

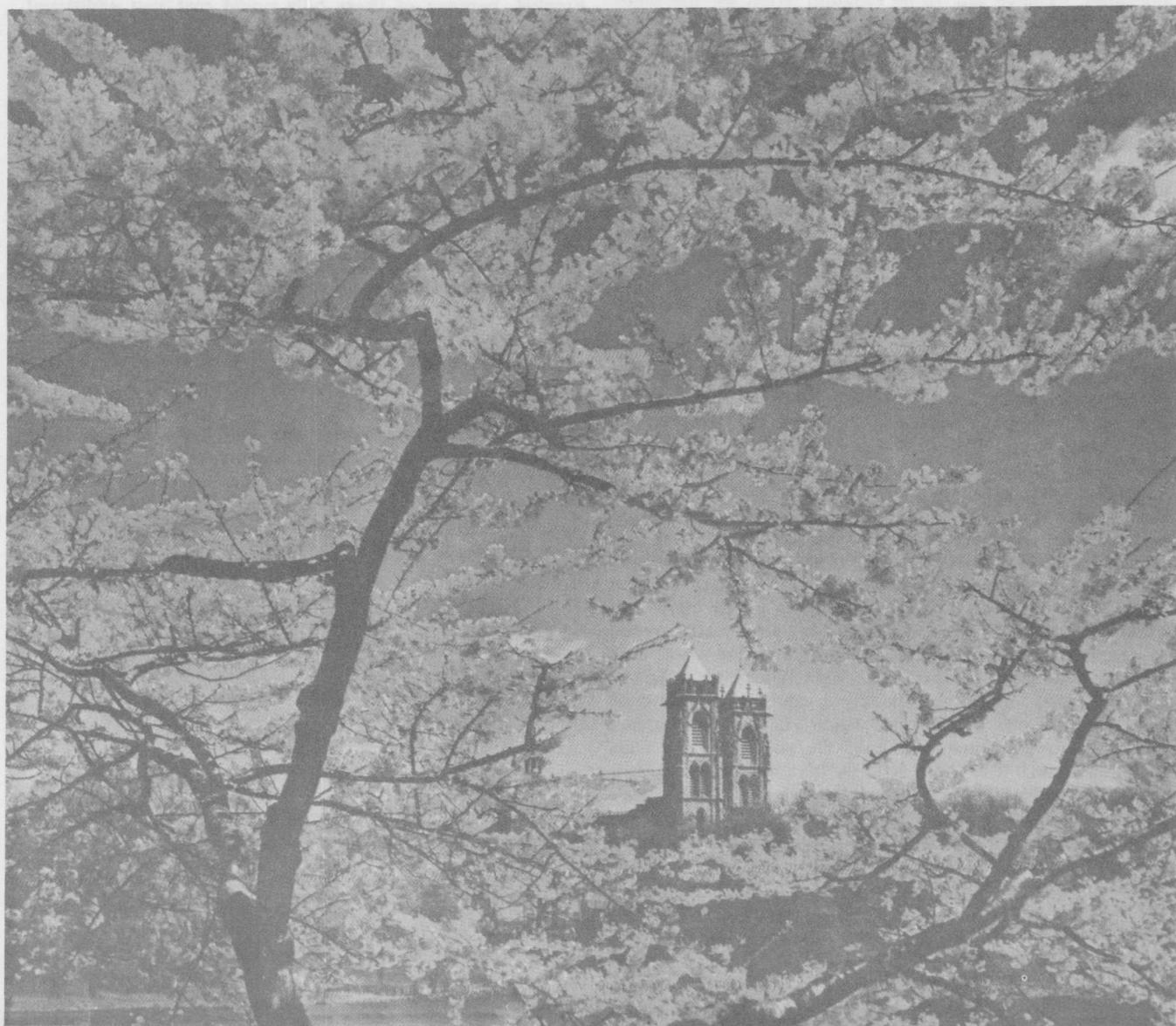
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# Editorial . . .

## MY SHEEP KNOW MY VOICE

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." John 10: 27.

It seems that our world of today is so full of sounds and voices and confusion. We have TV, radio, stereos, tape decks, sound equipment of all descriptions, traffic noise, the sound of people rushing to and fro and other sounds of all kinds. It seems the very air is saturated with sounds and its hard to find a quiet place. And yet it is so very true that we hear what we want to hear.

The story is told of a naturalist that was walking the streets of New York City with a lifetime resident of that great metropolis. As they rounded a corner the naturalist stopped and listened and said "I hear the chirp of a cricket." His companion began to laugh and answered, "You've got to be kidding! With all the noise on this busy corner and you think you hear a cricket!" But he followed him down some stairs leading into a basement, and sure enough in a dark little corner at the bottom of the stairs their flashlight revealed a lone cricket chirping its little song. The New Yorker asked in disbelief, "But how could you hear that?" The naturalist said, "come back on the street and I'll show you how." When they reached the street he took a quarter from his pocket and let it drop to the cement below and nearly every passerby turned his head to look when the sound of money dropping reached their ears. They were all accustomed to that sound. The man exclaimed, "It makes all the difference in what your ear is tuned to hear. Mine is listening for the cricket."

Oh, what a message that man preached. Amid all the confusion of voices and messages that our ears are subjected to today, we, His sheep, can single out the voice of our Shepherd, the Risen, Lord. The song writer put it this way, "I hear the risen Saviour say, Follow me, Follow me, Follow Me. His voice is calling all the day, Follow me, follow me, follow me." Jesus told us that in the last days there would be false prophets and many would say here is Christ and there is Christ and many would claim to be the Christ, but he warned us not to follow after them and to take heed that no man deceive us. We can hear the master's voice above all others if we truly love him. Did you ever notice when a group of small children are playing together that when one of them is hurt and starts to cry or calls out "Mama" that invariably the right mother is the first to hear that cry of distress. Jesus knows his own and not only do we know and hear his voice but He says "I know them." The Bible tells us that our Risen Saviour is at the right hand of God interceding for us. He's praying for you and me. He is alive and alive for evermore. And we His sheep can hear His voice. It is so different from all the rest. It soothes the broken heart, it encourages the down-hearted, it reproves and rebukes for all wrong-doing, and its sound is all we need to see us through the longest, darkest, loneliest night of our lives. Have you heard the Shepherd's voice today. Listen for it. You can if you're one of His sheep.

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## URGENT OR DEFAULT

Christians should have an interest in legislation, particularly that which affects the Lord's work. Identical bills have now been introduced into both houses of Congress calling for termination by January 1976 of existing tax exemptions and deductions from income tax. The Senate Bill is No. S-3657 and the House Bill is No. HR-15230, and they are titled:

### Tax Policy Review Act of 1973

Section 306 of the bills would eliminate the tax-free parsonage allowance under the existing law. This would penalize churches who own residences for the minister and preachers who own their own homes. It would place a much heavier tax burden on the minister and on the church.

Section 312 of the bills would terminate charitable deductions (such as church contributions, and gifts to colleges, hospitals, and children's homes). If you give \$1,000.00 to the church a year and are in the 25% tax bracket, passage of these bills would cost you additional \$250.00 a year in income taxes.

Strong, but courteous, objection to this legislation should be addressed to our own individual State Senators.

Churches have no lobbying force in Congress and, unless Christians speak up, they stand to lose immensely by SILENCE and DEFAULT.

We urge you to also write your protest to the sponsors of the bills, Rep. Wilbur Mills, (D. Arkansas) and Sen. Mike Mansfield (D. Montana).



Joel and Beverly Karber announce the arrival of their new son, Jason Wayne born Thursday, March 21, 1974 at 2:28 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz and measuring 19½ in. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Richardson, Baxter Springs, Kans. and Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Karber, Aurora, Colo. Mrs. C S. Pugh of Balko, Okla. is the Great Grandmother.

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A. F. Report

# THE VACANT TOMB

by O. A. Busch  
Baxter Springs, Kansas



**"He is not here..."**

**HE IS RISEN!"**

Luke 24: 3 "And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus."

These devout women, followers of Jesus, who came with their spices for the anointing, the last act of love and respect they could render for their precious Lord, without doubt expected to find the body in the tomb. Little did they realize that the entire plan of God's salvation for Adam's fallen race hinged on the fact that the tomb on this first Easter morning must be vacant, and the body of our Lord Jesus must not be found.

Oh, the awfulness of the thought — What if they had found the body and He had not risen as He said He would; then our faith and hope would have been in vain, and we would yet be in our sins. But, thank God, early on that morning they found the stone rolled away and the two men stood by in shining garments, and proclaimed "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! What wonderful news for the women to hear for they feared that the body had been stolen.

After Adam's fall in the garden, God promised the Saviour; the seed of the women would bruise the head of the serpent. (Gen. 3: 15) Four thousand years man waited for the fullness of God's salvation. First God dealt with the patriarchs through their conscience, then God gave to Moses the law, which would be a schoolmaster to lead us to Christ and grace. How in these ages men must have waited and longed for grace and truth. Perhaps David, the man after God's own heart, after the sins of passion and lust had taken control and

in a few hours time he became an adulterer and a murderer, expresses the cry of the human heart best in his words, "My sin is ever before me, purge me with hyssop; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow, create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me." These things would not and could not be accomplished until He would come, "Who would save His people from their sins."

The Prophets spoke of the plan of redemption, and gave types and shadows of One, who was to come. The last writer of the Old Testament speaks of the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to His temple. But even with this last book having been closed for over 400 years, God had one who had extracted a promise of the Holy Ghost that he would not see death till he had seen the Lord's Christ. Simeon waited not in vain, for God had chosen a virgin, and she had been overshadowed of the Holy Ghost and had conceived. She was of the right lineage, had been brought by taxation to the right city, and had given birth to Him, of whom the angel had said, "He shall be called Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins. The Shepherds heard the news that a Saviour was born, but this was only the beginning. The Son of God became the Son of Man; He became flesh and blood that He might condemn sin in the flesh.

One day a stranger came to John to be baptized, for John said I knew Him not, and John says I have need to be baptized of you, but the stranger answers, "Suffer it to be so now." Then as He came up out of the water, John saw the Spirit descending and remaining on Him, then he could say, "and I saw and bare record that this is the Son of God."

From His baptism He was led (driven) to the wilderness and tempted of the devil forty days, after which He returns in the power of the Spirit. He now comes with power over every sickness, diseases, demons, storms at sea and above all power over sin. The message from the heart of God brings the hope for fallen men of every station in life. In some three short years His Gospel changed the lives of millions of people. Nations of the world felt the impact of the Words of Life that fell from His lips.

Through all this He was denied and sold by His own, and stood before Pilot to be examined and cross-examined. And although Pilot confessed, "I find no fault in Him, He was turned over to a blood thirsty mob and crucified. I remember His words "For this hour am I come into the world." So it wasn't primarily for the birth, miracles and joys that He came, but to pay redemption's price, and become our sacrificial Lamb upon God's altar to complete the plan of redemption from sin. The power of the "sting of death" must be broken. So man can sing "Death hath no terrors for the blood bought ones, Oh, Glory Hallelujah to The Lamb." Jesus and the resurrection are one and the same thing. You can't preach Jesus without the Resurrection; nor can you preach the Resurrection without Jesus, for Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Praise God the tomb was found VACANT! It was only borrowed for three days. He is not here!! HE IS RISEN!!!



### Arnett, Oklahoma

The presence of the Lord has been most gracious in our services. We are thankful for the blessings of God upon our lives and in our work for Him.

Our new furniture has been delivered and set up and we are very proud of it. We are planning an Anniversary Day to be held after the weather clears. We would appreciate hearing from all former ministers as to the years they served as pastor of our church. This would be a big help in getting ready for our Anniversary Day. We thank the Lord for the way he blessed in our purchasing of new furniture for our sanctuary as it is all paid for.

There has been a lot of sickness during January and February but our attendance is going back up again.

Please remember Sister Jessie Huff in your prayers. She fell and broke her hip in February. Following her release from the Newman Memorial Hospital at Shattuck, Oklahoma, she is being cared for by her daughter, Mamie Chamberlain, of Arnett. Sister Huff and Sister Chamberlain are greatly missed in the services and we pray they will soon be back in services.

Rev. Cornell has been bringing some messages on the Gifts of the Spirit and the need for these to be operating in our church. Also, he brought a very interesting study on the functions of the Holy Spirit. These were most enlightening especially to our new converts.

Our youth have scheduled their Sunday evening service at 5:00 p. m. We are praying the Lord will encourage the youth to be present in every service.

The Bible School Choir of Baxter Springs, Kansas has scheduled their visit to Arnett on April 4 at 7:30 p. m.

**Ruby V. Kibbe, Reporter**  
**Eugene K. Cornell, Pastor**

### Purcell, Missouri

During February a class was started for the teenagers at our church. We feel several of these young people can be reached if we continue our prayers for them and have faith in God. Please help us pray for Bro. Jack Williams and Sis. Woods. They are in need of healing. We enjoyed having the College Vibration Singers on Thursday, March 14. They were a blessing to us. We continue our prayers for a good revival.

**George Hintergardt, Pastor**  
**Mrs. Robert Hostler, Reporter**

### Fair Oaks Chapel Spring Valley, California

God has been very good to us here. We have a new pastor, Bro. Curtis Taylor and his wife, Karen, (Bro. Curtis is Lois Matthews brother). They love the Lord very much and our services show that God is using them. Souls are being saved and people are pressing on to higher ground in the Lord. Several have been filled with the Holy Spirit, and others have been healed by God's great hand. God is moving in a mighty way, Praise the Lord! We have many families visiting the church and many are staying to fellowship together with us in the Lord. God has given us a revival among our regular attenders and we needed it very much. We were hungry for God's work in our church. Our attendance has grown from 15 to a little over 50 in about two months. We have started a coffee house for the young people; God is blessing them. We ask your prayers that we can reach more souls for God. We send a welcome to all who come our way to stop by and visit with us.

**Curtis Taylor, Pastor**  
**Rusty Johnson, Reporter**

### Las Vegas, Nevada

Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are truly thankful that the Lord is blessing in an abundance. We have witnessed the Lord's hand reaching down and touching the lost and healing the sick in such a merciful way. Also the Lord is increasing the number of the congregation. The building in which we are holding services is almost too small. Please pray that the Lord will open the way to build on the land He has provided. He has just provided a new 1955 school bus, Praise the Lord! It is new to us.

The Bible School singers came and held services at a Power House ministry which reached beyond our congregation and blessed many others. They have expressed their thanks for the young people who give their life for the Lord in such ministries, and said it encouraged their young people to leave a better witness for Jesus. Through this and other ways the Lord is opening up the way to share Jesus with other organizations.

Please pray for special services coming up the first of April until the fourteenth, hopefully.

Due to the need to incorporate, the name of the church had to be changed. The new name is the Full Gospel Tabernacle. It sure is hard to pick a name for a church but the Lord gave us the peace.

May the kingdom of God, righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost be with all those in Christ is our prayer.

We have a new blessing from the Lord here. Kristi Angelene Fennell at 7 pounds 5½ ounces came to the home of Gary and Louise Fennell here in Las Vegas. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hyrum Lord of Los Angeles, California.

Yours in Christ,  
Full Gospel Tabernacle Believers  
**Francis Dearing Pastor**

## Hudson, Wyoming

I will send you a short note for the paper.

February 17, was the beginning of a week's revival conducted by our own Paul Wilkerson. The messages were brought under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and their were seekers at the altar and victories won. The special songs and the testimonies were a blessing to everyone, also. Visitors from neighboring towns joined with us in many of the services.

The College Vibrations will be with us April 17 and we are eagerly looking forward to their visit.

We are still in our building program. With the coming of Spring it will be possible for us to resume work. We were able to complete the framing of the Sunday School unit before snow hit last fall and now we are ready to start the church unit.

We are glad to report that God is still blessing our small number for which we are thankful, but we are looking forward to greater things for Him. We would be happy for any visitors and PLEASE remember us in your prayers.

**Emma Rogers, Reporter**  
**Eugene Webster, Pastor**

## Midway Country Church Logan, Oklahoma

It has been a few months since we have sent in a report, but we want you to know that the Lord has been blessing and is so good to us.

We are glad Sis. Lois Harper has come back to her home church and is working so faithfully in so many ways. She is in charge of the Sunday night children's church and also the special singing. She felt a burden to start our youth Rallies again and in February our church hosted the Youth Rally. It was really enjoyed by the young and old alike. Sis. Lois has brought some very good messages in some of our services.

Some of our church people attended the DVBS workshop in Liberal, Kansas March 7. Bro. and Sis. Jake Regier were with us recently for both morning and night services on a Sunday. Bro. and Sis. Johnny Arnall from Joplin, Missouri, were with us Sunday Morning, March 10. We enjoyed the messages of these ministers. The College Vibration Singers were with us March 31. Their music in song was an inspiration to all.

We are expecting great things from our wonderful Lord as we continue to serve him.

**Doyle Wiles, Pastor**  
**Edith Lamunyon, Reporter**

## Joplin, Missouri

Bro. Jack Barker recently conducted a wonderful revival for us. The spirit of the Lord was in every service with many victories being won in lives for the Lord. This was the best attended meeting we have had in many years. People came from all the different churches in the area and a spirit of love and unity prevailed. The special singing was by the church folk and visitors that came in.

**Ollie Kinser, Pastor**

## Faith Chapel, Canyon, Texas

We are happy for this year's activities for the Lord. Since January the schedule has been quite full and response has been great towards God's Word. People have heard and believed and found the Lord to be real. David Scott has given good leadership to our youth as president. The young people that have been saved are moving into deeper consecrations and commitments to the Lord's work. Our group this year seems to be assuming more of a burden and concern in witnessing than before.

The Sunday School has been quite an inspiring time of study and open discussion of the Scripture. Glen Fullbright leads this phase of worship very well. The Wednesday night Believers Service has been conducted by the men of our church and proven to be an hour of serious study and prayer for our people. Valson Abraham, David Pruitt, Buddy Price, Dale Ditto, Bob Hogue, Gary Peterson, and others have accomplished a good job in planning these services.

Rev. Kay Kerr of Katy had open Bible Services and share time at the chapel February 11-12-13. The lessons were great and we spent an informal time of questions and answers, very profitable to all.

Rene Heil has been preaching at the chapel through February and March and Brother Marcus has been preaching at other places. He has had meetings at Midway Country Church with Brother Doyle Wiles, Dalhart People's Chapel, with Rev. Kenny Priest at Oklahoma City, Rev. Ronnie Martin at Granby, Mo., and with Rev. Gene Cornell at Arnett, Okla. Let us pray for each of these pastors. They are working sincerely to preach and teach in their respective churches.

The ministry of Johnny Arnall was a blessing to our church. He and his family have been at Canyon for a few days in February. Some of our advisors and trustees have been with us the past few weeks, Roland Busch of Katy, Texas, Wayne Huff of Muskogee, Okla., Gene Allen of Katy, Texas, Gary Peterson of Canyon, M. L. Scott of Katy, Texas, M. M. Peck of Edna, Texas, Glen Cummings of Dalhart, and Don Flowers of Perryton, Texas. Other visitors to Canyon have been Kenneth Elkins of Katy, Texas, Ken Giltner of Dallas, Texas, Johnny Arnall of Joplin, Mo., Kay Kerr of Katy, Texas, and Jim Fox of Balko, Texas. We are looking forward to the meeting March 16th of our trustees and advisors. Our prayers are for these men as they continue to carry the responsibilities of Apostolic Faith Outreach Ministries in Canyon.

Rev. Jack Regier will be with us for meetings the week of March 11th. Bible lessons and share time are planned each night.

The University class has lots of interest and several new students attending each Sunday morning. This is a teaching ministry by Valson Abraham, our Indian student. Some of the students are concerned about "Our Summer Missions" project. This program is designed for students wishing to devote part of their summer vacation to helping missionary endeavors. For more information write Marcus Adair, Box 844, Canyon, Texas 79015.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! I am so glad He inhabits eternity and says, "I am the Lord, I change not." Mal. 3:6 His word is the same and His power is the same.

We are facing conditions our Bible has told us would come to pass in the end time. Bro. Parham and many of the ministers of by-gone days told us the time would come when our land titles and money would be worthless. We are beginning to see these things come to pass.

There are shortages of almost everything. One of the gravest is the shortage of food. Many of the things the Bible tells us of are manifest as pestilence and famine which are being experienced more and more.

Labor troubles at home and embargos of vital resources from other nations have us in a position that could bring

a shortage of food and many vital necessities in a short period of time.

A man told me he had bought seventy-five chickens and over one hundred pounds of bacon and was ready for a shortage. How foolish! He had it in his deep freeze, and hadn't thought how it could spoil in a few days if the electricity was cut off. As the song says, "We dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus Name." Since we are facing these conditions someone will say, "What are we going to do?" I will give you some Bible examples of similar conditions. Heb. 3:17 and 18, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

The One who said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," will see his faithful ones through. Matt. 28:20, For He hath said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5.

God sent Moses to deliver the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage without an army or any means of providing them with food and water during their forty years of wilderness travels, yet God supplied food and water, and their clothes did not wear out. Duet. 29:5.

Some will argue that God couldn't or wouldn't do that now. Some of the people were skeptical then as many are now, but as they followed Moses and Joshua and obeyed God, He took care of them. If we are God's children today and obey Him, He will take care of us even in times of drouth and famine.

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# AFFECTIONS

In I Kings chapter 17 through 19 the Bible tells us how God took care of Elijah in a drouth and famine. He was fed by a raven and by a widow who had a little meal and a cruse of oil, during the time of drouth until God told him to show himself to Ahab. What a miracle! We are serving the God of Elijah. The Bible also tells us how Elijah proved to Ahab and the prophets of Baal who the real God was, who answers prayer. In I Kings 19:5-8 God sent an angel to feed Elijah.

In 2 Kings 4:1-7 there is an account of the wife of a prophet and her two sons. The husband died and the sons were taken as slaves because the husband owed a debt. She was in deep trouble but she went to Elisha, the prophet of God, and told him what had happened. He asked her what did she have and she told him that she had a

pot of oil. Elisha told her to borrow many vessels and start pouring the oil until all the vessels were filled. Then Elisha told her to sell the oil and pay the debt — and live on the rest. The God we serve has proven many times that He is able for any condition that may arise.

In Matt. 15:32-38 there is a New Testament account of how Jesus fed four thousand men, beside women and children, with seven loaves of bread and a few fish, and had seven baskets of food left. In Matt. 6:36-44 Jesus performed a miracle by using a little lad's lunch of five loaves and two fishes to feed five thousand men and had twelve baskets of food left. It should thrill our hearts and increase our faith to read these wonderful truths of God. Romans 8: 35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long: we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

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

38 For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, or depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Not anything that happens can separate us from the love of God. What a wonderful assurance we have! We must look to Him with all the faith and grace that God gives us.

Ps. 121:1 and 2 "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." God is the only one who can help us, He is our only hope.

Matt. 6:19-21 "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." It is time to set our affections on heavenly things. Do not let worldly things rob you of your hope of seeing Christ, and being like Him.

It is high time we consider Col. 3:1-4 very diligently. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

In this day of affluence, many seem to think that material things are the most important, but Jesus tells us in Luke 12:15 that we should take heed and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

I hope and pray that many have come to the realization that this age is coming to a close. If we fail God by putting our faith in the wisdom of man and worldly possessions, we will go down to perdition and death.

Another type of shortage we are seeing today is prophesied in Amos 8:11,12 "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wonder from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it." This is a very serious thing. God's word is being discredited, ridiculed, and denied. Many preachers and teachers are wresting the Word to their own destruction. 2 Peter 3:16b "in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction."

They are trying to change the Word to endorse their own ideas of sin and worldliness, I John 2:15-17 "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. Paul said in 2 Tim. 4:10 "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world." Titus 2:11, 12. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly, in this present world." If we follow God's Word, we will bring our lives in subjection to Him.

### Center Point, Texas

We are having beautiful weather in the Texas hill country and the Lord has been so good to us. We are looking forward to a series of revival services April 7—14, closing on Easter Sunday with Bro. & Sis. Bill Yeakel. We are trusting the Lord to deal with lost souls, as well as Christians, to make haste and prepare for His soon coming.

We are glad to have the S. Q. Bonners, formerly of Dumas, Texas, and the M. F. Lemmons, formerly of Laverne, Okla. making Kerrville, Texas their home and being part of the congregation at Center Point.

Bro. Lemmons and a couple of the other men of the church have put up fluorescent lights in the church, making everything so much brighter. We have begun to make plans to set a new septic tank and put a new bathroom in the church parsonage. We are trusting the Lord to provide as He always does. May God richly bless your further endeavors in behalf of the Report.

**Donald Dibbens, Pastor**  
**Marilyn Buchanan, Reporter**

### Katy, Texas

We are sorry to have lost the Gordon Methvins as members of our church. They moved back to Alvin, Texas the last of January. Bro. Roland Busch was the speaker at the South Texas Ministers and Laity Meeting held in the Tomball Church March 18. He spoke on the building plans for the Apostolic Faith Bible School and explained the financial needs of the school at this time. The Youth Camp and the Singing School were also discussed.

**K. Kerr, Pastor**

**A. F. Report**



### Lubbock, Texas

It has been quite some time since we have written a letter to the Report, so we wanted to let the people know that God has been very good to us. For the past thirteen months we have been meeting in a house. Now we feel it is time to purchase some land and by mid-summer we hope to have a church, the Lord providing through His people. We have had several ministers and gospel workers to visit with us this past year. Bro. Homer Allen had our Sunday services during Camp Meeting. Bro. Jim Russell, his wife, Kathy, and daughter, Christy, were with us for several services before they started pastoring in Big Spring, Texas. Bro. Rene Hiel and family, Calvin Klaus, Barry Methvin, and David McCance have all been with us recently. Bro. Homer Coberly lives in Lubbock and occasionally he is able to attend our services. We really appreciate his life and words of encouragement. All of the above mentioned have been a real blessing to us and we say thank you for coming by. We would also like to invite any other ministers and gospel workers to visit us anytime.

We are very happy to have Bro. and Sis. Wayne Wheeler and Cassie living in Lubbock. We really enjoy them working in our church. Bro. Wayne is open for revivals. Feel free to call him for services anytime.

**Jimmy Long, Pastor**

### Baxter Springs, Kansas

God has been good to us. We have been having some more Wednesday night Bible lessons on the Anti-Christ, the end of time and the coming of the Lord. Everyone is enjoying this study. We are sorry to lose Barry and Lenore Beckwith. They will be moving in a few days to Shattuck, Oklahoma. The church had a farewell get-together for them after service Wednesday, March 20. Bro. Jack Cornell and the College Vibration Singers have been back in home for a few days. They had services at Galena, Joplin, Purcell and Taneyville while here.

**Ted Barker, Pastor**

### Galena, Kansas

Greetings from Galena. March 11 at 7:30 p. m. the College Vibrations were with us, consisting of Garold Oakes, J. J. Arnall, Jimmy Botter, Marlon Sparks, Karen Crouse, Teloa Stanberry, Janece Randolph, and Bro. Jack Cornell. Their music was an inspiration to all who were there.

Members of our church are holding cottage prayer meetings for a revival that will begin April 7 with Bro. Jacob Fletcher. All are welcome. Please remember us in your prayers.

**Mark Price, Reporter  
Paul Clanton, Pastor**

### Snyder, Texas

After Christmas, Calvin Klaus, a student from AFBC visited Wednesday evening and brought a good message on our privileges and duties in the Lord. Calvin is the grandson of Mrs. Beulah Lewis of Snyder, who also attended the service.

We had about six of our church in the hospital with flu, pneumonia, surgery, etc., for varying lengths of time recently. We thank the Lord they are recovered now.

Visitors to our services have included Bro. and Sis. Clifford Ware of Seminole, Texas and E. R. and Mable Massingill of Snyder.

The adult Bible class was studying I Corinthians, Chapter 11 on the Lord's Supper the Sunday that the church received beautiful aluminum Communion vessels. The set was presented in memory of Bro. and Sis. R. C. Hoyle by their children: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoyle, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Ford, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Newsome, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Patterson. We appreciate the thoughtfulness of this family, and feel that their gift will be a fitting memorial to the Christian lives of their parents. The Sacrament was observed the following Sunday.

All of us are looking forward to May 5, when the College Vibrations arrive for their service here.

Please remember to pray for the church here.

**Kay Shifflett, Reporter  
Vester Clanton, Pastor**

### Guymon, Oklahoma

We thank God for the good revival we had recently with Bro. Bill Sparks and the "Son Rise Singers". Approximately 30 came forward. Of this group 20 came for salvation, the others to rededicate and deepen their consecration to the Lord. Some of the ladies of our church helped make outfits for the singers who are now the "Vibrations" and are on tour with Bro. Jack Cornell in behalf of the Bible School.

Recently the college students from West Texas State University were here on a Sunday for our Youth service and the evening Evangelistic service. We enjoyed them very much. We are currently working on an Easter cantata titled "Alleluia". We have practice sessions every Wednesday and Sunday nights. Our ladies trio consists of Kathy White, Katy Osborn, and Wilma Tomlinson. We also have a male trio composed of Sam Ames, Duane Methvin and Bro. Edwin Modrick. We are enjoying these two groups and all our other singers. The Activity Center is nearing completion and we're praising God for it. The Adult trip to Deer Valley was great. About 40 attended. Our college group will be going during their Spring Break March 24 - 27. Our high in attendance came during our revival with 225 in attendance.

**Edwin Modrick, Pastor**

### Stockton, California

We want to let you know that things are going fine here. As a church we are in a "clean-up, fix-up, paint-up" program. Our Sunday School rooms have been redone and look fresh and clean. Now we are in the process of painting the living, dining area and one bedroom in the parsonage. We also hung new drapes in the living and dining room. The folks have been good to work. Bro. Jack Cornell and the Bible College group were with us Monday, March 4. We enjoyed a good evening of singing and fellowship. Bro. and Sis. Roland Busch will begin a revival for us starting Easter Sunday. We are looking forward to this time and hope to reach some new souls for Christ.

Sherman and I are fine and enjoying our work here. God bless you and yours as you labor for Him. The Report is a real blessing to us.

**Louise Sutton, Pastor**

### Hinton, Alabama

Spring is here and we have several activities on the calendar for the coming months. Everyone is enthused with the improvement project we have going at the church. We are refinishing the inside, repainting, and laying carpet.

Bro. John Blythe has resigned as pastor, and Bro. Earl Morgan has taken the church to fill-in till Camp Meeting.

We ask an interest in your prayers in behalf of the work in this area, and we extend a cordial invitation to all ministers and workers of the Faith to come by and visit with us.

**Earl Morgan, Pastor**  
**Betty Carney, Reporter**

### Pampa, Texas

We have just closed a week of Bible Study of I John with Bro. Harrol Waterbury of Perryton, Texas. The study was so uplifting, enlightening and interesting. Many things conflicted with the time of the study but it was most profitable to all who could attend.

We have been encouraged the past weeks, and have purchased a bus and have finished carpeting the downstairs Sunday School rooms, which has made things much quieter. Our Young People have taken on the publishing of a little monthly paper called "Our Way", which has been most graciously received by our church. We have had one to pray through to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and others are seeking. We enjoyed the "College Vibration Singers" from the A. F. Bible College with us Sunday night, March 10.

**Edwin Waterbury, Pastor**  
**Anabel Simmons, Reporter**

Correction!!

Mr. E. A. Greever is in a Rest Home in Canadian instead of Spearman, Texas.

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### Bentonville, Arkansas

The 4-State Minister's and Laity meeting was held at the Holiday Inn at Bentonville, Arkansas Tuesday night, March 12. There were approximately sixty in attendance. Bro. Roland Busch of Katy, Texas, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Bible School explained the building program of the school and the purchase of the land directly behind the chapel. The election that followed resulted in the following people being put in office: Bro. Ollie Kinser remains as president of the ministers' meeting for another year, with his wife, Anna as the secretary. Bro. Paul Clanton was again elected to be the chairman of the Youth Camp this summer. And Bro. Bill Hollis was elected to a new term on the permanent camp committee. This was one of the most enjoyable and the best attended meetings we have had.

### Ashland, Alabama

As the Lord sends us another "Spring Time" I trust it will be a time for each of us to "Spring Forth" in our christian experiences as well as in the work of the Lord. Springtime is only a reminder that we must plant, water and cultivate that at the "Harvest Time" God might give the increase, which is only months away. We have felt the rich presence of the Lord in our services as well as in our teaching ministry at the Academy. And as we approach the close of another year here we desire your prayers that God would use our lives to the fullest extent that His Name and His Kingdom would be glorified. We are to have Religious Emphasis week at the Academy April 8th-12th. Please pray for a harvest of souls this week.

**Jim Arnall, Pastor**

### Pampa, Texas

Bro. & Sis. Lloyd Schrimpf write that their infant great grandson, son of Rev. John Carl and Janeva Kay Bailey, was born of January 26, 1974 and passed away the following day. John and Janeva are pastoring the church at Kingsmill, Texas. She is the daughter of Paul Allen and Bonnie Pletcher. The Schrimpfs express how they enjoy the Report and especially the 1900 paper reprinted in the March issue. Though they are disabled and retired they have a prayer ministry for all those still active in the work of the Lord and carry on quite an extensive correspondence which keeps them in touch with others. Please remember them in your prayers.

### Houston, Texas

Bro. and Sis. George McCowan are now living in Houston and write how God so miraculously spared George's life in a loading accident he had while working for the Central Freight Lines in Houston. They ask for our prayers that they will find a church home in Houston where they can be spiritually fed.

**A. F. Report**

# WHAT EASTER CAN MEAN FOR YOU

By Nat Olson

**W**HAT DOES EASTER MEAN TO YOU? New clothes? Eggs in a basket? Family reunion? A welcome end to a long, dreary winter? Signs of new life in nature?

Or does it speak of new *spiritual* life? Does it mean the resurrection of Christ and the Christian's assurance of eternal life?

I was reading what William Jennings Bryan, famous orator and three-time nominee for the Presidency of the United States, said on the subject. Here is what Easter meant to him:

"Christ gave us proof of immortality. And yet it would hardly seem necessary that one should rise from the dead to convince us that the grave is not the end.

"To every created thing God has given a tongue that proclaims a resurrection. If the Father deigns to touch with divine power the cold and pulseless heart of the buried acorn and make it burst forth from its prison walls, will He leave neglected in the earth the soul of man, made in the image of his Creator?

"If He stoops to give the rosebush, whose withered blossoms float upon the autumn breeze, the sweet assurance of another springtime, will He refuse the world of hope to the sons of men when the frost of another winter comes? If matter, mute and inanimate, though changed by force of nature into a multitude of forms, can never die, will the spirit of man suffer annihilation when it has paid a brief visit, like a royal guest, to the tenement of clay? No. I am as sure that there is another life as I am that I live today.

"In Cairo I secured a few grains of wheat that had slumbered for more than 3,000 years in an Egyptian tomb. As I looked at them, this thought came into my mind. If

one of those grains had been planted upon the banks of the Nile the year after it grew, and all its lineal descendants planted and replanted from that time until now, its progeny would today be plentiful enough to feed all the millions of the world.

"There is in the grain of wheat an invisible something which has the power to discard the body that we see, and from earth and air to fashion a new body so much like the old one that we cannot tell one from another.

"If this invisible germ of life in the grain of wheat can thus pass unimpaired through 3,000 resurrections, I shall not doubt that my soul has the power to clothe itself with a new body, suited to its new existence, when this earthly frame has crumbled into dust."

This truth, implicit in nature, is explicitly stated in the Bible. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). The joys of Christian living will not end at death but will be multiplied to last forever, Psalm 16:11 states. "In thy [God's] presence is fulness of joy: at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

This hope of a better life beyond the grave is contingent upon our faith in God's Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as it is written, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36).

Easter can mean the beginning of eternal life for you, if you will accept Jesus as your personal Saviour. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that *whosoever believeth in him* should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). What happens to us beyond the grave depends on our relationship to Jesus, the resurrected Christ. Pentecostal Evangel



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Here is a message that can revolutionize your life!

By G. LAZENBY

# ALIVE FOR EVERMORE

IT WAS SUNDAY EVENING, and a handful of men were hiding in an upstairs room. They were utterly miserable; they were puzzled and depressed. In their fear they had bolted the door.

The bottom had fallen out of their world. They had given their all in loyalty to their Leader; everything had been centered in Him, and now—He was dead.

His grave was in a garden close by. One more idealist removed and with Him all His grand, but unfulfilled, promises.

A few weeks later these same men were on trial before those who were responsible for the death of their Leader. The "crime" with which they were charged was that of preaching about Him. Neither beating nor the threat of death was sufficient to keep them quiet. They said, when threatened by their accusers, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). Treated like criminals, accused of madness, charged with being drunk, hounded from city to city—these they counted experiences in which to rejoice.

What had happened? Why this tremendous change? They believed that their Leader Jesus Christ was alive! They had seen Him. He had spoken to them. And wherever they went, thousands believed them. Finally their enthusiasm stormed and won many of the cities of the Roman Empire.

Alive for evermore! That was the amazing news which captured the ancient world: and that is the message which has changed the lives of millions ever since.

The resurrection message is one which can revolutionize your life. What is wrong with most of us is that we are failing to be what in

our better moments we want to be. We have discovered that our best endeavors are paralyzed by the tendency toward evil which is part of our nature. But the living Christ can save us from this. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

And the future? Many are like the disciples of Christ after His crucifixion—puzzled, bewildered, and almost afraid to face life. Would it not make a tremendous difference if you had the friendship and help of Jesus Christ? That is precisely what you may know. His promise to all who believe in Him is, "Lo, I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20).

But it's not only that a living Christ enables us to face life—He helps us to face death. We do not like to think about death. It's a gloomy subject, and we hope that it won't happen. But we have to face it.

For the believer in Jesus Christ, death is not gloomy, certainly not tragic. His conquest of death is the pledge of ours: "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19). For the believer in Jesus Christ, it is an enemy defeated and despoiled of its power. It is the gateway to a fuller life.

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). That is the kind of life He promises now. "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish" (John 10:28).

Why not prove with all those who have believed in Christ that this is the truth.

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