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The New Day

Montford Crouch Holley



The slowly gathering dawn
Foretells another day.
The night is spent and gone,
The darkness swept away.

**The sorrows, doubt and grief
Of yesterday are fled;
Replaced by firm belief . . .
Christ rises from the dead.**

Belief with faith endued
Which fills the hearts of men,
That death is now subdued
And Christ is risen again.

**Then let us all rejoice,
Accent the glad refrain
With heart and soul and voice . . .
That Christ is risen again.**

THE CROSS

Jack Cornell

(John 3:16) "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

There was a definite reason for the death of Jesus on the cross. He did not come to condemn men for their sins but he came to seek and save those who would believe on him. When the angel of the Lord appeared unto Joseph in a dream, he told him that Mary was to bring forth a son whose name shall be called Jesus, for He shall save his people from their sins, (Matthew 1:20-21). This was the reason Christ came, for Jesus himself said, "They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:31-32) Our nation today is sick, not alone with the ills of war, but the biggest ill is that of sin. Until men come to this Jesus and find forgiveness of sin, this sickness will prevail. Let us cry aloud and lift up this Jesus to men everywhere, for Jesus said, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me." He alone is the answer to this great problem that plagues our nation and the world.

Jesus certainly had love for the world for he was willing to die in our place that we might have life and that more abundantly. This life was purchased when the blood of Christ was spilled on Calvary's hill. When the soldiers came by the cross upon which Jesus was hanging, it was no accident that in place of breaking his bones to hasten death, they thrust the spear into his side from which poured forth the divine blood that was to save us from our sins. This was to fulfill scripture. When Jesus sat down with his disciples for the last time "he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (Matthew 26:27-28.)

We must say this was a perfect

sacrifice that was made, for this sacrifice abolished the old Sacrificial system where the blood of bulls and goats were offered. We no longer offer these sacrifices as under the old law for the Bible says, (Hebrews 10:4) "For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins." This law only rolled their sins ahead and each year they had to make this same offering, but Christ offered himself once and for all.

This account does not stop with only the death of Jesus. He is not dead but he is alive! This is what makes our salvation real. All the time Christ was with his disciples he instructed them not only that he was to be destroyed but also that he would be raised again. Jesus said that as Jonah was in the belly of the whale for three days and nights even so shall the son of man be in the heart of the earth. When Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to the sepulchre they found this to be true. As they came near where he had been laid they found the stone rolled away and the tomb was empty. The angel said to them, "Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." (Mark 28:5-6) As they departed to tell his disciples, behold they met Jesus. He was alive, not dead.

Today Christ is alive. He is at the throne of God making intercession for all that will come to him.

We have thus far noted the power of the cross for pardon of our sins. Now let us also note there is power in the cross for purity. In Col. 1:22b we read where the cross has power to ". . . present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight;" This means a holy heart and life, and presents "heart purity" as a present possibility. This means it is possible to live above sin in the sight of God in this present life. If we have been cleansed by the blood of Christ we are not to sin. Paul tells us in Romans 6:16, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourself servants to obey, his servants

ye art to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" If we sin we are servants of the devil and have no part of Christ. If we belong to Christ we will not sin, for we are called out of the old life to a new life of victory over sin and darkness. Paul told us not to let sin reign in our mortal body. If we cannot obtain this blessing now, then the atonement was a failure and the Bible is a farce. Not only is there power in the cross for purity but also for perseverance.

We can endure to the end if we so desire. In Col. 1:23, we are told "If we continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel. . ." This "rooted and grounded" experience, available through the power of the cross, produces an invincible Christian optimism that comes out victorious in every circumstance. There are conditions to be met and if we meet them all of the devil's army cannot cause us to fall, for if God be for us, who can be against us. It is not by my strength, nor by my power, but by my spirit sayeth the Lord.

Let me encourage you with the Apostle Paul to fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life. **There is power in the cross, it has not lost its power, for Christ is still alive.**

Today many things are bidding for our allegiance. Possessions call deafeningly loud; position bids high; popularity beckons to many; and to whom has not pleasure whispered promising secret delights? Amid these temporal clamorings I wish to point you toward the only eternal value—the cross of Christ! It is firm in its foundation, secure in its structure, and eternal in its existence.

May the Lord bless this Easter season to each of us as we look at the true meaning of the cross.

GEM OF TRUTH

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7.

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A gem cannot be polished without
friction, nor man perfected with-
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Our Faith is only as strong as
the tress it will bear when put to
the test!

If you look into the light it will
blind you; if you walk in it—'twill
show the way ahead.

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January, February, and March
have passed on in the year of 1966.
This year in 1/4 gone. Some of us
told the Lord we were going to do
such and such for Him in this new
year. Have we done it? Time and
tide wait for no man.

We are so grateful for the way
the Lord has met the needs of the
Report. We are serving one who
knows all of our needs. One who
is alive for ever more; one who
promised that He was coming back
for His own. Are we going to be
in that number? Do we have our
lamps trimmed and burning bright?
Are we looking steadfastly for that
time of His soon return?

He came one time as a baby in
a manger; he came to die. The
Shadow of the Cross was over that
manger in the city of Bethlehem of
Judea so long ago. Men have tried
to do away with Him from that
time to this. Men say there is no
God; men say He is dead. Praise
the Lord, Christ is ALIVE in our
hearts. His return is near at hand.

We find when God called Moses
up on the mountain He gave him
two things to bring back to His

people. God gave him the law and
the plans for the Tabernacle. The
law was to convict men of sin. It
let them know that they were lost
and needed help. The law was help-
less within itself so God gave
Moses the plans for the tabernacle.

We find in this a place where
God met with man. Here is where
the blood sacrifice was given. This
was to point to the death of our
Lord that we commemorate this
month. The first Adam fell so there
was a need for the second Adam to
bring deliverance from sin, with
His death. It did not stop with
His death but He rose on the third
day as He had told His disciples.
The Law then convicted men and
we find through the blood of the
tabernacle and then through the
blood of Christ, we have deliverance
for men.

He is alive and He is coming
again for His own. Let us work and
pray that we may be counted wor-
thy to escape all that is coming on
this world.

May the Lord bless each of us
during this wonderful season of the
year. Howard Whiteley

Robert Chapman was once asked,
"Would you not advise young
Christians to do something for the
Lord?" "No," was the reply, "I
should advise them to do every-
thing for the Lord".

Don't brag about what you're
going to do tomorrow. Someone
may decide to investigate what you
did yesterday.

Today He knows "why"; tomor-
row so shall we! "Be not afraid,
only believe!"

Notice

It has been necessary for us to
replace our typewriter which we
use to type the addressograph sten-
cils. This is an older model but in
good condition. We were able to
purchase this as cheaply as the
labor and parts would have been
to fix the one we had.

We appreciate those of you who
stand behind the Report in needs
such as this one. Our other type-
writer also needs to be cleaned.
These expenses total \$72.00.

As I Survey The Cross

Danny Robinson

We often term or illustrate the Word of God to the natural and as an example use the phrase, "To compare." I would like to survey, to check up, to measure, or see how far the cross of Calvary reaches, and examine the Man, Jesus Christ, who hung on that Cross, and the Blood that was spilt.

First, the cross isn't of much value as far as money is concerned. You could buy one similar to the one that was used that day for very little money. But, this was the cross that suspended between Heaven and earth the Son of God. This is the Cross that has some value to it. It is priceless and cannot be bought with riches. Second, the man was Jesus Christ, not just any man, because a man is as the sand by the seashore. But, this was the Son of God, the only Son God had. There was some value to this Son. He was made sin for you and me. 2 Cor. 5:21 says, "For He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." He knew no sin yet was made to be sin for us. Does this make the value any greater? Does this impress in your heart the fact, that as you survey the Cross, it takes in more than a Cross and a Man?

Then let us consider the blood that was spilt on the ground. Not just any man's blood, but the "Lamb of God's" blood. We often think very little of hearing or reading about someone dying, but, here is the value. There was enough blood spilt on the ground to cover every man's sins, from that day forward, and not only to now, but as long as time exists. That Blood, can cover a man's life to the extent that Satan cannot penetrate his thoughts, his intents, his desires, his deeds, nor his body or soul. I want to not only suggest these facts to you, but emphasize the Fact that Jesus Christ's Blood is sufficient

for any need, Spirit, Soul, and Body. Paul wrote in Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which HE HATH PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD. And in Heb. 9:13-14 "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the upclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

May, I now ask the question "What is the Worth of the Cross of Christ?" How far does it reach? I am persuaded in my mind, it reaches unto all humanity. Not just to one race of people, but whosoever will Isaiah 55:1 says, "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, Come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money. Come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price." As I survey the Cross of Calvary, I find there are no measurements, no place where I can say there is a price. He that hath money, he can buy, he can drink at the springs of living waters without price. The only way a man can obtain the Cross is through the Lord Jesus, the Man who died there. The value of the Cross is as Luke 14:26-27 states. "If any man comes to me, and hate not his father, mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea and his own life also, He cannot be my disciples. And whosoever, doth not BEAR HIS CROSS, and come after me, cannot be my disciple". May I now ask the question? as you survey the cross, What value do you place upon it? Is it an important part of your life? Has it become a load for you? Or do you value it above family, land, and gold? WOULD YOU SURVEY THE CROSS?

Long-Wilkerson Vows Read

During a double ring ceremony, solemnized at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, February Twenty six, Miss Carolyn Long became the bride of Rev. Paul F. Wilkerson. The wedding was held at Laverne, Oklahoma, in the Apostolic Faith Church.

Parents of the couple are Rev. and Mrs. Leslie A. Long of Taneyville, Missouri, and Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Wilkerson of Roswell, New Mexico.

The ceremony was performed by the bride's uncle, Rev. Gail W. Schultz, of Baxter Springs, Kansas, before an altar enhanced with white gladiolas, and glowing tapers. In-branched candelabras completed the arrangement.

A cousin of the bride, Mr. Russell Peck, sang "Wither Thou Goest" and "The Wedding Prayer", accompanied by Mrs. Jack Cornell at the piano.

The candles were lighted by Dwayne Wilkerson, brother of the groom, and Ronnie Methvin of Laverne, Oklahoma.

The bride was accompanied to the altar and given in marriage by William B. Pennington. She wore a floor length gown of Peau-de-sole, and alencou lace with a fitted bodice, a scalloped neck line, and long traditional sleeves. A tiny princess crown secured her veil of bridal illusion. She also carried a white Bible topped with white roses.

The maid of honor was Miss Julia Wilkerson, sister of the groom.

Rev. Martin L. Kershman Jr. of Perryton, Texas, served as best man. Ushering duties were performed by Duane Methvin of Laverne, Oklahoma, and Edward Psigoda of Perryton, Texas.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the dinning hall of the Apostolic Youth Camp.

Miss Deena Stump, Miss Rita Stephens, Mrs. Frank Heinz, Mrs. Jim Albin, and Mrs. Carol Wolfe served at the table. Miss Sharon McAlister presided at the guest book.

The couple will be in gospel work with their home in Taneyville, Mo.

OBITUARIES

JESSIE FERN CHITWOOD

Jessie Fern Chitwood, daughter of the late Rose and Harry Duffy was born December 26, 1891 at Adrian, Missouri.

She departed this life March 9, 1966, at Adrian, Missouri, having attained the age of 74 years, 2 months and 14 days.

She was united in marriage to H. R. Chitwood on September 6, 1911. They settled in the Fairview community where she had grown to womanhood, and had resided at the present place 53 years. She was a faithful Christian until her death. The life she lived was her sermon.

Mrs. Chitwood is survived by 1 son, Harold, of Kansas City, Mo.; 4 daughters, Eva Addleman of Merwin, Mo.; Hallie Johnson, of Kansas City, Mo.; Rosalie Reiger, of Dumas, Texas; and Leota Jacobs of Kansas City, Mo.; 1 daughter Libby Oyler having preceded her in death June 24, 1964, is survived by her husband, Glen Oyler of Stockton, California; 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services was conducted in the Culver-Underwood Chapel, Butler, Missouri, with Rev. F. E. Waterbury officiating. Music was furnished by Rev. and Mrs. Howard Whiteley and Sis. Fran Waterbury who was also organist.

Burial was in Cresant Hill Cemetery, Adrian, Missouri.

HALLIE ROBERT CHITWOOD

Hallie Robert Chitwood, better known to his friends as (Hal) or H. R. was born January 3, 1887, and passed away March 17, 1966.

He was a charitable person which can well be testified by his family and friends. Truly it might be said (He has fought a good fight, he has finished his course, He was ready to meet his master.)

He was united in marriage to Jessie Fern Duffy Septemebr 6, 1911 who preceeded him in death March 9, 1966.

Survivors besides the children listed above are: one brother, Everett Chitwood of Adrain Missouri; one sister Hazel Rampenthal

FAITH CHAPEL STUDENT CENTER

Faith Chapel Student Center will hold their Easter Retreat at Hidden Falls Ranch, located on the south end of Pala Dura Canyons.

This Retreat will begin Thursday, April 17, and will continue through Saturday noon the 19th of April, when it will be dismissed to allow each individual to attend the church of their choice Easter Sunday.

The theme will deal with the Christian teacher, church workers, marriage and home, the Christian writer, and Christ in my profession. Other activities available to those attending will be special tours in the scenic canyons, workshops, and a number of sports.

The cost per individual for the entire retreat will be seven dollars. This cost will cover meals, cabins, and activitiy expenses. Each individual will be required to furnish bedding and personal articles. All young people from the age of 15 and up are invited to attend. Also a special invitation is given to the adults to visit the services. Those

of Hutchinson, Kansas; a host of neices, nephews, and friends. Three sisters and two brothers preceeded him in death.

The funeral service was identical in arrangements with his wife's conducted 5 days earlier.

BURNICE L. YOUNGBLOOD

Mrs. Burnice L. Youngblood, 62, of Diamond, Missouri, passed away in her home Monday, February 7, 1966, at 2:00 p. m.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 10, in the Gospel Tabernacle Church at Granby, Missouri, with Rev. Robert Cooper and the Rev. Earl Morgan officiating. She was laid to rest in Diamond Cemetery under the direction of Clark Funeral Home of Neosho, Missouri.

The greatest sermons are often preached in silence.

Items of Interest

planning to attend will need to write and reserve a cabin. Address all letters to: Faith Chapel, Box 844, Canyon, Texas.

Judy Wooster, reporter

BALKO, OKLAHOMA—

I am enjoying working with the youth group of the Balko Church and we are seeing good progress in their realization of their responsibilities to God and the Church. Spiritual victories have been gained and He has definitely met with us in our regular youth services on Sunday evenings. We know there is much more to be accomplished as we wait on God and continue to trust Him.

We have had some fellowship parties and the Lord has met with us in them also. If God permits we are planning to have some services with other youth groups of the movement in this vicinity. We desire your prayers that we may be able to reach other youth of the community and see them blessed of God.

Ronnie Martin

THANK YOU

I send my heartfelt thanks to everyone who so faithfully prayed for my recovery, and for the many letters and beautiful cards. I thank God for Christian friends who stand by you in time of need.

May God richly bless you all.

Many Thanks,
Ben Barker

We would like to say a special "thank you" to each of you for your many prayers and letters of encouragement. The Lord has certainly been wonderful and has manifested Himself unto us. We feel that God has answered prayer and we are recovering as He sees fit.

Again we say "thank you" to each one and may God bless you.

Alford Whiteley

NEWS from the CHURCHES

AMARILLO, TEXAS—

The Lord is blessing in the work here in Amarillo. In the near future we are planning to build a new auditorium and use the present building for classrooms. Rev. Roy Wooster has consented to supervise the building project. We are very grateful for this, and are looking forward to being in the new church as we feel it will help the work of the Lord to reach forth in a greater measure.

Bro. Truman Summerford held a singing school for the church during the weeks of February 28th-March 11. This proved a blessing and help to the church.

The labors of Bro. and Sis. Earl Malone have been greatly appreciated as they have filled in as pastors for two weeks during the time Bro. Ragan conducted a Revival in Bayard, Nebraska. Please pray for the church as we begin the new building.

Neil Ragan, pastor

BAYARD, NEBRASKA—

We are glad to report that we are enjoying a time of refreshing in the Revival which is now in progress. Rev. Neil Ragan has brought wonderful messages and we have enjoyed the special numbers brought by Ronnie Martin and Bill M. Patterson from night to night. God is blessing in every service. Two high school girls were saved the third night of the meeting and several others have prayed through to victory.

The church here has certainly missed the Eddie Brening family who moved to Denver the first of the year. We know they will be a blessing in the work there. Mean-

while, God is answering prayer here in sending out new ones and we are seeing a new surge of interest within the church.

Bill M. Patterson has been here helping since January and is also attending Scottsbluff Junior College.

Bill Patterson, pastor

WESTMINSTER, COLORADO—

Since the beginning of the new year we have been very encouraged with the attendance. Our average has been in the 20's. We are working to break our record of 32 on Easter Sunday.

Recently we have made a bid on some property but it seems the Lord must have something better for us! Pray that we will be patient and continue to endure in winning souls for him. Come by and see us anytime. We have been very glad for those who have stopped at various times.

Amos Harris, pastor

MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH, LOGAN, OKLAHOMA—

We are still praising God for His wonderful blessings. We are praying for a Revival in the near future. On Sunday morning, March 13, we were glad to have Rev. Gene Cornell visit our services. He brought a wonderful and inspiring message from Joshua 24:14 and Hebrews 12. He brought out how God kept His promises and commandments to His people and how God provided for the people of Isreal. Over and over again God was good to them.

Then he brought out how important we should take our service with God. We all have important decisions to make, laying aside the

weights of sin so we can serve God.

An invitation is out to our ministers and gospel workers to stop by anytime.

Mrs. Deryl Lamunyon, reporter
Doyle Wiles, pastor

PINE HILL, ALABAMA—

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Wooster held a week of Revival services for us beginning February 7th. God blessed in a wonderful way and we do praise Him. We appreciate Bro. and Sis. Wooster's burden and dedication. They have been an inspiration to all of us. We are having a good group of young people attending the services and desire to be a help and blessing to them. We covet your prayers concerning our ministry for the coming year. We desire to be in the will of God.

Jim Arnell, pastor

GUYMON, OKLAHOMA—

We are enjoying the Report very much. We appreciate your efforts and may God bless you. We have purchased property adjacent to the campus of Panhandle A. & M. College and are now making final Construction plans for a building to be completed by September 1st, which will bear the name of Apostolic Student Center.

Our devotional services at the College are going well with several of the ministers of this area as guest speakers. Our meetings are Tuesday and Thursday. Our Church is in Revival with Rev. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon from March 27th until Easter. Our attendance at the Church in Guymon is doing very well as we are seeing some saved, and interest within families.

Edwin Modrick, pastor

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FOLLETT, TEXAS—

We are glad to report victory in recent services. God has sent many blessings to us for which we are thankful.

At the time of this writing we are still planning a revival and praying for a harvest of souls.

We are looking forward to Easter and the joy that it brings to our hearts to know we have a living Saviour.

Pray for us and our church that we may see it grow to the glory of the Lord.

Jack Cornell, pastor

KATY, TEXAS—

The work here is doing fine. We have had two men saved the past three weeks for which we are most thankful. Our Sunday School attendance has suffered as the result of a great deal of sickness among our congregation; we trust it will build as spring arrives.

Harrol Waterbury, pastor

PROSPERITY, MISSOURI—

The church enjoyed the good messages brought by Rev. Ted Jackson last Sunday morning and evening. Bro. and Sis. Ray Michener have been a blessing with their attendance, special singing, and preaching this past year. We were also glad to have their mothers in attendance occasionally.

We are praying much that the Lord will send us a Spirit filled Revival meeting in the near future. The Bible Class finished a winter's study on the Holy Spirit yesterday ending with the topic on the Fruits of the Spirit.

Bob Cooper, pastor

ENID, OKLAHOMA—

Our attendance and interest is still very good and we praise God for His blessings upon our work. Bro. Barker was able to be in service with us last Sunday which thrilled all our hearts. Remember us in prayer.

Carl Pitts, pastor

GALENA, KANSAS—

In the Bible we read where some plant, some water, but GOD GIVETH the increase. During the past

month we have again witnessed the saving power of Christ as seven found Him to be their personal Saviour, one has been sanctified and others are hungry and seeking for the deeper blessings of God. Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Methvin were with us in service Wednesday, March 9. God met with us in a wonderful service with two finding the Lord and others renewing their vows to God.

There is still so much work to be done for God, let us all work for the night will soon be here when no man can work.

The new pews for our annex have been paid for and we are awaiting their soon delivery; these will match the ones in our main auditorium. The Beginners have enjoyed their new chairs in their class room and are looking forward to the other new furniture being finished. This includes a table and a storage cabinet with a sandbox built in one end which is used in learning about Jesus.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

LIBERAL, KANSAS—

From January 16th to January 30th a Revival meeting with Rev. J. D. Ray of Anchorage, Alaska, was conducted at our church. Only eternity will tell of all the good accomplished in these services. Every night was a special treat. Although it stormed during the Revival, the crowds continued to enjoy the timely preaching of Rev. Ray.

Several were saved, and many received a refilling of the precious Holy Spirit. At least three new families were contacted and two have made this their church home.

We enjoyed having Rev. and Mrs. Jack Barker visit with us during the Revival.

Jimmy Wallis, pastor

HINTON, ALABAMA—

We have been enjoying the blessing of the Lord in the services here for which we are very thankful. The Lord is so wonderful to all who will trust and obey Him. We were very glad to have Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Bard and Sis. Vivian Bard of Joplin, Mo., with us for two services. The good services and presence of the Lord were enjoyed

by everyone and we all rejoiced that one soul was saved.

Our yearly all day service will be conducted Easter Sunday with a basket dinner at noon and singing in the afternoon. Everyone is invited to be with us and enjoy the blessings of the Lord.

George Hintergardt, pastor

SUGARLAND, TEXAS—

The Lord has certainly been good to us during the past few weeks. His help and blessings are always sure if our faith is anchored in Him. We are planning a Revival beginning March 20th with Rev. Donald Dibbens. Pray with us for a time of refreshing from the Lord. We certainly need God's direction upon our lives.

Ollie Kinser, pastor

BISHOP-MAHAN

At exactly 3:30 p. m. February 22nd., the former Mrs. Charles Mahan, of Wichita, Kansas, was united in marriage to Mr. Claude Bishop of Ralls, Texas.

The simple double-ring ceremony took place in the Apostolic Faith parsonage at Liberal, Kansas. The pastor, Rev. Jimmy Wallis, read the ceremony.

The bride chose for her wedding a two-piece blue dress. She held a white Bible with a corsage of pink carnations on it.

The couple left shortly after the wedding for a few days vacation in Colorado. They will return to Wichita, Kansas to finish final business arrangements and then travel to Ralls, Texas, to be at home.

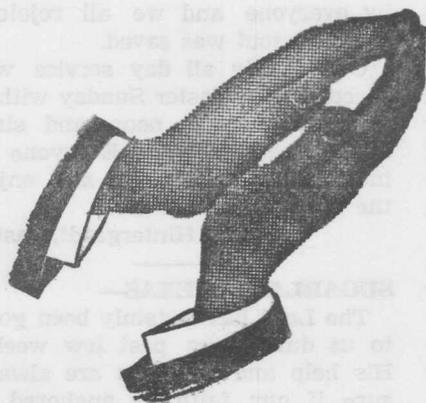
May God bless these two fine Christian persons with much happiness.

Life with Christ is an endless hope, without Him it is a hopeless end.

Christians are like tea—it takes hot water to bring out the true strength and flavor.

Many of God's greatest blessings come to us in rough wrappings, but there is gold inside.

Sometimes God sends His love letters in black-edged envelopes.



JUST TEACHING

Do you Just Teach? Or do you really teach which includes praying, studying, and WINNING your students to Christ?

In previous lessons we have discussed the absolute necessity of praying and studying for lesson preparation. There is another **IMPORTANT** step in the life of a teacher which we would like to investigate with you — "home visitation".

One of the first steps in leading your students to Christ is to gain their **Utmost Confidence**. This has to be done according to your personality and character traits as what one teacher can do and do well, another would fall flat on her face. Yet a few items are a "**MUST**" for every teacher of which "home visitation" is one of primary ones.

A teacher should visit in the home of each student at least once a quarter. The type of visit will vary according to the need and home environment of the student — sick or regular call; Christian or church going home to one that the child attends church alone. Sick calls are different from the regular visiting program but are necessary, especially to children, so that they **KNOW** you are interested in them and that they were missed in class.

New students or visitors should be visited if they are not members of another congregation. For your first visit you might take a class member along with you (this is good training for them also). You can also take along a quarterly, piece of handwork (for children), or some item of interest from your

class to present to the student which will let him know you are concerned and want **HIM** in church.

If your student is a child, visit with the parents also and show them how their interest in the child's lesson will help the child. Suggest that they can show this interest by reading the lesson with him at least once during the week. Be a sympathetic, listening friend and extend an invitation for them to join their child next Sunday morning at Sunday School **and** church.

Remember — for your first visit to the home of a new student — your call should be brief, friendly, and Christ and church centered to be effective.

For home visiting with your regular students, you might desire to vary it after a visit or two in the home by inviting 2 or 3 students to your home for a meal, take 1 out to Sunday dinner, or perhaps take them along with you to some activity as a singing, game of miniature golf, etc. (this is especially good for juniors through young young people). By mixing with them like this, you become someone to whom they feel they can confide their problems and worries. **NEVER BETRAY THIS TRUST** by telling any of such confidences placed in your "trust".

In order to maintain an effective visiting program, accurate records must be kept for your use. We will list here some ideas for the class or department secretary. This could also be used by the general secretary, superintendent, and pastor to help build your Sunday School.

1. Keep an accurate weekly attendance record.

2. Keep a "master file" or record (perhaps in a receipt box) with each student's name, address, phone number, birthday, and parent's name if a child.
3. The secretary should give to the teacher the absentee information so she can call on them at home. (If you are **UNABLE** to visit in the home, then call on them by phone or if unable to phone, write a nice card).

Christ taught "visiting" as He taught by the parable of the man preparing the great supper and sending the servants out to the highways and hedges to compel

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How Others Do It

OBJECT LESSON FAITHFULNESS

VISUALS: use bottle caps, steel closures of all kinds, figures on flash cards of such things as visiting the sick, reading the Bible, etc.

LESSON: Little sins accumulate and may even outweigh big sins.

Little or small acts of Faithfulness to God are just as important as the great and publicized deeds. A boy with a dime, an elderly lady with a prayer, a family reading the Bible, all count for God's glory as much as the dramatic exploits of penetrating jungles and writing great books, for **ALL SUCH** tasks are made of the **SAME "Steel"**.

Teacher's Notebook



Children's Hour . . .

— Kathryn Cornell

THE SMASHED TRUCK AND THE EASTER EGG

Ralph rode his bicycle back and forth along the street, happily thinking of all the fun he'd have during his Easter holidays.

With a spurt of enthusiasm he raced up the ramp in front of the house at the corner. A bump and a crunching sound ended his day-dreaming. He stopped abruptly as he heard a little boy cry, "Come here Jim! He's run over my new truck."

Little Stan Davis stood on the sidewalk pointing to the strewn pieces of broken plastic.

Ralph jumped off his bicycle and knelt beside the sobbing child.

"Sh-h-h! Don't call Jim. I'm really sorry. And I'll give you enough money to buy a bigger one," He said comfortingly.

But just then Jim came running toward them.

"Don't you know it's against the law to ride your bike on the sidewalk in this town?" Jim shouted angrily.

Ralph walked over to him humbly. "It's something I've never done

before," he said. "And I've offered to give Stan the money to buy another truck."

"We don't want your money. And in the future just stay away from here if you know what's good for you," Jim answered.

Ralph threw out his arms in a gesture of despair. "What more can I do?" He asked

By this time his twin sister Ann had run up to him. She heard Jim's tart reply and tugged at Ralph's arm impatiently.

"You can't do anything more, Ralph. Come and get ready for

dinner. Aunt Het just came with our big Easter egg and she'll be leaving right after dinner."

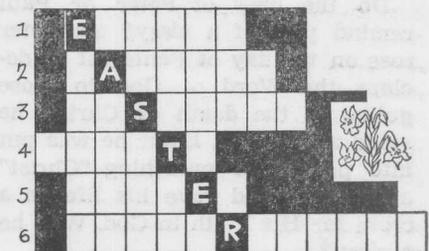
Small Stan's eyes grew big. "An Easter Egg!" He exclaimed. "I haven't had one of them since my Daddy died."

Ann looked at him sympathetically. And as they turned to leave she explained, "Our Aunt Het brings us a great big candy egg before each Easter Sunday."

Ralph was downhearted as they made their way homeward. His father was pastor of the church
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EASTER PUZZLE DEFINITIONS

1. A village about 7 miles west of Jerusalem, to which two of Jesus' disciples were walking after the resurrection when Jesus joined them, went to their home for supper, and made himself known to them as the risen Lord (Luke 24:13-35).
2. (Day of rest) In the Jews' calendar the seventh day of the week (from Friday evening to Saturday evening).
3. A person who follows the thinking of another. In the New Testament each person who believed in Jesus and wanted to learn His teachings was called by this name.
4. Governor of Judea, before whom Jesus was tried, scourged, and finally delivered up to be crucified (John 18:28—19:16).



Fill in the Squares

5. Vegetable substances with fragrant odor and sharp flavor, used for seasoning food, for making cosmetics and ointments, for incense, and in preparation of bodies for burial (Mark 16:1).
6. The return of the dead to life.

Answers:

1. EMMAS
2. SABBATH
3. DISCIPLE
4. PILATE
5. SPICES
6. RESURRECTION

Birthday Calendar

APRIL, 1966

- 11 NANCY BECK
 20 FONDA RENE' BROWN
 22 GREG CASSITY
 22 ROGER NOBLE



Crusaders for Christ

12 INCH ANSWER

QUESTION: — How can I convince my friends that being a Christian is NOT being a sissy?

ANSWER: — Was Jesus Christ a "sissy"? NO! His life from birth was one of Great Courage and adventure! So is the life of every Christian. Even though for almost 3½ years the foes of Christ constantly sought for ways to end His life, Christ never wavered. He outwitted His accusers as they laid traps for Him seeking even a sliver upon which to stand giving them a right for His death.

Do the lives of Peter or Paul remind you of a sissy? As Peter rose on the day of Pentecost to declare the Word of God to those guilty of the death of Christ, he stood as a giant. Later he was put into prison for preaching "Christ" and in the end gave his life on a cross for His Faith in God. Was he a sissy?

Then Paul could only be called a man of great valor for he was often beaten, put into prison, or left outside the city gates for dead. **A real Christian is like gristle, being able to withstand chewings or temptations and trials that are placed upon him.**

There are plenty of imitations—professors but not possessors. Real POSSESSORS aren't sissies as they say "NO" to the gang; "Sissies" go along with gang regardless of the activity in question.

Yes, there will be those "friends"? who'll snicker, sneer,

and cut deep with their words PROVING all the more that a real Christian (one who lives a consistent Christian life EVERY DAY) is NOT a sissy.

We read in Hebrews 11:32-38 about people as David, Gideon, Barak, and others who faced death for their Faith in God. Surely no one could call Daniel a sissy! God's Word tells us in verse 38 that the world is not even worthy of such men.

There will be those who are genuinely interested in whether or not you're a "stout fella" for Christ, one that won't falter at the temptations he places before you. If you don't falter—then he will be NO. 1 on your list of fishes as Christ said, "I will make you fishers of men". What better occupation could you desire?

If your Christian life rings true at all times, you will be a vessel that Christ can use to bring sheep into the fold. **It is this type of experience that proves to your friends that being a Christian is not being a sissy!**

How can you live this type of a Christian life? Read in Romans 8:37-39. Here God tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. God is greater than Satan. Verse 37 says, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

When we need grace to say "no", our strength that Christ promised in II Cor. 12:9 (My grace is sufficient for thee) is only a prayer

away. This prayer need not be audible but a silent prayer will bring the Victory. **God's Word is always true.** He again tells us in Hebrews 13:5, "... , I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee". God does not merely walk with us to church but will be our constant companion.

HE WILL supply the courage, strength, and wisdom that you need to live that consistent, daily Christian life that will in itself PROVE to be your friends that being a Christian is NOT being a Sissy but they are "Sissies" for not being a Christian.

Keep your eyes on the goal — Christ Jesus—and you will not sink beneath the Waves.

PSYCHOLOGY

One of the best pieces of child psychology is made of leather . . . Too many parents tie up their dog and let their children run wild. Some families can trace their ancestry back 300 years, but can't tell you where their children were last night. It is said that the reason so many children are found on the streets at night is that they don't want to be left home by themselves. Many parents are finding that a pat on the back develops character—if given often, early, and low enough.

—Selected

Let Christ conquer WITHIN and you will conquer WITHOUT!

TRUCK AND EGG CONTINUED

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the Davis family attended. And he wanted to present a good Christian testimony to Jim.

He knew Jim had been like a young father to his little brother since his father died and his mother had had to go to work to provide for them. But he had gotten in with a rough crowd lately.

"Jim is badly in need of the Saviour, Ralph," his father had told him. "And I believe you can be of help."

Ralph went directly to his room now and knelt at his bedside. He knew he had failed his Lord.

Ralph read his Bible daily and remembered now the words in I Peter 5:8, "Be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." That was the trouble, he had been forgetful and had done something wrong and spoiled his testimony.

After Aunt Het left that evening Ralph had a talk with his sister, Ann, too, was a Christian and it did not take them long to make a decision. Carefully Ann put the pretty wrapping back on the box containing the big candy egg and handed it to Ralph.

"I'll take it to Stan before I go to my brigade meeting," He told her.

In going to his brigade meeting Ralph usually took a short route, riding through a lane leading from his own street to the church. When about to pass it now in making his way to the Davis house, he saw one of Jim's rough friends loitering in the shadows.

"He's coming now — get ready, fellows!" Ralph heard him shout as he ran into the lane.

He realized then that Jim had not forgiven him and had told the boys to catch him on his way to the meeting.

Cycling swiftly past Ralph turned into the Davis driveway. He knew they would not think to find him there.

He was trembling when he made his way to the door.

"Mom is working late tonight". a

small voice said in answer to his knock. Then Jim's big form appeared in the doorway.

"You get back. I'll do the talking," he told Stan. And to Ralph he said, "What are you doing here again?"

"I came to give your little brother our great big Easter Egg," Ralph replied bravely.

"Stan doesn't want your Easter Egg." Jim said gruffly.

"Oh yes I do. Yes I do," Stan cried excitedly, pushing himself forward and putting his arms out toward the big candy box.

At the pleading in his brother's voice, Jim's tone softened a little as he asked, "Why is it that you are so ready to give Stan your big Easter Egg now, when just this afternoon you wanted it so much yourself? Is there something wrong with it?"

"No, there is not!" Ralph said indignantly. "It's because we're Christians, and Christians are willing to give up things they like a lot for other people. Just like God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son . . ."

"All right," Jim interrupted crossly. "We don't want any of your Dad's preaching. Give Stan your Easter Egg, then beat it!"

As soon as Ralph handed the box to Stan, Jim slammed the door in his face.

"That's the kind of treatment Jesus got," Ralph said as he told Ann about it that night. "We'll just have to pray about it, Ann."

A few days passed before he met Jim again. He was riding home from school one afternoon when three of Jim's friends darted from a driveway and formed a line across the road directly in front of him. He was forced to slow down. And as soon as he did so, one of them pulled him off his bicycle.

"We've got him now," they cried with satisfaction. And Ralph did not know what to expect.

His hopes rose on hearing someone shouting and running toward them. But seeing that it was Jim his heart sank again.

The boys stood back at Jim's approach. "Hi, fellows! I'll take care of him now," he said commandingly.

Taking Ralph by the arm, Jim led him down the street. And as soon as they were out of sight of the other boys he told him he could go.

"Whatever made you do that for me?" Ralph asked in the same tone of voice Jim had used when he had asked about their giving Stan the Easter Egg.

"You were good to my kid brother, weren't you?" Jim said with some embarrassment. "Anybody who is good to him is a friend of mine."

Ralph looked pleased. "You know you could do a lot of good with those boys, Jim," he said. "They listen to you."

"I guess I could," Jim replied simply.

Offering a silent prayer Ralph said, "Dad is at home in his study just now. Won't you come in with me and let him tell you how it could be done?"

Jim hesitated for a moment. Then he smiled broadly. "I believe I will, Ralph," he said. "And, by the way, Stan gave me some of that great big Easter Egg; it sure tasted good."

TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK—

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them to come in. In John 4:35,36, Jesus said the fields are white to harvest. "He that reapeth receiveth wages and GATHERETH FRUIT unto life eternal . . .".

Then we find where Christ taught by example going into the home of Zacchaeus and in to eat bread with one of the chief Pharisees (Luke 14.). He also visited in the home of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus as well as others. The twelve disciples were sent forth two by two in Mark 6:7; the 70 were sent forth as recorded in Luke 10.

As teachers you will find that you fulfill Matt. 9:38 as you are one of the labourers that Christ has sent into His havest. Let us do our best that we will not be guilty of the blood of anyone. Christ will honour the time and effort you spend for Him with a harvest of souls. "I will make YOU fishers of men".

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