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Christ's Birthday...

He was born of simple parents. By worldly standards they were poor, but in character and faith they were wealthy.

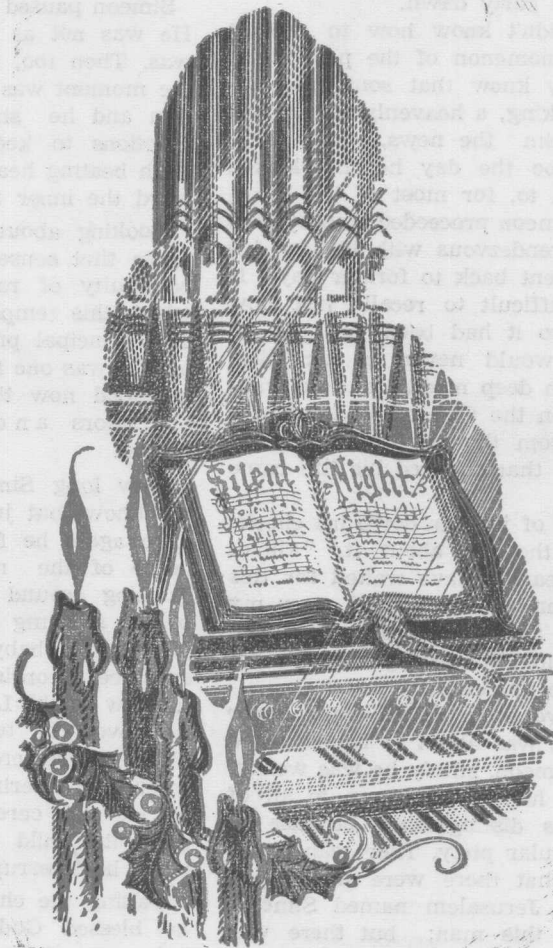
Even in youth He was a builder. He worked with His hands as a carpenter, and by His example He showed, better than any words could do, the dignity of the man who works with his hands.

He was an obedient and loving child, humble courageous. He was humble when He washed the feet of his own followers. He was courageous in the temple amid those who would trick Him into treason. He was supremely courageous on the solemn journey to Gethsemane. He sought to minister to all mankind — rich and poor, weak and strong — and even to those He knew to be hypocrites. He was patient, forgiving even His enemies. He lived what He preached. (Did He not lay down His life for His fellow men?) He was forgiving: He found it in His heart to forgive even Pontius Pilate and Judas Iscariot.

He was a warrior, yet He never bore arms. He fought His cause with reason, love and justice.

He was a king, yet He was never crowned save with a crown of thorns.

His way was the way salvation, of love for His fellow men, of peace and goodwill.



He was indeed a builder. He built a foundation on which the world could live in peace for all time.

It is because mankind has forgotten His teachings and failed to live up to His ideals that the world is in conflict. Peace, happiness, human welfare are inseparably bound in our following His way of life. Let us humbly and with penitence resolve on this His birthday to return to His way of life. There is no other answer for a troubled and heartsick world.

Mine Eyes Have Seen Thy Salvation

by

James E. Wallis

Excitement filled the heart of the old man as he made himself ready to go to the temple. With trembling hands Simeon, former president of the grand Sanhedrin, picked up his staff, closed the door to his flat-roofed house, and walked slowly into the early dawn.

He didn't know how to explain the phenomenon of the past night. He only knew that sometime, before waking, a heavenly visitor had given him the news, that today would be the day he had looked forward to, for most of his life.

As Simeon proceeded step by step to his rendezvous with history, his mind went back to former days. It was difficult to recall just how long ago it had been, but the occasion would never be forgotten. While in deep meditation and waiting upon the God of Isreal, like a flash from the sky above, the revelation that changed his life came to him.

Tears of joy ran down his cheeks as he thought about it. "All of these years I have waited for this revelation to be fulfilled, now my prayers are to be realized." With these thoughts racing through his mind he quickened his step.

If anyone should have the honor of what was about to be bestowed upon Simeon, surely he was worthy of that honor. This man in all of Isreal is distinguished because of his singular piety. There can be no doubt that there were many persons in Jerusalem named Simeon, besides this man; but there was none of the name who merited the attention of God so much as he in the text.

He regulated his conduct according to the law of his God. The scripture declares, he was just and devout. No doubt he was well thought of by those in his group. He so professed and practised the religion of his fathers that he gave no cause for a friend to be ashamed on his account, or an enemy to gloat.

Ahead of him loomed the temple. The narrow streets of the city of Jerusalem were already filling with the moving traffic. Spice laden camels, jostled for space with over-

loaded donkeys. Men, women, and children hurried to make room for onrushing carts and chariots. Through the noise and the congestion of the crowd Simeon made his way to the outer gate of the temple area.

Simeon paused to catch his breath. He was not as young as he once was. Then too, the excitement of the moment was about to overcome him and he struggled with his emotions to keep them in check. With beating heart he proceeded toward the inner temple.

Looking about him, Simeon felt again that sense of belonging and continuity of race and history of which this temple was the symbol. The principal prayer raised in the temple was one for deliverance, and he stood now thinking about the oppressors and the coming deliverer.

How long Simeon stood he did not know, but just as so long ago, once again he felt the divine presence of the messenger of God. Turning around in anticipation he beheld a young Mother and Father bringing a baby boy, to offer a sacrifice according to that which is the law of the Lord. A pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons, They were crossing the court, where the offerings would be turned in, and ceremonies performed, and the child presented to God, when he interrupted them.

Taking the child up in his arms he blessed God. What must this holy man of God felt in this moment! O glorious privilege! And yet our privilege is not less. For has not Jesus said, "If man love me he will keep my word, and I and the Father will come in unto him, and make our abode with him." Glorious privilege indeed to have Christ in our arms, but how much more to have him in our heart!

Then looking straight at the Mother of the child, Simeon said, "Behold this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Isreal; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; Yes, and a sword shall pierce through thy soul

also." Tears gathered in Mary's eyes, as he added: "The thoughts of many hearts will be revealed."

Now Simeon gave back the child, his face glowing with the rhapsody of the moment, lost in his own thoughts, swaying as if saying farewell to life; as if this moment were one beautiful release he was glad to lose himself in the crowd.

Out in the fading sunlight, Simeon was surprised to realize he had spent so much time in the temple. He had been in a daze of divine wonderment for hours. The years of waiting and looking and expecting were over. He had seen the Lord's Christ! Is not this the same reaction that most have when they come face to face with the Messiah? Does He not once and for all change our lives so we are never the same again? Don't we like Jacob of old go limping the rest of our days? Sirs! We would see Jesus!

As Simeon made his way home through the meager streets of Jerusalem, he was at peace with God, Himself, and the world. Entering his modest dwelling, he placed his staff against the wall, took off his cloak and bowing his head gave thanks for this day.

Joachim knocked on the door of Simeon's home with a show of impatience. Simeon was to have gone with him today to see Zacharias the priest. It was already late and the press of the crowd would make it difficult for them to travel. Angerly, Joachim knocked again. Still no answer and by this time the neighbors were being aroused. Against all of his desire he slowly pushed the door open. In the shadows he could see the frail form of Simeon lying on the floor. Brushing aside his hesitancy he rushed to cradle the great weight of the old man's head in his arms. Death had sealed Simeon's lips and glazed forever his mortal eyes. To Joachim the face of Simeon showed not terror of death, but a relaxed peace. The peace of one who has seen God.

Gem Of Truth

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."
Phil. 4:13

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Associate Editor

Dear Apostolic Faith Readers:
Greetings:

Bibles — I have been thinking about Bibles, they come in almost any size and have almost any type of print needed. They vary in cost from a few cents to thousands of dollars.

There are many languages, and many translations. Some of these translations, I feel sure, were made by men who sought more truth and knowledge. Others I feel had the dollar sign in sight and maybe others with a seared conscience sought to change the truth.

New Bibles have many advantages in strength of binding—clearness of page and print but there are many precious memories hidden in some of the now yellow, stained, torn and worn pages of Bibles whose service have crossed a half century or more.

Of the making of books there is no end. Helps and guide lines, interpretations, historical and geographical information, from Sunday School lessons to five minute discourses. Some of these are helpful and its regrettable it must be added, some are a hindrance and even misleading — But the Bible—God's Holy Word still stands with a full fledged testimony of Him-

Pens of the Editors



Once again we have entered the Christmas season; how quickly time passes. As I'm writing this we have only three more days of Bible school which doesn't seem possible. During the twelve weeks of school there have been so many things of interest that have happened and the Lord has been very good to the school again.

We are hoping that some of the Words we have given to the students have penetrated deep into their lives so that in the months ahead the Holy Spirit will use them as their lives are yielded to Him.

We find the wonderful story of Christmas has an interesting thought which we find in Luke 2:14, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace good will toward men." Then we read in Matthew 10:34b, Jesus speaking, "I Came not to send peace but a sword." Today we find no peace in the world, only wars and rumors of wars. Even today our boys are giving their lives for the preservation of our nation and its ideals.

Why would an angel say one thing and Jesus another? We find this answer in our hearts. Many

self, of Christ and the Holy Ghost. The word places Israel as the apple of God's eye, and the grafted in Gentiles as a product of His love.

In the Bible I am told to flee from the wrath to come. I am informed of Christ's soon return. He tells me of His love, of His care for spirit and soul and body. The map of life is given and the road way from earth to heaven worked plainly.

Many pages could be written in regards to the Bible, but I have left my testimony that the Word of God—just as it is—suits me. Praise the Lord for His Word.

people today live in the "Land of the free" and yet have "War" in their hearts. The Bible tells us that the way of the transgressor is hard, but Jesus says to Come unto Him and He will give us peace that the world can't give and neither can it take it away. This is the peace Christ bestowes in our hearts when we give our lives to Him and our sins are washed away. We may be on the battlefield but we can still have that peace in our hearts.

May the Lord help each of us that the Peace of God will reign in our hearts.

We certainly appreciate each of you who have stood behind the Report so faithfully month after month. It is the consistency of these that makes it possible for the Report to be published on a monthly basis. May the Lord richly bless and repay you many times for your faithfulness to Him.

We would say from all of us to all of you . . . a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS . . . and may the Peace and Grace of God abide with you throughout the New Year.

Howard & Yvonna Whiteley
Lachelle & Lynn

Bible School is progressing nicely. I thank Him for every class, for every teacher and every student. Thank God from whom all blessings flow.

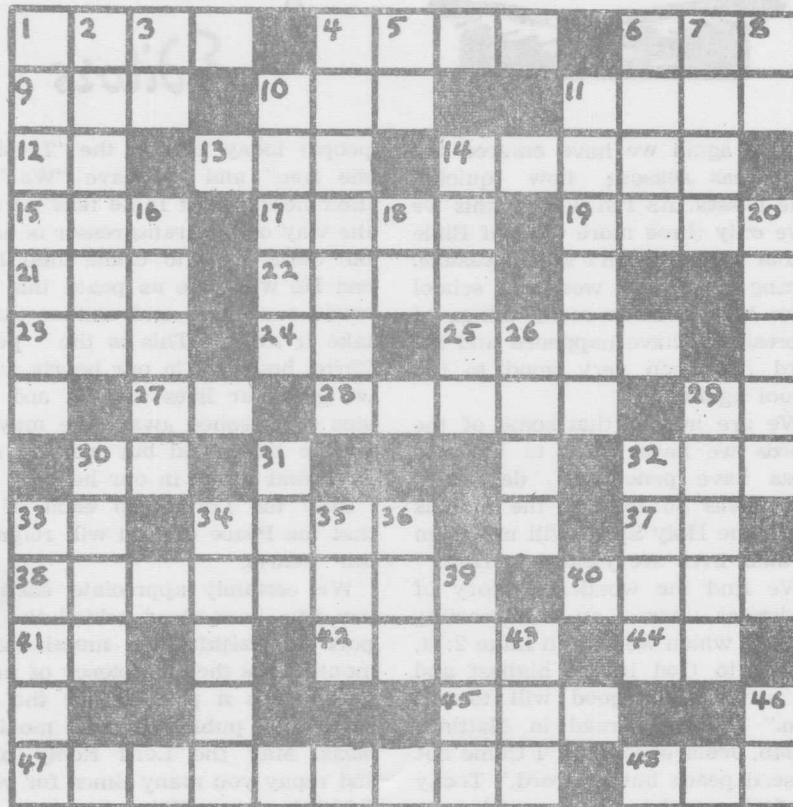
May God Bless you and give you spiritual gifts and overcoming grace, waiting for the Day of His Soon Coming. Pray for us.

In Christian Love,
Gail Schultz

WITH OUR BOYS—

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Crusaders for Christ



Clues Across

- 1. 4 "_____ had heard the king, they departed"
- 6 "when they were come into the house, they _____ the young child"
- 9. "Deliver the poor and needy: _____ them out of the hand of the wicked" Ps. 82
- 10 "thou Bethlehem, in _____ land of Juda"
- 11 his father . . . ran, and fell on his _____, and kissed him" Luke 15
- 12 "he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that _____ might be fulfilled"
- 13 place on the east of Abraham's tent (Gen. 12:8)
- 14 "departed into Egypt: And was there until the _____ of Herod"
- 15, 17, 19 "When they saw _____, _____ rejoiced with exceeding joy"

- 21 a hot beverage
- 22 "for out of _____ shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel"
- 23 "Ye do _____, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God" Matt. 22
- 24 initials of two progenitors of Christ, the son and grandson of Achim (Matt. 1:14, 15)
- 25 a city in Judah (Josh. 15:52)
- 27 "they departed; and, _____, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them"
- 28 "then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a _____" Acts 23
- 29 "behold, _____ angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt"
- 30 "Then was fulfilled that which was spoken _____ Jeremy the prophet"
- 32 "If he shall ask an _____, will

- he offer him a scorpion?" Luke 11
- 33 "we have seen his star in the east, and are come _____ worship him"
- 34 "the _____ of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom" Matt. 27
- 37 initials of two friends of Jesus (John 11:11; John 1:40)
- 38. "my spirit hath _____ in God my Saviour" Luke 1
- 40 "he was troubled, and all Jerusalem _____ him"
- 41 father of Shuppim (I Chron. 7: 12)
- 42 ungodly nation descending from Esau (Num. 20:21)
- 44 "when ye have found him, bring _____ word again, that I may come"
- 45 "they departed into their own country another _____"
- 47, 48 "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with _____ great _____"

Clues Down

- 1 "thus it is _____ by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda"
- 2 "He said, Bring them _____ to me" Matt. 14
- 3 a memorial (Josh. 22:34)
- 4 "he was afraid to go _____: notwithstanding . . . he turned aside into the parts of Galilee"
- 5 Herod, when _____ saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth"
- 6 son of Adam through whom Christ came (Luke 3:38)
- 7 continual pain
- 8 abbreviation for length of time Laban asked Jacob to serve for Rachel (Gen. 29: 27)
- 10 "O _____ and see that the Lord is good" Ps. 34
- 11 son of David through whom Christ came (Luke 3:31)
- 14 method God used to warn Joseph to go to Egypt
- 16 "I love them that love me; and those that seek me _____ shall find me" Prov. 8

- 18 initials of the king who took Herod's throne (2:22) and the land to which Joseph fled (2:14)
 - 20 "when they were come into the house, they saw the _____ child with Mary"
 - 26, 34 "In _____ was there a _____ heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning"
 - 29 "they occupied in thy fairs with emeralds . . . and fine linen, and coral, and _____" Ezek. 27
 - 30 a South African of Dutch descent
 - 31 a mighty man of David who did not join the rebellion of Adonijah (I Kings 1:8)
 - 32 an oasis the children of Isreal came to in the wilderness (Exod. 15:27)
 - 33 "it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which _____ Moses spake nothing" Heb. 7
 - 34 see 26 down
 - 35 "Which are blackish by reason of the _____, and wherein the snow is hid" Job 6
 - 36 "Then was Jesus _____ up of the spirit into the wilderness" Matt. 4
 - 39 "If thou be the son of God, cast thyself _____" Matt. 4
 - 43 first three letters of town from which Mary Magdalene came (Matt. 15:39)
 - 46 "Out of Egypt have I called _____ son"
- Answer in next month's issue.

**BIRTHDAY CALENDAR
DECEMBER**

- 2 JUDIE KECK
- 5 CORY ROLLINS
- 7 SHAWN NEFF
- 11 TONYA CORNELL
- 18 RONNIE WATERBURY
- 23 SHERRY MILLIGAN
- 24 KRISTI BALDWIN
- 25 ERIC CAMPBELL
- 25 JOHN POOL
- 31 GARY HIGGINS

Card Of Thanks

We wish to thank each one for their prayers, cards, and letters of encouragement over the last three years and especially at the time of the passing of our loved one.
Mrs. W. H. Cooper & family

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

He's Here!
He's really wonderful,
No trouble or fuss
And we're proud and happy
He belongs to us!
His name is Robert Wayne (Robby)
His weight, 7 lbs., 5 oz.
The Date, Nov. 7, 1967
Proud Parents: Bobby Wayne and Paula Taylor, Denver, Colo.
Proud Grandparents: Rev. & Mrs. Bob Taylor, Denver, Colo.
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Carnagey, Laverne, Okla.

**WHY BIBLE PROPHECY IS
SO IMPORTANT TODAY**

By Rev. Winston J. Barker

The truth is BIBLE PROPHECY has always been important in every day; or period of time; but perhaps it would be proper to say, BIBLE PROPHECY concerning the FIRST COMING of CHRIST, and BIBLE PROPHECY concerning the SECOND COMING of CHRIST rank as most important because each is crisis and occupies a comparatively short space of time. The FIRST COMING of CHRIST to this world has been history for the CHURCH AGE of over 1900 years, and of itself took the EVENTS of some thirty-three years to complete; its effects are eternal. It was foundational and redemptive, and gave man freedom from sin in His spirit and power to live a holy life, in this world, if he would believe on the LORD JESUS, be SAVED, SANCTIFIED, and receive the HOLY SPIRIT in HIS FULNESS.

BIBLE PROPHECY gives us the CHURCH AGE in which we are now living, nineteen hundred sixty-seven, which has been one of the greatest years of fulfilling BIBLE PROPHECY; one of EVANGELISM, but also one of APOSTACY and DEFEAT so far as the conversion of the world is concerned. It pictures the general church as being wordly; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof, refusing to hear Sound DOCTRINE, heaping to themselves teachers having itching ears, etc. II Timothy chapters three and four and many others.

BIBLE PROPHECY gives us the true mission of the CHURCH, that is to: PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL PEOPLES; to take out of them a people for HIS name; Acts 15:14, to occupy until JESUS COMES; to be a witness in WORD and LIFE of CHRIST. BIBLE PROPHECY teaches us that the conversion of the world, both JEW and GENTILE, awaits the SECOND COMING of CHRIST; as does the RESURRECTION of OUR BODIES; the PERFECTING of OUR KNOWLEDGE; the WORLD PEACE we all so earnestly desire; the DETHRONEMENT of the DEVIL and SIN. The ceasing of DEATH, DISEASE, TRAGEDY, and the restitution of all things, awaits alike the SECOND COMING of CHRIST. No wonder John cried, "Even so come quickly, Lord Jesus." BIBLE PROPHECY is very definite and specific in telling us when to look for CHRIST'S RETURN. Luke 21:24-36.

Few BIBLE PROPHECY promises are completely fulfilled until CHRIST'S SECOND COMING; "For this purpose was the SON of GOD manifested that he might destroy the works of the DEVIL." I John 3:8.

Much BIBLE PROPHECY has been, and is today fulfilled in series, after long intervals of time, but always in GOD'S due time.

The importance of BIBLE PROPHECY today lies in the fact that we are in the series of fulfillments that surely indicate the end of this age. Most people in the church and in the world do not understand the significance of the CONDITIONS and EVENTS of our day because the ministry of the church as a whole neither realizes nor emphasizes the importance of BIBLE PROPHECY. BIBLE PROPHECY is the EYES of the CHURCH, as well as the WHEELS of the CHARIOT of PROGRESS and the ROAD MAP of the AGES.

If we do not accept it as such we will be blind, static, and ignorant of where we are and what lies before us.

No events in history have ever been so plainly marked by BIBLE

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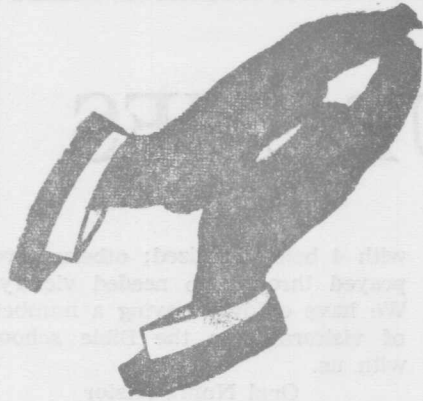


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**Object Lesson
Christmas Candles**

Objects needed: a tall white candle, and several small colored candles.

Christmas time is candle time. Green ones, red ones, blue ones, pink ones — each giving forth their golden light. As they send forth their ray of light here and there, making festive even the dullest and darkest place, what message do they bring to you at this blessed Christmas season? Of course, to hear the candle's message, one must really listen with one's heart. The heart will understand candle language perfectly.

This tall white candle (display candle) so pure and clear, tells of ONE who said, "I am the Light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life," John 8:12. And that one is the Lord Jesus who was born in Bethlehem's manger so long ago. He came into the world of darkness and sin, the "True Light" to show men and women, boys and girls, the way to God and Heaven.

Did everyone recognize Him as the "true light?" Do all the people around us today know that He is the one that will take away their darkness, that heavy load, the unrest within them? No! "And the light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not," John 1:5. But anyone that does believe on Him will find the light in their hearts and all the darkness of sin will disappear.

These small colored candles, (display red, green, etc.) tell us of the many boys and girls of the whole

world. Some with white faces, some with a brown and yellow face, the children of Japan and China and Africa. Before these pretty colored candles are lighted, they seem to picture the boys and girls of every land who are still in darknets of sin and know not the Lord Jesus, the true light.

You know God's word says in Proverbs 20:27, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord," and in Psalms 18:28, "Thou wilt light my candle" Neither good deeds nor kindly acts will ever light the candle of your heart, only Jesus can do this. It costs us nothing, but it cost Him His life. Why not at this Christmas time when the candles are so brightly burning, let the Lord Jesus come into your heart and be your Saviour? Then you can say "The Lord is My Light and My salvation." Psalms 27:1.

How can we light these small candles? Only by bringing them to the large white one which always burns and never goes out. Jesus said that anyone that comes to Him will be saved and He will in no wise cast out, John 6:37.

When the candle of our heart is light, then we are ready to shine for Jesus. In John 5:14 He tells us that "Ye are the light of the world." Also in Matt: 5:16 He says, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven." (Suggest where boys and girls may shine . . . at home, school, church. Have picture of these as you suggest each. You can also show map of heathen lands where Light is needed).

Teacher's Notebook

How Others Do it

Young Adults

The field trip, developed around a unit of study is an effective method of teaching.

You may have a series on the Book of Ruth sometime. This will afford a splendid opportunity to stress Christian principles in courtship and marriage. You might take your class as a group to visit a marriage counselor; or a judge in a divorce court; or the court itself while it is in such an activity will certainly widen the interests and understanding of your students and allows you to become better acquainted with them individually as you become a "person" to them during this time and not "just a teacher".

Be sure to make proper arrangements before going on such a visit.

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Answer To Last Month's Puzzle

NEWS from the CHURCHES

MID-WEST CITY TO DEL CITY, OKLAHOMA—

We have some exciting news to report to you from Oklahoma City. Our small church building out on Reno Street in Midwest City has been traded in on another building. Our new location is 4108 S. E. 23rd St. in Del City. The church consists of a large Sanctuary and 15 class rooms plus Pastor's study.

The Lord has done so much for us so quickly, that we are all amazed and so thankful. Our first Sunday in the new building we had 53 in Sunday School and 74 in church. Pray for us as we reach out in this area to reach the lost.

There is a parsonage with the property also which will be used as such.

Edwin Waterbury, pastor
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PINE CREST, MISSISSIPPI—

This finds us back in Mississippi again as we couldn't feel lead of the Lord to accept either of the 4 or 5 different churches we were ask to pastor. But feel we are in the will of the Lord here and are enjoying being in His service here as pastor.

We are praying that we will be soul winners for Him. We are thankful for His convicting spirit that has been dealing with the sinners.

The Lord gave us a wonderful all day service the 5th Sunday in October. We invite those of the faith to come by for service when possible.

George Hintergardt, pastor

GALENA, KANSAS—

How thankful we are for the many blessings which God has poured out upon us during these days. Several have witnessed of definite healings and others have gained personal victories needed in their lives. With the nearness of Christmas our hearts are lifed in praise to the Father for the great gift He gave to each of us.

Several of our church people are participating in the Christmas Cantata of the combined churches of Galena which will be given Dec. 17 under the direction of Howard Whiteley. That night will be our annual church program which is directed again this year by Mrs. Mary Collins.

Master Gary Toppings, adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Toppings, was dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, Nov. 12. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way during this service as we were all reminded of our duties to our children according to the word of God.

We have enjoyed having several of the Bible School students in our services during the school term. The timely prophetic messages brought by Rev. Cornell as he visited with us were also inspiring and awakening as we were made to realize the closeness of our Lord's return. May the Lord bless each of these as they leave our area that they may be a blessing as they return to their homes.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

JOPLIN, MISSOURI—

God has been good to us these past months, and is blessing in our services. Our attendance is real good. We had a baptismal service

with 4 being baptized; others have prayed through to needed victory. We have enjoyed having a number of visitors from the Bible school with us.

Onal Nunn, pastor

GRANBY, MISSOURI—

A wonderful time of revival was enjoyed by our church with Rev. and Mrs. Jimmie Wallis of Liberal, Kansas, as our evangelists. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in every service.

Rev. Bill Patterson assisted in the revival. Interest and attendance was outstanding. One soul found the Lord and many Christians were blessed.

Our youth group would like to express their appreciation to the Bible School students for their help in our youth services during Bible School. Rev. Delvin Wiles has been in charge of these and has had different students to have our youth service each Sunday night. To each one that ministered to us . . . we say "God bless you."

F. E. Waterbury, pastor

PAMPA, TEXAS—

We have enjoyed some especially good services recently, blessed with the presence of the Lord. We do need a real revival and are planning for some special services in the near future with Rev. Vester Clanton doing the preaching. We need your prayers for a move of God's Spirit to stir those who are unsaved and also those who are discouraged and unconcerned.

Our Board has been making every effort to secure a loan for building, but up to this time have

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not been successful. We pray that God will lead and that we may wait upon His leading and trust that His will shall be carried out in us.

Mrs. Paul Simmons, reporter
Amos Harris, pastor

BEAVER, OKLAHOMA—

God has wonderfully blessed in the work here since our last report to the paper. Rev. Harrol Waterbury and Bro. Bill Patterson were here for a week of services October 15 through October 22. These services were an inspiration and we feel that the church gained spiritual blessings. We have had several new people who are interested and coming frequently.

Dedication services for the Beaver Apostolic Faith Church were October 13, 1967, at 7:45 p.m. The dedicatory address was given by Rev. Robert Girouard of Spearman, Texas. Special music was a quartet number arranged by Rev. Edwin Modrick, Guymon, Oklahoma, and a solo by Royce Gene Grant of Canyon, Texas. The church history was read by Rev. Doyle Wiles, Logan, Okla.

The Apostolic Faith work in the Beaver area first began many years ago when the Morton sisters held a meeting here. Bro. Parham also spoke during that meeting. Other ministers who have held meetings in past years were Johnny Modrick, Robert Girouard, Winston Barker, and Marcus Adair but no church was established until the summer of 1960, when Rev. and Mrs. Lowell Long and family felt a call to start a work here.

Services were conducted in the county Boy Scout cabin until the church was built. The first service was August 14, 1960, with an attendance of twelve. A building fund was immediately started to buy lots for a church to be erected as soon as possible. While at this location a tent revival was conducted in downtown Beaver by the pastor with the help of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Modrick, Sis. Nancy Young and Sis. Barbara Haines.

Attendance and interest grew slowly so that in the fall of 1961 lots 150 ft. x 140 ft. were purchased at 8th and A Avenue from Leonard

Elston. Work clearing and leveling the land began the following spring and in the fall of 1962 construction began on a 30 ft. x 60 ft. cinder-block structure. This building was ready for occupancy in April, 1963. The first Daily Vacation Bible School was held that same year and every year since.

Rev. Jack Barker conducted the first revival in the new church, October, 1963. Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Lamunyon directed the singing and had the special music during this meeting. Thirteen were saved in this meeting and the church was given a wonderful boost spiritually.

In September, 1965, a board of trustees was elected with Ivan McKeever, J. D. Jett and Jess Jacobs being chosen as board members. By this time the original building was paid for and soon after plans were made to add Sunday School rooms to the church. In the course of time it was agreed that a new sanctuary would be added and the original building remodeled for classrooms.

Work was begun on the new addition in the fall of 1966 and completed in July, 1967. The first service in the new sanctuary was July 23, 1967. This is a 30 ft. x 70 ft. frame structure with used brick veneer. Inside the sanctuary is fully carpeted and the walls are birch pannelled with indirect lighting. The furniture matches the panelling which makes a very beautiful sanctuary.

With the help and inspiration of the Holy Spirit this congregation hopes to render a profitable service in the kingdom of God.

Leora Woodson, reporter
Lowell Long, pastor

GOODWELL & GUYMON, OKLA.

Greetings from the panhandle. We are thankful for all of God's wonderful blessings. October the 9th marked the day for our Apostolic Student Center dedication service at Goodwell, Oklahoma. People were in attendance from every section of the panhandle as well as many local people gathered to hear comments by three college officials, quartet singing, other matters, and the Dedicatory sermon delivered by Rev. Harrol Waterbury.

Three evangelistic services under the leadership of Rev. Waterbury followed the dedication service. We feel a great deal was accomplished at this time also. We thank God for the privilege to work in this capacity, and hope to see even more achieved by the hand of God.

Following the services at Goodwell, we were in revival with Rev. Barker at Hardesty, Oklahoma. God met with us in these services and we trust a blessing was received in this endeavor.

October 29th Rev. Bill Allen began a 2-week revival at our church in Guymon. This was termed as one of the best revivals that the church has had in many years. We trust that the good revival fire will continue within our hearts and church.

Bro. Ronnie Martin has served as our student director for this first semester of college. Bro. Martin has done very well and his efforts are appreciated. Bro. Roy Mathews will be student director at the Apostolic Student Center in Goodwell for the spring semester. Our services are held on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Each service brings several young people together. A new student has attended the services nearly every time. It is our prayer that this work can grow and really prove to be a blessing.

Edwin Modrick, pastor

ROCKDALE, TEXAS—

We are enjoying the work of the Lord here at Rockdale. The church is growing and the people have been real good about coming. We deeply appreciate all the folks and their faithfulness to the House of the Lord. We have had some outstanding services for which we thank the Lord.

Winston Barker, pastor

GEM OF TRUTH

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him." Col. 1:16

SAUL OF TARSUS — PAUL FOR CHRIST

ARTICLE V

By Marcus Adair

Paul was taken from Jerusalem to Ceasarea, here presents his case before the governor Felix. It is a second hearing before Felix that Paul reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come that Felix trembled and said, "Go thy way for this time when I have a convenient season I will call for thee."

After this for two years Paul was in prison, and after a time he was presented a hearing before the new governor Festus. After certain days he was given the privilege of bringing his defense before a great assembly gathered in Caesarea. Some days later after being examined by Festus, he appealed to Augustus Ceasar, being a Roman and worthy of Roman courts. He was next brought into the presence of King Agrippa. It is here that Paul again stretched forth his hand and answered for himself. His courage, conviction, and interpeace of mind are reflected in the beginning of his defense which he opens by saying, "I think myself happy, King Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all things where of I am accused of the Jews."

At the conclusion of Paul's testimony, King Agrippa declared, "Paul almost thou persuadest me to be Christian." After these procedures, Paul's appeal to Caesar involved his trip to Rome.

Leaving Caesarea with a group of other prisoners and soldiers, Paul started his journey to Rome. Paul's sense of his ministry begins to take on a world-wide vision. It is no more the Paul of Jerusalem and the middle east but his vision becomes empire wide; so in one sense, the journey to Rome, even though he was in chains, becomes another missionary journey. Even though in prison for over two years he has not given up hope. The things at Jerusalem could have been disheartening and the mockery of trials at Caesarea could have discouraged and caused him to have accepted this as a fulfillment of his ministry but instead, he pushes on with the zeal and determination that

is characteristic of his life, this time with the thought in mind, "I shall preach the Gospel also in Rome."

Two men accompanied him on this journey, no doubt classified as his servants, Aristarchus of Thessalonica and Luke, and were to be Christian brethren greatly adding to Paul's ministry in the respective places where he visited. Even though a prisoner, these two men gave him contact with the churches in the respective cities that he passed through.

Coming to Sidon, approximately 80 miles from Caesarea, the Roman officer Julius allowed Paul to go ashore and there he had a time of fellowship with Christian friends. Passing from here, they went east of Cyprus near the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia reaching the port of Myra of Lycian. Here at Myra he is taken with the other prisoners and put on board an Alexandrian grain ship that was bound for Italy. The ship was delayed by contrary winds, and the ship master sailed to the southern side of Crete; there reaching the harbor, Fair Havens, nigh into the city of Lasea. At this time of the year the sailing was dangerous because of the Euroclydon winds. Paul admonished them saying, "Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives."

"Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul."

"And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence they sailed close by Crete." — Acts 27:13

Very soon after being in the open water, they were struck by the great Euroclydon storm. It is here that the ship was caught and exceedingly tossed with the tempest. After 14 days and nights seeing neither sun nor stars, all hope of being saved was taken away; but in the midst of the storm, Paul stood forth and said, "Sirs, Ye should have hearkened unto me,

and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, "Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee, and Sirs, I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me"

The ship was cast upon a sandbar and the soldiers counseled and decided to kill the prisoners including Paul, but the centurion kept them from their purpose and Paul's life was spared. They all escaped to land and were taken in by barbarious people and treated very kindly. It was at this time when Paul, gathering a bundle of sticks for the fire, was bitten by a deadly viper. The barbarians thought, since he was probably a murderer or wicked, he would soon fall down dead, but instead, Paul shook the viper into the fire and felt no harm. After this they changed their minds and decided he was a god. It was here in these quarters that the chief man of the island, Publius by name, lay sick of a fever, and the people despaired of his life. Paul laid his hands on him and prayed and God healed him. Also, while here other people came with disease and were also healed.

The voyage was resumed on another Alexandrian freighter coming to Syracuse of Sicily, Rhegium, and at last to Puteoli in Italy. It was here that they found brethren and had fellowship seven days. After this, they went as far as the Appii Forum. It was here at the three taverns that Paul was welcomed by friends from Rome. Here he again thanked God and took courage and continued to Rome.

Some time after arriving in Rome, Paul was privileged to dwell by himself in his own hired house, guarded by a Roman soldier. After three days, Paul called the chief Jews together and explained to them why he was there. "Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was

I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Roman's, who when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me. I have called for you, to see you, and to speak with you; because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain."

While a prisoner in his own hired house, many came to Paul unto whom Paul expounded and testified the kingdom of God persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses and out of the prophets, from morning till evening. Some believed the things which Paul spoke and some agreed not. In the weary months while Paul was imprisoned in Caesarea, he had learned one great lesson. He could have sat idle and let his mind dwell on disappointments and have been defeated; but instead, with courage he still applied himself to the writing of letters to the churches and of encouraging those that came. Learning this great lesson of being content whether he was rich or poor, whether he had nothing or enjoyed plenty, Paul had found as every great Christian character has always found, "It is not what you hold in your hand but what you hold in your heart that makes you happy or sad."

Paul's trial in Rome was delayed and postponed several times. His imprisonment and arrest had not brought discouragement to him nor his Christian friends; but instead, he was determined to play his part with courage and determination. Paul's concept of life itself is portrayed in his writings where he takes the attitude that Christians are like stars in that they shine the brightest when the night is the darkest.

Timothy, who had started with Paul, was still with him and proved to be a great Christian secretary to pen most of the writings of Paul.

Here Paul, a prisoner at Rome, served as advisor and counselor to many of the Christian churches.

His writings show a burden for all men without distinction of race, nation, position, slave or free, Christ is for all and in all. Paul's life was in constant jeopardy. Nero had caused many Christians to be

put to death in the great coliseum. These were the days when Rome "lusted after blood." Paul's Christian victory is shown in his writings. Paul, in the midst of all his persecutions and sufferings for the Lord, did not lose hope. This conviction is shown in his words, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

While bound with a chain to the floor of his cell, not privileged to stand to his feet, he writes words of victory and hope, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

A prisoner, beaten, punished, and bound with a chain; but what courage, what bravery, what spirit, and what valor is shown in the life of this man. God's grace is sufficient; it never fails but with dauntless, resolute faith Paul cries out from the dark dungeon, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Paul, a Roman citizen, would be sentenced by the Roman law to die by the sword. He realized that he was facing the trial of his life and writing to Timothy he leaves him a charge to "Preach the Word; be instant in season out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch

thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of their ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight,

I have finished my course. I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Thus the battle-scarred veteran of many conflicts probably died at the hand of Nero; thus the life of Paul of Tarsus came to an end, or did it end? For all Christendom with its concepts of the death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and return of Jesus Christ continues to follow the pattern that Paul left.

(THE END)

OBITUARY

William Henry Cooper

Funeral services for William Henry Cooper were held Friday, November 3, 1967, at the Apostolic Faith Church in Balco, Oklahoma. He was born November 18, 1894, and passed away October 31, 1967.

He served in World War 1 and was discharged in 1919. On March 30, 1920, he was united in marriage to Viola Brake. He was converted in 1923 in a revival held by Homer Coberly. He was active in church work as long as his health permitted. He farmed in the Balco community until the last three years when ill health prevented it.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters, and four brothers; Henry was the last of the immediate family. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Viola, his daughters and son-in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Wallis, of Dodge City, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Mitchell, Balco, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Noble, Beaver, Oklahoma, nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Officiating at the services were Rev. Jim Fox assisted by Rev. Jack Cornell. Burial was in Pleasant Hill cemetery at Balco, Oklahoma.

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Paul wrote concerning the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST in I Thess. 5:4, "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." Peter said, "We have also a more sure WORD OF PROPHECY; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place."

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