

... thou at this time
... the kingdom to Israel?
And he said unto them, It is not
for you to know the times or the
seasons, which the Father hath put
in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after
that the Holy Ghost is come upon
you: and ye shall be witnesses unto
me both in Jerusalem, and in all
Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the
uttermost part of the earth.

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GOD'S PROMISES ABOUT TEMPTATION

Temptations come to all. No one escapes being tempted, but each one is tempted in a different way. We are tempted only when it is appealing to us, when it is something that we would consider. One person may be tempted to gluttony with ice cream, and never be bothered by alcohol or drugs; while another is severely tempted by the smell of alcohol and doesn't care one whit for ice cream.

The value of temptation lies in this that we learn to be "more than conquerors" and "overcomers" as we are tempted and learn to depend upon the strength and power of the Lord to triumph. Here the *Promises of God* become very precious.

Romans 8:37—Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

James 1:14-15—But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

James 1:12—Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Romans 8:28—We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

I Corinthians 10:13—There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

II Peter 2:9—The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations.

Revelation 3:21—To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

John 16:33—These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

James 4:7—Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Hebrews 2:17-18—Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Hebrews 4:15—For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

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 Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Saviour. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further

recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. 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 19:8-9.

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

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

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These basic doctrines shall be adhered to in the teachings 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 inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

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CAMP MEETING 1981

1981 Camp Meeting has come and gone with many blessings still very real in our hearts. We had a wonderful camp this year with the Lord blessing in every service. He proved to us once again that He is still the same as He was when He healed the woman with the issue of blood, by touching two area children that were snake bitten. When the calls came for prayer for them, prayers went up on their behalf and God intervened. We do thank and praise His wonderful name!

This year there were some thirty trailers and campers parked on the grounds with others staying in the dorms at the Apostolic Faith Bible College and area motels. Sixty ministers of the Gospel were there during part or all of the camp meeting. It was impossible to use all of them but those that did share with us of the Lord's Word in preaching, praying, teaching, music and working in many ways are to be commended for their time and talent used for the Lord.

We want to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who helped in prayer and financial help in replacing the articles that were stolen from the camp. They have all been replaced and at this time they are in storage away from the camp grounds.

God bless you all for helping further the Gospel of Christ.

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Tapes Available

Tapes are available of the music and preaching of Camp Meeting 1981. If you are interested in these please contact; Rev. Eugene Webster, Box 68; Hudson, Wyoming 82515; Phone: 307-332-2609

If any tapes that have been purchased are faulty they will be replaced by contacting Brother Webster.

Thank you Brother Webster for taking of your time to do this great work.

Summer Evangelistic Group

We have heard that the days of the "traveling gospel party" are over—due to the high cost of traveling and the low demand for such a group. However, after a busy summer of youth services, revivals, youth camps, Sunday services, nursing home services, visitation, and camp meeting—we can testify those days are not over!

The Lord blessed us with a beautiful and blessed summer of traveling and ministering. We were privileged to help in three weeks of youth camps and to share in services in these churches: Alvin, Arnett, Balko, Baxter Springs, Bayard, Follett, Granby, Gray, Joplin, Kingman, Liberal, Midway, Prosperity, and Spearman. We thoroughly enjoyed every service and every church. PRAISE THE LORD for His abiding presence; everywhere we went, wherever we met, He was faithful to meet with us as promised in His word. We want to thank each one of you who so generously shared with us by allowing us to stay in your home, by providing

meals for us, by providing for us financially, and especially for remembering us in prayer.

We were so encouraged by the way we were received in every church we visited. You were so kind and hospitable to us, so generous in every way, so full of Christ's love. We left each town feeling blessed ourselves because of the warmth you showed to us. We are remembering you in our prayers, praying the Lord will richly bless your lives and that He will meet the needs that many of you shared with us.

As we look back on our full summer, the report is summed up in one word—VICTORY! For the Lord is still working with His people; the Lord is still dealing with His people; the Lord is still blessing His people. And the Lord DOES have a people—dedicated, praying, and loving people.

"The Group"

Janae Harris
Danny (Mack) Robinson
Rhonda Reese
Kevin and Tena Cornell

As the leader of our group, I would especially like to thank Kevin, Tena, Rhonda and Danny. Where could I have found four young people so willing, so humble, so capable, so committed to the Lord? I appreciate each one of them,—and even more than before as I have seen them grow in their personal ministries for the Master.

Kevin, Tena, Rhonda, and Danny, it is my prayer that the Lord will enrich each of your lives for your efforts this summer. May I exhort you as Paul did the Colossians: "Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfill it." And, as we sang all summer; "Keep on casting your bread upon the water, Don't you waver, just keep on living in the way God wants you to. Don't get discouraged, just keep on giving, soon it will come back to you."

—Janae Harris

From the Superintendent

Dear Readers,

It is with much enthusiasm that we begin this 1981 Fall Semester of the Apostolic Faith Bible College. The Lord has brought to the school 27 fine young men and women to study His Word. We are thankful for this increase in attendance and for the opportunity to share in their Christian growth.

There are also new faces in the faculty staff. We welcome Sister Deana Fish to our Child and Youth Department and Brother and Sister Lyford Freeman, who are the new cooks. Again we desire your prayers for this semester that the Lord may lead in every way. We welcome you to come and visit us at anytime, as these doors are always open.

Sincerely,
Lyndel Arnall
Superintendent

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PRAYER

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Jesus prayed often; even after a tiring day of ministering to people's needs, Jesus woke before day break and found a **SOLITARY** place to pray. Read Mark 1:32-38. Afterward, He said He was ready to go on and preach. If we are to be ready to minister to people each night - We had better find that **SOLITARY** place of prayer early in each day.

When Jesus had decisions to make, when he needed wisdom, He prayed; for how long? Luke 6:12-16.

Jesus prayed specifically for Peter when He knew Peter faced a great trial. Luke 22:31-34. Isn't it wonderful to realize the Lord knows and cares when we face great trials?

Carefully and prayerfully read Jesus prayer in John 17. This prayer is for YOU as a follower, as a believer.

PRAISE HIS NAME

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PRIORITIES "Seek ye first"

To establish your priorities correctly, there are three steps you must follow: 1) Deny yourself - Matt. 16:24, Mark 8:34, 2) Forsake others - Matt. 19:29, Mark 10:29, 3) Seek first...God - Matt. 6:33.

A successful life?

We must each put everyONE and everyTHING aside and put our eyes on Jesus-denying ourselves the luxury of constantly thinking of ourselves - to concentrate on Him, work for Him, yield to Him, worship Him. **Then** - and **ONLY** then will our relationships with others be meaningful. **Then** - we will be successful in loving others and ministering to others. **Only then** will we find a real satisfaction and peace within ourselves...then "all these things shall be added unto you."

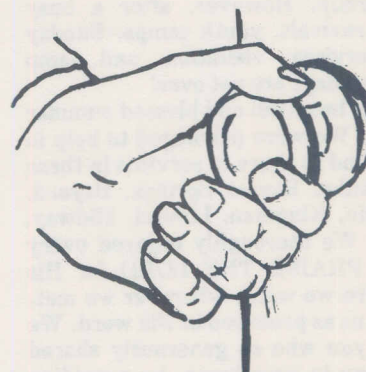


WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

These were the words of the keeper of the prison in Thyatira, a city of Macedonia (Acts 16:30). And this same question has been asked and answered many, many times through the ages of the existence of man, and is still being asked and answered today.

In this instance the question was addressed to Paul and Silas, who had been put in the prison at Thyatira because through them a young woman had been delivered from the bondage of an evil spirit. Perhaps this was the first time in the life of the man that he had realized his need of salvation; and when the knowledge of his need came to him, he eagerly inquired of Paul and Silas as to what he must do to be saved.

God has definitely **planned** the way of salvation for mankind. Jesus, the Christ, said "No man can come unto me except the Father that hath sent me draw him." John 6:44. We find in the above instance a wonderful example of God's care for a lost man, a sinner. God made him to realize he needed to be saved, and perhaps he had heard the maiden crying, "These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation." Acts 16:17. And at the very moment the keeper of the prison felt his great need, the men who could tell him how to be saved were in his presence, his prisoners. As he, trembling, cried out to Paul and Silas, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" they answered him, "Believe on the



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Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." "And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And he rejoiced, believing in God with all his house."

Here, in this 16th chapter of the book of Acts, we have a beautiful and concise narrative of the way of salvation. The Spirit of God shows the man he needs salvation, and constrains him to seek Jesus as his Saviour; draws him to the Lord Jesus. John 6:44. As he draws near to God, God draws near to him. "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to thee." Jas. 4:8. As he seeks the Saviour, he finds Him. "Ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13. As the knowledge that his sins are forgiven, that he has been saved, comes to him, he rejoices. How simple and how wonderful! The man feels his need of salvation, he repents, and seeks God; God forgives his sins, he rejoices in the knowledge of that fact. The way of salvation IS simple, it is plain. The enemy of our souls would have us think otherwise.

Let us consider another man who sought and found Jesus Christ as his Saviour. The eighth chapter of Acts, beginning at the 26th verse, where again we are told how a man who was lost became saved. This is a man of authority in the kingdom of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who had come to Jerusalem to worship, and as he returned, sat in his chariot, reading the 53rd chapter of the book of Isaiah. God has definitely directed Philip to go to this locality and to approach this man's chariot and explain to him the words he is reading refer to the Saviour; and "Philip preached unto him Jesus." They came to water and the man said "What doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believeth with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Philip baptized him, the Spirit caught away Philip, and the man "went on his way, rejoicing."

In 2 Cor. 13:1, the Apostle Paul says, "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established." Jesus tells us the same thing in Matt. 18:16, and Moses in Deut. 19:15. So we would like to give three witnesses of the way of salvation. May we choose a woman this time? The seventh chapter of Luke, beginning at the 37th verse. We find here a repentant sinner, weeping and washing the Saviour's feet with her tears, and the Saviour saying to her, "Thy sins are forgiven." "Thy faith hath saved thee: go in peace."

Two things we must do to be saved: First, repent of our sins. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matt. 4:17. "Repent ye and believe the gospel." Mark 1:15. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3, 5. The second thing we must do is believe: "If ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins." John 8:24. John 9:35-38. "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:25-27. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:16.

Friend; thou who dost not know the way of salvation, it is not hard to find God, and He is very eager to have us come to Him and receive forgiveness for our sins. But we must obey the commandments in order to be saved; we must do exactly what He tells us in His word, the Bible. "He became the Author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him." Heb. 5:9. If you who read this are a child in years and have not wronged your fellowman, all you need is to repent of

your sins and pray till God gives you peace and the witness that you are His child. It is God's plan that every one of His children shall KNOW he has been born again; therefore, He gives us the witness of the Holy Spirit. "The Spirit beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Rom. 8:16. "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself." I John 5:10. "Hereby we KNOW that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us." I John 3:24. The foregoing scriptures, and many others, teach definitely that if we are saved, we KNOW it. Never be satisfied with anything less. God, who created us, and gave His Son for our redemption, is able to speak to our innermost consciousness, making us to know we are His children; to know it as well as we know we live and breathe. He cannot fail. And the joy of salvation comes to our hearts with the witness of the Holy Spirit.

If you are an older person and have sinned against others, God may show you that you must make restitution. "Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance." Luke 3:8., Matt. 3:8. "They should repent and turn to God and do works meet for repentance." Acts 26:20. "If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." Matt. 5:23, 24. For example, if you have stolen money, go to the one from whom you took it, confess your sin to him and return the money taken, asking his forgiveness. If you have lied about someone, whether in public or private, God may require you to confess to that one that you have done so, and ask forgiveness; and He will make you to know when you have done all you can to make the thing right. Whatever sin God shows you that you have committed against someone, He will also show you just what restitution you should make. (Read Luke 19:1-10.) Then, when you have done so, return to prayer and again ask God to forgive your sins, and He will do so. God sometimes saves people on a promise to make restitution. God is reasonable, and He requires of us only that which is just and right.

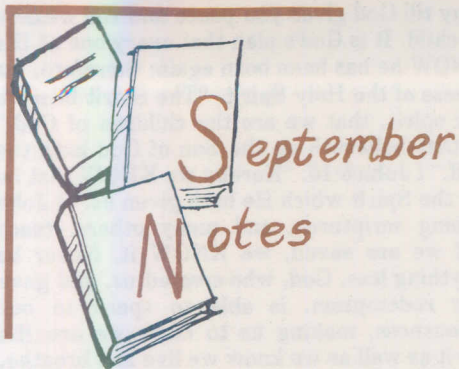
"Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18. Thank God! Friend, if you have sinned some great sin, you may feel you cannot confess your wrong-doing to the one you have wronged, but you can. God will help you. And remember, if you lose your soul, you have lost all. "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Mark 8:36, 37. Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it." Matt. 13:45, 46.

Friend, if God calls you, answer His call. The greatest privilege granted to man is to be called and chosen of God. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." John 15:16. God gives the greatest gift ever given. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord." Rom. 6:23. "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." Gen. 6:3. If God knocks at your heart's door, let Him come in. He may not knock again. Hear the voice of the Saviour: "Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in." Rev. 20:3.

—Mrs. Chas Stockdick

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Marriages

JUAREZ, HANEY

In the presence of God and amidst family and many friends Dora Juarez and Warren Haney pledged their life, love and faith to one another for all time.

The ceremony which united them in marriage took place at the Apostolic Faith Church in Rockdale, Texas on Saturday, July 4, 1981 and was officiated by Rev. Roland Haney.

Dora is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Senorino Juarez of Rockdale, Texas. Warren is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Roland Haney of Crosses, Arkansas.

Warren and Dora attended the 1980-81 term of the Apostolic Faith Bible College and will now make their home in Crosses. The couple extend sincere thanks to all who remembered them as they began their new life together and a special thanks is extended to the Rockdale Apostolic Faith Church for all their kindness, support, and Christian love.

DANLEY, HANEY

In the spirit of Christian joy, Sandy Danley and Marty Haney were united in marriage on July 26, 1981. The ceremony took place at the Apostolic Faith Church in Crosses, Arkansas.

Parents of the two former Bible College students are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Danley of San Diego, California and Rev. and Mrs. Roland Haney of Crosses, Arkansas.

A special thanks and much appreciation is extended to all of the Bible College and the Crosses Church who participated in the ceremony and to all those who remembered the couple in prayer.

BIRTH

ROUTH

Mr. and Mrs. James Ray Routh announce the birth of a son Jonathan James, on June 23, 1981 at 6:24 a.m. He weighed seven pounds, two ounces and 21 inches long. Grandparents are Mrs. Floy Routh Des Arc, Ark. and Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Christenson of Galena, Kansas.

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40th ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Sutton celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 9 with a reception hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Sutton of Amarillo, Texas and Rev. and Mrs. Austin Sutton of Pampa, Texas.

Sherman Sutton and Louise Adair were married on Sept. 30, 1941 at Camp Wood, Texas. They have two sons Garry and Austin and four grandchildren Angela, Skipper, Sharlynda and Andy Sutton.

Relatives and friends joined them in the celebration held at the First Federal Hospitality room, Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Dear Friends,

This letter I am writing to all my dear friends in the faith and trusting Sister Karen can find a place for it in the Apostolic Faith Report. God bless her in her labor of love in the publishing of spiritual reading material. When I find this paper in my mail box it is soon read from cover to cover and I hear from some of you.

No doubt had I been at the Camp Meeting I would have met many of you, my life would have been spiritually blessed and the tie that binds our hearts in perfect love would have been closer drawn. Brother Leland Grimmer, our pastor, has told us of the sweet Spirit among all, of the anointed messages, joyful singing in the Spirit with the understanding also, and sincere prayers ascending on high making all to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Praise His wonderful name!

Throughout many years I've attended and enjoyed such meetings in Baxter Springs, Kansas and Laverne, Oklahoma, my steps being ordered of the Lord. But His orders now at the age of 94 years on October 24 are at times somewhat different.

The latter half of 1980 and early months of 1981 the Lord permitted me to undergo a real test in soul, spirit, mind and body and has brought me safely through victoriously. I fail to find words to praise God who was so faithful who has promised. Faith was the victory and I certainly thank my friends for their prayers.

Prophecy and current events plainly tell us redemption draweth nigh, when the group of 144,000 who are without fault before God will be caught to His throne and the Lord's

**Mrs. E. A.
Greever**



sanctified ones, protected by Him during a time of trouble such as has never or will ever be known, who are waiting and longing for the Lord when He shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God. For it is then the holy dead will come forth from the grave, the living ones who also were made holy by Jesus shed blood will be caught up together with them and there will be a meeting in the air that will far surpass our camp meetings. What a day that will be, I wouldn't want to miss it would you? Jesus told us to be ready. God bless you every one.

**Lovingly yours in Jesus name,
Mrs. Elma Alicia Greever
319 S. Bernice
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JUST GOD AND ME

As I entered God's house alone.
Just me, my God and His Templed Throne.
Then I paused a moment to think and pray,
To thank Him for the blessings of the day.

For the life He gave on Calvary's tree.
To pay the debt for you and me.

As I lingered a little longer—
As I scanned the interior too,
Realizing the enchanting view.
The windows with their painted hue,
The beautiful pews that inspired me, through and through.
The organ, the pulpit, the altar, the choir too—
All this belongs to God, to me, to you.

Then as I knelt at the altar to pray;
Christ knelt there too, that day.
"Leave your burdens here they're too heavy to bear."

Then as I tarried a little longer,
He took my hand in His, to comfort and to cheer.
For tears were flooding my soul—
Beyond my control—
Around my shoulder His arm He placed,
Till I felt His embrace.
He bent His head till it touched mine,
Our thoughts intertwined—
He stooped to kiss away a tear
Cause, He was just that near.
Then my burdens swayed away,
For t'was another day.
Because, I'd entered God's house alone.
Just me, my God, and His Templed Throne.

— Frances Speicher

**OBITUARY
JAMES C. CLANTON**

Services for James C. Clanton of 310 Hummingbird Lane, Kerrville, Texas, who died in a Kerrville Hospital June 1 were conducted in the Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, Texas, June 5 at 3:00 p.m. Burial was in Trinity Memorial Park. Services were conducted by Rev. Howard Whiteley of Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Mr. Clanton was born August 11, 1892 in Florence, Alabama. He married Mary Elizabeth Blythe Jan. 7, 1912 in Griffithville, Arkansas. They celebrated their 69th anniversary this year. Clantons first came to Polar, Texas in 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Clanton known to many as Uncle Jim and Aunt Lizzie were converted to the Apostolic Faith teachings under S. W. Ditto's ministry. Mr. Clanton moved to Howard Co. Texas in Jan. 1925 purchasing land from the C. C. Slaughter Ranch. In 1946 Mr. Clanton sold out and moved to Kerrville operating the Kerrville Courts and a real estate business. In 1949 he purchased a ranch in Bandera and Real counties.

He was preceded in death by a daughter Mrs. Artie (Opal) Williams in 1946. He is survived by his wife Mary Elizabeth of Kerrville; three daughters Mrs. Laverne Rogers, Mrs. Geraline Stallcup and Mrs. Lucille Roemer of Big Spring, three sons, J. Clifton and Auldon E. of Big Spring and John W. (Jay) of Kerrville, one brother Clyde Clanton of Leslie, Arkansas and one sister Ora Nevels of Denver, Colorado, 17 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers—Robert E. Rogers, Roger Stallcup, Johnny Roemer, Kenny Clanton, Jimmy Clanton, Allen Ely Clanton, John Clanton Jr. and James T. Rogers.

**James C.
Clanton**



**Pearls of
Promise . . .**

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil,
and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

JESUS SAVES

Youth for Christ

Youth Group, Apostolic Faith Church, Taneyville, Missouri

As another year has finished we have reflected on our youth group and what God has done in our lives. Here are a few testimonies from some of our young people:

"All of my life I've had everything my way. All through school I've made good grades, had good friends, and was in most all the sports that I could be in. In church I've had grand teachers, friends and great activities going on. My parents have given me everything I need, took me places and gave me lots of love. I am out of the 8th grade, my summer is going beautifully and I am excited about High School. It might be hard, but I have the Lord to lean on."

—Melissa Stuart

"My second grade teacher used to always ask us what we would be when we grew up. I always found out what my friend would say and used it. But yet in the back of my mind I was saying . . . Be a singer. The devil told me singers don't make money. Now as I'm growing older I can hear the Lord calling me. He's using me in our Youth Group here in Taneyville. I think He's building me to work for HIM. Who knows I may get to see what its like to be a singer afterall, Praise the Lord, maybe even a youth leader!"

—Gina Crouch

"You're never to young or old to serve the Lord. God should be number one in everyone's life. That's why I want to thank Him because He is number one in my life. There wouldn't be any way I could make it without him. He helps me in everything I do, any need I have, and any problem that comes my way. He loves me when I'm at my lowest point and my highest. He cares when I feel like no one else loves me and He's always there when I need a friend. Jesus is very special in my life and I pray He is special in your life too!"

—Susan Proctor

"God is everything to me. He's life, He's love, He's the strength I need to get me through the day. To put it frankly He's my very best friend. He never leaves my side, and always has an open ear to listen to my problems and an open heart to meet my needs. I love Him dearly and I pray that someday I will be able to become all that He would have me to be."

—Karla Jo Schelf

"I am thankful to the Lord Jesus for allowing me to go to Lost Pines Youth Camp in Warda, Texas. I received many blessings and drew closer to the Lord. He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother."

—Paula Perry

"I thank the Lord for making it so I could go to camp in Baxter this year. I received many blessings while I was there. I met lots of new Christian friends too. Every night I went to the altar and prayed that someone very special to me would be saved. He wasn't saved at camp, but I'm not giving up. I just want him to have the privilege of having Jesus Christ as his saviour too."

"If I had not accepted Him as my Saviour I don't think I could have made it through the rough spots that I have. The Lord is number one in my life and I pray that many other young people will accept Him as No. 1 in their life too."

—Kelli Lovelace

"For a very long time the Lord had been dealing with me to be a missionary and teach people about the Lord, and lead them to Him as Saviour. The only thing that was bothering me was I couldn't be a very good witness without the Holy Spirit. Everytime I went to the altar to receive the Holy Spirit I would get too scared and too tired and would get up within a couple of minutes and leave."

"Praise the Lord, at Lost Pines Youth Camp in Texas I received the Holy Spirit and I have never been happier."

—Cassie Perry

"I enjoyed having Danny Mac Robinson as my counselor at youth camp in Baxter Springs, Kansas this year, I feel that the tapes concerning rock music were good in teaching us why we are not to listen to that kind of music."

—Rex Clemans

"I appreciate the work of Danny Mac Robinson in being my counselor and letting us hear the tapes concerning rock music."

—Buddy Williams

Taneyville Youth



Front Row: Cassie Perry, Missy Stewart, Karen Second row: Karla Shelf, Paula Perry, Susan Proctor, Gina Crouch, Kelly Lovelace. Third row: Buddy Williams, Rex Clemans, Terry Hayes, Kent Grady, Kelly, Kelly Grady

Taneyville Youth



Left to right: Tom Braden, Carla Freund, Gwen Grady, Randy Jagears

Tom and Carla are now attending the Apostolic Faith Bible College.

"NOW IS THE TIME"

*It's the year
It's the month
It's the week
It's the day
It's the hour
It's the minute
It's the second
To let Jesus come into your heart
And show you what He can do.
He is coming back very soon
And He wants to take you too.
If you only knew what
Heaven was like you
Would be ready O so soon.
He could be here today,
Tomorrow or next June.
He wants you to be ready
So He can take you too!"*

—Robyn Johnson



YOUTH LEADERS, Pastors

The Taneyville Youth Group has shared with us how God has been blessing them. We would like to encourage other youth groups from our churches to do the same. If your youth group would like to send a page to the Apostolic Faith Report please contact the Apostolic Faith Report Office, P.O. Box 653, Baxter Springs, Kansas 66713. Let's encourage our youth to use their talents for the Lord and be a blessing to others.

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A Peculiar People

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." I Peter 2:9

Praise the Lord! What a special privilege it is to be part of the group that the writer speaks of here. It thrills my soul to think that God chose me. When I consider that the God of this universe looked down and said, "I want Donna Kinser to be my very own child," it does something for me that I can't explain. He has made me a royal heir to all that He has. It is more than my human mind can fathom.

He also chose to make me holy and peculiar. Those two words aren't usually used together. Perhaps in our humanness we desire to be holy as long as we aren't peculiar. Sometimes I think we don't want to be termed peculiar or different because we want the approval of those around us. So maybe we try to be holy with one group of people and not with another. But if we are to be worthy to be chosen by God then we have to have some standards to live up to. And there is no way to live up to those standards set forth in the Word of God except through living holy lives, being peculiar in the world's eyes, but righteous in God's eyes.

I go back to the beginning of this verse—If God loved me enough to choose me, then how can I refuse to make my life different from the world and live a holy life before Him. I want to be heir to every blessing God has for me, so I must be peculiar to the world.

We must decide which road we want to take. As for me, I choose to be righteous in God's sight—not my own ability, but through Jesus Christ. Which one will you do?

—Donna Kinser

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A THOUGHT FOR SHUT-IN FOLK

In our active life we can only touch a few people, but as a prayer warrior you can touch the world.

It is told of a missionary in India that she was a hard worker, but had very little results. One day it came to her, "I am going to change my ways. Instead of so much activity I am going to pray." She found that whilst in the first eight years of intensive activity she only saw fifteen souls saved, during the first six months of intensive prayer she saw one hundred and twenty-five adults saved. No one knew for years what the secret was. Then it became known what her great secret was. She had become a secret hidden away prayer warrior. All hurry and stress was gone and a beautiful life of trust had taken its place.

—Word and Work

Heal Me O Lord

—Jacob Regier

In Jeremiah 17:14 we find this text, "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me and I shall be saved; for thou art my Praise." In these times, as in any time since the prophet uttered these wonderful words, we can put our faith in God for healing as well as Salvation. It is necessary for the people, especially God's people, to realize their own helplessness while trusting in the greatness and goodness and power of God Almighty. Like as Salvation, healing for the sick and diseased, must come from God.

The fact that Jeremiah said, "Heal me, O Lord, and I SHALL BE HEALED;" shows that in order to be healed, **the Lord must do it**, and if the Lord does it, it is thoroughly done. It is commonly said that the Lord partially delivers from disease, or that the healing work was not completed. If faith in God and in the broken body of Christ will partially deliver, why not completely? Heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed, is positive: SHALL be healed!

It is true that hundreds and thousands of people do not know about Divine Healing. Some never have heard about it. Others have been taught against it and are deceived. We will hear lectures on the subject, "Divine Healing, is it of God or of the Devil?" May I say that if it is Divine, it is of God, else it would not be Divine. Do we have a right to call healing "Divine"? Did not the prophet say, "Heal me O Lord and I shall be healed"? Should we not think of God's work as Divine? Yes, indeed we should.

Many people that believe in Divine Healing live so far from God that their Faith is so weak to trust God for healing. Notice that John said, (I John 3:21-22) "If our hearts condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him,". James in speaking to the sick said, (James 5:14-15) "Is any 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." in him."

In the first place (according to John's statement above) it is necessary to so live that we will have confidence (or faith) in God that our prayers will be answered, and in the second place, it is necessary, when in need of healing, (according to James' statement above) for us to call for prayer; "and the prayer of Faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up;"

Often people suffer unnecessarily, because when in need of healing, if not dangerously sick, that rather than molest the pastor or the elders to come pray over them, they choose to "tough it out" and let nature heal them. Obedience is an important factor in any Christian's life, and to call the elders to pray for the sick is an act of obedience. More than obedience, it is giving God the Glory. The reward of health is the blessing that follows.

Many powerful sermons on healing, hundreds of glowing epistles on the subject, nor books upon books discussing it

pro and con, cannot be so effective in winning the faith of unbelieving people, as the Children of God trusting God and being healed. One miracle of healing is worth more than hundreds of words of argument in defense of the subject. Let us consider the words of Paul to the Corinthians, (II Cor. 3:2-3) "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men; For as much as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart." If we are "Epistles" or "letters" or "books", to be known and read of all men, then must we be plain and true, lest we should mislead them.

When the cripple that sat at the Gate Beautiful was healed, he leaped and walked and praised God. People noticed it. It was noised abroad. The people gathered together on Solomon's porch and marvelled at the miracle. Peter said to them, (Act 3:12) "—Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this, or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?" God received Glory from this miracle of healing! Peter had opportunity to preach Christ and Him Crucified to many because one cripple was healed.

Next we notice that Peter and John were put in hold (or jail) because they preached in the name of Jesus. The next day they were made to appear before a council of rulers, high priests, elders, scribes, and friends of the high priest. (Acts 4:7) "And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, by what power, or by what name, have ye done this?" To this group of men, Peter said, (Acts 4:10) "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole."

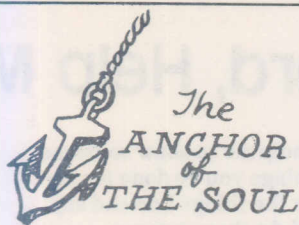
Acts 4:13 is the climax of this story. "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." Unlearned and ignorant men?? Indeed!! But they took **knowledge** of them! Why take knowledge of these unlearned and ignorant men! **THEY HAD BEEN WITH JESUS!!** All of this, because one man was healed, glorified God.

When Peter prayed and Dorcas was raised from the dead, (Acts 9:40-42) we read these words in the 42nd verse, "And it was known throughout all Joppa; and **many believed in the Lord.**"

Again let us read our text in Jer. 17:14, and let us notice the last phrase, "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me and I shall be saved: **For thou art my Praise.**" When we, as people of God, are healed by His power, we too, glorify God.

Is it not true that the Apostles trusted and believed God for healing? Is it not true that in the latter reign, the Holy Ghost was poured out in a Bible School and Healing Home? If this be true, and it be an indisputable fact, that Jesus went about doing good and healing the sick; may we, as the Apostolic Believers, trust and believe God for the healing of our bodies. Let us see the importance of Christ's broken body as well as His shed blood. May we as ministers and elders fulfill our duty to Christ, and to the church, preach Divine Healing, pray for the sick, and trust God for more faith for this work.

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed! May God be praised!



Is your soul tossing on a wind swept sea, or are you anchored in His love divine? Are you in the blackness of darkness and sin weary and heart heavy with no answer in sight, or are you walking in the beautiful light of God? Be brave, and stand for your convictions. Too many are afraid to say, I am saved. Others never dream of shouting the word sanctification and all its holiness means. Is your eye single to Christ, or do you let shades of darkness creep in? The day of deliverance is here, now, and the beautiful story must be told over and over, by word and deed. I cannot testify for another. You are your own witness, even a child is known by his ways. If you live in darkness, and see and feel darkness your attitude will reflect the same, but if with care you will live for Christ, He will be your bright and shining light. The amount of light you have depends a lot on you. He will give you all you will walk in. Are His blessings and gifts and experiences real to you? If not the receiving of them will greatly help you. Let darkness flee, the night be gone, and the glory of the day be yours. My soul is anchored. Praise the Lord, from whom all blessings flow.

A GOOD MINISTER

I Tim. 4:6: "Thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ."

I Tim. 4:17 "Watch yourself, and watch your teaching; stick to your work; if you do that you will save your hearers as well as yourself" (Moffatt's translation).

This latter text present to us the basic qualifications of a good minister. Paul's epistle to Timothy sets forth many qualifications of the good minister but they may all be summed up in this text.

1. "Watch Yourself."

1. A good minister is one who is possessed of an unfeigned faith.

In II Tim. 1:5 Paul commends Timothy for his "unfeigned faith." This kind of faith is pure faith, an unmixed and real faith. The idea of unfeigned stands in contrast with a mere profession of faith and implies the actual possession. The minister must first of all possess in his own heart and life the saving faith in Jesus Christ. How can he tell others that which he does not know himself.

2. A good minister attends to his own spiritual culture.

The minister must be a spiritual person if he is to be a man of God among the people. It is very frequently said "the spiritual life of the pew rises no higher than the level of the pulpit." If this is true it places a tremendous responsibility upon the minister. Spiritual culture comes through a careful study of God's Word, through prayer and meditation.

3. A good minister lives an exemplary life.

His life preaches more loudly than his words. "An ounce of performance is worth more than pound of preaching." To

make an impact upon his hearers he must have their respect and confidence. This is not something he can ask for but must earn through his daily department.

II. "Watch Your Teaching."

1. A good minister is commissioned to "Preach the Word."

Always he must remember he represents more than himself. He represents God. His message is to be God's message. In season and out of season the minister is to unwaveringly declare the whole counsel of God. He preaches not merely about the Word but he preaches THE WORD, its substance and doctrine of life.

2. The tone of authority should characterize his message.

Earth's last place for indefiniteness is in the pulpit. Christianity is nothing if it is not dogmatic. It has no reason for existence unless it is positive. The message of Christ's preacher is like that of the olden Prophets, "Thus saith the Lord."

III. "Stick To Your Work."

1. This suggests that a good minister must keep free from outside entanglements.

He casts every other pursuit, separates himself from everything that would interfere with his service and devotes himself entirely to the Cause of his calling.

2. This also suggests perseverance.

The ministers task is a difficult one. His congregation is made up of all sorts of people. To promote harmony and to ever be seeking to build up the spiritual life of his people requires infinite patience, skill, diplomacy, and above all perseverance.

IV. "If you do that you will save your hearers as well as yourself."

The Christian end of all preaching is salvation. The fact of sin must be confronted. Salvation from sin is necessary and the supreme object of Christ's gospel is to save lost humanity. Other gospels are abroad in the land in these last days, but the good minister holds unwaveringly to one—"Christ and him crucified."

In Conclusion: the Reward of the Good Minister is Three-Fold.

1. There is the joy of changed lives.

To see bad men becoming good men, the blasphemer a man of prayer, the drunkard a man of purity, "old things passing away, all things becoming new," the life they once hated now they love and the life they once loved they now hate. Ah! These glorious transformations, miracles of grace—to know that people have been saved, this gives a "joy that is unspeakable and full of glory."

2. Then there is the reflex influence that comes to the good minister through such service in building up his own spiritual life.

He not only saves his hearers but himself as well. Doing God's will he comes to know the doctrine. Seeking miracles of grace he comes to have a Faith that is utterly without question—he lives in an atmosphere of reality.

3. Lastly, there is the sense of fellowship with his Lord.

He knows that his Master came to "seek and to save the lost" and now at last he is certain that he can see the footsteps of his Lord in the path which he treads as seeker after those who have gone astray. Like the Apostle Paul he can say, "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known."

—Messiah's Advocate

Love

Love Do you have it?
Do you know it?
Do you share it?
Do you show it?

Here is a checklist.

Love is

Patience - Love suffereth long
Kindness - And is kind
Generosity - Love envieth not
Humility - Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.
Courtesy - Doth not behave itself unseemly
Unselfishness - Seeketh not it's own
Good temper - Is not provoked
Guilelessness - Taketh not account of evil
Sincerity - Rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth.

You give yourself to so many things - why not give yourself to love; loving others truly and unconditionally.

A poem I once read said,
"I lived for myself, I thought for myself,
For myself and none beside —
Just as if Jesus had never lived,
As if He had never died."
We must share our love with one another,
We must show our love to everyone.

Lord, Help Me

Lord help me to show someone
The things you've done for me.
And in the things I do and say
Your light they may see.

Show me how to love everyone
Show me how to care
To tell some troubled life
That you're always there.

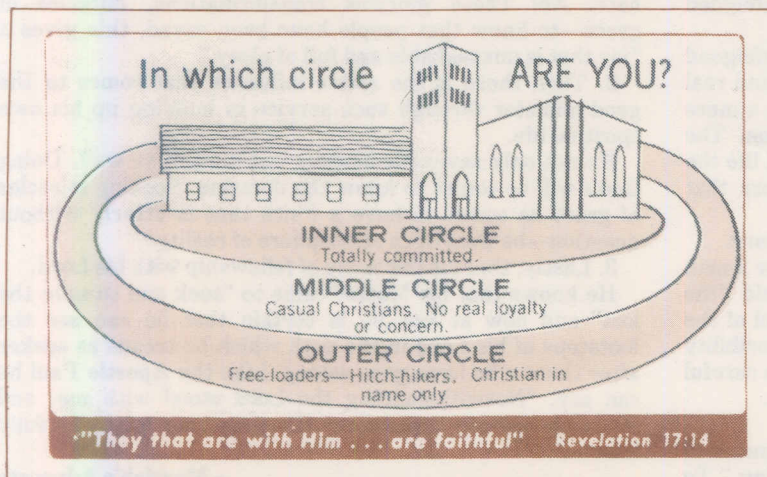
Tell me of some needy soul
That I can show to you
That I may reflect your life
In all I say and do.

Help me not to judge anyone
By the things that I can see
But before I say something about them
I will first look at me.

Help to live my life right
and bless my family and friends
Help me to love everyone
And show your love that never ends.

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