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## CLASS OF '85

Whenever I first met you  
And saw the smile on your face  
I knew we would build a friendship  
That time could not erase  
We've laughed and cried together  
Shared the good times and the bad  
The friendships that I've found here  
Are the best I've ever had  
We've grown much closer to each other  
And closer to our Lord.  
We've shared His love, we've sung His songs  
We've studied His precious word.  
The time has come for us to part  
And go our separate ways  
But hand in hand we'll always be  
Throughout the future days.  
You'll never be forgotten  
You're always in my thoughts and prayers.  
And though I am not with you  
Our friend, Jesus, is always there.  
They say Good-byes are not forever  
And I hope that what they say is true  
For my heart would break and my smile would fade.  
If I said Good-bye to you.

Vanessa Oakes



# From The Editor

## "Go Ye"

This closing term of Bible College is a very scary time for me, when I think about it with my mind. For I am leaving the place where, four semesters ago I found the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord, the place where I consecrated my life to Him for His complete service, and the place where he bestowed in me the precious indwelling of His Spirit.

As a born again Christian, one grows to learn that he will have to forsake things in this life to gain the rewards of heaven. As in Matthew 19:29, "And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sister, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." Truly it was hard to give up the security that I had at home with my parents, but there was a certain instinct about the situation that made it come natural. Leaving my spiritual birthplace has been a harder task to undertake. For as the common story goes, and is true, we live in the shelter of God's love away from the depressing problems of the world. I wrestle with this knowledge knowing never again will I have the opportunity to live and worship in a place like Bible School. There has come a time of forsaking again in my life and in all the students' life here, at AFBC.

In human eyes, the forsaking of this shelter we have to worship God would be foolishness. God though, has made it quite clear in spiritual eyes. God takes us to the front door and tells us "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15, Christ taught His disciples and even protected them from the chastisement of the world, but He knows when it was time to let them go spread the gospel of the kingdom. Christ filled them with His Holy Spirit and gave them power and authority to tell the good news.

So also, God has taught us as students here at Bible School and sheltered us from the world. Though now God has found us fit and in shape to "Go," and has filled us with His Spirit. He is starting to open the doors for each student. Opportunities are becoming clear to see of the work which is laid ahead of us in the Lord. We, as students, don't need to be frightened as we see it in our minds because through the mind of God, we know that all is ours as we go into the world preaching the gospel.

Ron Brening

Dear Readers,

In the March 1985 issue we inserted a note that told you that the March issue was put together by the evangelism class at A.F.B.C. This issue has been put together also by Bible College students of the evangelism class. These students were all second semester students. They have worked faithfully on this issue. Most of these students will be leaving Bible School to go into churches to work for our Lord. They are capable people who have a desire to work for the Lord. I am so thankful that the Lord has given me the opportunity to work with these students this past year and I pray that God will bless them in all that they do for Him. The investment that you have made in the Bible School has not been in vain. Pray for these young people as they leave and let's all get behind them in the work they do for the Lord.

I would like to say a special thank you to all of you also for all of your faithful support prayerfully and financially to the ministry of the Apostolic Faith Report.

Karen Oakes - Editor

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### ARTICLE VII

#### Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Saviour. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. These common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows:

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Creation and Formation

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation

Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.

Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body. A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by speaking in other languages.

Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

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

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These basic doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teachings approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

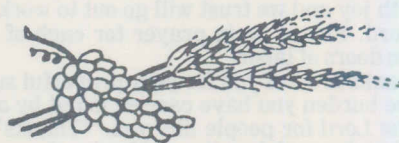
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# "My God Shall Supply **ALL** Your Needs"



The date: Spring, 29 A.D. The place: near Bethsaida. The disciples had just completed their third tour of Galilee and they had met Jesus at Capernaum where they reported to Him in detail their experiences of this tour. After seeing the crowds and knowing He must get His disciples away He made arrangements for a boat so they could cross to the eastern shore of the lake, near Bethsaida. This time was needed so Jesus could give His disciples some special training and to obtain some rest. But many people saw them leaving and ran ahead along the shore and here Jesus and the disciples were met by an immense crowd of people. Among he crowd were those who were sick, lame, blind, crippled and diseased. Jesus took great compassion on them. He received them, spoke to them of the kingdom of God and healed those in need of healing. As late afternoon drew near the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Tell the people to go away to the nearby villages and farms and buy themselves some food for there is nothing to eat here in this desolate spot, and it is getting late." Jesus turned to his disciples and said, "You feed them."

"With what?" they asked. "It would take a fortune to buy food for all these people." You see there were 5,000 men plus a multitude of women and children.

Jesus asked how much food they had. One of the disciples, Andrew, had seen a small boy with a lunch of 5 barley loaves and 2 small fish. So, Jesus had the crowd sit in groups of 50 and Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed it; and likewise with the fish. When all were full the fragments were gathered up. The left-overs were of 12 baskets full.

You ask, "How can more than 5,000 people be fed with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish?" I imagine the disciples wondered the same. "But my God shall supply ALL your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phillipians 4:19)

These people had needs. They had physical needs and spiritual needs. The sick were healed, their physical hunger was fed, and the kingdom of God was preached. Likewise, today we have the same needs. But we can stand knowing that "God will supply ALL our needs according to His riches in glory..." We must notice that our needs are met according to His riches not ours, "...for without Him we can do nothing." Paul wrote in I Timothy 6:17..."Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the loving God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy." Contrary to popular belief God's storehouse of resources never diminishes, no matter how much He gives out.

Down through the ages God has always supplied for His children. He supplied manna and water for the children of Israel wandering in the wilderness, He supplied a ram as a substitute for Abraham's son, as a result Abraham called the place Jehovah-jireh or God, my provider. The greatest provision ever made for us, though, was that of His son to die in our place that we may have eternal life. If God never gave us another thing that would be provision enough. But God continues to provide. Psalm 23:1 says, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." We must not mistake the term "want" to mean; to desire greatly or wish for, but to mean the same as "need;" a condition or situation in which something is necessary or required. The shepherd provides for his sheep. He provides food and water, a place to sleep, love and care, as well as healing ointment for their wounds. Does God not do this for us, His sheep, also?

Psalm 34:9-10 says, "O fear the Lord, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him. The young lions do

lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." A key to a provision from God is to seek Him. Jesus spoke of this in His sermon on the mount. Matthew 7:7-8, "Ask, and it shall be given; seek, and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." We have to ask God for our needs but we must also put legs to our prayers. We can't expect God to drop everything in our laps. We are commanded to seek and knock also. Jesus said that it is a Father's nature to meet the needs of His children. God is our Father and He meets our needs. Jesus spoke of the natural father providing for his children in Matthew 7:9-11, "Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall you Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?" In Matthew 6 Jesus speaks of the fowls of the air that neither sow or reap yet they are cared for, the lilies of the field and the grass are clothed and the question is asked, "If God so clothes the grass of the field which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you..." Our Father's provision for us is endless if we are faithful to Him. David said, I've never seen the righteous forsaken, nor His seed begging bread."

As mentioned earlier the key is to seek God, to ask, to have faith. God provides the smallest needs as well as the biggest. I can recall when God provided probably the smallest need I'll ever have. It was last winter, right after an icestorm. I needed something out of my car trunk desperately but due to the ice in the lock I couldn't get it open. Several days before I had emptied a can of de-icer and left the empty can on the floor-board of the front seat. After a time of struggling with the lock I grabbed the empty can, shook it, there was nothing in it at all. But in my desperation I uttered the simple prayer, "Lord, You know I've got to get that trunk open. You know exactly how much de-icer it will take to open the trunk but I have none. Lord, please help." With that I bent over, held the empty can next to the lock and pressed the nozzle. Two very small squirts of de-icer came out. I tried the key and it turned the once frozen lock. My need, even though so small, had been met. I believe, had I needed more de-icer it would have been provided but all I needed was the two small squirts. Praise God!

You see, life is a gift from God and if He gave it, He will take care of it. In every need. Romans 8:32 states, "He that spareth not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

Just as Abraham, Moses and the 5,000 plus were lead to other places and God cared for their needs, so He will for us. Because "Where God Guides, He Provides."

Ministerial Student  
Ginny Stafford



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# NEWS

From the Superintendent's Desk,

As we reflect back over the past ten months (2 semesters) of school we say God has been good to us. He has given many spiritual blessings too numerous to tell. The students have a real awareness of God's presence. They have received the Word with joy and we trust will go out to work in the vineyard of the Lord. Please be in prayer for each of them and also help open doors of labor.

Our thanks to all of you for your prayerful support over the year. The burden you have carried is felt by all of us and we praise the Lord for people like you. "Thanks" also for your financial giving and donations of food and meat. The load has been extremely heavy at times but God never fails and he has a band of faithful workers in each of you. Thank you for the sacrifice you made to keep the school open for hungry hearts to study God's word and prepare to be his workmen. You have planted and watered seed that God will give the increase.

In both of the past semesters of school we have seen an increase in attendance for which we are thankful. Please help us in keeping the attendance up. Encourage others and tell them of our school. The dates for next year are: Fall term 1985-August 19 through December 13; Spring term: 1986-January 6 through May 8. Mark these dates and plan to attend.

We have accepted the position as Superintendent for another year and are happy to report all our present faculty members will remain on the job with us. These people are dedicated to the Lord and this work and have done an outstanding job. We love and appreciate them all. All of the faculty wish to say "thanks" for your prayers and financial support you have given this year. Please remember to support these people through the summer months. Often they are forgotten and this should not happen.

The general fund needs attention for the summer months. The bills do not stop just because school is not in session. Help keep everything paid up to date. Again thanks for sharing and caring for the work of the Bible School.

Jack Cornell - Superintendent

## BOY'S DORM REPORT

It's the time of the year once again when things begin to change around the College. During the term of school we have a routine on a day to day basis. We're up every morning early to start the day with breakfast. Chapel begins at 8:15. It is always a precious time to begin the day with a time of worship and prayer. Then classes begin. Throughout the day the Word of the Lord is instructed faithfully. After the day of classes it's always nice to have a time of relaxation but that's not always the case. There is usually something every evening that occupies the time that we have. Life seems to be at a very fast pace and college here is no exception. But there comes a time every year when everyone must go their own way and begin at a new point. That leaves a strange feeling in many. To think that day in day out we were here together and now they're gone. But life is that way. I just want to take this time to thank each and every one of these young men for the last nine months. I have enjoyed each and everyone of them in a special way. We've become a family here and I think that will always stay with us. God bless each of you. I ask that everyone pray for these young people that as they go forth they will go forth in the direction and leading of God's spirit in their lives.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Danny M. Robinson

When asked to write an article for the report on a summary of Bible School I thought to myself, "That should be easy," but when the time came to write it I found out I was wrong. "Where do I start?" and "What do I say?" were just a few of the many questions that filled my mind. You see, it's awfully hard and virtually impossible to summarize some of the best times in your life.

I am a second year student and this will be my last semester of Bible College. Right now my heart is both sad and happy...sad because all of the fun times at Bible School are about over, sad because the joy of studying the word of God daily and so thoroughly as six or seven hours a day are over, and sad because those you've come to care about so much and love so deeply are soon to go their own separate ways.

I have already been through one closing of school and those of you who are reading this article and have been to Bible School know what it's like. Many tears are shed on those last few days and we realize how good God was to us in allowing us to come to Bible School.

Now, I don't want to leave the impression that everyone is crying and walking around in deep mourning because that isn't true either. I also said my heart was happy for I know the good times far outweigh the bad.

If I could go back over the last two years of my life and do anything different I honestly can say I wouldn't change a thing. God has been so wonderful and merciful. His riches are everlasting.

As I look back at my time at Bible School not any one thing in particular really stands out in my mind but literally hundreds of things. I think of the fun times we've had together, the times we've shared victories and defeats, the times we played jokes on one another, and of course those wonderful detail days. At this moment vivid pictures of friends and the things we did fill my mind and I can't even begin to list the many times of fellowship we've shared.

I guess if I were asked to say one thing in particular about Bible College it would have to be something about choir tour because it was on tour that some of us got our first taste of what it was like to be workers in the field. On tour we caught our first glance of the responsibility God has set before us as ministers for him and it was then we realized how small, weak and frail we are unless we put our faith and trust in Him. God is our strength and the rock we lean upon in our weakness.

I know many people may wonder why a young person would waste their time at Bible School when they could be getting a "good" education. Well...let me tell you from a girl that knows from experience that there is no better information to fill your mind with than the word of God and the knowledge of Jesus Christ. It is the living words of Christ that will keep us in life, not geometry, chemistry, or even engineering. Without Him abiding in us we are machines of society, but in Jesus we are a new creation, a chosen generation, a royal priesthood and a holy nation. Praise His name!

Oh that we may show others the love, peace, and freedom in knowing Christ as our personal Lord and Savior. This is the education we who are at Bible School are receiving. We are preparing ourselves for an even greater work than the occupations the world considers influential. Our responsibility as children of God is to work in His vineyard to see precious souls won for the kingdom of God.

Bible School for me has been more than just a "time filler" in my life. It has been one of the greatest experiences I know I will ever be privileged to receive. Never will I forget Bible



School nor the friends I've met there, for you see, when a person leaves this place they're leaving as a different and changed person. Bible School has a tremendous impact on many young lives. I thank God for the many men and women through the years that have supported the school whether by offering their services as faculty, or by financial support, or most importantly by the prayers brought before the throne of God in behalf of the school.

Bible School holds a very special place in my heart for one very special reason. It was at Bible School that I was filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit, the promised comforter that Jesus said He would send after him and the same Spirit that fell at Topeka, Kansas in 1900 beginning the Latter Rain. What a wonderful gift God has allowed us to receive; His precious Holy Spirit.

This is what Bible School is about. This is what Bible School is to those who attend. It is receiving spiritual blessings from God, growing deeper in the word and becoming the young Christian men and women God wants us to be for Him.

Bible School is a place of Christian fellowship, and most important it is a place where we as individuals come to know God in His fullness, in His greatness and in His power.

In His Service,  
Kim Mathis

## CHOIR NOTES

### Choir Tour 1985

Another AFBC Choir tour has come and gone and it hardly seems possible. We had a wonderful Choir Tour and the Lord blessed us richly.

Our tour began on March 12 and ended on March 22. We had concerts in south Texas and Alabama, including Rockdale, Utopia, Hempstead, Recreation Acres, Katy, Alvin, Hinton, Pine Hall, and Ashland. We truly enjoyed being in each of these churches and we are so grateful for the love and hospitality that was shown by all. The thought again impresses me that anywhere one goes, there are always people who love the Lord. We are all a part of a great big family with a love for one another. Everywhere we went, we felt that family bond and that special closeness between God's children. We express a special thanks to all who kept us in their homes and to those who provided meals for us. Without these, Choir Tour wouldn't be possible.

Our concert this spring included a section called "The Old Country Church," as well as a patriotic section. We enjoyed looking back to the past for a few moments and admiring the faith of those dear saints who have lived before us setting an example for us. Although times may change, and people may change, we recognize the fact that God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His love never grows dim or dies away. His same amazing grace still saves souls today the way it did many years ago and for that we are most grateful.

The Patriotic Section in our concert was focused on praising God for allowing us to live in America. We are most privileged to live in this beautiful country where we can freely worship our Lord. We are no doubt the most blessed people in the world. God has bestowed upon us blessings we do not deserve. We could never even begin to repay Him for

all He's done for us. However we can please Him by sharing in the responsibilities of our nation. We should pray and carry a burden for our nation and its leaders. But, most importantly, we should purpose within our hearts that as American citizens, we are going to stand for Jesus Christ. We must decide that we will stand for Christ, even if it means doing it alone. We must be an example for others so they too can know Jesus Christ as we know him. And then they, in turn, can stand for Jesus. America needs people who are willing to stand firm for Godly principles. Christian leaders are needed to direct the country in its relations with other countries. But the process must begin from within the heart with a commitment to our only real source of hope—Jesus Christ. Truly we are a blessed people.

Our Choir Tour was a wonderful experience, with the Lord blessing us in every service. It is marvelous to know that everywhere you go, God's presence can be found. God is in a word, a testimony, a smile, a laugh, a helping hand, a prayer, and many other things. God is also in a song, which is the way we, as a choir, try to express Him, and He honors us for it with blessings from above.

One of God's biggest blessings to our choir is our director—Sis. Janae Harris. Sis. Janae is a wonderful choir director, who helps us out in many ways. I truly believe, and I know the whole choir agrees, that the Lord gave us a big blessing by giving us Sis Janae. She is a special person with a strong dedication to the Lord. She has an insurmountable amount of patience, which is really needed in working with the choir. She allows the Lord to use her life and her talents to His glory.

Sis. Janae not only teaches us musically, but spiritually, by being a real example to us. Her life is a wonderful testimony for Jesus Christ. I believe that her songs are not just words sung with no meaning, but they are from her heart. She truly lives what she sings.

We really appreciate Sis. Janae for helping us musically and spiritually, but probably the thing about her we appreciate the most is her friendship. She is always there ready to listen to us when we need someone to talk to. Many of the choir members go to Sis. Janae when they need a friend, and she is always there to lead a helping hand. She always seems to be willing to take time out of her busy schedule to be there for us and we appreciate that so much. We truly thank God for sending her our way and would just like to say—We Love You, Sis Janae!

The Lord is so good to us. He protects us, He meets our needs, and He loves and cares for us so much. As a choir, we see the Lord working in so many ways, and we are ever amazed at His work. I say for all of the choir—on our recent Choir Tour the Lord blessed. There are no words to express the many ways the Lord blessed us—we just hope, that we too, through His song, have blessed others. God Bless You!

In His Service,  
Valerie Oakes

## Open For Calls

Ginny Stafford is open for calls for a pastorate or assistant pastorate. Contact can be made by mail at the following address:

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She has just completed two years study as a ministerial student at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Jack and Twila Wilson, Box 133, Balko, Oklahoma are open for weekend services and fill ins. They can also be reached by phone-405-361-2533.



# AFBC FACULTY Testimonies

The Lord is so very good to me—His mercies endure forever and yet are new every morning. So many times the Lord has had to remind me that He puts no limitations on what I can gain from Him—how closely I can walk with Him—or how fully I may know Him. I too often limit God's place in my life when I do not seek Him enough, or do not have enough of a pressing desire to gain His favor and blessing. Never, ever has God failed to be there—waiting with His blessings if I will simply get on my knees again, pour out my heart, and seek Him earnestly and hungrily.

My testimony then is simply this—God is faithful! I have no doubt that my entire life is safest and most secure in the hands of Jesus. For He is faithful! And I am assured that He will take the tenderest care of me—as though I were His every own...because I am! I live with a deep peace in my heart because I have placed my trust in the care of the most trustworthy Keeper—Jesus Christ. For every area of my life, there is no greater confidence than to rely on God to sense and supply my need. And for this I thank Him daily—and I will always praise Him because he is so ever-faithful!

Janae Harris

Springtime! Aren't the beauties of God's nature wonderful! This is the season of the year that is my favorite. A bringing forth of new life.

I am always reminded of my new life in Christ, which I received at the age of 9 years. It has been so good through the years to have the times of God's renewal and refreshing which lifts us up and gives us that added boost to keep on keeping on.

God is so good to me and I am thankful for His daily blessings. The scriptures say, He daily loads us down with his benefits. Ps. 68:19

David tells us to forget not God's benefits, Ps. 103:2. The definition of benefit is: Anything which is for the good or advantage of a person.

Sometimes we may not see the good in a thing at the time of the happening, but Praise God, he assures us in Ro. 8:28, that all things are going to work together for our good, if we are among the called according to His purpose.

Praise the Lord we can have Eternal Life because of His great love for us and His renewal of resurrection!

Kathryn Cornell

It's time to close down the kitchen for another year. Our time here has been very rewarding. It's wonderful to work with Christian people.

The most interesting thing of all is to see the young people grow in the Lord. Some have come with great needs, and to see them change into better Christians is wonderful.

These kids are the "Cream of the crop." They are ones who desire to be useful people and lights in this world.

We're thankful for the way our home church (Spearman), has backed us in our work here. We know that they remember us in their prayers often. We can feel their love for us.

To you who have prayed for us, sent money and sent food, we want to say, "Thank you." Without these things our work would be impossible.

Christian Love,

Benny and Leola Buschman

What a mighty God we serve! The Lord is truly good to us and I praise Him for the blessings that have come my way.

The testimony that's burning in my heart is how God has given me "the desire of my heart". For several years I've known in my heart that one day I would be married. Sometimes I wondered "...when Lord?" and many times I was teased by others who wondered the same thing. It was hard waiting on God and believing but I just knew that I knew. When I was a teenager I read a book that encouraged me to make a list of what I felt like I needed in a life-time partner and what I wanted in a life-time partner. So I did. The need list included: spiritual leader, ambition, financial manager, etc. And the want list included fun things: taller than I, enjoy sports, etc. I put my list away and as I grew in the Lord I'd add or take away from my list. I had also assured the Lord I wasn't exactly sure what I did want and I needed Him to help me decide what I should even put on "my" list. After turning 23 and realizing many of my friends had married I let Satan throw discouragement my way. I still felt content and confident that God's will for my life included marriage, but I was discouraged. I thought of my list and how willing and readily I had made that first list. I felt terribly selfish so I went to God and told Him I realized I needed to be able to perhaps fill someone else's list and there were definite areas in my life that I needed help in. So the Lord began to work on me. I began to really learning how to feel His presence. I needed an over-haul in the area of self-worth and I discovered the scripture that tells us praying in the Holy Ghost is for OUR edification. So I began to develop my prayer life and began to really allow the spirit to pray through me. As a result, I began to learn more and more about the Lord and about me. The process took time, but I began to see many changes in my life. It wasn't a month later, it wasn't 6 months later, it wasn't even a year later, but God did bring someone into my life. And my list, well he fills the bill and I also meet many "requirements" on his mental list. I remember praying several times, "Lord is this guy the desire of my heart?" At times I wasn't sure what I did want and I'd go back to God and ask Him to show me what would be good for me, what qualities in someone else would balance qualities in me. And peace. I can't begin to describe the peace God gave as He worked all things out. There were rough times and I remember a few nights crying on a friend's shoulder but there was always peace. Things that looked nothing short of impossible merely fell into place as God moved, and as I entrusted it all to Him. Now there are wedding plans in the air and on July 6th I will become Mrs. James Bolt. My desire is that whatever we do and wherever we go, we will always lift up the name of Jesus and share the love of God with others.

Deana Fish

When I first came to the college last year, I asked to sit in on some classes. I then began helping around the school. Since I live by myself, helping in the kitchen gave me something to do. I enjoy working with the young people here and get along well with them.

I was converted in 1929, in the 12th Street Mission in Baxter Springs, Kansas. I was filled with the Holy Spirit in 1930 and since then I have served the Lord any way I can.

I would like to share something that God did for me in 1942 during the draft in World War II.

I didn't want to have to take up arms and kill anyone so I decided that I would trust God that I wouldn't have to. The Lord so faithfully answered my prayer by allowing me to be placed in the Signal Corp. I held the position of switchboard operator and spent 11 months in Europe. I know that it was a work of God because I had never worked a switchboard before. All I knew how to do was farm. God answered prayer. He has been so faithful and good.

Wes Houston



## Testimonies, Con't

I believe that every Christian today has a very important testimony, and that is of God's saving grace in their own life. I don't feel it's all that necessary to relate to everyone of the past before I knew the Lord, but I feel that truly the greatest thing I have to share in my own life is what the Lord has done for me since that time. The Lord saved me August 29, 1979, which is also my brother, Darin's birthday. That makes it all the more special. I came to Bible College that "fall" unsaved. I wrestled with the Lord for 3 full weeks. Finally, the Lord won. Since then, my life has not been the same. I've begun to walk in newness of life. I've become a new creature in Christ Jesus. Old things have passed away, and all things are become new. I attended Bible College for two full years. During my second term of college, the Lord began to deal with my heart concerning His calling for my life. I ignored it for a short time simply because I thought there was no possible way on earth that the Lord could make a preacher out of me. That was the farthest thing from my mind. It shocked me to even think the Lord would suggest that. But with the encouragement of Bro. Johnny Arnall, I accepted the calling of the Lord. The Lord then opened the door that I that I could minister in the Baxter Springs Apostolic Faith Church. I began teaching a young adult Sunday School class and also began to preach on Sunday nights. I thank Bro. Lyndel Arnall for allowing me to work along beside him almost a full two years. He has been a very stabilizing force in my ministry. The following year, the Lord opened the door for me to begin to work in the Bible College as Dean of men. I felt very incapable, but with the encouragement of Bro. Jack Cornell, I accepted the position. The following year, Bro. Jack ask me to step into the position of teaching the book of Acts and the Pauline Epistles. I was scared to death. It wasn't that long since I was a student in those same classes. But again with encouragement, I accepted the position. One thing I've learned, the Lord doesn't ask you if you're capable to do a job, He only asks that you let Him make you capable of doing a job. That same year, December 30, 1983, I was married to Rae Mona Arnall. Truly, the Lord blessed me with a wonderful wife who has made my life all the more complete. I just give the Lord all the glory, honor, and praise. 2 Timothy 1:12..."For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

Danny M. Robinson

Isaiah 43:1 But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

How many times have I looked at myself in a mirror and said, "Who are you?" "What are you really all about?"

Life becomes such a jumbled mess with people pushing and pulling me in so many different directions that at times I lose my own identity. I am so busy doing what people want me to do and being what people want me to be that I forget what the Lord really wants me to do and what He wants me to be.

At those times I turn to the Lord who redeemed me and let Him speak to me through the Holy Spirit and the Word. It is here that I "find myself."

The Lord created and formed me: He redeemed me: He called me by my name: Who am I? The Lord says "Thou art Mine." That supercedes everything else. "I am His!" I have no need to fear that I will get lost in a crowd for He calls me by my name. When I am pulled at from all directions and cannot decide which way to go first, the Lord says, "Thou art mine, follow me."

I need that identity in the Lord. It is a force that keeps me stable in my faith. But it is also a fact I remind myself of daily. Whatever circumstances face me, wherever I may be, I find assurance of His presence by realizing that I am God's,

and whatever life brings, the Lord and I go through it together.

We've been through lots together, the Lord and I, and I could never have made it this far in life without Him. He is always right by me, through the good and bad, ups and downs, loving me, guiding me. How I praise Him! How thankful I am to be His!

Shari Cook

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It is 9 a.m., a Friday morning at A.F.B.C. Two weeks ago Sis. Karen Mathis asked me to write a testimony for the Report. I've been putting it off until now, and the deadline is today. I don't know why the hesitation on my part, but if there's one thing I do know, it is that I love Jesus. The Lord has been so good to my family and me. to go into all of the things that He has done for us would require too lengthy of an article, but it is sufficient to say that he has never ever let us down, or failed us in any way. I only wish that He could say the same of me.

Lyndel Arnall

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#### Spearman, Texas

I am sorry for being so long in sending a letter of what is happening at Spearman, as far as the Apostolic Faith Church is concerned. Going back to September, 1984, where we left off we will try to catch up on the news. First of all my father, (Frank Grimmer, of Hardesty, OKla.) died September 7, after a time of illness, so naturally I was quite involved with him. Bro. Gene Cornell, was very helpful in conducting our church services during the time of our grief. Savoy, our son, came home for several days and was invaluable to us during the time of stress.

The next special time for us was when the Apostolic Faith Bible College choir came by and sang and ministered to us on October 19, 1984. The church family and visitors were greatly blessed.

October 28, 1984, we began a revival with The Roland Busch's and Kenneth Elkins'. The Elkins, received sad news after being here for one day and felt they were needed at home to help their family, as two of their grandchildren were involved in a bad wreck. The Lord blessed in the revival. We appreciated God's Word going forth each night.

December 20, 1984, we met Savoy, Karen and little Kristen at the Amarillo airport. They spent two weeks with us and it was an enjoyable time for us. Savoy, preached during the time they were here and the church family was blessed by his messages and Karen's singing. During Christmas we had several visitors, some of who were Edna Lee's father and step-mother from Enid, Ok. the Benny Buschmans (home from Bible College), David, Joyce and April Buschman, from Hempstead, Texas.

The next event that happened was the Lord opened the way for Sister Elma Greever to write an article for our local paper each week. She entitled her article "A thank you note to God." She is being blessed and so are her readers.

February 27, 1985, Karen Grimmer, our daughter-in-law, and her little Kristen and Karen's sister, Sissie Urick, came to us to spend some time during the time of death and funeral of the girl's grandmother, Erma Beagle, (John Beagle's wife) of Arnett, Ok.

March 3, 1985, was the Gideon service conducted by some friends of ours from Perryton, Texas, by the name Irwin & Betty Born.

Occasional visitors the past few months also have been Bro. Jacob & Rosalie Regier, and we are always glad to have them. Other than the special times, the services at the church have been running about the same, with the Lord meeting with us each time and we praise Him for His presence.

Christian Love,  
Lealand Grimmer - Pastor

#### UNION CHAPEL

Beautiful comes to mind as I look out my window at the flowers and the grass that seems to get greener by the minute. And I think how fitting for Christ to rise in Power and Glory at this time when the earth again comes to life. I don't know what all this new life does for you, but it gives me hope and encourages me to grow and bloom in the work of the Lord. May we all Spring anew for the Lord.

We have enjoyed some visitors in the last few months. We were proud to have some of the Bible School students with us on Sunday, Feb. 10. We were blessed by songs and testimonies from Donna Carlstrom, Rena Gibbs, Kem Yost, Janis Mathis and Russell Ball. And then Bro. Ron Brening brought us the word of God. We pray God's richest blessings on all of the Bible School students as they work for Him.

On Wed. Feb. 20, it was again a blessing to have Bro. and Sis. Elmer Christensen with us, as Bro. Elmer brought the message that evening. This Bro. and Sis. have become like family to us and we thank God for them.

Sun. March 3, Bro. Randy Dalton was with us. When Bro. Randy comes we just consider it a home coming, for he too has become as a member of our church family. We thank the Lord for him also.

The first week of April, Easter week, we held a revival with Bro. and Sis. Roland Busch and Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Elkins. We could feel the presence of the Lord in each service, drawing us to a closer walk with Him. Easter morning we had a communion service and many hearts were deeply blessed by the Lord. We pray that God will go with these wonderful people as they travel and work for Him and will soon bring them our way again.

Once again we ask your prayers for us here at Chapel, that we will do the will of the Lord in all our work in this community. And we pray God's blessings on all of you in all that you do.

A. W. Ferguson, pastor  
Beth Williams, reporter

#### Alvin, Texas

Praise the Lord-he is risen! Yes, He is risen and we know He lives forevermore.

Well, spring is here, and spring is the time of new beginnings. If you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, why not do it now? And make your new beginning. As you know, God has not promised us another spring.

Bro. Doc Methvin held a revival for us February 17-23. We had a wonderful time worshipping the Lord and studying God's Word. It was such an inspiration to us that we have begun regular Bible study in our Wednesday night services.

We certainly enjoyed the Bible College Choir in concert here March 17. They were such a blessing to us. As they worshipped and sang praises to God, they did not forget to praise Him for this wonderful country we are privileged to live in. We join with them in saying, "God Bless America". After the beautiful service, the ladies of the church prepared a delicious meal for all and we enjoyed lots of good food and fellowship.

God bless you and again we invite you to visit us here in Alvin.

Pastor - Neil Ragan  
Reporter - Corrie Coates

#### Webb City, Mo.

O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Psalms 136:1

God has been so good to us and we do praise His name! The week of April 7-14 was an inspiring and uplifting time for us in Webb City as Bro. and Sis. Roland Busch and Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Elkins, Katy, Texas presented the Gospel by preaching of the word, song, and prayer. God's presence was so real as we gathered around the altars each service and were blessed of Him. Many victories were won and hearts strengthened and encouraged.

The Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir was with us in concert on Sunday night, April 28th. We are so thankful for all of the students of A.F.B.C. and their dedication to God. They have been a real blessing to our services this past term and we are already looking forward to their visits when school starts again in August.

We are looking forward to a wonderful summer as we are privileged to attend youth camps, VBS and camp meeting.

We welcome you to come and worship with us any time.

O. A. Busch - Pastor  
Donna Kinser - Reporter



### Pampa, Texas

We have been having wonderful services lately. The Pastor was gone one weekend and we just had "homefold" and a good report from all three Services. We have learned to carry on when our leader has to be absent.

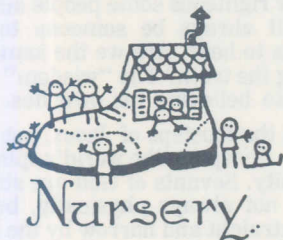
We are looking forward to our summer activities which will be DVBS and Youth Camp and our young people under the direction of Hal & Jolene Davis are planning many exciting things for this summer. Our young people are taking an active part in the Church in song and Bible verses. Our superintendent is working closely with them and also he is teaching the young people class. We have nothing but a good report and praises unto our God who has delivered several in our Church from sickness and operations. We thank God.

Pastor-Austin Sutton

Reporter-Anabel Simmons

### Bellville, Texas

The Christian Faith Church, Bellville, Texas, has recently completed their new church. They have some church furniture from the old church that they would like to give to another Apostolic Faith Church. The furniture includes 15 pine pews which are 9 feet long, 3 inch foam upholstered pad for each pew, 1 pulpit, and 1 altar. If your church is interested, please contact: Rev. Larry Welsh, 764 Concordia, Bellville, TX. 77418, Phone 409-865-3485 or 409-865-9360 as soon as possible. Thank you.



Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ames, Jr. of Baxter Springs, Kansas announce the birth of their second child, Joshua David Ames on March 19, 1985. He weighed 6 lbs. 12½ oz and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Evon Reese, Taneyville, Mo. and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ames, Baxter Springs, Ks. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Powell, Monett, Mo. and Lula Jones, Cleveland, Ok. Joshua David has an older sister, Cassie, age 2.



### ERMA ESTHER BEAGLE

Erma Esther Beagle, daughter of Joseph and Ella Mae (Nellie) Bradley, was born July 14, 1897 in Engles (Payne County) Ok. She passed from this life February 26, 1985 in the Roger Mills Memorial Hospital, Cheyenne, OK. at the age of 87 years, 7 months, and 12 days.

The family moved to Ellis County about 1900. Mrs. Beagle grew to girlhood and attended the Eddie School, where she received her formal education. They moved to Gray, OK about 1914.

On April 1, 1916, Erma Esther Bradley was married to John Martin Beagle in Gray, Ok. They moved to Grants, New Mexico for a short time, then to Holly, Colorado, where one daughter, Demerita Mae was born April 2, 1918.

In 1920, they established a home in Ellis County on Hackberry Creek, 14 miles southeast of Arnett, in the Eddie School community on the farm known as the old Casey place. Here four sons were born: Quinten Howard, Joseph Curtis, Chester Jackson and John Robert.

In 1924, she was converted and took Jesus as her personal Savior. She attended the Apostolic Faith Church.

In 1948, the family moved to Booker, Texas where they were engaged in farming. Another move was made to Leakey, Texas in the year of 1958. Then back to the city of Arnett, where they have resided in an established home until her passing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, and two brothers. Also a son, Chester Jackson, who passed away in 1975, and son-in-law Jacob H. Pletcher, January 5, 1984, and a grandson, Larry Beagle, in 1960.

She is survived by her husband, John Martin Beagle, one daughter, Demerita Pletcher, of Barksdale, Texas; three sons, Quinten Howard and wife, Geraldine, Arnett, OK., Joseph Curtis and wife, Betty Lee, Canyon, Texas; and John Robert and wife, Regina, Perryton, Texas. 15 grandchildren, J.J. Pletcher of Benton, La.; Rockney Dee Pletcher of Dallas, Tx.; Zale Roy Pletcher of Dallas, Tx.; Ermarita Urick, Alvin, Tx.; Karen Joan Grimmer of Dickinson, Tx.; Quinita Wylie of New Jersey; Berylene Steen of Ft. Worth, Tx.; Daryn Beagle, Woodward Ok.; Eric Beagle, Taos, New Mexico; Marty Beagle, Canyon, Tx.; Joanna Beagle, Canyon, Tx.; Gary Beagle, Houston; Gordon Dean Beagle, Booker, Tx.; 16 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Wallace Perry Bradley, Willow, Ok.; other beloved relatives, nieces and nephews and many friends.

Our wife, mother and grandmother is gone from us to rest in Jesus until the resurrection, when we shall rise to meet Him in the air and to receive the award that awaits the righteous to live in Eternity with her Lord and Savior in that beautiful city prepared for God's Children-St. John 14-3.

Funeral services for Mrs. Erma Beagle were conducted in the Apostolic Faith Church, Arnett, Ok., Saturday, March 2, 1985, at 2 p.m.

Officiating were Rev. Matthew Beers, Canton, Ok. Rev. Richard Morris, Arnett, Ok. and Rev. Leland Grimmer, Spearman, Texas.

Casket bearers were grandsons J.J. Pletcher, Rockney Pletcher, Zale Pletcher, Todd Pletcher, Stephen Pletcher, Eric Beagle, Marty Beagle, Gordon Beagle, Gary Beagle and J.J. Urick. Pianist was Sissie Urick, granddaughter.

Vocal selections by Matthew Beers and granddaughters of Mrs. Beagle, Karen Grimmer, Quinita Wylie, Berylene Steed, Daryn Beagle, Joanna Beagle and Deme Urick.

Honorary bearers were George Elmore, Elmer Rupprecht, Lester Sutton, Loyd Barker, Arthur Thompson and Lewis Crouch.

Interment followed in the Debolt Cemetry; Arnett, Ok.

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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Two perspiring Irishmen on a tandem bicycle at last arrived at the tip top of a long steep hill. "That was a stiff climb, Pat," said one. "It was that," said Pat. "And if I hadn't kept the brake on we would have gone backwards for sure."

Could it be possible that a few, just a few, church members are like Pat the Irishman?



# A PROPHECY STUDY

## Thyatira, Revelation 2 . . .

By Ron Noble

The church of Thyatira is addressed by the Son of God having "eyes like unto flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass." This description is denoting the omniscience of Christ. The unlimited and all-knowing wisdom of the Lord shows through his eyes; eyes that once purged people from their sins now are eyes that judge. "But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap:" Mal. 3:2. The day of his coming—the battle of Armageddon—shall consume the armies that have gathered to make war with the Lamb. As a refiner's fire and fullers soap, he shall bring spiritual purification to His people that are to reign in the millenium. Imperfections will be taken away. No one will be able to hide and many will seek death, but cannot find it. Men's hearts will fail them for fear and many shall cry, "Lord, Lord," but to no avail. He has given ample opportunity before this time. God's vengeance will be poured out, not His mercy.

The endurance of Christ is represented by the feet of brass, the most durable of metals. Just as Christ, our great Example, walked in the eyes of his Father, so must those who have accepted the Lord into their lives as the only salvation of the world. "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." I John 2:6. Unity and fellowship with Christ must be the desire of the heart. Walk as Christ walked, live the Christ-like life and be blessed! He was the sinless sacrifice. Although tempted "in all points" as every person is tempted, Jesus has never sinned. As He died, he opened the way from sin, allowing his church to have freedom. Continuance in sin causes people to become servants of sin; in bondage to the iniquity of Satan. Yield not to Satan and be imitators of Christ. The feet-stable, secure in the Word, to stand in defense of the Gospel, to be prepared with the Gospel of peace.

Again, in Rev. 2:19, the Lord commends the church for their service, but again, the Lord states, "Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee..." Complete righteousness did not exist in the church because it tolerated the teaching of Jezebel of old. Jezebel claimed to be a prophetess of God, but yet she seduced the servants of God into fornication and eating of meat sacrificed to idols.

It's sometimes difficult to imagine someone claiming to be God's worker when their life doesn't prove their professed Christianity. If Satan can't corrupt people through the attraction of the world, he will send workers of iniquity into the church having a form of godliness to deceive and lead others astray. Is this not happening today? False doctrines and corrupt teachings are being spread abroad. Many souls are falling prey to these lies because man's self-made teachings and morals are often easier to conform to than making the body disciplined to live pure, decent, and honest. People are looking for peace and anyone offering that peace is inevitably going to be able to lead people astray. Man cannot offer true peace, only false security. Peace is found in the Lord, but many people are not willing or are too lazy to search for it. No man is to totally rely on any pope or priest to interpret the Scriptures. Once the authority is given to a few men to interpret and reveal the Scriptures to the rest of mankind, pride is inevitable to follow. Leaders are given power and influence by the multitude of people in the world that are slothful or weak within themselves to take control of their own lives. Everyone can have power through Christ and knowledge of the Bible acquired by personal study. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:

15. Meditation on God's Word cannot be emphasized enough for without knowing the Words one is not prepared to witness. Christians are ambassadors for Christ; representatives that are "to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." I Pet. 3:15. The hope is of eternal life; life that will never end. After the physical death here on earth, the dead in Christ will be raised incorruptible. The days are closing fast so take heed of deceivers and antichrists. Hide the Word within the depths of the heart that there may be no sin against God. The Bible has no impurity or contradictions. Where the truth is, life is. Righteousness and sin cannot dwell in the same place. "Buy the truth, and sell it not." Pro. 23:23. "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matt. 24:24. Corrupt teachers, preachers, and prophets are a mockery to God. The Lord did not allow His son to come to earth to be ridiculed, beaten, and killed in vain! Christ overcame hell and the grave, and while people still have the chance to receive the saving hand of the Almighty, they refuse to be lifted from the gulf of sin simply because of false security of the world! Foolishness of this world holds captive the very lives of man that Christ was crucified for! People are told "this is the way," "follow me," and "everyone is doing it." These are all cruel lies. Majority is not always right! Leaders of a democracy gain power by giving into the demands of society; leaders motivated by selfish greed, willing to please the people—all for wealth and public favor. How righteous some people act if it will benefit them! There will always be someone to tell the public whatever it wants to hear. Are we the same way instead of sincerely desiring the truth? The "wisdom" of this world has deceived man into believing his own lies. The way of un-

derstanding is in the footsteps of Jesus, not by following the teachings of man. Accepting the world's opinions and ways of living is conformity. Servants of God are still being seduced into fornication, not always physically, but are being led astray from the straight and narrow by the attraction of sin. People become involved in worldly activities because it brings unity among people. The world accepts only those who accept the world. If your Christian morals aren't high enough to offend the world, then your Christian morals aren't high enough! Whenever the church becomes popular with the entirety of mankind, the church is no longer of God. "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..." Rom. 12:2. Through the love of Christ, Jezebel was given a chance to repent, but she refused. The Lord is not willing that any perish, but that all come to repentance. There is a time for repentance. "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance." Rom. 2:4. Those that won't repent will be cast into great tribulation! All participants of sin shall suffer the

consequences. If the course of salvation is refused, what other course is there but damnation...except they repent of their deeds." Repentance—godly sorrow with confession of sins. Unfortunately, as man hardens his heart against the convictions of the Spirit, his conscience becomes seared. What else can God do but to give them over to a reprobate mind? God has not predestined man to spend eternity in Heaven or Hell. He graciously offers the gift of eternal life to all. To those who refuse—"How dreadful is the state of those that are daily and hourly in the danger of this great wrath and infinite misery! Those of you that finally continue in a natural condition, that shall keep out of Hell longest, will be there in a little time! Your damnation does not slumber; it will come swiftly and, in all probability, very suddenly upon many of you. You have reason to wonder that you are not already in Hell. It is doubtless the case of some whom you have seen and known, that never deserved Hell more than you, and that heretofore appeared as likely to have been now



alive as you. Their case is past all hope; but here you are in the land of the living and in the house of God, and have an opportunity to obtain salvation. What would not those poor damned souls give for one day's opportunity such as you now enjoy!" (1)

Do not shun the warnings of God. He is fair and just in all his ways. God searcheth the reins meaning that he examines man's desires and lusts of the heart. He will render unto every man what is the proper judgement. Sinners can be assured of their total destruction and Christians can have the "Blessed Assurance" of life eternal with God! Rev. 2:25 relates an outstanding command: "to hold fast to what is in possession already." Satan tries to take the joy of Christians through his many devices. We have not the strength within ourselves to overcome the wiles of Satan. Don't let go! The power for Christians to overcome the nations will be given when Christ rules over all with a rod of iron indicating power and authority. He that hath an ear, listen to God. People today are sacrificing themselves to the world for earthly pleasures and are actually worshipping material objects made by man. Idol worship does not have to involve a statue or a painting. Any tangible, material object that is favored above God is an idol. Another person can become an idol. Paul, in his sermon on Mars Hill, rebuked the men of Athens for ignorantly worshipping idols. Acts 17:29. "Foreasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device." Why must people think they have to see a visible form of something to believe in it? The Glory, Power, and likeness of God was made visible in His Son. Jesus Christ, the Word made manifest in the flesh, came as a man to redeem humanity from sin.

Thomas Aquinas, a Roman Catholic, (13th century), declared, "A picture, considered in itself, is worthy of no veneration, but if we consider it as an image of Christ, it may be allowable to make an internal distinction between the image and it's subject, and adoration and service are as well due to it as Christ." (2) Bellarmine, a principle Roman authority of dogmatic theology, writes, "The images of Christ and the saints are to be adored, not only in a figurative manner, but quite positively, so that the prayers are directly addressed to them, and not merely as representatives of the original." (3) The Roman Catholic Church is the only church whose teachings are indisputable and should not be tested. The Word of God welcomes testing! "Her teachings and seductions, however contrary to Scripture and repellent to human understanding, must be accepted as authoritative and infallible. This is a dogma with Rome. She cannot err, therefore she cannot progress. It is, thus, that Rome and ignorance, Rome and superstition, as history abundantly testifies, go together. Rome dreads the light and fears the Bible." (4) Catholics are taught only what the Mother Church wishes to teach, as so many other churches today, but let no one deny you the truth. Seek for understanding and live!

(1) Jonathan Edwards "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God."

(2) The Book of the Revelation. Newell, William R. p.56

(3) Ibid

(4) Exposition of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Scott, Walter.



*Pause to Worship  
ON VACATION!*

## Ordination — 60 Years Ago

June the 6th 1985, it will be 60 years since I was ordained in the old library building, across from the present Apostolic Faith Bible College.

Earlier in the spring I was working with Brother Floyd Durham and others in a tent revival in Stella, Missouri. On a Sunday morning when Bro. Floyd was preaching on sanctification Bro. Charles Parham and Fred Campbell came in the tent at the back. They were on their way to services somewhere in the south. When the services were finished and the altar service concluded they came forward and we enjoyed a short time of fellowship. Before leaving we all knelt in prayer as Bro. Parham led the prayer. I had been in his meetings but I had never witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit coming down in waves as he prayed.

There was to be an all day service on the 6th of June in the library park in Baxter Springs. He invited me to come and help Fred Campbell get the seats and other necessary arrangements ready, which I did a few days ahead of the meeting. I was treated royally in the Parham home.

It rained after the morning service and dinner and so we went to the hall upstairs. I met Dad Stansberry and Benny the boy singer, Bros. Wall, Becknall and many others. Ordination services were called for after the afternoon service. Bro. Floyd and others went for ordination but I didn't, not knowing if I were ready. Bro. Parham asked me to come and said I should be ordained. I have never forgotten how he with others bound the sacrifice to the altar.

There have been a few successes as well as many failures but the teaching and ground work has been an anchor that has held and we still stand on the teaching that we received in those days.

God bless the work of the Bible School and everyone that stands for the truth as it is in Jesus.

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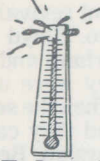
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## Dangers And Distractions Of Summer

WE MIGHT AS WELL FACE IT: THE DANGERS AND DISTRACTIONS OF SUMMER SEEM TO BE HERE TO STAY. It is futile to ignore them, hoping they'll go away. Here are some of these ailments and liabilities that seem to bounce back every summer;



1. **LOW TEMPERATURE.** June, July and August frequently bring an astonishing temperature inversion. As the physical thermometer goes up, the spiritual thermometer goes down.



2. **OVERCROWDING.** This problem happens mainly on Sundays and weekends-overcrowding on the golf courses, lakes, and highways. Overcrowding everywhere, except on church parking lots.



3. **SLEEPING SICKNESS.** The summer variety of this illness has nothing to do with the tsetse fly of tropical Africa. The symptoms include drowsiness and laziness. The brain and the backbone seem to be affected. This particular kind of sleeping sickness occurs mainly on Sunday mornings.



4. **THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON COMA.** The hot summer weather seems to aggravate this condition. It keeps a person from attending the Sunday evening worship service.



5. **MIDWEEK AMNESIA.** Warm weather apparently brings on a higher incidence of "Wednesday night forgetfulness." Church members can't remember the time, place and purpose of the midweek prayer service.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE DANGERS AND DISTRACTIONS THAT HIT MANY CHRISTIANS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. BE ON THE ALERT AND TRY TO AVOID THESE PROBLEMS IN YOUR HOME THIS YEAR!

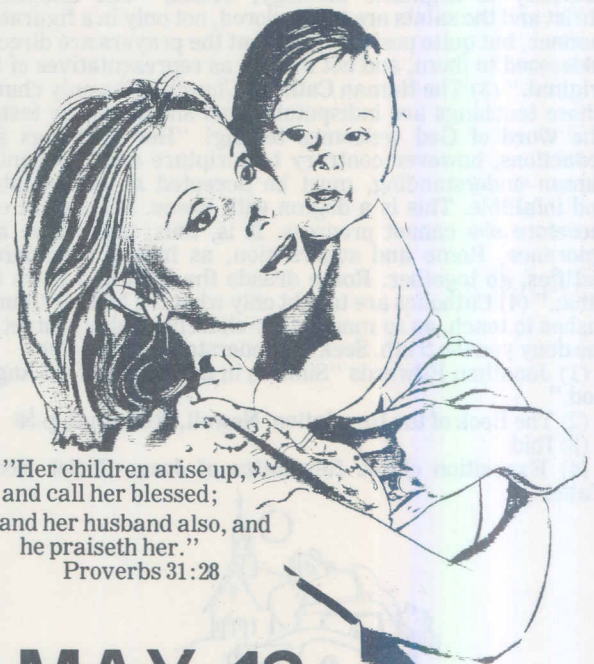
## A Teenager's Letter..... .....To His Parents

Dear Parents-

I am your child...You have brought me into this world and raised me to what I am today...If I am not what I should be, please don't be too harsh with me.. for I am your product...My actions advertise the quality standards of our home...do not point at one of my playmates as an example of how I should behave...by doing so you are admitting that his parents are doing a better job than you...You say that you are a Christian...Yet when Church time comes you make little effort to attend, giving me no encouragement to go either...You say that you love me...Yet it has been years since you put your arms about me at bedtime and with tears in your eyes asked your Heavenly Father to watch over me as I slept...You seem to be more interested in my school grades than in the condition of my soul...You give me the impression that it is better to be popular than to be pure...better to be attractive on the outside than to have that "inner beauty" that comes to one who loves the Lord...So next time you feel like throwing up your hands and saying, "I just can't do a thing with you," please remember you have had the opportunity to influence me since I was born..."Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it"...That's from the Bible...If you're not happy with me, I'm not the only one to blame...

St. Cletus Canticle

## MOTHER'S DAY



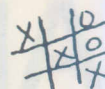
"Her children arise up,  
and call her blessed;  
and her husband also, and  
he praiseth her."  
Proverbs 31:28

## MAY 12





# The children's Page



By Janis Mathis

## A Stranger Helps A Sick Man

"Oh, I wish someone would come and help me!" thought a poor sick man who was lying by the roadside.

Someone had hurt this man. His clothes had been torn, and his money had been taken away from him.

Step, step, step-someone was coming! The sick man looked up and saw a traveler standing there. "Help me!" he said.

The traveler just looked at the sick man. Then he walked away.

Would somebody else come? Yes! Somebody else was coming!

But it was just another traveler, and he didn't stop to help, either. He just walked on down the road.

Again the sick man waited.

"O God," he prayed, "please send somebody that will help me!"

Listen! There were steps again! This time, the steps were the clip-clop, clip-clop of a donkey's feet. A stranger was bouncing up and down on the donkey's back.

And what a kind stranger he was! He quickly got down off the donkey's back. He gave the sick man a drink, and put some medicine on his cuts to make him feel better. He lifted the sick man up onto the donkey's back, and led the donkey down the road.

After a while they stopped at a hotel. "My friend has been hurt," the kind man told the hotelkeeper. "Do you have a place for him to stay?"

"Yes," the hotelkeeper said.

The kind man carried his friend into the hotel and laid him on a bed. He stayed with his friend all night, and gave him water to drink, and more medicine to make his cuts feel better.

The next morning the kind man said to the hotelkeeper, "I must go now. Here's some money; it if costs more than this to take care of my friend, I'll pay you when I come back."

"Good-by," said the man who had been hurt. "Thank you so much for being such a good friend to me!"

## GAME

Print on lines below every letter you see in capital letters. Begin with first block and work left to right.

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## WORKING TOGETHER



Dear God,  
Help me do my work for You;  
And help me share as I should do.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.



# ARE YE ABLE?

by Dora Beydler

"Then came to Him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping Him, and desiring a certain thing of Him. And He said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto Him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I shall be baptized with? They say unto Him, We are able. And He saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father." Matthew 20:20-23

"When James and John asked this honor of Jesus they were asking for Him to let them be the greatest in His kingdom yet they had not come to the decision which should sit on His right, which would be the place of the highest honor, and who would sit on His left. Apparently their only interest was for the two of them to be honored with the two highest seats in Jesus' government. Jesus answer was, "You don't understand what you are asking." They could not fore-see what was in store for them nor what it would cost to be made ready for a special place in His kingdom. James and John wanted honor but Jesus reminded all of the apostles "...whosoever will be great among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." When Jesus came to dwell among men He "Made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Philippians 2:7,8. It was the work of a slave to wash the feet of the guests but, "He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel and girded Himself. After that He poureth water into a basin, and began to wash His disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel where with He was girded." John 13:4,5. Then in Luke 22:27 we read, "For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or He that serveth." James and John were the sons of Zebedee and Salome, a sister of Jesus mother. Zebedee had hired servants to help in the fishing business and it is possible his sons had not learned to serve others or it is possible they felt an importance in being related to Jesus. What ever their reason or whether it was nothing more than just a spur of the moment thought, they did not understand what was ahead. Philippians 2:3 says, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem toher better than themselves." A good leader must first learn to serve others. Greatness is not something to seek after but it is a quality bestowed upon those who have served well.

Jesus said more than just "Are ye able." He asked, "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of?" To drink of the cup was a familiar expression among the Jews. Here it signifies the internal, mental, and spiritual sufferings Jesus was about to feel in His own body as well as those He feels for toehrs. "For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15. When He went to Bethany at the time of Lazarus' death He groaned in the spirit because of the pain of the bereaved. John 11:33-35. The rest of the question to Jesus and John was, "And to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" Baptism here is used figuratively to mean over-whelming affliction. A part of the meaning for over-whelm is to crush or bruise, while affliction can mean grievous distress or grief. Jesus' suffering of this baptism began even before He went to the cross. We read in Luke 22:44 "And being in agony He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." Some have felt this verse to mean the great size of the drops of perspiration but in view of the definition of the baptism Jesus had to endure, the meaning seems to be sweat mingled with blood. Many authorities agree that in cases of great mental agony sometimes it causes blood to mingle with the perspiration of the human body. Then when Jesus gave His life on the cross He fulfilled the prophecy of Genesis 3:15 where God said the serpent shall bruise His heel. Bruise heremeans to crush or to kill. Satan did kill the Savior that day but Jesus arose from that death and is alive forevermore.

James and John could not comprehend what the future held. They quickly answered, "We can." In those days the Jews were looking for a Messiah but they expected Him to come to liberate them from the Romans and saw the joys of a kingdom where this Messiah would reign. Today there are many James and Johns in the world and I'm wondering if Jesus were to ask the question as He did to James and John, what would our answer be? In this age there is trouble around the world. Every nation has its troubles. Some are at war, some suffer financial woes, some are having trouble to feed their people and others suffer oppression. The whole world hopes for deliverance and peace. Are we able? Can we answer, "We are?" There is much for us to learn from James and John.

Paul wrote, "But of the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them; as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." I Thessalonians 5:1-3. Daniel warned of a cunning leader yet to come in his prophecy in Daniel 9:27, "And he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week" but in the middle of the week that covenant shall be broken. Just before the Babylonian captivity the Jewish leaders were doing as world leaders of today are doing. Jeremiah said they were crying "Peace, peace, when there is no peace." Jeremiah 6:4. Jesus said in Matthew 24:21,22, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should be flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Then in Mark he said, "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,



And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. and then shall He send His angels, and shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven."

When we hear the cries of peace and see the signs of the times, we know it is all true but like James and John, we immediately look at the promises of His coming and ease our thoughts with His words in John 14:3. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." And when the angels stood with the disciples at the ascension saying, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." John wrote in Revelation 1:7 that He would come in the clouds and every eye will see Him. It is so much more comfortable to be satisfied and lulled to sleep while reading I Thessalonians 4:16-18. "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

We all know there are persecutions ahead but so often we appear to read that part of the scripture and feel it will affect someone else, not me. Let us read from II Timothy 2:12 where it says, "If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him." If we want to reign with Him therewith will be some rocky road ahead. Peter wrote in I Peter 4:12,13 "Beloved think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

James and John only saw the joy of Jesus' new kingdom and the desire of the honor to be a part of that ruling power. They did indeed drink of the cup and partake of the baptism which Jesus talked about. They proved they were able. Later James was the first of the apostles to be martyred and legend says John was taken to Rome where he was thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil. He escaped this attempt upon his life without harm and was banished to Patmos to work out the rest of his life. There God used him by giving him the visions in the book of Revelation. When that Emperor died the queen had John freed from the mines and returned to Ephesus where he lived until his natural death. Yes, they suffered and when that kingdom does come they will be a part of it.

Are we able to look at the future with a reality and see the hard places that each of us must cross before we can reach that glorious day of Jesus kingdom? When we look at the price tag and see that it may cost even the life blood for some of us, can we still say we are able? More important though is the question, "Can I afford not to be ready to pay the price?" If we find it hard to be in church regularly; or find ourselves too busy to read our Bibles and pray daily; or are afraid to witness to those we know are lost we need more spiritual strength. "...Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith..."

# HURRY!! He's Coming!

I had an opportunity to work in a bakery while going to high school. I remember one particular day when the telephone rang and one of the ladies went to answer it. She put down the phone like it was hot and yelled, "He's coming!" I wondered what in the world was going on? The ladies ran for their hair nets and men ran for clean aprons and clean caps. The boss told me to sweep the floor, and cover all the containers. There was a wild and excited look in his eyes. Everyone was running around like chickens with their heads cut off. I thought to myself, "Who is coming?"

Suddenly through the front door entered a man in a suit with a case under his arm. As I observed him he began to walk around and check the bakery for any health hazards. I then realized that he was the state inspector for the Board of Health. After he left everyone breathed a sigh of relief and went back to work. One of the ladies told me that all the places of business always watched out for the other. The first one to see the inspector coming would then call the other business. They had a system of warning.

I couldn't help but think that in one way or another the Bible speaks of the return of Christ hundreds of times. When he returns He will be as a thief in the night, because no one will be expecting Him. He will come without warning. He will come literally as He went away. He will be visible in that every eye shall see Him. There won't be any telephone call to get us ready. The only warning we receive is through His word. We must be prepared to meet the Lord or be prepared to accept the penalty for slothfulness.

When Jesus comes again we won't have time to run around our homes and put away the literature and magazines and put the Bible in their place. There won't be time to hide our "skimpy" swim wear, our halter top dresses, our short shorts, our tight pants, our mini skirts and pull the plug on our TV.

When Jesus comes again there won't be time to prepare a speech on all the good things we have been involved in. There won't be time to tell Him how our neighbors and friends hindered us in His service. There will be judgment, "So then each one of us shall give an account of himself before God." God will not accept our excuses nor will He give us time to repent. Today is the time to prepare ourselves for His coming.

Remember, "He is coming!"

John A. Boor



## I HAD A HORRIBLE DREAM

I dreamed that the Lord took my Sunday contribution and multiplied it by ten and this became my weekly income. In no time I lost my color TV, had to give up my new car - I couldn't even make a house payment. What can a fellow do on \$10.00 a week?

Suppose the Lord took your offering and multiplied it by ten and made that your weekly income. How much would you make?





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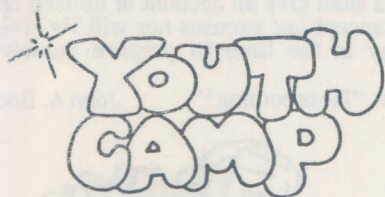
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### HEBREWS 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

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