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The earth is the
Lord's, and the
fulness thereof;
the world, and
they that dwell
therein.

Psalms 24:1



EDITORIAL VOICE



In 1780 England was in the middle of the Industrial Revolution. France was leading to it's own revolution only it was political. On the other side of the Atlantic the War of American Independence was being waged.

In Gloucester England prisons were overflowing with criminals being charged with offenses as begging or quarreling. Sickness raged through these prisons and many died. A man by the name of Robert Raikes became aware of the need for someone to visit these prisons and so he set out to do this. After much visitation he soon decided that vice or sin was preventable; idleness was the cause of vice and ignorance was the cause of idleness. So he set out to try and help cure ignorance with the prisoners. He helped many to find employment when they were released but many found their way back to the prisons. For twenty-five years he worked with this prison ministry. He was still sure that vice was preventable but he decided that instead of working with the adults perhaps the secret was to teach the children. Children had no education, were sent to work at an early age where most of them learned to curse and swear. One day a week they were turned loose to roam the streets and get into trouble. So Robert Raikes decided to open schools on Sunday to teach these children using the Bible as their textbook. Much time was spent in persuading parents to let their children attend instead of roaming the streets, and teachers had to be found. At first the children were hard to control and their wild spirits had to be tamed before they could be taught. It took three years before Raikes was ready to show the world what could be done with these children. Raikes met opposition with many but his determination caused him to go on. A friend of Raikes, John Wesley helped to expand the idea of a Sunday School. John Wesley influenced many to become volunteer teachers for this new program of teaching. Robert Raikes died in 1811, unhonored in his generation for the labors to which he had been faithful. In 1880 there was a statue erected in his honor in England. His lasting memorial, however, must be the thousands that meet every Sunday to study the Bible and learn of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians teaches us not to be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Down through the pages of time there have been those who have not fainted and have been faithful. Many have met with opposition and many given their lives so that you and I might know this precious gospel. Now it is our time to do all we know to do in spreading the gospel to others. Men may not applaud us but one day we shall hear the King of Kings say, Well done thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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GOOD TEACHINGS OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH

Trinity of the God – Head

I 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 2:11

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

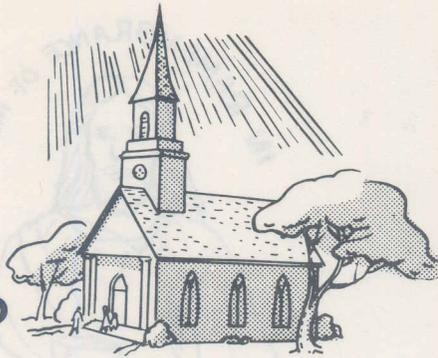
Mal. 4:1

Tithes and Offerings

Mal. 3:8, 10

Luke 11:42

What is the Church?



The church is not the building that you go into and sit in. The church, spiritually, is a body of christian people who have come together to worship God. The building cannot worship God, but we as christian people come together and worship in the building. We are the body which makes up the church. We all have duties, such as the apostles, prophets, teachers, miracles, gifts of healings, helps, and governments, and diversities of tongues. The body of Christ (you and I) are the church.

Rhonda Reese

According to our text book, the church is a body of believing, obedient workers of Christ. This is true, yet they are only empty words unless we put action behind them.

The church is said to be the window through which the world sees Christ. The church is his bride and must be spotless and pure and waiting for him.

Too often the church becomes a hiding place to which we escape. We try to use it to justify our own righteousness, using the phrase "We're Church Members" and thus we're alright. The church was not put here for that purpose. It was placed here to minister. It should reach out to our lost world. It should be pure and holy as to set an example for others to see.

The church needs to reach out to the needy and poor, to the orphans and widows, to show love, perfect love, to an otherwise loveless world.

To its' believers, the church needs to be a place of renewing of spirit. It is to be a place we can go for fellowship with other christians. The church should be a place for uplifting and growth.

The church as a building can do nothing. Four walls and a steeple will never reach out and accomplish the mission. It is the people inside the building who are to do this. And it is these people who are dedicated to the call of Christ that will see the Church's mission accomplished.

RaeMona Arnall

First of all the church is not a building. Any building could be used as church. The church consist of believing christians. Each are a part of the body of Christ. The members are what makes up the church. Each part has a certain and different part to fulfill, but the goal is the same. It is to win souls and help those grow as christians. The members of the church are as important as the body of Christ.

Pam Allen

The Church is the body of Christ. The body of Christ is the people of the church. The people are those who are working for the Lord and trying to do whatever they can for him. To be part of the body of Christ you have to be working for him. A person who is not working for the Lord is probably not a christian.

If we really love the Lord then we enjoy working for him. We want to do whatever we can for him. It is a privilege to be able to come together with our christian friends who love the Lord also. So when we leave the church and go to work during the week we should remember that we are the church, and whatever we say and do shows the kind of church we are.

Sunday school teachers have a very important job. Their teaching will have a lot to do with what kind of a church there will be in future years. If they teach the children correctly then when the children are adults, the church will be strong with members who really want to do the work for the Lord.

LeaOna Essley

All over our cities, states and countries there are multiplied thousands of churches, temples, synagogues and other places of worship. But in reading the word of God, there is only one true church.

In the word, we are told that the church is the body of Christ. If we are truthfully serving the Lord, with **all** of our heart, withholding nothing, then we are part of the body of Christ. Or as Paul puts it in Eph. 1:22, "and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body."

Christ died for each one of us individually and Eph. 5:25 says that Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it.

A church building is a wonderful place to worship, but until we are hid in Christ, we do not become a part or a member of the church.

Christ will have a church, he will have a people that is faithful and true, and one that loves him above **all**.

Tamara Oakes

The church, by definition, is a body of believing, obedient workers for Christ. But, what does the Bible have to say about the church?

Several scriptures do refer to the church as the body of Christ. I Cor. 12:27; Eph. 1:23; and Eph. 4:12 are a few of them. If then, the church is Christ's own body, then the actions, thoughts and ideas, doctrines, and etc. will be those of Christ Himself.

The church is also referred to as a building. The church should be as a building, put together with seperate, individual pieces, but forming one unit. And the foundation will be the teachings of Christ.

In using the term "body" Christ is the head. Eph. 1:22 says that all things are under Him. Col. 2:19 says that from the Head (Christ) the body is held together.

The term Bride is also used in refernece to the church. Some other titles used are: the family of God, the children of God, Heirs of God, Sons of God, and Sons of Light.

The church is also compared to a flock with Jesus as the Good Shepherd. So, no matter what name is given to it, anyone who believes, teaches, and lives the commandments and teachings of Christ, as taught in His Word, is a "member" of the church.

Donna Kinser

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's supper is a great central act of Christian worship. It was instituted on the night Christ was betrayed and was a continuation or substitute for the Passover.

The Paschal Feast was not kept as Moses had directed but instead the members of the company would meet in the evening and recline on couches. The host would then ask a blessing; for the day and for the wine, over a cup which he and all others had tasted. Then everyone would wash their hands and a table was set out with the Paschal lamb, unleavened bread, bitter herbs and a sauce of dates, figs, raisins and vinegar. The leader dipped the herbs into the sauce and ate them. The dishes were then changed and the cup of wine was again blessed and passed. The real supper began with solemn introductory words and thanksgiving and the hands were then again washed. The leader then broke a loaf of bread and gave thanks dipping it with the bitter herbs into the sauce and ate it and all those present did likewise. The lamb was eaten with bread and herbs and a third cup of wine was passed. During the chanting of psalms a fourth cup was passed. And a fifth cup was during the chanting of the Great Hallel.

The Lord's supper took the place of this feast and the bread and wine became representatives of the Lord's body and blood rather than the deliverance from Egypt. The Paschal Feast had been annual but no rule was given in regard to the Lord's supper so it was left to tradition and inclination.

The unleavened bread is symbolical of Christ's body broken for our healing and the wine for His blood. The new testament symbolizing the new covenant shed for the remission of sins and sanctification. The custom has been well observed from the beginning.

The bread used was that commonly eaten, not continuing the obligation of unleavened bread as used in the Passover. The wine usually mixed with water as was customary in the East. The "holy kiss" became a part of the ceremony.

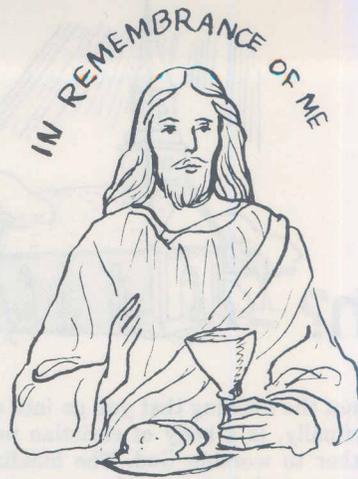
The original fellowship supper gradually became the communion service taking place of the feast of charity which had been abused by selfish souls.

A new given by Paul separated the idea of a full meal from the Lord's supper and instead of being daily it was only on the Lord's Day and even the time was changed from evening to morning.

In I Cor. 11: 22-24 gives us further instruction on preparing ourselves for the Lord's supper and we must judge ourselves before taking because anyone eating or drinking unworthily eats and drinks damnation to himself and puts Christ to the shame of the cross again. Because they do not discern the body of Christ many are weak and sickly and many sleep. And if we judge ourselves we will not be judged but when we are chastened by the Lord it is so we will not be condemned with the worlds. And when we come together for communion we should pray one for another.

The Lord's Supper is a vital part of our Christian walk so we must regard it as such and take part in it with the attitude which Christ intended it to be treated.

by Karen Trowbridge



The Lord's Supper

Barry Methvin

The Lord's supper is an ordinance that Christ instilled on the night of his betrayal. This service is important to the Christian life, because of what it commemorates.

The disciples probably did not realize at the time the importance of communion at the time Jesus instituted this. "This do ye in remembrance of me", was a puzzle to them until their spiritual growth was achieved.

It's institution is given in Matthew 26, Mark 14, and in Luke 22. It is a basis of fellowship where the church commemorates the death and the resurrection of Christ as its source of spiritual life.

It is important to the Christian life as once again Christ gave the commandment and set the example. It is symbolic of His suffering, and is a memorial to Christ's death is a renewal of obedience to Christ's will. An acknowledgement again that salvation is solely through the broken body and shed blood of Jesus.

It symbolizes the death of Christ for our sins, and our death to sin in Christ, I Cor. 11:26 and Romans 6:1-13. It is the extension of Christ's for our righteousness, I Cor. 5:21, our hope in Christ until He comes again, I Cor 11:26.

The bread is a symbol of the body of Christ, suggesting the staff of life. The breaking of bread suggests that the breaking of Christ's life in redemptive sacrifice. The wine is a symbol of the blood of Christ, it suggests the pressing out of Christ's life, together they are the Lord's supper, symbolizing the sacrifice of the very life of Christ.

But there are two requirements before we can partake of the Lord's supper. Just anyone in any condition is not permissible to take this communion because of what it signifies. To take of this service, you must be regenerated, or justified by grace, and you must be living a life consistent with, that shows and establishes the commemorating of the death of Christ, I Cor. 11:27-29.

There is no saving grace in this ordinance but it depicts a relationship with Christ. It is the total work of Jesus on our behalf and shows our total response to this work

It's a blessing that acts on our faith; our faith in partaking and our believing in what it represents.



AFBC Testimonies

Laughter, Songs and Smiles at 6:30 in the morning? A most unusual event for the students at the Bible School, with the process of waking and rushing to be on time for breakfast by 7:15. But now, a few girls in the dorm have decided that their mornings were too rushed and too quiet as they got dressed, so they decided to wake a little earlier and start every new day by singing praises to the Lord. Usually, we think about "if we have all our home work done" or "if we'll pass a test that day." But now we also want the Lord to know that we're giving the day to him and asking him to be a part in all that we do. Giving Him the praise of our hearts.

A favorite song sung at our devotions is, "Love Him in the morning when you see the sun arising, Love Him in the evening cause He took you through the day, and in the in between times when you feel the pressures coming, Remember that He loves you and He promises to stay."

These devotions have helped make my day a little brighter, and I've notice that we have become closer. When we pray for each other, it is like praying for one of your own family. We share our burdens; and our blessings from the Lord. Now, we can go to each other more easily, when we need to cry on someone's shoulder.

I hope that you begin your day off with your family Laughing, Singing, and Smiling together. Praising the Lord together.

Kathy Shelton
Stockton, Ca.

I praise God for the opportunity and privilege I have of serving Him. It has been a real pleasure traveling from my home in San Diego, Calif., to Bible School. God has really blessed me here. The scripture that always comes to my mind is Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for the good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." No matter what comes up if we have the true love of God in our heart we will succeed in our endeavors.

As March 1 quickly approaches, we here at the Bible School are preparing for choir tour. Last semester the presence of the Lord was felt in the services. We also saw several accept the Lord. The students, as well as the faculty, are carrying a burden for the services. Please pray that these services also may be a blessing.

Pam Allen
San Diego, Ca.

The Lord has truly been good to me and I love Him more each day. He's my Light in the nighttime and my strength in times of weakness. He's given me more blessings than I could ever count, but I believe the greatest blessing He's given me is my parents.

My parents are a true inspiration to me. They have a true love for the Lord and a real desire to grow deeper in Him. Proverbs 22:6 says to "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it," and my parents have always tried to show me the ways of the Lord and that even though they loved me they might not always be around when I needed them, so I must put my trust in the Lord because He would always be near, and truly when the hard times come Christ is near even if my parents aren't.

Here at Bible School I've really come to know that many young people aren't as lucky as I am. And I thank God for this special blessing He's given me.

Karen Trowbridge
Carthage, Mo.

Lesson No 2 Bible Doctrin #2

Forgiveness

Teacher: Robert Beydler

Forgiveness is a very important part in the life of a Christian. Although it is not mentioned in the ten commandments, Exodus, 20:3-17 nor in the fruits of the Spirit, Galatians, 5:22-23. Nevertheless it is imperative for us to forgive so that we may be in the position to be forgiven. The fact is; when we don't forgive, the Lord will not forgive us and therefore we cannot grow in the Lord as we should. The Love of God teaches us to forgive as we read John 3:16. "For God so Loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." If we cannot forgive we do not have the Love of God in our heart, for God is Love. Neither can we expect the blessings of God upon our life. Jesus said, "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matthew 6:15. To forgive and to be forgiven is one of the tests, or trials that will come in the life of every Christian. Sometimes we have to go to the one who has offended us and ask him to be reconciled to you before you can feel right in your service to God. Matthew 5:23-24. Sometimes it is very hard to forgive because of pride, but we must remember that pride goeth before a fall. Proverbs 16:18. We must have a forgiving spirit if we are to have the Mind of Christ.

Philippians 2:5. In order to continue in the Lord we must be willing to forgive. It takes an humble spirit to forgive a person who has trespassed against us. Let us notice what happens to a person who is unwilling to forgive another after he has been forgiven so much. Matt. 18:23-35. Now, let us see what the Lord will do for us. In Isaiah, 43:25 the Lord is not only willing to forgive, but "blots our transgressions to be remembered against us no more." The Lord has mercy and will abundantly pardon. Isaiah, 55:7. Jesus loved us so much that He not only forgave us but shed His Blood for us. Jesus said, "No greater Love has a man than this that He lay down His life for His friends." John 15:13; Matthew, 26:28. By our being kind and forgiving causes people to respect us as a Christian and brings to pass the fulfillment of the Scripture in Romans, 12:17-21.

God is willing to forgive. I John 1:9.

Forgiving one another. Ephesians 4:32.

As Christ forgave so are we to forgive. Colossians 3:12-13.

Read the whole chapter of First Corinthians chapter Thirteen. We see here how important it is to reflect the Love of Christ from our lives. Especially notice verses 4 through 7.

Church



News

Taneyville, Missouri

Warmest greetings to Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Isn't the Lord wonderful? There is no feeling more exciting than the peace from above and the sweet Holy Spirit over our lives.

In November we enjoyed the Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir as they presented their concert. Other recent visitors were Bro. and Sis. Haskell Cooley, Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Ratzloff (missionaries to Taiwan) Sis. Myrtle Carney, Rev. Lance Clay, Rev. Troy Boulware. On Dec. 2, we had a dedication service for Bro. and Sis. Randy Dalton's new baby son. On Dec. 16 we had our Christmas program with the church filled to capacity and some standing. Sis. Grace Beeler was in charge and did a fine job.

Feb. 2, we enjoyed a great time as brothers and sisters from many different churches joined us for singing. To close we can only say that 1979 was a great year at the Taneyville Apostolic Faith Church as only God can make it.

Winston Barker, Pastor
Helen Soutee, Reporter

Galena, Kansas

Greetings from the Galena church! Praise the Lord for all of his blessings! We recently enjoyed a good revival with Bro. M. D. Methvin. Many of our people rededicated their lives and were blessed. We felt the presence of the Lord in every service. Bro. Methvin really carried a burden for the services.

We have several in our church that are not able to get out for services and we ask that you remember them in your prayers. Some of our recent visitors have been Bro. and Sis. E. K. Cornell, Sis. Margaret Yeakel, and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Myers. Rick and Nyla were here due to the death of his father, Neil Myers. Our deepest sympathy goes to that family.

Our youth group is working in the church and bringing special numbers and they are growing in numbers. We have our church sign in operation now and we are planning to cushion our pews.

We have several on our prayer lists with different needs and ask that you hold us up in prayer. We invite you to come by and worship with us at any time. Let us not grow weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not-Galatians 6:9.

Elmer Christenson, Pastor
May Rowland, Reporter

Prosperity, Missouri

Hello from Prosperity, Mo. Since we have last written there have been quite a few guests at church. We've had two revivals since our last report, one conducted by Bro. Jacob Regeir and one by Bro. Ollie Kinser. Bro. Kevin Costley has given us two concerts; the Cooleys from Wichita, Ks. gave us a concert and are due back in April and the Cupbearers gave a concert. The Evangelism party from the Bible College were with us in services. Bro. Austin Sutton brought us a message on Bible prophecy in light of current events on Feb. 29. Our Wed. evening services have recently been on studying the book of Romans while the young adult Sunday school class has been studying the book of Job. The Bible class on Sunday mornings have been studying Ezekiel. The church has decided to send the offerings of the first Sunday of each month to the faculty fund of the Bible College.

The Lord has blessed our services and taken care of our needs. He has given us a new class with some small children, which is where our future lies, as it says in his word "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

Tom Day, Pastor
Linda Hostler, Reporter

Joplin, Missouri

God is so good to us. We're rejoicing in the good revival held in our church Jan 27-Feb. 1 by Bro. M. D. Methvin. Although sickness and weather were a factor the Lord was there and blessed.

Bro. Austin Sutton has been giving some lessons to our young people's class and some of the girls from the child and youth evangelism class of the Bible College have been in charge of children's church. They have taught them some songs in "Signing." The children are really enjoying this. God bless the Bible College and the efforts of everyone in furthering this wonderful gospel!

We desire your prayers that we will be faithful to God and see 'His work grow.

Neil Ragan, Pastor
Billie Ragan, Reporter

We Need Your Church News



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Pletcher have the honour of announcing the marriage of their daughter, Karen Joan to Mr. L. Savoy Grimmer, son of Rev. and Mrs. Leland Grimmer, on Monday, Feb. 4, 1980 at the home of the bride in Barksdale, Texas. The bridegroom is currently the pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church in Dickinson, Texas.

Pearls Of Promise

For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.
Hebrews 3:14

"The thoughts you entertain and the conversation you hold, are the pen and the pad that writes the destiny of your soul."

Rev. L.A. Long



Steven A. Wilhelm

Funeral services for Steven A. Wilhelm, 32, of 1150 Q. St., Gering, Nebraska, who was killed Jan. 11, 1980 while working at Lockwood Corp. in Gering were held Jan. 15, 1980 at the Zion Evangelical Church at Scottsbluff, Neb. with the Rev. Larry Mead officiating. Burial was in West Laun Cemetery at Gering.

Steven was born Dec. 14, 1947 at Bayard, Neb., where he attended school and the Apostolic Faith Church before moving to Gering with his parents in 1964. He had worked for Lockwood Corp. for several years. He was a member of the Gering Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Marjorie; two daughters, Heidi and Holly both of the home; his mother, Mrs. Nettie Wilhelm of Gering; three sisters, Mrs. Bob Brenning, Mrs. Mary Jane Cline, both of Gering; and Mrs. Linda Francis of Defiance, Ohio. His father and two brothers preceded him in death.

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The Power of Prayer

by Pearl Menke

Moses prayed, his prayer saved a nation from death and from the grave. Exodus 32:15. Joshua prayed, the sun stood still; his enemies fell in vale and hill. Joshua 10:12-20. Hannah prayed, God gave her a son: a nation back to the Lord she won. I Sam. 1:27. Solomon prayed for wisdom, then God made him the wisest of mortal men, I Kings 3:12., I Kings 10:24. Elijah prayed with great desire—God gave him rain and sent the fire, I Kings 18:37-45. Jonah prayed, God heard his wail, He quickly delivered him from the whale, Johah 2:1-10. Three Hebrews prayed through flames they trod, they had as a comrad the Son of God, Daniel 3:25. Elisha prayed with strong emotion, he got the mantle and a double portion, II Kings 2:9-14. Daniel prayed, the lions jaws were held by the angel who locked their jaws, Dan. 6:10-22. Ten lepers prayed, to the priest were sent, Glory to God, they were healed as they went. Luke 17:12-14. Peter prayed and Dorcas arose to life again from deaths repose. Acts 9:39-40. The thief he prayed-for mercy cried, he went with Christ to paradise. Luke 23:42-43. The church she prayed, then got a shock, when Peter answered her prayer with a knock. Acts 12:10. The disciples kept praying; the Spirit came with cloven tongues and revival flames Acts 2:4, conviction filled the hearts of men, three thousand souls were born again. Acts 2:41.

Paul W. Long

Paul W. Long was born in Woods Co., Okla., Oct. 29, 1895 and departed this life Jan. 4, 1980 in Mesquite, Texas. His wife, Louise, preceded him in death, Nov. 19, 1959.

He moved to Union Co., New Mexico in 1911 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Long where he spent his life farming and ranching until his health failed and he had to retire.

Survivors include two sons, Ray Long, Dallas, Texas; Lewis Long, of the state of California; four brothers, Lawson Long, Clayton, New Mexico, Edwin, Loyd and Kenneth of Gate, Okla.; two sisters, Mildred Housden, Brewster, Wash., and Mabel Hintergardt of Baxter Springs, Kan., and several grandchildren. One sister, Hazel Pect, preceded in death in 1975.

Services were conducted in the Baptist Church, Clayton, New Mexico on Jan. 8, 1980. Rev. Jim Wilkersin and Rev. James Mitchell officiated.

The Name of Jesus

by Bob Taylor

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing it's worth; it sounds like music in my ears, the sweetest name on earth! Yes, that lovely name is Jesus, yet we take that name just for granted!

The prophet Isaiah foretold of the birth of the Christ child. (Isa. 9:6-7) and he also foretold numerous names that he would be called; Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. My Jesus has certainly lived up to every one of those names. . .

When the angel of the Lord announced to Joseph that the virgin that he was espoused to was to bring forth a son, conceived by the Holy Ghost, he told him exactly what to name the child. . . "and thou shalt call his name JESUS, for He shall save His people from thier sins (Matt:21). There was further announcements made that there would be those who would call him "Emmanuel", which being interpreted is "God with us". Isaiah records (Isa. 7:14) God telling Ahaz about the virgin birth of one called "Immanuel". Many names have been ascribed to this Christ but today, please, realize with me the value of the name of Jesus. . .

Paul told the church at Phillippi (Phil. 2:9) that God hath given Jesus a name which is above every name . . . and at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue should confess that He is Lord to the glory of God. . . surely Jesus is to be the Lord of our lives as well as the Saviour of our soul.

From the writings of Peter (Acts 4:12), "neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under Heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved". If thou shalt confess (with thy mouth) the Lord Jesus and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved (Rom. 10:9). You see, we are justified in the name of Jesus and by the Spirit of God (I Cor. 6:11). When His spirit agrees with our spirit, we have the witness within us (Rom. 8:16) that we are saved and justified in the sight of God. This justification brings us peace with God, others and ourselves (Rom. 5:1). John declares how that we have life thru His name. . . There is only life thru Christ (John 20:31).

We have a large order to fill when we name the name of Christ. . . a Christian! Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity (IITim. 2:19). We must quit the sin business, the sin of omission as well as the sin of co-mission...God hath not called us unto uncleanness but unto Holiness. . . therefore, whatsoever ye do, word or deed, do all in the name of Jesus (Cor. 3:17). So many christians try to please God in a fleshly manner. We will fail, as did Moses, if we try to correct the world's ills in a fleshly service without being lead of His Sprirt. Let us do our service to God, heartily as unto the Lord.

There are many things today that discourage the children of God, but Paul admonishes us to encourage each other by singing and giving thanks in the name of JESUS. . . If we can learn this lesson then signs and wonders shall be done by the name of JESUS. There is the casting out of demons in the name of Jesus; there is the releaving of the oppressed in the name of Jesus; the healing of the sick, thru faith in the name of Jesus as well as fulfilling of the great commission in the

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name of Jesus. . . There is something about that name, Jesus, Jesus! Let us realize the power there is in the name of Jesus.

Many names have been ascribed to Jesus, but in Rev 19:16, we read of a new name that is to be on the vesture of our soon coming King. . . that name is to read KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS! Praise the wonderful name of Jesus for the hope that the real child of God now has in a troubled world! Yes, there is something about that Name Have you bowed your knee to Christ? Have you confessed Him as your personal Saviour? Have you made Him the Lord of your life? Have you found the source of power that you need in the name of Jesus? Jesus, is the sweetest name I know! Turn your eyes toward Jesus, look full in His wonderful face; and the things of earth will go strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace!

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Recently I came across a small article in our local newspaper which read: A young mother tells of moving to the area, and with all the straightening out and work of making the change had neglected starting to church. Sunday after Sunday went by. One morning she overheard her four year old visiting with a neighbor and evidently the youngster was replying to a question because she said: "We don't go to church since we moved here. I guess they don't have a God in Missouri".

So many times we get amused with the things children say but apparently this child really thought they had left God behind. This made me think that many times perhaps we do move on and leave God behind. I've heard it said many times that God will go with us but I think we may have that backwards-we should follow Him. Let's not leave God behind, let's follow Him.

Karen

A. F. REPORT

Superintendent's Office:

Dear Friends of the Movement:

Mid-term of this semester is upon us! Along with preparing for tests students and faculty are putting in some extra time to be ready for choir tour. We hope to see many of you on this tour the first week in March. Pray with us that we can be a blessing in every church we minister in.

One big responsibility we are now facing is the payment of re-doing the bus. We have made one payment of \$5,000.00 and now owe approximately \$5,000.00 more. The bus is a great and almost necessary asset to the school and its furthering of the ministry. Please pray God will meet this need soon so we do not have to pay interest on a loan.

April 2-3-4 are the dates of our Holy Convocation. We urge you to make preparations so you can attend this time of renewing and fellowship.

Yours in Christ,
Lyndel Arnall
Superintendent

Board of Trustees:

NOTICE

Nominating ballots have been mailed to all ministers and Churches for the upcoming election of three members to the board of trustees of The Apostolic Faith Bible College Board of Trustees. Members whose term expires are: Ward Stanberry, Lee Oakes and Bill Hollis. Nominating ballots must be returned as soon as possible so election ballots can be prepared, sent out, and returned by the closing of Bible School.

The bylaws state that the annual meeting and election of trustees will be held at the closing of Bible School and since Bible School now closes in May instead of December the annual meeting and election will be held May 8, 1980, 2:00 p.m. at the Bible School.

Busy Bodies

Tom Nobody, Dick Anybody, Harry Somebody and Bob Everybody were all church goers and all went to the same church. Everybody went fishing on Sunday and stayed home to watch TV. On Wednesday night, Anybody wanted to attend but was afraid that Somebody wouldn't speak to him so guess who showed up for church services? Uh-huh! Nobody. Nobody was the only faithful one in the bunch. Nobody helped the pastor, Nobody studied his Sunday school lesson, Nobody visited the sick, and Nobody prayed. Everybody thought Somebody would do it. Somebody thought Anybody would do it and you know who did it? That's right—Nobody. Now it happened that a faithful saint had been sick for several weeks. Everybody thought Somebody would send her a card and Somebody thought Anybody would go visit her. Well, you can probably guess who finally came through—Nobody. For Anybody, Somebody, or Everybody, Nobody will do it. Let's do our part and **share the load so we can be somebody doing something for everybody and anybody and leave nobody alone.**

Signs of the Times

Rev. Ted Jackson

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. And he spake a parable to them; behold the fig tree and all the trees, when they shoot forth ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now at hand, so likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled". Luke 21:28-32.

Everyone's mind today is on the world events and the developments of the Middle East. There are many scriptures that refer to these events but we have chosen these in Luke to bring our thought to you. While I am not saying that this is exactly how all these things are going to happen, it certainly looks like Russia is beginning to make her move. From the 38th and 39th chapter of Ezekiel we have the picture of the king of the north coming down. I believe that Iran, Lybia, Ethopia, Afghanistan, Pakistan are all indentified with the king of the north. Daniel 15:7 identifies Russia as the bear. According to Daniel the bear raised up with three ribs in the mouth of it. Could this be Afghasistan, Pakistan and Iran? They stand in the way of Russia having a direct land route to the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf. Russia has already invaded Afganistan and has troops poised on the borders of both Iran and Pakistan. Russia desperately needs the same thing all the world needs-oil. Our world today needs and runs on oil and without it our machanized world comes to a stand still. The Persian Gulf region is the richest region in the world in oil. We used to hear many of our Bible teachers teach that the rich mineral deposits of the Dead Sea would be what would bring the king of the north to the battle of Armagedeon, but I have talked with many that now believe that it will be the desire to control the oil supplies of the world.

I Peter 3:1 & 2 "This second epistle, beloved I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance. That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the Holy prophets, and of the commandments of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour." This chapter goes on to tell us more of the conditions of the last days, even to the falling away of many of God's people and certainly we have seen this already. Recently we heard in the news that Iran has elected a new president. Never has this been done before. Realizing that Iran is the old country of Persia we know that it has always been ruled by either kings or shahs. What will all this mean and bring about? Only time will tell. But we know one thing for sure that being that the coming of the Lord is nigh at hand and Jesus said, "Be ye therefore ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." Matthew 24:42. I think so many times of the parable of the ten virgins, five were ready and five were not. Are we ready for these things? Israel has been recognized as a nation since 1948, how much longer will Jesus tarry? May we pray that we are found worthy to escape all these things that are coming upon the world and to stand before the Son of Man.

Israel:

A Visit to the Future

Israel?

It wasn't at the top of my list of places I most wanted to visit.

I'd never really stopped to analyze why. I guess I knew so many friends and acquaintances who had been there. They all came back with glowing reports and told me I really ought to go. But between the lines I read that they were less than happy with the commercialization of some of the holy places and that the shrines built around some of those places were too liturgical for evangelical sensibilities.

But the importance of Israel in history and prophecy always had intrigued me. And I admired those people who were trying to make a thriving country out of a barren land.

So when an opportunity arose for my wife and me to join a group of Christian journalists in a visit to Israel, we decided this would be an excellent opportunity to learn more about a nation and a people to whom we Christians owe a great deal. And maybe it could be a kind of "search for roots."

So we went. And we're really glad we did.

Much of it was as we expected. There really isn't much way to "walk where Jesus walked"—except in sentiment and imagination. The ground of Jerusalem in Jesus' time, for example, was 20 feet below its present level. Destructions of city by wars, earthquakes, and some 2,000 years of time have raised the level of the land. Time and erosion have even changed the "timeless hills." The levels of the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee are down—as the nation struggles to find more water to make the desert blossom.

The shrines at the holy sites? Absolutely beautiful. We admired them and stood in awe at their grandeur. In some of them we had time for a few moments of quiet and introspection. It is always good to meditate on our Lord's words and deeds—and these become very meaningful in the location where they originally occurred.

But I must admit I have been more aware of the closeness of my Lord in a Sunday morning worship service, or in a cottage prayer meeting, or in my own times of devotion at home.

It seems to me that for the Christian who is aware of Christ's promise never to leave us or forsake us, the exact location of some historical event may not be all that important. Interesting—yes; but not absolutely necessary.

Our hosts were so gracious and helpful, our guide so knowledgeable and aware of our culture and the history and hopes of her own people, the Jews. And I think it was through the people we found something of what we were really looking for—the pulse of the land.

Obviously one cannot spend a week in a country and be an expert on its problems. But I did learn some things which helped clarify my own thinking.

Israel is a progressive country. Though set in thousands of years of history, the state of Israel is a relative infant in the

world—just over 30 years old.

So there really hasn't been time yet to develop Israeli furniture or fashions or that kind of trappings of a culture.

The most evident progress is in areas necessary to survival—especially agriculture and technology. The deserts do indeed blossom. And the ever-present shortage of water has led to water conservation methods that use every precious drop in irrigation.

It is a sober country. You don't hear a lot of laughter in Israel. Oh, people have adjusted to life on the edge. But almost everywhere—and especially along the borders—you'll see evidences of military preparedness. There's a lot of barbed wire in this little country.

We saw roadblocks, tanks on maneuvers, and other evidences that another battle—a battle that some of them see as inevitable—might begin soon.

Another part of its seriousness comes as its inhabitants struggle to cope with runaway inflation. We think ours is bad at 12 percent a year. An article in the *Jerusalem Post* the day we arrived told us that their inflation rate is 250 percent a year! Obviously the people are concerned. The average family, we were told, has meat once a week. But no one is going hungry. Fresh fruits and vegetables are plentiful—and far more flavorful than the varieties you find at supermarkets in the U.S.

One native told us she was concerned because her granddaughter was getting spoiled. The girl thought she had to have knee sox to keep warm!

Israel is a varied country. Jews, Arabs, Christians, and others live side by side, but not always in total unity. And we found continual reminders that, first of all, it is a Jewish country.

The recent law passed against proselytizing someone of another religion, we were assured by one government official, applies equally to all religions. It was not designed to hinder Christian missionary work. Any complaints under the new law have to be filed by the minister of justice—and none have been filed so far.

When I asked this official what the Israeli government was doing to encourage the friendship and support of evangelical Christians, he surprised me by saying, "We don't need to encourage friendship with the evangelicals; they encourage us!"

Not everyone—not even all Jews—see the current state of Israel as the fulfillment of Bible prophecies concerning the return of the Jews to their land. But it was not hard to see in their return at least an indication of what the fulfillment could be.

And Israelis are people of the Book. They quote it often. Their children study it in schools (as religion in religious schools; as history in other schools.)

Israel is a remembering nation. Some of the high points for me were our visits to Yad Vashem, the memorial to the Holocaust, in Jerusalem; the Illegal Immigration and Naval Museum in Haifa; and Beth Hatefusoht, the museum of the Jewish Diaspora, in Tel Aviv.

Through these visits I began to understand a little of the sufferings of these people and of their almost fanatical will to survive.

The tour of Beth Hatefusoht begins with this inscription:

"This is the story of a people which was scattered over all the world and yet remained a single family, a nation which time and again was doomed to destruction, and yet, out of the ruins, rose to new life."

This museum tells of those things which helped maintain Jewishness for a people scattered over the globe: family, community, faith, culture (including language), and an environment that involved settlement and expulsion, disaster and recovery.

I could appreciate more the difficulty of getting any Jew to listen to a Christian message—when I saw so graphically presented, through their viewpoint, how they have suffered at the hands of those they consider Christians. They even see the Holocaust of Nazi Germany as being a persecution by a “Christian” nation!

Everywhere in these museums is a call to Jews to remember—to keep alive the will to survive. We didn’t see or hear much about forgiveness. Survival—and remembering the wrongs—are the watchwords.

But in some of the people I talked to I found a hope. Israel’s ultimate salvation, they believe, is in the coming of her Messiah. And in view of world conditions, some of them believe He must be coming soon.

That excited me. For I too am looking for Him soon. They are expecting Him to come. I’m expecting Him to return. These Jews cannot see any hope—any way out of their present predicament—without the coming of the Messiah.

One can easily see how we are indeed heading toward the Biblically predicated time when the nations of the world will be gathered against Jerusalem. The growing shadows of the energy crisis make some kind of a confrontation in that part of the world almost inevitable. And that little nation, the size of New Jersey, is indeed becoming a burdensome stone to all the nations. Over and over we were told that Israel has just one friend among the nations of the world—the United States. And I sensed that some Israelis were beginning to wonder just how long that friendship would endure.

Near the end of our tour through Beth Hatefusoth, I was surprised to see in large raised letters on a wall: “Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”

Of course, I recognized it as a quotation from Zechariah 4:6.

But what was the relationship of that verse to what I was seeing in this museum? I asked our guide, and she answered, “That is part of the oath that every member of our Armed Forces takes”—a reminder that the tenuous survival of this nation depends on the Spirit of God.

And in those moments of my last full day in Israel the pieces began fitting together. My visit to Israel wasn’t really a search for roots—not in one sense anyway. But for me the visit was an important reminder of the future.

Messiah will return. His feet will stand upon the mount of Olives, and He will establish a kingdom of peace and righteousness. And this will not be accomplished by human power nor the will of men—be it Jews, Arabs, Christians, or anyone else. It will be by the power of His Spirit!

I’m glad I went to Israel. And if you ever get a chance to go, do it. For me it was an unforgettable experience—not just of history or of present accomplishments, as important and interesting as they are. But it was an unforgettable experience of hope. The King is coming!

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Correct your own faults before finding fault with others.

Messianic dream reports false, but fed Jewish hopes

Jerusalem (UPI)—A report that three rabbis dreamed of the imminent arrival of the Messiah aroused hopes because of tensions in the Middle East, but two of the three now say it wasn’t so.

The rumor first circulated in the religious quarters of Judaism’s holy city, where it was the topic of animated conversation in synagogues and social gatherings.

A reporter for Israel Radio heard the story and put it on the air, saying three aged rabbis dreamed about the same time that the Messiah was on his way and advised their followers to prepare themselves accordingly.

But interviews with associates of the three rabbis turned up one confirmation and two denials.

The son of Rabbi Yisrael Abu Hatzeria, 91, of the southern Israeli town of Netivot, said his father did dream of the Messiah.

But followers of the frail and aged Rabbi Mordechai Sharabi of Jerusalem called the report “a lie”.

The son of the Hassidic rabbi, the Admor of Klausenberg, also issued a denial. His father currently lives in Union City, N.J.

But Bible scholars said many signs do exist that the Messiah may arrive soon. The Gemara, an ancient commentary on the Bible, says that severe price rises may be an indication. Inflation in Israel now is over 100 percent annually.

Followers of the Hassidic Lubavitcher Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, who lives in Brooklyn N.Y., said their leader sees imminent danger for Israel in the tense Middle East situation and has issued special orders for prayer and fasting.

“The general situation in the world is such that only the Messiah can save it,” a spokesman for the rabbi said.

The chief rabbi of Jerusalem, Moroccan-born Shlomo Mashash, dismissed the dreams, but he said he does believe the Messiah may be on his way.

“Everything depends on whether the Jews return to doing good things,” Mashash said.

Jewish tradition holds the Messiah will come when all the world’s Jews observe a strictly orthodox Sabbath for two weeks in a row. But such an event is highly unlikely, even in Israel, which has a substantial secular population.

Shabetai Shiloh, who is said to have forecast the October 1973 Arab-Israeli war, said the Messiah will come soon. He said the war marked the first of three rounds of fighting heralding the Messiah’s arrival.

“In the second round, all the nations of the world must be angry at Israel,” Shiloh said. He thinks the destruction of an Arab capital by Israeli forces would create that situation.

The third round, Shiloh said, will be a three-month war between the superpowers. He quoted a religious leader, the Gaon of Wilna, who said, “When the Russians enter Turkey, then we must prepare festive clothes for the Messiah.”

“Today, that’s a very real possibility,” Shiloh said.

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