

Our Father

THE
LORD'S
PRAYER

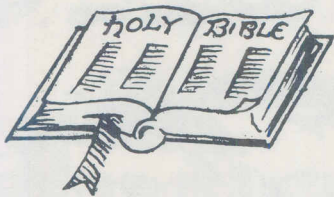
who art in Heaven
hallowed be thy Name thy kingdom
come thy Will be done on earth
as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive them that
trespass against us. And lead
us not into temptation but deliver
us from evil: for thine is the
kingdom, the power, and the glory
for Ever and Ever

AMEN

I Thessalonians

Chapter 5



But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

Rejoice evermore.

Pray without ceasing.

In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Quench not the Spirit.

Despise not prophesyings.

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

Abstain from all appearance of evil.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Brethren, pray for us.

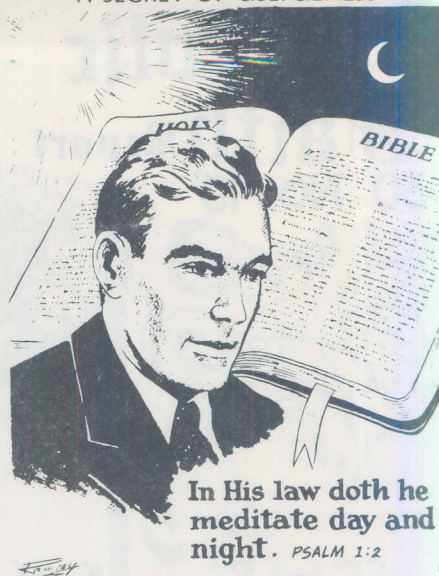
Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.

I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

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A SECRET OF USEFULNESS



In His law doth he meditate day and night. PSALM 1:2

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APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE COLLEGE NEWS

From the

Superintendent's

Desk



Greetings to all of you from the Superintendent, faculty and students of A.F.B.C. God is so good and has poured out abundant blessings upon all of us here at the school. Many of our students have received great blessings in a recent revival in the church at Webb City. These spiritual blessings carry over in attitude at our school.

By the time you receive this paper, we have had revival here at A.F.B.C. Bro. and Sis. Roland Busch came October 5. Special days of fasting and prayer were called and everyone has had a real hunger in their hearts.

Our fall choir tour is set for the Panhandle area and will begin October 23. We are looking forward to this special time for all of us. Sis. Janae Harris has done a great job with the choir again, in preparing them. Their sound is terrific with good balance, but best of all the selection of songs and the spirit of the Lord is what will bless your hearts.

Recently we took faculty and students on an outing to Roaring River State Park near Cassville, Missouri. A good time of fun and fellowship was enjoyed along the river bank and the beautiful Ozark Mountains, with a picnic lunch being served. Then to close the day we all attended the "Passion Play" at Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

In closing let me say we are "thankful" for your continued support of the work here at the Bible College. The general fund takes a lot of money to operate the school needs. The faculty are worthy of your tithes and offerings. They are trusting the Lord for their needs.

We have just paid another \$2,300.00 interest on our building fund notes which still remain at \$35,000.00, as nothing has been paid on the principal. People, this needs to be "paid off". The interest we are paying is throwing money away that could be used for a good purpose elsewhere. Give this a lot of prayer.



Jack Cornell
Superintendent

We are in the process of sending out a school bulletin from the Apostolic Faith Bible College. If you do not receive a bulletin this month and would like to, please send your name and address to us and we will place you on the mailing list. Send you address to Apostolic Faith Bible College ATTN. Deana Fish, Box 110, Baxter Springs, Kansas 66713. Also, if you are not receiving a General Letter from the school and wish to let us know and you will be placed on this list also.

Deana Fish
Secretary

Girl's Dorm

Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Proverbs 8:33. That is what we have come here to Bible College for. Praise the Lord for each student that expressed that desire. I have 11 girls this semester here in the dorm. We have such a spirit of fellowship, I just thank the Lord every day. We have been having devotions in the dorm on Monday, Tuesdays, and Thursday nights. The Lord has really been blessing through these meetings. We share together, cry together and laugh together.

We have also started visiting the Rest Home in Baxter Springs on Thursday nights. The students have been really excited about doing this. We not only get to share and help the people but they also bless our lives too. We pray that we can be willing vessels used by the Lord to help lift up and encourage this people.

We have already gone through several weeks of school. It is hard to believe it has gone so fast. But it has been weeks well spent in the Word of the Lord. Please remember us in your prayers that we would continue to do what the Lord would have us to do. That we would hear His instruction and heed to His call.

God Bless you all. Come and visit us any time.

Tony Bartel

Pray for our
Apostolic Faith
Bible College

Boy's Dorm

We are happy to say that we are all enjoying Bible School. There are 11 of us, from all different surroundings, but we are all becoming as one big family. The Lord is really good, we have already had some good prayer servies. Bro. Richard Morris has been bringing the devotions, and we have truly been blessed. Please pray for us, because we are still not where we would like to be in the Lord. Also pray for us that we can keep our minds on the studying of the word of God. Our goal this year is to become strong Christians, who will be witnesses to others who are not Christians and be able to teach what we have learned here in Bible School.

One great thing about Bible School is that everyone around you is a Christian. This is a great help in becoming a better and stronger Christian. May God be with you all. Pray for us.

Doug Forbes

THE DEVIL

By Rev. Donald D. Dibbens

Adversary of God and the main reason for all the trouble associated with the human race. Do not underestimate his power and ability but thanks be to Jesus we can overcome all his attempts to destroy us.

In this article I want to focus on his origin; his course or progress through the years; and his final end. Simon Peter paints a word picture in the First Epistle chapter 5 verses 8 and 9. I use this as a starting point: (8) "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (9) Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." Some may not wish to acknowledge the devil, but he is active in world affairs and in every human life he can control.

Where did the devil come from? Isaiah 14:12-15 "(12) How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations! (13) For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. (15) Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

Ezekiel 28:13-18, "(13) Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. (14) Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. (15) Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. (16) By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. (17) Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. (18) Thou has defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee."

The devil's original name was Lucifer. He was in good standing in God's kingdom. Somehow he aspired to be above God. He was beautiful and held an important place in God's activity i.e. the covering cherub. He walked midst the stones of fire and was covered with precious stones even being in Eden, the garden of God. Because of his attempt to exalt himself above God, he was cast out of all this glory, honor, and beauty. It is hard to imagine this but this is the beginning of the devil, originally Lucifer, high ranked in God's kingdom: now the prime adversary of God and the human race.

There was no higher place for him to go, so when he was kicked out of God's kingdom he had to go down. He became prince and power of the air; or inhabits that realm between earth (where humans live) and God's throne (which is in existence in outer space). Ephesians 2:2 "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." We have to go through this space or air with our prayers to reach God's throne. This is the reason it is hard to pray at times. This is the reason the answers to our prayers are delayed. The devil does all he can to hinder human beings from reaching God's throne through Jesus Christ and delaying the answer to our prayers. Daniel 10:10-14 tells that the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood, Daniel's prayer being answered, for one and twenty days. Here the devil is called the Prince of Persia.

In Revelations 12:10 the devil is known as being the accuser of the brethren. He had access and ability to accuse God's children at the throne of God.

Matthew 4:1-11 He was able to tempt Christ who overcame him by the word of God.

Ephesians 6:12 plainly states "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." This places the devil with access to God's throne as an accuser and with access to earth to bring trouble to God's prime creation: man and woman. The devil has occupied this space between man and God since the time he was kicked out of God's kingdom until now. He will occupy this space until Revelations 12:7-12 becomes a reality. "(7) And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, (8) And prevailed not: neither was their place found any more in heaven. (9) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (10) And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. (11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. (12) Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

The time of the devil ruling the heaven between here and God's throne will come to a halt when Michael and his angels fight the dragon or devil and his angels in space. A battle of spirits. I can find no prophecies to be fulfilled before this takes place so I conclude it could happen at any time. The stage is set for such action with the news media talk of UFOs or unidentified foreign objects in space. Just what will happen is a mystery. Since it will be a battle between invisible spirits, it could hardly be noticed by we humans. On the other extreme it could cause happenings in space that would baffle scientists and scare we humans. The ultimate effect will be the devil and his angels will be put out of space and confined to the earth — again another put down. Verse 12 speaks of woe to the inhabitants of the earth and sea, for the devil is come down unto you having great wrath because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

This could usher in the great tribulation period and the anti-Christ as the devil tries one last time to bring havoc to God's prime creation, man. Some man will allow the devil to take him over and become the anti-Christ, a substitute for the real Messiah.

Revelations 20:1-3 "(1) And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. (2) And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan and bound him a thousand years. (3) And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season." The next progression of the Devil after being confined to the earth, and this will happen about the time of the Battle of Armageddon, will be to be cast into the bottomless pit by the angel and bound with a great chain with the bottomless pit sealed with the seal of Almighty God to contain him a thousand years.

Jesus will return to this earth, fight the Battle of Armageddon alone, and win, go into the eastern gate and rule the earth for one thousand years. A rule of righteousness with the deceptive Devil contained in the bottomless pit during that time.

Revelations 20:7-9 "(7) And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, (8) And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. (9) And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."

Do not underestimate the power of the devil. After one thousand years righteous reign with Christ he was able to deceive humans enough to try and take over Christ's kingdom. God ended that by devouring them with fire.

Revelations 20:10 "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever."

This is the final destination of the devil. His progress has been continually down to end in a devil's hell or lake of fire and brimstone. We have followed his course from an angel — Lucifer — to the devil — prince and power of the air — down on earth to be reincarnated in a man who becomes the anti-Christ — to the bottomless pit — to be loosed a season and then to the lake of fire and brimstone.

There are just two ways to go: one with God, His Son Jesus, and the Holy Ghost — one with the devil, false prophet, and his angels. We are given the right of choice. Everyone must make this choice themselves. There is no choosing for someone else. Joshua said, "I set before you life and death; good and evil, choose ye this day whom ye will serve. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

God will not send anyone to the devil's lake of fire. Neither will he make anyone go to heaven. We have to choose. So in real essence I decide my destiny. You decide your destiny. If you insist on going to the devil's lake of fire — I cannot stop you. The choice is yours. As for me and my house (this earthen vessel) we will serve the Lord. I want my destiny to be the inheritance Christ purchased. I'd love to have you go with me. Choosing the devil as master is a losing proposition any way you look at it.



THE GREATEST WANT OF THE WORLD...

The greatest want of the world is the want of men-men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.

But such a character is not the result of accident; it is not due to special favors or endowments of Providence. A noble character is the result of self-discipline, of the subjection of the lower to the higher nature, the surrender of self for the service of love to God and man.

A Doctor at Calvary

In his book, "A Doctor At Calvary," noted French surgeon Dr. Pierre Barbet says, "The physiological cause of Christ's death was asphyxia. Cramps began in the forearms and spread to the arms and throughout the body. To relieve the cramps, the crucified One pulled Himself up on the footrest or on the nails. The cramps spread to the muscles that control breathing. The lungs, which were filled with air, were unable to expel it. The lungs were caught in a state of forced inspiration, and unable to empty themselves, so the normal oxygenation of the circulating blood was unable to take place. Asphyxiation began as thoroughly as if He had been strangled."

Christ also died of a broken heart: "Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness" (Ps. 69:20).

WHY Christ died is more important than HOW He died. "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities" (Isa. 53:5).

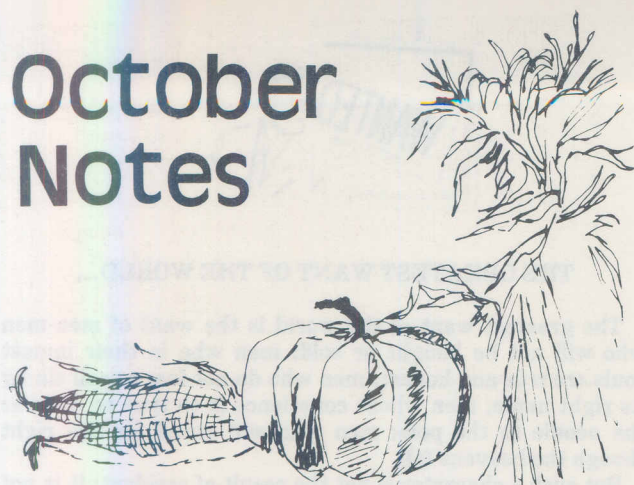
Under an eastern sky, Amidst a rabble's cry,
A Man went forth to die — For me.

New Album-

Naomi Busch, Joan Cooper and Sue Beaver have recently recorded a new album titled MORE ABOUT JESUS. It will be released soon after Thanksgiving. Albums and cassettes will be available at \$6.00 each. You may order your albums or cassette by writing: Rev. & Mrs. O. A. Busch, 1614 Washington, Baxter Springs, Kansas 66713.



October Notes



Quitman, Miss.

We at Pine Crest Chapel would like to share God's blessing with you. We can never praise Him enough for the way He has blessed us and our church.

Since January 1, 1983 we have seen our church grow from the teens to the high forties. We have six new families to start coming and we have 21 in our teen Sunday school class. We are so proud of them, they are willing to do anything they are called to do.

We had a good camp at Pine Crest this year, and have had several saved in our regular services.

Bro. and Sis. Jim Arnall held us a few nights service of revival, that was a blessing to us all.

Bro. and Sis. Morgan have been a blessing to our church and community. They have accepted the church for another year.

Saturday, August 27 we had a fellowship, ball game, wiener roast and watermelon cutting with 64 present.

We give God all the praise for the increase in our church and his presence in every service.

We desire your prayers and welcome any one of the faith to visit at any time.

Bro. Earl Morgan, Pastor
Mary Long, Secretary

Amarillo, Texas

Praise the Lord for prayers answered. The Lord sent Bro. and Sis. Floyd LaMunyon to hold a revival at our church. Our prayers are to see lost souls won for Christ.

We had several people who attended the summer camp meeting at Baxter Springs, Ks. All were richly blessed.

Our young people enjoyed a day at Palo Duro Canyon, horseback riding and sight seeing. The fall school term has started and we need to pray for all of our young people that can stand fast for the Lord and not be swayed by peer pressure.

We have had several visitors this past month who have attended services at our church. If you are in the Amarillo area we invite you to come and worship with us.

Brent Blythe, Pastor
Marietta Heish, Reporter

San Diego, Calif.

After ten years of planning we now have the blueprints for a three hundred seat church building. Bro. Nolan Brown of Canyon, Texas has done the architectural work. We appreciate Bro. Brown for spending so much of his own time to help us in this project.

Eight years ago the church bought two lots across the street from the church. The lots now are paid for and the church has built a new two story, four bedroom parsonage on one lot and there is a small rent house on the other. There is room to build four houses on these two lots.

The Lord willing, we will start construction on the new church building by March of 1984. The building will be two, ten foot stories, forty-five feet by ninety-one feet. The first floor will have the auditorium, two restrooms, one office, a control room, a vestibule and reception area. The second floor will have an open class room area, kitchen, nursery, restrooms and the pastors study. This new building will be set on both original lots the church started on in the early forties. The old chapel building will not be torn down but will be used for a Youth Church. The classroom building will stay as it is, but the old parsonage will give away to the new parking lot.

Having started to attend this church when I was three years of age and having raised four children in the little parsonage, it is with great thankfulness to God that we look forward to seeing this church reach out to the spiritual need of San Diego.

Remember us in your prayers.

Homer Allen and Family

Alvin, Texas

Greetings from the Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin, Texas. We are happy to announce that our new pastors Brother and Sister Neil Ragan have arrived and started their work here. They have already been a blessing to our church and we are looking forward to getting to know each other and working for the Kingdom of God together.

Brother and Sister Roland Busch have been our fill-in-pastor for the last year. Everyone was blessed under their ministry and we certainly appreciate their faithfulness to the Lord.

Also Brother and Sister Bennie Stanberry had our Wednesday night services-so the Lord was faithful in providing a preacher for every service. Each service has been a blessing and we are so thankful to each one who had a part.

We ask your prayers that God would continue to direct our church and help us to reach out to those in need of a Saviour.

Doneva McPhetrige Reporter
Pastor Neil Ragan

Pampa, Texas

Greetings to you from Pampa Chapel in Pampa, Texas.

We are doing fine and enjoying the blessings of God and have been having some real inspiring Messages from our Pastor, Austin Sutton.

We had our annual church meeting and Bro. Sutton was unanimously selected for another year. And he accepted the invitation to stay another year.

We have several new people coming now and are praying for more. We are praying for those who will be faithful and will bring more fruit for the Master's sake.

We would be happy to have anyone come by and visit us anytime. Pray for us when it goes well with you and we praise God who is helping us in all our ways.

Austin Sutton, Pastor

Dumas, Texas

Greetings from the Apostolic Faith Church in Dumas.

We praise the Lord for sending Rev. Tony Jacobs and his family to be our new minister.

The Lord has been blessing the services by the moving of the Holy Spirit.

We are also thankful for the growth of the church.

Bro. and Sis. Robert Beydler of Amarillo held the services of Sunday, August 21. They were very inspiring.

Psalms 98-1, "O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelou things! He's right hand and His holy arm has gotten Him the victory."

Tony Jacobs, Pastor
Janet Chick, Reporter

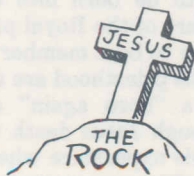
Big Spring, Texas

Greetings from West Texas! It has been quite a while since we've written in to the report, but we are pleased to announce that we now have a pastor. Rev. Alexander Wisnoski from Lovington, New Mexico, has been with us since the last of July and has blessed our church so much with his sermons, singing and readings. We really appreciate all the hard work he has already done for the church.

We would like to thank all those that came and helped us during our two years without a pastor: Bro. & Sis. Bob Taylor, Bro. & Sis. Ray Michener, Bor. & Sis. Ronald Day, Bro. & Sis. Wayne Wheeler, Bro. & Sis. Robert Beydler, Bro. & Sis. Marvin Boyd, Bro. & Sis. Jim Boyd, Bro. & Sis. Phil Boyd, the Leakey Youth Group and Congregation. Thank you all and the countless others who faithfully prayed for us. We love and appreciate you so very much.

We have seen evidence of growth already and are expecting more, so continue to pray for us. If you get the opportunity come and worship with us. Sis. Karen Oakes we enjoy the report. May God richly bless you for your efforts.

Rev. Alexander Wisnoski-Pastor
Carolyn Fowler-Reporter



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Mr. and Mrs. Billy Huckabee, of Pine Hill, Alabama wish to announce the birth of Wendy Grey. She was born on June 7, 1983. She weighed 8 pounds, she was 19 1/2 inches long. She has a big brother named Ricky. Maternal grandparents are Ira and Leona Winkler of Roswell, New Mexico. Paternal grandparents are George and Lucy G. Huckabee of Kimbrough, Alabama.



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THE PRIESTHOOD

by Dora Beydler

"...When the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt...and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." Exodus 19:1-6a. Verse 5 has the condition upon which this promise was made, "If ye will obey my voice indeed and keep my covenant." God wished to have a people He could mold into a holy nation, a nation of whom He could be their God and they would be His people. When Moses told them God's message, "...all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." Exodus 19:8a. Soon after this Moses went up into the mountain and God gave him the laws by which Israel was to be governed. During the time upon Sinai, God also outlined the order of the Levitical priesthood. Moses' brother, Aaron and his sons were chosen to be the priests. Aaron was clothed with the special garments meant only for the high priest while his sons were clothed with garments befitting the priesthood to serve directly under the high priest. They were all to serve in the tabernacle of the congregation and at the altar in the Holy Place. Exodus 28. then in Numbers 3:6-8 we can read where God chose the tribe of the Levites to minister unto Aaron and his sons and to keep the tabernacle and all its instruments clean.

The priests were not chosen by the people nor self appointed but were born into the priestly family. They were well educated in the laws of God but could not become a priest before the age of thirty years. This age also applied to the Levites, Numbers 41:43, 47. Ezekiel was already in captivity when he became thirty years of age. He was of the priestly family yet was taken captive with others in Babylons second group of captives. In Ezekiel's thirtieth year he was by the river Chebar, among his fellow workers when God called him to be His prophet to the captive Israelites. John was about thirty years old when he was baptizing people in the Jordan river. "...Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being

baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art My beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. And Jesus Himself began to be about thirty years of age." Luke 3:21-23a. In the Levitical priesthood any man having a physical defect was rejected from serving in an official manner, he could only do tasks which did not necessitate his being at the altar. He allowed to eat of the showbread, (Exodus 21:17-21) and was supported the same as other priests and the Levites from the tithes and offerings from the rest of the Israelite nation.

The writer of Hebrews tells us in chapter 7:1,2 of another Priest who is King of Righteousness and King of Peace. Then we read in verse 6 this Priest is not descended from the Levitical priesthood. "But He whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. and here men that die receive tithes; but there He receiveth them, of them it is witnessed that He liveth." Hebrews 7:6-8. We can also read in Psalm 110-4, "The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedeck." These scriptures bring to our attention the order of the priesthood of which Christ is the High Priest. He was not a Levite but is a Priest after the order of Melchizedec. This verse is quoted six times in Hebrews and each time brings to our attention that the order of the priesthood of Christ is not only different but is superior to the order of the Aaronic priesthood. It does not depend on human lineage but is antecedent to the Aaronic priesthood. The function of the Aaronic priesthood was to offer the sin offerings and sacrificial lambs for the people, "But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins" Hebrews 10:3,4. But when Jesus came and offered Himself as the sacrificial Lamb, He was not only an offering for sin but also our sanctification. "Then said He, Lo, I come to do they will, O God. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;" Hebrews 10:9-12. In this He not only became our High Priest but He inaugurated the Royal priesthood. I Peter 2:9 tells about this Royal priesthood, "But ye are a chosen generation, a Royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

A Priest of the Levitical priesthood must be an example unto the people and follow certain restrictions placed upon his conduct which may not have been placed upon the people as a whole. As a member of the holy nation and the priesthood under the leadership of Christ there are some restrictions placed upon our conduct also. Let us look at some of the comparisons of the two priesthoods. The Levitical priest had to be born into the priestly family. Before we can be a part of the Royal priesthood Peter was talking about, we have to be a member of that holy nation, (both the nation and the priesthood are mentioned in I Peter 2:9). This requires a "born again" experience. It was purchased for us through Jesus death upon the cross also. Jesus talked about this experience when He was talking to Nicodemus, John 3:3. We cannot attain a membership into

this holy nation without holiness which comes through the new birth. To become holy we must consecrate or give ourselves unto God then He accepts that gift and sets us apart for His service. This is called sanctification. God officially makes us a part of His church. Christ loves the church "...and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Ephesians 5:25b-27. James 1:27 also says, "Pure religion and undefiled before God is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" As a part of the Royal priesthood we have the responsibility to keep ourselves pure. The Levitical priest had to cleanse himself daily. We too though we have been thoroughly cleansed through the blood of Christ we must examine ourselves daily to be sure we have not let the things of the world spot our conduct or our lives as a result of walking among the people of the world from day to day. We must stay pure in the service of the Lord.

The Levitical priest was required to wear certain clothing. The christian priest must also be clothed with the proper clothing. Paul describes the clothing of the christian as that of a soldier ready for battle when he says to put on the whole armour of God. Ephesians 6:11-18. We need to especially look at the phrase "having on the breastplate of righteousness" in verse 14. In Isaiah 59:17 God is pictured as putting on "Righteousness as a breastplate and an helmet of salvation upon His head." Righteousness should not be looked upon as a status man has before God it is the life of purity in our relationship with Christ. Barclay says, "When a man is clothed in righteousness, he is impregnable. Words are no defense against accusations, but a good life is." Dale remarks, "A pure heart resents with disgust and scorn the first approaches of temptation to purity." Yielding to sin is cowardly while bravery and courage come from right thinking. Revelation 1:5c-6 says, "Unto Him who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His father; for ever and ever. Amen." It is this body of kings and priests who will make up that Royal priesthood and holy nation to be called God's church, and become the bride at the marriage supper of the Lamb. "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour unto Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." Revelation 19:7,8.

In the Levitical priesthood a priest found it mandatory to make a wise choice of whom he married. It was unlawful for him to marry a prostitute, a woman who was not spiritual in her interest or a divorcee. His wife must be of good report among the people and not do anything that would bring reproach upon his ministry, Leviticus 21:7. The Christian priest also must respect God's words in respect to his conduct. I Timothy 3:1-13 is very explicit about the conduct of the christian worker. Remember, Jesus is our High Priest. The Ministers or preachers become the same as the sons of Aaron. I Timothy 3:1 calls them bishops. Verses 2,3,7 of the same chapter say, "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous. Moreover he must have a good report

of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach." These verses give a guideline for both husband and wife in the ministry. The wife must still compliment her husbands ministry. Though there are no specific words in these verses concerning the conduct of the wife, we must still remember God made woman to an helpmate to her husband, Genesis 2:18. Now we come to the rest of the Christian priesthood. In the Levitical priesthood they were the Levites and they were the helpers to Aaron's sons. In I Timothy 3:8 they are called deacons. All dedicated, consecrated Christians belong to this group. Verses 8,9 and 12 mention qualifications for them, "Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongues, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well." Then verse 11 mentions some qualifications for the wives. "Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things." It is only natural the wives of bishops are also bound by the same qualifications.

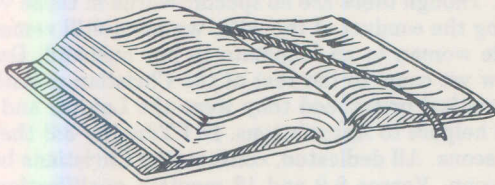
Now we come to the behavior of the children of the Christian family. I Timothy 3:4,12 mentions the children also. They are to be in subjection to their parents. Ephesians 6:1 says, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." But then we find some more advice in verse 6 where we read, "And ye fathers (and mothers), provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." To rule one's house with all gravity is so much more than just giving out orders and dealing out harsh punishments. It is also more than just handing the children everything they could wish for in things which are not necessities. It means to give understanding, showing compassion, showing the way of right and wrong by the way we live before them, teaching them in gentleness. Remember, they are children and must be allowed to understand with a child's mind. When they get an adult's understanding they will be adults.

The christian priesthood is a holy nation made up of christians of a mixed multitude from around the world. As a holy nation unto God, He has set us apart for His service. that service unto God is to herald the good tidings of God's love to all who will hear, wherever or whoever they are. We should not desire to be like those around us in attitudes and actions but must be an example of the One who gave His very life's blood as a ransom for all. Peter calls us a peculiar people. Today we think of peculiar meaning odd or strange but when Peter used it, he was writing in Greek and the translation of the Greek would say we are a purchased people. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ and are a unique possession of God. We read in I Peter 1:15, "But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation." conversation as used here means all manner of life. Notice we are not to "become holy as life progresses but we are to show holiness in every thing we do. This is possible in our day! the same God who has supplied the power of holiness for others has made it available for all who will seek it. The key to our obtaining this spiritual power to strengthen us in purity of character and conduct is to take time to be holy. a verse from the hymn by Wm. D. Longstaff tells us:

Take time to be holy, The world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone,
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

DO OTHERS SEE JESUS IN YOU, OR JUST YOU?

OBITUARIES



Precious in the sight
of the Lord is the
death of his saints.

Psalms 116:15

Shepherd

CLARENCE THEODORE SHEPHERD was born to Theodore and Emma (Rounds) Shepherd on December 5, 1895 near Aline, Oklahoma and at an early age he moved with his mother to Rogers, Arkansas. He departed this life Saturday, September 3, 1983 at his home in Perryton. He was 87.

In 1906, his mother filed on land southwest of Liberal, Kansas (now part of the old Hitt Ranch). Clarence attended high school in Liberal. He was always interested in science and spent all his spare time in the lab. Working his way thru high school, he was employed as a mechanic's helper in a local garage. He took his first car ride in 1909 from Liberal to Hugoton, Kansas.

Clarence registered for the Army in World War I at Augusta, Kansas, but never served. As a young man, he worked for Wells Fargo in Augusta and Cheney, Kansas.

On February 29, 1920, Clarence was united in marriage to Maggie Whitaker and to this union five children were born.

In 1931, Clarence accepted Christ as his personal Savior and lived an exceptional, dedicated Christian life, serving as Full Gospel Church treasurer for 25 years and teaching a Sunday School class for several years.

In 1923, Shep (as he was known) opened up the garage business in Perryton. In 1949, he moved from Ash Street to the present location, 300 West Main. Shep was known for miles around for his conscious labor on magnetos, starters and electric motors. The philosophy on which he made his business a success for the past sixty years was: "Live and let live".

He was preceded in death by one infant son; another son, Charles Preston; a daughter, Mrs. Wanda DeArmound; a step-son; Lenard Whitaker; his parents and step-mother; and his loving and devoted wife, Maggie.

He leaves to mourn his passing his daughters, Mrs. Martin (Daisy) Eagan of Central Point, Oregon; Mrs. Roy (Blanche) Davison of Hedley, Texas; Mrs. H. T. (June) Sutherland of Wichita, Kansas and Mrs. Bob (Hazel) Taylor of Logan, Oklahoma; 11 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; 24 great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

His beautiful life was portrayed in a tribute that was recently printed in the Full Gospel Church bulletin--

TRUE GREATNESS CONSISTS IN BEING GREAT IN LITTLE THINGS.
WHAT ONE IS IN LITTLE THINGS HE IS ALSO IN GREAT.

Recently we went to a repair shop in Perryton to have the alternator on a car checked...on the front door of that shop was a sign in plain view that said PARDEN ME, BUT DO YOU KNOW JESUS?

The shop was closed, so we went to the owner's home; his car was parked in the driveway and on that car was a bumper sticker that said IF YOU LOVE JESUS, TITHE...ANYBODY CAN HONK!!

How typical of BRO. CLARENCE SHEPHERD'S bold unashamed witness for Jesus Christ!! We salute a dear faithful senior member of this church family who has - for many, many years - been in his place to worship every time the church doors opened except for real emergencies or reasons that prohibited his being there...he has been a prayer warrior, a friend to his pastor and family, and an inspiration to many people...

BRO. SHEPHERD, YOU ARE LOVED AND APPRECIATED!!

Funeral services were Tuesday, September 6, 1983 at 2:00 P.M. in the Full gospel Church, Perryton, with the pastor, Rev. Harrol Waterbury and the Rev. Jacob C. Regier officiating. Mrs. Tommy Pletcher was organist and accompanied Bobby Taylor (a grandson) as he sang "This Is Just What Heaven Means To Me" and Rev. and Mrs. Harrol Waterbury as they sang "He's Everything To Me." Pallbearers were Bobby Taylor, Harold Harbour, William Toler, Hank Anglin, Bill Allen and Blake Taylor. Honorary bearers were Tommy Pletcher, Daniel Newman, Billy Johnson, B. W. Bryan, J. M. Randolph and Clarence Peterson. Burial was in the Ochiltree Cemetery, Perryton.



Handley

Services for Anita Ruth Handley were at 2 p.m., Monday, August 22, 1983 in the Henneger Allen Chapel.

Miss Handley passed away Saturday, August 20, 1983 in the Enid, Oklahoma hospital.

She was born in Decatur, Arkansas, December 13, 1924 to Harold and Lizzie Davids. As a young girl she moved to Ringwood with her parents. She then moved to Enid in 1951. She was married to William E. Handley on October 22, 1960. She was a member of the Apostolic Church, also attending the Apostolic Faith Bible School and traveled in various gospel groups until she married in 1960.

Her survivors include son, David and a daughter, Barbara, both of Enid, Oklahoma.

Search

Mrs. E. A. Greever

I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psa. 139:14. Every human in the world could agree with this scripture, and all whose sins have been blotted out and their sin nature cleansed to that of purity by the shed blood of Jesus Christ are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works. Eph. 2:10. Jesus was asked this question, "What shall we do that we might work the works of God?" His answer: "This is the work of God that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." John 6:28-29.

Search the scriptures for in them ye think he have eternal life and they are they which testify of me. John 5:39. In 1John 5:12 we read, He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son hath not life. In reading the 17th chapter of Acts we are told of some people with a ready mind searched the scripture daily whether or not the things Paul was preaching was true. Matt. 3:17, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Mark 9:7, This is my beloved Son hear him. John 8:29, Jesus said, and he that sent me is with me, the Father hath not left me alone. For I do always those things that please him. Luke 5:23, Whether is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee, or to say rise up and walk? The latter part of this scripture is concerning our need while in these mortal bodies. Jesus went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the Devil for God was with him. Acts 10:38, Please read Isa. 61:1-3, Matt. 4:23,24, 1Cor. 1:26 tells us not many wise men after the flesh, not many noble, not many mighty are called. The world by wisdom know not God, verse 21.

Today the world furnishes many kinds of doctors, surgeons, chiropractors, family doctors, dentists, oculists and etc. and millions of dollars are spent in research for cure for the many kinds of diseases and people in misery and pain are looking for relief. The word of God tells us in 1 Timothy 4:8 that the bodily exercise used in giving relief profiteth little, but the rest of that verse tells us Godliness (devoted to God) is profitable unto all things having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. Eternal. Everything used by the world, by physicians may help a little and at times prolong your days for a short time, but they definitely can't give life.

Jesus said, I am the bread of life. John 6:48, Why spend your money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which satisfieth not. Isa. 55:2. For spirit soul and body Jesus Christ is all we need. This we find is true when searching the scriptures found in Matt., Mark, Luke and John.

Read Luke 16:8. The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light, so as the children of this world continue with their research, may we as children of light or of God daily do some research work in reading the Bible and as we do we will find daily God is searching us.

I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts Rev. 2:23. I have found so many scriptures that tell me God searcheth the heart, and when our heart condemns us not then have we confidence toward God and whatsoever we ask we receive of him because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. I John 3:21-22. He at times has to use the rein on us to guide, control, check or restrain.

May we like the Psalmist David pray. Search me O God and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts and see if there by any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. Psa. 139:23-24. The Lord knows when tried whether or not we will stand the test, but we don't until we are tried. I'm sure we as God's dear children are thoroughly convinced his power is unlimited and we with believing hearts will receive what he has promised us in his word.

All things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:23. O the exceeding great and precious promises. II Peter 1:4.

Search me O God I humbly pray
Try thou my heart I would not stray
The narrow road that leads the way
O Search and try me Lord.

Search me O search me Lord
Look down deep into my heart
May there be no evil thought
O search and try me Lord.

THINK ABOUT THIS

HAVE YOU EVER PRAYED THIS PRAYER?

"Almighty God, as I lie here on my couch this lovely Sunday morning, surrounded by the Sunday paper and half listening to a program, it has just come to me that I have lied to Thee and to myself. I said I did not feel well enough to go to church-or I was too tired. That was not true. I was not ambitious enough. I would have gone to my office had it been Monday morning. I would have played golf had it been Wednesday afternoon. I would have attended my luncheon club had it met this noon. I would have been able to go to a picnic had it been today. I would have gone to a meeting if it met tonight. But it is Sunday morning and Sunday illness covers a multitude of sins.

God have mercy on me! I was not ill nor tired-I am just lazy and indifferent!"



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ARTICLE VII

Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Saviour. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows:

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Creation and Formation

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation

Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.

Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body. A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by speaking in other languages.

Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9.

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.

A Ministry supported by tithes and offerings.

These basic doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

The world doesn't
need a definition of
religion as much as it
needs
a demonstration.

GOD'S MINORITIES

During the time NOAH was building the ark, he was very much in the minority-but he won!

When JOSEPH was sold into Egypt by his brothers, he was a decided minority-but he won!

When GIDEON and his three hundred followers, with their broken pitchers and lamps, put the Midianites to flight they were in an insignificant minority-but they won!

When ELIJAH prayed down fire from heaven and put the prophets of Baal to shame, he was in a notable minority-but he won!

When DAVID, ridiculed by his brothers, went out to meet Goliath, in size he was in a decided minority-but he won!

When MARTIN LUTHER nailed his theses on the door of the cathedral he was a lonesome minority-but he won!

When JESUS CHRIST was crucified by the Roman soldiers, he was a conspicuous minority-but he won!



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