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Mother's Day



**Train up a child in
the way he should go:
and when he is old, he
will not depart from
it. (Proverbs 22:6)**

Doctrinal Teachings Of The Apostolic Faith

Trinity of the God— Head

1 John 5:7

Repentance [Act of Man]

Mark 1: 14*-15

2 Peter 3:9

Acts 3:19

Conversion [Justification] [Act of God]

Matt. 18:3

Acts 13:38, 39

II Cor. 5:17

Consecration [Act of Man]

Romans 12: 1,2

Sanctification [Act of God]

[A second definite work of grace]

Heb. 13:12,13

Ephesians 5: 25*-27

I Thess. 5:23

Baptism of the Holy Ghost

Luke 3:16

Acts 1:5

Acts 2:4

Acts 10:45, 46

Divine Healing

Matt. 4:23

I Peter 2:24

James 5: 14-16

Ordinances

Water Baptism [by immersion]

Matt. 28:19

Romans 6: 3,4

The Lords Supper

Matt. 26: 26-28

I Cor. 11: 23-30

Feet Washing

John 13: 4-5, 14

NO Divorce and Remarriage

Luke 16:18

I Cor. 7:39

Second Coming of Christ

John 14:3

Acts 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

Pearls Of Promise

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 any sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5:14-15

Proverbs 31:10-31

10. Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

11. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall not need of spoil.

12. She will do him good all and not evil all the days of her life.

13. She seeketh wood, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

14. She is like the merchants' ships: she bringeth her food from afar.

15. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

16. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

18. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

19. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor: yea she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

22. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry: her clothing is silk and purple.

23. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

24. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it, and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

25. Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

26. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

27. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

28. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praised her.

29. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

30. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord she shall be praised.

31. Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Ladies—We have a lot of responsibility on our shoulders. May we depend on Him who is able to lead us right. K.O.

From AFBC

Dear Friends of the Movement;

Praise the Lord for His many wonderful blessings! We appreciate all who came to Convocation and shared with us in so many ways during those three days of special services.

We are still asking that you remember us in prayer concerning the finances for our bus. God has always met our needs and we trust He will continue to do so.

May 7-8 are our Closing Exercises. The schedule for then is:

Wednesday, May 7

7:30 p.m. Final Choir Concert/Homecoming Service

Thursday, May 8

10:00 a.m. Dedication/Ordination Service

1:00 p.m. Business Meeting

7:30 p.m. Commencement Exercises

We urge you to attend these services if at all possible. Also, we are sure the students would appreciate your concern and prayers as they depart from here and go out in the service of the Lord. May God bless you.

**Yours in Christ,
Lyndel Arnall
Superintendent**

Testimonies

The Lord has really blessed in my life and has been a great comfort to me. Before I came to Bible School I was enrolled at Panhandle State University at Goodwell, Oklahoma. I didn't have any real goals in mind. I was really dreading it more than anything, I had friends going there and they were the main reason I was going. To tell the truth, I was running from the Lord. There had been times before that I had made up my mind to go to Bible School but the Devil always talked me out of it. I was only about five weeks away from starting to college when the Lord began talking to me. I knew what He wanted but I wouldn't admit to it. Toni and Vicki Bartel talked to me and asked me to come to Bible School, but I told them I was enrolled in college and there was no way I could go. I had a grant and I knew they weren't easy to get, so I used that as my excuse. They told me that the Lord would work everthing out and if I wanted to go to college later, He would make a way that I could go. That really stirred me up. It was hardly a week later till I finally gave in. The Lord worked out a way that I could go to Bible School and it was then that I found out that if I just would have surrendered earlier and decided to do God's will in the first place, I could have saved all that heartache of enrolling in college and running from the Lord and I would have felt much better.

The Lord has really blessed my life in Bible School He has given me a chance to learn more about His word and given me a chance to draw closer to Him. I thank Him so much for letting me be here. It hardly seems like yesterday when it started and it is almost over. I am thankful for each teacher and each faculty member that has come to help in the Bible School and dedicated their time and effort that others may learn and grow in God's word. Even though there aren't very many students, that doesn't mean the presence of the

Lord is not here. His presence is always here and always will be till the end of time. I am thankful for each student that has come to study the Word. I hope that you will pray for us that as we leave and go our separate ways, that we will take the Lord with us where ever we go and that He will guide every step we take and be our refuge and our strength in everything we do. Pray for the Bible School that it will grow. Encourage young people to go. If we never tell them, how are they going to find out? The Bible School needs your prayers. Make it a point to take time to pray for it each day. May God bless each of your lives. Thank you. **Danny Robinson**

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There's a song we sing in Choir, called God's Family. The words of the chorus are...

"Sometimes we laugh together,

Sometimes we cry,

Sometimes we share together,
heartaches and sighs

Sometimes we dream together of
how it will be,

When we all get to heaven...God's Family."

I'm convinced the author of this song was a Bible School student. He expresses the atmosphere of the Bible School; something you could never really know until you've been here.

I think about all the good times we've had together, the times we have laughed together; Like the time Deana found a frog in her bed or the shaving creme fight. The times we have been spiritually blessed or the times of just good fellowship with each other. I also think of the times we have cried together. Whether it was because of a heartache or because of an answered prayer.

I'm so thankful God saw fit for me to come to Bible School this year. I'm thankful for the good friends I've made but more, I'm thankful for the Bible truths I've learned and the experience I've gained.

It seems like you learn and learn and learn until you are tired of learning. Then you step back and see you've only began to scrape the surface. It makes you hungry for more.

This year I've been forced to do many things I said I never would. Things such as directing a choir, preparing a special song, or give a devotion. It frightened me that first Sunday, Sister Janae asked me to prepare a special song. But I've grown so much from these experiences I'm still scared but it is easier now.

I really appreciate the Bible School and those who labor so hard in it. I pray it will never close it's doors.

RaeMona Arnall

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The Lord is Good! (Nahum 1:7) Praise the Lord! That's what happens when I see what God has done.

The Lord saved me about 4 years ago and let me know that He cared for me. (I Peter 5:7 "Casting all your care upon Him for He careth for you.")

Since then I've had lots of brothers and sisters in the Lord who have worked with me to help me get established in the Lord and who have lifted me up in prayer so that I could grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Through prayer and thankfulness I have had the privilege, this school year, of attending this Bible College!

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I never realized that there were so many promises in the Word of God, and that all of them are for us today as well as for the people at that time.

As far as the environment here at college, it's great! We all have the same thing in common, we are all striving for the kingdom of God. When problems come and burdens seem to rise there is always someone who is willing to pray and talk with you about it and this helps build our faith.

A special thanks to everyone that came to convocation and those who lift us up in prayer, for making this Bible College possible. "God bless and keep each of you in His tender care!"

Rhonda Reese

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"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out!" God has been so wonderful and his blessings have been so real in my life. Time after time God proves himself real.

The Lord has allowed me to be at Bible School this past semester and learn more of the knowledge of God and seek for higher heights and deeper depths in his love. This semester has been made up of friends and sharing, praying and tears, rejoicing and victory. I have felt that sweet presence of the Lord, and am learning everyday that no one can satisfy like Jesus.

In the closing time of the ages that I am privileged to live in, I have realized the importance of getting as much of the Lord and his precious word hid in my heart. That is the only things that will carry us through. Jesus is the only way we receive the victory. I thank God for the victory and the blessed assurance he offers each one of us.

The scripture means more to me each day when it says "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!"

Tamara Oakes

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"I will give Thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise Thee much people." Proverbs, 34:18.

There was a man who had been blind from birth, then he met Jesus. Jesus spat on the ground, made some clay, put it on his eyes, and bade him to wash in the pool of Siloam.

He could finally see. How beautiful this must have been, things that were before just sounds and dreams now become reality. But in the midst of God's blessing there was trial; unbelievers, those in opposition questioned this man of his healing. "How were thine eyes opened? Where is He that did this? Again, how was it accomplished? What saith thou of Him that opened thine eyes?" On and on they doubted, they questioned him, his family, and his friends.

But amongst all those questions and all the doubt, this man stood firm and testified of this great work in his life. When asked, "Is not this he that was blind, who sat and begged?" He boldly said, "I AM HE." He answered all questions honestly and boldly, but the one that sums all of his testimony up was this. They (the Pharisees) said, "Give God the praise: we know that this man (Jesus) is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether he be a sinner or no I know not: one thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see.:"

Praise God, like this man when Jesus touches our lives we may not understand everything, but we can proclaim before the people, "One thing I know, I was blind, but now I see, I was lost but now I am found."

All the thanks and praise I can give is not sufficient for the Lord's work in my life. I stand in God's presence striving to move on into His glorious works. With so much thanks and praise for my Lord, for parents and family that care and pray and hope. Friends that love and pray and even enemies and doubters that will one day see. See what God has done in me, and what He can do in them. For these I only hope I can repay the love and friendliness. Praise God, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:14.

There is so much to praise Him for, and not enough room or time to do it, but in closing, I pray man will forgive me as God has, and the peace of God reign in our hearts.

From what I have learned while in school I can say along with David. "O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." Glory to God.

Barry Methvin

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THERE'S NO HURRY!!!

A man once had a vision in which he seemed to be standing in the midst of an assembly of evil spirits. On the throne sat their ruler, Satan, grasping the scepter of wickedness in his hand.

Summoning his subjects about him, Satan said in a loud voice, "Who will go to earth and persuade man to accomplish the ruin or their souls?" One of the attendant spirits said, "I will go." "And how will you persuade them?" asked the grim monarch. "I will persuade them," was the answer, "that there is no Heaven." But Satan replied, "No, that will not do. You will never be able to force such a belief on the most of mankind. That conviction of a better life to come is too deep-seated in the hearts of men."

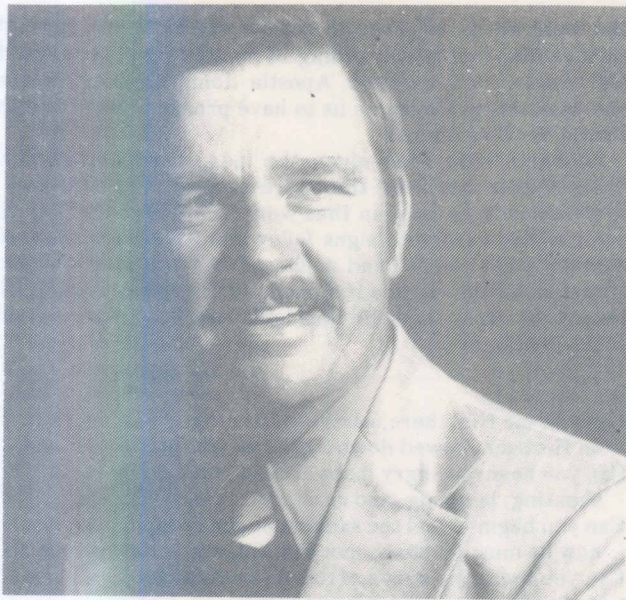
Then a second spoke up and said, "I will go." "And how will you persuade them?" asked Satan. "I will persuade them that there is no Hell." But again Satan answered: "That will not do. You will never persuade most men that that is so. Man's conscience will witness against you and defeat your ends. We must have something else, something which will appeal to all classes and ages and dispositions and which will be acceptable to the human race as a whole."

Thereupon a dark spirit glided forward and said, "Satan, I will go." "And what will you tell them?" asked Satan. "I will tell them," answered the spirit, "that there's no hurry-no hurry to be saved, that tomorrow will be soon enough!"

He was the spirit chosen to go-and still he is abroad in the earth whispering to the hearts of men: "There's still sufficient time for religion-later. There's no hurry. Just have fun while you can. "Eat, drink and be merry...!" But it is not so! Each passing moment brings new souls into Eternity—many very suddenly—without the least warning. And then—The Final Reckoning.

Rev. Julius Vanden Hock

<p>Prayer Changes People</p>



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Healing Is Divine

Often as we discuss and hear discussion on the subject of deliverance from affliction and infirmities, we discover that there are many people who believe in healing, but who hesitate to speak of it as "Divine Healing". I want to state at the beginning of this thesis that I believe that Healing Is Divine! I see no remedy to ailments of this life, whatever they may be, except through the atonement provided for by the gift of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Divine Healing is the act of God whereby the sick, afflicted, and demon possessed are brought back to health. "It is God who hath made us and not we ourselves." Psalms 100:3 Therefore, God alone can mend the broken and torn and afflicted lives of mankind. The word given to God's people is a statement of fact. "I am the Lord thy God that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26 The atonement spoken of by the prophet, Isaiah, provides understanding that by believing the true report we can come to the place of deliverance. Isaiah 53:4-5 That blessed atonement gives the privilege of physical healing, spiritual healing, mental healing, and healing of the circumstances that affect our lives and our families. "God is not willing that any should perish." Believe me, afflictions are the handiwork of satan who wants us all to perish. John records the desire of our Heavenly Father by saying, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." III John 2 Sometimes we have been made to feel that God can work mighty miracles, but He is holding the deliverance just a bit beyond our reach until we have begged for it long enough. Healing is not something we must beg for. Just as freely as God forgives, He heals.

Malachi 4:2 has become a precious and favorite passage to me during these past few months. I don't know anyone who doesn't enjoy a friend or loved one putting their arms around them and saying "I love you" or "You are appreciated". We all like to be assured and reassured that someone cares about us. This word reminds us that the Lord of Glory will arise with love and deliverance in His wings for all. He comes to put His arms of love and mercy around you and me and assure us that He cares enough to change the things that are wrong in our lives and make them just right. Luke 9:11 says as Jesus went about the ministry that was before Him, that He healed all those that had need of healing. I charge you with the word of God, if you have need, let Jesus put His arms around you and show you how much He cares by healing your life.

The scripture bears record of at least five means through which God brings healing. It is God who heals, and these are simply the means used. There are healings by faith, by His word, by His touch, by the Holy Spirit, and at least one account of the use of a medical remedy.

Healing by faith is common to us all. We are familiar with the teachings of Jesus concerning believing. However, faith is not believing that God CAN heal. Faith is believing that God IS HEALING as we pray. Paul writes that we must believe that God is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Mark 5:25-34 testifies of a woman who had been sick for twelve years. She had spent all that she had as physicians had tried to find a remedy for the issue of blood that plagued her for so long. But she said in her heart, "If I may touch but His clothes, I shall be whole." Jesus word to her was, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole." Praise God we still have the privilege of being made perfectly whole by our faith. In other places the word declares, "According to your faith, so be it unto you". We all have been given the measure of faith. Let us exercise our measure of faith to obtain the deliverance needed. Hebrews 11:6; Mark 11:24; Luke 8:50; Matthew 9:29; Luke 5:19-20

God also heals by His word. Psalms 107:20 reveals, "He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions". God's word is alive and powerful so that it meets the needs of our whole life. When God speaks a word, it is absolute that His wondrous works will come to pass. In Matthew 8:5-13 we read where a Roman soldier came to Jesus realizing that His word was all powerful. He told Jesus that he was confident that if the Lord would simply speak the word, the centurion's servant would be healed. As Jesus said, "So be it done unto thee", the servant was healed in the selfsame hour. We are made aware of a number of times that the Lord cast out spirits with His word and healed many that were afflicted. In other cases He said, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk", and those who had been bound were set free from the bondage of disease and paralysis. Man does not live by the use of his natural strength and resources only, but by every word that proceeds from God. Many wonderful works are wrought simply because God said, "Let it be so". Believe and receive His healing word. Matthew 8:8, Mark 5:34; John 5:8-9; Luke 8:54-55; Matthew 8:16.

As the Lord went about doing good, quite often it was His touch that changed the things that were wrong in their lives and made them right. Powerful delivering forces are unleashed by "The Touch Of The Master's Hand". Peter's mother-in-law was sick with a fever. Apparently a sickness that was very serious. When Jesus came to the house, He went in to where she was in bed and touched her hand.

(Healing, contd.)

Normally, as we pray for the sick, we seem to feel it is necessary to put our hands on the head of the person. Jesus just touched her hand and immediately the fever left her and she got up and ministered unto them. I suppose she must have prepared refreshments for all those that were there. Jesus' touch brought deliverance from leprosy, blindness, deafness, the mute, bodily injury, and undoubtedly infirmities that we are not aware of. Praise His name, the touch of Jesus will still bring the victory. There were times when Jesus could not reach all the multitudes, but as many as touched Him were made whole. So touch Him and be made whole. John 9:6; Matthew 8:15; Matthew 8:3; Matthew 20:34; Mark 7:33-35; Luke 22:50-51.

A study of the manifestations of the Spirit from I Corinthians 12 reveals that through the work of the Holy Spirit, there are gifts of healings to the church. When the power from on high is ministered to the infirm, freedom from oppression of the devil is experienced. Bless God, He uses the means most suitable to give the deliverance that is needed. Sometimes the need is for the Holy Spirit to minister in us and through us to bring the victory and the glory of God to us. As the precious Spirit works His miracles in our lives, He also gives peace that passes understanding and joy unspeakable and full of glory. May I challenge you to allow the Holy Spirit the liberty of working in your life. He **can** meet your every need. He **will** meet your every need as you submit yourself to Him. "For greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." Satan and all his devils are helpless when the Holy Spirit begins to fight for you. Healing is immanent.

All healing comes from God. Jesus declares that every good and perfect gift comes down from the Lord. We see, however, that there have been times when people have found medicine or medical procedures helped to relieve pains and discomfort from infirmities. I here state that if we should use medicine or medical procedures, they cannot heal. If this body heals it is because our Heavenly Father mends it. II Kings 20:1-11 bears record of King Hezekiah's sickness and healing. He was dying. The disease that possessed his body brought the word from God, "Set your house in order for you shall die and not live". Hezekiah's plea to the Lord brought the word of deliverance. To be healed, a lump of figs was to be laid on the cancerous sore and after 3 days he would be well so that he could go to the Lord's house. Exactly why God used a medicinal remedy for this healing is beyond our understanding, but not for us to question. We can only praise God for the healing, no matter what means He uses to bring restoration to health.

Praise God, He not only heals of the physical and spiritual and mental infirmities, but He is touched with the feeling of the infirmities in all the circumstances of our life. The atonement for healing was made for the whole of our lives. II Kings 4 shows the healing of money needs. I Kings 17 shows the healing of food supplies. In Mark 4:39 we read how the Lord healed the stormy weather. The elements are subject unto Him. Luke 18 is the record of a parable in which a widow is given deliverance and protection from those that would bring harm to her. "And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him?" Certainly He will! We see how in these many instances the God we love and serve healed to prevent death, destruction, and defeat. Read with me from John 2 how Jesus turned the water into wine, not to prevent harmful or destroying forces from overcoming those who asked for help, but simply to supply

the want-needs of those in charge of the wedding feast. Believe Me, God is still willing to heal to supply our needs and wants. God, through Apostle John, assures us that above all things He wants us to have prosperity and health. Praise His Holy Name!

Believers have been given the means and authority to bring deliverance from the oppression of the devil; and a commission to be busy in that work. Mark 16:17-18 He will confirm His word with signs following. As we pray for one another we are healed and delivered. As you pray—believe Him, touch Him, receive His word, allow the Holy Spirit His liberty of work and be healed!!! Mark 16:15-18; John 14:12-14; James 5:13-18

Can you see Him there, carrying His cross
on His back, bowed down by the weight of it?
Can you hear the angry mobs around Him,
shouting, laughing, and cursing?
Can you begin to feel the sadness of our Lord,
how he must feel to be mocked, ridiculed and spat upon?
Can you touch the crown of thorns on his head
and not wince at the sting of pain?
Can you hold the hammer that drove the nails
deep into and through his flesh, and
not cry out in your agony and shame?
We-God's people, did this, all of this
to His Son, and to Him.
We put Him to trial for our convenience,
to rid ourselves of our jealousies over a man who only
showed love, concern and compassion.
We crafted the cross that bowed His
back, we plaited the crown of thorns
that adorned His head, we hammered the
nails that scarred His flesh and then
pierced His side, standing back to watch
His blood flow to water.
We leered at His nakedness then quenched
His thirst with vinegar
And in the end, Jesus' dying words to us
were "Father, forgive them, for they
know not what they do".
And all of us should have cowered to the ground
And yet-unlike those of us that subjected our Lord
through all of these agonies
He endured and in three days arose
not for himself...but for us
He arose to give us all another chance
Yet day after day for 2000 years
we pick up the crown and force it on His head
we wield the hammer that drove the nails
and drive them again deeper and deeper
We brandish the spear that first pierced his
side and drain Him of His blood once more.
We mock Him, curse Him, and spit upon His
face in the same ignorance and hatred of all
those before us
And still in the quietness of our souls—
if we would but dare to listen, we can
hear His dying words relive to say
"Father, forgive them for they know
not what they do".

Written by Linda Hostler
Easter, April 6, 1980

From the Minister's Wives

Dear Readers,

When Sister Karen Oakes asked for testimonies from the ministers' wives, I suddenly realized the difficulty of putting feelings into written words.

I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Katherine Arnall, and I'm Lyndel's wife. My husband and I have been involved in the Apostolic Faith Movement since 1969. That was the first year we attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College. The teachings and blessings we received there seem to fill that which was lacking in our lives. After attending another term in 1970, we consecrated and dedicated our lives for the ministry. The Lord then guided us a few years into pastoral work. In 1973 we felt the burden to work in the Bible School and were invited to do so. This is where we have been the past eight years.

My praise goes to God, who spoke to my heart as a young Catholic girl and drew me closer to Him. He enlightened me to the fact that **Jesus Christ** was **my mediator**; my High Priest; and the one who paid the price for my redemption.

I appreciate so much the opportunity to serve God. I am thankful for the Christian calling I have received; for our movement and for the preachers, teachers and layity. I am thankful for the church I attend and for the love they show. I am blessed when I see the young men and women of the school mature spiritually and begin answering the "call unto righteousness" that God has placed in their lives.

To testify of all that God has done for me would be near impossible. But my desire is to testify **of Him and for Him**.

There is a purpose to my life, and that purpose is to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness **and** to labor in the fields for they are white unto harvest.

What a privilege to be a child of God!

Katherine Arnall

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I received a letter from Bro. Homer Coberly in answer to the letter that I had written to the ministers wives. Sis. Coberly did not feel well enough to write her article but I did want to share with you the readers of the Apostolic Faith Report things that Homer said in his letter. Sis. Coberly will be 85 on June 5th. Homer and Pearl will have been married 66 years this June. These years together have been spent in the service of our precious Lord. They have carried the gospel from California to Virginia and from Michigan to the Gulf. They never took a collection or ask for anything. Bro. Homer said that there were times that were very hard but God always came through with the victory. What a precious testimony this beautiful lady has given to us—her lifetime dedicated unto God. May we who are younger carry on as those before us and live the gospel so that all may know that Jesus truly does live. Sis. Coberly thank you for being faithful!

Karen

TO THE PASTOR'S WIFE

When you weep at the altar,
hers is the hand on your shoulder.
In tragedy and joy
she walks beside you
and, unseen, she prays for you in her room.
She shelters the wandering teenager
and bakes for the shut-in,
has a listening heart when you need to talk
and sets an extra place at the table
when you are hungry.
She sees your pastor at his best,
and though she seldom mentions it,
at his worst.
She is by his side, taking whatever comes,
be it triumph or trial.
She spends many a lonely hour
while he ministers to you.
The incessant phone reminds her
that her life is not her own,
and that even wedding anniversary celebrations
must be cancelled if the needy call.
She is usually first at church and last to leave.
For the most parts, she raises the children alone,
seldom living near her parents or birthplace,
moving whenever and wherever God calls.

She attends ladies meetings,
children's ministries,
sings specials,
and is a mother-in-Israel to many.
She attends every meeting
with an encouraging smile for all.
She is short, medium, or tall,
too thin, overweight, or just right;
solemn, thoughtful, or bubbly.
Whatever her size, shape, or personality,
honor her this Mother's Day.
Say something kind to, and pray for,
and do something special for
this woman—
your pastor's wife.

—Gail Buesnel

THE
FAMILY
THAT
PRAYS
TOGETHER



STAYS
TOGETHER!

I praise the Lord for all His blessings. I thank Him for life and for health. I remember a time when I was very, very, very sick and the doctors weren't even sure what was wrong with me, or what they could do for me. All they knew to do was to perform surgery to see what was wrong. I'm so thankful that I knew the Lord and had the assurance that He would watch over me. I was sure that my soul was right with God and that no matter how things turned out, I was ready to meet God. That is such a wonderful thing to know. Before, when I was still in sin, I faced similar situations and did not have that peace within my heart. Oh what a difference God has made in my life! Praise the Lord, He brought me through that time of need and many, many more. I know that He will not leave me nor forsake me. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." (Ps. 46:1-2).

I thank the Lord for placing a call upon my life and because He has given me a work to do for Him. We have been pastoring in Hempstead, Texas for almost two years. Being a Pastor's wife gives me an opportunity to work in many different kinds of ministries. Giving my life over to Him and serving Him has been the greatest joy of my life. I desire only to please Him in all that I do.

**In Christ's Service,
Kathy Arnall**

The best way to describe my life since January 1979 is to say I have been a sponge. I was so dry and thirsty when I finally obeyed God and my husband, and went to Bible School. I enrolled in the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs Kansas in January of 79. I went to Bible School with *my* heritage, and *my* beliefs. I didn't know I was slowly starving to death. I thought I was a strong Christian.

Bro. Howard Whiteley was a great influence in my husband's walk with the Lord, and he told us to come to school open hearted and with an open mind and let God teach us. So we did, and He did!

I admit as I sat in Prophecy 2 class under Bro. Jake Pletcher my head would spin as I heard terms I had never heard before. "Manchild class..sanctified class..the martyred...pray through...the millenium...the rapture of the 100 fold! Oh my mind realed...destruction of the wicked..the Created Race...on and on, I though I was hearing a foreign language.

But, as I studied under the teachings of one of the finest men of God I have ever had the priviledge of knowing, my "Sponge" began soaking up the precious word of God.

Bro. Jake would smile and say "Sister Andy" (that was his nick-name for me) "When will the wilderness class flee and where will they go?" In High School and college I prided myself in being able to snow-job any question thrown at me, after all wasn't I an Adams? But you don't snow-job your way through Bro. Jake's classes or through the Bible, but most importantly you don't "Fake your way to heaven". It was a real eye opening experience to discover I knew nothing of the things of God, nothing of His precious secrets, that were mine for the searching. Praise the precious name of Jesus, He put me in a Bible School, and gave me teachers that loved Him and I began to SEE.

It's been a year now since graduation. What has this old sponge drunk in? I've tasted the manna from Heaven, I've learned to follow the Lord where ever He leads. The times haven't always been easy, I didn't want to leave Gray

Oklahoma where we were working with Leland and Edna Lee Grimmer. And for awhile it seemed like the old dry sponge would win out and I wouldn't obey the "voice" of my Lord. But praise His name. He speaks in that still small voice and if we stay tender to his leading He will lead us.

We're home now! We love our work here in Rockdale and love the people God has placed us with. We are involved in home Bible studies, working on VBS, planning revivals, and beginning a concentrated prayer on Missions. God is so good. Aren't you glad He leads and His will is always perfect?

My sponge is still soaking up His word, learning the lessons He teaches me. I pray my sponge won't every be so hard and dry that I won't hear His precious voice and obey. Do I hear a call to a dry and thirsty land? I'm ready lord...you guide.

**Janice Perry
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I'm so thankful we have such a great big God to look to and to put our trust and confidence in. ONE that is power of all powers and never changes and is truly a very present help in every time of need.

He sees and fully understands our very need, burden, trial and is always by our side to see us through them. He doesn't always take us around them but gives strength and grace to go through them. He is so mindful of the very least of us and so wonderful to us all.

If we expect Him to be with us we are required to keep his commandments and his statutes and to do his will.

I believe we can get ourselves out of favor with God and bring more trouble upon ourselves by being rebellious against his will. In other words we are inviting chastisement upon ourselves. We know God chastens those He loves. God's will and ways are always best for He knows what is ahead. I am convinced it pays to serve the Lord with a whole heart, which we are striving to do.

We are trying to visit sick and shutins, since George doesn't feel he is able to continue preaching, as he has since 1933. Pray for us that we can be a blessing.

Mable Hindergardt

Jesus is the sweetest name I know. He has truly been our guide. It is a privilege to feel a part of the family of God. It doesn't matter what kind of problem, large or small, happy or sad, He is always there. I'm so thankful that we still have the freedom to worship. As we see more of the Word of God being fulfilled each day, I wonder are we as close to God as we can be? Do we have enough of the love of God to stand the tests our Bible tells us are coming?

Here in Galena, several are not able to attend services, so we find ourselves busy visiting homes, hospitals and rest homes. On Wednesdays we pick up pies and take them to the Bible College in Baxter Springs. Our church is very interested in the Bible College. This is where teachers and preachers for our churches come from. We feel our church here is growing both in numbers and in spiritual matters.

I currently teach a Sunday school class called the Sunshine Class, and they are a real blessing to me. They are so eager to learn. On Easter Sunday they stood before the church and gave all the names of the books of the Old Testament. I thank God for all these little ones and young people we have here.

Our ladies here also have Ladies' Circle the first Monday of the month. I feel these ladies truly love the Lord. It is so wonderful to know they will help pray. I don't want to leave our men folk out either because they carry just as great a burden for our church family. This is part of what makes the family of God.

God is so good to us.

Mrs. Elmer Christenson

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Psalms 91:2 In these end times all people need and want to feel a sense of love and security. I praise the Lord because we can have each of these through God. He can and does provide for us a shelter from danger and difficulty. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Psalms 91:1

There are some conditions listed in the above scripture, we must dwell in the secret place of the most High. Spend time in his presence. We have a tendency to get so busy with everyday living that we must have a real desire for God or we will not make or take the proper amount of time to spend with Him.

This time in His presence or companionship is what He created man for in the beginning. It is for his and our benefit. Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor. 15:57

At present we are serving in the capacity as pastors at the Hardesty, Okla. Apostolic Faith Church. Along with the normal pastoral wives duties I work mostly in the childrens' departments. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints and do minister. Hebrews 6:10

Kathryn Cornell

I have found that one must learn to lean on a power greater than ourself. As a Christian I must keep my mind on what I have instead of what I lack. I must keep my eyes on God and not on the things around me. I praise the Lord for the opportunity to work for Him. As the wife of a minister, this is my prayer:

"Lord, let me do the little things

Which may fall to my lot;

Those little inconspicuous ones

By others oft forgot.

A staff for age to lean upon,

Strong hands to help the weak;

A loving heart with open door

To all who solace seek.

To hold my tongue when hot words rise,

Speak kindly ones instead;

Nor harshly judge my fellowmen

In what they've done or said.

To share another's heavy load

By word or courage given'

To help a fallen one rise

And bring them nearer Heaven.

If, like the master, I can give

Myself for those I love,

Rich joy and peace shall come to me,

Sweet rest in Heaven above,

I know not when the day shall close

But when life's curfew rings,

I want my Lord to find me then

Still doing little things."

**LaMoyne Fox
Apostolic Church
Katy, Texas**

Our hearts are rejoicing today as we feast upon the riches of God's love. The Lord has truly blessed and proved himself real to me and my family in the past few weeks of time. So many times we take a need to the Lord and tell Him how we trust Him and believe Him to take care of that need, and when he answers prayer, so perfect and precise, we say, "I CAN'T BELIEVE IT". I am guilty of that very thing. About one week ago Austin and I had a particular need that we took before the Lord and said, "Lord, you work this out to your glory, we're trusting you to show us what your will is". God answered our prayer, and it couldn't have been more clear, if He had stood right before us and said, this is your answer. As you might guess, I looked at Austin and said "I CAN'T BELIEVE IT". The Lord taught me a lesson in that, and since that day and that particular incident, the Lord has done so many more things for us, and we're rejoicing, and praising His name for the new found freedom, that we feel we have found in Him. There is so much that we can receive of the Lord if we will only yield ourselves to Him. Praise His holy name. I think that most everyone knows where we are and what we are doing now, but for those who may not know, we are teaching in the Bible College. I am teaching Child and Youth Evangelism, and we are enjoying it very much. It has certainly been a new and big challenge for me, but it has been very rewarding to me. Pray with me and for me, that as I teach that the Holy Spirit will anoint, because without his anointing, all the words I speak would be in vain. We are taking two teams out this summer to work in Vacation Bible Schools, in our churches. Pray with us that we can be a blessing to the churches and that they too could be a blessing to us. May God' richest blessings be with each one of you.

*In His Service
Shirley Sutton*

AFBC Baxter Springs, Kansas

Often I've been asked what I would change if I could live my life over. Of course, there are some things I wish I could change, but I would never wish that I had not become the wife of a minister. I believe the position we minister's wives hold is a unique one. However, we are by no means special. I thank my Jesus that He loves and cares for each of us the same. He is no respecter of persons.

A few months ago I read an article written by a minister's wife. I'd like to share it because I was able to relate to it. When Christians have problems, they have a pastor in whom they can confide and seek advice. This minister's wife spoke of how she felt she had no pastor as others do. She experienced feelings of being alone and not having anyone with whom she could share her problems. She didn't want to confide in any other minister, fearing it would make her husband appear to be less than he should be. I'm so thankful that I am married to a minister. I believe that because I am a minister's wife others are more aware of my actions and attitudes. Actually, that's an advantage. It keeps me more in check. I'm so glad that Jesus' love is unconditional. I know He loves me no less than He does you. I love Him because He first loved me. I have hope because Jesus Christ paid the debt of my sin. I cannot comprehend such great love that enabled Him to remain on his cross and die for our wrong. Never will we be worthy of his giving. Christ's love is not if or because love, but it is in spite of love. He loves us in spite of how we've been, how we are and how we may become. "Oh How He Loves You and Me."

**In Christian Love,
Connie Day**

"GREAT IS THE LORD, AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED." Psalms 48:1a

God has been very good to me, my family and my church family. I have lived in Modesto, Calif., for 18 years and worked in Sherwood Bible Church. There have been good times, as well as times of discouragement and trials; but through it all I'm learning more how to follow Jesus. He has never failed. God has given me many miracles in my time of serving Him—for those, I will be forever thankful.

I continue working in my church—a deaf ministry is being included; being a homemaker for Pastor Ross, Cheryl (15 yrs.) and Jan (4 yrs.); doing office work for my church and our family recreation business.

Marie Briles

I feel that my job as a minister's wife is to uphold my husband in prayer. I enjoy visiting rest homes and shutins and talking to people about the Lord.

We were holding services in Augusta, Kansas. We were renting a theatre building but after several months they had to have their building so this put us without a meeting place. We had about twenty young people in attendance. They were all from non-Christian homes so it was hard for them to open their homes for services. We live about 40 miles from Augusta so our home could not be used. We are praying that God will help us to find a place to meet and if not we open to anything God would have us to do. Time is so short and only what is done for Christ will last. We need to be up and about the Master's business. We appreciate your prayers.

Dorothy Pennington

Since Bible School, Gary and I have moved to Fayetteville, Ark. and Guymon, Oklahoma. He has worked as an associate pastor in both locations. I really feel like the Lord has kept Gary in an associate position as much for my training as for his. I grew up as a Lutheran and didn't know about being "born again" until I was sixteen. So I have a lot of catching up to do when it comes to understanding spiritual things. The past five years have been a special training period for me.

When I was growing up I thought no one could be assured of making heaven their home. I thought you did the best you could down here and when you died you found out if you made it to heaven or not.

The night I got saved in a little Assembly of God church, the minister asked people to raise their hands if they knew they would go to heaven when they died. Well, I was the only one who didn't raise my hand. I thought, "how conceited of all these people to think they're going to heaven." As the minister spoke about the assurance we can have, I began to see more clearly that I could know where I will spend my eternity. So I gave my heart to the Lord and have found out there's a lot I didn't understand about spiritual things. It's amazing how blind we can be until we give the Lord a chance. After receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit I thought I had really arrived. Now I see it was just a starting place. The Lord has so much for us to experience if we don't limit him. It's exciting finding our spiritual truths for the first time. I'll tell Gary something about the Lord I think no one else knows only to find out he's known it a long time. So goes my training! Anyway, living the abundant life in Christ is real freedom.

Currently we are working with the Panhandle Bible Center in Guymon, Okla. We have one son, Geremy Kade 3 years old, and are expecting another child in July.

**In Christ,
Lori Kerr**

Dear Friends,

It is indeed a pleasure to write a testimony about the one who has done so much for me. I found Him to be a very real Saviour in my early teens but do to the lack of proper guidance and the liberal belief of those around me, I soon backslid. About four years later, through the ministry of the Robert Johnson family in Nevada, Missouri I heard the Apostolic Faith doctrine and again found the Lord ready to forgive. Since that time I have found His grace and strength in abundant supply to not only save me but also to keep me. The experiences of sanctification and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost have made my cup to overflow and I know I'll always be in debt to Him.

This is our second year to work in the Apostolic Faith Bible College and we are thoroughly enjoying our work here. The presence of the Lord from day to day is wonderful and to watch Him work in the lives of the young people makes it an exciting life.

I'll never know why the Lord paid such a price for my salvation but I do know the more I live for Him, the more I realize the debt I owe. He is such a marvelous Savior and in Him I find all I need or even want. Truly, He is able to keep all who put their trust in Him until He returns and then we shall see Him face to face. What a glorious day that will be.

Dora Beydler

A TESTIMONY OF THANKS

by Mrs. Rosalie Regier

It is with a heart of thanks that I write this testimony. I was taught the value of constant church attendance; reading the Bible; and the worth of prayer by my faithful Christian parents. They also taught that God heals our bodies and I have had some very outstanding healings in my life-time.

I was converted at an early age. I consecrated my life to God and received the experience of Sanctification in my early twenties. I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit after I had been a minister's wife for eight years.

Growing up and marrying a minister meant more than the average marriage. My husband, Jacob C. Regier, and I have shared many good times. We have also shared a few times of hardship. We always stood together and the Lord saw us through to victory.

During most of our married life, we lived in various parsonages, some of which could have been nicer and more comfortable. Sometimes our three children (who now have families of their own) shared the consecration of the preacher-parents and were deprived of some luxuries, but also enjoyed many blessings.

I personally have always felt my consecration was just as concrete as when I first made it. The Lord accepted my consecration when I was young and I feel He still accepts my consecration now.

Time has taken its toll. I have been a minister's wife for 42 years. We are no longer pastors, but I thank God that He still finds plenty for us to do to keep us busy.

The Lord is still our refuge and our strength. He supplies all our needs for spirit, soul and body.

The Lord has helped us to acquire a nice modest house in Perryton, Texas to make our home. I thank the Lord for this. Many a time I walk into our home and say, "Thank you, Lord for this home."

"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice." Phil. 4:4 Truly we have reason to rejoice in our Lord. He has given unto us good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over! He has not only been our spiritual refresher but also our physical, mental and financial supplier. We have learned many invaluable lessons while labouring here in Alabama with Rev. and Mrs. Jim Arnall, many of which we might not have been able to handle without their guidance. We have been able to share in the joy of seeing souls won to the kingdom as well as witnessing the Lord's precious healing power. I thank the Lord for allowing us to be a part of this glorious gospel. We know the Lord has a work for us and we are praying for His will, not ours, to be done in our lives.

**In His Service,
Peggy Brening**

HIS WILL VS MY WILL

by Lou Arnall

Being a Christian, a minister's wife and a mother has been the fulfillment of my life. And I am so thankful God has blessed me with the privilege to serve Him in these capacities. The joy and happiness I have experienced are hard to describe.

I had always dreamed of having a Christian home and being a "mother to a little family", but I had no idea that God would want me to be a minister's wife and a "mother to a big family"—his church family.

In 1955, some six months after we were married Jimmie first felt his call into the ministry, and though I loved him very much I really had no intentions of being a minister's wife! That just wasn't my plan! But I'm so thankful that it was God's plan and that He knows what is best for us, even when we are rebellious and fight against His will. It took time for God's Way's and Means Committee to break down my stubborn will and to prepare both of us for the ministry. I'm so glad the Lord is so patient, but yet firm with us.

We had built a new little home in Granby, Mo. God had blessed us with two children, Kayla and Steve. We were working hard in our home church in Granby and it seemed our little world was in perfect order.

In the fall of 1963 several of the ladies from the Granby church enrolled in Bible School, driving back and forth. It seemed impossible for me to go with two small children, but it was "God's plan". He was beginning a re-modeling of my life.

The following year we moved out of our new home into a small trailer and Jimmie and I both attended Bible School. Kayla began first grade and Steve was in the nursery at Bible School. Those months were invaluable to our lives and to our ministry. And I thank God for the ministry of the Bible College. God began to show us more important things than a little brown house in Granby and the dreams of our own. He finally led us to the place to pray "Not my will but thine be done."

And at that point we were willing to surrender. We had no idea "Pine Hill, Alabama would be God's will for our lives. We had never heard of Pine Hill, Alabama and that was sure a long way from Granby, Mo. but it was "God's Plan".

In January of 1965 God began to work his plan. Bro. Earl Morgan and Harvey and Ann Poe moved our little trailer and family to Pine Hill and we began our ministry with eight people in the basement of the chapel. We worked night and day on the building, completing the church before we could actually begin to minister to the people. We promised the Lord we would stay there one year, live, die, sink or swim. But God's plan lasted for 8½ years. God blessed us with another daughter Shauna and a wonderful church family

that grew to 93. We knew some times of testing but the joys of seeing people's lives transformed far outweighed the heartaches.

When God called us to leave Ashland, Alabama in April of 1973 I experienced the feeling of a mother having to give up all of her children at once, as we had grown to love the Pine Hill people so dearly, but again God's will had to come before our will.

We left behind a large youth group and active church to move to a small church and congregation, but a group of people that loved the Lord. Our children have always worked very faithfully with us in the ministry, but they became very despondent without any other young people their ages in our church. But as we began to fall on our knees to pray for God to multiply "His Kingdom", God sent us a wonderful group of young people to labor with us as well as adults and children. Again we had to work with our hands to provide a place for us to live and to build an addition to the church. Then God began to cause a spiritual addition to take place.

We have always tried to keep our home open that any and all of our church family could feel at home at anytime. And we have shared hours in the lives of especially our young people. They have enriched our lives so very much, and I trust in some small way we have been a leaning post for them to point them to Christ.

In the past two years God has added some special blessings to our lives. He sent our daughter Kayla a fine Christian husband, Thomas Anderson. They live in our community and work faithfully in our church. Just recently Steve married Kathy Jett, a beautiful Christian companion and they too live and labor for the Lord in our community and church. Shauna is now in the eighth grade and is serving the Lord as she can.

Bro. and Sis. Mike Brenning from Denver, Colorado have been laboring as assistant pastors for the past year and their ministry has been a tremendous blessing. As well as many of our young people who are marrying and continue to serve the Lord.

What is it like to be a minister's wife? It's fantastic and I love every minute of it! I'm so glad the Lord didn't let me have my own selfish way. I would have missed so much. I love Him and desire to serve him in the future. His way is always best. I've never given up one thing that he hasn't multiplied a thousand times over.

PLEASE, DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR ME! I'M HAVING THE TIME OF MY LIFE!!

PGK - KP - or PW I don't mind what initials you brand me with for I've worn all three proudly. I was a "Preacher's Grand Kid", a "Preacher's Kid" and now for nearly 32 years I have been a "Preacher's Wife," and that includes being the Mother of three PK's and two little PGK's. I have read after and talked to others in similar circumstances that feel that to be a definite handicap, but not me. I feel fortunate indeed to have had such an heritage and I prize it.

It seems I've always known that God's hand was on me for a special work in His kingdom. Perhaps that is the secret of it all—that special call of my own from the Lord. I don't know when my parents first became aware of it, but they didn't seem the least bit perturbed when at the age of six I announced that I was going to "marry a preacher". Their overwhelming desire for us four children was that we would share their dedication to and love for their Saviour, Jesus Christ.

My earliest recollections are of being in revival meetings,

cottage prayer meetings, jail services, mission works for the unfortunate and various types of religious services nearly every night of every week. Those were the days when my daddy was a lay preacher and our family's ministry was mostly in song and testimony. It was a joyous wonderful time and I thank God that I can never remember any resentment in my heart against God or my family about the lifestyle that was chosen for me and that I chose later on as my own choice of life to continue. We were a happy, loving family with the deepest respect for our Saviour and each other. Although we had very little of the material things of life the things that really mattered were so abundant that I always felt like I was a "special pet" of the Lord.

I was saved at age 5, dedicated my life to God's service at a summer Camp Meeting and was sanctified when I was 9, and I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in another language when I was 13. When I was a teenager, in fact all four of my parents children were in their teens, I was thrilled when Daddy started out in full-time ministry as an Evangelist with the whole family in tow. Daddy preached, we all sang, prayed and upheld one another and the Gospel of Jesus that had been committed to us and we loved every minute of it.

Not until I was 24 did God send me that "preacher" to marry—but He did send him, and His timing was perfect as it always is. Never have my husband and I doubted that it was God that brought us together. And this fall we will have had 32 wonderful years of working together as a team for the KING OF ALL KINGS—THE CRUCIFIED, RISEN, SOON-COMING KING OF THE AGES. We started out in Evangelistic work for the first 5 years of our married life, then spent about 3 years working in rural churches in Tenn. before being called to pastor about 5 different churches in Texas and Missouri. In 1971 we moved to Baxter Springs, Kansas where I edited the Apostolic Faith Report while our youngest finished his last 6 years of public school, and O.A. traveled alone in Evangelistic meetings during that time. During those years the Lord was so gracious to supply our every need as He had in other circumstances and places. Since about Sept. 1 of last year we have been pastoring again here in Liberal, Kansas, still happy in God's service—following to the best of our ability God's direction for our lives—and enjoying this "church family" that God has given us the privilege to be a part of. We love them and appreciate their expressed love for us. Recently God has healed me of a severe case of "Shingles" in the left side of my face and head involving the eye. Praise God there is no eye or ear damage as several doctors warned us there could easily be, and the intense pain they said could linger for months is almost all gone. God still heals today!

Oh, I won't presume to tell you that it all has been a "bed of roses," because it hasn't but as I look back over the years all the rough places look so small and insignificant in the light of all the blessings, joys and triumphs that they don't seem worth mentioning.

A little VBS chorus of several years back sums up my feelings the best; "It's Been Wonderful Walking with Jesus—Day After Day After Day." So I really mean it when I say, PLEASE DO NOT FEEL SORRY FOR ME— I REALLY AM HAVING THE TIME OF MY LIFE!! And "I DON'T REGRET A MILE I'VE TRAVELED FOR THE LORD" nor do I "REGRET A TIME I'VE TRUSTED IN HIS WORD!" And if I could, from my vantage point in life today, "I'D DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN."

Mrs. Naomi Busch

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him...Psalms 34:8

Early in my life I was able to taste the goodness of the Lord. My parents being preachers of the Gospel I was trained in good spiritual atmosphere. Attending Sunday School regularly and learning Bible verses by heart was a real blessing in my life. Being the oldest child in the family my mother would read to me good stories and it was she who guided me to know the Lord Jesus as my saviour when I was eight years old. My parents stepped out to preach the Full Gospel depending upon the promise of God in a new place where there were very few Christians. Singing songs and reading verses in the new language-Telugu had to be done by me and so in school that enabled me to score good marks. While I was studying in the 7th grade at Ellere, West Godavari, India there wasn't enough money to pay my school fees and to buy my books. My parents asked me to pray. We children were not allowed to tell anyone about our needs, even when we lacked food in the "Faith Home," we had to smile and be cheerful. Some one had told the collector of that area who was a Brahmin, high caste Hindu that a group of Christians lived in the "Faith Home". He was used by God to pay my school fees for one year and to buy all my books besides giving us a bag of rice which was in those days a great thing.

I was filled with the Holy Spirit while I was 14 years old and was already engaged in Sunday School teaching. Very few Christian students would come to church on Sundays. So I had the privilege of going to different houses where children would gather in groups and learn songs and verses. This gave me the joy of leading many boys and girls to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. For several years I was teaching Sunday Schools in three different places each Sunday. Some of my students are now preachers of the Gospel and I praise God for that.

Receiving healing through prayer was not only preached but also practiced in our family. While studying in the 9th grade I had some trouble with my eye and was in bed suffering from great pain. For about a week I could not see the sunlight at all. The time for my Final Examination was drawing near and I cried to the Lord re-dedicating my life. I said, "Lord, the talents and education you give me shall be used for Thy glory." I was healed and got through my High School and later the Lord helped me in my higher studies also. I knew that this healing was a direct answer to prayer. I also had the privilege of translating my father's messages into Telugu on many occasions. I have translated for many servants of God as a teenager and that has been a real blessing in my life.

Early in 1950 when our marriage took place our joy knew no bounds as both of us had almost similar experiences during childhood and school days. In 1951 when my husband and I spent a few days in fasting and prayer the Lord gave us many promises and encouraged us. While conducting meetings we faced opposition from non-Christians several times but the Lord gave us the victory. In 1952 Valson our first child was born and we dedicated him for the Lord's work. We are happy that he is serving the Lord today. During the past serving the Lord has been a real blessing to our family and we have tasted the goodness of the Lord.

(To be Continued)

Mrs. Mary Abraham, B.A. B.Ed.

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalms 34:1. As I write today, I've wondered what I might say that would be a blessing to someone. I was wonderously saved at the age of eleven in the old Tabernacle in Perryton, Texas. I remember when I came to the altar that day, how mean I felt. It was as tho I had been the worse sinner that there ever was. Then how good I felt when that load of sin was lifted. I had been raised in a Christian home all my life and had a desire to be a good person. Mother and Daddy always had a time, right after breakfast, for reading God's word and the family altar. I'll always remember Mother and Daddy's prayers for us kids. I tell you their prayers changed things. Oh, how the glory of the Lord would come down and bless our hearts. When we were sick, they called on God and so many times we were made every bit whole.

My parents taught us that nothing was too little, or too big, to bring to God. This has helped me down through the years to rely on the Lord. There's been times, when Bob has been very sick and I've had to lean on the Lord and also when I've been seriously ill, and you know God has never let me down. I remember when my side was completely paralyzed and thru people's prayers, God healed and the doctors were so surprised. They told me I had a nervous brain block. Then there are the various times that I've been in intensive care with my heart, oh how God has come to my rescue. God has been so good to our family in various ways, that surely it has been sweet to trust him. Sure, there has been times of tribulation, but God has never left nor forsaken us. Praise God!

At the present time we're pastoring the Midway Country Church at Logan, Oklahoma. I have been so thankful for God's presence in our services. That's so important to be able to feel His presence. Bob and I enjoy our work and there seems, not to be enough hours in the day to accomplish what we'd like to. We're surely not setting the world on fire, but God has used our lives for which we certainly give God all the praise. We have a wonderful group of people to work with and our desire is that we might be a blessing in our work for the Lord. We must work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. Stay true to the Lord for Jesus is coming soon.

**Hazel Taylor
Logan, Oklahoma**

I want to thank the Lord for many blessings thru out my life. I was blessed with christian parents who love the Lord with all their hearts, and instilled in their children to love and obey the Lord. My parents, Ed and Alice Cass, attended Bible School in 1953, I have many memories of that time even though I was very young. I attended Bible School in 1968, what a wonderful experience I had that year. It is so important to know God when you are young and to realize the fulness there is to be had in being a Christian. I attended Bible School again in 1971 with my husband, Wayne, and our first child, Cassie, who was one year old. Wayne and I have been many places since we were married in 1969, and we have met many people, young and old, I pray that our lives were a testimony to each person we met.

It is our mission in life to do the work our Lord has for us to do.

We are in Lubbock, Texas, now, and have been here for two and a half years. When we first came to Lubbock we wanted to start a church here. We met in homes for awhile and yet no building was found. When summer came the

church in Ralls was without a pastor, and Ralls was a 45 minute drive from our home, so we began to drive over on Sunday and conduct morning services for them. When the winter weather began to make it hazardous to drive on the highway, we began to pray that God would open a door for us here in Lubbock, and He did. In December a small group of people who had a building but no pastor, met with Wayne and asked him if he would be their pastor and unite our group with theirs. Praise the Lord, we have been in this new church over a year now and the Lord has blessed us. The Lord has increased our number and we have seen souls saved and sanctified and many drawn closer to the Lord. We are expecting greater blessings everyday. We know that we serve a great and wonderful God. We can see that the time is indeed short and we must work while we can.

Brother Homer Coberly has been very faithful in attending church with us. We praise God for his life and faithful service. Bro. Coberly is 85 years old, and yet thru his diligant efforts, he has brought a family, who in turn brought another family, who in turn brought a friend, and that young friend brought another friend. If the Lord lingers and I grow old, I pray that I may still be found reaching out for souls. We are never too young or too old to work for God.

I love God and want to be found watching and ready when He returns for his own. Watching and waiting, but always busy doing his service.

We in Lubbock desire your prayers that the Church of the Good Shepherd will be prosperous in winning souls, enriching lives with the Word of God, and helping to prepare others for his soon coming.

**Sincerely yours in Christ,
Kay Wheeler**

I first knelt at an altar of prayer and asked the Lord into my heart at the age of five. I really don't remember anything earth shattering taking place in my heart. I do remember the kindness and love shown to me by the church people One lady, Sister Murray, gave me some personal instruction that I remember to this day. She instructed me to read my Bible (I doubt I could read), and pray every day. We had recently moved to Perryton, Texas, and the church that my kin folks were attending was the Full Gospel Church, which at that time was down across the tracks. I honestly don't remember any sermons preached in that place, instead I remember the songs that they sang: "I'm a Private in the Army of the Lord", and "I'll Have a New Life". They could really sing the house down with those songs. It seems to me in my memory that the house was packed from the front to the back, with just barely room to hold the crowd!

Later, when I was ten, an Evangelist came to our church, which was built new up across from the school. His name was Brother Peters, and he had cards printed with choruses written on them. I remember really feeling conviction, and going up, and repenting and confessing my sins, and praying through to salvation. Many young people and children were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit during this revival.

Through the years, I remember observing the lives of those people who attended that church, and I know God gave them for examples for me. I discovered they had the real thing in their lives, and I believe I determined at an early age, that I wanted to follow the Lord, as they did. I praise God for those examples that He sent me. I praise Him too, that even today, I can feel Christ, God's Son, consistently with me, giving me direction for my life.

Patsy Waterbury

Galena, Kansas

Greetings from the Galena Apostolic Faith Church! We have been having good services and the attendance has been holding very well. March and April were busy months for us. On March 23, we were glad to have the Oakes quartet, Paula, Tammy, Lisa and Anita in service with us to minister in testimonies and song. March 28 was the date of the wedding of our pastor's son, Rick to LeAnn Mattox of Baxter Springs, Kansas. March 29. We enjoyed the ministry of Rev. James Routh, son-in-law of our pastor. His wife Jo and Sandy Christenson sang for us.

Some of us were privileged to attend the convocation at the Bible College in Baxter Springs. On April 2, Bro. & Sis. Mike Brenning of Ashland, Alabama were with us in service, with Bro. Mike bringing the message. They also sang for us.

Easter Sunday, we had a Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. We had several visitors and we were blessed with lots of good help in the service. Bro. Lyndel Arnall brought the message and we enjoyed the music of Janae Harris, Tammy Oakes and Yvonna Cornell. Bro. & Sis. Jake Regier and a number of friends from Baxter Springs and Joplin, Mo. were also here.

Bro. & Sis. Jake Regier were with us on April 13. He preached a very good message annointed by the Holy Spirit.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Bessie Topping who passed away recently.

We have several on our prayer list—Mr. Tommy Kitch, Mae Tackett, Claudia Miller, Dorothy Jackson, Roy Henderson, Sharon Lanyon, Ruth Archer, Cleo Rowland and Arkie Rowland. May God bless and heal these people.

We welcome each of you to stop and visit us at anytime. Titus 3:14 and let ours also learn to maintain good works for the necessary uses that they be not unfruitful.

Elmer Christenson, Pastor
May Rowland, Reporter

Hardesty, Okla.

As this report goes in the mail we are beginning a Revival here in Hardesty. Evangelist & Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon are with us and we are expecting a great spiritual refreshing. People are hungry and ready for a moving of God's Spirit. The Lord promised in Matthew 5 to fill all who come hungry and thirsty.

These are exciting days as we see so many signs of 'End Time' being fulfilled right before our eyes. We have spent many weeks in our Wednesday Bible Study on signs of the end. This is certainly the message of today. Jesus Will Come!

We thank the Lord for the people here at Hardesty. They love the Lord and are faithful to Him. It's good to be a part of God's family.

Pastors
Rev. & Mrs. Jack Cornell

Dickinson, Texas

While visiting his son, Mar. 23-26th, Bro. Leland Grimmer held services for us. The week before, morning prayer services were held, which were sweet and spirit filled. Many prayers were answered in this same week. The services were blessed and many victories won. Those in attendance had a real hunger for the Word and a true desire to draw closer to the Lord. We truly enjoyed having a visit with Bro. Grimmer and his wife Edna. Their fellowship was a blessing to all. There seemed to be a sweet peace and enjoyment being with God's people.

The Dickinson church is also proud to announce the recent marriage of our pastor, Savoy Grimmer to Karen Pletcher.



We believe the marriage was the Lord's will. We have seen a real growth in both Karen and Savoy since the marriage. Their work together has been a blessing for the church. We pray that the Lord will give them a long continued desire to stay with us. We truly enjoy our church services and are as close to our brothers and sisters in the Lord as we are to our earthly families.

Savoy Grimmer, Pastor
Dee Boles, Reporter

Hempstead, Texas

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus". Phil. 4:7

Thank the Lord for that wonderful peace in the midst of the trouble and chaos of this world.

The Apostolic Faith Church in Hempstead was privileged to have Bro. and Sis. Floyd LaMunyon for revival services the last week in February. Every service was annointed of the Lord and Bro. Floyd preached some timely messages to stir and bless the hearts of all who attended. Then on March 1st, the Bible College Choir ministered to our church with their music and testimonies. This proved to be a special time of blessing for the whole church. Many of the youth of our church also attended the college choir concerts at the other area churches.

Our youth group has been attending the South Texas youth fellowships in the Apostolic churches in this area and this also has been a real inspiration and blessing. Each of them looks forward to youth camp this summer. Pray with us that the Lord will give South Texas an outpouring of His spirit in the camp and the anointing of His presence in each service.

We enjoy the Report. May the Lord bless you as you labor for Him.

Johnny Arnall, Pastor
Anna Beth Merten, Reporter

Joplin, Mo.

Greetings in the name of our Lord—God is so good to us and we're rejoicing in His great love.

Our church family has been saddened once again with the loss of another old timer of the Apostolic Faith Church of Joplin. Although Bro. Lester Oakes had been in ill health for several years and not able to attend church he never forgot his Lord and did attend when he felt able.

Our church felt the loss along with our pastor and his wife in the passing of his mother, Mrs. Olive Ragan. She became very dear to all who knew her.

We are looking forward to Vacation Bible School scheduled to be conducted by Bro. and Sis. Austin Sutton and some of the Bible School students.

We are looking forward to a summer full of God's blessings.

Neil Ragan, Pastor

The Gray Community Church was blessed by having Bro. & Sis. Andy Perry of Rockdale, Texas with us for a four night revival. March 18th-21st.

The blessings of God were felt in each service. It was a joy hearing the word, and having the special opportunity to deepen our lives in the things of God.

Reported by—Mrs. Cody Harris



Mattox - Christenson

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mattox, Baxter Springs, Kansas have the honor of announcing the marriage of their daughter LeAnn to Mr. Rick D. Christenson, son of Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Christenson on Friday March 28, 1980 at the First Baptist Church in Baxter Springs, Kansas. They are currently making their home in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Pennington - Chambers

In the spirit of Christian joy we wish to announce the marriage of our daughter, Angela Mae to Frank L. Chambers on Sat. April 5, 1980.

Mr. & Mrs. Max Y. Pennington

OBITUARIES



Olive Haire Ragan

Ours To Keep

A Mothers love is ours to keep
 What a precious thing to know!
 Her thoughts stay with us thru the years.
 No Matter where we go!
 And I think that nothing in this
 world will ever rise above that single
 Most important thing of all.
 A Mother Love.

Olive (Haire) Ragan was born in Westmoorland Co., Pa., May 26, 1886 and departed this life in Cimarron Memorial Hospital, Boise City, Oklahoma, March 17, 1980 at the age of 93 years, nine months, and 21 days.

On June 29th, 1905 Olive was united in marriage to James S. Ragan in Eagleville, Mo. To this union were born twelve children, two of whom died in infancy. Her husband also preceded her in death, January 1956.

She is survived by ten children: Juanita Wright, Lourena Bayliff and Betty Capansky, Boise City; Edward Ragan and Gracia Rumley, St. Supply; Neil Ragan, Joplin, Mo.; John Ragan, Darrouzett; Raymond Ragan and Maxine Haagen-son, Albuquerque; Charlotte Bridges, Amarillo; also surviving her: one brother, Manley Boothe, Ottumwa, Iowa; 29 grandchildren, 62 great grandchildren, and 10 great, great grandchildren.

Mrs. Ragan was converted into the Apostolic Faith

movement in 1920 and remained true and faithful to her Lord. She was a loving, kind mother, grandmother and an inspiration to all who knew her.



Lester Oakes

George Lester Oakes was born April 1, 1896 at Hiwasse Ark. and departed this life April 1, 1980 at the age of 84 years old. He was united in marriage on July 10, 1924 at Bethpage, Mo. to Eva Mae Leon Forbes who preceded in death on Nov. 11, 1970. To this union was born 4 children, one daughter; Mrs. Wynona Lindquist, Joplin, Mo., three sons, Emery Oakes of Anderson, Mo., Forrest Lee Oakes, Neosho, Mo., and Dennie Oakes, Joplin, Mo. He is survived by his four children, 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, many other relatives and friends.

Lester was converted at age 26 to the Full Gospel faith. He preached the gospel for many years and remained true to the Lord until his death. During the latter part of his life his home church was the Original Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, Mo.

Services were conducted on April 5, 1980 at the Original Apostolic Faith Church, Joplin, Mo. with Rev. Robert Cooper and Rev. Neil Ragan conducting the services. Interment was at the Union Cemetery, Anderson, Mo., Rev. Johnny Williams conducted the services at the cemetery.

MY GRANDAD

by Vanessa Oakes

I loved Grandad very much
 He was so special to me
 He was a devoted Christian
 The way everyone should be.

He had a lot of patience
 And was very, very strong,
 And at the end of his life
 He still lingered on.

He loved his family very much,
 And never got mad.
 He always served his Saviour,
 Even when things in life got bad.

I learned a lot of things from him
 That have helped me live my life.
 Those things will guide me on the mountains
 And in troubles and strife.

He loved to tell you stories
 About the things he had done.
 He lived for the day when he would see,
 Jesus Christ, God's Son.

His life was such a blessing
 For all who knew him well.
 He loved most everybody,
 You could always tell.

There is just one picture
 That his life portrays.
 He served Jesus all the time,
 In his words and in his ways.

The following article was given to my Child and Youth Evangelism class by Sis. Betty Turner, and I felt that it would be good to share with everyone. My students made the statement, after Sis. Betty finished, that after hearing her, it really made you want to counsel. That's a compliment to you Sis. Betty. So Pastors, if you need some recruiting done for Youth Camp Counselors, Sis. Betty is really convincing. May this article be a blessing to all of you, as it was to me and my class here at Bible School.

**Shirley Sutton,
Child and Youth Evangelism Instructor**

Youth Camp Counseling

**Betty Turner,
Joplin, Mo.**

Why do we need counselors?

Isa. 30:1, Proverbs 11:14, I Chron. 10:13

Qualifications for Counselors:

I. Born-again Christians.

II. Be led of the Holy Spirit.

III. Depend upon the Holy Scriptures. Isa. 41:28

IV. Love one another. St. John 15:12

V. Be a good listener.

VI. Be trustworthy.

VII. Be prepared.

VIII. Be an example. I Tim. 4:12

Paul an example of a counselor in his advice and admonitions to Timothy. I Timothy 2:1, 3:1, 13 4:14, and 4:20.

Counseling a ministry. I Peter 4:11

Jesus was called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, Prince of Peace...Is. 9:6. So if we desire to be a counselor we have the very best example to follow.

To be a counselor is more than a week's vacation, a time of fun and fellowship. But it is a time of fulfilling a very important ministry. In my opinion the success of a youth camp rests at least 50 percent upon the shoulders of the counselors.

Why is there a need of counselors?

Proverbs 11:14 Where no counsel is the people fall, but in the multitude of counselors there is safety. The purpose of a counselor or the definition of counseling is to give advice, instruction or to recommend a course of action. A few years back there was a general trend or thought that there was no need for counselors or parents or teachers to have authority over young people. They should just be allowed to do as they please or as the phrase has been used "to do their own thing". The scripture definitely show that God's people need to be counseled by spiritual counselors. King Saul was at one time a great leader, chosen and anointed of God but I Chronicles 10:13 tells us that Saul died for his transgressions which he committed against the Lord, even against the word of the Lord, which he kept not, And also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it and verse 14 says that he ENQUIRED NOT OF THE LORD, therefore he slew him and turned the kingdom to David. This shows the

necessity of counselors having certain qualifications.

I. They must be a born-again Christian. Unless a person knows the way, how can he lead someone else? Now some of you are probably thinking that this is a stupid and unnecessary statement because we all accept the fact that a counselor should be a Christian. But sometimes we are faced with the problem of young people coming to camp with the desire and intention to be a counselor without being screened or chosen by the camp committee. They will have a desire to be in youth camp but they think they are too old to be in a class so they will come as a counselor. This person must be dealt with by the committee so they can be used effectively and given the opportunity to learn of the Lord. Never turn anyone away from the opportunity to become a Christian. The work of a counselor is perhaps most effective and rewarding when a member of the group is desirous of becoming a Christian or strengthening their spiritual life. That is where the opportunities lie to counsel this person to accept the work of the Spirit in their life.

II. A counselor must be ready and willing to be led of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the greatest and foremost aid in counseling. We must be careful not to get ahead of the spirit of the Lord but let Him counsel and teach us how to help others. We must rely upon His leadership.

III. Depend upon the Holy Scriptures. A person that knows the scriptures, has a good prayer life and is dependent upon the Holy Spirit can *probably* be used of the Lord to be a good and effective counselor.

Isa. 41:28 shows us the necessity of knowing the word of God. "For I beheld and there was no man even among them and there was no counselor that, when I asked of the, could answer a word". We do not want to be in this predicament. The word tells us "to study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth."

IV. LOVE one for another is our next qualification. St. John 15:12 "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." I won't always be easy to love everyone that is in your charge. We must remember that all the children that come to Youth Camp are not Christians and even those that are Christians are sometimes rebellious, hateful, lazy, spiteful and just plain aggravating. But they also can be loveable, fun, entertaining, and good company when they are not too busy being rebellious, hateful, lazy....This is where we have to let the Love of God take control of our lives. Sometimes it is an exercise of patience on our part. We have to look beyond these irritations and think of the individual's spiritual needs. A helpful counselor is concerned with people's problems and genuinely cares for people. We can not classify Christians or sinners as good or bad, likeable or unlovely, but we must be in tune with the individual and their needs. This brings us to our next qualification.

V. Be a good listener. Learn to listen so that you can understand a problem even though they may not be able to put it into words. We can lose the effectiveness of our counseling by our attitudes. Body language is very important form of communication. A large percentage of communication is non-verbal. We can give certain impressions by an expression, a smile, a lifted eyebrow, a handclasp or even the way we hold our body but it takes a good old heart-to-heart talk to really communicate our feelings, dissolve misunderstandings or give advice or encouragement. In our conversations or counseling sessions we must be careful to avoid some common mistakes that can

easily be made. Let the person being counseled talk without interruption or contradiction. Avoid over-emphatic statements that are meant to show that you are right and they are wrong. This is a good way to lose a friendship before you have a chance to counsel. **Be trustworthy.** Be able to keep a confidence. If you are told a problem, a family secret or even a confession don't spread it around to everyone. Pray about it and pray with the person or persons involved. Show God that he can trust you as well as you trust Him.

VI. Be prepared. Don't come to camp empty-handed or with an empty heart. First, seek God if it be His will. Then if it be His will, pray for guidance to be able to help the young people, with Bible based advice. Read your Bible. Learn the scriptures. Be aware of the problems facing children and teen-agers today. All counseling problems are not always spiritual. True, if a person does not know Christ as their Saviour the problem is spiritual and you should be prepared to try to lead him to Christ. But the problem can be spiritual, emotional (perhaps stemming from problems at home,) or physical. You may face the drug problem, or a problem of a thief. Then there are physical problems that small children have that can be embarrassing to them. You have to learn to cope with them. You may have a person who seems to be very shy or backward, or tends to withdraw from the crowd because of physical problems which seem to be minor problems, but can make a child miserable unless you try to reach out to them. This can be a challenge to you or you can ignore them and have the child go away from camp determined never to come again.

BE PREPARED TO WORK, BE PREPARED TO PRAY AND BE PREPARED TO PLAY! This is a time to be fed spiritually, to help feed others that we may ALL grow in the things of God. This will be a time of study that can be a basis for spiritual growth, a time of prayer and meditation, and an exchange of ideas and confidences, a time of making friends that perhaps will remain a friend in Christ the rest of your life. Your days at youth camp can be the most enriching days you have ever spent if you come with a dedication and purpose of spirit to DO just what God wants you to do. When I speak of growth I am speaking not to you as students but to a group of young Christians that will find that as they work and dedicate their lives MUST grow to be able to meet the challenge that faces them today. You will be asked questions that without the guidance of the Holy Spirit you will not be able to answer. But remember one scripture quoted earlier: Proverbs 11:14...in the multitude of counselors there is safety. If you feel unsure of your ability to give a scriptural based answer or advice, just remember there are ministers and other counselors that will be able to counsel and advise you also. An Example: Last year at camp I was in charge of the counselors and a problem was brought to us that the counselor did not know how to handle. The girls were asking questions along the line of dating, dancing, etc. so we organized counseling sessions in the afternoon, just good old fashioned rap sessions. I won't say that it solved all the problems, but it gave the girls a chance to air their feeling and we called on a competent teacher and minister's wife to assist us in the counseling session.

Bring with you ideas for fun times, devotionals, songs, materials for skits that you might be called upon to give, ideas and plans to help draw the shy ones into the circle. Be prepared to be a substitute mother or father to a nine or ten year old who is away from home for the first time. Don't be afraid to work. Camp is more than a vacation, for there are always dishes to do and beds to make, potatoes to be peeled

and pop bottles to be picked up, bathrooms to be cleaned and floors to be swept. But somehow it all seems to be fun when we all pitch in and do it together. The scripture tells us **TO HAVE A MIND TO WORK.** We might sum it up to be a good counselor you must have a strong back (for lump mattresses), two good legs (for baseball, volley ball, and climbing our hills), and the ability to go five nights without sleep.

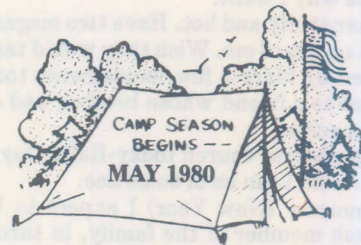
In conclusion let me point out one of the best examples in the Bible is Paul counseling Timothy. He said in I Tim. 2:1 "I exhort therefore, that first of all supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men. For King and for all that are in authority". Let us take that to mean our camp committee, ministers and other counselors as we supply this scripture to our situation. Respect the committee and the rules of the camp. If you don't show respect to those in authority, how do you expect to be an example and ask the children to do it?

Chapter 3:1 "If a man desire the office of a bishop (counselors) he desireth a good work...13 They that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree and a great boldness in the faith. These things write I unto you hoping to come unto you shortly—But if I do not come that you may **know how to behave thyself in the house of God.**

I Tim. 4:12 Let no man despise my youth, but **BE THOU AN EXAMPLE** of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity (LOVE) in spirit, in faith, in purity.

I Tim. 4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee (cultivate your talents or abilities.) Be willing to assist in the services when asked. If you have a talent such as singing, or a musical instrument, reading or whatever it may be, volunteer your services.

I Tim. 4:20 Oh Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust. Look on counseling as a ministry. I Peter 4:11...If any aman ministereth let him do it as of the ability which God giveth, that God in all things be glorified.



WHAT DOES A PASTOR DO?

The pastor teaches, though he must solicit his own classes. He heals without pills or knife. He is sometimes a lawyer, often a social worker, something of an editor, a decorative piece for public functions, and he is supposed to be a scholar.

He visits the sick, marries people, buries the dead, consoles those who sorrow and admonishes those who sin, and tries to stay sweet when chided for not doing his duty.

He plans programs, appoints committees when he can get them and spends considerable time in keeping people out of each other's hair. Between times he prepares sermons and preaches them on Sunday to those who don't happen to have any other engagements.

Then on Monday he smiles when some well-meaning person roars, "What a job—one day a week!"

Diary of a Bible



Jan. 15—Been resting quietly for a week. The first few nights after the first of the year my owner read me regularly (New Years resolutions), but he has forgotten me I guess.

Feb. 2—Cleaned up. I was dusted with other things and put back in my place.

Feb. 9—Owner used me for a short time, looked up a few references. Went to Sunday School.

March 7—Clean up. Dusted and in my old place again. Have been down in the lower hall since my trip to Sunday School.

April 2—Busy day. Owner led a meeting and had to look up references. He had an awful time finding me, although I was right there in my place all the time.

May 5—In grandma's lap. She is here on a visit. She let a tear drop fall on Colossians 2:5-7.

May 6—In grandma's lap again this afternoon. She spent most of her time in I Corinth. 13 and the last four verses in the 15th chapter.

May 7, 8, 9—In grandma's lap every afternoon now. It's a comfortable spot. Sometimes she reads me and sometimes she talks to me.

May 10—Grandma gone. Back in the old place again. She kissed me goodbye.

Jun 4—Had a couple of four-leaf clovers stuck in me today.

July 1—Packed me in a trunk with clothes and other things. Off on a vacation I guess.

July 10—Still in the trunk tho nearly everything else has been taken out.

July 15—Home again and in my old place. Quite a journey, tho I do not see why I went.

Aug. 1—Rather stuffy and hot. Have two magazines, a novel and an old hat on top of me. Wish they would take them off.

Sept. 12—Used by Mary a few momements today. She was writing a letter to a friend whose brother had died, wanted an appropriate verse.

Oct. 5—Was carried to church today-Rally Day, and held up to be counted. Glad I can be of some use.

Dec. 31—Tomorrow (New Year) I expect to be opened at random by each member of the family, in turn, and then a finger placed upon a verse. Suppose the finger rests on John 5:39 (search the scriptures)?

Beloved Americans beware! "Behold the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor thirst for water, but of HEARING the Word of the Lord" (Amos 8:11)

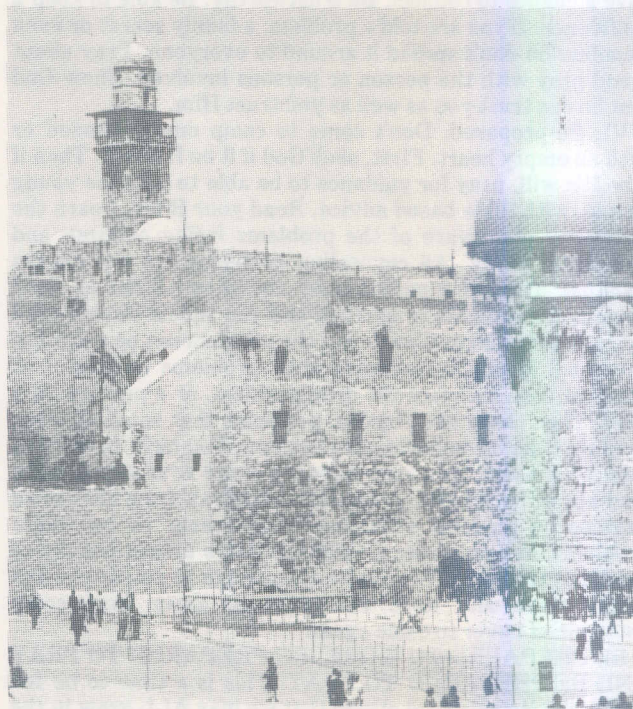
"If your Bible could write—what would it record?"

MOVING?

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JORDAN



November 1 - 12, 1980

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Bible Teacher Elson Miller
Royalheir Gospel Singers

Friends,

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

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

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

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Church Attendance

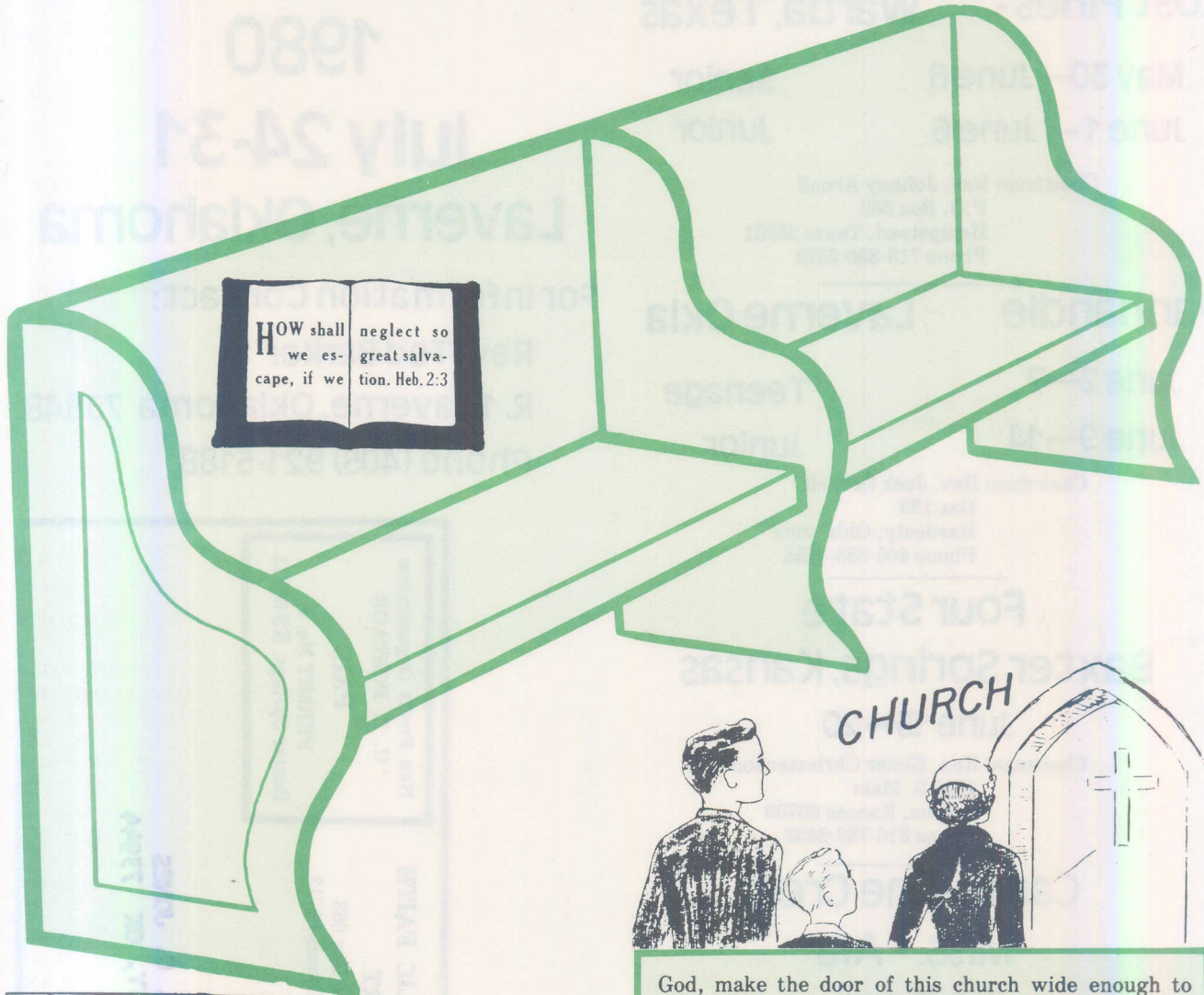
by Myrtle Carney

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1). This affirmation of joyous anticipation in attending the house of worship, first uttered by David, has echoed through the centuries. Today it strikes a responsive chord in the hearts of men and women, boys and girls who enjoy the privileges of religious freedom.

In His master plan of the ages has ordained that redeemed men and women of all generations should have the opportunity of identification with Jesus, their Savior. By designating believers as members of the Body of Christ, the Father has lifted them all into the exalted status of sons of

God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:14,17)

The church is a place for the body of believers to gather for fellowship and worship, a place of teaching and involvement and a base for witnessing. The believer demonstrates his loyalty to Christ by his faithfulness to church services. By his presence he testifies to the community that he is an active participant in the church and its activities. When the community is aware of such dedication, the verbal witness of the believer is more meaningful. Faithfulness to church enriches the Christian life. In short, you need the church and the church needs you.



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God, make the door of this church wide enough to receive all who need human love, fellowship and fatherly care; and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and hate; make the threshold smooth so as to be no stumbling block to children, to the weak or straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God, make the doorway of this church to many souls the gateway of Thy eternal kingdom.

—Author unknown

SUMMER SCHEDULES

Youth Camps

Lost Pines - Warda, Texas

May 30—June 6 Senior
 June 1—June 6 Junior

Chairman: Rev. Johnny Arnall
 P.O. Box 362
 Hempstead, Texas 36251
 Phone 713-826-2528

Panhandle Laverne Okla

June 2—7 Teenage
 June 9—14 Junior

Chairman: Rev. Jack Cornell
 Box 133
 Hardesty, Oklahoma
 Phone 405-888-4555

Four State Baxter Springs, Kansas

June 15—20

Chairman: Rev. Elmer Christenson
 1811 S. Main
 Galena, Kansas 66739
 Phone 316-783-2433

Camp Pine Crest Miss. - Ala

July 5—11

Committee To Be
 Announced Later

"We have to live but one day at a time, but we are living for eternity in that one day."

Camp Meeting 1980

July 24-31

Laverne, Oklahoma

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