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Songs in the Night

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night....And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.'" "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2: 8, 13, 11.

Songs in the night are the most beautiful songs of all. Most of us never learn to sing our sweetest songs until the dark shadows fall and our skies turn black. How appropriate that after the long night of nearly 400 years without a prophet to God's people that God should have the angels come in the NIGHT to sing "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN" and announce His Son's arrival to the earth. Sending Him to earth to suffer and eventually die for the human race must have robbed heaven of its most brilliant light and made it a darker place, for heaven could not be the same without His only begotten Son. Yet He was willing to send Him for our salvation because He loved us that much. How the shepherds must have rejoiced at this beautiful song in the night sent just to them. And because of that special "angel concert" I can sing in my darkest hours. The Psalmist David, the sweet singer of Israel, tells of many dark nights through which he passed in his life-time; dark nights full of terror, suffering, disappointment and heart-break and yet he could praise his God that in the darkest of nights, there was always a song. His testimony in Psalms 77:6 puts it simply "I call to remembrance my song in the night."

In one of James Creelman's letters, written while he was traveling in the Balkan States he wrote, "I learned for the first time, that the greater part of the world's supply of attar roses comes from the Balkan mountains. And the thing that interested me most, was the fact that the roses must be gathered in the darkest hours of the night. The pickers begin work at one o'clock in the morning and are finished by three. At first, I thought that this idea was born of some relic of superstition, but I discovered to my amazement that actual scientific tests prove conclusively, that full forty per cent of the fragrance of the roses disappears in the light of day; they give their sweetest perfume in the darkest hours." And so it is with human hearts everywhere since time began; the sweetest perfumes of character, soul and life, are to be discovered in the blackest hours of despair. Adversity and trial make us stronger, sweeter, and wiser or they break us completely. Jesus came that we should not be broken by life's storms and darkness but that His song should be born in our hearts.

Many songs come to my mind as I think of my dark hours and the songs that always comforted my heart and brought rays of hope and cheer. "Jesus Took My Burden and Left Me With A Song," "You Can Have A Song In Your Heart In The Night" and "Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus." One verse of that last song says: "There is never a night so dreary, there is never a day so long, but the soul that is trusting Jesus will somewhere find a song." And then the chorus, "Wonderful, wonderful Jesus In the heart He

implanteth a song, a song of deliverance—of courage—of strength; In the heart He implanteth a song." I remember so very well of driving from Houston to Katy over 23 years ago singing that song with tears rolling down my cheeks all the way home as peace and joy returned to my heart and soul and my darkness turned to light and my heaviness to a song. The burden of that day seems only a September whirlwind to some of the storms I've faced since that time but God has always furnished the song when I looked up to Him.

The late "First Mate Bob" of the "Haven of Rest" Program said many years ago, "There is no failure in life so terrible as to have the pain without the lesson. There is no human soul so tragic, as that soul which has the sorrow without the softening. Don't let the precious gifts of disappointment, pain, loss and loneliness, which have been your lot, mar your life, instead of mend it. See to it that adversity draws you nearer to God and does not drive you farther away." Just remember when God robbed heaven of its most precious jewel, and sent His precious Son to earth for us, He also sent His angels in the night to sing to lonely shepherds in the fields. Let us join them and sing anew "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH PEACE GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN." You **can** have a **song** in the darkest night of your life. Beautiful, beautiful songs in the night!!!!

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Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Howard of Junction City, Kansas announce the arrival of little Leslie Ann born October 14, she weighed 7 lbs. 3 ozs. The paternal grandparents are Mary Nell and George Lacy of Coahoma, Texas and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Slappy of Sylvester, Ga.

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OBITUARY OF REV.

Lloyd A. Schrimpf



Rev. Lloyd Alfred Schrimpf was born Feb. 3, 1901 in Roff, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, and entered into rest Monday, November 15, 1976 at the age of 75 years, 9 months, and 12 days.

Survivors are his wife, Florence; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Helen Ross of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Mrs. Bonnie Pletcher of Houston, Texas; one brother, Mr. Andrew Schrimpf of Centreville, Mississippi; three sisters, Mrs. Bonnie Pearson of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Mrs. Elsa Mims of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Mrs. Pauline Carlile of Denver, Colorado. Their only son, Lloyd Jr., passed away July 3, 1924.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. November 18, 1976 in Pampa, Texas, at the Duenkel Memorial Chapel. Reverend Paul Clanton, Reverend Edwin Waterbury and Reverend Jacob Regier officiated. Hymns were sung by Reverend and Mrs. Keith Barker. The hymns were "Jesus Will Walk With Me" and "A Friend of Friends Is He". The latter was written by Rev. Schrimpf's daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Pletcher.

Pallbearers were Rev. E. W. Dickson, Mr. C. T. Rasco, Rev. Wapel Ferguson, Rev. Winston Barker, Rev. Neil Ragan and Mr. Sherman Sutton.

Interment was at 4:00 p.m. in Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

Bro. Lloyd was raised in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. He enlisted in the United States Army at the outbreak of World War I and served in France, where he was awarded the Purple Heart citation. After the war, he returned home and on July 31, 1920 was married to Florence Redhage in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He attended college in Ft. Collins, Colorado and later transferred to Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He received Christ as Saviour and Lord on November 4, 1928, was healed of Tuberculosis and surrendered his life to the ministry of the Gospel.

The next thirty years took him all over the Midwest in active and zealous service to God. He was a preacher, a teacher, and an evangelist and didn't know the meaning of

compromise when it came to the truth of God's Word. He experienced and witnessed the moving of the hand of God in many miraculous ways during his Christian lifetime.

He retired from the active ministry in 1960 due to ill health. Because of lingering sickness, he was never able to continue an effective traveling ministry, but carried on a one man crusade of faith and encouragement through correspondence from his home. This ministry of correspondence through these last 16 years has strengthened and touched the lives of many people, and we all feel a little better off for having known Bro. Lloyd.

TRANSITION

A CHANGING WORLD
A RENEWED LIFE.
A GREAT NEW HOPE
FREE FROM STRIFE!
A WAY THAT LEADS
TO JOY AND PEACE,
AS WE BOW OUR HEADS
AT JESUS' FEET!
IN DEDICATION OF LIFE
RICHLY COMPLETE,
HIS BLESSINGS OURS
FOREVER SWEET.
AT THE JOURNEYS END
HIM WE SHALL MEET!
OUR SAVIOUR AND LORD
TO GLORIOUSLY GREET!

Lloyd A. Schrimpf
Written in Dedication to
Paul A. Ross, April 14, 1969



OBITUARY OF

Leslie Allen Long



Leslie Allen Long was born March 4, 1899, at Goltry, Oklahoma, and entered into rest Wednesday evening, October 27, 1976, at Skaggs hospital in Branson, Missouri.

The Long family was early pioneers in the region of Beaver County, Oklahoma, while it was still Indian territory. Allen was the son of Leslie M. Long and Cora Bell Couch. He grew to manhood in the Balko, Oklahoma community. While a young man, he played ball in this area, and later for the Minor league at Enid, Oklahoma. From there, his early life was spent traveling almost the entire United States.

On November 8th, 1942, Allen was united in marriage to Maxine Pennington, in Carson City, Nevada. They moved to Taney County, Missouri in April, 1943, and made this their home since that time.

In the early '50's, Bro. and Sis. Long started out in the Evangelistic work which took them to many of the Southwestern States. Bro. Allen pastored several churches, and also helped start several churches which included the Apostolic Faith Church at Taneyville, Missouri, of which he was former pastor, and made his church home until his death.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine, of the home; a daughter, Carolyn Wilkerson of Shelby, Montana; and step-children, Marilyn Mahan of Malibu, California, Max Pennington of Leon, Kansas, Bill Pennington of Taneyville, Missouri and Russell Pennington of Norfolk, Virginia, 18 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Three brothers: Aubrey and Joe, of Las Vegas, Nevada; Jim of Wichita, Kansas; Four sisters: Mrs. Wilma Russell, of Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Lela Booher, of Las Vegas, Nevada; Mrs. Jeraldine Allen, of Denver, Colorado; and Mrs. Lois Schornhorst, of San Diego, California.

Allen was a great Christian influence and inspiration. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and neighbors.

Memorial services were held Sunday, October 31 at 2:30 p.m. at the Apostolic Faith Church in Taneyville, Mo. Interment was in the Helphrey cemetery. Rev. Winston Barker and Rev. Randy Dalton officiated. Rev. Myrtle Carney had prayer and read the poem, "Building The Bridge for Him" and Rev. Don Russell read the 23rd Psalm and had prayer. Mrs. Billie Matthews and Carol Williams sang, "I Don't Regret a Mile," Shari Cook and Janet Dalton

sang "Walk With Me" and Laquita Dalton, Connie Walker and Carol Williams sang "Heaven." Sis. Shari Cook was the organist. Casketbearers were: Elyic Grady, Lee Bird, Russel Clemons, Amos Grimlin, Ike Clark and Newton Matthews. Graveside services were conducted by Rev. Don Russell, a nephew. He read I Thess. 4:13-18 and all sang "The Eastern Gate." Prayer was offered by Rev. Randy Dalton and Rev. Winston Barker.

Sis. Maxine long wishes to thank everyone for the kindnesses shown; the floral offerings, food, donations, visits, cards, calls and prayers. May God bless you.

MORE CHURCH REPORTS

Follett, Texas

The month of October was declared a month for "Growing In Christ" by Follett Chapel's pastor, M. D. Methvin. Weekly emphasis was placed on each of the following subjects: Spiritual Growth Through Christ; Faith; Prayer; Works; and Making Christ Lord of Our Lives.

A three day Children's Crusade was conducted by Duane Methvin of Guymon, Oklahoma. Good attendance from surrounding communities was demonstrated. A special devotional and hamburger fry honored the Youth Group during the Crusade. The Youth Choir, directed by Jan McKee, has brought several special songs during recent morning worship times. The group sang at the Annual Community Thanksgiving Service.

Our Sunday School attendance is averaging at least 20 over last fall's attendance. God is blessing our Church with new families.

Brother Methvin recently concluded a spiritual revival at Granby, Missouri.

Thank God for His bountiful blessings.

M. D. Methvin, pastor
B. Joye Watson, reporter

Enid, Oklahoma

We are going strong in the Lord, He has given many blessings, comfort and help to those in need by His Spirit. Our new pastor is Rev. Ernest Henshaw from Kansas. We are very thankful and happy to have him with us. He has been a blessing to all of us. Our Young People's group planned a party for us on Friday, October 29. Wonderful fellowship with love and happiness was enjoyed by all the youth and their leader. The whole church held a fellowship at the pastor's home after church October 31. Happy fellowship and lots of tasty food were enjoyed by all.

November 7 was a wonderful Sunday when the group from Bible School came for our morning worship service. We had a blessed time in the Lord and we enjoyed having the Bible College Choir with us on November 19th.

Our church is really happy to have the lovely lighted sign in front, which was a gift from Euteva Gregory in memory of her folks the Rev. Ben and Hazel Barker.

The Missionary Ladies plan a luncheon and also a fellowship for the church in December. They are good to help in all things we do and plan.

"Let the works of the spirit reign in your life" is the theme of our church.

Mary Branham, Reporter
Ernest Henshaw, Pastor

San Jose, California

Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus! Isn't it great to be a part of the Family of God? Recently it was our privilege to visit a very dear sister of the Faith by the name of Rosa (Brown) La Munyon in Modesto, California. We had known her many years ago when this great Full Gospel Message first came to western Oklahoma and Texas. In fact the Browns were neighbors of my wife, then Pauline Mansfield. What a joy it was for me to listen as Rosa and Pauline reminisced of what they called "The good old days." How they would load the family in the wagon and go for ten or fifteen miles to one of the Full Gospel's revivals. How that most of Rosa's fourteen brothers and sisters accepted Christ as their Saviour. Yet her father, Lon, always enjoyed going to these meetings but never would make a commitment to Christ personally. On one occasion while Ben Barker was holding a revival at Clear Lake, Oklahoma that some man was going to whip Ben for preaching such a straight Gospel. As the man came to the platform Lon Brown followed him and as he started to lay hands on Ben, Lon stepped up and told Ben to keep preaching and he would take care of this fellow. No one ever challenged Ben after that. And it was good to learn that Lon found the Lord before he passed away. How merciful God is to all of us. What an awakening there was in those early days when such fearless preachers as Homer Coberly, Ben Barker, Jack Barker, Johnny Moderick, Floyd and Albert Durham and Gail Schultz brought this glorious message to western Oklahoma and many other parts of the country. Also while visiting Rosa in Modesto we learned that a very dear friend of ours whom we had been in meetings with in the early day was in revival in Stockton. What a joy it was to meet Jake and Demerita Pletcher again after thirty five years absence. And of course we had a few things to talk over after the service. He related an incident that happened during the depression days when he came to Follett, Texas where we were in revival. He arrived just as we were finishing lunch and nothing much left to eat, and he relates that I said to Pauline to make some more of that water gravy so that Jake could have something to eat. Yes, those were hard times but you know those were some of the happiest times of our lives; we had found the Giver of every good Gift in whom there is no variableness neither shadow of turning. Today we stand amazed at the way God is still leading those that will put their trust in Him. Times have changed. The old pioneer preachers are gone. Seems like some of the fire has died out in some of our Apostolic Churches. What shall we do? Shall we just sit idly by? No, No! a thousand times no. This Full Gospel came as a Movement; Let us keep moving on for God. Don't be like John, the disciple when he said to Jesus, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part. Shall we say then that because a Born again Christian is not of the Apostolic Faith Movement we shouldn't have fellowship with him. Can we not accept Evangelist Billy Graham who has led thousands of souls to Salvation and Oral Roberts who has been used of God to bring healing to hundreds of people. There are many in these last days who are being used of God in all of the Gifts of the Spirit. There are men like

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Demos Shakarian and the Full Gospel Business Men that have reached into the hearts of many. And what a last day move of God the Television Ministries are today. Men like Pat Robertson and the "700 Club" and Jim Baker and the PTL Club which are reaching into the homes of millions that never go to church. Because these Servants of God are not of the Apostolic Faith Movement shall we not accept them as a "Part of the Family of God?" Oh, what a joy it is to be able to fellowship all of God's Children and have Love for all of God's Blood Washed Saints. On that day we shall rise with all of God's Saints and meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Your Christian Brother,
Glenn Harris
696 So. 10th Street
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Hardesty, Oklahoma

We are so glad to have Bro. Jack, Sis. Kathryn and Kevin Cornell working with us. The Lord has been richly blessing in our services.

Our church bus has been busy transporting people to singings, youth activities and special services.

This summer we had our church painted and some work was done on the parsonage.

We are pleased to have two new families in our church; Bob and Marlene Barnes from Liberal, and Carol and Gatha, Glen and Darla Oaks from Monette, Mo. We thank the Lord for these willing workers.

A ladies Bible Study began in Nov. We will have one day meeting and one night meeting each month. This is just one of many answered prayers, and we praise God for it.

Jack Cornell, Pastor
Mary Lorraine Jones, Reporter

West Purcell Mission, Purcell, Missouri

We are continuing to praise God for all the wonderful blessings He sends our way from day to day. He has promised He will not withhold any good thing from those that walk uprightly before Him.

Bro. and Sis. Paul Clanton had 7 nights of real good revival services with us last week, we praise God for the good old time Gospel messages that we heard each night and the good messages in special songs brought by different ones from time to time. The Lord met with us each service to bless every individual and two were saved and we thank Him so very much.

We have enjoyed each one that has been able to be with us in services from Bible School very much and hope more of them can come. Please remember Mrs. Campbell for salvation and healing.

George Hintergardt, Pastor

DEADLINE!!

Copy must be in by the 15th of the month to be in the next month's issue.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

THE dirty "Forty-and-Eight" was to be our home for several days as it rumbled over the railroad tracks of northern Germany. The time—December 23, 1945. We were occupation troops just fresh from the States to replace battle-weary GI's, anxious to return home, now that the war had ended.

Our troopship had docked the day before at Bremerhaven, after a rough eleven-day crossing on the cold Atlantic. Two weeks before we had mingled with happy, carefree Christmas shoppers in New York City. It was the first peacetime Christmas for our nation in four years.

Today our "Forty-and-Eight" boxcar—a name carried over from World War I for the German boxcars, which held forty men or eight mules—we were lonesome, homesick, torn apart from families and friends.

The night of December 23 was a nightmare. In the darkness we were tossed from end to end of the boxcar as it stopped and started. There were a few straw ticks provided for us if we cared to try to catch some sleep. But such attempts were useless, as those who were still standing or moving about fell over our forms on the floor in the darkness of the boxcar.

At noon on the twenty-fourth, as we sat on the floor in groups eating from the box rations that had been provided for us, one of the fellows hit upon a great idea. We passed around a transparent bag and each of us put one item of food from our rations into the bag. We hoped that the next time the train stopped for a while we might trade the food for some candles.

One of the fellows in our group spoke German, so we asked him to negotiate for us. Our train went on and on through the German countryside. Nighttime came and still we were going. We had just about given up hope when we pulled into the large railroad yards at Munich and stopped.

Our friend immediately began calling out into the darkness. Soon a small, frail boy of about ten slowly approached our car. We could imagine his fears as, just a few months before, we had been his country's enemy. He was baffled that one of us knew his language so well, and what did we want of him? One of the men struck a match and the bag glistened beautifully. Our spokesman explained to the boy that the bag of food would be his if he could get some candles to us before we left. His mouth gaped open, his eyes stared at the bag for a moment, then he dashed off into the darkness. We didn't realize then that there probably was more food in that bag than he had ever seen at one time.

With each creak and groan of our car we felt sure our train was leaving. But after what seemed an eternity we could see the boy's form coming back toward us, sometimes almost falling over the tracks as he ran.

One of the fellows lit a match as the boy reached the side of our car. He set a brown bag on the floor. In it were eight homemade candles in cupcake papers. We immediately lit one and it cast a feeble but warm glow about our boxcar. We decided not to light more than one at a time in hopes that the eight might last the entire night. We thanked the boy and gave him the food. He then pulled his other hand from behind his back. In it he held a branch from a Christmas tree, about eighteen inches long. On it was a single strand of tinsel. We set it in a crack in the floor. The tinsel sparkled in the crisp breeze and reflected the glow of our flickering candle.

Then we heard sounds that told us our train was on its way. We shouted thanks to the boy as he stood and waved good-bye to us.

A deep silence fell over our group, and slowly we gathered into a circle around our candle and "tree." Some in front sat cross-legged on the floor. Others knelt behind them and the third row stood. I don't recall just who really began, but we took turns at our Christmas Eve worship service. We didn't have enough light to read our pocket-size New Testaments, but we recited some Scriptures, the best we could from memory. We sang Christmas carols, there were sentence prayers, and one of the fellows gave a short, impromptu meditation.

And then we had communion. We had no bread or wine, but we spoke the words—"This is my body which was broken for you—take and eat," and we touched our lips. Then—"This is my blood which was shed for you—take and drink. Do this in remembrance of me." Again we touched our lips. Softly we sang "Silent Night," then spoke a benediction.

Slowly the circle broke up. Our loneliness and homesickness seemed to be gone. We felt a great friendship toward one another. We knew we had the greatest gift we had ever received.

Many Christmases have come and gone and I've attended communion almost every Christmas Eve. The services have been beautiful with tall lighted tapers, silver service, plush carpeting—everything to make a beautiful experience. These services have meant a lot to me, but my thoughts still go back twenty-eight years to a dirty boxcar, a circle of lonely GI's, a homemade candle in a cupcake paper, a tree branch with a lone strand of tinsel, a frail German boy, and the solemn words "Do this in remembrance of me."



By
Wilbur
Hendricks

Selected
From
LIFE

From the Superintendent's Desk



When I think of the task that was set before us as we began this school term in August, the burden was heavy and the responsibility seemed awesome. I am so glad for the privilege to report that our Lord took the burden to bear it for us, and what seemed impossible by our feeble abilities, He made possible by the might and power of His spirit. We have had a good term of study. I've said to you many times that our student body has been cooperative and willing workers. Praise God for people who have a desire to learn more about Jesus. The privilege we have had to work with this faculty is something I cherish very dearly. I believe they have all given their very best and God has blessed their ministry to make it fruitful.

May I say of the people who have come here to study, that they have come to better prepare themselves to be a part of the work of the Lord. Many of them will be returning to home churches. Let me here admonish you to use them and help them to continue what they have begun here at school. There are some who will be entering the ministry and gospel work. Call them and use them for the glory of God. Open doors for these who have a burden to be about the Master's business. God will bless them and you by your working together for the kingdom of heaven's sake. Please remember, as you pray, every effort that is made in behalf of Bible College. As preparation begins, even now, for the 1977 term, I pray that God will send us students seeking to learn and faculty ready to teach, that the Kingdom of God will be advanced. We must march onward and upward to higher heights in the Lord.

Yours in Christ,
Ollie L. Kinser, Supt.

Evangelism Trip To Mississippi and Alabama

The Evangelism Classes from AFBC boarded "The Golden Eagle" Friday November 12th for an Evangelistic effort with our friends in the South. We journeyed to Meridian, Miss. and a team joined Bro. Jim Arnall for a drive to Ashland, Ala. The remainder of our teams were placed in their separate homes by early morning. After a day of relaxation we presented the Youth Rally for the area and felt the Spirit of God in a magnificent way. After the rally we all journeyed back to our places of lodging and the next day we had services in the area churches of Hinton, Pine Crest, Pine Hill, Snell and Ashland.

We began our trip back to Baxter Springs at 6:00 Monday morning and arrived after a day of travel at 11:00 that night.

We appreciate all of the people who helped make our trip possible. We most of all Praise the Lord for a safe and successful journey.

The Printed Page

Never flinches, Never shows cowardice; It is never tempted to compromise; It never tires, Never grows disheartened; It travels cheaply, and requires no hired hall; It works while we sleep; It never loses its temper; It works long after we are dead.

The printed page is a visitor which gets inside the home and stays there; It always catches a man in the right mood, for it speaks to him only when he is reading it; It always sticks to what it has said, and never answers back, and it is bait left permanently in the pool.

The Pastor And You

Would you say that your pastor has favorites,

Or perhaps, even worse, a "clique"?

That with part of his congregation

He is just entirely "too thick"??

Has it ever occurred to your thinking

That your pastor may get lonely too?

Perhaps his heart is longing

For a gesture of friendship from YOU!

Should he refuse invitations

That come from a loving heart,

One sensitive to HIS need for comfort

After he's done his part

To cheer the sick and the suffering,

And sadly to bury your dead....

Or to share in your rejoicing

When you, or your children, are wed?

Don't fault him too much without asking

Deep down inside your own heart...

"Have I been a friend to my pastor?

Have I really done MY part?"

We are all laborers together

In the vineyard of our Lord,

And servants, each to the other,

If we obey His Word...

Let your pastor know you NEED him,

Even when your skies are blue...

It could be his heart is longing

For YOUR love and friendship too!

.....Barbara Waterbury

This poem is dedicated to all pastors, and their wives, everywhere...and to the precious priceless people in every congregation who loyally, faithfully, and lovingly support their pastors in prayer.

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Anchorage, Alaska

Pastor Ray conducted special meetings at Adak, Alaska November 4, 5, 6, and 7. Services were held in the military Chapel. Adak is a large naval installation. Sis. Ray and Les Thornburg accompanied him. There are 3,500 military personnel and dependents in Adak. What an opportunity for the Lord. A recent guest that was such an inspiration and challenge to our assembly was Bro. K. E. Matthew of Changanacherry Kerala, India. Bro. Matthew preached in a number of Anchorage churches as well as Willow, Soldotna, Homer and Palmer. His sweet spirit and anointed preaching was a blessing to all who hear him.

Neighborhood Full Gospel Church
J. D. Ray, Pastor

Willow Chapel, Willow, Alaska

Dale and Janet Sandstrom have been pastoring at Willow, Alaska for one year now. The Sandstroms made Full Gospel Church their church home until they moved to Willow. The church is growing beautifully and the little A frame Chapel has been outgrown for several months now. The school needed additional land for expansion and since the church adjoined the school we were asked to move. Financial arrangements were made and the folks at Willow Chapel opt to lease land adjoining their former sight and work has begun. The basement walls of the new building have been erected and the floor should be poured soon making a beautiful foundation for a new log church that will accomodate a good crowd. The A frame will be moved and converted to a parsonage and the physical plant will be in good shape.

Trapper Creek, Alaska

Trapper Creek Full Gospel Church is erecting a new building located on the five acre tract that was purchased for that purpose three years ago. The building is three-fourths erected as this report goes to press and the congregation should be able to meet in the basement for services before Thanksgiving. Jay and Virginia Smith, who have built and are pastors of this new work have moved their home and the saw-mill much nearer to the church and into the community to which they are ministering. One of the greatest needs for help in Trapper Creek at the present is for dedicated workers who would be willing to move to the area and assist with the Gospel work there. In the area adjacent to the church lives three hundred people, the vast majority of who never go to church or serve the Lord. The believers here in Anchorage are giving ourselves to renewed prayer and support of this ministry effort at that place one hundred and fifteen miles to the North of us called Trapper Creek—Pray with us.

Big Spring, Texas

We are real thankful to have our pastor and his wife back with us they are recovering from their automobile accident. Since that time Sis. Hazel has had a heart attack. They need our prayers. Lavenia Boyd needs prayer also that God will touch her body.

We enjoyed the AFBC choir very much when they were with us on the tour. We are having real good services some are praying through to the deeper things of the Lord and God is blessing in a wonderful way. We see so much need in drawing close to the Lord for surely He is coming soon and we must be ready.

Bob Taylor, Pastor
Nell Lacy, Reporter

Pattison, Texas

We were happy to have the team from the AFBC with us Sunday morning, October 17. Those in our team were James Routh, Phyllis Wimer, Marilyn Davidson, Wanda Helms and Debbie Scruggs. Bro. Routh brought us a wonderful message and all enjoyed the special singing. We had lunch together and had such good fellowship.

Our guest preachers in the past months have been: Bro. Olen Bachler, Bro. Earl Morgan, Bro. Darrel Sutton and Bro. Arlon Smith. Bro. Ray Fulkerson has been our fill in preacher. We thank the Lord for all his faithful servants.

John Scruggs, Pastor

Kingman, Kansas

Greetings to the great family of God. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and give you peace. Bless His name!

During the past few months of time we have seen faith and works come together. Beginning with the purchase of a parsonage, which we are pleased to report is nearly paid off. Then our attention turned to the task of making our church more inviting to all who pass by. Upon the completion of the exterior work, we moved inside to remodel our downstairs, providing four additional, needed classrooms. Our people have given and labored faithfully under the fine leadership of Bro. Johnny Arnall and we are not through yet!

Our spiritual growth is, and has always been our #1 priority. We certainly appreciate the ministry of Bro. and Sis. Arnall.

The church was greatly blessed this past spring with the Bible lessons on the Holy Land and the progress of Israel by Rev. Lyndel Arnall.

During September we were fortunate to have an Evangelism team from the Bible School ministering to us. The members of the team were: James Routh, Gaylon Schultz, Kayla Arnall, and Dora Webster. May the good Lord bless the work of these fine young people.

The inspired preaching of Bro. Ted Barker during the week of Oct. 31 is now history, but the fire of God's Word burns on in the hearts of all privileged to attend. During this week of time the needs of our young were ministered to also by Sis. Shari Cook. To both of God's laborers, we express our deep appreciation.

To all that may be in our area, we invite you to stop and fellowship with us.

Rev. Johnny Arnall, Pastor
Sis. Pearl Menke, Reporter

Hinton, Alabama

To the Body of Christ, Greetings! Glancing at the calendar since our last report, I really wonder what happens to these flying days!

On October 30th, the 3 area churches got together for a Youth Wiener Roast. Fun describes our Christian Fellowship. After games and appetites were somewhat satisfied, a costume contest was held. Many laughs were heard as we saw 2 martians, monsters, a witch, strongmen, pretty girls and Raggedy Ann and Andy. Prizes were given to the funniest, scariest and most original.

Wednesday Night lessons of October was "The Plan of Salvation" starting with His Plan and ending at Glorification. Since November 3rd we have been watching filmstrips on the "Life of Christ."

Sunday, November 7th, Debbie Fish was in charge of the morning worship service with Arville Satcher presenting the spiritual food. That afternoon, a wedding shower for Dale Collins was sponsored.

This past week was truly refreshing with a visit from Leona Winkler. And to triumphantly end our week, the Bible College Evangelism class team conducted our Sunday Services. The Church was uplifted by the work of these girls. Hopefully all was sufficiently fed at the-dinner-on-the-grounds and fed spiritually again that evening with Bro. Jerome Crowhurst presented The Gospel. The Evangelistic team were: Grace Beeler, Dora Webster, Phyllis Wimer, Paula Wilton, and Myrtle Carney.

Praise the Lord for His Faithfulness.

Myrtle Carney, Pastor
Kathy Judd, Reporting

Ralls, Texas

The past month of thanksgiving is still fresh on our minds and we are so thankful we are serving a risen Savior. Not a god carved from stone, whose face is cold and lifeless. But a Savior that hears and answers our every prayer.

God has been wonderful to us as we have begun our work for Him here. We have received many of His wonderful blessings.

We were pleased to have Bro. and Sis. Bill Brewer of Mentone, Texas visit with us. They were a pleasant addition to our mid-week service.

Please remember us in your prayers as we will begin Sunday afternoon services once a month at the Ralls Nursing Home.

Garv Fennell, Pastor

Pampa, Texas

To let you know that Pampa is still on the map, we'll send in another report and hope it makes the Report. We have been having some wonderful services with two being saved and many encouraged. About twenty went by our church bus to Amarillo to hear the Bible School Choir which was very good. And enjoyed the fellowship after the concert with friends from Canyon, Dumas, Amarillo and Pampa.

We are in the process of getting new carpet for the foyer of the church. And we have had several visitors from out of town among them was Larry Hocking, fiancee of Jacque Spicer, who at this time is helping in our church. And we do so appreciate her able help in music, with the young people, in fact wherever she is needed she works. She is helping with the Christmas program also.

Edwin Wayne Modrick and some folk from his church were with us in November for some very good services.

Also we are having fast and prayer each Wednesday at noon and it has been well attended. Even some men are coming we are so thankful for that. Among our out of town visitors were some very special people, Paul and Mary Bailey and Bro. Bailey had the Sunday morning service and attended the Sunday night service also.

Our young people had a Sunday night service and they did wonderful. We have a good bunch of young people who are willing to work for Jesus. We also have several who have left us and are in College at Canyon where they are receiving special instruction from a very able man, Marcus Adair.

Also the Spicers, Charlenes' parents and Marcena Mahan have visited us and how we love to have them.

Keith Barker, Pastor
Anabel Simmons, Reporter

Taneyville, Missouri

We are glad for the spirit of revival that is continuing in our church services. God has blessed us in many ways. Sis. Shari Cook had charge of Sunday services in the absence of our pastors. Our prayers are with Sis. Barker at the passing away of her sister. We were blessed by the ministry of Sis. Myrtle Carney and Bro. Don Russell, who were with us recently. It was also good to have Bro. and Sis. David Lively and Juanita Long with us from Bible School. The family of Bro. Allen Long appreciated all those who came from Baxter Springs and other distant places to attend the funeral services held on October 31, at the church.

The Don and Patti Parks family singers were with us for a Saturday night and a Sunday morning service. Their talent and dedication to the Lord's work is appreciated.

Bro. and Sis. Winston Barker, Pastor
Belva Pennington, Reporter

Dickinson, Texas

We enjoyed so very much the evangelistic team, who came to our church October 17th. We were all greatly inspired by the girls trio, Betty Mahan, Daryn Beagle, and Becci Swisher, also the solo by Daryn. Ronald Yocham left a wonderful testimony. Jack Weimer brought the message and told of the necessity to put forth the gospel cry to a lost and dying world. Their dedicated lives brought to we older folks a challenge. Thank God for our youth, our church of tomorrow. We bid them God's speed.

Some new ones have joined us, and are taking part in our services. God has been so good to us, Praise His Name. We have seen some wonderful healings and great blessings, coming down from the Father above.

There have been some of the Faith coming by to visit with us. We are always grateful for anyone who can and will come by.

Our pastor has admonished us so often that we His Children should work harder than ever before to see lost humanity saved as we are running out of time.

May God bless all of you at the Bible College is our prayers. Pray for us that we will at all times be in the perfect will of God. We thank God for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We do need one another. Christ is coming for His church. Are we ready?

Ralph Denton, Pastor
Mrs. Cecil Boles, Reporter

Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written...

(PSALM 40:7; HEBREWS 10:7)

This planet did not need to be surprised by the coming of Jesus. Over 300 details of His life and ministry were predicted hundreds of years earlier. Here are a few of them.

PROPHECY

Born of a virgin
 Son of David
 Born in Bethlehem
 Flight into Egypt
 Slaying of the infants
 A forerunner prepares the way
 Compassionate ministry
 Prophetic ministry
 Triumphant entry on a donkey
 Rejected by the Jews
 Betrayed by a friend
 The price of betrayal
 Silent when accused
 Scourged and spit upon
 Suffered for sins of others
 Hands and feet pierced
 Casting lots on His robe
 Buried with the rich
 Raised from the dead

WHERE PREDICTED

Isaiah 7:14
 Jeremiah 23:5; Isaiah 9:7
 Micah 5:2
 Hosea 11:1
 Jeremiah 31:15
 Isaiah 40:3-5
 Isaiah 61:1, 2
 Deuteronomy 18:18, 19
 Zechariah 9:9
 Isaiah 53:3
 Psalm 41:9
 Zechariah 11:12, 13
 Isaiah 53:7
 Isaiah 50:6
 Isaiah 53: 4, 5
 Psalm 22:16
 Psalm 22:18
 Isaiah 53:9
 Psalm 16:10

WHERE FULFILLED

Matthew 1:20-23
 Matthew 1:1
 Matthew 2:1-6
 Matthew 2:13-15
 Matthew 2:16-19
 Matthew 3:1-3
 Luke 4:16-21
 John 12:48; 14:24; 17:8
 John 12:13, 14
 John 1:11
 Mark 14:10
 Matthew 26:14, 15; 27:3, 5, 7
 Matthew 26:62, 63
 Matthew 26:67
 2 Corinthians 5:21
 John 20:27
 Mark 15:24
 Matthew 27:57-60
 Acts 2:30-32

Season's Greetings



Naomi



O. A.



Jene



Buzz



Brad

Let this holy Christmas season remind you that God is with us even in these turbulent days of 1976. And God is for us. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" God is with us! Then let us like the shepherds worship Him; let us like the Wise Men bring Him our best. And let us with renewed commitment seek Him for spiritual revival in the year ahead.

We wish to thank all our many friends out there for their financial support, prayers, and faithfulness to help us as we labor in God's chosen place for us in His great harvest field.

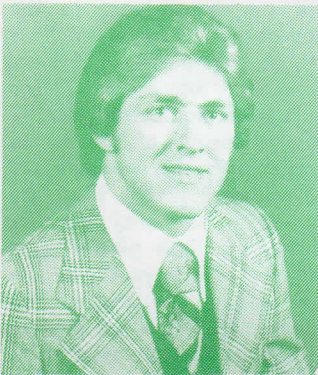
May His Peace, Joy, Love, Guidance and Protection be yours throughout the coming year and always.

O. A. Busch & Naomi Busch and family

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Rev. and Mrs. Lee Brock celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, November 21, 1976, with an open house in the home of their daughter, Elmajeon, 857 Eldorado Street, Manteca, California, between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. It was hosted by their children and grandchildren.



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Your Editor

DIVINE HEALING

A sermon reprinted from the Lindsay Gazette, Lindsay, California, dated February 27, 1925



From a sermon by Chas. F. Parham, projector of the Full Gospel Movement and founder of the College of Bethel, Topeka, Kan., in 1900. Rev. Parham is now conducting a series of meetings in Lindsay.

Scientists, infidels and higher critics—a trinity of the same species—recognize the unseen forces of electricity; gravitation; air; heat and cold; yet loudly denouncing the miraculous and supernatural, as though the unseen God, who governs all forces, were incapable of causing humanity to feel and realize His saving and healing power.

Diseases originate from three sources: First, inbred, Nearly every disease that has ever afflicted any individual was imprinted upon their physical life before they were born. Actual disease is not only very often inherited, but owing to peculiar family weaknesses of one or more organs, a pre-disposition to disease results; no child is born into the world with pure blood, but every drop that flows in its veins, is the impure blood of the mother. Under these conditions it does not require extreme climates or kind of work to produce the second class, acquired disease.

The third class is the result of sins of omission or commission: Under this later head we find most all Christians, who are sick. They are suffering for some sin of omission or commission; the sin of omission begin just as black and soul-destroying, in the sight of God, as the sin of commission. Therefore to him who knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin. (Jas. 4:17.) While the majority of Christians are not guilty of the sins of commission, their experience is freighted with broken vows and omissions on the line of duty. Is it any wonder then that so many professors are weak and sickly and die long before their days are run? It is an impossibility for a person guilty of disobedience to receive healing in answer to their own prayers, or the prayers of others, until they have sincerely repented. It is to the Church that James speaks: Is any sick among you? Let him call on the elders of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. (Jas. 5:14,15.) The words, "if they have committed sins" signifies that in all probability, sin was the cause of the sickness. The prayer of faith will save the sick, if coupled with the sincere repentance of the individual, but unless there is sincere repentance, the prayer of faith cannot prevail, for the healing will never take place until the sin is forgiven. Such a case is illustrated in the healing of the man of the palsy. (Luke 5.) The elders indeed brought him, lowered him at the Savior's feet. Jesus seeing their faith, and knowing the man's past, said: "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee," and immediately he was healed. When they criticised Him, He said: "Whether is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk." (23 verse.) Knowing that his sins had to be forgiven before healing could result. Either one would have been sufficient, but in this as in similar cases, forgiveness and healing must be concomitant.

Acquired disease: In the beginning God said: I am the Lord, that healeth thee. (Ex. 15:25.) Being a jealous God, He cannot look with any degree of allowance or complacency upon a system, however perfect, that shall supercede Him as the healer of His people. The more proficient in relieving pain a system becomes, the more anti-Christian is its influence; for many has ever been prone to wander to seek help from any and every source—whatever the cost—before he will humble himself in the sight of God, and accept the deliverance freely purchased for him on calvary.

With medical science, we have no controversy. The Bible declares: Thou hast no healing medicines. (Jer. 30:13.) In vain shalt thou use many medicines for thou shalt not be cured. (Jer. 46:11.) The Jews never had a physician until Solomon got old, forsook God, became sensual and married a lot of Egyptian women with whose court came the magic workers of the black art, the mixer of drugs and poisons. As God's word is absolutely true when he says: The sins of the parents are visited upon the children to the third and fourth generation. The effect of this blight was manifest in the reign of King Asa, when he sought not to the Lord, but unto the physicians; and the scriptures ironically add: He slept with his fathers.

Medical science and her practitioners are mentioned throughout the old and new testament. The word invariably translated in the English is sorcerer in the

Hebrew, Kasaph; in the Greek, Pharmakas, signifying a concocter of drugs and poisons. So to-day the principal drugs used are poisons. But people say, that was in those days when science had not older grown and reached the height of proficiency they have today; but if any other science had developed so slowly with the advantages given, it would long ago have been driven from the stage of action. Sanitary and quarantine laws, coupled with cleanliness, have done a great deal for humanity. The fact still remains, however, that after four thousand years of practice—humanity willingly laying herself upon the altar to be doped, blistered, bled and desected—medical science has gained no more than has the Bible recorded of her, that they have sought out many ways or relieving pain. While the fatal diseases that have existed are fatal still; and medical science stands with fettered hands in the presence of consumption, catarrh, cancers, fevers and many other diseases. Is it any wonder that in this age so many people are turning from this octopus god Molloch, in whose arms they have confidently laid so many of their loved ones and seen them perish, to osteopathy, Christian Science, hypnotic and magnetic healing. These are fast displacing the power of medical science, whose coercive power and execution of compulsory laws, begin to wane. Her glory fades, the nations refuse her poisonous drafts, and in years to come the records of her miraculous healings and mighty deeds will be met with, and read of in ancient books only.

God's true children are coming to know the power of John 3:14,15. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up. That whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have eternal life. Many teachers will at once admit that all the prophecies concerning Christ's first coming were literally fulfilled but they spiritualize the prophecies of His second coming. So with teachers, concerning the promises of justification and sanctification, declaiming that they are possible of perfect realization today, and why not the promises for healing; there is no time limit placed upon them. For what did Moses lift up the serpent in the wilderness? Literally for the healing of the people. The words, "even so" signify that Jesus was lifted up, exactly for the same purpose. Literal serpents bit the children of Israel, while Jesus came to heal those who had been bitten by the old serpent, the devil. He is the author of all disease; for though the Lord allows the sickness, because of our disobedience, still He is not the author of corruption.

Jesus said: Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bound on the Sabbath day? (Luke 13:16.)

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with him (Acts 10:38.)

Some people say to us, was Job a sinner, did he suffer for sin? We answer, yes; whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. The word of God says, Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. Because of her beauty or some other reason, Job married a foolish and ungodly woman, who told him to curse God and die. She had raised him an ungodly family who, when the cyclone struck the house, were wining and dancing. Truly they may have belonged to

a fashionable church where dancing and theater-going were permitted; the harm was not in these innocent amusements but in that miserable cyclone!

So in these days supposed children of God, for policy sake or for position in society, sell their own birthright for a mess of pottage; for an hour's delight; for an evening of evil gotten pleasure; sell their souls, an eternity of bliss; driven by the gale of fashion's folly; never stop 'til in the wreck of death, are thrown helpless upon the shores of eternal despair.

Job indeed, reaped what he sowed; but being a servant of God, he caused the reaping to be a spiritual harvest of patience and higher attainment. Though he had a dreadful case of small-pox and scraped himself with a piece of crockery; yet his flesh returned as fresh as a child's. Even Job's comforters knew as much as modern science; for it is a well-known fact that the passage of ten feet of fresh air between you and the patient, will save you from taking the disease; the comforters seated themselves about this distance from Job.

Then some people say: Why was not David's child healed? In the first place it was a child of sin. David himself could not pray the prayer of faith for it; he said, who can tell, but if we fast all night and pray, God will heal the child; God never hears a "who can tell" prayer. Whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye have them and ye shall have them. (Mark 11:24.) David seems to have had the rheumatism, with his bones roaring all the day long; probably contracted when hiding from Saul in the dens and caves of the mountains; yet he was able to shout the victory. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases. (Psa. 103.) We have many times voted congregations of seeming earnest Christians, by placing the words: "Who forgiveth all our iniquities" upon the black-board; and asking how many believed that. They all voted of course, but when we wrote the next line, "who healeth all thy diseases," and asked how many believed that, they showed their infidelity and unbelief of the truth, and few voted. In spite of this infidelity in God's people,—which forestalls the doing of many mighty works today—the word "all" in the second line is just as good in reference to our disease as the other "all" is in relation to our iniquities; we have proved it true.

Again, Isaiah says, where he records the marvelous atonement to be wrought in Jesus Christ for sin, he also prophecies of the atonement for healing. Surely he hath borne our sickness and carried our pains, and with His stripes we are healed. (Isa. 53.) When even was come they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils; and he cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esais, the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses. (Matt. 8:16,17.)

Infirmities are the weaknesses that come with age, while sicknesses are acquired; if He bare them, we have no more right to bear them, or continue in them, than we have in sin. No fighter of the truths of Divine Healing can find any more forcible passage, or one whose worth is any more age-lasting, in reference to the forgiveness of our sins, or cleansing from all sin, than this is for healing. Who took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

Jesus commanded His disciples to go and teach and preach and heal. And in whatsoever city ye enter heal the sick that are therein. (Luke 10:9.) Go ye therefore and teach all nations.....teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Matt. 28:20.) Had He not commanded them to heal?

Christ did not leave His believing children without visible signs of distinction to follow them that the world might know who were Christians, and who were not. Neither did He send forth His servants to preach the vague speculative theories of a world to come, but with mighty power for the relief of suffering humanity; feeding the hungry, clothing the naked; healing the sick; casting out devils; speaking with new tongues; confirming the word of inward spiritual benefit—wrought in Jesus Christ—by these outward visible signs.

Many Christians are pleading, almost day and night, for the perfect love experience spoken of in I Cor. 13, while they minimize the signs and gifts of the Spirit in I Cor. 12.

A word of warning: Teachers who have minimized the work of justification as the stepping stone to sanctification, loudly exploited the second work of grace, are many of them now feeding on "wind" (Hos. 12:1), "ashes" (Isa. 44:20), and "husks" (Luke 15:16).

Let us say to those unwilling to humble themselves that they might obtain the gifts of the Spirit; that as you cannot get sanctified until you are clearly justified and fully honor that work of grace; so in like manner you cannot obtain a (13 chapter of I Cor.) experience without first having the primary lessons of the 12 chapter of I Cor., as stepping stones to the "more excellent way."

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the words spoken by angels were steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward.

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will. (Heb. 2:1-4.)

The text, how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation, has been used for years as an argument to persuade sinners to accept Christianity; but let us say to deeper Christian, how shall you escape if you neglect this great salvation which was first spoken unto us by our Lord. What was this salvation?

John the Baptist, desired to know whether this man preaching over in Judea, was really the Christ, he sent some of His disciples to see. Jesus commanded them to stand aside; after viewing the marvelous work performed, said unto them: Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. (Luke 7:22.)

The healing of the sick is as much part of the gospel as telling them of heaven. And this is the gospel that Jesus said should be preached to all nations as a witness, before the end should come; this is the great salvation that heals the body as well as saves the soul. Were this gospel fully preached today, the multitudes would hang upon the Word

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of God; while the heathen would flow into the hill of the Lord. You dear friends, who are neglecting to teach, preach and give of your substance to the spread of this gospel—attended with signs, wonders, mighty deeds, divers miracles and the gifts of the Holy Ghost—are in danger of standing in utter condemnation before the judgment bar of God.

Sometimes people say, "Oh, you are Divine Healers!" We answer, no; we believe in Divine Healing, but not in divine healers. Any one who takes and claims the name of physician, healer, or reverend, assume the titles of divinity, for He only is the Great Physician and Reverend is His name. If a minister prays for a penitent sinner and he be converted, it does not make a minister a divine Savior; so we who believe a Divine Healing, may pray for one seeking healing and they be healed, but not make us a Divine Healer; the work is wrought by Christ.

After having found him in the healing of our body, and seen scores of thousands healed, is it fanaticism or wildfire to lift Him up that He might draw all men unto Him? Yea, that the great waves of suffering, turbulent humanity might break sobbing at His feet, changing their sadness into glee, finding Him able to save and to heal!

If you would use as much time in prayer and thanking God for healing as you use studying what doctor, drug or patent medicine you are going to try next, you will not only get healed, but stay healed. When you call a physician, and he says:—"Oh, you will be well in a few days," you believe him and begin to rejoice in your healing; but when God says,—"I am the Lord that healeth thee; you begin to make excuses, because you do not believe what God says. Polite indeed to man, to God most rude. Most rude because while professing to love Him, you prove by your actions you have not confidence in His Word.

To be healed you don't have to travel to some shrine, or some noted man of faith; nor is it necessary that two or three agree in your case; healing is obtained like conversion, by faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ. You can find it anywhere; alone in the house, the barn; up in the old orchard; in the fields; in a few words of silent prayer behind your desk or counter; in the busy marts of the city.

As a sinner never becomes converted while reviewing the past of gazing upon his sins, but speedily finds deviance when turning his eyes to the power of Calvary; and though he may seek salvation day after day feeling more devilish the second day than the first, the third day than the second, the fourth day than the third; yet knowing assuredly that salvation is at the end of the struggle, he continues his earnest efforts. So must you when seeking healing, act in like manner. Turn your eyes from your sickness and symptoms. You can never get healed while nursing them. Look away to Him, who was lifted up for you; and though you may feel worse the second day than the first, the third day than the second, the fourth day than the third; know assuredly that healing is at the end of the struggle and your deliverance will speedily result. You may lose your healing in the following manner: After you are converted, Satan says, you were not saved; if you believe him you backslide at once, if you say you know you are saved; he tries again, throws some evil desire in your heat, saying:—Ah ha, if you were saved you would not desire this. Unless you stand true and pray earnestly for this deliverance you will lose your salvation. So after you have

So long as the Christian church shall hold this ordinance sacred, so long will they testify to a skeptical world that at a certain time, as a certain place, the Son of God instituted it and commanded its keeping. Obedience is better than sacrifice, and by so doing we show our fealty to Christ until He comes. A solemn warning is given about taking it unworthily, how we ought to examine ourselves for fear we bring damnation upon ourselves. The word damnation, in the Greek signifies decay, judgment, decomposition; whosoever partakes of the blood emblematically or by faith and does not reckon that the blood cleanses from all sin, partakes unworthily and will decline spiritually; and whoso partakes of the broken body and does not reckon that He took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses," will decline physically.

For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. (I Cor. 11:30.)

One day in the Bible school some of the students came to us saying: Of course, we know it does, but how is it that the blood of a man split 1900 years ago—though He were the Son of God—save us today? We have been used to all been healed, the devil says, oh ho you are not healed; if you yield you loose, if you say: I know I was healed;—he tires the second test, throw some old pain into your body tauntingly: Ah, Ha, if you were healed you would not feel so. You get deliverance in this as in temptation to evil, by earnest prayer, in faith, resisting the devil, he will flee from you.

So many say: "I'll try healing." You may indeed try medical and Christian Science and like forces, and realize—as the Scriptures have said—cursed is he that trusteth in the arm of flesh; but when you come to God there is no such a thing as trying God, for He has positively promised that, ye shall seek for me and ye shall find me; in the day that ye seek for me with your whole heart.

Healing is as certainly purchased in the atonement of Jesus Christ as salvation; so we like to give the following as a basis for faith:

We thought indeed at eighteen years of age when we were so wonderfully healed, that God was a respecter of persons, and that it was something special for Him to heal in our case; though knowing He had power to do it, did not suppose it His will to heal everybody, but that there were cases of divine interposition in these days. How precious it was in later years when we could throw open the Word of God and declare that "whosoever will" might be healed.

Now the atonement for healing is not in the blood of Jesus Christ, but in His stripes. The stripes were made in His body; the perfect body of Christ was broken for our imperfect bodies, to bring us to perfect health. One of the first teachings of the Scripture on this subject, was when the children of Israel were commanded to kill the passover lamb, sprinkle the blood on the doorposts for salvation from the destroyer; and eat the body for strength to get out of Egypt. When Jesus, our Passover, had fulfilled the law, and partaken of this Jewish sacrament, He pushed it aside and inaugurated the memorial of bread and wine; representing His blood for salvation and His body for healing. And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take eat; this is my body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death 'till he comes. (I Cor. 11:25,26.)

kinds of remedies for healing, yet you declare there is power and virtues in the stripes of Jesus Christ to heal all our diseases. How is it possible that there should be such power in looking by faith at the serpent in the wilderness? Drawing forth a five dollar bill, we said: Students, who gives this greasy, green paper the intrinsic value of five dollars? Can it be possible that there is invested in a strip of paper such value? Yet in spite of all the attempts of depreciation and demonisation, its value at the treasury at Washington is five dollars. Why? Because the Government of the United States has stamped it with that intrinsic value. So men have tried to depreciate the blood of our salvation and the broken body of our healing; nevertheless, God, the Governor of the Universe, stamped the blood and the broken body of our Lord Jesus Christ, before the foundation of the world, with intrinsic value; sufficient power to cleanse from all unrighteousness, and to heal all our diseases. As long as His government stands, every individual shall find full salvation and healing when they present at the Bank of Heaven, the blood and stripe in exchange for the same. Men and creeds may minimize and depreciate the relative virtue of this doubt atonement for soul and body; but it is a crime to deface or destroy the money of the United States; how sorer damnation do you think they shall be thought worthy of who seek to destroy and under estimate the value that God Almighty placed upon the sacrifice of His Son. It is a crime to handle, have, trade with or give away counterfeit money; so it is also a crime against Heaven for any minister to handle, have, trade with or give away a counterfeit religion that does not bring experimental salvation for soul and body.

We are not for or against Churchism or come-outism, yet we have been compelled to say to many of the Lord's children who have diligently sought for healing and failed to obtain it, that as it is a crime to aid and abet, by food or clothing or any other way, a counterfeiter of the United States coin; so you cannot expect God's blessed healing power to come into your life, while you aid or abet in any way, such ministers, churches, or missions, who fight the full atonement for soul and body, who are propagators of an imitation.

Nor is an occasional healing all the value there is in the atonement for our bodies. Though being healed many times ourselves, we were continually harassed by the same or similar diseases, recurring. Among many who came to us for prayer for their healing, we found that though they were healed at the time, yet it was not long before they were sick again. We began to wonder, as we did in our justified state whether this was the best that God could do. Then reading, Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? if any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy which temple ye are. (I Cor. 3:16-17.) Though having a great longing for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, we wondered how the Holy Ghost, was going to dwell in a body all defiled with disease. The light began to dawn upon us that the Bride, and even the Body, the Church, ought to have and would have entire sanctification.

Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? (I Cor. 6:15.) For ye are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. (Eph. 5:30.) We wondered how Christ's body, the Church would look made up of a lot of bodies, all defiled with cancers, catarrh, consumption and such things;

believing in the light of the great atonement for our bodies as well as our souls, it was as wrong to be sick as sinful, we had a problem on hands that we scarcely knew how to solve.

One day we read in Heb. 10: how Jesus' natural body had come to do the perfect will of God and had offered the body of Jesus;—"by the which will we are sanctified"—that in the atonement of the body of Jesus Christ, wherein we found the stripes by which we are healed, we were also to find sanctification from inbred disease. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (II Cor. 7:1.) Is disease not a filthiness of the flesh? So the flesh was to be cleaned.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly and I pray God that your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (II Thess. 5:23.) Faithful is He that called you, who also will do it.

For years we have lived in the hope of surviving till Jesus comes; here was the promise to have the body sanctified and preserved blameless until His coming. Then we found something better still. I will cleanse their blood, that I have not cleansed; for the Lord dwelleth in Zion. (Joel 3:21.) When it says, "those that have not been cleansed," it showed that some could be and had been cleansed before His coming.

We had read sufficient patent medicine advertisements and books on medical science to know that if our blood was cleansed, we should be enabled to positively prove the promise: There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. (Psa. 91:10.)

We decided to let the Lord do the cleansing of our blood before He came; and, oh, what a change it wrought in our body. In connection we found it shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. (Prov. 3:8.) Now we knew that nearly all the diseases from which we had suffered had been transmitted to us through the navel, and had thoroughly fortified themselves in various parts of our anatomy before we were born; that from the time we were six months old until we reached the age of eighteen years, scarcely knew a day free from pain. Though after this time we had many healings, yet it seemed that inbred disease needed only an excuse to manifest itself in actual sickness. Through the curse pronounced upon Adam disease became an inheritance of the human race. "Dieing thou shalt die," was not only spoken of the soul, but of the body; and down the ages inbred disease as well as inbred sin has been handed from generation to generation.

It was prophesied of Jesus that not a bone of His body should be broken. If this were true of the physical body would it not be true of the Spiritual body? (the Church). And as your bodies are the members of Christ, bone of His bone, and flesh of His flesh, the prophecy covers this point also, and you have no scriptural privilege or license to be broken or sickly.

At the age of twenty-four, the broken body of Jesus Christ triumphed; sanctifying power reached every part of our body, destroying the very root and tendency to disease; from a life of misery and intense suffering, deliverance has come; so that for years now, we have lived as realizing that God is our habitation and no plague comes nigh the dwelling.



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