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Seated l-r; Barbara Cooper, Kathy Arnall, Lyndel Arnall, Austin Sutton, Johnny Arnall, Robert Beydler: standing l-r; Janae Harris, Tony Bartel, Molly Lewis, Shirley Sutton, Kathy Arnall, Dora Beydler.

CAMP MEETING 1980

Several months ago plans began to be made for Camp Meeting 1980 at Laverne, Oklahoma. Dates for camp were set and a committee was chosen. Then the work began. Many hours of physical labor were spent in preparing the camp grounds so that we who attended would be as comfortable as possible. Decisions had to be made for Bible lesson teachers, ministers to fill every service, youth services, children's church, special music, and last but not least kitchen help. But prior to all of these decisions being made were many hours spent in prayer. This is what makes any of our labors fruitful.

July 23rd finally arrived along with motor homes, trailers, tents, and dorms beginning to fill up. The cooks were busy preparing for a hungry bunch while the committee men, Brother Ted Barker and Brother Jack Cornell were busy trying to be a dozen different places at once, seeing that all went smoothly.

Camp Meeting 1980 officially opened on Wednesday night July 23, at 8:00 p.m. with prayer. What a wonderful way to begin—with prayer. Prayer services were held each morning at 9:30 a.m. with good attendance. Personally the morning prayer services are my favorite time of day. This is when we are able to bring our requests to man and God for all of our needs spiritually, physically and materially and also our praise and thankfulness. Prayer requests were given for the lost, for the sick and afflicted, for those seeking God's will in their lives and for all seeking to be drawn closer to our Lord. Many victories were gained around the "old fashioned altars." God's throne was touched many times. Testimonies of spiritual victories and healings were heard. The weather was even changed for camp meeting because prayer had been offered and God answered prayer.

Three times daily the ministers brought the Word which is "quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is the discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Heb. 4:12) God blessed his word and met the need of the people.

Daily childrens church and youth services were a very important part of camp meeting. It is so important that we instruct our children and youth in the ways of the Lord.

Many used their musical talents for the Lord during camp meeting and every song was a blessing. I thank the Lord for those talents that are dedicated to the service of the Lord.

We enjoyed many spiritual meals each day and we enjoyed three meals daily in the dining hall. Preparing meals for camp meeting is a big job and everyone appreciated those who labored so faithfully in this capacity.

Camp Meeting soon came to a close and only eternity will reveal the victories that were gained.

To the Committee and to each who labored we simply say thank you for a job well done. And to our Heavenly Father we say thank you once again for your blessings to us.

May we all hold to God's unchanging hand and he will see us through.

—Karen Oakes

From the Superintendent's Desk



Praise the Lord for His many blessings! Our fall enrollment was August 18 and we now have 24 students enrolled. Following our enrollment session we all enjoyed a get-acquainted picnic at the park. Those students enrolled are:

Pamela Allen, San Diego, CA
RaeMona Arnall, Joplin, MO
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Kevin Cornell, Hardesty, OK
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Joel Dorris, Jasper, MO
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DeWane Hansen, Jr., Galena, KS
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Danny Robinson, Balko, OK
Tammie Rose, Galena, KS
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Today's Miracle — Not Yesteryears

Divine healing did not end with the earthly ministry of Jesus. In (Matt. 10:1) we find where he called unto him his twelve disciples, and gave them power against unclean spirit's, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

I believe that Jesus is alive today and still heals. His followers have been given power. I'm so glad I serve this Living God.

On April 22, 1980, our youngest son Delbert (age 10) accidentally shot himself in the upper part (or thigh) of his leg breaking it completely, shattering the bullet throughout the leg. He lay in traction for 1 month and 4 days. Then the Doctor put a leg cast on him, and 6 days later was released to come home. Due to some difficulty of the cast we rented a wheel chair for a month so he could move around more freely. Part of this time he was getting used to his crutches.

A few days after Delbert broke his leg he began to have contractions (or severe leg cramps). He would just scream with pain. One evening the cramps hit him so hard that it was all we could do to stay in the room and see him suffer. One of the nurses said I have seen a lot of contractions, but nothing like this. Delbert would keep saying pray, just keep praying (which we were already doing). I leaned over to him and said, "Delbert, help us pray. The Lord can hear you too." With pain he began to pray and ask the Lord to take the pain away. Then he began to thank the Lord. In just a little bit the suffering began to let up, and before long he was resting. Praise the Lord!! He didn't have anymore severe pain while in the hospital.

Is anyone sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. (James 5:14,15)

On Sunday June 29th, we had gone to Sunday School and Church. On our way home Delbert asked if we could stop at our community store so he could buy some fireworks. He was all excited about the 4th of July. After being in the hospital so long he was really anxious to have some fun and fireworks were exciting to him. My husband pulled over and

parked the pickup. Delbert being so excited was getting out of the pickup behind his daddy on the driver's side. He didn't wait for his daddy's help and fell to the ground. (The pickup is a four-wheel drive and a little higher from the ground.) I heard him say to his dad, "The bone is broken again." Then pain, the pain we had seen on his face before. Beads of sweat from pain. A lady that attends our church was getting gas when she heard Delbert cry. She came over and said lets pray now, which we did. The Holy Spirit came down and spoke through her right there in the road. We received victory, but felt we still needed more, and decided to go back up to the church where our pastor and family and other folks were still visiting. As we drove up and told them we needed prayer right now for Delbert as he had fallen and broke his leg again. I tell you folks, the Lord came down and was with us. In a few minutes the pain let up and Delbert began to talk with us. Praise His name. He told his daddy on the way home that he could move a bone he hadn't moved since the accident. My husband began to praise the Lord again. We kept praising the Lord for Delberts healing and in a few days we began to notice Delbert was walking without his crutches. He still had his cast on, but was walking without the aid of his crutches. I began to question him about it and he said he could walk good without them. I called the doctor to see if we could get in early. I told him we didn't feel like Delbert needed the cast anymore. On July 16th, we went to the doctor's office. They told me they would take the big cast off and X-ray, but would probably have to put a lighter cast on. They took the cast off and X-rayed and in just a few minutes, came out and said his leg was A-OK, and he didn't need a cast. I tell you folks, when God does a job, it's done. Praise the Lord! Delbert is now walking everywhere without the cast or crutches. His knee is a little stiff yet, but outside of that he's fine.

A thought to think on . . . "When a man reaches the end of his rope, he comes to the beginning of God."

We feel there was a reason for all this. Some things we can't understand, but if the healing Delbert received that Sunday reached someone that doesn't know our God and his love and healing power it will have been worth everything. Several witnessed the fall and the talk was we should have taken him to the hospital. But neither one of us thought about that. All we could think of was we had seen a 10-year-old boy go through a lot of pain and suffering and couldn't stand the thoughts of him going through it again. In other words we had come to the end of our rope and let God take over. If people of today want to see a miracle they can see one walking around Crosses Community. And we give God all the praise.

There is a song that keeps coming to me. "Learning to Lean" Sad, broken hearted so often I've knelt, and I've found God's peace so serene. And all that He asks is a child like trust. And a heart that is learning to lean.

There's glorious victory each day now for me. I found His peace so serene. He helps me with each task, if only I'll ask. Everyday now I'm learning to lean. Chorus I'm learning to lean, learning to lean, learning to lean on Jesus. Finding more power than I'd ever dreamed, I'm learning to lean on Jesus.

How about you folks are you learning to lean on Jesus? Are you trying to handle things by yourself . . . your way? Why not give God a chance?!!

—Winona Waggoner

The Blood Is Not Diluted!

"Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Hebrews 9:11-14

How we ought to lift our hands and hearts in praise to the Lord of Glory for making a way of redemption that does a complete work of cleansing. For as we consider the fellowship that man in the beginning had with God, we know that it is His desire that His creation be in unity and close fellowship with all God's ways. Even after the disobedience and sin the Father came to reveal His will to reinstate the sweet communion by promising the sacrifice of a redeemer. Genesis 3:15 As the Old Testament unfolds before us, over and over we see the lives of multitudes brought into a place of communion by the shedding of blood and the offering of sacrifices. Abel brought the firstling of the flock. After the waters of the flood receded, Noah built an altar and offered sacrifices of the clean beasts and fowl. "And the Lord smelled a sweet savour." Genesis 8:20-21 Abram built an altar of sacrifice unto God and God gave him the land northward and eastward and southward and westward for an inheritance. On through the Word we read of Isaac and Jacob and Joseph. Of men like David and Solomon we see obedience in sacrifice and the shedding of the blood of bulls and goats for the purifying of the flesh and for a communion with Almighty God. For without the shedding of blood there is no communion and no remission of the guilt of sin.

In the midst of the many testimonies of those who were faithful we find the sad witness of multitudes who turned from the living God to live after their own ways and violated the holy sacrifices. God sent Jeremiah to the gate of the Lord's house to tell those who went in to worship that the formal "religion" they practiced was in vain and could only bring judgment from God. Through the ages there have been like figures who claim the name of God, but who would not dare to live the holiness of the way of God. Like Jereboam who raised altars to Baal, some people want a god that they can bring down to their own level. Like Nebuchadnezzar some relish the exciting feeling of popularity as their god. Like the Pharisees, some boast of a religious heritage and of knowing the "full gospel". Hear the Word of the Lord!! Redeeming grace is not in man or his abilities nor is it in self-centered religion that is promulgated by man. God has given His best for our salvation and "To whom much is given, of him shall be much required." Luke 12:48 If we know the truth, we shall be free from the bondage of sin and of the nature to sin. From the text of this writing I remind you, if the blood of animals was able to cleanse the flesh of the infirm under the law, how much more

shall the blood of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God, purge and cleanse your life from the deadness of sin. Note with me, the atoning work of the blood does not stop with the washing of the sins of the past, but also prepares you for every good work to serve the living God. **THE BLOOD IS NOT DILUTED!** There is still wonder working power in the precious blood of the Lamb. When the blood is truly applied, it washes clean. The stains do not remain. We hear excuses that the grip of sin has been so strong on the lives of people that they just cannot immediately give up habits and desires that have held them so long. Why not? If Jesus completed a work of redemption with the shedding of His blood and His resurrection to new life, then how can any man contend that we must make our own new habits that will be good. The blood is not diluted. Old things pass away, behold all things become new. How can someone who has used foul language for years begin to speak with purity and grace and the giving of thanks? It is done through the purity of the blood of Christ. Friend, don't excuse yourself with, "I'm trying, but I just haven't been able to give up my habits." We might as well be honest. If you really want to be free from the binding force of sin, you will give your life to the Lord. You'll give Him your faults and fears, your habits and hangups, your worries and wants so that the purging of the blood touches and influences the whole of your life. The blood cleanses your words, your actions, your thoughts, your companions, your habits and if there by anything else. Being washed and covered with the blood will bring you to a life of things that are true and honest and just and pure and lovely and of good report. Things that are virtuous and praiseworthy will govern your life.

When professing Christians are untrue or dishonest or unjust or impure or unlovely or are of ill report, it does not signify that the blood is powerless to cleanse and purify. But these things simply testify that the blood has not been applied. "Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." I Peter 1:18-19 "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not tell the truth: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:6-7.

Don't try to deceive others, for in doing so you only deceive yourself. **THE BLOOD IS NOT DILUTED!** It truly cleanses from all sin. The blood reaches to the highest mountain. It flows to the lowest valley. The blood that gives us strength from day to day will never lose its power. Praise God, the blood is not diluted.

I charge you with the Word of God that you seek the Lord to cover your lives with the power and strength and cleansing work of the shed blood of Jesus. "Commit your way to the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass. And He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noon day." Psalms 37:5-6.

The blood is not diluted but God's will and works are being fulfilled as we are washed in the precious blood of Christ.

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OUR TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." II Cor. 4:7 Our greatest treasure is Christ in us, the hope of Glory, Col. 1:27. In Matthew 13:45-46 the merchant found the pearl of great price. Christ is that pearl of great price and the most valuable possession we could have.

The invitation is given in Isa. 55:1-2 to come and partake of the waters of life, to come without money or price. The world is so materialistic. It thinks that if something is free that it makes it worthless. We hear it said that you get only what you pray for. This may be true with man but false in spiritual things. We cannot pay for the things we receive from God. Not because they are invaluable but because no amount of money could purchase God's blessings.

In the 14th verse of the 4th chapter of John, Jesus talks about giving water that we may never thirst. Because He said I give you water, does that make it worthless? It is too valuable to put a monetary value on it and so are all the rich blessings we receive from God. Let's not forget that we are all like King David as he prayed in Psalms 86:1, "Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy." Though he was wealthy and a powerful King, he was poor in the sight of God. We all are poor and needy.

I would like to debunk the modern idea that if we are not prosperous financially, we are not living up to our privileges in the Lord. He will supply our needs, but it is not a sure thing that we will have an abundance of money. Please remember that we are just stewards of the Lord. We are stewards of all the things that God provides; our money, talents and our time. The most valuable possessions are the spiritual blessings given to us by the Lord. We are taught in God's word in I Peter 4:10 that we must pass on to others the good news of salvation and of Christ's redeeming love. He is the important gift. We could not buy eternal life if we owned the whole world. By any standard eternal life is of more value than anything else. He that hath the son hath life and he that hath not the son hath not life. I John 5:12.

God does give some people power to get wealth. Duet. 8:17-18. We must not boast of it if he does. He also has the power to take it away. In I Tim. 6:9-18 the warning God gives should be carefully considered. A charge is also given to be humble.

I have on occasions had the privilege of shouting, but that does not prove that I love the Lord more or have more faith than those other Christians that never shout. By the same means, people who have been blessed with a lot of money does not mean they have more faith than others. I do not think the Bible teaches that money and material gain is a sure sign that we are close to God or possess a lot of faith. The modern teaching is that if a person does not have an abundance of material goods there is something wrong. Jesus commended the poor widow for giving a very small amount. He said she was the greatest giver because she gave all she had, Mark 2:42-43. Some prosperity preachers would have given her a lecture on how to increase her faith. Jesus would be considered by those, a man of little faith because he did not even have a place to lay his head. Peter and John would be poor examples because they told the lame man at the gate that they had neither silver or gold. Acts 3:6.

Jesus said he came to preach the gospel to the poor. Luke 4:18. Why didn't He make them all rich and prosperous? All these godly people the Bible tells us about would not be in good fellowship with some modern so called Christians and would need to be lectured to as poor examples of faith. Jesus said in Luke 12:15 to "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Let us never forget that we have this treasure in earthen vessels. We must have Christ in our lives and whether poor or wealthy, we will be accepted in the beloved if we obey him.

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WHEN?

When will the church of God arouse herself to the gracious privilege of fulfilling the purpose of God in Jesus? When will we as professing Christians be so burdened for the lost of the earth that we shall be constantly moved with compassion for those who are living without God: When will Christians obey the Lord's command to take up their crosses and follow him, He who had nowhere to lay his head, He who was so poor that He had to be laid in another's tomb? Surely to be a Christian is to be Christ-like and to be Christ-like is to pour out yourselves that souls may have the gospel preached to them in power and demonstration of the Spirit? Let us commence right away to be Christians and die to ourselves that the lost may be saved.

Praise to the King

Praise the Lord, he has been so wonderful to me! I love his precious word, it means so much to me. He said "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

"Blessed are they that are poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The Lord saved me and forgave me of all of my sins and gave me a peace in my soul that passed all understanding. It was so wonderful to know that I had come in contact with the Lord. I felt so sweet in my soul. I had started for heaven and I wanted all the Lord had for me. I was ready to consecrate my life to the Lord, just to do anything he wanted me to do. I surrendered my life to him, to obey and follow him, to go and do anything to please him. He sanctified my wholly. I read in his word that without holiness no man shall see God. Then I felt my need of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. It was in one of Brother Parham's camp meetings that I received this wonderful experience that still abides in my life today and is so wonderful. He is the Comforter. Jesus said the comforter would not come unless he went away. We are sealed unto the day of redemption and he will guide us into all truth and righteousness. We have a desire to do everything that God wants us to do.

We often hear that nobody is perfect and that is right, but he said to strive to be perfect. He wants us to be free from the world of sin and strife and follow Jesus in all of our ways, putting him first in our lives. He said having done all to stand, stand and to be ready when he returns.

Lola Kidd
R3, Anderson, Mo.

A.F. Report



Big Springs, Texas

Greetings from the Big Spring Apostolic Faith Church. The Lord has been blessing us and we thank Him for all He's done.

We appreciate our church family and their faithfulness to the house of the Lord and to His service.

In May, Brother and Sister Ed Cass, Brother and Sister Jim Long were here and Brother Ed showed his slides of Israel in the morning and evening services. Everyone enjoyed the slide presentation very much. Also in May we enjoyed the singing service by the Bible School tour group. These songs of praise were a blessing to each one of us.

August 4-8th we had a Kid's Crusade. Barbara Cooper, Deana Fish and Rae Mona Arnall participated in our Crusade and we appreciate their help. We had a nice enrollment and the children seemed to enjoy the Crusade very much.

September 28th we are planning our mortgage burning and homecoming service. We are planning a dinner on the grounds at noon and the special service at 2:30 p.m.

Pastor Alvin Buschmann
Reporter Glenda Buschman

Crosses, Arkansas

We are still praising the Lord for his many blessings.

Knowing about God is not enough. We must know Him. When we come to know him through Jesus there are four facts we must always remember about God.

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| 1. God loves you—
I Peter 2:24
John 3:17
John 3:16 | 2. God forgives you—
John 3:18
John 3:3 |
| 3. God helps you to be better
John 1:12
John 5:24 | |
| 4. God wants you to work for him—
John 21:15-17
John 18:31
John 15:8 | |

Are you working for him or against him?

We recently enjoyed having our Vacation Bible School conducted by Tammy Oakes, Lisa Oakes, and Rhonda Reese. The Haney's and several of the church ladies also helped. Some of our young people will be attending the Apostolic Faith Bible College this year. We thank the Lord for Christian young people. **Roland Haney, Pastor**
Winona Waggoner, Reporter

Spearman, Texas

Jan. 1, 1980 we took the pastoral duties of the Apostolic Faith Church at Spearman, Texas. March 1, 1980 we moved into the parsonage. The people were so kind to us. They painted inside the parsonage, did some repairs, put some new drapes and cleaned carpets. They did all of this to make it comfortable for us and we do enjoy it.

We had pastored at Gray Community Church, Balko, Okla. for 13½ years. The Lord blessed and the people were good to us. The people of Gray will always have a special place in our hearts. They watched our family grow up and begin to leave the nest. Our roots were rooted down pretty deep at Gray but the Lord lifted our burden and said move on.

The Spearman Church has made some changes in the church. They have new cushions for the pews. Brother Jake Regeir did the carpenter work and made platforms for our piano and organ to be raised, elevated the last two rows in the choir, made some beautiful rails to be in front of the choir, and the instruments and we also have new carpet throughout the church. We are trusting all of this will help the church to be warmer this winter.

The last of March we were able to go to Dickinson, Texas to be with our son and new daughter-in-law and to be in services with them. We are very proud to have Karen in our family. We appreciate Brother Jake Regeir filling the pulpit for us while we were gone.

In May we had a revival with Brother Paul Clanton and his wife, Bonnie. It was a real joy and blessing to have them in our home. Brother Paul did some good preaching and Christians were encouraged.

On Mother's Day we honored the following mothers with a little gift: Sister Elma Greever, Sister Barbara Scroggs and Sister Helen Dickson. Praise the Lord for good Christian mothers. On Father's Day we honored, Brother Tim Reardon, Brother David Kellum and Brother E. W. Dickinson.

On June 22, Brother and Sister Robert Beydler were with us in service. Brother Beydler brought the evening message for us. We appreciate the Beydlers and their stand for the gospel.

We enjoyed being at camp meeting and having our son Savoy Grimmer and his wife Karen in services with us on August 3, 1980.

We are looking forward to having convocation at Spearman, Dec. 29 thru Dec. 31, 1980. Please pray and plan to attend.

Our new address is 120 S. Barkley, Spearman, Texas 79081. Phone 806-659-2870.

We extend an invitation to all of you to come by any time. Psalms 37:14.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait I say on the Lord.

Leland Grimmer, Pastor

Pampa, Texas

Dear Friends:

A long time we have not reported anything to you. We have been busy with Daily Vacation Bible School, Youth Camp and enjoyed city-wide revival with Wayne Bristo August 3 through the 10th.

Our pastors, Brother and Sister Ralph Denton are doing all they can do to encourage people and build up the church. Brother and Sister Roger Denton have come to help us and their ministry in music is wonderful. They have been such a blessing to us.

Also we have a new family from Woodward, Oklahoma, Ron and Ritz Pinckard and their three children, Shane, Kristel and Kiley. He is a coach at one of our schools and we welcome them.

— Annabell Simmons, reporter

Galena, Kansas

Greetings from the Apostolic Faith Church in Galena Kansas! The Lord has been good to our church family and we do praise His name for all of His blessings to us. Brother and Sister Elmer Christenson are very busy looking after the congregation here. We have many who are shut-ins and aren't well.

We have enjoyed several visitors this summer—the Gene Cornells of Amarillo, Texas, Tonya Weston and son of Woodward, Okla., David and Sharon McCance of Follett, Texas, Rick and Nyla Meyers of Murdock, Kansas, Ollie and Anna Kinser and sons of Joplin, Mo., and Janae Harris of Baxter Springs, Kansas. We thank the Lord for the ministry of each of these.

We enjoyed a very good V.B.S. this year during the week of Aug. 4-10. It's always a thrill to see the children enjoying the blessings of God.

Our pastor and his family were able to attend the camp meeting at Laverne, Oklahoma this year. Brother Ted Jackson and Brother Howard Whitely filled in while they were gone.

We have several on our prayer list—Nellie Clopton, Mae Tackett, Anna Wade, Ruth Archer, Grace Myers, Goldie Myers, Birdie Noe and Bernice McCumber. Please pray for each of them.

We extend an invitation to each of you to come worship with us.

I Timothy 4:12-13 "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine."

May we all be faithful until our Lord comes.

**Elmer Christenson, Pastor
May Rowland, Reporter**

Joplin, Mo.

The Lord has been so very good to us at Joplin. We've had a busy summer and have enjoyed the blessings of God. Several of our adults and young people were able to be at the 4-State Youth Camp at Baxter Springs, Kansas. Five young people went to the Mississippi youth camp also. Twenty-eight of our people went to camp meeting at Laverne this year and we thank God for the opportunity for them to go. Brother Johnny Arnall conducted an area youth revival in our church August 6-9. The attendance was very good and God blessed the word to hearts and lives as it went forth. We have two young ladies attending A.F.B.C. this fall, Lisa Oakes and Anita Oakes. We pray God will bless them as they study His word.

We ask for your continued prayers for one of our young men, Tyrone Suman, who was in an accident on July 10. God has touched him and we're trusting God to make him every whit whole.

Our pastors, Neil and Billie Ragan will be with us for another year. We do appreciate their lives and love them very much.

We invite you to come and visit us that we might serve and worship God together.

Karen Oakes, reporter

Roswell, New Mexico

We are praising God for His love. In the early spring Brother and Sister Onal Nunn came for a revival. We appreciate the word that was ministered to us.

In June our church had a successful Vacation Bible School. We are thankful for Christian people who will give of their

time and talents for others. Our closing program was on Friday evening, followed by homemade ice cream and cake.

Our church regrets losing Linda Bard, who moved back to Joplin to attend Missouri Southern College. We will also miss Brother and Sister Evans and Sharon, who are moving to Dallas.

A group of ten from our church went to camp meeting in Laverne. For some it was a first and they said, hopefully, not their last. We enjoyed the messages, visiting with friends and the meals were delicious.

Some of our most recent visitors were Sister Peggy's mother, Mrs. Vivian Bard, Kathy Huckabee and her son, Ricky.

We most gratefully and happily announced that Brother Jerome and his family will be pastoring for us another year. May God bless and reward them for their faithfulness.

**Jerome Crowhurst, Pastor
Leona Winkler, Reporter**

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of my friends for their cards, phone calls and especially their prayers, God has blessed in many ways during my illness. I have no side effects from the treatments and have gained in strength and weight. Please continue to pray for my complete recovery.

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Hempstead, Texas 77445**

Mortgage Burning

The Apostolic Faith Church, 1307 S. Goliad, Big Springs, Texas is announcing their mortgage burning service on Sunday, September 28, 1980. The Sunday morning service will be at 10:00 a.m. with an old fashioned dinner on the grounds and a time for visiting with old friends and new friends. At 2:30 p.m. there will be a sing-song service with different groups conducted by Brother and Sister Bob Taylor.

A special invitation is given to all former pastors, gospel workers and members. If you can't attend, be with us in prayer and thanksgiving.

New Address

Mr. & Mrs. Corbett (J. C.) Clanton would like for all of their friends to have their new address. It is, Mr and Mrs. Corbett Clanton, Snyder Oaks Nursing Home, Room 410, 210 East 37th St., Snyder, Texas 70549.

Camp Meeting Tapes

Brother Eugene Webster has cassette tapes available of both music and preaching of the word from camp meeting 1980. If any of the tapes that were purchased at camp meeting were faulty in any way he will replace them if possible. His address is Reverend Eugene Webster, Box 69 Hudson, Wyoming 82515. His phone number is 307-332-2609.

Deadline!

Copy must be in by the 15th of the month to be in the next month's issue.



50 Years In God's Service

Over 100 people attended the reception honoring Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Cornell for their faithfulness in God's ministry the past 50 years. The reception was given by their children following the Saturday afternoon service at the Laverne Camp Meeting in the Apostolic Faith Church Fellowship Hall. They presented their parents with a set of praying hands and an engraved plaque depicting their 50 years of ministry.

As a youth working in the Laverne, Okla. print shop, Gene Cornell answered the call of God in January 1930. First he travelled and helped in revivals with the late Johnny Modrick and Percy Campbell.

Then in September he began on his own with Floyd LaMunyon as his song leader. The first revival was in a school house southeast of Laverne and then east of Arnett, Okla.

In October 1932 he married Stella Yeakel who was helping Rev. and Mrs. Jack Barker in gospel work. Their first revival was in Arlington, Kansas where at the end of 7 weeks 50 were baptized.

They later served as first pastors to the Galena, Kansas and Cave Springs, Arkansas Churches. Other pastorates have included Wichita, Kansas, Pampa, Katy, Big Springs, Texas; Enid, Guymon, Hardesty, Oklahoma and Bayard, Nebraska. He also taught Bible Doctrine and was Dean of Men at the Apostolic Faith Bible College. In his early ministry he also helped the late Robert Parham with his print press and printing ministry.

Presently the Cornells are pastoring the Apostolic Faith Church in Amarillo, Texas. Children of Stella and Gene are Bill Cornell of Booker, Texas, Rev. Jack Cornell of Hardesty, and Mrs. Yvonna Whiteley of Baxter Springs.

As children we feel we've inherited a real spiritual heritage from our parents. Our parents have lived what they preached and therefore the example was set before us to live by the Bible standards . . . not mans. They taught us by their example to be true and faithful to God and to His word. We feel that God's stamp of approval upon their ministry has been evident as God continues to call them into active churches to pastor and feed His sheep . . . often in troubled waters . . . blessing their

work with a growth as they are presently witnessing at Amarillo. Young people have often expressed to us that they loved to hear Brother Cornell preach as they understood what he was saying and he made it easy to understand the Bible.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank each person that attended the reception given for our parents . . . helping to make it a very memorable occasion for them and for us. One that each of us will treasure for years to come. May God bless each of you as you continue to live and work for Him.

Bill, Jack, and Yvonna

Camp News

The 1980 Lost Pines Youth Camp has now entered into the pages of history. However, I sincerely pray that the excitement generated, instruction received and consecrations made will live on. We praise the Lord for a combined Junior/Senior enrollment of about 80 students and 30 willing workers. I would like to personally thank my fellow committeemen: Brother Savoy Grimmer of Dickinson, Texas, and Brother Andy Perry of Rockdale, Texas, for their dedication to the success of the camp. Also we appreciate the outstanding labors of our camp evangelist, Brother Jim Arnall of Ashland, Alabama; our Bible instructor, Brother Jacob Pletcher of Barksdale, Texas, and singing instructor, Videt Polk of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Most of all I would like to thank the people that made Youth Camp possible, the people of the South Texas Apostolic Faith churches for giving so liberally of their time, talents, and finances. Thank you one and all.

**Your Brother in Christ,
Johnny Arnall**

The Four State Apostolic Faith Youth Camp was conducted in June. The Lord blessed the camp with an enrollment reaching over 100. That week, those in camp were nourished by the Word, as well as refreshed by nature's rain. We praise God for each young person that received spiritual blessings having made new consecrations and commitments to the Lord.

A word of thanks to this year's committee for their part, and to all the unselfish workers who helped pull the camp together and kept it going. We also want to thank all of the preachers and teachers. Without all of these people, and God's help, there wouldn't have been a camp.

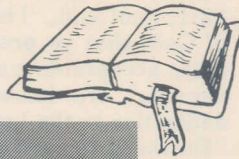
We'd like to say thank you to each one that made camp meeting possible, to each one that helped physically, prayerfully, and financially. God bless you.

**Committee Men;
Ted Barker,
Jack Cornell**

Ministers—Gospel Workers

Please have your addresses, phone numbers and what type of ministry you are in at this time sent in to The Report office by Oct. 1, 1980 for the 1980 Minister-gospel worker directory. Your cooperation is very much appreciated in this matter.

OBITUARIES



Wooster

Mrs. Gladys Vera Wooster was born Aug. 22, 1897 in Orchard, Texas and passed away on July 15, 1980 in the Alvin Community Hospital, Alvin, Texas. Mrs. Wooster was preceded in death by her husband William Burton Wooster and two sons, Clyde and Herbert. Mrs. Wooster became affiliated with the Apostolic Faith movement in the early 1900's and attended the Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin, Texas. Survivors are: daughter and son-in-law Vera Mae and Harold Wills, Alvin, Texas, sons and daughters-in-law, Jackson H. and Claudine Wooster, Perryton, Texas, Elmer K. and Betty Wooster, Ft. Worth, Texas; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted July 17, 1980 at the Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin, Texas with the Rev. Calvin Cook, Rev. Ronnie Martin, and the Rev. Clifford Johnston officiating. Burial was in the Confederate Cemetery, Alvin, Texas.

Wholford

Lillie Hazel Reno, daughter of Roy and May Pipkin Reno was born February 21, 1909 in Evan township near Cheney, Kansas.

She attended the Kingman County School, graduating from Kingman High School in 1929.

She accepted Christ as her Saviour at the age of 13, and became a member of Bethel Methodist Church, near their home, later worshipping with the Apostolic Faith Church in Cheney and Kingman.

Lillie was married to Ansel E. Wohlford at Kingman, September 21, 1930.

They made their first home on a farm near Cheney. Nine children were born to this union. One daughter, Marjorie May, died in infancy. Her husband Ansel, died November 1, 1973.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Wohlford lived in Kingman and during her illness of about 6 months was lovingly cared for by her children. She died July 29, 1980 at the Kingman Community Hospital.

Survivors are: Bob and Charles of Wichita, Mrs. Helen Keeling of Kingman, Melvin of Peck, Ks., Mrs. Velma Anderson of Mulvane, Mrs. LaVeda Marston, Thiensville, Wisconsin, Gy Sgt. Paul of Jacksonville, North Carolina, and Phillip of Cheney. There were twenty-four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A brother, Merle

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Reno of Cheney, two sisters, Mrs. Byron Opdyke of Cheney and Mrs. John Wimer of Murdock, two aunts, nieces and nephews, other relatives, and friends who will miss her very much.

But because she knew and loved her Saviour, she reverently gave her life back to God. We thank God for her life and wait to be reunited in God's Kingdom.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MOTHER

Always bright and happy and cheerful, gentle, thoughtful and kind.

Her's was a life of service, a blessing to mankind.

Though stricken with disappointment and heartache and her cross seemed hard to bear,

She smiled through her trials, with perfect trust in Jesus' loving care.

When evening shadows gathered at the closing of her day,

She placed her hand in Jesus' hand and silently slipped away.

Sad though we are at her passing, the way is bright and clear,

For there is one who never fails us, and today he is very near.

She would not have us sorrow, but in simple trust go on,
Till Jesus says: "Well done, my child," as he gently guides us home.

When our work at last is finished and we kneel at Jesus' feet

There will be a sweet reunion as our dear ones we shall meet.

So goodbye, dear mother, we miss you from our home.

We've missed you from your place. A shadow o'er our life is cast,

We miss the sunshine of your face. We miss your kind and loving hand, and your fond and earnest care.

Our home is dark without you; but we will meet you over there.

BIRTHS

Cheatwood

Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Cheatwood announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara Renae. She was born April 28, 1980 and weighed 8 lbs. and 5 ozs. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Benny Buschman, Stinnett, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Cheatwood of Borger, Texas. Great-grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. George Hintergardt and Mrs. Ella Buschman.

Kerr

Carly Ariel Kerr was born July 12, 1980 and weighed 7 lbs. and 1½ ozs. Her parents are Gary and Lori Kerr of Guymon, Okla. Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. L. Graves, Lubbock, Texas and paternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Kerr of Liberal, Kansas. Carly has an older brother, Jeremy Kade, age 3.

Wilson

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wilson of Ava, Mo. announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Dawnya Lee on Aug. 3, 1980. Dawnya weighed 9 lbs. and was 21½ inches long. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Oakes, Joplin, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wilson of Ava, Mo.

THE BLOOD

Exodus 12:13, "And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are, and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you when I smite the land of Egypt."

Teaching the blood as an important part of the plan of salvation is of the utmost urgency as we see more and more those who do not teach it. Many church organizations do not even mention the blood anymore, but without the shedding of blood of Calvary and its power we have nothing. Some teach that all we have to do is to do good at every opportunity and we will go to heaven.

Why did God require a blood sacrifice? We don't know, except that it was God's way and we must follow his way. From the days of Cain and Abel we have a picture of what God requires. Cain brought a sacrifice from the fields, Abel of his flocks and the scriptures tell us that God accepted Abels but rejected Cains. Without blood there is nothing that atones for sin. In the old testament it was the shedding of the blood of animals, in the new testament it is the blood of Jesus.

Genesis 9:4, "But the flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof ye shall not eat." This scripture along with many more tells us that the life is in the blood. We know that if we should lose all of the blood in our bodies, we would die. Without the blood of Jesus we are spiritually dead. Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast." Lev. 17:11 "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your soul; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." Matt. 26:27-28 "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for the remission of sins." Luke 22:20 says it just a little different. Likewise also the cup after supper saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." We should keep the sacrament services in our churches today. Paul said in I Cor. 11:25, "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."

On the cross of Calvary Jesus gave every drop of his blood to make the plan of salvation perfect. Remember that the blood was not shed for the forgiveness of sin only, but for the complete plan of salvation, including sanctification, divine healing, baptism of the Holy Spirit and redemption. Romans 5:9 "Much more then, being justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." Heb. 10:19 "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus." We must remember that God sent Jesus into the world to bear our sins. In St. John 10:9, Jesus said, "I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture." Heb. 13:20-21, "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, That great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus

Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever." In Romans 12:1, Paul said, "I beseech you brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." We know that in presenting ourselves in dedication to the Lord brings sanctification. I Thess. 4:3 "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess His vessel in sanctification and honor."

Without the blood none of this would be possible.

In the Master's Service

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Galena, KS.

THE ONLY SAFE BOMB SHELTER

The man Christ Jesus is our only safe bomb shelter. "And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." Jesus Christ is a shelter in time of storms, he is a great rock. The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. Psalms 118:22, Acts 4:11, I Peter 2:6-8. The rock was smitten for us. When the soldier pierced the side of our precious saviour more than nineteen hundred years ago there came forth blood and water, John 19:34. There is a cleft in the rock for us. Exodus 33:21-22. Only Christ can save you. He is the way, the truth and the life. He is the door and only through Him can we enter in.

—Bertha Stimson

WHICH DISTURBS YOU?

Asoul bound for hell . . . or a scratch on your new car?
Your missing the worship service . . . or missing a days' work?
A sermon 10 minutes to long . . . or your lunch a half hour late?
Your church not growing . . . or your garden not growing?
Your Bible unopened . . . or your newspaper unread?
The church work neglected . . . or your housework neglected?
Missing a good Bible study . . . or missing your favorite T.V. program?
The millions who don't know Christ . . . or your inability to keep up with the neighbors?
The cry of the multitude for bread . . . or your desire for another piece of cake?
Your tithes decreasing . . . or your income not increasing?
Your children late for Sunday School . . . or late for public school?
Which really disturbs you most? And what do you intend to do about it?

Pastor Goins
Broken Arrow
Assembly of God

Forty Years or More

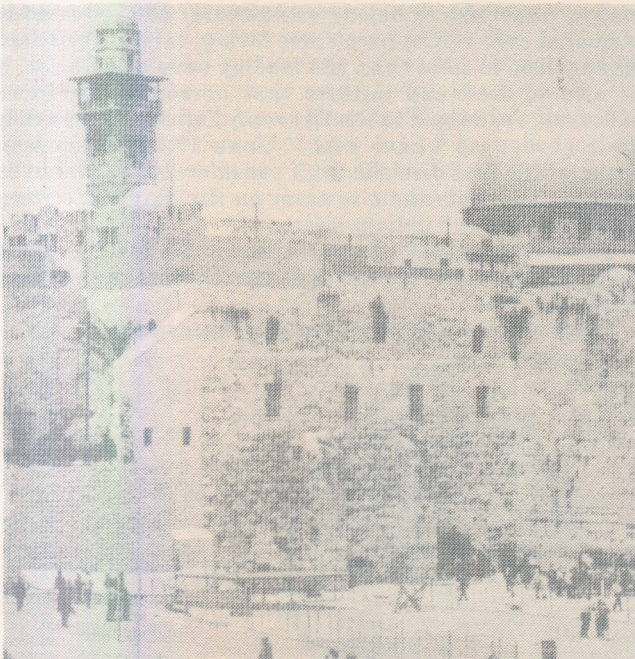
This picture was taken at camp meeting this year. Each one has forty years or more of service to the Lord. Thank God for people who will serve him faithfully.



Pearls Of Promise

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Phillipians 4:6-7

The World may be in trouble, but as God's children, we're not.



November 1-12, 1980
Israel extension available (3 days)

Friends,

We would like to personally invite you to take the trip of a lifetime and walk with us in the footsteps of Jesus. With experienced Bible Teachers, who have both recently made two trips to Israel, and an inspirational Gospel quartet, we feel you will be greatly enriched and enlightened at our sharing of Bible History and Prophecy with you. Also, the trip will be guided by outstanding, experienced Israeli tour guides.

There will be special times of sharing along the way at Megiddo (The Valley of Armageddon), Baptismal in the Jordan River, Boat Service on the Sea of Galilee and Communion at the Garden Tomb. These will be great spiritual experiences.

As you visit the Holy Land you will feel the heartbeat of history and also the thrill of present day fulfillment of prophecy. The Bible will come alive as never before and bring to you a better understanding of the life and work of Jesus.

**Jack & Kathryn Cornell
Elson & Margaret Miller
The Royalheirs**

For further information contact Rev. Jack Cornell Box 133
Hardesty, Okla. 73944

A Growing Church For A Coming Lord



Personal Evangelism:

Evangelism is the bringing of the gospel into lives of individuals so that they will accept Christ as their personal Savior. The growth of a church depends not as much on the visitation of its pastor as it does on the evangelistic vision of the entire congregation. The most effective witnessing you can do for your church is within your every day activities . . . on the job, at school in recreation, shopping, and just being a good neighbor.

The whole program of church growth may be summed up in two words—reach and hold.

No one wants to be left out. It's human nature to want to be part of the group. Man wants to belong. "None of us liveth to himself," wrote Paul (Rom. 14:7). Most every family in your town that does not go to church, deep down, would like to belong somewhere. All they need is personal evangelism from some loving, caring Christian. Evangelism is more than just leading people to Christ, it is also to feed and nurture that person to Christian maturity. Jesus said to His Heavenly Father, "Those that thou gavest me I have kept." (John 17:12) Jesus won some of His first disciples with considerable ease, but to prepare and train them to carry on His Kingdom's work required long and patient hours.

New converts have much to learn. So don't quit too soon. I Cor. 14:12 "Seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the Church."

Remember it is the sheep that must bear sheep.

Acts 1:8

"Ye shall be

witness

unto me"



By Myrtle Carney

Marriage

Marriage Instituted

One of the first commandments God ever gave to man was "to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it." To enable him to carry out this mandate, God gave to man a helpmeet, creating this helpmeet from a part of the man that she might be bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. He then instituted the ordinance of marriage and sent forth this decree: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh." (Genesis 2:24.)

Nations Prosper Through It

Since that time the marriage covenant has been a mighty factor in the history of nations, and almost invariably the duration of a nation has been measured by its fidelity to the marriage covenant. Justly and logically the family has been found to be the basis of all good government. Where a good man gives his undivided love to a good woman, and she reciprocates, the offspring of that union partake of the spirit of the parents, and they grow to manhood and womanhood well qualified to go out and establish similar families. Well-regulated families beget in the members a love for law and order, and when families have multiplied to the extent that a nation may be formed, there is no lack of material out of which lawmakers and law executors may be selected.

On the other hand, where the laws of marriage are disregarded, the opposite is the result, the growth of the nation is retarded, the seeds of destruction are sown, and the end of that nation is inevitable. It can not continue, because the fruit of its family relationship is not conducive to its perpetuation; it is weighed in the balance and found wanting.

Its Purpose Twofold

From these facts it is obvious that the command to replenish the earth and subdue it had a twofold meaning. The family relationship was not instituted for the purpose of producing offspring alone, but with a view to its effects upon that offspring, preparing them for usefulness in subduing or refining the world. It is obvious that as many children might be born into this world out of wedlock as in it, but those born without the refining influence of the family relationship would be sadly lacking in those attributes that would make them good citizens, and qualify them for the most important work of the family, the perpetuation of right institutions, which conduce to the perpetuation of the nation.

A Part of the Gospel

In view of these observations, then, it is obvious that the sacrament of marriage, being a mighty factor in the salvation of earthly nations, must act a part in the bringing about of the kingdom of God on earth. That moral laxity that would destroy a nation, would destroy even the kingdom of God. We may safely conclude, then, that a right understanding and perpetuation of the marriage covenant would be a factor in the salvation of men, and must be a part of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

—Selected

WHEN FATHER WOULDN'T LET GO

In concluding a service a minister felt led to say, "If there is someone here who is sick of sin and wants us to pray for you, raise your hand."

A young man startled the congregation by jumping to his feet and saying, "I am sick and tired of sin. Pray for me."

Later the minister learned the boy had left home 8 years previously. He urged him to write his parents and let them know of the change that had occurred in his life.

The young man wrote home. Several days later he got this reply from his mother:

"The joy which your letter brought to our hearts was only diminished by the sadness that was there at the same time. For the same hour that you found Christ as your Saviour, your father was going home to heaven.

"All day long he had tossed upon his bed. Every little while he would cry out, 'O God, save my poor, wandering boy today.'

We tried to divert his attention, but before long he would again cry out in anguish, 'O God, save my poor, wandering, wayward boy today.'

"Just as he passed away, he cried out, 'O God, save . . . ' He finished that prayer in the presence of Jesus."

At the end of the letter the mother added this note: "You are a Christian today because your father would not let God go."

—Adapted from *Sword of the Lord*

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

I Corinthians 16:13

THE JUSTICE OF GOD

—Dora Beydler

Much has been said about the love of God and it is true that His love far surpasses the comprehension of man. It is not in the ability of the mind to fathom the depth of the love of God. David wrote in Psalms 8:3-9, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands: thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea. and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!" Then in John 3:16,17 Jesus said, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." And again Isaiah 64:4 is repeated by Paul in I Corinthians 2:9 in pointing to a time yet in our future when Paul said, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." All these scriptures speak of the great magnitude of the love and thoughtfulness of God. Not

only has He placed us in the beauty of His handiwork on this earth but He has also prepared a highway for us to travel while preparing for that paradise. "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein," and this highway is marked by the blood of Jesus. Surely the writer of the song was right when he wrote "Oh how much He cared for me."

But the Bible tells us there is another attribute of God. It is as clearly defined in the scriptures as His love. The day will come when His wrath upon the wicked will no longer be restrained. In the days of Noah, before the flood, God saw the wickedness of man and said,—"My spirit shall not always strive with man,—And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually," Genesis 6:3a,5. Then He sent the flood and destroyed all the people except Noah, his wife, their three sons and their wives. These eight people were spared because "—Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God", Genesis 6:9. Just as God's patience came to an end and He destroyed the wicked in that day, so will the day come at the end of this dispensation, when He will destroy all who will not serve Him.

Only the sin of unbelief is enough to keep us from receiving eternal life. John 3:18 reads, "He that believeth on Him (Jesus) is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Also in Hebrews 4:2 "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not prophet them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it."

There is coming a day when God will destroy all wickedness and only those who have been tried and proven true to Him will be sheltered in God's love. None of us desire trials and hard places but only through those times can we prove to those around us that we are His servants. We must all be tried, "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ," I Peter 1:7. The time will come when satan will sift us as wheat. Jesus told Peter, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not," Luke 22:31,32a. Only those who are well anchored in the Rock Christ Jesus will be able to stand.

When that day of sifting has been completed, the wicked rulers of the darkness of this world shall have only the short time of seven years before the end of their rule. God's elect of 144,000 Christians, known also as the 100 fold class will have been raptured at about the time of the beginning of this last seven years. About the middle of this same seven years the 60 fold class of Christians will have fled to the second wilderness where they will be sheltered and fed by God. Then after the anti-christ has completed his war against the 30 fold class of Christians the time will come for God's vengeance upon the wicked. This last 3½ years will be the time of the greatest tribulation ever known. Remember, these years will not be seen by Christians because the

tribulations here are from God's wrath upon the wicked.

God will have already sealed the 144,000 Israelites and is ready to gather the nations into judgment where he will separate the sheep nations from the goat nations. This division of nations will be determined by the way the individual nations have treated the Israelites.

Now we come to the last seven plagues to be poured out in those last three and one half years. Seven angels having seven vials of the wrath of God upon the earth" Revelation 16:1b. There are three different Greek words which are translated to mean earth in English. The word used here means the earth as a planet. Though some of these plagues may effect different portions of the earth, the whole earth will be effected by them and some of them will be universal. This is all found in Revelation 16. The first angel poured out his vial upon the earth, the whole created earth, and it causes sores upon those who worshipped the beast or the image or had taken his mark. The word noisome as used in this place means affliction. The word grievous in Greek means evil, bad, wicked, especially malignant. These sores will be a type which will be painful and cancerous. They will not heal but continue to eat away the flesh of man. There will be no relief from these sores.

The second angel poured out his vial upon the sea. The word sea as used here means all seas and oceans, world wide. When God's wrath is poured upon the sea the water will become as the blood of a dead man. It will congeal and ships will not be able to navigate. All living creatures in the sea will die. The words "every living soul" in Rev. 16:3 means "everything that has breath."

The vial of the third angel caused the rivers and foundations to turn into blood and as this happened in John's vision he heard the angel say this is a righteous judgment because they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, God will give them blood to drink. This plague, too, will be world wide because the mark of the beast will have been world wide and so will this have to be, to punish all who helped in that event. Even as the blood of Able cried out from the ground so will the blood of the saints and prophets of all ages who have been martyred. The wicked upon earth will have nothing but blood to drink as God's vengeance upon them for their slaying of the saints.

The vial of the fourth angel will also be world wide. The heat from the sun will be increased and will be so hot to scorch the flesh of people. Scorch means to char the surface of, to wither or shrivel by heat. This will no doubt be a horrible torment.

The fifth vial will bring darkness upon the throne and kingdom of the beast. The word seat or throne here denotes a seat of power. The word kingdom as used here refers to the "sons of the kingdom" or "true believers of the kingdom." The Revised Version says "a kingdom of priests." This plague will probably effect only the area under the direct rule of the beast and the false prophet. This will not be any ordinary darkness but it will be a time so dark that it will be painful.

These plagues will no doubt happen quickly, one right after the other with no time for recuperation from one to the other. People will gnaw their tongues in pain; but to these people who have already denied God for the last time and followed strong delusions, God has given them a reprobate mind and they still blaspheme God with no thought of repentance.

The world wide domination of the anti-christ and the false prophet will now need a booster. The vial of the sixth angel will be poured upon the Euphrates River that the water of that river might be dried up to prepare a crossing for the kings of the east. The Greek New Testament reads, "That the way might be prepared of the kings of the rising sun." Then in his vision, John saw three unclean spirits or demons, like frogs, sent into the world by the direct budding of the satanic trinity: one demon is sent by each—the dragon which is satan; the beast, which is the antichrist; and the false prophet, which is the leader of the false church. The word mouth also means speech or power of speech. These demons need not look like frogs but will be frog like in that they will come from the quagmires of spiritual darkness and uncleanness represented by the hearts and mouths of those who sent them. Frogs usually come in the evening and so will these demons come in the eventide of the end time and will fill the darkness of that terrible time with their persuasive signs. These unclean demon spirits will be able to go into the whole world and will be able to persuade the rulers of the world that the time is ready to gather for war, which will be the Battle of Armageddon. This Armageddon is the same place called Megiddo in the Old Testament. Mount Megiddo also gives its name to the plain of Jezreel which belts the middle of Israel from the Mediterranean to the Jordan. This area is an ancient battle ground of many wars in the Old Testament. Megiddo means a place of rendezvous, to crowd, or to assemble by troops. This gathering of the armies and the battle which will follow is further described in Revelation 19:19-21.

While those armies from all over the world are getting into position the seventh angel will pour out his vial into the air. This will be another world wide plague and as this vial is emptied a voice from heaven will say, "It is done," meaning that when the effects of this plague have upset the whole universe it will have completed God's judgments upon the world. This seventh vial sets in motion a chain of events beginning with voices perhaps of the angels in agreement with God's judgments; and thunders and lightnings which is no doubt the building of the storm in verse 21. While the storm builds over head (world wide, no doubt) the earth will quake underfoot. Severe earthquakes have, in times past, changed the ocean floor and the shapes of mountains and even changed the course of rivers but this one will shake the whole world so hard that it will exceed anything man has ever known. It will divide the city of Jerusalem into three parts. Verse 19 calls it the great city and the word great as used here means solemn or sacred. Several places in the Old Testament, especially, Jerusalem is referred to as the city of God or the Holy city. This earthquake could very well be the fulfillment of the prophecy in Zechariah 14:4 where it tells us when the Lord returns to the earth and His feet touch the Mount of Olives, the mountain will divide and create a valley with half of the mountain on each side. Not only will Jerusalem be broken into three parts by this quake but the cities of the nations shall fall. Babylon will also crumble. This Babylon is not the ancient city of Babylon on the Euphrates but this is the powers of the false church and the city which was the headquarters of this false church. In chapter 17 of Revelation this city is said to be upon seven mountains

and it is the place where the false church sits. In the crumbling of this Babylon it will be the powers this organization has held over the people of the world as well as the city itself. This earthquake will also cause the mountains and islands of the world to not be found. After the earthquake will come a great hail storm. The stones in this hail storm will be the weight of a talent. There are different weights in the talents of various countries. The Greek talent was among the least which was about 86 pounds. The Jewish talent for silver was 115 pounds while other things were weighed by 135 pounds in that talent. Some talents were as light as 56 pounds while one used in Antioch was 390 pounds. Even if we took the very lightest of these talents to weight these hail stones it would be enough to cause most any shelter to be of no avail. Again people will blaspheme God because of the plague.

And now let us return to the armies who have gathered for the Battle of Armageddon. By this time the sheep nations and the goat nations will have been judged; God has sealed the 144,000 Israelites who are to enter the millennium and has dealt with the rest of the Israelites; the armies influenced by the satanic powers have gathered in the Holy Land and the birds have been called to feast upon the flesh of men and horses after the battle. All is in readiness. The beast and the false prophet will be cast into the lake of fire and the remnant of those armies whose power have been broken with the taking of the beast and the false prophet, will be slain by the appearance of Jesus and His armies. Actually, it appears there will be no fighting by the armies from heaven nor by Jesus Himself but He will slay them by the sword of His mouth which would just be by His Word. After the armies are slain an angel will come and bind satan and cast him into the bottomless pit for a thousand years after which he too will be cast into the lake of fire.

Though this picture of the wrath of God upon the wicked in the end of this dispensation is not one to enjoy looking upon, in Ezekiel chapter 18 he gives us some very good advice through his message to the Jews in captivity. Let us read in verse 4, "Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die". But the Jews evidently complained and in verse 25 we read, "Yet ye say, 'The way of the Lord is not equal'. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?" Then in verses 30-32 God says, "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God, Repent and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye."

Yes, God is a loving God and He will not destroy anyone who will turn from unrighteousness. He has made the way through the blood of Jesus for whosoever will to be saved from this day of vengeance but to do so we must turn to Him and diligently serve Him with all the heart and soul and mind. God wants to be first in all our ways, then He will give us eternal life and we shall live with Him and reign with Him.

Doctrinal Teachings Of The Apostolic Faith

- Trinity of the God – Head**
1 John 5:7
- Repentance [Act of Man]**
Mark 1: 14*-15
2 Peter 3:9
Acts 3:19
- Conversion [Justification] [Act of God]**
Matt. 18:3
Acts 13:38, 39
II Cor. 5:17
- Consecration [Act of Man]**
Romans 12: 1,2
- Sanctification [Act of God]**
[A second definite work of grace]
Heb. 13:12,13
Ephesians 5: 25*-27
I Thess. 5:23
- Baptism of the Holy Ghost**
Luke 3:16
Acts 1:5
Acts 2:4
Acts 10:45, 46
- Divine Healing**
Matt. 4:23
I Peter 2:24
James 5: 14-16
- Ordinances**
- Water Baptism [by immersion]**
Matt. 28:19
Romans 6: 3,4
- The Lords Supper**
Matt. 26: 26-28
I Cor. 11: 23-30
- Feet Washing**
John 13: 4-5, 14
- NO Divorce and Remarriage**
Luke 16:18
I Cor. 7:39
- Second Coming of Christ**
John 14:3
Acts 1:11
Matt. 24:30
- Thousand Year Reign of Christ**
Rev. 20:6
Rev. 20:4
- Conditional Immortality**
[Life through Christ]
John 10:10
I John 5:11, 12
Romans 2:7
- Destruction of the Wicked**
Matt. 7:13
II Thes. 1:7-9
Romans 6:23
Mal. 4:1
- Tithes and Offerings**
Mal. 3:8, 10
Luke 11:42

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MY NEVER AGAIN LIST

1. Never again will I confess "I can't" for "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."
2. Never again will I confess lack for "My God shall supply all of my need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."
3. Never again will I confess fear for "God hath not given me the spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind."
4. Never again will I confess doubt and lack of faith for "God hath given to every man a measure of faith."
5. Never again will I confess weakness for the "Lord is the strength of my life."
6. Never again will I confess supremacy of Satan over my life for "Greater is he that is within you than he that is in the world."
7. Never again will I confess defeat for "God always causeth me to triumph in Christ Jesus."
8. Never again will I confess lack of wisdom for "Christ Jesus is made unto me wisdom from God."

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.

Colossians 4:2

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