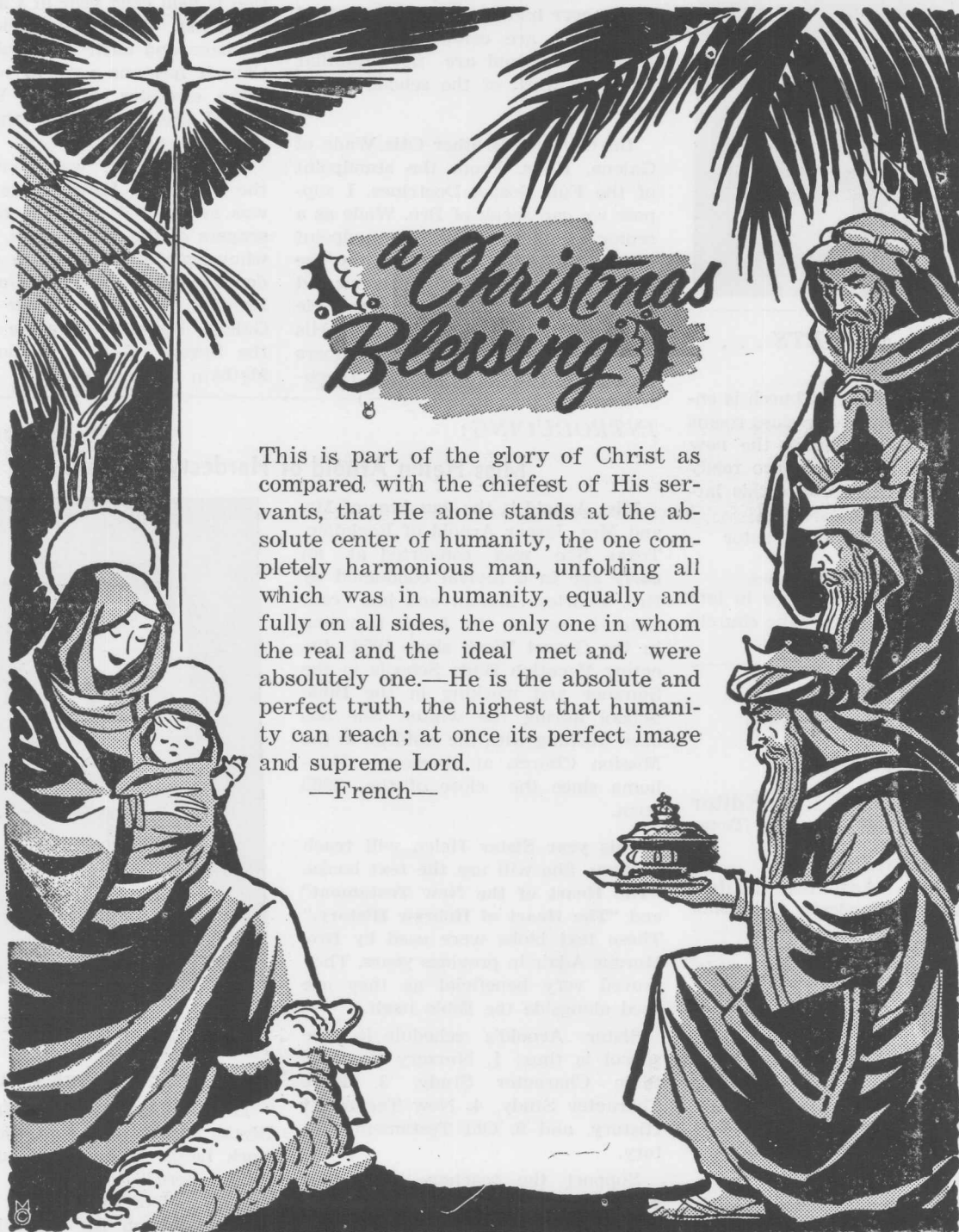


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a Christmas Blessing

This is part of the glory of Christ as compared with the chiefest of His servants, that He alone stands at the absolute center of humanity, the one completely harmonious man, unfolding all which was in humanity, equally and fully on all sides, the only one in whom the real and the ideal met and were absolutely one.—He is the absolute and perfect truth, the highest that humanity can reach; at once its perfect image and supreme Lord.

—French—

EDITORIAL

Introducing:

Otis Wade



In this issue and the following two or three months, we will feature the "Work" and "Workers" of the Apostolic Faith Bible School. We realize there are many readers who have never had opportunities to meet those who are connected with the Bible School and are not familiar with the work of the school. So we present:

Introducing: Brother Otis Wade of Galena, Kans. From the standpoint of the Full Gospel Doctrines, I suppose we can speak of Bro. Wade as a senior member. From the standpoint of the Bible School we can say the same. He has been vitally connected with the school all these years. He is one of the board of directors. His duties along with the other members of the board is to see that the Teach-

ings in the school are sound, keep the property of the school in repair, and to appoint the faculty. Brother Wade has been re-elected to his position on the board again and again. This election is held each year at Camp Meeting Time. Each Apostolic Faith minister and each Apostolic Faith Church has one vote to be cast at these elections. Brother Wade has helped see the School through its victories and trials.

Brother Wade was converted to the Apostolic Faith years ago. He was acquainted with the early messengers of the Full Gospel. He has a wholesome attitude and a deep burden for the success of God's work. Brother and sister Wade live at Galena, Kans. Their home church is the Spring Grove Mission. M. D. Methvin is their pastor.

PASTORAL REPORTS . . .

LOGAN, OKLAHOMA

The Midway Country Church is enlarging the building. New class rooms and rest rooms will be in the new addition. The brick layers are ready to go to work. More about this later.

Murphy Barnes, Pastor

ARNETT, OKLAHOMA

The revival conducted here in late October was a blessing to the church. The Christians are edified.

INTRODUCING:

Miss Helen Arnold of Hardesty, Oklahoma

Miss Arnold is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Arnold of Rockdale, Texas. She was converted at an early age in a revival conducted by Bro. Charles Mahan and has consistently served the Lord, traveling in the Gospel Work since 1956, directing Vacation Bible Schools in the Summer and working in the Bible School during the winter. She has been working with the children in the Mission Church at Hardesty, Oklahoma since the close of the 1960 term.



This year Sister Helen will teach History. She will use the text books, "The Heart of the New Testament" and "The Heart of Hebrew History." These text books were used by Bro. Marcus Adair in previous years. They proved very beneficial as they are used alongside the Bible itself.

Sister Arnold's schedule in the school is thus: 1. Nursery Class, 2. Bible Character Study, 3. Bible Character Study, 4. New Testament History, and 5. Old Testament History.

Support the teachers with your prayers, words of encouragement and your offerings. They may actually be serving the Lord in your place.

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PASTORAL REPORTS . . .

CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

The pastors, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Blythe report they are enjoying the work here. "There are such nice people here," they write. The announcement of the birth of their son failed to reach the REPORT as it should have.

EMMANUEL

By REV. DONALD D. DIBBENS

Luke 2:7-14 "And she brought forth Her Firstborn Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a Manger; Because there was no room for them in the Inn.

And there were in the same country, Shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And Lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the Angel said unto them, fear not: for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth Peace, Good Will toward Men."

Matthew 2:1-12 "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem.

Saying, where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the Chief Priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them

ISAIAH 7:14 "THEREFORE THE LORD HIMSELF SHALL GIVE YOU A SIGN: BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE, AND BEAR A SON, AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL."

MATTHEW 1:23 "BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD, AND SHALL BRING FORTH A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME EMMANUEL, WHICH BEING INTERPRETED IS, GOD WITH US."

These two verses of scripture, written some 750 years apart, and by two Holy men, tell us the same miraculous truth. This substantiates the latter part of **VERSE 16 MATTHEW 18** "... THAT IN THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY WORD MAY BE ESTABLISHED." I am alarmed at the percentage of people who do not believe in the virgin birth of Jesus. The Devil is attempting to disqualify this supernatural act of God, and with many he is succeeding. This theory is reaching into the ranks of modern ministers and Sunday School teachers. One of the mysteries of our time

shows forth when men stand behind the sacred desk and attempt to teach the truth of the Bible; yet they do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. It is alarming to think of men occupying the pulpit who have not been, and are not, converted. Then it is more alarming when the basic belief of Christianity is disallowed by modern ministers, questioning the truth of the miraculous birth of Jesus, and trying to explain his coming into the world as a babe in Bethlehem in accordance with the thinking of ordinary men.

I would like to echo the words of the aged Simeon as he took the baby Jesus in his arms, at His presentation to the Lord at Jerusalem, "LORD, NOW LETTEST THOU THY SERVANT DEPART IN PEACE, ACCORDING TO THY WORD: FOR MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THY SALVATION, WHICH THOU HAST PREPARED BEFORE THE FACE OF ALL PEOPLE: A LIGHT TO LIGHTEN THE GENERATIONS, AND THE GLORY OF THY

where Christ should be born.

And they said unto Him, in Bethlehem of Judaea: For thus it is written by the Prophet.

"And thou Bethlehem; in the Land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people, Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, go and search diligently for the young child: And when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the King, they departed; and, Lo, the Star, which they saw in the East, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: And when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him Gifts: Gold, and Frankincense, and Myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

II Cor. 9:15. "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

PEOPLE ISRAEL." **LUKE 2:29-32.**

I have not been privileged to take Him in my arms, but by faith I embrace the Lord as my Saviour and account that Jesus of Nazareth is the divine Son of God, conceived by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary. He, therefore, is verily the Son of Man—the son of Mary—, and the Son of God—the son of the Holy Ghost. Let the devil pound at this marvelous, miraculous truth, but let us lift it ever high, and hold it firm and steady. He is: **THE DIVINE SON, THE SAVIOUR OF MEN, WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE.** All men shall acknowledge this glorious truth when He sits on the throne of King David, ruling the earth for a thousand years.

The Angel verified this truth to Joseph, in a dream. The last part of **verse 20, MATTHEW 1:** "JOSEPH, THOU SON OF DAVID, FEAR NOT TO TAKE UNTO THEE MARY THY WIFE, FOR THAT WHICH IS CONCEIVED IN HER IS OF THE HOLY

(Continued on Page 10)



Introducing:

Miss Edna Neff

Miss Edna Neff, of Wichita, Kans. Sister Edna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Neff. She was converted at an early age. She has been in the Gospel Work since 1953, working in revivals, Youth Camps, Vacation Bible Schools. She spent a year in Alaska with the J. D. Ray's. Sister Edna Neff attended the Bible School in 1953, 1954 and 1959.

She attended the Stamps Music School two terms. She will be teaching **Piano and Choral** in the Bible School this year. She plans to use a new piano book, entitled, "**Our Piano Book for Gospel Music**" By Polk-Burnett Publication, along with the regular song books. She promises to help the "Accordion" students as much as possible but her time will be limited because she is also in charge of the "Choral" class. Sister Edna taught "Piano" in the Bible School in 1957.

The Choral class will be a good "Workshop" for those who want to help their home churches. Different phases of Gospel singing will be put into practice in this class.

An excerpt from a letter . . . "Personally, the burden of the Bible School weighed heavily upon me since I accepted the position for the 1961 term. I am praying daily that we may see a school term filled with God's presence and blessings. . . The Apostolic Faith Bible School means much to me as I have learned

Introducing:

Truman Summerford

Truman Summerford of Ralls, Tex. Brother Truman's past is well known to many because he has served in so many churches as music director, music teacher, choir director, and Evangelist's assistant. The past few months he has conducted Superintendent Gail W. Schultz on the tour of the churches in behalf of the Bible School. He furnished his automobile and his time and talent as unto the Lord.

Bro. Summerford found the Lord early in life. His widowed mother is a minister of the Gospel. She is Mrs. Odessa Summerford. This is not his first term in the Bible School because he has served as teacher of Music and Voice in previous terms as he will this year.

Brother Truman Summerford has an added responsibility this term. He will serve as **Dean of Boys**. His own room will join hand to the dormitory rooms of the male students. It will be his responsibility to help and counsel the boys with their problems. He will maintain order in the dormitory.

You will notice that all the teachers in the Bible School, including Bro. Truman Summerford have doubled their responsibilities so that



the teaching staff could be reduced in number and thus helping reduce the cost. This should encourage us to give more and pray more for them. This is your responsibility. No salaries are paid. No collections or love offerings are taken. They all look to the Lord in faith and prayer. As the Lord moves you in answer to their prayers . . . will you respond and obey? God bless you.

This Editorial by Jacob C. Regier

PASTORAL REPORTS

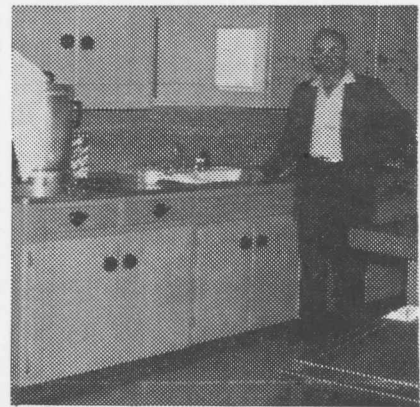
PAMPA, TEXAS

The attached picture shows pastor A. W. Ferguson of the Kings Mill Community Church in the commodious kitchen of the Parish hall where the Convocation Meals will be served.

Bro. Ferguson feels that the Church will greatly benefit from the Convocation. Their attendance is above 50 in Sunday School and a dozen more in the evening services. The Youth Services have grown to 20 in attendance. Royce and Roberta Grant are working with the Youth. Glennis McClenagan is helping the Ferguson's.

to appreciate the Lord more fully through the lessons I have received there.

The teacher of "Piano" and "Choral", Miss Edna Neff, presents her service as unto the Lord. She makes no charge. Will you support this work as the Lord lays on your heart?



KINGS MILL, TEXAS

Kings Mill is only 7 miles west of the City of Pampa.

CONVOCATION LOCATION

The Armory Building is on Highway 142 and 60 just on the east side of Pampa, Texas. The Parish Hall is on Purviance and Browning Streets. It is 2½ miles from the Parish Hall to the Armory.

Behold, THE LAMB OF GOD

Communion Message

By EDWIN WAYNE MODRICK

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

The lamb is an animal that has represented God's plan of Salvation for several thousand years. In Old Testament times the blood of the lamb was sufficient for the sins of the people. We find, for instance, a verse of scripture in the first book of the Bible which is representative of God's plan of Salvation for man. Genesis 22:8, **"And Abraham said, my Son God will provide himself a lamb for the burnt offering."**

Even in our present dispensation we find a plan for mankind in which the Lamb is the key to Salvation. The Lamb that is found to meet our need is the only begotten Son of God. This is a plan which is perfect, being perfected by Jesus' own blood. We discover that not only is the Lamb a key-word but also the **blood** of the Lamb.

A great contrast is offered in Salvation for man in the two testaments. In both testaments a literal lamb is used but the latter is God's only Son! A religious sect in Israel still practices the burnt offering with the blood of a real lamb being shed; it is found that the Samaritan Jew is still very conscious of the Old Testament belief centuries old.

There is, however, no blood of any kind of an animal, anywhere, that provides true salvation save the Blood of Jesus Christ. **"For without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin."** Hebrews 9:22.

In Old Testament times Israel is found on one occasion to be in Egyptian bondage. In this familiar story deliverance was only found in the shed blood of a lamb. This slain lamb was a type of the Lamb which was slain for our present era.

There is a great connection between this feast of God and the sac-

ed Communion as we know it today. Jesus went to the Feast of the Passover at an early age; and the Last Supper for Christ was the beginning of our sacred Communion. The eating of the Passover or Last Supper is very significant to us today. The Communion, might we say, takes the place of the Feast of the Passover.

"For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." I Corinthians 11:23-30.

We would like to consider a three-fold message concerning Christ and the Communion.

1. The Sinner

John gave us an excellent account of the power of the Blood of the Lamb—its ability to take away the sin of the world. Sin is found to be a wilful transgression against the law of God. The sinner is among all men most needy. God is capable of eradicating all sin and sin nature; through salvation and sanctification a life can be set apart.

Sinner, Behold the Lamb of God!

2. The Christian

The Christian is also found standing in need of the Blood of the Lamb. This is the old, old story, and yet, holds the greatest truths and values ever recorded on parchment and paper.

Many Christians fail or neglect to realize that spiritual advancement is imperative if one is to have a God-pleasing experience. And Christ gave His own life for all that they might have life and that more abundantly. (John 10:10)

Christian, Behold the Lamb of God!

3. The Afflicted

The writer, Isaiah, proclaimed in a prophetic manner that we are healed. (Isa. 53:5) In great contrast we also find Peter said, "By whose stripes we were healed." (I Pet. 2:29) In this passage the verb tense leaves the obvious impression that healing was purchased for the sick some two thousand years ago. Of all the presumed 39 stripes placed in a wicked and severe manner on the back of Jesus, each is a definite character proclaiming divine healing for one and all.

Afflicted, Behold the Lamb of God!

God is still on the throne providing fulfillment of each one's needs. The Sinner, Christian, or Afflicted can benefit from such a wonderful plan by which the Lamb of God was slain.

In Holy Communion the wine represents the Blood of Christ as the New Testament Scriptures declare. The bread represents the broken Body as Christ told them. At the time of Christ's death, perhaps a clear meaning was not known by His followers, but the entirety of the Bible clarifies as an ordinance of God, that **the Lamb of God taketh away the sin of the world.**

APOSTOLIC FAITH HOLY CONVOCATION

P A M P A , T E X A S

Dec. 26th — Dec. 30th

Services in the National Guard
Armory.

Meals in Episcopal Parish Hall
No Services on December 31st
No Watch-Night Service.

Plenty of Motels in Pampa, Tex.

Friends of Christ

BY LOIS ALLEN

YES and NO

1. Caesar Augustus said all the world should be taxed? _____
2. Caesar Augustus said everyone should go to Bethlehem? _____
3. Joseph and Mary did not go to Bethlehem? _____
4. The angels said they had bad tidings to bring? _____
5. The Saviour was born in the City of David? _____
6. The shepherds couldn't find the babe anywhere? _____
7. They found the babe in the kings palace? _____

MY FAVORITE STORY

Joanie Ray of far-off Spenard, Alaska says her favorite story is baby Moses, Exodus, 2nd chapter.

Billy Gene Peters of Glendora, Calif., told me his favorite story was David and the Giant. I Samuel 17.

MY FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:15 "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," is the favorite scripture of Carolyn Boyd, Big Spring, Texas.

Brenda Sziter, also of Big Spring, Texas, likes the 23rd Psalm. (This scripture has been the favorite of most of the Juniors so far.)

YOURS AND MINE

I was not there
And did not see,
The Saviour born
For you and me
But this I know
I know it's true,
The Saviour was born
For me and for you.
—Lois Allen

CHRISTMAS MANNERS

1. Do not be selfish with new toys and such.
2. Do not beat the drum or blow your horn very loud.
3. Remember to tell the people who gave you presents, Thank You.
4. Do not keep asking if dinner is ready: this is hard on mothers.
5. Do not wake up too early on Christmas morning.
6. Be sure to learn your part in the church Christmas program.
7. Be good, be quiet, be still and have a Merry Christmas.

Yes or No Answers

Yes, No, No, No, Yes, No, No.



PASTORAL REPORTS . . .

Northern California Stockton and Modesto

Bro. and Sis. Floyd LaMunyon have held revivals in the Stockton and Modesto Churches. Their labors were blessed of the Lord. Souls were saved and drawn closer to God. Three were saved in the Stockton meeting. This meeting closed November 2nd. An excellent Spirit prevailed in the one-week revival at Modesto. Bro. LaMunyon urges that we all pray for the Modesto Church. May God bless all concerned.

CENTER POINT, TEXAS

Bro. Charles Mahan is making slow but steady progress toward health and victory. He writes, "This is in answer to your many prayers. We are looking forward to my complete victory."

Attendance is around 30 in Sunday School with a few more in the preaching services. The parsonage has recently been repainted and a new floor-furnace installed.

SOUTH TEXAS Automobile Accident

Mrs. Lenore Peck and the Van Benthusen Sisiters were in a bad car accident near Bay City, Texas recently. Mrs. Peck and Miss Vonda Van Benthusen are mending satisfactorily, but Sister Mavis Vanbenthusen is still in need of help from God. She is in the John Sealy hospital at Galveston, Texas with an injured back. Pray for her! Write her!

PASTORAL REPORTS . . .

JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Bro. Vester Clanton recently held a meeting in the Joplin Apostolic Faith Church.

ROCKDALE, TEXAS

Bro. and Sis. Ray Michener are in revival at Rockdale. 3 have been saved; 2 have been sanctified and 4 have received the Holy Spirit. Several have been healed.

LIBERAL, KANSAS

Bro. Homer Coberly assisted by Ted and Diana Barker are in Revival in Liberal Apostolic Faith Church.

BALKO, OKLAHOMA

Edwin Modrick's closed a successful 4-week's revival here. God blessed in a wonderful way. Miss Ruth Pshigoda assisted.

HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS

Buckhorn Church

A revival is in progress with the Edwin Modricks and Ruth Pshigoda.

HUDSON, WYOMING

Bro. and Sis. Floyd LaMunyon are in a revival here with the Robert Beydlers. The meeting began Nov. 17th. Nice crowds were attending. It is reported that this is the only protestant church in this town. Pray for this work.

STEELE, MISSOURI

New Work!

Quote from Hintergardt's letter: "We have gotten moved to Steele, Mo., and plan to begin repairing the building this week so we can get services started as soon as possible. There is much to be done here for the Lord. Please pray for us that we will be led of the Lord in every thing. Bro. Larry Welsh's are fitting in fine in the Mill Creek Church and community."

The George Hintergardt's Steele, Missouri

YOUTH PAGE

A TEEN-AGE PRESIDENT

By JERRY McCLENAGAN

What if you were the President of the United States? How would you react to the taunts and threats of Khrushchev? How would you handle the taxpayer's money? What would you promise the farmers and the unions? What would you do for religious freedom?

I see you brush these questions aside. You are thinking it a foolish question I'm asking.

But I know of a teen-ager who held such a position! His name? Uzziah. "Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign." (II Chronicles 26:3.)

Now what do you think of the questions I first asked you? What would you do if you were the President of the United States?

Let's see what Uzziah did. "He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord." (verse 4) He must not have been much of a politician! Instead of catering to the people or his own wishes he conducted the nation in a way that pleased God!

"Can one be a public service and lead an active Christian life?" This question was asked Mr. Mark O. Hatfield, Governor of Oregon.

His answer: "Absolutely!"

Mr. Hatfield spoke of a person de-

ciding on a career. He said that after one had decided, he should "do all things toward the objective of serving Jesus Christ." He added: "Success is bound to follow."

Some say that you cannot mix religion and business. But I say you can be a real success by being a real Christian. You may never be President of the United States, or a Governor of your state, but you can be a success. There are some rules to follow in your efforts for success.

Rule 1. You should know your capabilities and interests—what you are "cut out" for, and what you like. Don't be entirely guided by your emotions or what your parents and friends suggest.

Rule 2. Choose an honourable occupation. Paul gave this advice to Christians: "Make a point of practising honourable occupations." (Titus 3:8, Moffatt.)

Rule 3. Choose your vocation through prayer and surrender to God's will for your life. After you have carefully weighed what you are best fitted for in an honourable occupation, you can go no further on your own intelligence. So "trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In

all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

And, whatever your life-choice may be, follow through with Mr. Hatfield's advice—" . . . doing all things toward the objective of serving Jesus Christ." And if you do, as Mr. Hatfield also said, "Success is bound to follow." Why did he speak that way? In his office there hangs a glass frame with this verse of Scripture enclosed—the verse of Scripture we find written of Uzziah, the teen-age king (v. 5):

" . . . and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper." Compare this verse with Joshua 1:8 and Psalms 1:2-3. These verses inform you that if you'll "meditate" in God's law and "observe" it that "whatsoever" you do will "prosper." God says, "Thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

You can be a successful teen-ager!

PASTORAL REPORTS . . .

ALVIN, TEXAS

Brother Marcus L. Adair began a revival in the Alvin Apostolic Faith Church on November 20th.

K. Kerr, Pastor.

KATY, TEXAS

Quote, "The Lord has given us some good services and attendance is good. Once in awhile we have some unsaved to work on, hope and pray we can reach some of them." . . . Harrol Waterbury.

YOUTH RALLY

The Youth Rally met at Amarillo, Oct. 24th under the supervision of our newly elected president, Royce Grant. The service was marked by extra good special singing. Jim Morris brought the sermon, "Be Strong In The Lord." Of the several churches represented, Kings Mill had the majority of people and consequently took the banner. Dumas will be the next host church and is looking forward to some stiff competition for the banner.

Yvonne Morris, Secretary

YOUTH RALLIES

Mid-Panhandle

The November rally was conducted at Guymon, Okla., where Bro. Doyle Wiles is now pastoring. There were 108 present. Bro. Elbert Pool preached about "Counting the Cost."

Tri-State

The October rally was at Galena, Kans. Every church was represented. There were sermonettes given by Burgie Sludor and Sandy Maness. Sis. Edna Schultz preached about "Obedience."

ROSWELL YOUTH

Ginger Raney, reporter for the youth group of our church in Roswell, New Mexico, asks us to pray for their youth services. The youth meet every Thursday night under the direction of Danny Robinson.

Dixie Crusaders for Christ

The November 6, 1960 rally of the Dixie Crusaders for Christ met at Pine Hill, Alabama. The attendance was 70 and the banner was presented again to Pine Crest.

The program began by a Sermonette by Myrtle Carney, a Youth Evangelist. Pine Hill then gave a skit entitled, "Would You Change Places?" Roland Haney from Snell then had charge of the program which ended with a sermon on the "Last Days."

Prayers were requested for the officers that they may become more faithful in their tasks.

Next Rally will be at Pine Crest, Mississippi on December 3, 1960.

Reporter, Berta Anderson

BOX 383

Perryton, Texas



WE are very thankful for receiving the Report so regularly. Dad Davis needs your prayers. He was in an auto accident 3½ years ago and suffered a broken hip which has never healed since he is 88 years old. He's getting weaker every day.

Bro. and Sis. James Davis
California

I am sending a small offering to help with the Report. Wish I could send more. I wish I had a church to pastor. I am starving to preach the good old Gospel and to see some souls saved like I used to see.

H. G. Stockwell
919 N. Jefferson
Magnolia, Arkansas

Enclosed is an offering for the Report from the Union Chapel Sunday School.

Mrs. Lola Kedd
Anderson, Missouri

We enjoy reading the Report. It's a big news letter and a great blessing to us.

H. J. Schoenhals
Shattuck, Okla.

I enjoy the Report very much. I wish it was a weekly rather than a monthly.

Mrs. A. E. Wohlford
Cheney, Kansas

May God bless you in your every effort for Him, and may He impress it deeply on our hearts, the need of our paper. We just MUST NOT let our paper fail through the lack of funds. For the past thirty-eight years we have received the Apostolic Faith paper, and it has been a real blessing in our home. A few times we have seen the months go by and no paper—because we, the readers, had been careless. We would be glad if we could have a financial statement published every once in a while.

We really appreciated all the good articles that you have published. To name only a few of them—those articles written by Bro. Girouard, and, oh how glad we were for the "Doctrinal Teachings of our Apostolic Faith Movement."

Bessie Carl
Joplin, Missouri

EXCERPTS

Thank you for the Apostolic Faith Report that I have received for three months now. Enclosed is \$1.00 offering. The Lord bless you.

Gladys Hill

I look forward to the paper each month. I enjoy it so much. It really is a blessing to me. May God bless you in your work.

Dora Fry
Oklahoma City, Okla.

May the Lord bless you in your work. Please pray for me. I fell and hurt myself. I still trust the Lord. He can make me well.

Mrs. Miller
Guymon, Okla.

We sure appreciate your labor for the paper. I always enjoy it so much. I enjoyed your piece on "Healing."

Jessie Huff
Arnett, Oklahoma

I wish to report that I am now ready for calls either as an evangelist or pastor of a church—preferably in California. With the prayers of the church I hope to be more or less self supporting and also to be able to assist the church with a finance plan if needed. Please pray with me that I may receive strength in my body and wisdom to do the will of God in all of its beauty.

Rev. Jesse L. Dockum
P. O. Box 124
Hartville, Missouri

Received my October copy of the Report. I enjoy it very much. I get much spiritual food for my soul. I sometimes read them over and over getting new and fresh thoughts.

Mrs. P. J. Flanagan
St. Louis, Missouri

I have always read the paper. I was saved in Bro. Parham's first meeting in Alvin in 1905. I believe in Divine Healing and have not been seriously ill in all these years. I am 77 years old.

Mrs. George Brandon
San Angelo, Texas

I am glad to hear that you are able to carry on the work of the publishing of the paper. Also glad for the Bible School that is to start in the near future.

Bro. and Sis. R. D. Busch
Rockdale, Texas

BOX 133

Hardesty, Okla.

Always glad to get the Report. We have enjoyed the articles on "The Gifts of the Spirit" by Bro. Girouard so very much. All the messages are good.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roberts
Haskell, Texas

I really enjoy reading the Report. I get lots of blessings from it.

Mrs. H. A. Vogel
Rockdale, Texas

Enjoyed the good testimonies.

Frances Hammerling
Brookshire, Texas

PASTORAL REPORTS . . .

ENID, OKLAHOMA

Pastor Eugene Cornell reports a recent revival with Bro. and Sis. Jack Barker and the Van Benthusen Sisters. It was a good revival for the church with the Evangelist especially warning the people of the last days and the signs of prophecy.

LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO

Pastors, Homer and Sue Allen are striving to keep the Lovington Church moving forward. A prize is being offered for the 200th person attending the services. Pray for the Lovington people and pastors.

Spring Valley, California Ground-Breaking



The above picture shows Bro. Edwin Waterbury, Bro. Gail W. Schultz, Bro. Wiley Allen, Bro. Herb Sutherland, and Bro. Bill J. Allen when they recently had the ground-breaking service for the Fair-Oaks Chapel of Spring Valley, Calif. This is an open door to all Apostolic Faith Believers and a special invitation to all service men from the mid-west to attend our church while in or around San Diego, Calif. The new church also sent a check to help the Report to keep on keeping on.

MISSIONARY LETTERS**SPENARD CHAPEL, ALASKA**

Greetings from Alaska in His wonderful Name:

God blessed in our Prayer Conference. We are glad for the encouragement He gave.

We are now cooperating in a city-wide meeting with Hyman Appelman as speaker. He spoke in our Sunday School Oct. 23rd and we had several saved. It was a wonderful blessing to the church.

It will soon be time to put the skis on the plane. We already have three trips lined up which will be just overnight in two places and perhaps a little longer in the other. We have had a wonderful fall, and there is only a trace of snow on the ground here at this time.

It seems the broadcast audience is larger than ever. We are thankful to the Lord for making it possible to continue with this phase of our ministry even though there are moments of real testing. We would appreciate your prayers.

May God bless your every effort to win the lost and the ministry to reach out with the printed page.

Yours in His service,
Bob Palmer and family

FULL GOSPEL CHAPEL, ALASKA

Greetings from the 49th!
We are now entering the second and final week of the Greater Anchorage Gospel Crusade. (Written Oct. 24th) Our church is one of the 30 cooperating churches. I am serving as the chairman of the Youth Committee. This coming Saturday night is our night for the crusade as far as the Youth are concerned, and I have been quite busy trying to get all things arranged. Also the cooperating ministers have been meeting every morning for an hour of prayer. This has proven a real blessing to me to spend the full hour in prayer with these other preachers. Dr. Hyman Appelman is the Evangelist this year and is doing some good preaching.

The church is progressing nicely. The past four Sundays we have run 52, 46, 32, 46. We just can't accommodate any more than 50 for Sunday School. It will be such a help to have our new building. Looks as though it will be next summer before we can get into it at all. Our Sunday School has been real good,

PASTORAL REPORTS**WOODWARD, OKLAHOMA**

"Starch in your Spine" is a skit planned for the Youth Rally to be held at Woodward in the Apostolic Church on Nov. 28th.

NEW MEXICO

Dear Bro. Regier:

We have certainly enjoyed every copy of the Report and always look forward to the next copy.

We have been in New Mexico and Arizona with the Navajos for almost seven years now. We are employed by the BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS and are serving with about thirty other teachers in the large boarding school here. Mary and I both have been teaching and find it challenging as well as interesting.

In regard to the clothing, we are not in a position to handle distribution of clothing. This has been done through various field Missionaries who have available space and sufficient time for such.

When I mentioned before that we sometimes feel that our efforts were in the field of Missionary work, I did not speak in respect to want or need, but in regard to the desire to work with a race of people needing much help. Also, we sometimes feel so far away from all those dear to us.

Sincerely,
Paul A. Ross and family
Shiprock, New Mexico

HOME MISSION

We have heard that some zealous work is being done in Hobbs, New Mexico. Bro. Harold Nease is the pastor. From 40 to 55 attend church. He is also directing a Mission. He feeds and clothes 75 people. The bakery gives him all the bread he can use. A produce company is going to supply the potatoes through the winter. A shoe store has given 80 pairs of new shoes. Pray for this work.

Last Summer the Jerry Mumm's helped the Nease's in a D. V. B. S. with attendance growing from 12 to 70.

but we haven't had as good attendance by far in the evening services. It is sometimes discouraging when so few come to the evening services.

Love in Christ,
The J. D. Rays

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

Bro. and Sis. George Polvado and Bro. and Sis. Elbert Pool are in a revival at Spearman, Texas in the Apostolic Faith church. Several have been saved and blessed.

FOLLETT, TEXAS

God is blessing the church here. Much interest is being shown in the future plans for a Permanent Youth Camp in this Area. Also good interest is manifested in future "Youth Camp Work Shops" and Sunday School Work Shops. All committees are functioning for a good Christmas program. The Missionary group has been meeting twice a week.

The Monthly Singing Convention was a great blessing to all that attended on November 21st. We are looking forward to the Convocation at Pampa, Texas.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. and Mrs. V. E. (Hap and Rose) Blythe are the proud parents of a new son, born August 31, 1950. His name is Stevan Brent. Weight 9 lb. 14 ozs.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

It will soon be Christmas, and we are made to wonder just how many people realize what Christmas is celebrated for.

I think about the First Christmas Eve. There will never be another one like it. The adoration and service of worship with which that night was celebrated will never be reproduced. The sanctuary was not of brick or stone but a building of God—not made with hands. No church or chapel heard the notes of that first Christmas service. It was held at night—on a hillside under the stars—a beautiful setting for the birth of Our Lord. The Glory of God shone round about it. The crowd was small—only a few humble folk were there. The Shepherds in the field heard the Good Tidings led by voices trained in Heaven. Never can "Glory to God in the Highest" be sung as it was on that First Christmas eve.

How thankful everyone should be that we are still permitted to sing praises unto Him and can worship Him as we please.

Clara Oyler,
Stockton, Calif.

EMMANUEL

(Continued from Page 3)

GHOST". Verse 21 continues with the angel's words, "AND SHE SHALL BRING FORTH A SON, AND THOU SHALT CALL HIS NAME JESUS: FOR HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS."

Now let us look at the importance of this event. To Christians, it is of vital importance. We embrace it as the only means of salvation. Here is the beginning of the purchased possession. There are three outstanding events that hold a pre-eminent spot in the heart of every Christian: **THE MANGER STALL, CALVARY, AND THE EMPTY TOMB.** It takes all three to make the picture complete; however, here in the manger stall God gave His only begotten son. Here, Jesus took upon Himself the form of sinful man that he might purchase redemption for sinful man. To the sinner, this is the only ray of hope in a darkened world. This is the light that shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. Here, at this humble beginning, the Kingdom of God entered into history without observation. There is quite a contrast pictured here. Caesar's palace seemed to be more important to the world than the manger. The apparent **is not always the real.** The palace of Ceaser is only a memory, but the Kingdom of God is a living reality in the hearts of thousands today. At Christmas time, and throughout the year, there are thousands whose hearts thrill to the marvelous truth that Jesus came to this earth. The hope that He has brought has lifted the oppressed; spurred the dilatory to renewed effort; brought hope to the hopeless; pardon to the transgressor; and peace to the troubled heart. **THANKS BE TO GOD FOR THIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT.**

Let us consider the manger stall and the little babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying therein. Here is God's great GIFT to the world. Baby Jesus did **not** come to the social world. He did **not** come to the blue-bloods. He was **not** clothed in silk and satin and surrounded with luxury. Remember, this was the Son of God; and if any baby deserved such surroundings, Baby Jesus did—

but God chose the humble dwelling of the Virgin Mary and her common, respected husband, Joseph, to be his home. Beloved, this was truly a home. Though common, it was a home filled with love, consideration and respect. There are several things that money cannot buy. Although wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger, this little baby boy was richer far than the ruler's son. We are compelled to agree that God chose the **best** for His only Son, (The manger stall). To this manger stall came the rich—the Wise Men—, and the poor—the Shepherds. God heralded the good news first to the humble Shepherds, as they tended their flocks on the hillside. Angels startled these men by their appearance; and the angelic chorus—the heavenly host—proclaimed, "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN." What greater proclamation could have been given? Why did God choose the lowly Shepherds to give this initial message of baby Jesus' birth? Because they were common, sincere men who had not been contaminated with politics and the general underhanded methods that human beings use to reach a given desire. These sincere men were warm in their feeling toward God, and this humble sincerity merited the favor of God; therefore, they were the first to receive the glorious news of the Saviour's birth. They immediately went to pay their respect and homage to this little baby boy in the manger stall. On the extreme other side of the picture, God chose the Wise Men. They were wise men because they listened to the voice of God. Inspired of God, they traveled different routes and met at a certain spot. By faith they followed the star, then after meeting they continued on their journey. Remember, they did **not** have the telephone, telegraph, radar, or means of swift travel to make prearrangements. They simply, by faith, followed the leading of the Spirit. These were very prominent men. They were rich men; therefore, they sought out the ruler of the country, Herod. They were received at the royal court with the considera-

tion of men of renown. When they inquired about the birth of the Jewish King, Herod helped by gathering the Chief Priests and Scribes together. He demanded that they give direction as to this birth of a king. Here is shown the sincerity and the deception that is common among royalty. The Scribes and Chief Priests soon discovered the prophecy of Micah telling that Bethlehem was to be the birth place. Herod sent the Wise Men on their way with this lie, "AND WHEN YE HAVE FOUND HIM, BRING ME WORD AGAIN, THAT I MAY COME AND WORSHIP HIM ALSO."

Herod only wanted to know where the Baby Jesus was; so that he could do away with Him. He was fearful of anyone who might aspire to the throne that he occupied. Here greed brought forth a lie and deception. The contrast is very noticeable (Herod—the greedy liar, full of deception) (the Wise Men—sincere, reverent, faithful, and headed toward an errand that they alone could fulfill.) God saw to it that only the Wise Men and Shepherds were permitted to visit the manger stall. Wicked Herod was denied this blessing. Here at the manger stall the humbly poor—shepherds and the humbly rich—wise men—met on a common plane. The Shepherds came with wonder and admiration. The Wise Men came with costly gifts, and humbly and gladly laid them at the feet of the Baby Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. What a wonderful meeting place this manger stall became. The rich, the poor, the high, the low, the respected, the rejected, the ruler and the slave—all are able to meet on a common plane at Jesus Christ, the Saviour of man. **THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT.**

Christmas time is **more than** the exchange of gifts; **more than** the merchandising of materials; **more than** a story of Santa Claus; **more than** a holiday; **more than** a green tree with beautiful lights and pretty ornaments; **more than** feasting at a table loaded with foodstuff; **more than** the association of friends and loved ones. Christmas is EMMANUEL. Why do I say ,CHRISTMAS IS EMMANUEL? Because Emmanuel means "God with us." "THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT."

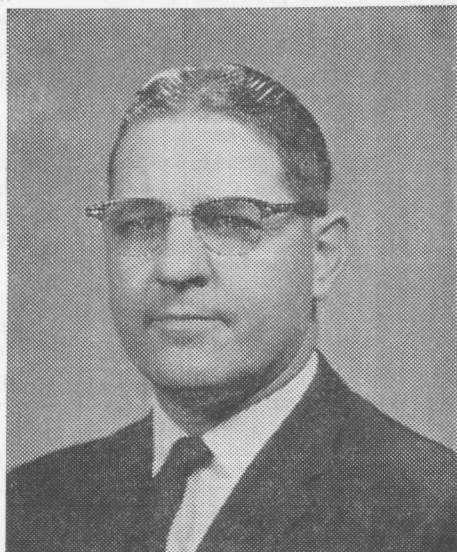


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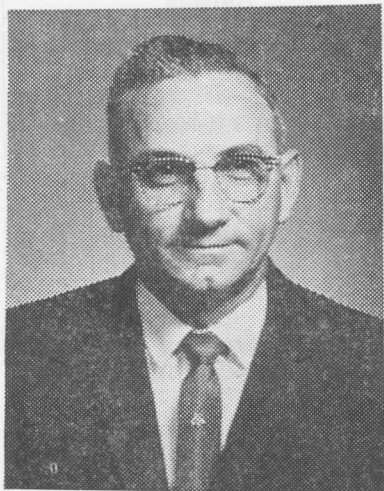
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Bible School Memorandum

DEAR READERS OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH REPORT:

This is the 17th day of November. Time is so swiftly passing by. It has been difficult for us to write because we were in different homes and churches and communities every day. But we want to get this report to all you good people. God bless you all!

Our tour for the Bible School has exceeded all our expectations in blessings and in hospitable reception. Surely we do wish to express our thanks to our many friends and to all the pastors and Churches that have opened wide their doors to us. Every where we went we followed the same pattern quite closely. We would have about twenty minutes each of (1) Bible School Announcements; (2) Slide Showing for the School; and

(3) Gospel Preaching. Of course there was always time for prayer and whenever it was necessary we prayed for the sick. God blessed, praise His Name!

We tried to leave the same impression every where of our need of unity-in-purpose to see the School helped. There is not only the need of support of the coming term; to see new furniture and furnishings; but some standard equipment in the form of a public address system and tape recorder and a record-player. There is a need for a vacuum-sweeper, a polisher and many other things. In fact, anything you can use in your home or church or school can be used in the Bible School. You see the Bible School plant is a Church-School-Home plant or unit.

I have been asked for some time about a few more work days, or another Work-Week for the Bible School. Because of the late date, as well as considering the holiday season and perhaps the cold and unfavorable weather, **we are not setting any special Work-Time.** However the local people may be called upon for Work assistance. But we have this message to any one concerned, "If you have some extra time and wish to spend a few days with us, I'm sure it would be extremely helpful to us and the Bible School."

It may become necessary to spend the first day or two of School in "setting-things-in-order", but many hands make short work. So I am sure everything will be ready to go on time for a real good term.

Please set aside a few days in your busy life to visit the Bible School.

We urge all young people to plan some Bible School Work some time. Many churches have several years of training.

We must seek the Lord and His way, for us, if we expect to remain Spiritual and intact as a Movement. Let us count our movement as of the Lord and precious. Let each church and every individual as members feel a necessary and important responsibility and each other as parts of our very life.

This will be our last appeal to you before the opening date. The opening date is January 3, 1961. The School is the **Apostolic Faith Bible School of Baxter Springs, Kansas.** Enroll if possible!

Thank you, one and all for your gifts . . . helps . . . prayer and good wishes toward the success of the 1961 term. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

With Christian Love,

Gail W. Schultz, Supt.



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