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Stand fast therefore in the liberty where with Christ
hath made us free, and be not entangled
again with the yoke of bondage.

Galatians 6:1



Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.

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 Savior Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Savior. 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. These 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 29:8-9.
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 teachings approved by the Board from time to time if they are not consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

**Prayer and fasting
every 1st Wednesday
of each month for
the Apostolic Faith
Bible College**

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1988 Alumni Banquet

1988 Alumni and Friends Banquet

The second annual alumni and Friends banquet was held Friday evening, May 13 at the Holiday Inn in Joplin, Mo. with 240 in attendance. It was a very special evening because we enjoyed the presence of the Lord as we were ministered to. We felt His presence as three different groups sang for us. These groups were: Mathis Trio-Kim Mathis, Karen Hackett, Janis Brening; College Vibrations-Shari Cook, Carolyn Lively, Joe Randolph, Ted Barker; Trio with Naomi Busch, Sue Beaver and Joan Cooper. After being ministered to in song we enjoyed very much the ministry of the special speaker of the evening, Sis. Pauline Parham of Dallas, Texas. Sis. Parham was the daughter-in-law of Charles Fox Parham, founder of the Apostolic Faith movement. Sis. Parham shared with us some of the early history of our movement and was indeed a blessing to all.

A report was given of projects completed during the 1987-1988 term of school. They were: Computer project, dorms carpeted, air conditioning units for girls dorm, recreation areas between dorms, chairs for dining hall, vacuum cleaners and meat. Projects for next year are: pay off existing note of 6800.00, paved areas around dorms and new Building, completion of bus barn and landscaping of campus.

Before we were dismissed Bro. Jack Cornell, Laverne, Okla. Alumni President reminded us that the most important needs were that of prayer and fasting for the Bible College. He asked if we would all join him in fasting and prayer the first Wednesday of each month for the Bible College. Many lives have been touched by the ministry of the Bible College and many more will be as we do our part in the support of the school.

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Freedom

by Dora Beydler

FREEDOM

Freedom is something we all value very highly but just what is freedom? It is not something to carry around in a bag or to push back on the shelf. We can not take it out occasionally to handle and admire. Then what is freedom?

As far back as the days of Paul in Bible times men could buy freedom. Liberty is a synonym but does not bring out the full meaning of freedom.

One incident I often think of in connection with freedom happened when I was a child. We had a canary and the whole family was very attached to this little bird. It was apparently satisfied in its cage. It had always lived in captivity. This is like many people. They are captives of satan, satisfied because they have always lived in captivity. They may belong to any church denomination but have never let the Christ break the chains of captivity. They are satisfied because they have never known the freedom of deliverance. A song we sometimes sing says "Launch out, cut away from the shore line, launch out where the full tides flow."

One day our little canary died and in the course of time we children caught a wild bird and put it in the empty cage. It was used to freedom and wanted to fly away. Our parents continuously told us it was afraid so we fed it choice bits of food and tried to make friends with it but it knew something better. How like this is to the one who leaves the pathway of right to follow the glitter of sin. It continued to beat the cage with its wings in an attempt to get out to the freedom it had once known. But once we leave what God offers to look at what satan offers we cannot break the barriers without God's help.

We will leave the little bird there for a while and look at some of the many sides of freedom. We sometimes sing a song entitled "Glorious Freedom." It speaks of being set free from the chains of sin. Being bound by chains of sin is like the wild bird being closed in by the bars of a cage and it was in vain to try to set itself free, we are helpless to free ourselves from chains of sin whether we have always lived with it or left God for the glitter of sin.

Sin is the title word given to a multitude of actions whether of mind or soul or body from taking the Lord's name in vain to covetousness to just plain unbelief.

Wars have been fought for freedom. Abraham led an attack on the Kings of Sodom and Gomorrah to free Lot when he had been taken captive Genesis 14:18. Our own nation was born out of the Revolutionary War. It began because of desire for a religious freedom. Today we have grown so accustomed to that religious freedom that many abuse it. Remember the little wild bird who tried in vain to break down the bars on his cage? He had lost his freedom. We, too, can lose our freedom in Christ if we abuse it.

Another little bird now enters the picture; our grandchildren had a parakeet. It was a special pet, rode on their shoulders, would run down the hall and was friendly to everyone. It never offered to go outside so they left its cage door open that it could go in and out of the cage whenever it wished. They trusted it to stay in the house. God trusts us to stay within the bounds set for Christian living too. But one day the little parakeet ventured through the open door. There on the floor of the patio it could see the open space to freedom beyond. Alas, like the Christian, who has crossed over to see the glitter beyond, the grandchildren saw it fly away but it never returned. Some how it was caught in the clutches of dangers. When we go beyond God's loving care, we, too, often get caught in the traps of satan.

Satan has a multitude of frivolous fun things for us out there and when we grow tired of just entertainment he has a long list of good deeds for us to do. Oh, yes, it is possible to help others, even to do many of the same things the Christians do as long as we do not let any religion show. Jesus purchased a freedom from all this for us.

Then comes the idea of working for hire. Some will say, "But I have to make a living and that doesn't leave any time for going to church. Since God banished Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden it has been the plan of God that man must earn his bread so when we work for a living we are only fulfilling God's plan. Jesus said in Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." "The reason working for hire does not leave time to worship God is the always reaching for more. It is not long until the glitter and feel of riches begins to make us covet even the tithe which belongs to Him. God tells us in the Book of Malachi that if we give our tithe according to His plan He will send us a blessing we can not contain. Jesus purchased a freedom for us to work for a living and serve God at the same time. This is what the Scripture of Philippians means where it says "...Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Philippians 2:12.

Have you ever longed for more control over your temper and anger after you have let it show? To let it grow only brings remorse but control only comes through a freedom Jesus purchased for you. This does not mean we will not be tempted but depending on how we have let the habit grow to "let off steam" through anger and temper. But the words of another song are very fitting just now which say "Habits of life, though harmless they seem.....must not my heart, from Him ever sever."

There is a freedom also from fear but we seldom think of it as being an enemy of our souls. Neither do we stop to realize how closely this enemy comes to each of us in some way or another. Many people fear they may lose their savings. Many fear about not being able to pay off the mortgage on their car, machinery or home. Some fear they may lose their jobs, some fear the weather. No matter what we fear, whether it be health or finances, or something I have not mentioned; if our minds dwell on it we have let the fear of this problem become a tormenting enemy. Jesus purchased a freedom from this fear. In His sermon on the mount Jesus said we should not be overly concerned about things of life. God cares for the birds, the wild flowers, the grass of the field as well as for us. Matthew 6:26-34. Then in I Peter 5:7 we read "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you."

The song says "Freedom from pain." Though most of us know the feeling of sickness and pain; Jesus purchased a healing for us through his sufferings. We can and do experience healings and deliverances in this life but there will come a day when through the power of Christ we shall be freed from all pain, Revelation 21:4.

Let us heed what Jesus said "Come unto Me, ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

Dora Beydler

If the Son therefore
shall make you free,
ye shall be free
indeed.
St. John 8:36



OVER 40 YEARS

In April of 1929 at age 22; under deep conviction, a miserable sinner in the old Twin Mounds Methodist Church, I repented with Godly sorrow. This was in a revival conducted by Albert Durham. With the help of his Gospel Worker Carl Forbes, I made my way to the altar and believed in my heart that God for Christ's sake had forgiven me of all my sins and invited Jesus into my heart. Oh what peace that flooded my heart; most wonderful day of all my life. About 3 weeks after I was saved, I was on my way to the field driving a 6 - horse team. I was so hungry in my heart for all that Jesus had purchased for me and I was singing that old hymn "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" when the cleansing power of Jesus precious blood sanctified me. There was a tingling feeling going through my entire body; it was a second definite work of grace or access to standing grace. Romans 5:2 "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

Some time later Sister Pearl Thomas was in charge of a tarry service in her home on a Sunday afternoon. I was under such conviction that there was not one thing that I needed more than the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues (as they did on the day of Pentecost). As I ran out of words in English, I yielded my vocal chords and tongue to the Spirit. He then gave the utterance and begin to speak in a beautiful tongue I never knew. Oh what peace and joy that flooded my heart. Another wonderful day in my life! Some time after I had received this wonderful experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, the Lord laid his hand upon my life and placed a call upon me to preach. This call was just as real and as sacred as any experience I've ever received. He gave God given ability to preach His Word with power and authority with the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

I helped in my first revival at Clear Lake Okla. School House, 5 1/4 miles from where I lived in January 1932. I helped Sister Pearl Thomas and Sister Cloe Taylor. This was my first revival to have part in preaching, an experience I relate with the Apostle John when he said in many of his epistles there has to be a beginning to every thing. This was my beginning 'to preach' in this revival. The great Apostle Paul said in Gal. 6:4 "But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another." This revival was my proving grounds to prove my call to preach. I prayed some very simple prayers; I told the Lord if this call was from Him let souls be saved in the preaching (not because of my good preaching but to prove my call to preach). One night that I preached I counted 6

souls at the altar earnestly and sincerely seeking the Lord for salvation. At that time I told the Lord I was satisfied with His answer and asked the Lord to not be angry with me but I needed him to prove himself one more time. I asked, "Do you want me to preach around home or do you want one to continue on in revivals? If you do, let someone ask to help in another revival before this revival closes." I meant every word of that prayer and in a few days sister Pearl Thomas said she'd been asked to conduct a revival at Rock School House and would like for me to help in that revival. I accepted this invitation and this is the way I got started in my ministry for the Lord.

I Tim. 1:12 "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into this ministry;". This tells better than I could my call to preach. The Lord gave a very good revival at Rock School House and then Sis. Pearl took her gospel workers and helped Bro. Johnny Modrick at Knowles Okla. Bro. Joe Smith was saved in this revival and made a very good preacher. I then helped Sis. Pearl in a revival at Gate, Okla. in the old theater. I did the baptizing for the Clear Lake revival, the first one in January. We thought we would close the revival but several were saved there Sunday night. We continued the revival another week or more so we had another baptism in February with as many or more baptized in February that were baptized in January.

Not much money in those School House revivals; some farmers would fill my car with gas or give me a cured ham. There were sacrifices to be made but the Lord richly rewarded with souls for our hire. Then I went to the 1932 Camp Meeting at Caney Kansas where Bro. Carl Forbes joined me from the Camp Meeting. Bro. Forbes and I conducted revivals together for 6 months. God gave us some very good revivals, our first revival was in the brick School House at South West City, Mo. God gave us a very good revival there. Some souls sanctified; some receiving an experience in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and one receiving the call to preach and making a very good preacher. We had several other good revivals together but space doesn't allow me to mention all of them.

After laboring with Bro. Forbes I came home and put together some Gospel Workers and conducted many revivals in School Houses. After that, Clara Gift and I were married. She was a very consecrated and dedicated companion and wife. She was willing to make any sacrifice to see souls saved. We went to Edith, Okla. in a School House for a revival in 1934 of January. In those revivals we tried to have praise services. The first one at Edith a few people testified and witnessed for the Lord. One old gentleman stood to his feet and said, "I know what you good people are talking about, I once was saved and lived a good Christian life but I can't testify tonight because I am a back-slender. I just wanted to request prayer so I can get back to God in this revival." This man was 80 years old and was wonderfully saved in this revival. He didn't live long after the revival closed. The place where we stayed in this revival was so cold that one day we had to go back to bed to get warm! But it was worth it many times over! This man of 80 years, last's words said were "I am so glad I am ready to meet the Lord in peace."

Space doesn't allow me to recall only but a few revivals and a few experiences and just a few high points. But I have seen a few people saved and some sanctified and some baptized in the Holy Spirit and some wonderfully healed by faith. The glory and praise all belongs to the Lord.

After our daughters became school age I did some pastoral work also some evangelistic work. I will not be able to give all the details but will mention the churches that I pastored of our Apostolic Faith: Meade Kansas, Bayard Nebraska, Arlington Kansas, Cheney Kansas, Palm City Calif. (now the Imperial Beach Church), Stockton Calif., Rockdale Texas, Big Springs Texas, Sunray Texas, some of these just a short time as fill - in pastor. I still do a little preaching here where I

live since my 80th birthday. We have a minister that comes here to preach for us on Sunday mornings. He came to me and told me he couldn't be with us the two Sundays following my 80th birthday and wanted me to preach for him. When he asked me, I didn't feel very well but I told him I would. I stand in awe and amazement of how the Lord blessed in those services. When I finished the last message the lady that played the piano for our services said to me, "I wish I could have come up under your teaching". My reply was that I got my teaching from the Lord. She said "I know that you did."

My life still, for 58 years was to have devotions with my family. I raised my family that way, having devotions every morning. When our daughters were married, my wife and I continued to have our devotions together. After I lost my wife in 1972, I continued to have devotions alone and still have them here where I live. I have a close friend here and we have a little chapel where we have devotions together now every morning. It gives me much spiritual strength and keeps me going for the Lord. I still honor the Lord and pay my tithes, all this the Lord has made possible. I give him the praise and glory. It may take the Judgement to reveal all that has been accomplished for His glory, until then, I must be faithful and labor on in His service.

I can't go like I used too, just don't have the physical strength. But a new door of opportunity has opened for me. The owner and manager of this place where I live built a large convalescent hospital that joins this place. It is open now and I go to visit and pray for the sick. I get a great blessing in this work for the Lord's glory. Please pray for me and this work that the Lord will get the glory. I feel I certainly need your prayers for strength to do this. To be a God called minister is like getting married; I feel it is until death.

1987 began with some very hard and fiery trials. My daughter Lela was in the hospital and couldn't eat. Her stomach rejected food so they put a tube in her neck and gave her nourishment through that tube. Didn't allow any visitors, just family could see her. I've earnestly prayed and sent many requests to faithful ministers and to many churches requesting prayers for her. Thanks to all who prayed she is better now and can come and visit me. But continue to pray and believe God with me for her complete deliverance. If I know anything, I know the Lord; He is the same and still heals today. Praise His wonderful name!

I haven't used many scriptures in this message but will do it in a little different way. Last night as I laid in my bed and meditated and prayed, many of these scriptures came to my mind. They have been such a blessing to me through the years and I want to share them with you.

Romans 5:3-5 "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

It takes hard trials and tribulations for us to mature and grow up spiritually. Praise His precious name! This scripture has been such a blessing to me.

Isaiah 59:19 "So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him."

I have stood on this scripture many times and gained much victory through faith in His promise.

Hebrews 5:14 "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

If we are born with a normal birth we have 5 natural senses: 1.) feeling 2.) seeing 3.) tasting 4.) smelling 5.) hearing. I have almost lost one of my natural senses, my hearing. In the spiritual, if we have reached full age we have 5 spiritual senses. Think about this please. Let me explain this just a lit-

tle. I am not talking about getting old in age, I am speaking about growing up spiritually. Let me humbly say that I feel my spiritual hearing is still pretty good and I don't mean to boast in myself. But I do thank God.

Galatians 6:9 "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

The Lord confirmed this scripture to me in a revival in a very special way. It was made so real to me, it meant everything to me. This revival looked like defeat in every way you looked in the natural. But didn't give up or faint and we reaped a good harvest of souls and it was one of the best revivals the Lord ever gave us.

Psalms 126:5-6 "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

A wonderful promise of reward of the Lord.

Ecc. 12:13 "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

Ecc. 12:14 "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

I can say with Solomon, this is my conclusion. God Bless You.

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Nobody

Someone tells the story about a dog which was being shipped by crate. Somehow it had managed to chew off the identification tag attached to its collar. The postmaster was bewildered about the dog. Not knowing what else to do, he sent it on to Washington with this note: "Here is nobody from nowhere going no place." This may be a good description of many people in our day.

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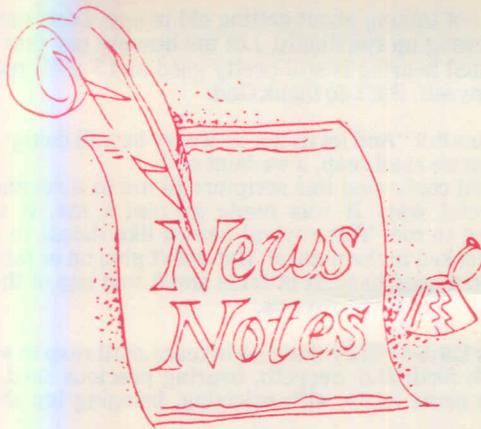
Friends I am asking Sis. Karen Oakes to add two articles of Bible inspiration I should have added to my article of Over 40 years service.

The first to tell you sprinkling did not tally with God's word so in the Wawaka revival I went down into the water and came up out of it. Completely covered. Praise God. Only one kind.

The second -The Church. Jesus made this plain in St. John's 17:13. Whom do you say that I am? And after the reply what did he say? But whom say ye that I am?

Simon Peter said, Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God. And on down in verse 18 he said, And upon this rock I will build my church. In other words know who Jesus is. So we only have one church. We are members of his church, Christ's body is the church. Only one. Not many hundreds that we hear of in the world that are called the Church. When my life was made holy I was one of them. Christ's blood paid it all. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Mrs. E.A. Greever



Rockdale, Texas

God is blessing in our church here at Rockdale. We are so thankful for those who are faithful to their service to God.

We were happy to have the Cooleys with us in concert in March. It's always refreshing to see the enthusiasm this family shows in their singing and testimonies for the Lord.

The Bible College Choir was also with us in March. They are always a blessing to our church.

The Evergreen Trio was with us in April and we were again blessed by beautiful singing and testimonies.

The church and our children honored us with a beautiful celebration May 1, in recognition of our 30 years in the ministry. We want to take this opportunity to thank all those who sent cards and gifts for this occasion. Roland's sisters, Lillie Jenkins from Alabama and Velma Godwin and her son Kenneth and daughter-in-law Teresa from Mississippi were here for the celebration. We certainly enjoyed their visit. This will be among the most treasured memories of our lives.

We are glad to have one of our young men, Clayton Evans back with us. He has spent several months in Louisiana.

School is over and everyone is making plans for a busy summer filled with V.B.S. Youth Camp and Camp Meeting.

We pray that God will bless each of you.

Roland Haney-Pastor
Loretta Haney-Reporter

Columbus, Texas

The Lord is really blessing us here in Columbus. We feel His presence in our lives daily and for that we are extremely thankful.

In the last few weeks of time we have enjoyed several special services in our church. In March the Apostolic Faith Bible College was in concert in our church. The concert was a special blessing. We were once again reminded of how privileged we are to have a Bible College such as this to attend. It is a wonderful place to become established in the Word of God.

In April we enjoyed having the group Evergreen in our church for a service. We truly felt the anointing of the Holy Spirit in the songs and their testimonies. We were all reminded to be evergreens for the Lord- always standing tall in his service.

Many of our people attended the Lost Pines Youth Camp in Warda, Texas. Several children went and some adults went to counsel.

Our church would appreciate your prayers concerning our building program. We have a piece of land to build upon whenever we feel the time is right.

We know there is much to be done for the Lord. As God's people it is our responsibility to take the Gospel to as many who will hear. God bless you all.

Alvin Buschman-Pastor
Vanessa Harris-Reporter

Pine Hill, Ala.

"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised." February the 24th, Renee and I will have been here two years. There isn't enough room to tell of all the great things God has done and is doing here at the Chapel as well as our community. I'm going to try and share some of the blessings God has bestowed upon us. In May of 1986, Bro. Jim and Sis. Lou Arnall held us our first revival here and God moved in a precious way by saving the chief of police and adding he and his wife to the kingdom. Since then the Lord has brought many new faces as well as souls into the Chapel. Bro. Randy and Hilda Hicks and family, Bro. Mark Johnson and family, Sis. Renee Williams and her girls, Bro. Rusty Shanks and his wife and many others that God is drawing with His mighty Spirit. We've been holding cottage prayer meetings weekly for the last year and needless to say, God has honored the prayers of faith. Bro. Calvin Springer was in revival here March 13th -20th. There is a Spirit of Revival in our midst and we're excited about what God is doing. Please remember us all in prayer. We now have two additions with us, Renee's sister Michelle and our most recent gift, Jeffrey Cade, who was born on Feb. 6th. Jeremiah 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. God Bless from Pine Hill, Al.

Bro. Richard Morris and Family

Crosses, Ark.

The Lord has been so good to us at Crosses. Even though Satan is working harder than ever the Lord's blessings are greater than ever. We have been encouraged to stand fast in the faith.

We have really been blessed in the last few months with visiting ministering groups. In March Evergreen ministered to us in word and song. We went away feeling encouraged to draw closer to the Lord. In April the Bible College Choir sang for us and updated us on the progress of the school. It is so good to know that God still meets every need. In May we were blessed by the Haskell Cooley family from Wichita, Kansas. The theme of their service was "A time of refreshing" and truly was that. It was good to meet and make friends with another part of God's family that we didn't know before.

Now that summer is here we are making plans for youth camp and V.B.S. We expect to have a good group of young people and adults to represent Crosses at camp. Our prayer for all the camps is that these young souls will be encouraged to serve the Lord. We are living so close to the coming of the Lord and we need to encourage our children, youth and elders to committ 100 percent to serve the Lord. That's the only way we will recieve victory and make it all the way. God will not accept a halfhearted service to him.

We are thankful the Lord allowed us to attend the Alumni Banquet. It was good to see old friends and make new ones. The Bible School has been a real blessing to us and is important to us. We know that the Bible college is a wonderful place to become established in the Word of God.

If you are ever in this area please stop by and we can receive from one another. After all we are the family of God and we do need each other. God bless you and pray for those in Crosses.

Joel Dorris-Pastor

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Births

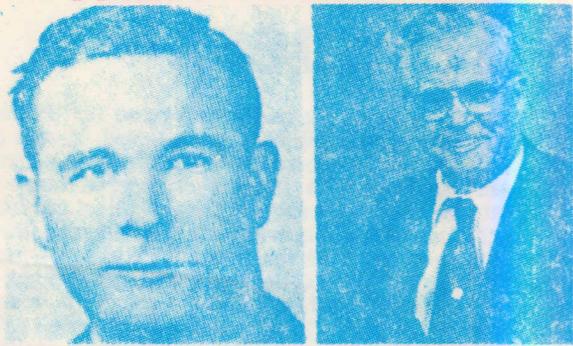
Cloud

Mr. and Mrs Terry Cloud of Oklahoma City, Okla. announce the birth of twins on Feb. 26, 1988. Caitlin Laura weighed 7lbs. and was 19 in. long. David Price weighed 7lbs 3oz and was 21 in. long. Grandparents are Bill and Betty Turner of Joplin, Mo. and Betty Records of Liberal, Kansas. Maternal greatgrandparents are Laura Burrows of Baxter Springs, Kansas and Glen Turner of Joplin, Mo. Caitlin and David have two older sisters Tara and Jill.

Grimmer

Savoy and Karen Grimmer would like to announce the birth of their baby daughter Miranda Suzanne Grimmer. She was born in the Mainland Center Hospital in Texas City, Texas on April 20, 1988. She weighed 7lb. 6oz. and was 20 and a half inches long. Miranda is welcomed by her big sister Kristen Elise. Her grandparents are Demerita Pletcher of Barksdale, Texas and Lealand and Edna Lee Grimmer of Spearman, Texas.

THEN AND NOW



Earl Mansee, Rt. 1 Box 158, Clinton, AR, 72031 did time with 36th MP Platoon shown above in photo made just prior to sailing to north Africa, and (Deacon) Mansee with a happy face 1987. Both sent in by Bill Wade, who has a fine collection of his fellow troopers.

Earl Mansee was reappointed Chaplain for the 36th Military Police Family Association .

I do so enjoy reading the report. I used to be able to follow through on all of our leaders and the organization in whole but as the years slip by and new and younger ones comes along I don't always know who they are. Please note my new box number has changed. This clipping is from out of the 36th. Div. news letter that is published 4 times a year. Just thought I'd pass it along as some of the old timers know me.

Yours in Christian Fellowship
Earl A. Mansee

Golden Anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Jacob C. and Rosalie Regier request the pleasure of your company at their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Reception Sunday, July 24, 1988 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Family Center of the Perryton Full Gospel Church 2210 S.W. 15th Avenue, Perryton, Texas.
Your friendship is a gift. No other gifts desired.

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Meekness

Paul wrote to the Colossians chapter 3 verse 12, "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;" I am impressed with 'Put on therefore, as the elect of God'. That puts me on the spot. If I am, an elect of God, and all who claim to be Christians fall into this category, then I should desire, seek, and work real hard to make these a part of my life: 'Bowels of mercies'-Beloved that's a bushel and a peck of mercies. That's much more than a spoon full or the drop from an eye dropper. That's more like a barrel full. Someone says, "Where do you get the bushel and a peck?"

I don't know where I first heard this expression, but as a child growing up we used it in expressing our love to parents and relatives. "How much do you love me?" "I love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck." That's a bunch: a heapin'. So bowels of mercies is a heapin'. We as professing Christians are to put that on. Let it become a part of our lives. Also kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering.

I was impressed with putting on meekness. How do I put on meekness? What is meekness? So I began to study. I know meekness is the opposite of arrogance and haughtiness. I found it to be patient and mild; also pliant and gentle. Meekness is not cringing. Meekness must have some firmness, but not harshness.

Meekness is imperfect if it be not both active and passive, leading us to subdue our own passions and resentments, as well as to bear patiently the passions and resentments of others. -Foster-

Jesus explained it well in Matt. 10 verse 16, "behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." Can we fully understand this charge? Beloved we better work hard to let meekness become a part of our lives. It will take the effective working of meekness, in our daily living, to fulfil this sending forth of Jesus, and Jesus expects us to do this: - 'be wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.' That's meekness.

Theophylact expressed meekness well with these words: - 'The meek are not those who are never at all angry, for such are insensible; but those who, feeling anger, control it, and are angry only when they ought to be. Meekness excludes revenge, irritability, morbid sentiveness, but not self-defence, or a quiet and steady maintenance of right.'

Jesus had these qualities. He drove the money changers out of the temple rather rudely, yet was like a lamb before the shearers at the judgment before Pilate: he opened not His mouth. Jesus is our best example of meekness. He is the best example of any part of living. He said in Matt. 11 verse 29, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

I put on meekness by learning of Him. 'Learn of me,' He said, 'For I am meek and lowly of heart.' He was the Divine Son of God, yet He was meek, and lowly in heart. He could call ten thousand angels from heaven, and they could protect Him from any situation, yet He died alone to purchase a plan of redemption for we humans. He was all powerful - Omnipotent - still He showed meekness. What a wonderful example.

Because of this, He can and will help us to put on meekness.

J. Hamilton said, 'Meekness is love at school, at the school of Christ. - It is the disciple learning to know, and fear, and distrust himself, and learning of him who is meek and lowly in heart, and so finding rest to his soul.' Do you have a troubled life? Are there conditions arising that trouble your soul? Come to Jesus. Take His yoke upon you. Become a partner with Jesus in daily living. Learn of Him and you can put on meekness and find rest to your soul. The distraught

hundreds that walk the streets and by-ways of life can find rest to their soul by coming to Jesus and learning to put on meekness.

One of the nine fruits of the spirit is meekness. Gal. 5:23.

Paul giving instruction to young Timothy in the second epistle chapter 2 verse 25, "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth." It seems unreal that any would oppose themselves yet this is common. Jesus cautioned about deception. 'Be not deceived.' This He spoke several times. He also spoke of people believing a lie and be damned rather than believe the truth. This is opposing themselves. The only way to properly deal with those that oppose themselves is in meekness. A holier than thou attitude will bring resentment. Jesus has to help us win their confidence through meekness. Even in restoring a brother, we must use meekness. Paul told the Galatians this in Chapter 6 verse 1, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

This is good admonition for we professing Christians: James chapter 1 verse 21, "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." We need meekness and a teachable spirit to receive the important blessings from God: - 'the engrafted word'. Haughtiness will not work here. A 'know it all attitude' will cause God to refrain from or withhold bestowing the blessing.

Simon Peter, first epistle Chapter 3 verse 4 left some beautiful instruction. He was instructing husbands and wives, "But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

If you want something enduring: not corruptible; very beneficial; let it be the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit shown forth from the hidden man of the heart, which in the sight of God is of great price. As I speak of meekness and consider its value and benefits, I say, "O Lord, I want to learn of you and put on the adorning of an ornament in the hidden man of the heart: meekness and a quiet spirit."

W.S. Plumer wrote, 'Meekness cannot well be counterfeited. - It is not insensibility, or unmanliness, or servility; it does not cringe or whine. It is benevolence imitating Christ in patience, forbearance, and quietness. - It feels keenly, but not malignantly; it abounds in good will, and bears all things.'

Donald D. Dibbens

LEVEL GROUND AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

When one comes to Jesus Christ for salvation, he is neither rich nor poor, educated nor uneducated- he is simply a sinner, a person in need of God's saving grace. The ground at the foot of the cross is level. Bishop Stephen F. Bayne, Jr., writes: "I remember one Sunday morning when my eyes turned to the long row of people kneeling at the communion rail. For some reason, I began looking at the soles of their shoes. And it was an extraordinarily moving sight to me, even then. Those people, so many of whom I knew as giants and moguls in the congregation, were amazingly and secretly different when you saw the soles of their shoes. There was a sort of anonymity about it, for one thing. But the moving reflection of new shoes would be revealed next to an old, worn pair. There were holes in some soles, some others had patches, and some were still of the color of new leather. Some were large and some were small. Some were stylishly narrow, and others were broad and heavy." All must kneel before Christ. The ground at the cross is level.

In God We Trust

by Margaret N. Freeman

On a November day in 1861, a pastor sat down at his desk to write a letter. The Rev. Mr. Watkinson of Ridleyville, Pennsylvania, was troubled. After Fort Sumter and Bull Run, the Union forces were at low ebb. The nation, seven months at civil war, seemed to the pastor to be in a state of deplorable godlessness.

His letter was addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury. He said, "One fact touching our currency has hitherto been seriously overlooked. I mean the recognition? Would not the antiquaries of succeeding centuries rightly reason from our past that we were a heathen nation?"

The pastor went on to propose the motto, "God, Liberty, Law."

"This would place us openly under the divine protection we have personally claimed. From my heart I have felt our national shame in disowning God as not the least of our present national disasters," he concluded.

The Secretary of the Treasury who received that letter was Salmon P. Chase, an able member of Lincoln's cabinet. Immediately he perceived the merit of Watkinson's letter and sent a note to James Pollock, director of the mint in Philadelphia.

He echoed the feeling of the clergyman's sentiment. "No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense," he wrote. "The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins."

He instructed Director Pollock to prepare a device without delay with a brief motto for national recognition. The director of the mint acted quickly. Before the year's end, a bronze pattern with the motto "God Our Trust" for a ten-dollar gold piece had been submitted.

In 1864, "In God We Trust" first appeared on a two-cent piece. Salmon P. Chase had proposed this inscription. A joint resolution of Congress made this the national motto on July 30, 1956.

"In God We Trust" is the motto on our money. "Our nation, under God," are words in the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

Our national anthem avers: "And this be our motto-in God is our trust."

Are these words only to embellish our coins, make a good-sounding pledge, or improve the rhythm of our national anthem? Or do they mirror the true heart of America?

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord," says Psalm 33:12. Proverbs 14:34 says, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

Are we concerned about the godlessness within our nation, the lax morals, the careless unconcern, the drift away from God toward the strength of man, the push to get prayer out of schools?

Let us pray sincerely and contritely for America. There is a cure promised by God: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chron. 7:14).

What Are You Eating

I awakened one morning with the question "What are you eating?" Funny? But immediately many scriptures and instances came rapidly to my mind. The first with Eve in the garden being tempted by Satan. As she listened to Satan's

lies and sly accusations against God, she saw the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil was good for food, it was pleasant to the eyes and to be desired to make one wise. Genesis 3:1-6. These temptations are the ones each of us are exposed to by Satan. The flesh, desire for things and desire for fame and glory etc. Christ endured these same temptations in the wilderness. Matt. 4:1-11. These are desires that are out of the Will of God.

Genesis 25:27-34 describes an individual who had to have instant gratification and sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. Hebrews 12:16.

The Children of Israel showed the same behavior even after God so wonderfully fed them Heaven's bread, Manna. Ex. 16:4-8,14,15 but in Numbers 11:4-6 finds them lusting for onions, garlic, melons and cucumbers and forgetting the marvelous deliverance and care of the Lord had given, them even loathing the Manna from Heaven.

The Prodigal Son is another example of the rebellious nature of the human family who think freedom to do wrong is their right. How wonderful that he came to himself in the pignen filling his stomach with the husks that the pigs eat. He then remembered his Father and his love. He said "I will arise and go to my Father and Home". How glorious when we come to ourselves and return to the God of our Salvation!

Luke 15:11-31.

There is a precious Man of God that stands out showing his godly Character, Daniel, even in circumstances not to his liking, purposed in his heart he would not defile himself with the king's meat. Daniel 1:8.

These are examples of the natural foods and our attitudes. But let us bring spiritual applications to them and to further examine what we are feeding our spiritual self. When our children were in 4H there was a motto given to them. "What you eat becomes YOU". We can apply this to our spiritual food. What you put into your mind and spirit become YOU.

Matt.4:4 Christ tells Satan "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."

John 6:32-35 shows Christ is the bread of life and John 6:48-58 show us the spiritual flesh and blood of the Son of God be assimilated in our spiritual lives. Christ admonishes in John 6:27 not to labor for the meat that perish but for the meat that endures until eternal life.

Christ's beautiful example of ministering to the woman at the well brings this unselfish expression "My meat is to do the Will of Him that sent me." John 4:31-34.

Jeremiah 15:16 tells what the precious Word of God meant to Jeremiah. "He found them and did eat them, they were joy and rejoicing to his heart."

Psalms 119:103 expresses the wonders of His Word. "How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea sweeter than honey to my mouth."

A thrilling invitation to all is given in Psalms 34:8 "O taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him."

May I summarize these beautiful spiritual truths. We are in a spiritual battle with Satan. He tries to keep our whole attention on this world, the flesh, and the evils of satan. If he can enslave us with the values of the world he will and does. I John 2:15-17 tells us not to love the world. We can find ourselves entrapped as Esau and the prodigal son, feeding our lives with the garbage and wallowing in the cesspools of Satan. Eating the instant pottage, the husks of the pignen or the enslavement of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or depraved sexual practices while we despise the birthright that Christ' restored to us Psalms 69:4. When we have such a well-balanced spiritual food in the written Word of God and the Living Life-giving Word of God.

Let us be like Jeremiah and the Psalmist "To find the Words of God and to eat them. They will bring joy and rejoicing to our hearts. They are sweeter than honey. Then give the invitation to others "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

America's Finest Hymn

Which is the best hymn written by an American? When polls have been conducted to ascertain the "favorite" hymns of Americans, hundreds of titles have been submitted, indicating a wide variety of preferences. Concerning the "finest" hymn of American origin, however, there has been little disagreement. Reverent and competent students of sacred song have almost unanimously named "My Faith Looks up to Thee" as "the most precious contribution which American genius has yet made to the hymnody of the Christian church."

The honor of writing this lovely hymn fell to Ray Palmer, the son of a poor country judge, who was born November 12, 1808, at New Compton, Rhode Island. He was a direct descendant of the famous John Alden and his good wife Priscilla.

Ray was only thirteen years of age when he was forced by poverty to leave home and go to Boston, where he worked as a clerk in a dry goods store. Attending the influential Park Street Congregational Church, young Ray was touched by its evangelistic fervor and was led to faith in Christ. The pastor, recognizing unusual talent in the youth, helped him to continue his education.

It was soon after graduating from Yale in 1830 that Palmer wrote "My Faith Looks up to Thee." Alone in the quiet of his chamber, he had been reading a little German devotional poem of two stanzas which impressed him deeply. From his childhood he had possessed a facility for expressing in verse what his heart felt. Conscious of the presence of Christ, he translated the little poem into English, then added four stanzas of his own composition—the four which comprise the hymn. "There was not the slightest thought of writing for another eye, least of all writing a hymn for public worship," Palmer wrote later. The hymn was so personal that, "had it been intended for the public eye, it could never have been written," another has commented.

As Palmer wrote the last line and came to the words, "A ransomed soul," the wonder and the glory of the thought overwhelmed him and moved him "to a degree of emotion that brought abundant tears."

The poem might never have become a hymn had not Palmer met Lowell Mason, the eminent church musician, on

a busy street in Boston a year or two later. Mason was compiling a new hymnbook and asked Palmer to contribute some verses. When the poem in the notebook was shown to Mason, he asked for a copy. Studying the poem at home, he soon realized that he held a devotional lyric of great merit. The tune which Mason composed he named "Olivet," a tune perfectly suited to the words and which must have helped in a large measure to establish the hymn as a favorite.

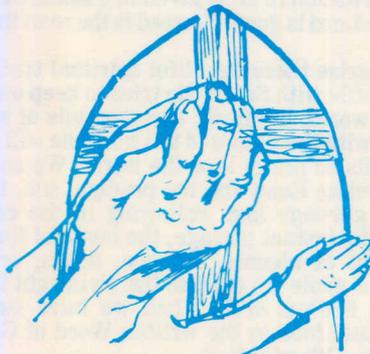
A few days later, Mason and Palmer met again. Scarcely pausing to greet the poet, Mason exclaimed, "Mr. Palmer, you may live many years and do many good things, but I think you will be best known to posterity as the author of 'My Faith Looks up to Thee.'"

Mason was right. Although it was Palmer's first hymn, it was also his best—and the best written by an American! No other hymn of American origin has become so well known the world around, being translated into scores of languages.

Palmer wrote thirty-eight hymns, most of them while he was a young man. His hymns, said Dr. John Julian, were superior to almost all others of American origin "by their combination of thought, poetry, and devotion." He wrote as the Spirit moved him, and would never accept remuneration for this work.

In later years, Palmer became interested in the translation of Latin hymns and was the first to introduce this type of hymnody to Americans. His finest translation is "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving hearts," from a long poem by Bernard of Clairvaux—the same poem from which "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" was translated by an English writer. So free is the translation that the hymn is practically an original poem. A gem of pure devotion, it is a favorite communion hymn in many churches.

Palmer became a minister of the Congregational Church and served for thirty years as a pastor, then thirteen years as corresponding secretary of the American Congregational Union. He was described as "a wise teacher, a simple-minded and devout Christian...a healthy, cheerful, and buoyant man, loved by everybody who knew him." His master passion was a warm devotion to Christ.



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The Look That Lost a Race

Ralph Earle

Roger Bannister, an Englishman, was the first man in history to officially run a mile in less than four minutes. This he did in May, 1954. The very next month, John Landy of Australia topped his record by 1.4 seconds.

On August 7 of that same year, at Vancouver, British Columbia, the two athletes met for a historic race. Nobody paid any attention to the other runners. The question was, Who would win, Bannister or Landy?

As Bannister and Landy moved into the last lap, the other contestants were trailing far behind. Landy was ahead. It looked as though he would win.

But as Landy neared the finish line, he was haunted by the question: Where is Bannister? Finally, he couldn't stand the strain any longer. He looked over his shoulder. As he did his step faltered. Bannister surged by him to break the tape. As Landy reviewed the race for a Time reporter, he said something like this: "If I hadn't looked back, I would have won the race."

So it is for many Christians. In Hebrews 12:1-2 we read, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses (the grandstands are full of the saints of old, many of whom are named in the preceding chapter), let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience (better, endurance) the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author (beginner) and finisher of our faith."

The Greek word for "race" used in this passage is agon. It indicates a competitive athletic event. The Christian life is like a marathon race, where endurance counts for more than speed. "He that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matt. 10:22), said Christ.

But If Not...

The warfare for the child of God is a continuous battle where the enemy refuses to let up. The contest is quickly coming to the end where the voracious, cunning part of the battle is fought, but where victory is in sight.

The suggestions of fear, doubt, and panic are being cast into the mind of the faithful warrior in an effort to cause a chink in the armour.

All too often these attacks are made in the darkest hour of the trial. A suggestion may be, "I will do my best to trust the Lord now, but if nothing changes, I will just have to do something else!" A little vague I agree, but apply it toward your personal battle of health, finances, family difficulties, or maybe just enjoying a sound mind. This type of rationale can only accomplish one thing, destruction, which brings us to our title.

In the Bible only Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego ever used the phrase, "But if not...", in reference to what the Lord could or could not do. They told King Nebuchadnezzar, "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But If Not...", for our god has promised that he will never leave us nor forsake us.

In the hour that panic, doubt, or fear strikes your heart, remember, in the Lord there never has been, nor ever will be a "But If Not..."

Savoy Grimmer

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FAMILY PRAYERS

You say you are "busy" this morning
In the mailstrom of family cares,
And someone must rush to the office,
So there isn't a moment for prayers.

Then the children are sent to the school room
And the grind of the day thus begins,
With no word from God's Book to remember,
Nor the echo of strengthening hymns.

What wonder the burdens are heavy,
And the hours seem irksomely long!
What wonder that rash words are spoken,
And that life seems discordant and wrong!

And, at even, discouraged and wearied,
You carelessly go to your rest,
Forgetting that Jesus is waiting
To pillow your head on his breast.

He longs for a word of thanks giving,
And to hear your love spoken again;
He asks to view the day's record,
And to cleanse it of blotches and stain.

But if you forget Him so often,
Sometime you may knock on His gate,
And, awaiting the summons to enter,
You may hear, "You are praying too late."

So pause for a little each morning,
And again at the close of the day
To talk with the master who loves you.
Remember, He taught us to pray!

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