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Front row, Tom Day, Lyndel Arnall, Howard Whiteley, Jerome Crowhurst, Jake Pletcher, and Paula Buschman.
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FRET NOT THYSELF

TRUST — DELIGHT — COMMIT — REST and WAIT

Twice in Psalms 37 are the three words, **Fret not thyself**. The news media reports periodically that heart disease is the no. 1 killer in America; but I wonder if tension and worry aren't the behind the scene killers of heart disease victims and several other dreaded life takers. Every day worry robs millions of people of serenity, peace and happiness. It steals vitality and health. This isn't God's way. He can give you a peace that passes understanding. Psalm 37 has some key phrases that should be an intricate part of our daily spiritual lives.

Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." We are to be reminded that our trust is not in ourselves and what we can accomplish or in any other human being but in the Lord who made us and has charge of the universe in which we live. Why is it so hard to trust Him? It really isn't! It's just that the devil likes to make it seem that way to us if we let him.

Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." We can never receive the desires of our heart without putting Christ at the center of our lives—then and only then will our desires be what He wants and not what we want. If He's our delight, then we can have our desires because they will be exactly what He knows is best for us.

Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him and He shall bring it to pass." Oh, how we like to hold onto problems, troubles and situations. If we could only learn to turn loose of them and let God have His wonderful way—then we could really see how quickly He could bring it to pass. We keep His hands tied so often with our meddling in His affairs, and holding on too tightly. He doesn't make us trust but He always says, "Whosoever will may come."

A farmer said of his corn crop that he was gathering, "Every kernel of corn inside the husk is fed air and sunlight by a strand of cornsilk. Without silk the kernels wouldn't develop. God sure took care of everything!" He really did! And if we allow Him to He'll take care of us, too. He knows our daily requirements for body, soul and spirit, and He promises to supply them to all who put their trust in Him. Hasn't He met your needs thus far? Then "**Rest** in the Lord and **wait** patiently for Him . . . **Wait** on the Lord and keep His way and He shall exalt thee."

Remember "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and He delighteth in his way." In this same 37th chapter David says, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor His seed begging bread." P.T.L.

I like the last verse when it simply states, "And the Lord shall help them and deliver them from the wicked and save them because they trust in Him!!"

Fret not thyself but **Trust, Delight, Commit**, and then **Rest** and **Wait** for the Lord's perfect timing. He never misses!! Not ever!! It will pay off in great dividends. Trade in your worry and fear for God's peace and serenity. It's yours for the taking.

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THANK YOU!!!!

We are so grateful for the way God, through you His people has supplied the financial need of the Report. The summer slump is over and we're in great shape for the continuing of the paper. May God richly bless each and everyone of you who sent in a donation. To me it was votes of confidence for the Report and its ministry and the small part God has allowed me to have in this phase of His Work. Isn't it wonderful to be a part of The Family of God!

Yours in His Service,
Naomi Busch, Editor

Minister's Directory To Be In October Issue!!

REMEMBER to send me your new address (including street no. and P.O. Box no. as well as zip code and phone no.) Also include the church's address if it's different from the pastor's and the name of the church if it's other than Apostolic Faith Church. My copy deadline is September 15, for this material to be included in the minister's directory for 1977 that will be in the October issue of the Report.

Thank you,
The Editor

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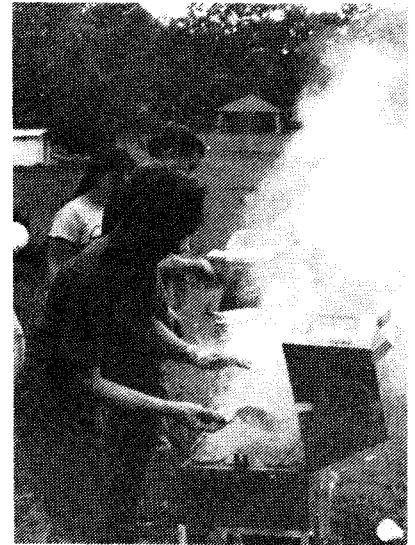
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AFBC Now in Progress



Pictures of the AFBC picnic held the first day of Bible School in Kiwanis Park. There are 35 students enrolled in this year's Bible School.

Dear Friends in Christ:

Work week is over and Bible School is well underway. We're trusting and praying for the Lord to give us a spiritual school with the students receiving from God what they will need to stand the tests of tomorrow. We need young people that are rooted in God's Word. Many many small improvements were made on the school during work week. The biggest job done was the replacing of all the water pipes in the Chapel basement, which now calls for a new ceiling to be installed in the immediate future. Some new wiring was installed where needed, also. Our special thanks to Elmer Christenson, James Ray Routh, David and Sharon McCance, Edwin Waterbury, Ward Stanberry, Jim Fox, and several of this year's students who came early and helped with the work at hand. May God bless you.

Bro. Tom Day is our Dean of Men for this year. When we listed our teachers earlier, we did not have his reply. We're looking forward to a profitable year with our fine teachers and with students desirous to learn more of God.

August 23rd we paid an interest note in the amount of \$1326.00 which leaves only \$427.06 in the Bldg. fund. Our next principal note will be due in February in the amount of \$6400. Let's all do our part in meeting this obligation. As of this writing there is some \$3000 in the general operating fund. From this we must pay almost \$2000 for the new

choir robes plus the supplies for the beginning of school. We wish to deeply thank each of you who've had a part in the support of our Bible School.

For the first time in a number of years, we're going to be able to give each teacher a small check at the beginning of school. This indeed is an answer to prayer and we thank each of you who helped make this possible. May God bless you as you continue to back the school with your prayers and support.

We want to say a big special thanks to all who helped during work-week. There were so many things that needed to be done. May the Lord bless each of you are our prayers.

Please remember to pray **daily** for us and the school. Without prayer our efforts will all be in vain . . . but with God's blessings and direction, all things are possible. We—at the school—will be praying for each church that God will bless and add souls to the Kingdom of God. Together we can see God's Work accomplished.

In our next Report, we'll give out the itinerary of the choir tour which will be in October. Hope to see many of you at our concerts. And please come to visit the school at any time you can arrange to do so. You're always welcome and we urge you to come and see what God has provided for you. It's a great place to enjoy God's fellowship and to learn of His deeper truths.

In Christian service,
Howard Whiteley, superintendent

Do I Really Love?

I CORINTHIANS — AND ME

If I am able to speak to others about Christ ever so convincingly, but have not His love for them, I am nothing.

If I have diplomas and degrees and know all the up-to-date methods for presenting the claims of Christ, but have not His touch of understanding love, I am nothing.

If I am able to argue successfully against false beliefs and show how foolish they are, but have not His wooing note, I am nothing.

If I have all faith and great ideals and magnificent plans, but have not His love that sweats and bleeds and prays and pleads, I am nothing.

Even if I surrender all prospects for material success . . . leave home and friends, make the sacrifices of a missionary career, but turn sour and selfish amid the daily annoyances and slights of missionary life, and though I give my body to be consumed with the fevers and heats of the field, but have not love that yields its rights, its leisures, its pet plans, I am nothing. Virtue has ceased to go out of me.

If I can heal all manner of sickness and disease, but wound hearts and hurt feelings for want of His love that is kind, I am nothing.

If I can write articles and publish books that win applause, but fail to transcribe the word of the cross in the language of His love, I am nothing.

If I give substantial sums to reach the heathen lost and my clothes and money to the less fortunate, but have not His love for them, I am nothing.

—Author not known

ONE WHO DROPPED OUT

"I am one who dropped out of your Sunday School. I walk past the building once in a while now, and recall that I used to go to Sunday School there. I meet some friends now and then and find that they have also ceased to attend. Occasionally, I meet people who continue to go, but never get from them any reason why I should return. You who continue to guide the school do not know what caused me to drop out. Perhaps I needed a friend . . . and found none. Or maybe I wanted help to live my life, and did not find it. At any rate, I dropped out of your Sunday School, and YOU did not even try to find out why."

—Contributed by Wick Brown



Obituary of Johnson Orlon Lloyd

Johnson Orlon Lloyd was born to Johnson Owen and Lenora Gatten Lloyd on January 5, 1898 in Lane county, Kansas and passed from this life on July 30, 1977 at his home in Wichita, Kansas at the age of 79.

Left to mourn his passing are his widow, Pearl, of the home; three sons, Dallas, of Liberal, Kansas; Dorcey, of Wichita, Kansas; and Dean of Denver, Colorado; eleven grandchildren, Dallas' children, Marietta Fellers, Lane, Marlene, Kaylene, and Mark; Dorcey's children, Rhonda May, Donna, Danny and John; and Dean's children, Kevin and Shanna. He is survived by one brother, John, of Meade, Kansas; one sister, Pearl, of Dodge City, Kansas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

"Pappy" Lloyd, as he has been affectionately known by many of his relatives and friends for many years, was born in a sod house in Lane county Kansas of pioneer parents and resided in Ness and Lane counties for many years. He married Goldie Pearl Conner of Dighton community in Scott City, Kansas on August 9, 1922 and they would have soon celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

In May, of 1945, the family moved to Wichita, Kansas where Mr. Lloyd worked as a fire inspector for Boeing Aircraft until retirement in 1963.

Brother Lloyd accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour in 1933 and deeply loved his Lord, his church, his pastors, and his friends until his passing. There was nothing that he enjoyed more than being in a good church service and his hearty "amens" will be greatly missed by the church family of Faith Chapel where he was a faithful member for many years.

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Marion Bishop of the Cheney Church who read scriptures, and Reverend Earl Pruitt who brought the message. Bro. Lloyd's son, Dean, spoke and directed the congregation in one verse of "Amazing Grace." Nephews served as pallbearers and men of area churches were honorary pallbearers. Interment was in Budda Cemetery in Ness County.

Obituary of Elmer G. Stockdick

Elmer G. Stockdick was born on September 11, 1884, in Milledgeville, Iowa. He was the fourth of seven children born to the union of Adam Stockdick and Elmira Young Stockdick.

At the age of 12 years, after the death of his mother, his father moved the family to Katy. He attended Southmayd School, north of Katy and was a graduate of Massey Business College. He was a pioneer in the rice industry with a special interest in the propagation of new strains. He was a charter director of the Katy National Bank and before that he was a principal in the Katy State Bank. He and his brother, Charles, operated an automobile dealership which eventually became Miller Motor Company.

On August 14, 1921, he was united in marriage to Pleasant Garrett of Pattison, Texas. Two children were born to this union, Dorothy Scott and Marilyn Stanberry, both of Katy.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters and their husbands, Melvin Scott and Ward Stanberry; also three grandsons and three granddaughters, Ronald, Randall and David Scott, Janet, Betty and Sharon Stanberry; and one great-grandchild, Aaron Scott, all of Katy.

He accepted Christ as his personal Savior in the 1930's. He was a faithful member of the Katy Apostolic Church and attended regularly as long as his health permitted.

Mr. Stockdick passed away July 9, 1977 and services were held at the Katy Apostolic Faith Church on July 11. Reverend Jim Fox officiated, assisted by Reverend Harrol Waterbury and Reverend Joe Dewees. Reverend Fox officiated at the graveside services with Reverend Marcus Adair offering prayer.



Obituary of Pearl Elizabeth Busch

Pearl Elizabeth Busch was born January 7, 1899 and departed this life June 22, 1977, at 78 years of age. She was born to Julia and Nicholas Rumback near Renfro, Oklahoma, and she attended school near her home. Later the family moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma, where she finished high school and attended Oklahoma A & M College.

She came in contact with the early ministry of the Apostolic Faith Movement and was converted and later traveled as a gospel worker before her marriage to Reuben Daniel Busch in November 1931. Bro. and Sis. Busch ministered actively throughout a wide variety of Apostolic Faith Churches from time to time in conducting services and also aiding in the building of several new churches. They moved to Rockdale, Texas, in 1939 and made it their home since that time. Sis. Busch had been in failing health for the past four or five years but never failed to support her home church actively. She continued to demonstrate her faith in the Lord up to the time of her departure.

Left to survive her are her husband, Reuben, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Julia Carol Pletcher of Battle Mountain, Nevada and Mrs. Ruth Edna Bachler of Katy, Texas; eight grandchildren, one sister, Edna Miller of Stillwater, Oklahoma. Recently, a sister, Mrs. Caroline Barone preceded her in death.

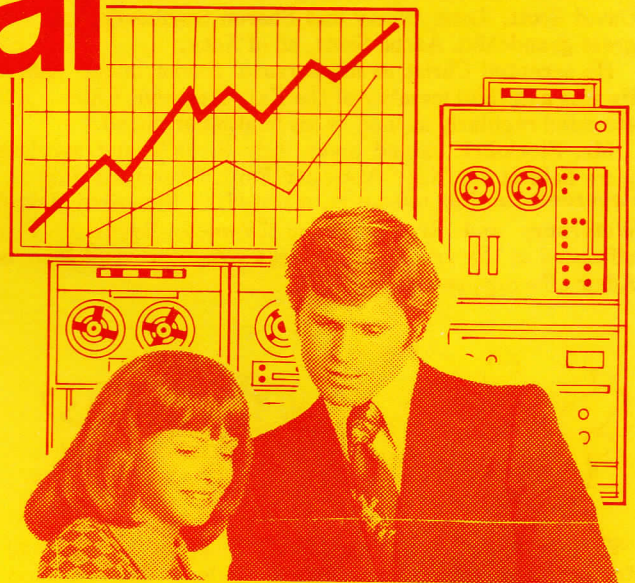
Memorial services were conducted at the Phillips and Lucky Chapel in Rockdale, Texas on June 24, 1977. A trio by Charles and Debbie Ament and Peggy Hosek, friends of the family, sang "Going Home" and "Because He Lives." Bro. Hap Blythe read the obituary, scriptures of inspiration and compared Sis. Busch to "a good soldier who endures hardships" as spoken of in the Bible. Reverend Millard Brown, who had known her from the early days of her conversion, preached the sermon of faith and hope. Interment was in the Harmony Cemetery near Rockdale. Serving as pallbearers were: Reverend Olen Bachler, Daniel Ray Bachler, Reverend Lee Brock, Reverend Douglas Springer, Phil Blythe and Jerry Hosek.



William Albert Roomsburg came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Roomsburg of Tulare, California, on April 29, 1977. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces. Mrs. Roomsburg is the former Rebecca Lynn Walls. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Dorothy Roomsburg, Tulare, California, and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walls, Barstow, California. Great-grandparents are Reverend James Hosler, Laverne, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Florence Walls, San Diego, California. William Albert was named after his grandfather and great-grandfather. He is the first grandchild and great-grandchild for both of them.

Frank and Luan Corsoe of 964 Pres. Ave., Emerald Apts. Bldg., Apt. 13, Toms River, New Jersey 08753 announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Elizabeth Rachel, on June 24, 1977. She weighed six pounds and four ounces. Mrs. Corsoe is the former Luan Randles of Hardesty, Oklahoma. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Randles of Hardesty, Oklahoma, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Corsoe of Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Computer Money a factual analysis



(reprinted from July 1977, "Christ for the Nations")

Electronic fund transfer, which allows a consumer to buy and sell without cash while a computer merely debits and credits his account, is rapidly becoming the norm of the '70's, and is setting the stage for a 'cashless' economy in the near future. What was once foretold only in Scripture and foreseen only by prophets is becoming the electronic marvel of the computer age.

Realistic? According to William Anderson, Chairman of National Cash Register, the trend is imminent. "The real question today is not whether EFT will become a major payments medium, but rather how major it will become and how rapidly it will develop."

Since the commercialization of the earliest domestic computers in the mid-1950's, speculation about the feasibility of EFT, "what if" articles, appeared in the nation's leading computer-banking trade journals, and in October, 1974 Congress created the National Commission on EFT, a panel designed to "study and make recommenda-

tions for an orderly flow into 'paperless' banking.

EFT became the new 'game' to watch. "Almost every day a new company gets into the act, new legislation is passed, and or new statistics are released," reported *Datamation* magazine. Figures tell the story: the number of banks offering credit card plans has jumped from 100 in 1955 to more than 14,000 today, while the transaction volume of the two major bank card companies, a mere \$6.8 billion in 1970, soared to \$18.3 billion in 1975. A recent poll of marketing executives of banks with assets of \$100 million or more showed that 86 percent expected their banks to offer debit cards, cards which can consummate a purchase in place of cash, by 1980.

Likewise, usage of computer hardware to facilitate EFT functions has increased spectacularly. An independent poll of 770 banks showed 8,000 banking terminals performing a variety of services, with the total growing rapidly. More than 500 financial institutions in 44 states and the District

of Columbia now offer their customers electronic banking services at remote merchant terminals and automated teller machines. Financial institutions as small as \$30 million in deposits have installed electronic terminals for EFT, with services including deposit taking, withdrawals, transfers, and authorizations for check cashing and credit cards. Over 9,000 additional terminals will be installed nationwide this year. One banking association of rural area banks with deposits of \$20,000,000 or less says its members feel certain they will have to provide point-of-sale service within five years, bringing EFT or 'cashless' transactions to even the smallest towns and communities in the country.

Banks, then, will eventually communicate with point-of-sale terminals in virtually every retail store or outlet. For a purchase, a cashier or computerized cash register will enter the amount of sale, the customer will produce appropriate identification (still a great cause of controversy among EFT contingents), and the bank computer will immediately credit the store's account and debit the customer's account regardless where the customer may be in the country. No physical money or bank draft is ever exchanged.

What is EFT inevitable? Most bankers cite rising 'people' costs, the salaries paid to employees to handle the growing mountain of transactions. While wages have spiraled upward, so has business volume, until now handling costs have been termed "nearing the prohibitive." Costs of computer hardware, however, have decreased as units become more familiar and simpler.

Costs of bank card handling have been rising as well, with credit losses and higher postal rates contributing to the increase. Most banks cannot process the increased paperwork generated by bank card use, paperwork which is growing by 20-30 percent every year, and reducing the profits from bank card operations to marginal levels in many banks. EFT will dramatically cut transaction costs. According to Willis W. Alexander, vice-president of the American Bankers Association, of the 80 billion retail transactions predicted for 1983, 5.2 billion will be automated. Cost savings are estimated at 14c per transaction, a total savings nationwide of \$700 million annually.

Yet despite such high marks of acclaim, the public remains unconvinced. Fear of governmental control, divulgence of personal financial information, loss of privacy, identification cards and computer error have made citizens already leery of big government apprehensive. The financial community set out immediately to provide answers.

In the Congress, proponents of electronic fund transfer challenged the McFadden Act of the 1930's, a landmark bill restricting branch banking (and consequent concentration of wealth) across state lines. On the state level, many states such as Texas are considering amendments to their constitutions that would allow remote EFT facilities.

Could an EFT network risk the invasion or loss of personal privacy, the ability of citizens to control their private financial records? John Eger, acting director of The Office of Telecommunications Policy, sees new proposed legislation that would bring an EFT network under governmental scrutiny as a serious threat. Governmental operation of an EFT system "potentially represents a highly effective tool for keeping track of people and en-

forcing 'correct' behavior."

Bob B. Hallmark, president of the Southern States Bank-card Association, represent the pro-EFT position. In an interview with *The Dallas Times Herald*, Hallmark admitted the possibility that EFT could tend to concentrate financial transaction data in a single computer data base, susceptible to invasions of privacy, but said that just the opposite is also likely. "The susceptibility of data to review by non-authorized persons is far less a threat to privacy than is the continuation of today's check and credit systems which require more data to be stored in more places, which are regularly reviewed by more people," he said.

Identification validation, most EFT experts believe, would be handled initially through voice verification systems, where voice prints would be used along side personal digitized plastic 'debit' cards. Later, perhaps, other identification 'conveniences' such as a personal number could be affixed on the individual's body.

Despite the public's continual pessimism about EFT, banks are not actively seeking to 're-educate' the general populace. The greatest change in mood has come since the commercial marketing of such computerized games as 'Pong,' and through such novelties as the hand calculator, both of which are winning the public's trust. Little by little, apprehensions are wearing down.

Will Europe control such a computerized economic system, as many Bible scholars fear? We can only speculate. But one fact is certain: in the development of international EFT, Europe is by far the leader. The Society of Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT), based in Brussels, has been chartered to develop a data communications network for EFT. Already the organization has 400 member banks, including 40 U.S. institutions. By the end of this year, SWIFT estimates its network will be transferring and recording 300,000 EFT messages every day. Thus, as the world moves toward an exclusive EFT economy, more sophisticated computers will be utilized and greater interconnection between banks over a computer network will continue.

Seymour Ratner, systems officer for Citibank, the U.S.'s second largest bank, wrote: "We are currently implementing a Global Communications Network. It will link all the major countries of the world via a complete communications belt, totally dedicated to serving Citibank's communications needs. This will enable us to communicate, on a real-time basis, timely information to be used for transaction processing, foreign exchange trading, worldwide liability reports and our accounts reconciliements."

Could a one-system or one-network computer base be used for national or international EFT? Definitely, says Brent Anderson, computer advisor who specializes in EFT. "But the system must be so simple that it can run uninterrupted. No one individual or interest group can be allowed to control such a network. Private input into the system must be locked out." Even then, he notes, one man's control, or private, financial affairs could only occur after an "unprecedented calamity," perhaps the snatching away of the Christian contingency and influence.

Anderson, a Christian, says EFT must wait for God's timing. "But with what we know and what we can do *now*, only God's timing is holding man back."

Steve Lestarjette



Rockdale, Texas

Our church people appreciate the Apostolic Faith Report and pray our contribution will help spread the Gospel. May God bless all of you who are bringing us the paper.

Reverend Van Blythe has been voted back in as our pastor. Just recently Reverend and Mrs. Lee Brock were with us for a revival and their ministry was appreciated. Several from our church attended the Singing School and Youth Camp at Warda, Texas. A very encouraging report came from the camp. At our last Youth Rally, July 9, about 80 people attended. The Full Gospel Churches from Rockdale, Lexington and Gause joined with our church for a wonderful time in the Lord. Reverend Ronnie Martin brought the message and God blessed in many ways. We have enjoyed hearing Reverend Martin preach for us several times lately. He and his family are going to pastor the church at Alvin, Texas. We will miss having them here. Reverend Calvin Springer brought us a very moving sermon recently. Sis. Pearl Busch passed away in June, and she is missed so much by our people. Pray for her children, husband and friends. Pray for our church that we will grow and prosper.

Rev. Van Blythe, pastor
Mrs. Jerry Hosek, reporter

Taneyville, Missouri

We are still thanking and praising the Lord for the many blessings that we have been receiving.

The Baxter Youth Camp was a rich blessing to the 19 Taneyville Youth who received deeper experiences with the Lord. A church dinner and firework display were enjoyed on July 4th.

July 5th-9th, we had a Daily Vacation Bible School conducted by Bro. Duane Methvin and "Willard's Wonderful World of Witnesses." We thank the Lord for this wonderful time and enrollment of 70 kids. At night, during this time and throughout the following week, Bro. Marlon Sparks conducted a wonderful youth and church revival, with help by Bro. Barry Methvin. It was a blessing to see some from previous revivals growing in the Lord. There were six filled with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and two souls that were saved.

It was a blessing to have our former pastor, wife, and family, Bro. and Sis. Danny Robinson, with us for services on July 27th and 31st. Bro. Danny conducted a mortgage burning for our parsonage on the 31st. We thank the Lord for helping pay off the parsonage 1½ years early.

Several young people enjoyed the two Baptist Youth Camps held recently. Sis. Shari Cook was Music Director for the Senior Camp.

Sis. Shari and Sis. Grace are presently working on new and better ideas to be used in the Youth and Junior Departments. These will be started September 4th, along with a Primary and Adult program.

We also thank the Church for the three-day fast that was held for Sis. Alberta, August 8-10. We feel a victory from the Lord that we know HE only can do! Their second year is beginning as pastors.

May the Lord bless you!

Bro. and Sis. Winston Barker, pastors
Grace Beeler, reporter

Pattison, Texas

We are happy to report that the Lord is continuing to bless our church.

Bro. and Sis. Ray Michener and Bro. Olen Bachler were visiting ministers at the church in the past months. We certainly appreciated their messages from the Lord.

Several of our youth attended the singing school and youth camp at Lost Pines and reported that the Lord blessed there in a wonderful way.

With the purchase of a new set of choir books, we began having choir practice on Thursday nights. The Lord has blessed us as we worship Him in song. As a result, we have drawn closer to the Lord and closer to each other in musical worship.

John Scruggs, pastor
Doris Scruggs, reporter

Snell, Mississippi

It has been awhile since we sent in a report from the church here. The Lord is still blessing us. Bro. and Sis. John Blythe have resigned as pastors here at Snell. We trust the Lord will bless them and go with them wherever He would have them to labor. We really appreciate the Blythe family and have learned to really love them. We are also praying that God will burden the Pastor that He would have us have for our church.

We had a wonderful baptizing service recently with four following the Lord in water baptism. The service was rich and the Holy Spirit so real.

We are planning to start on a new parsonage soon, if the Lord permits. Your prayers will be very much appreciated as we take this step by faith. We thank and praise the Lord for all He has done and truly we can say that He is great and He is good! We invite gospel workers and ministers to come by and be in services with us anytime.

Sylvia Sanders, reporter

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Bro. and Sis. James E. Wallis resigned and left the church at Alvin, Texas and have moved to 1504 Oak Ridge Ct., Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012, phone, 918-258-5391. They will be available for revivals by contacting them at the above address and phone number.

Gray, Oklahoma

Greetings from the Gray Community Church, Balko, Oklahoma. The Lord, has blest our little church and we are most grateful.

March 20 through 23 Bro. Lyndall Arnall, was in services with us—20th Century of Isarel.

April 24 through May 1 our revival began with Paul Clanton. We were so happy Bonnie came with him. We enjoyed having them in our home very much and renewing our friendship with them.

April 30, Kathryn Cornell directed a workshop at the Apostolic Faith Church, Balko, Oklahoma. Our church attended and enjoyed it very much.

May 8 was Mothers' Day— it's a pleasure to honor our mothers in the congregation. Our oldest mother was Cora Harris. The youngest mother was Nina Cowan. We honored two other mothers that were on our heart. Anna Mae Duff and Evelyn Cowan. These ladies are a great asset to our community.

May 23 through 27—we still are rejoicing in the Lord. We got to have a D.V.B. School, the first time in ten years. Our director—Mrs. Jay Harris; Assistant—Mrs. David Stollings. The total enrollment was 45. The theme was "Learning About Jesus." It was closed on Sunday night with the program.

May 30, Edna Lee and I moved to Perryton, Texas. Our new address is 913 S.W. 19th, Perryton, Texas 79070, phone: 806-435-5018.

Our Board members are: Cody Harris—Balko, Oklahoma; Herman James—Hardesty, Oklahoma; and Dale Kerns—Perryton, Texas.

We extend an invitation to all our ministers to come by for service anytime.

Would you please remember my mother-in-law in prayer. She is in desperate need of healing.

Mrs. Jewell Goodhue
1908 North Washington
Enid, Oklahoma 73701

Lealand Grimmer
Pastor

Hardesty, Oklahoma

Greetings from the people of Hardesty. The Lord has been so good to us, and His presence is felt in every service.

Hilton Sutton was with us one Sunday for both services, and the Royalheirs joined in the evening service. It is thrilling to hear and realize what a privilege we have to live in these last days.

While the Cornells were at Camp Meeting, we had a Sunday morning Gideon service. This organization does a wonderful work in placing God's word.

The Jimmy Jamieson family was with us for the evening service, and we all had an uplifting time in the Lord.

A time of fellowship was held on the parsonage lawn recently, with a hamburger fry and ice cream.

We are in the process of having steel siding and new windows put on the parsonage.

Jack Cornell, pastor
Mary Lorraine Jones, reporter

Katy, Texas

We welcome Bro. and Sis. Frank Arnall and April to our church family. We are happy to have this young family working in our church. Recently Bro. Ward Stanberry marked the parking lot for us and we are very grateful.

The Cathedral Youth Choir from Beaumont, Texas was with us in service and presented a musical entitled "Let It Shine On You." This choir is directed by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Walker. Mrs. Walker is the daughter of Brother and Sister Claude Pruitt. Bro. O. A. Busch preached for us one Sunday in July and we were happy for him to be with us. The dedication of little Traci Fullbright was a very sacred time one Sunday in July.

Our church was saddened at the death of Bro. Elmer Stockdick. We will miss him. Several of our church family have lost loved ones recently. Bro. Bill Roberts lost his father. Ruth Bachler's mother, Pearl Busch, passed away and Bro. Kenneth Elkins lost a brother. May God comfort all the bereaved. We earnestly desire your prayers for Bro. Fred Peck, who is gravely ill.

Jim Fox, pastor

Granby, Missouri

We were happy to have Bro. Bill Patterson preach for us one Sunday morning in July. Bill and Marie and Morris and Holli Roberts were all with us. The week that Camp-meeting started the Waterbury family had a reunion. It was good to have all of them, especially Fran and Gene, former pastors of this church. He preached for us.

Edwin Waterbury, pastor

Pampa, Texas

Our Church has just finished DVBS and had a good enrollment and the program was very good and real well attended by the parents. We have bought a new Van for the Church and our services have been very, very good. Our Pastor is giving some wonderful Bible lessons in prayer meeting, the Wednesday night service, and it has been well attended. Our attendance has been holding steady even though many have been on vacation and out of town still people come for the Sunday services and we are thankful for that. We have had our yearly church meeting and attended to all the business matters and have elected our Sunday School teachers for another year and feel that all was in the Will of the Lord. We also had several attending both weeks of Youth Camp at Laverne and three of our boys were saved.

Keith Barker, pastor
Anabel Simmons, reporter

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and flowers, while my sister was in the hospital. Also we appreciated the visits of those who came to see her. She is in Leisure Lodge Nursing Home in Rogers, Arkansas, now. She continues to show some improvement.

Sincerely,
A. W. Ferguson

Camp Meeting

Camp Meeting 1977, Baxter Springs, Kansas

Camp Meeting in the 4-States was very good and well attended. The first part of camp was during especially warm temperatures, but the Lord was gracious and sent a rain and the later part of camp was very comfortable. The Lord blessed in a very special way on the last two days. Bro. Doc Methvin brought the Bible Lesson on Thursday morning. Then on the last Friday morning he didn't ever get to the lesson. A special song was sung, and he gave an altar call, and the rest of the service was spent around the altar as God came down in a special way. Choruses were sung and we all just praised and sought the Lord together in a precious time of prayer and share. Praise the Lord! Those of you who didn't make it this year really missed a blessing. Having camp over just one weekend seems to work out very well and our attendance held up very well till the end of camp Friday night. A special thanks is extended to all workers who made it possible — especially the committee, Bro. Doyle Wiles, Bro. Paul Clanton and Bro. O. A. Busch and their wives.

4-State YOUTH CAMP

Baxter Springs, Kansas 4-State Youth Camp Report

There were 117 young people enrolled plus 10 small folks, which made a total of 127. Many were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit. On Wednesday night, as it was pouring down rain on that tin roof of the tabernacle, Sis. Shari Cook called everyone to the altar to pray after the musical part of the service ended, and the service just continued to be an altar service. Heaven surely came down and many were baptized with the Holy Spirit that night. Praise the Lord because we still live in the "good ole' days."

Sis. Patsy Waterbury

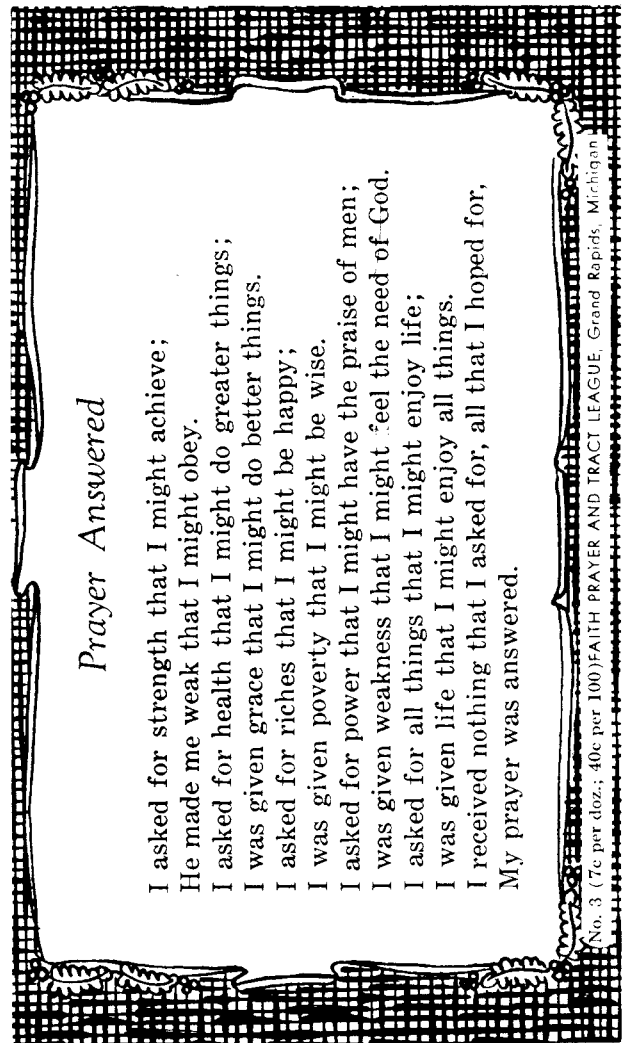
Dear Sis. Busch,

Just a line to advise you that we will be leaving Big Spring this July to assume the pastoral ship of the Midway Country Church, Logan, Oklahoma 73849, phone, 405-837-5595. We pray that we may be a blessing there.

Please pray with the church here in Big Spring that God would send them a pastor. This is a wonderful group of people to work with and they have just been great to us the past three years. We would love to stay and work with them, but God has other things in mind for us, even those things of which we know not of. We are thankful, for the spiritual progress that we have been able to see and for those souls who have found the Lord precious to them in the time we have been here. We highly recommend these people and pray that God will burden someone to assume the work of the Lord here.

God bless you in your work and labor of love that you have bestowed in your years of labor with the Report.

Your friends in Christ,
Bob and Hazel Taylor



Kayla Dawn Waterbury, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Edwin Waterbury of Granby, Missouri, and James (Jim) Best, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Best of Pampa, Texas, were united in marriage in the Pampa chapel of the Apostolic Faith Association on August 12, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. Bro. Edwin performed the ceremony assisted by his brother, Harrol Waterbury. The couple will be attending Texas Tech. in Lubbock, Texas, this fall semester.

Camp Pine Crest, Mississippi, was the setting for a garden wedding uniting Kathy Judd of Roswell, New Mexico and Billy George Huckabee of Kimbrough, Alabama, on May 7, 1977. Bro. Otto Busch officiated at the ceremony.



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An Ounce Of Prevention

Worth a Pound of Cure

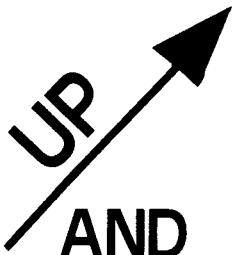


**Sermon by Harrol Waterbury
 At Laverne, Oklahoma, Campmeeting
 July 30, 1976**

I've been asked to deal with a particular subject and that's fine. I don't mind that at all. It's a subject that I dealt with here in Youth Camp a few weeks past, and I'd like to share with you the preparation I made for that study. I studied books—I read books on the Occult, I read books on many phases of that weird and wickedly marvelous ministry that's sweeping the world. I went to dictionaries that told of different facets of this evil. And if you've done so you've discovered that there are some 250, if not more, different phases of devil worship and evil worship and methods of worshipping in a way that is not according to the scripture or according to the teaching of God. I came to camp with a wealth of that material, a number of books, my dictionary in hand and another book with me, but the Lord changed my direction; regardless of my study, regardless of my pursuit of a better knowledge and a better understanding of the subject at hand. And so I just scraped those things and asked God to direct and it was a good ministry to me. It was a good ministry to others. Now I've been asked to deal with this subject again. And so without going to the dictionary of the occult and without going to

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LOOK



AND

REMEMBER

Never doubt in the darkness
 What you've learned in the light,
 Let the rays of faith's bright candle
 Flicker on through your night!
 Bear in mind when you were borne
 Among the clouds on eagles' wings,
 Keep your faith! Let your heart listen
 As each hallowed memory sings!
 Jesus loves you, and He cares,
 Though it may seem He's far away
 And you feel your night is endless . . .
 There will be a bright new day!
 He came to heal the brokenhearted
 And to set the captives free;
 He's our Counsellor and Comforter,
 All we'll ever need He'll be.
 Lift your wounded broken spirit,
 Drenched with bitter unshed tears
 From accumulated heartaches,
 All unhealed, throughout the years,
 It is not too late for healing,
 Not too hopeless . . . Someone shares
 Your discouragement and loss of faith,
 Your griefs and deep despairs,
 So take courage in your darkness,
 Let the Master hold your hand . . .
 At the "Second Coming" sunset
 We will surely understand!
 All the mysteries and the sorrows
 That have plagued us on our way
 Will no longer seem important
 When we join Him on that day!
 He is coming . . . Hallelujah!
 And it surely can't be long . . .
 Let's just lift our hearts in praises
 And join in the victors' song!

—Barbara Waterbury

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the many books from the bookshelves of Book Stores, (and I'm not suggesting that you should not be informed,) but I am suggesting that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. And it's that ounce of prevention that I wish to present to you today. The anointing of God. Years ago I discovered the meaning of that word anoint. It means the light touch of God—that's what the Greek word means. And I thought about that—the light touch of God. I've experienced it and I wonder why just the light touch of God and I've discovered you couldn't stand the heavy touch of God on your life. The light touch is so marvelous, so wonderful. And so I pray that God shall touch your life here today in His own fashion, in His own design.

"that irreducible minimum"

There are some prohibitions in the Word with regard to the subject and I turn your thoughts first to Duet. 18:, "When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you anything that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire or that useth divination or an observer of times or an enchanter or a witch or a charmer or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God, for these nations, which thou shalt possess hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do." In other words, suffer there means that God has not allowed you to do these things. Now here we find one of the prohibitions that the scripture mentions. Now by no means is this going to be a comprehensive study. There's one fallacy that we usually fall into when we listen to Bible speakers and Bible teachers. And that is that when they cover a subject, we fall into the fallacy of believing that they have thoroughly and completely and comprehensively covered the subject and so that leaves us with a vast amount of ignorance with the presumption that we're well informed, when actually we've just scratched the surface. Most of us preachers and Bible teachers just scratch the surface, and I wish you would look at it this way. Just as an appetizer for you—that is to whet your appetite to encourage you to get into the Word and discover the broader teaching, the more comprehensive way of discovering this truth and fortifying yourselves with the blessings of God and the help of God that we might never, not ever, fall into that which is an abomination in the sight of God. Now I'm sure if I were to vote you that not one of you would say that I want to commit abominable things or be an abomination in the sight of God. We simply don't. We never deliberately fall into these things. We never deliberately go that way. But unconsciously and because of our laziness—spiritual laziness, and because of our neglect and because of our vast amount of ignorance we are a prey to evil spirits, seducing spirits, and we are prey to heresies. We are prey to that which is not truth. And we discover ourselves sometimes entrapped just simply because we have not taken

advantage of the Word of God and the fellowship of God through the spirit, and the fellowship of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and discover that in that fellowship there's really a rich and wonderful life. And it's to that rich and wonderful life that I would like to point you to as the ounce of prevention that will keep you from needing the pound of cure down the way. Now sometimes we get the negative side of religion and we pounce on that and we project that and we're almost legalistic in that negativism. And we project that you can't do this and you can't do that and you can't do something else. And to be sure there are things that the Bible absolutely forbids. There are things that God has lifted out of our authority completely and He says, His Word declares, and He doesn't leave us to our own capricious ideas, He doesn't leave us to our own initiative, or our own volition in this. He simply says that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. And I wish to just share something with you in this, maybe to clinch this. You may believe that and then again you may not. But I take you to Galatians 5 where He speaks of the works of the flesh that are manifest which are these, adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresy, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelings and such like. Of the which I tell you before as I also told you in times past that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God and the Word of God is true. God's never lied to you. God's never lied to me, and so we take the Word of God at face value and we believe it to be the truth of God's Word. And so there are things that He absolutely prohibits. We cannot do these things and be a Christian. There's a part of that that I have read somewhere, I don't know where, maybe G. Campbell Morgan or some other author of nearly a century ago but he said, "there is that irreducible minimum." Now think about it a moment. "There is that irreducible minimum" that a man must believe, that a person must believe in order to be a Christian. And if you don't subscribe to that you simply cannot be a Christian. And the Word of God declares that it's not membership in some organization but it's fellowship in a body, in a living organism, which is the body of Jesus Christ. Now it's not just the negative side of this that I wish to deal with because that leaves a vacuum. And I don't want to leave a vacuum in your spiritual experience. I don't want to leave your heart empty.

"Swept, Garnished but Empty"

In Matthew 12 He tells us about the cleansing of a house, a vessel and the scripture says in about the 43-45 verses, somewhere along there, that that house, those rooms, were even swept and garnished. Now when I hear words I see pictures. And the picture I get is of a meticulous housekeeper who has done the best to remove every speck of dust. And this house not only was swept but it was garnished. Now that projects something of cleanliness, doesn't it? That projects something that appeals to me in a sense. But the tragedy of that house was that it was not only swept and garnished, but it was empty. Now you've got to be more than just swept and garnished. You've got to be full. When they sought men in early New Testament times to function as different officers in the church,

whatever office you might wish to project in your thinking; even when they sought for men just to wait on tables and care for just the mundane things of early New Testament times they sought people who were full of faith and full of the Holy Ghost. And we still need to be full of faith and full of the Holy Spirit in whatever place we have in the body of Christ. It's simply not enough to say I am very strict in the way that I live and I'm very legalistic in what I do and what I don't do. I want to know how full are you of Jesus Christ? How full are you of His Holy Spirit? How full are you of the living truth? How full are you? Are you full to the running over? Have you been baptized even in the Spirit? Praise the Lord! There are some who have. Have you been baptized in the Spirit? There have been some who were baptized in the Spirit years ago—and we leak, you know. And we need to be filled again at times. And the question has been asked me a number of times, "How often should we be refilled?" And my answer to that is, "every time you realize you're not completely full." And if you realize that you're not completely full then you need to be filled with the Spirit of God. And I pray for you that God shall bring that kind of fullness and overflowing to your life. Some of us can't hold as much as others but we can run over as much as anyone. And you can run over and it's that overflow that's a blessing to the people about you. And I pray that we not only be swept and garnished, clean rooms and houses, but fill that house with something.

One of the tragedies of Christianity in this present time, and the serious trouble of present day Christianity, is that it's so complex. We make it so difficult—It's so complex. We set ourselves in quest of spiritual things. We talk about love, we talk about patience, and we talk about joy, and we talk about peace, and we talk about life. And we set ourselves out in quest of these things. Here just a Sunday morning or two back I preached on joy—the joy of the Lord. "Rejoice in the Lord," Paul said, from his prison cell, "and again I say rejoice!" And that's not like some would have the ten commandments to be the "ten suggestions." It's not just a suggestion, but it's a command of God to be a joyful Christian. At the moment you might look at that as a command and you might think back to some moment when you had a bad case of the miseries and you were just down, down, down. And then someone would come unto you in a legalistic way and say, "Brother, I command you to be full of Joy." Why, you'd think he was rather ridiculous, rather absurd. But it was not the commandment he saw that brought joy to that apostle in that Roman prison. That wasn't it. It wasn't some legalistic formula or some creed or some doctrine, or some dogma. It had to be something else. And it was this. Paul said, "And I received this from the Lord." It's not just brand new, you know, I'm not just trying to lay some truth on you and say now God has revealed this unto me and so I'm going to share it with you, but the scripture ways in that context to rejoice in the Lord. You see there's where the joy is—in the Lord—not in your miseries, not in your circumstances, not in your difficulties, not in the mumps and measles of the soul, but in the Lord. And there is still that Joy in fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ. And there's no other place to get it. Money can't do it. There's been two of the richest men in the world the past six months or so who have passed from the scene of action and both of those men were extremely miserable. J. Paul Getty wrote in one of his books that he

would rather be a beach comber on the shores of California than to be one of the world's richest men. When they unloaded Howard Hughes in Houston, perhaps dead already, I don't know, but the doctors who examined him said that it was a pity that that man died. There was no reason for it. The reason that he died had to be either that the people about him didn't care about him enough to seek the medical help that he needed so that his life might be spared or that Howard Hughes didn't care enough about his own life. One or the other and either one of those is tragic. So money can't bring it, you know, it just can't come that way.

"I Was Telling God How Wonderful He Was"

And it is never God's intentions that we become possessors of gifts and graces as such. You know we can set ourselves in quest of some gift or some grace. —Now stay with me. You're kinda looking at me like a calf with a new gate here, you know. And I know you're thinking, "what is that preacher up to," but you stay with me. I want to share something that God has blessed my soul with and I hope it can bless your soul. I really do. I'm going to be disappointed if God doesn't touch you. I really will. I want to share with you the power of the Word of God and it's not my rhetoric or not my power or not whatever skills I have or have not. It's the Word of God and the power of that Word that touches our lives and that's all that is important in this. Absolutely everything that's important is what God's Word says. So I share it with you this morning. We enter into our heritage in His Son. Now sometimes we pray even in spiritual gifts and even in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We pray for the evidence of speaking in other languages as the spirit of God gives utterance. Let me share with you how I was baptized in the Spirit. I was not begging God for tongues, I was not even begging God for the gifts. I remember it so well. I was worshipping God, I was praying with just a young brother, and I remember how just a spontaneous glory of God welled up in my soul and I was worshipping God. I was telling God how wonderful—how wonderful He was. And all of a sudden the heavenly language broke over my soul and it wasn't something that someone said like, "Harrol you've got to say thank you, Jesus, Thank you, Jesus and then you're going to break into a heavenly language. It was the Holy Spirit giving unction to my life, and a glory, a wonder, a majesty, a power broke over my soul and God baptized me in His Holy Spirit. I was lost in that Spirit and I remember the first intelligible words that came to me after I worshipped God with both ends of my intellect kicked out as far as my vocabulary was concerned and I had worshipped God in those minutes and hours. I remember the words, "I'm going higher someday." I felt like "you'd better get hold of my feet or I am going right now." So that makes me know, friend, that what God says in His Word and what happened in the Acts of the Apostles in early New Testament times is not just some worked up phenomena. It's not some psychological gimic—but it's what God promised to Joel. It's what He fulfilled in the Acts and it's what He's still doing now in this present time. And I thank God for the ministry and the message of power and for His Word that teaches us about His spiritual fullness.

"He Is Everything We Need"

Christ is not only the giver of every need. He is everything we need. And sometimes we get the cart before the horse and we say I need this, and sometimes we need healing and we need it desperately. Sometimes we need the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and we need the power to witness and we need it badly. And sometimes we need His sanctifying grace and His cleansing power and we need it desperately. Then let's seek the Sanctifier, let's seek the Baptizer, let's seek the Healer, let's seek the one who breaks over our soul in glory and that is Jesus Christ the Son of God. And not just His gifts, not just His graces, but seek Him because He is everything you need—Jesus Christ! Mind you when we come to study the occult and the powers of darkness that are everywhere about us, there's only one alternative that we have. We either fill our lives in complete surrender to Him or the devil is going to be after us and we're going to be easy prey for him and he's going to fill some of our empty garnished rooms with his demons. There's only one hope for us that way and that's to get close to Jesus Christ.

Years ago I was in Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, deep in the bowles of the earth and the guide said, "Now this is Pulpit Rock, over here in one of the stalagmites that came up from the ground and I am going to mount that rock and I am going to preach you a sermon." So he got up on Pulpit Rock and all of us tourists out there were wondering what's coming next, when somebody turned the lights out just like that. Oh, talk about darkness—I put my hand up to my face and I couldn't see a thing. It was darkness you could feel. And he got up close to the microphone and said, "Stay close to your guide." That was his sermon on Pulpit Rock. We've got to stay close to our guide. We must have a fullness of God. We must not know just about Him. You can be theologically correct, you can be orthodox to the inth degree, you can be Apostolic from head to foot, and you can still be empty. What I'm talking about is putting into practice and experiencing what we preach. And Jesus Christ has promised that and there is available to everyone of us a spiritual fullness and a fellowship that is rich and wonderful and sweet. And I pray that God shall bring that to everyone of us. That none of us shall fall prey to all of the evil, wild and wicked and wonderful and marvelous things that are coming on the face of the earth. And it's frightening what's happening—were it not for the power of Jesus Christ.

"Not a Road Map - He is the Way"

Now John records that Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Now in simplest terms let's try to reduce this to where I can understand it. We've often described the Bible as a road map. I think that's somewhat of a mild error. The simplest terms are this that Jesus Christ is not a road map for us He is the way!! And we must have Jesus Christ in this modern twentieth century to know what the way is. Now I want to keep up with the times spiritually. I don't want to be so archaic and obsolete until I don't know what's happening. It's like the Italian that I read about somewhere in Italy when they put this object on Mars here a while back and they showed the

pictures world wide by Telestar and this Italian said, "It's obviously a photograph of some American city and those capitalists have not done that at all." I don't want to kid myself about spiritual reality. And I don't want to hide my head in the sand about what's going on spiritually. We've living in wonderful times. We're living in glorious days. We've living in a time when God is doing exploits through His people and there's a scripture that comforts my heart and even now it thrills me. When Paul said, "I pray God that He will sanctify you holy and preserve you blameless unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." And I believe there's going to be a sanctified church when Jesus comes. I believe there's going to be Saints of God when the clouds break forth and when the glory of God is manifest and when He shall come in the clouds with power and great glory. It's not just going to be a church, as Bro. Lloyd Schrimpf used to say, "pewtered out the little end of the horn." It's going to be a church that's wahsed in the blood of Jesus Christ, that's filled by the Spirit of God, that's glorified with His glory, that's waiting in anticipation for the coming of the Son of Man. Who waits not as one who waits for some earthly fulfillment, but that which is eternal—ages without end we shall be with Him. And doesn't that excite you? Oh, it does me. I tell you if you want to register what I feel on the Richter scale it's even greater than the Chinese earthquake the other day. It's about 9.2 Glory! I wish my own Dad was here to do my shouting. I've never shouted, you know, to just lift the rafters like he did, but I tell you he had a Pentecostal shout that would set your soul aflame. I don't know whether I'll ever shout it out like he shouted it out. But I tell you the glory of God fills my soul. I worship Him as the Lord! I worship Him as the Christ! I worship Him as the Saviour! I worship Jesus Christ as the soon coming King and I bask in His presence! I appreciate the growth that He has helped me make in these last few weeks. Did you know I'm growing? Oh, yes, I'm growing. And the exciting thing about growing to me is that when I can even teel if it's wonderful! It's wonderful to know Jesus Christ. I've known about Him. I've been schooled in the best schools. I've searched the Word myself, but I tell you in the last few months I've been learning, I've been learning. It's a glorious school just to be in school with Jesus Christ Himself. Jesus Christ Himself!! Praise His name!! He is the way. He is the way, in the simplest terms. It's not a charted road map. But it's a person. He said, "no one cometh to the Father but by me." Now Christ does not just merely teach us the way to the Father—get this—but He said, "I am that way to the Father." Let me try to expand this just a bit. The only way to God (I read this—in fact, everything I know I read or somebody told me—Thank God for good teachers) "The only way from where you are to where God is is through Jesus Christ." We often say, "Sinner, the only way to God for you is through Jesus Christ." We often say, "Brother, my fellow, my sister, the only way from where you are, wherever you are, is through Jesus Christ."

"Oh, What a Cleansing The Church Needs"

Would you like His sanctifying grace? Oh, I appreciate the Wesleyan heritage that we Apostolic Faith people have. I'm glad we have our roots in Methodism, and old-time

holiness. Don't ever despise that message, the Gospel mystery of sanctification. And there are some who are so careful about just doctrine. Oh, but what I'm excited about is the Sanctifier—His blood. There are some questions I have about the jots and titles of the doctrine. I don't have it all figured out. And I've searched it. I nearly got driven up the wall years ago with that subject. But I tell you I took my Bible and I typed every scripture from that Book in my notebook and I scratched and I scratched and I scratched and I'm still kinda muddled in my mind and God help me. Here just a few years ago God said, "Harrol, if you'll just set yourself apart to me then I'll make you holy. If you'll just put your name on my list—If you'll just make yourself available to me I'll use you when the opportunities arise." He said, "If you don't put your name on My list I'll never call you." Now you have to be pretty simple minded to have to have that simple kind of simple illustration. But oh, the glory that came to me. You know the facts that I know about God. Now, maybe you know all the answers to the plan of God and if you do God bless you. And if you do, you teach me because I need some teaching. But Oh, let me point you to the Sanctifier. His blood was shed for our cleansing. And Oh, what a cleansing the church needs. When we come face to face with the person Jesus Christ. I tell you it's devastating to the human phycic. It's devastating to the human ego. When you get into the real presence of God, in the presence of Jesus Christ, you can't stand and talk back then. You can't stand and argue your case. All you can do is just like John, the Revelator, fall prostrate on your face and worship Him as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. You'll be like Isaiah's vision when he said, "In the year that King Usiah died I saw the Lord High and lifted up," and there he describes for us the glory of that vision. And you know what the first thing that happened to him was, don't you? You might think those kinds of visions just exhilarates you and lifts you up—but Isaiah, the prophet of God, the called man incidently, said, "Oh, I'm so sinful, I'm so sinful! I live in the midst of a people who are so sinful and unclean." But God had the remedy. He sent His angel—he had a coal of real fire, the kind of fire we still need, and he touched that man's lips and Isaiah was used of God in a mighty fashion and his prophetic voice describes the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ so accurately as if you would think he were standing at the foot of the cross. God, clear our vision and touch our lips with your fire and let us see. Let us be cleansed. Let us experience your power. Let us know your glory. Break over our souls, Oh, God, with your power and your wonder and your majesty. And the only way for it to happen is through Jesus Christ the Lord. He is the way.

"All Things in Christ and us in Him"

Let's go to a testimony that Paul gives us in the book of Ephesians 9:10, "Having made known unto us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself that in the dispensation of the fullness of time He might gather together in one all things in Christ both which are in heaven and are on earth, even in Him." Now did you get it? Now God put all things in Christ. And then He put us in Him. Do you see your position with God? He put all things in Christ and then He put us in Him. Sometimes we're so weak and anemic and lacking in power. Oh, don't let me accuse you. Sometimes I am weak, anemic

and lacking in power. You make your own confessions, okay? But positionally God intended for us to have everything we need. He gave all things to Christ then He put us in Him. Now there's so many people who look at the organization. And we're not exempt. I'm glad to be in fellowship with you but it's not the organization—it's the organism. It's the body. Are you in Him? Let's realize and appreciate our privileges. In the book of I Cor. 1:30 "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus who of old is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption that according as it is written He that glorieth let him glory in the Lord." Now let's get this. Truth is not a matter of doctrines concerning Christ. Make the distinction. There are some who have known about Christ that have been accurate and orthodox in their teaching and yet they've really never known wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Because those are not truths about Jesus Christ. They are truths that come in a relationship when you are in Him. Did you know the bases for unity? You do, don't you? You've been taught that. The basis for unity is not an agreement in doctrine. Please, love me when I say this. I don't know of a single one of you that I completely agree with. I mean right down to the jot and tittle of everything. And I give you the same liberty. But where is our unity? In Jesus Christ. He explained it to us. You've read it. Let me share it with you in closing. The High Priestly prayer of Jesus Christ in John 17:23, "That they all may be one." Isn't that wonderful? Is that what you really want? Listen to it. "As thou Father art in me and I in Thee. That they also may be one in us that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me." Now get this "and the glory which Thou gavest me I have given them that they may be one even as we are one." Now, where's our unity? It's not that you have to believe everything exactly like I believe it. But it's if you love my Lord. There are people who say, "Oh, I get tired of the love message." What you're really saying is that you're tired of God because God is love. Isn't that the truth? Oh, I'm not hung up on love as just a gimmick. It's not something external but if you know God you know love. And if you don't love your brother whom you've seen how can you love God whom you haven't seen? It's not unity based upon doctrinal teaching. It's fellowship with Jesus Christ that's going to make us one and that's really all. That offends some, I know, and please forgive me. I'm not opting heresy. I'm not opting for division. But oh, bless your heart, if we ever come to unity it will be the oneness that we find in Jesus Christ. If we don't find it there we'll never find it in the teachings of Charles F. Parham or the Apostolic Faith or Methodism or any other ism. It's only in Jesus Christ. There's unity there and there's power, and there's fullness. And that's the only alternative that we have to the wild, wicked, weird things that are happening in our generation. I have one of the dearest little friends in Perryton, Texas. Sis. Shepherd, you know her, many of you do. She needs your prayers as she's not able to be here. She's the cleanest housekeeper I know. She washes her walls every Thursday, even yet. She asked Bro. Wick Brown one time, "Wick, what kind of paint can I paint my walls with that will stay on?" And he said, "Sis. Shepherd, I don't know of any paint that will stand washing every Thursday." Empty your house, sweep it, garnish it, but fill it because if you don't the devil's going to do it for you. And he brings seven of his buddies with him. And the last end of that person is worse than the first.

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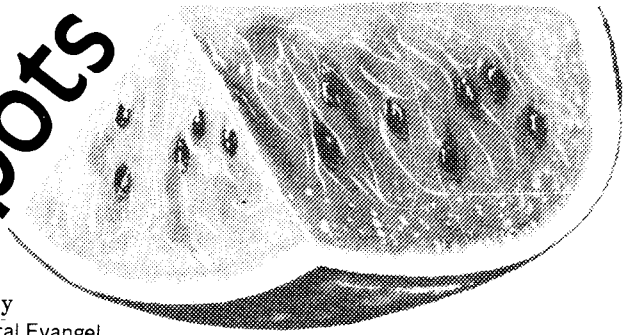
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Sugar Spots



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A few days ago my wife returned from the supermarket with one of the ugliest watermelons I have ever seen.

Brown fibrous lines and spots covered the melon. It looked deformed, or at least untypical, and I asked why she had picked that particular one. Surely there had been better-looking melons!

She replied that while "thumping" for a ripe one, a lady nearby pointed out the ugly melon and suggested that if it sounded ripe, she should buy it. "Those brown spots are sugar spots. That's a sweet watermelon," the lady said.

Sugar spots. I'd never heard that before. But it really was a sweet melon.

The next morning as I read a local newspaper my attention was drawn to an article entitled, "Apples Can Tell Stories." It was an interview with a veteran apple packer from Virginia.

The hero of the story was a Virginia Golden Delicious, covered with lenticles. Lenticles? They turned out to be small brown spots that made the apple ugly—and sweet!

The evidence seemed to be indicating at least a quasi-law of nature. Just as quickly, evidence began to accumulate in my mind indicating there was a parallel spiritual law at work.

I began to recall memories of unpleasant and tragic events that had left their mark upon me. Ugly marks. Scars upon my mind. Some upon my soul. Events which had been accompanied by bitterness and even provoked some question about the integrity of God.

Years had gone by, and the Holy Spirit had done a gracious healing.

I got the message!

The "ugly brown spots" of past experiences had developed some Christian graces and virtues in my soul. My spirit now has some areas of sweetness that would not have come otherwise.

I have some "sugar spots"!

The writer of Hebrews must have had some of those same "sugar spots" on his soul! He said: "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Hebrews 12:11).

Our Heavenly Father *really does* have a plan and purpose designed into all of those apparently unconnected and unwanted heartaches.

He wants us to have all the Christ-like graces for which we long. But often His method of development just doesn't agree with the way we would choose.

He would prefer all of the sweetness to come as just a gracious and unobtrusive work of the Holy Spirit. No blemishes or scars. Like a pretty apple with a nice waxy finish.

It doesn't. The fruit comes *after* the grievous chastisement. It appears a proven face of Christian history that trouble is a necessary ingredient for the soul's full maturation.

Don't allow your present perplexity to make you bitter. Your Heavenly Father wants to produce some sugar spots in your spirit.

They *are* unpleasant. They *are* ugly scars of memory. They *are* grievous experiences. But they *do* work to make you a little more like our Lord.

I think Psalm 30:5 says it very well: "For his anger endureth but for a moment . . . weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."