears a heavy responsibility. Your prayers, your interest, your financial help and your letters will do much to keep the Apostolic Faith Report coming to you and others with vital inspiration each month!

As Christ's Servants we remain,  
Yours in Christ,  
Jacob C. Regier  
Jerry McClenagan

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# PASTORAL REPORTS

## IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA

The Silver Strand Country Church enjoyed a wonderful revival with the Edwin Modricks. Several souls were saved and some were deepened in grace.

Bro. Bob Taylor has consented to remain pastor for another year. They plan to do more work on the parsonage and sanctuary. The Church was beautified with paint and a new steeple.

## CROSSES, ARKANSAS

Bill Allen and party gave us some wonderful revival services. Five were saved and one baptized. The Elbert Pool's also edified the church with some special services.

## EDNA, TEXAS

### WAYSIDE CHAPEL

Wonderful V. B. S. conducted by the Adair family June 5th through 11th average attendance was 56. School hours were from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The adult class was taught by Bro. Marcus L. Adair.

## DONIPHAN, MISSOURI

July 26 through August 6 are the dates set for our revival with Bro and Sis. Floyd LaMunyon. We enjoy the **Report** very much. Larry Welsh, pastor.

## BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS

Bro. and Sis. Bennie Stanberry stayed over from Camp Meeting and revarnished the Church Auditorium. Bro. Sung Jae Chyo was present to help with the work. All the blinds have been washed, the light globes cleaned and a general new appearance has now taken over.

Now plans are in the making for the tour in the interest of the coming term of Bible School. I do not have any set dates, only that we feel we will try to visit our Churches and let them know that this School is to the Glory of the Lord and for their good.

Gail W. Schultz

Remember the 1962 term of Bible School in prayer. Let us not forget the need of pillows and tea towels. Churches let us see how many new pillows we can supply by December 15th. — **The Editor.**

## ONALASKA, TEXAS

The Adair family had charge of the evangelistic meeting each night during the undenominational Youth Camp. Over 20 young people came to the altar for Salvation and a larger number dedicated themselves to the Lord's service. One hundred and thirty-eight boys and girls were enrolled. The Camp was a blessing to all in attendance. Pray for our Youth . . . God needs them. Bro. E. W. Dickson and Bro. Hopkins were in charge.

## ARNETT, OKLAHOMA

D.V.B.S. at Arnett, Oklahoma was conducted by Sis. Lula Parham, June 3-14. Assisting were Sis. Edna Lee Grimmer, Sis. Dolly Martin, Sis. La Donna Tooley, and Sis. Leora Woodson. There were 60 enrolled. The School was a great blessing to all. The Sherman Suttons are remaining another year as pastors.

## CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

The church is progresing under the leadership of their pastor, Bro. V. E. Blythe. New church furniture has been installed which wonderfully beautified the sanctuary.

## ARNETT, OKLAHOMA

A revival is planned to begin September 10 with the Floyd LaMunyon's.

## CANYON, TEXAS

The Adair family will be back in September to resume work on the college church project.

## SPRING VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

The V.B.S. in the Fair Oaks Chapel was very good. Local talent conducted the school. Sixty-seven were enrolled. Six were saved. Bro. Edwin Waterbury, pastor.

## HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS

Bro. Joe B. and Sis. Mary De-wees are making their home in Hempstead again. They are open for calls; especially spot fill-in for pastors.

## BIG SPRING, TEXAS

Bro. Donald D. Dibbens is to conduct a Singing Revival in October. Bro. Marcus L. Adair and family conducted a good Revival here the early part of August. Bro. R. D. Wooster, pastor.

## TANEYVILLE, MISSOURI

The L. A. Longs have resigned as pastors. They are open for calls. Bro. and Sis. Chester Burns are the new pastors.

## BELLVILLE, TEXAS BUCKHORN CHURCH

The Full Gospel church has sponsored a tent revival by the Adair family of Canyon, Texas. The crowds were exceptionally good and many new people were in attendance. The spirit of God was in every service. Several witnessed to personal victories and a number re-dedicated themselves to the service of God. Souls were at the altar of prayer. The Ross Briles' have done a good work in these communities. God bless them as they move on to new fields.

## PERRYTON, TEXAS

Bro. Jacob C. Regier has been asked to remain as Pastor until Convocation time. Praying for a real Revival sent from God. The sanctuary looks very nice with new Choir-rail, new Altar, and a new Pulpit. This furniture is mahogany stained to match the pews.

## CROSSES, ARKANSAS

V.B.S. Director: Helen Arnold; Teachers assisting: Bro. Alford Whiteley, Sis. Peggy Bard, Sis. Melba Bartlett. There were 37 enrolled. Several were saved on decision day at a good altar service. Dates were July 10th to 14th.

Helen Arnold will direct the Sunday School service and Youth service beginning August 20th to the last of December. Alford Whitely will have the Sunday night and Wednesday night services.

## AMARILLO, TEXAS

V.B.S. directed by Helen Arnold assisted by Laura Arnold and Melba Bartlett with Bro. L. J. Ehrlich conducting the adult class. Dates August 7th to 13th. There were 43 enrolled. The Bible School was conducted at night. Neal Ragan, pastor.

## KINGS MILL, TEXAS

August 6 is the date of Bro. and Sis. A. W. Ferguson's farewell service. Bro. Eugene Cornell is coming in as the new pastor.

**FOLLETT, TEXAS**

Bro. Donald D. Dibbens has accepted the pastorate of the Follett Chapel for another year. September 18th is the opening night of a Revival to be conducted by Bro. O. A. Busch.

**LOGAN, OKLAHOMA  
MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH**

Bro. Paul Clanton conducted a good Revival here August 6th thru 20th. Sisters Glennis McClenagan and Kathryn Gaston had charge of the music. Bro. Murphy Barnes, pastor.

**KINGMAN, KANSAS**

Sister Pearl Menke, pastor of the Kingman, Kans. church, reports a good Vacation Bible School in August. Sister Lula Parham conducted the school with the assistance of Dolly Martin, Mergie Payne, Edna and Eva Neff.

**BEAVER, OKLAHOMA**

Rev. Lowell Long conducted a 2½ weeks tent revival in Beaver, Okla. the latter part of August. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Modrick, Nancy Young, and Barbara Haines assisted with the music and singing and Leora Woodson conducted Children's Church each evening. The local church group is worshipping now in a rented building but they and their pastor, Bro. Long, have tentative plans to buy a lot and build a church in the near future.

**MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH**

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Modrick began their duties as pastors of the Midway Country Church near Logan, Oklahoma on September 10.

**SPENARD, ALASKA  
FULL GOSPEL CHAPEL**

We hope to have our basement ready to begin our V.B.S. by August 7. Looking forward to greater things. We regret losing two good families in the rotation. Temperatures have been 70 degrees. Children are enjoying the outdoors.

**GRANBY, MISSOURI**

Sister Buelah Clay recently resigned as pastor of the Oak Hill Country Church after 19 years of pastoral work there. She is entering evangelistic work and is open for calls for revivals. Address: Mrs. Buelah Clay, Route 1, Granby, Mo. Phone 114M2, Pineville, Mo.

**ALVIN TEXAS**

Vacation Bible School will begin August 1, with enrollment July 31. Local folks of the church will be in charge. Our average attendance the past year in the Sunday School was 86.

First steps toward our building program got underway the other day when our old church building was moved to the west approximately 25 feet. The old building will make about five class-rooms. We in Alvin urge and request your prayers.

Rev. K. Kerr, pastor.

**DIXIE CRUSADERS**

The Dixie Crusaders for Christ met June 3rd at the Hinton church with a large attendance. The Snell church won the attendance banner. Rev. Harold Bollinger was elected president of our youth rally, and Rev. Harold Nease brought the message.

The Crusaders met again July 1st which was during our Youth Camp. Rev. Marcus Adair was speaker.

**PRAYER REQUEST**

Rev. and Mrs. Francis Dearing are going to Hot Springs, Arkansas in September. They plan to work with the local young people there to establish a church. Let us remember these young Ministers of the Gospel as they do the will of God and fulfill the command of Jesus: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," especially in this new field endeavor.

**SNYDER, TEXAS**

Bro. Jim Morris is the new pastor.

**HOLIDAY CONVOCATIONS**

**Spearman, Texas, Dec. 26-31.** Services to be held in the Apostolic Faith Church, with meals to be served in the lovely new school cafeteria. Mrs. E. A. Greever, pastor.

**Ralls, Texas, Dec. 26-31.** Services to be held in the Apostolic Faith Church. Austin Morgan, pastor.

**Stockton, Calif.,** Tentative plans are for a convocation beginning December 27 and closing the 31st with a Watch Service. More details in a later issue. Edwin Waterbury and Bill Patterson in charge of arrangements.

The Church gives the people what; the theater gives them what they want.

**CARD OF THANKS**

Words fail me when I try to thank the Lord for his love and mercy that has been shown during my recent illness. How grateful I am for the many far and near who have prayed for me. The cards and letters I have received have brought messages of love and encouragement.

I feel so unworthy of the many deeds of kindness, but my prayer is that the dear Lord will bless and reward every one of you for the burden you have carried in my behalf.

When Jesus comes His reward will be with Him to give to every man according as his work shall be.

Many questions I have asked of those who have been by our home since Camp Meeting. All have left the impression of a wonderful time because of the unity of the Spirit. I missed being there, for it is always so good to meet so many of God's dear children and to have the privilege of sitting together in a heavenly place in Christ Jesus. In every place and in every way we can see the fulfillment of God's word that the time of trouble such as never was before is approaching. O, may we all be able to escape to God's throne, returning with Jesus when He comes breaking through the clouds, to bring "Peace", praise His name. Won't that be a wonderful day?

Love to all,  
Mrs. E. A. Greever

**YOUTH RALLY**

The West Texas Youth Rally was held in the Snyder church with Rev. Austin Morgan of Ralls, Texas bringing a message from I Cor. 3:16, 17; 6:19, 20. The thought was expressed: "More people are wandering to places of the world than to the things of God."

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**December 26th through  
January 1st. Closing with  
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**RALLS, TEXAS . . .  
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## Camp Meeting At Baxter Springs Was Great Success

The presence of God was greatly manifest in this year's Camp Meeting at Baxter Springs, Kansas. The messages were outstanding and God's anointing was on His servants.

The choir, in the night services, was directed by Bro. Donald Dibbens with Sis. Naomi Busch at the piano. The singing was marvelous and soul stirring. Bro. Neal Ragan arranged the special songs for each service. Children's church, each afternoon, was under the direction of Sis. Wana Carmen and Sis. Ruth Nunn. Bro. K. Kerr and Bro. Eugene Webster had charge of the Young People's Services and they were well attended and inspiring.

Ministers from all over the movement responded especially well in attending the Camp Meeting. Each evening a capacity crowd attended the services, laymen and ministers alike. The people in the surrounding district were faithful in attending the night services.

A large number of people stayed on the camp grounds this year. There were also a number of tents used and several brought their trailer houses. Then rooms in town were taken by many.

Three fine meals were served each day at the common table. The Lord graciously supplied the need. Bro. Otto Busch of Granby, Mo. and Sis. Margaret Rogers of Galena, Kans. were in charge of the kitchen work. Many volunteer workers assisted in the serving.

The Camp Meeting Committee want to express their thanks to everyone. — Rev. O. A. Busch, Rev. M. D. Methvin, Rev. Bob Cooper.

### NEW TRUSTEE

Rev. Olen Bachler was reinstated for three years as Bible School Trustee with 46 votes out of a total of 85. Next high vote was 9. Would you like to help the Bible School??? Furniture is needed, 50 new pillows are needed. How many churches will supply 2 or more between now and December 1, 1961? Let the editor know.

Too much of the work of the Church today is like a squirrel in a cage—lots of activity, but little progress.

## OBITUARY

C. H. LA MUNYON

Charles Henry LaMunyon was born in Grant, City, Missouri August 24, 1876 and passed away at his home in Laverne, Oklahoma August 21, 1961. He was laid to rest on his 85th birthday.

Mr. LaMunyon came to Oklahoma in 1897 and had lived in the Laverne community since 1914. He was converted as a young man, and in 1929 heard and accepted the Apostolic Faith teaching to which he remained true and faithful. For thirty-one years he served as a board member of the Laverne Apostolic Faith church, and was deeply interested in all phases of the Lord's work. Funeral services were conducted in the church which he loved so well, with Rev. Jack Barker in charge, assisted by Rev. Jim Fox and Rev. Ben Barker.

Mr. LaMunyon is survived by his wife, three sons and two daughters. One son, Floyd LaMunyon, has been actively engaged in the ministry of the Apostolic Faith Movement for the past 31 years.

## Record Attendance At Camp Pine Crest

The 1961 session of Camp Pine Crest was a success with a record attendance over past years with 47 young people enrolled, and attendance at night services around 150. The Adair family of Canyon, Texas helped in the camp. Several young people were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit, and 14 were baptized in water.

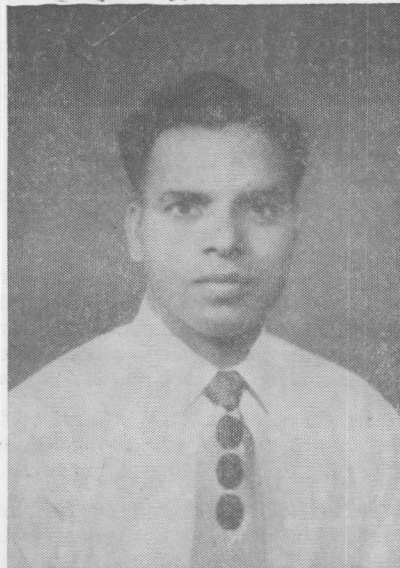
The Camp Meeting which followed was also outstanding, with visiting ministers bringing the messages. Rev. Jacob Regier brought morning Bible lessons of great interest.

New buildings constructed at Camp Pine Crest this year include a Tabernacle, 35x70 feet in size, and showers and rest rooms for girls.

Committee: Rev. Harold Bollinger, Rev. Jack Hopson, Rev. Eugene Webster.

One spark of fire can do more to prove the power of powder than a whole library written on the subject.

## Missionaries Arrive



We are glad to report that our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Abraham from India arrived in New York City July 29th. After some meetings on the east coast they plan, if possible, to visit all our

churches and have missionary meetings. We do hope and pray that their visit to our churches will be a blessing to us as well as to them. You may contact the Abrahams in care of Rev. Donald D. Dibbens, Box 426, Follett, Texas.

# Decisions For Christ

(Taken from a sermon by Ted Barker, Nov. 3, 1959, Perryton, Texas.)

A god named Baal, along with four hundred and fifty false prophets of this false god, and the tribes of Israel, gather on the top of Mt. Carmel. One man, Elijah, commands their attention.

"And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word." (1 Kings 18:21.)

This was the showdown. The people had been refusing to face the issue. But a decision must be made—Now!

The voice of God's Spirit speaks to you today: "You are acquainted with two things: right and wrong. Why do you wait to make a decision for Right?"

Let us look into the lives of some men who halted between two opinions.

## Felix

In Acts 24:22-25 we read of Felix who "sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith of Christ. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have

a convenient season, I will call for thee."

That was his choice. Is it yours? Are you saying: "Some of these days when I have a convenient season I'll call for Christ?" **NOW** is as convenient a season as you'll find!

## Agrippa

What we know of his decision is recorded in the 26th chapter of the Acts. Paul accosted Agrippa with a testimony of his (Paul's) faith in Christ. Agrippa's decision: "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." **Almost!** Is that enough? No! "Almost" does not avail.

## Rich Young Ruler

This young man asked a question: "What lack I yet?" (Matt. 19:16-22) Will you ask yourself the same question? "What do I need?" Will you face the issue of life or death? Will you approach Christ with your life and its needs? Christ can solve all your problems. He can save you from your sins, and award you eternal life in the ages to come. This young ruler "went away sorrowful" because he did not decide for Christ. Will you, too, go away? All who ever have and all who ever will go away from Christ shall sooner or later be sorrowful over their decision.

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." (Joel 3:14) These three men, Felix, Agrippa and the Rich Young Ruler, are only a few who have found themselves in the valley of decision. You are in it, too. You must and will decide—one way or the other.

If these three men could go back and decide again—but they can't; it's over! There is no way back to yesterday; their time of decision is gone and gone forever! You will not let your hour of decision slip by, will you?

Decide **NOW** for **CHRIST!**

## OPEN FOR CALLS

Rev. Elbert Pool — Spearman, Texas.

Rev. Lester Oakes — Joplin, Missouri.

Rev. Joe B. Dewees — Hempstead, Texas (especially for pastor fill-in)

The higher you climb the plainer you are seen.

The man who can drive a hog and keep his religion will stand without hitching.

If we people were able to have panes of glass over our hearts, some of us would want stained glass wouldn't we?

Pride slays thanksgiving, but an humble mind is the soil out of which thanks naturally grow. A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves.

Wrong company soon makes everything else wrong. An angel would never be able to get back into heaven again if he came down here for a week-end and put in his time going with company that some church members would consider good.

## Attention Youth Leaders

Mrs. Lenore Peck has compiled a wonderful hand-book for use in conducting Youth-Services. A dozen or so wonderful lessons with complete Illustrated-Talk Kit for each lesson.

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and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand." (vs. 1-2) Now we know that the nearness of Christ's coming should not cause us to be "all shook up" (as the saying goes) to such a place that we would conduct ourselves in a manner in which God was displeased. Therefore he says, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." (v. 3) The apostasy and revealing of Antichrist precedes the revelation of Christ.

Apostasy means denying the truth and principles that we once adhered to. Are we living in that day? Let's examine our own hearts. Are we backing down on the truths we once believed in?

Verse 6: "And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time." The word "withholdeth" means restrained. The words "letteth" and "let" in verse 7 have the same meaning. "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way." He said the mystery of lawlessness doth already work. That means rebellion against the laws of God. There is in the world today an open rebellion of the law and commandments of God. The restraining force in the world today is the Holy Spirit. When He is taken out of the way, "then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (vs. 8-12) When the Holy Spirit is lifted God is not only going to leave things as they are but He is going to send a strong delusion that they will be-

lieve a lie and the working spirit of the devil. Think what this old world is going to be when the devil has complete sway and right-of-way upon nations and people of this entire world when God takes his hand off the world! It will be a time of tribulation such as the world has never known. God is going to send a working spirit of the devil, a spirit of delusion, to those people who receive not a love of the truth. How much do we love God's word today? How much do we hold the standard set forth for us to follow? God help us to have faith and to look into the perfect law of liberty. God help us to search out the deep things of God, that we might know the perfect expressed, implied will of God. God give us a greater love for the truth! It did not say that they had not heard the word, but it was simply because they would not receive a love for the word of God. God sent this strong delusion upon them that they might be damned.

### Daniel 2: 31-45

This Man of Sin is going to have a kingdom. In the 2nd chapter of Daniel we have the story of Daniel and the dealings of Nebuchadnezzar's reign. We also find prophecy concerning the Antichrist and his kingdom in the image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. "Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee: and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces." This is more or less a panoramic view of the time of Nebuchadnezzar until the time of the coming of Jesus Christ. The stone that was cut out of the mountain without the method of mankind is going to fall upon the toes of this image. Note that Jesus Christ falls upon the toes of this image which we believe according to the Scripture will be the "ten-toed kingdom" of the Revived Roman Empire, which represents most of the coun-

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### Claude Chester Hilton

Claude Chester Hilton was born April 18, 1887 in Kingman, Kansas and passed away in Perryton, Texas July 28, 1961 at the age of 74 years. He was married to Josie Pearson in 1919 and to this union was born four children, one of whom died in infancy. His survivors are his wife, one daughter and two sons.

Brother Hilton was a dedicated and faithful member of the Full Gospel Church since 1921.

### John Wayne Honcharuk

John Wayne Honcharuk was born March 20, 1943 in Spokane, Washington, and passed away April 24, 1961 at the age of 18 years. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age and was a faithful and devoted worker in the Silver Strand Apostolic Faith Church in Imperial Beach, California until his death.

### Clara Slavin

Clara Slavin was born in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) on June 3, 1894 and passed away in Perryton, Texas July 28, 1961 at the age of 67 years. In 1915 she was married to Chester Jackson. To this union was born a daughter who died in infancy. Clara was converted in the Full Gospel Faith many years ago and continued in her faith until death.

In 1941 she was married to W. A. Boyce, who preceded her in death in 1958.

### Elizabeth Taylor

Miss Elizabeth Taylor was born in Napier, West Virginia November 15, 1884 and passed away in Perryton, Texas May 8, 1961 at the age of 76 years. She came to Ochiltree County, Texas where she and her sister Alice have since made their home. At the age of 20 she was converted, and after coming to Texas she heard and accepted the Full Gospel to which she remained faithful until death.



YOUTH PAGE

# Where There's A Will There's A Way

Edna Schultz

The adage "Where there's a will there's a way," is nobody knows how old. My grandmother wrote a school theme on the subject more than a hundred years ago and I'm sure it wasn't new at that time.

Will, in the sense we are using it, is defined as determination upon a special end or purpose. Way is defined as method or means. Therefore, if one has a determination, he usually finds a method or means of accomplishing his purpose.

While it is erroneously believed by many young people that salvation is for the older ones, the Bible does not bear this out. Solomon, the wise man, said, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them". Ecc. 12: 1 "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment." Ecc. 11:9.

Youth was never intended for a time to sow wild oats, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap; and wild oats never made good hay.

You may wonder why it is better to serve the Lord in our youth and what bearing it has on our subject. There are many good reasons. We will discuss a few of them.

Youth is usually endowed with a determination to fulfill the desire

of their heart, and perhaps less fearful of consequence than the older, more cautious person.

Ruth was an example of such determination and fearlessness when she said to Naomi, "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God," Ruth 1:16.

By her determination to go with Naomi; and her fearlessness of hard work and humble task, Ruth, though a Moabite maiden, found the way into the lineage of Christ. She also became the heroine of a story so beautiful and vital that God had it recorded in the sacred pages.

Orpha also had a desire to go, but at the slightest discouragement she failed. All that we know of her is that she kissed her mother-in-law and turned back. So are all who have a desire to serve Christ with no will to find a way.

Before anything can become a reality it must first exist in someone's dreams and imaginations. Youth is such a wonderful time for these. Unhampered by failures, fears, and caution, the mind reaches out for great things.

While older men saw the giant and sought to conquer in the conventional way, David, the youth, with the zeal and courage that belonged to his age, took his trusty

sling and slew Goliath. He found the way, as you, young people, can find the way to slay the giant of opposition you are encountering today.

Youth has years, according to man's allotted time, to accomplish his purpose. An old person saved is a soul redeemed. A young person consecrated to the Lord is a soul redeemed plus years of active service for the Master.

Stop and think, when did training begin for top athletes or professional men and women? In their youth of course. Just so we should begin in the springtime of life if we hope to accomplish much for the Lord.

The fame and fortune of this world is fleeting at the best, not so with the Lord. He offers the highest position possible, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; the greatest gift, eternal life; and the richest reward, crown that fadeth not away.

Do you hope for these things in return for a few leftover hours from your busy life? The good things of this life are not easily won, neither will you have the best from the Lord without a determination to win.

Of course the Devil is fighting the young people, but you are fighting too for what you want. Do you want eternal life and all its rewards? You can have it if you will.

If there is failure on your part, it isn't the impossibility of serving the Lord, it is lack of will.

Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Matt. 16:24.

Remember young people, "where there's a will there's a way."

**MID-WEST YOUTH CAMP**

The Mid-West Youth Camp reports a very successful camp with an enrollment of 119. The Camp was a blessing to all who attended. There were 31 saved, 18 sanctified, 9 filled with the Holy Spirit and 40 baptized in water. The rallies were divided in the morning and evening with Sister Jim Fox in charge of the older group and Sister Lois Allen, the younger group. The recreation was highlighted with a trophy and ribbons presented to the championship team in softball. We, the Directors, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all who helped in any way to make our Camp a success.

Jack Cornell            Lowell Long  
Jim Wallis                Jerry McClenagan

**WEDDING**

Miss Shirley Wilhelm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonal Wilhelm, was united in marriage to Bobby Brenning, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Brenning at Bayard, Nebraska in the Bayard church in a candle-light service at 7:30 p.m. June 16, 1961. Bro. A. B. Stanberry officiated.

**WEDDING**

Odessa Summerford and Andy Willis were united in marriage July 11, 1961 at the Apostolic Faith Church in Roswell, New Mexico. Rev. Gene Waterbury, pastor of the church, read the ceremony.

The couple now make their home at Alamogordo, New Mexico.

**WEDDING**

Ruth Louise Pshigoda and Francis M. Dearing were united in marriage August 18, 1961. The wedding vows were exchanged in the Full Gospel Church in Perryton, Texas. The local pastor, Rev. Jacob C. Regier, officiated.

**BIRTH**

Joyce Elaine Mathis came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Mathis of Hempstead, Texas, April 25, 1961. Weight 8 pounds 5 ounces.

## The "Sign" and the "Gift" of Tongues

Lloyd A. Schrimpf

### WHY FEAR TO ASK GOD?

Why should we be fearful in asking our Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus for this wonderful baptism? Jesus promised it to the listeners before he went away; calling their attention to the fact that if He went away He would send another Comforter. This he spake concerning the Holy Ghost which should baptize them with power. This is what John the Baptist referred to when speaking of Him that should come after me, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with power. Therefore we have a perfect right to seek for the Holy Ghost. Furthermore Jesus wants His children to have the Holy Ghost.

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." Luke 11:13. If we ask for a fish, will He give us a scorpion? If we ask for bread will He give us a stone? Or do we believe and trust God and our Lord Jesus Christ? We, the children of God, should be just as eager for the gift of the Holy Spirit as a child that desires some good thing from an earthly parent; especially something that is greatly appealing to them.

### DO ALL SPEAK WITH TONGUES?

When Paul asked, "Do all speak with tongues" he was referring to the permanent gift of tongues and not the Baptism of His Holy Spirit, when all do speak in tongues, as the Spirit gives them utterance.

In Mark 16, new tongues are mentioned as one of the signs that shall follow them that believe the Gospel. Three concrete examples are recorded in the Book of Acts.

In I Cor. 12, we read that the gift of tongues was set in the church. Its use is regulated in Chapter 14. Is "the sign" promised in Mark and fulfilled in Acts, and "the gift" defined and regulated in Corinthians always the same in essence and use? This is a live question today; as no honest, well-informed soul will deny that there are multiplied thousands of genuine cases of new tongues following the preaching of the Gospel today.

That the gifts are divers and divided severally, is clearly stated.

"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit; the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge; by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues; but all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."

Thus we see the varied manifestations of the divine Spirit in the settled regular work of the Church. All the members are to be active, and acted upon by the Spirit for the edification of the whole.

With due regard to this apostolic statement as to the manner in which the gifts are divided let us now study the tongues phenomenon, as recorded in Acts. Our first example is at Jerusalem, where one hundred and twenty consecrated, separated, praying, praising disciples were waiting for the endowment of power. When the Spirit fell: "they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Please note they were all filled—all speaking in tongues. Shall we conclude that God is distributing gifts here, and that in this case He makes exception to the rule of division enunciated later by Paul, and gives them all the same gift? Did unbelieving Jews cause God to do the irregular thing at Jerusalem? We must draw some such inference, or acknowledge that the speaking in tongues here, had some natural relation to the outpouring itself. This in fact is the clear import of Peter's sermon, "This is that spoken by the prophet Joel," this is the outpouring promised to all flesh.

Peter did not intimate that this utterance that so confounded these Jews was something special, having no relation or connection with Joel's

prophecy. There is not a hint of anything unusual or abnormal in this outpouring or that anything was added because of circumstances; but Peter's word so simply stated, would naturally lead anyone to believe, the whole affair—tongues and all—was but the normal fulfilment of Joel's prophecy.

But let us take another case: Cornelius, his kinsman and near friends, "many that were come together," await with expectant hearts the coming of the evangelist from Joppa. Peter together with six Jewish brethren arrive and after a few words of formal greeting began to preach Christ: "and, the Holy Spirit fell upon all that heard the word, and they of the circumcision as many as came with Peter were astonished because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost, for they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God."

Here again the divine record of the Acts of the Holy Ghost, is in conflict with the doctrine which insists: that all speaking in tongues, is simply and only the exercise of one of the gifts; for if we accept Paul's teaching that God divides the gifts—and accept it we must—then there is something different here, for there are no extenuating circumstances in this case. No unbelievers to hear in their tongues, they were all filled; all speaking in tongues.

It seems but reasonable to suppose that the inspired apostles and saints of these herculean days should understand the meaning and significance of the tongues phenomenon. We must conclude positively that in those days before the stream of religion and theology was befogged by conflicting doctrines of men, that the impressions and conclusions of saints and apostles upon any given subject should be final. Take first the Jewish brethren as interested spectators at Caesarea. They were astonished because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost, for they heard them speak with tongues. There is not a hint that these Jews ever thought of the Spirit dividing gifts when witnessing this experience, but they declared this manifestation a proof beyond cavil, that Gentiles also had received the outpoured Spirit. No unprejudiced mind can read this account and avoid the settled conclusion, that in the mind of these Jewish brethren, the speaking in tongues here is as-

sociated with, and a primary result of, the outpouring of the Spirit.

Peter's verdict is the same. "Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" It is certain from evidence in this case that Peter did not consider the speaking in tongues at Caesarea "the gift" as defined by religious thought of today something additional, having no relation to the Baptism itself. Let us see: We must remember that God did deal with Peter in a very definite way on the house top; to teach him to call no man common or unclean, and that God is no respecter of persons. So when he is called to trial for having gone in to those of another nation, he takes into consideration the fact, that his brethren have not had opportunity to understand the case; so he is careful to give them in detail God's dealing with him, and to describe God's blessing upon the Gentiles; that their prejudice might be broken down and his brethren would not take the wrong attitude in this very important matter. It is easy to see the importance of Peter making the case strong and setting before his prejudiced jurors all the evidence at his command. Now had it been the fact, that the Baptism in the Spirit was usually received without any visible physical sign; if the candidates took it by faith, had joy, peace, love, etc., and sometimes the experience was accompanied with gifts that were outward and visible: then without doubt Peter's language would have been very different. He probably would have said, "As I preached to the Gentiles God gave them mighty Baptism. They were all very happy and much joyous in their souls and in addition to the Baptism, as if in order to dispel all our doubts, He gave them also the gift of tongues, yes even the same gift we all received at Jerusalem."

Now let us read the statement of Peter. "And as I began to speak the Holy Ghost fell on them as on us in the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord how that He said, John indeed baptized with water but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost." In other words, when the Gentiles broke forth in rapturous, ecstatic worship in other tongues, Peter never thought of gifts, but he thought of the Baptism in the Spirit. Even a carnal reader is driven to the conclusion that in Peter's mind the supernatural ut-

terance at Caesarea was associated with the experience of the Baptism itself. He simply and only describes in clear and simple language, the manner in which the Spirit fell upon the Gentiles.

A passing notice of the outpouring on the Ephesians will suffice. "The Holy Spirit came upon them and they spoke with tongues and prophesied." Here again the manifestation is the direct first result of the Spirit coming upon them. Again there is nothing in the circumstances to warrant the unusual, no one edified by the exercise of the gifts. They all are baptized, swallowed up in the divine cloud, occupied with Christ alone. It is not a time of ministry to each other in mutual strength, giving and receiving blessings of "gifts." The divine person fills the whole scene. There is no need for and no attempt to edify each other; yet we have the same outward manifestation, every one of them speaking by the Spirit.

If after reading carefully these three narratives any of my readers are still of the opinion that all speaking in tongues is simply and only the exercise of one of the gifts, that, theologically speaking, the gifts are divided severally, but actually in Bible days, in the experience and ministry of the Apostles, they might, and in these cases, actually did receive the same gift at the same time when baptized—and was or is the only material witness and in every biblical instance, speaking in tongues as the Spirit baptizes the clean vessel for use unto Gods service, and no doubt that these two experiences are so closely related that they are spoken of by the inspired writer as one experience—that of the Baptism—then I simply suggest that if this could be true, then assuredly the gifts of the tongues is deserving a far greater prominence than is accorded it by advocates of the gift theory, today, that is, that all speaking in tongues is one of the gifts of the Spirit. It is reasonable to assume and believe that one must have the abiding presence of the Holy Ghost before the exercise of the "gift" of languages would or could be manifested as also with the other gifts of the Spirit.

Another reason why one cannot see that all speaking in tongues is the gift, in the limited and prescribed sense of I Corinthians 14, is because that Apostolic instruction that governed the use of the "gift" in the assemblies is in conflict with the

practice of the Apostles relative to the tongues phenomenon in the Pentecostal outpouring. First, observe, those who have the "gift" in the assembly are to keep silence unless there is an interpreter: only speak to themselves and to God: and where there is an interpreter, they are to "speak by two, and at the most three and that by course: (one at a time) and let one interpret." That is, not more than three ought to speak in any one service. I repeat, these instructions are in open conflict with the practice of the Apostles in the Acts. This should help any believer of the word understand the difference between the exercise of the "gift" of languages and the "witness by the Holy Ghost" when baptizing in the Holy Spirit with power from on high for ministry. Now, at Caesarea, the whole crowd magnified God in tongues without any effort on Peters part to maintain order, and have the languages interpreted, or have one at a time. And too, when we consider that they broke right in on Peter's sermon no doubt mightily anointed, for Peter had "just began to speak." They spoke all at once at the same time "being filled with the Holy Ghost—as well as we at the beginning." Paul had twelve all speaking in tongues at one time with no interpretation. So there is clear distinction between the "witness" to the infilling of the Holy Ghost and the "gift" of languages for use in ministry to people of another nation or tongue as operated by the Holy Spirit through a Spirit filled and yielded vessel made fit, or perfected, for the Masters use. It would be highly significant and profitable to Christ and the church to see this "gift" used abundantly, for the various purposes of building the body of Christ. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost of a blood-washed believer was to give divine power, godly understanding, spiritual supervision, full requirements to be trusted and qualified as co-laborer with Christ. A life to be perfected in the fruits of the Spirit. So, tarry for the promise of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:39; Eph. 4:30; S. John 16: 7-15. But let us never forget I Corinthians 12:31—The more excellent way.

The backslider likes the preaching that wouldn't hit the side of a house, while the real disciple is delighted when the truth brings him to his knees.

# The Antichrist

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tries that are known as the western countries of Europe today. The old Roman Empire consisted of ten different and distinct countries. I believe that in the last days there will be ten countries that will represent the Roman Empire. We see that being fulfilled today. Western European countries are binding themselves together. "It is not a very close bond," you say. "You don't hear too much about it." Let's remember Daniel said it was iron mixed with clay. It is not supposed to be an iron-clad pact. They may not be in harmony on every issue, but nevertheless there is going to be that uniting of that clay and iron. There is going to be a revival of that old Roman Empire. Let us not only keep our eyes on Moscow and Washington, but toward the Holy Land. Remember, Israel was under the domination of the Roman Empire and will fall once again under the domination of the Roman Empire. The boundary lines are nearly drawn today as they were in the days of the old empire. Western Germany, Israel, and all these nations have come to the front in the last few years. Industrially, they no longer have to look to the United States for the things they need. We find that Jesus Christ is going to come and destroy this kingdom. "Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." (v. 35) No wonder Paul wrote that Jesus Christ was going to take his rightful place upon the throne in Jerusalem. He is going to rule and reign for a period of one thousand years and fill the entire earth!

## Daniel 7

In these verses we have a picture of a "little horn" — the Antichrist. He will have the power and authority of ten kings. All the kings in this kingdom give power to the Antichrist that he might have complete domination.

## Revelation 13

Here the Antichrist is referred to as a "Beast." We are told of the source of his great power: the devil. We have never seen a man energized by the spirit of the devil as this man is going to be. "And they worshipped the dragon (the devil) which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (vs. 4-8)

In the middle of this "week" the Antichrist, who has been a great world leader for 3½ years, will be known for who he is. He will rule with Satanic power. But a ray of hope shines through this dismal picture. Jesus will put down all authority and power of the devil vested in the Antichrist. Christ will reign in glorious triumph over evil. We anticipate His coming reign as Lord of lords and King of kings!

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He had the work of His Father to do  
So He was glad, because, you too  
Were to share in this happiness of God's plan  
That He was to spread across the land.  
His sadness came when some didn't believe  
That His Father had sent Him, our sins to relieve  
They couldn't do enough mean things  
To the Son of God, the King of kings.  
They cursed, and nailed Him to a heavy cross  
It was then they found, that they had really lost.  
For He died, yet rose before their eyes  
And ascended right up into the skies  
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# Five Foolish Virgins

By BOB TAYLOR

**If Christ Should Come Tomorrow . . . Would You Be Ready To Meet HIM?**

The Biblical Parable of the ten virgins is one of the most life-involving stories ever told. Its message comes sailing through the halls of time like an arrow to strike the innermost core of every human being.

Matthew records the story of the virgins, five of whom were wise and five were foolish. The foolish ones took their lamps, but did not take any oil with them. On the other hand, the wise ones brought their lamps and oil in their flasks as well. Then, as the bridegroom did not come right away, they all grew drowsy and fell asleep.

When they least expected him, the cry came that the bridegroom was coming . . . "go ye out to meet him." By this time the oil was gone in the lamps of the foolish ones. Excitedly they asked to borrow from the wise virgins. "Oh no, perhaps there be not enough for ourselves," was the reply. The foolish, as usual, went to buy the needed oil but while trying to secure the needed oil, the bridegroom came and the door was closed.

Be alert, neighbors, "no one knows the day or the hour when the Lord shall return." Reference: Matthew 25:1-13.

In the beginning of this report all ten were excited about the occasion. They looked for the best, and they were right. Always look for the best of life! Anticipation and expectation are life's natural heritage. Regardless what the events may be, search for new experiences and the anticipation of those events are the things that keep the human spirit from withering.

Our hope in God is founded on the same promise that gladdened Abraham's heart. Reference: Hebrews 11:10. God is our answer and hope. The final work in preparing for the wedding depended upon the arrival of the bridegroom. Therefore, the virgins were waiting in contented anticipation. Many people have once waited for the Lord's return and through the years have become impatient and

said "Where is the sign of His coming?"

In James 5:8 we read, "Be ye also patient . . . for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." God is taking care of the world with all its perplexities. Never mind the storms, even enjoy them, knowing always that the Master is at the helm. A rough ride on the ocean's waves can be exciting, if we are sure of the Captain; sure that He will bring the boat safely to harbor. The coming of the Lord is so certain.

Exactly when will Christ return? Will it be soon, perhaps a few years, months, or even days? The day or the hour we do not know, (Matthew 24:36) but suppose it were tomorrow? We should live as tho it were to occur the next moment. The scriptures point out a tragic possibility. It is possible to be too late for the Master's return. This is something most people do not realize. The five foolish virgins awakened too late to realize they were unprepared for the wedding. What had happened? They had lamps, but no oil! Many people today, instead of being filled with the spirit of God, are empty. Worse than this, they are often filled with selfishness and the desires of the world.

We must recognize that some of us became Christians twenty or so years ago and have done nothing about it since. The romance of anticipating Christ's return (as tho it might be tomorrow,) has died and our spiritual lives are a monotony of sick routine. We have neglected Christian service; worship; prayer; Bible study; and the fellowship of a living Christ. Our lamps are oilless and with some it may be too late to find the way back; being dead too long . . . the spirit of God no longer dealing graciously with them. Their smoking wicks smell with hostility, rebellion, gossip, hatred, envy, jealousy and unloveliness. They find no enjoyment in God or His work.

As was the case of the oil, so is it spiritually. Each one must . . . "Buy for himself!" Wisdom gained in spiritual matters cannot be trans-

ferred to another. The bloodshed, prayers prayed, and good lives lived are personal. They are nontransferable experiences. The Christian life is something personal to gain and personal to do. Here cut-rate goods are not thrown in for a song.

Since we are aware of Christ's coming, we must resist twiddling our thumbs. We must watch, pray, work, serve, obey and invest. We must discipline ourselves, buy oil and trim our lamps. Faith and spiritual wealth must be achieved. Matthew informs us that we must have a personal acquaintance with Jesus. The five foolish virgins missed the best of all; a living friendship with the living God. When one misses these, they have missed the point of life.

Strangers are not invited to weddings, for a wedding is a personal event, witnessed only by close friends and relatives. Are we living close to God? Are we laughing, weeping, sharing, planning, hoping in life's problems together? Are we a light or only smoke and smell? Is our lamp burning? A lamp alone, unlit, will not do.

Perhaps we have these articles up for auction:

- 1st. One cross—can't carry it and keep up with the world, so must let it go.
- 2nd. One talent—never used, in good shape, only a little shelf worn.
- 3rd. A five-piece armour set, which is mentioned in Ephesians the 6th chapter,—all in good shape.
- 4th. Lot of Christian opportunity, which includes visiting and mid-week prayer meeting.
- 5th. Opportunity of winning souls. This piece is in very good shape but tarnishes very easily, if not used.
- 6th. One Christian influence—practically new, will last a long time if used right.

Jesus is coming soon. Remember we are writing life's story each hour of every day. If we miss God's closeness, we will wake up too late. We shall experience the tragedy of having—  
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# Are You Following God's Pattern?

By Mrs. Mildred Stockton

Yes, God has a pattern for our lives.

**First Step:** The main and essential thing is true repentance. The Bible says "Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of;" 2 Corinthians 7:10. When conviction comes to a person and he begins to realize he is lost, (a sinner without God) he should turn to God in true repentance asking for forgiveness, then believing for God's spirit to bear witness with his spirit. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not o works, lest any man should boast."

**Second Step:** The second step in following God is to witness. Romans 10:10 "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." We must witness, of course at church, prayer meeting and among our fellow men . . . at the market (if the Lord is leading) and on the job among our fellow workers.

**Third Step:** Following Christ in water baptism is a real testimony for the Lord. I Peter 3:21; "The like figure wherewith even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God.) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." Colossians 3:1-8, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." As we come forth from the baptismal service we certainly must . . . "set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth, for ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

**Fourth Step:** We must mortify the flesh, the members which are upon the earth. (To Mortify means to destroy the vital functions of).

So we see we do not have an easy task, in keeping all our members in perfect subjection to Christ. Fornication is the first member to mortify. Fornication is truly a trap that Satan lays for many a person.

I was listening to a Prison Evangelist, Bro. Dan Gilbert, over K. G. L. C. He had preached to a Home for

unfortunate girls, (expectant mothers) many in their teens. As he preached Christ and a clean life, he witnessed the flood of tears that ran down their checks as they asked God to forgive them. They would say "oh that we had heard the Bible preached before." Some would say, "oh how we wish we had had Christian parents."

But the devil is bold now and is even teaching in the grade schools, high schools, and colleges that sex education should be made plain. Some schools are even showing films making the reproduction of life plain to the young generation. Yes, dear reader, these are the "roaring Twenties" Satan has laid a trap for our youth. God said to the preachers, "lift up thy voice as a trumpet." Isaiah 58:1. It is high time the preachers, Sunday school teachers and counsellors uncover this sin of fornication before our youth are completely ensnared. My boy, which is twelve, bought a little book on magic at the drug store one night and on the back of it was about a dozen books listed on "sex education."

Yes God has a pattern for our lives just like he had when he told Noah how to build the ark. Noah obeyed God, followed carefully every detail, so the ark was a reguge for him and his entire family. (Genesis Chapter 6).

The Bible is our instruction for spiritual encouragement. Not only to the teen agers but to the elderly man or woman nearing the sunset of life. Truly the Lord is our Refuge and strength, and His Word is the pattern for our lives.

**Editor's Note:** The author of this article is Mrs. Mildred L. Stockton R.R. 3, Granby, Missouri. Notice the paragraph on pornographic literature to which a 12 year old son was subjected. Our Post Office department should be informed about matters of this nature so the sources of pornography can be obliterated.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



OLEN BACHLER

The Annual Business Meeting of the Apostolic Faith Bible School will be conducted July 25, 1961 (Tuesday) at 1:00 P.M. The place of the business meeting will be at the Tri-State Camp Meeting at Baxter Springs, Kansas.

The business on the agenda is to vote for a member of the Bible School Board. Olen Bachler is the incumbent.

Each Apostolic Faith Church has one vote (to be sent in by the church or cast by the representative), and each Apostolic Faith Minister has one vote. If you cannot be present for this meeting send your absentee vote to Mr. Otis Wade, 1700 Joplin St., Galena, Kansas.

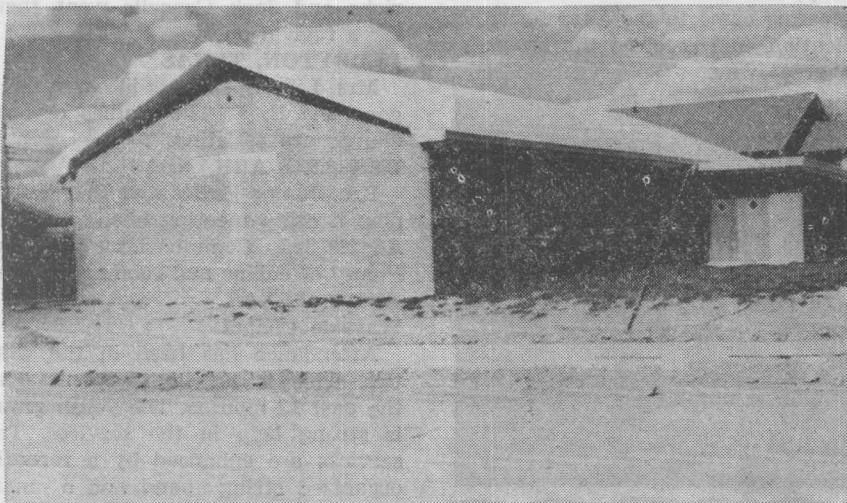
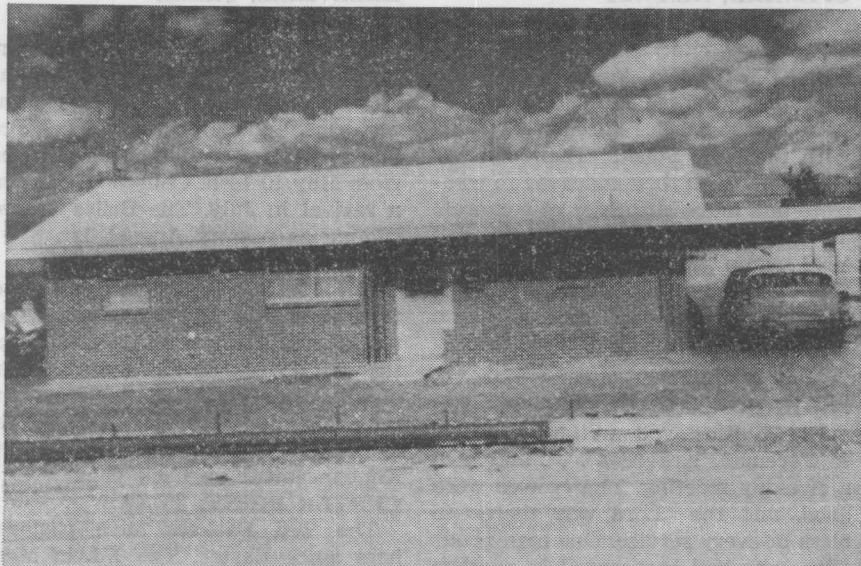
## Dear Pastor: We Need Your Help!

"Will you please help us to increase the attendance of the Apostolic Faith Bible School? Will you please encourage people to prepare to attend? Will you please send us the names of the High-School graduates from your churches and neighborhoods? Will you please spread the word? Will you PRAY? write

**APOSTOLIC FAITH  
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GAIL W. SCHULTZ  
Box 110 Baxter Springs, Kansas

# New Church and Parsonage at Big Spring, Texas



THE accompany pictures are snapshots of the new Church in Big Spring, Texas. Brother and Sister Roy D. Wooster are the pastors and builders of the new sanctuary and parsonage.

The new church is located at 1311 Goliad St. and the parsonage joins it at 1307 Goliad. The Church is a beautiful brick . . . as is the parsonage. The Sanctuary can be enlarged into the nice Youth Center just behind it. On either side of the Youth Center are other class rooms, entry-way, rest rooms and furnace room. It is so constructed that more class rooms can be built to the north and joined to the main hall-way.

The parsonage is connected to the church with a nice walk-way of cement directly off of the car-port. The car-port can be entered either from the street or from the rear off the alley.

Your host pastors, Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Wooster say the latch-string is on the outside. Come and worship with them.

These fine edifices were dedicated at Easter time after a week of evangelistic services. Former pastors and ministers were invited to do the preaching for this dedicatory revival. Your editor had the opportunity to speak on Friday night of this meeting.

God bless the Big Spring Church. You will find it listed under the name  
**THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHAPEL**  
 1311 GOLIAD,  
 Big Spring, Texas

## Request For Prayer!

Dearest Friends:

May 18, 1961

The picture here of Bro. Mahan was taken in the days of his health. We need some more earnest prayers. Bro. Mahan took real ill again the 15th. He was so weak and sore for two days. He is resting some better today. Oh, how we long for our day of Victory! God has been so good to us and we want to prove true to HIM. Please put Bro. Mahan's request in the paper for **Special Prayer** for healing.

A high day for us this month was May-Day, one of the most happy we've ever spent. The Adair family spent some time with us and their many wonderful songs . . . And Bro. Adair's Scripture-reading was such a lift to us. Enclosed is an offering for the Apostolic Faith Report.

May God Bless . . . Love . . . Prayers  
 The Mahans



NOTE— The Charles O. Mahan's address: 1037 S. Terrace Drive, Wichita 18, Kansas

## PASTORAL REPORTS

### STEELE, MISSOURI

Bro. and Sis. George Hintergardt are the pastors of this new work. They report that the recent services conducted by Bro. and Sis. Floyd LaMunyon were a blessing and encouragement to them and the church. The last S. S. attendance reported was 25. Also several have shown interest in being converted. Pray for this work.

### TANEYVILLE, MISSOURI

The L. A. Long's report that a recent revival conducted by Bro. Chester Burns and Francis Dearing resulted in 8 conversions. Attendance is good. They write: "Made a trip to Hot Springs, Ark., to help with the buying of a piece of property for a new work there. The Audie Mahans are starting this new work. Anyone wishing to help in this can do so, through us . . . We wish to invite all Apostolic ministers by."

Baptismal service pictured below



## Wedding Announcements



### Durham-Corl Wedding

Sis. Melissa E. Corl was married to Bro. Floyd M. Durham on April 9 at 4 p.m., in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Olen Bechler. Sis. Jessie Tucker played the wedding music, and Bro. Kenneth Culver officiated.

### Fox-Barker Wedding

Miss Lamoyne Barker was married to Rev. Jim Fox on the evening of May 5th in the Laverne, Oklahoma Apostolic Faith Church of which Rev. Fox is the pastor.

### SPENARD, ALASKA

Full Gospel Chapel, J. D. Ray, pastor. They write: "We enjoyed the Spirit-filled Bible lessons from the chart of "God's Plan of the Ages," In a recent service three were filled with the Holy Spirit." Their summer will be busy as they endeavor to complete and move into their new church. They add: "We are planning a fall VBS again this year in the hopes that we will be in the new church building so we can have adequate room for the number that we usually have."

### MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS

H. G. Stockwell writes, "I went to Foreman, Arkansas . . . and held a five-day meeting. The crowds were good, and the Lord was there to bless in every service. One man about fifty, who had been saved in another meeting came to the altar for sanctification, and received the blessing in a great way.

### BELLVILLE, TEXAS

#### Buckhorn Church

Ross and Marie Briles, pastors. Report church progressing. Recently purchased carpet for the aisle, altar space and front entrance. Bro. Sun-Joe Chyo conducted special services May 10-14th. Church is planning a revival in July. The Briles are resigning as pastors August 1st.

### PINE HILL, ALABAMA

The Harold Bollingers write of their revival which Bro. Gene Webster is conducting. They also mention the work week on their youth camp buildings for the Mississippi-Alabama area. You are also especially invited to attend the camp meeting here. Announcement on back page.

### CENTER POINT, TEXAS

The Ted Barkers have pastored here since Easter. The Edwin Modricks and Jack Cornells went there for a revival on June the 4th.

### PERRYTON, TEXAS

Mrs. Lilly Spencer is in charge of a good V. B. S. The ladies of the church are assisting.

### DES ARC, ARKANSAS

Bro. Junior Eccles and Bro. Elbert plan a camp meeting here beginning August 3rd. Common table provided. Plenty of cabins and rooms available.

### EDNA, TEXAS

#### Wayside Chapel

Attendance has been in the thirties. This is an improvement over the past 12 months. The youth group is strong help in the services. The services are enhanced by a recently organized string band and a male quartet.

### OLATHE, COLORADO

Raymond Christenson, pastor, sends an invitation to all ministers. He reports great revival with the Spirit prevailing in their midst. Attendance is good.

### ENID, OKLAHOMA

Wyvonna Whiteley conducted a VBS here June 7-17. Bro. Gene Cornell has resigned as pastor.

### PASTOR NEEDED

Sunray, Texas Apostolic Faith Church is in need of a pastor since the resignation of Bro. Lealand Grimmer. If you are interested in this pastoral responsibility please contact Wayne Stump, Box 161, Sunray, Texas.



## PASTORAL REPORTS

### LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA

Sis. Lula Parham conducted a VBS.

### FOLLETT, TEXAS

Reports that S.S. attendance has increased some.

### PALM CITY, CALIFORNIA

#### Imperial Beach Church

The Edwin Modricks held a revival here. Seven were saved, 8 sanctified and 1 was filled with the Holy Spirit.

### CROSSES, ARKANSAS

Bro. Bill Allen and family, with the help of LaDonna Tooley, held a revival here.

### BAYARD, NEBRASKA

Bro. A. B. Stanberry reports that the "labor here is very enjoyable," and adds, "We feel a steady increase in spirituality." The church has voted to send a regular tenth of their offerings to the "Report" and to the Bible School.

### LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO

Marcus Adair conducted a revival here beginning May 7.

### GRAND SALINE, TEXAS

Bro. J. W. Elliott reports that he preached twice at the monthly Trades Day and three times at the Old Folks Rest Home. He added: "May 21 will be my 76th birthday, am asking as many of my correspondents to give me a letter shower for my birthday, as many as will."

### ONALASKA, TEXAS

Bro. Marcus Adair and family will be in charge of the evening evangelistic services at the youth camp here from June 19-23.

### SUGARLAND, TEXAS

Bro. Gail W. Schultz was in a dedication revival in the new Church.

Olen Bachler, pastor

### COVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

Bill and Doris Allen with LaDonna Tooley held a good revival here.

V. E. Blythe, Pastor

### SPENARD, ALASKA

Spenard Chapel, Bob Palmer pastor. Had an Easter Revival. About 15 saved and some outstanding healing miracles, and one baptized with the Holy Spirit. Bro. Palmer wrote, "I was very reluctant in my mind about doing the preaching in our revival but God has blessed in spite of me and we have so much to praise Him for."

### PRAYER CONFERENCE

The annual "indoor camp meeting" at the Spenard Chapel will be August 13-20. Contact: Bob Palmer, Box 1, Spenard, Alaska or J. D. Ray, Box 3366c, Star Rt. B, Spenard, Alaska.

### SPEARMAN, TEXAS

Sister Lula Parham and Leora Woodson are at Spearman in a V. B. S. Sis. Parham is preaching in the regular services.

### BALKO, OKLAHOMA

The Adairs conducted a VBS.

## A LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Christian friends:

On November 17, 1960 Mrs. Lenore Peck, Vonda and Mavis Vanbenthusen were all hurt in an automobile accident.

The accident was caused by a pick-up that pulled out in front of us from a side road while we were on our way back to Edna, Texas from

Alvin, Texas.

We were all taken to the Bay City Hospital where the injuries were determined by the doctor. Vonda was treated for a broken nose and Sis. Lenore suffered a broken collar bone and arm injuries. After x-raying Mavis' back and finding two of her vertebrae had been crushed she was rushed to a back specialist in the John Sealy Hospital at Galveston, Texas for an operation.

(Mavis writes: "I truly praise the Lord for His answering prayer in behalf of my back. I laid in the hospital five weeks with no operation. The doctors were amazed that I wasn't paralyzed from the waist down.

"December 20, 1960, I was moved to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barker at Cypress, Texas where I continued laying in bed for nine weeks. We certainly did appreciate the way the Barkers opened their home to us. May the Lord richly bless them.

"I began wearing a back brace Feb. 22, 1961 and was able to sit up and begin to walk. I am steadily im-

proving and thanking the Lord for the miracle performed. I know it's because the Great Physician has ministered to my need. I still need your prayers that I will be completely delivered from the injuries.")

We want to express our thanks for all the beautiful flowers, cards, letters, gifts and prayers for us during this time.

In Christ's service  
Mavis and Vonda Van Benthusen



# 1961 Camp Meetings

DES ARC, ARKANSAS

## CAMP MEETING

Common Table Provided

### begins August 3, 1961

*Continues as long as God leads*

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  
DES ARC, ARKANSAS

Elbert Pool

S. B. Echols

ALABAMA — MISSISSIPPI

## CAMP MEETING

### July 9th through July 16th

IN CAMP PINE CREST

20 miles South of Quitman, Mississippi

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rev. Harold J. Bollinger  
PINE HILL, ALABAMA

TRI - STATE

## CAMP MEETING

### July 19th through July 27th

TRI-STATE APOSTOLIC FAITH CAMP

2 Miles East on Hiway 166

BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS

### FIVE FOOLISH VIRGINS

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ing no oil. A joyful Christian life can only be achieved when we have trimmed lamps, reservoirs of oil and a longing in our heart to see Jesus coming with power and great glory.

**Editors Note:**

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2621 Sweetwater Road  
National City, California

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