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Editorial . . .

FACING THE UNKNOWN

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year,
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the
unknown."

And he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put
your hand into the hand of God,

That shall be to you better than light and safer
than a known way."

At the beginning of each new year the above poem, quoted by His Majesty the King in an Empire broadcast, comes to my mind — but never so forcibly as at the beginning of this new year, with the outlook so bleak and forboding. It first came to my attention when I received and opened for the first time, my copy of "Mountain Trailways for Youth" by Mrs. Charles E. Cowan, over twenty some years ago. It was what I needed for that new year — but it is more appropriate today for facing the unknown, 1974. A minister friend of ours wrote in a letter to us this week, "never, since the war years, have I been so apprehensive about the future of a new year." My heart feels a kindred spirit there. Things are happening so thick and fast that it is almost beyond human comprehension to assimilate all of it. It's like reading the road signs on a trip to a large metropolis. The nearer you get to your destination the thicker the signs appear and just before entering the city limits it is impossible to read them all, much less comprehend all their messages. They seem to scream at you in unison, We are here, we are here. Spiritually speaking we are fastly nearing the consummation of all things. The daily, almost hourly happenings, events and signs thrown at us in profusion may be a bit cloudy and blurry at times; but to the blood-bought child of God one thing comes through loud and clear — Jesus' Coming is Upon Us! The End Time is at hand!! Things are shaping up differently than many of us thought they would. We have heard all of our lives that someday our church doors would be closed; revivals, campmeetings and convocations would be no more; and we presumed that the authorities would denounce God and padlock our church doors. But could it be that the fuel and energy crisis we now face will be the vehicle to usher in the end of our public worship together? To conserve fuel and energy our churches may be consolidated, eliminating the smaller ones and taking away from us our freedom of choice in religious services. Could it be that we'll find out how badly we want to attend church when there isn't any fuel for transportation and we'll have to walk in the heat and the cold to be with those of like precious faith? Humanly speaking the future is all darkness and uncertainty, but spiritually speaking the "up-look" is great. Put your hand into the hand of God, yes in the darkness, it is better than a light and more safe than a known way. He'll lead us through the blackness of night to the dawn and brightness of That New Day.

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Happy New New

The year 1973 has come and gone. We have crossed the threshold marked 1974. We have no choice — we must cross it and proceed. We do not know what lies ahead. We can speculate but we do not know. But we need not proceed with fear for all the dark clouds and depressing conditions in the affairs of the world.

What does God ask for us for 1974? Does He ask us to work hard to be good? He knows all about our failures when we have tried to run our own lives. He knows we will fail again and again without His help. That is why He sent His Son to be our redeemer. He asks that we accept His Son and let Him live His life in us.

Have you ever wondered why Jesus had to have such a lowly birth? We have had many great men with lowly beginnings. Some born in log cabins have risen to the highest position in the country. No one had a lowlier birthplace than God's Son. Could the reason be so that no one could say, "My place in life is too lowly for One so high and mighty to notice"?

There is no situation or experience that we face that He does not understand. He was born and grew up among lowly people in a country that was torn with strife and cruelty. He moved among people whose lives were filled with sin, fear, frustration, sickness and grief.

Hebrews 4:15 tells us that He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities and that He was in all points tempted (tried) like as we are. Maybe that is one reason He had to condescend to live in human flesh — to experience what we as human beings experience and that we can know that He understands what we go through.

He not only understands but if we will allow Him to He will go right through this new year and whatever it holds with us. With Christ we can march ahead into 1974 with hope and confidence. And, glorious thought — this may be the year He will come for His own.

Henrietta Holdeman

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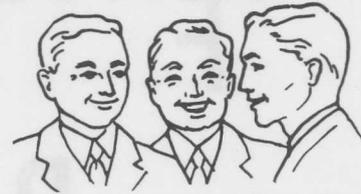
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Annual BUSINESS MEETING



Report:



A business meeting of the ministers and church delegates of the Apostolic Faith Movement was held December 14, 1973 at the Apostolic Faith Bible School Chapel at 8:30 a. m. in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

The meeting was opened by Bro. Roland Busch, board chairman. Bro. Howard Whiteley led a congregational song, which was followed with prayer around the altar.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and approved. Baxter Springs, Kansas Mayor Bill Roberts was introduced and gave his appreciation of the Bible School and expressed his wish that the school remain in Baxter Springs. He offered his help and the help of the city council in any way they could to the Bible School.

Final ballots were handed in for the election of a board member. Bro. Roland Busch and Bro. Gene Hibbs were the nominees. The ballots were counted by Bro. Jacob Regier, Bro. Edwin Waterbury and Bro. Lyndel Arnall. Bro. Roland Busch was elected by a good majority for another three years.

The process of election was discussed. It was voted last year to use the ballot system as a trial method for one year. After some discussion it was voted by the majority present to continue the ballot system.

The item of financing of the Bible College bus was discussed. We still owe \$4,475.33 on the bus. We need to get this paid off before going deeper in debt. It is hoped this can be accomplished by the year's end.

The building program was then discussed in detail; going into all three possible programs that were in the November 1973 Report on page three. There was much discussion pro and con on the different programs with no final decision made as to which program to adopt. Bro. Jack Barker suggested that a group of men be appointed to work with the present board on deciding what was the right direction for us to take. Bro. Edwin Waterbury made a motion that the board appoint a com-

mittee to work with them on these matters. It was seconded by Louise Sutton and carried. Bro. Busch reported that several offers of land in several parts of the country have been made for the purpose of building a new school if the school could utilize them. He gave his appreciation for these offers and expressed his desire to trust God for His Will to be worked out for us. Bro. Busch said we must have another Girls dormitory this year regardless of the path we choose to take in the future. Students cannot be housed in the old home another year, but it can be used for cooking, serving and a reception area until other facilities are made available. He also suggested that we have a realtor look into the possibility of buying some land in close proximity to our present facilities for expansion in the future. The city of Baxter could be helpful in this measure.

A letter was read from the Baxter Springs Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club offering to help in any way they could.

Bro. Ted Barker gave a financial statement for the 1973 term of Bible School, handing out mimeographed copies to everyone present. He expressed his appreciation to his faculty, the board and the movement for their support and devotion to the school. He also said this was his last term as superintendent for the school and he was not subject to recall. He stated he leaves the school with the feeling he has done his best.

Because of the lengthy meeting and no pertinent business at hand, Sis. Naomi Busch made no report concerning the Apostolic Faith Report. However, we all need to be reminded of what it takes to put out each issue. Articles from every church are needed for an interesting and informative issue. Please get your articles in before the 15th of the month. The financial needs of the paper are being met; sometimes just in time to pay for the issue being published, but the Lord has provided when needed. Please remember and support your Apostolic Faith Report.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer.

The Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible College met the middle of January in Oklahoma City, and appointed Bro. Jack Cornell as the new superintendent for the 1974 term of Bible school. They also appointed the committee to work with the board on deciding what should be done about the building project. They are C. W. Zuck from the Oklahoma City area, Gene Hibbs and Doyle Wiles from the Panhandle Area, Ward Stanberry and Olen Bachler from the South Texas area, and Paul Clanton and Danny Robinson from the Four State Area. This group plans a meeting during the first part of February in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

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Student Themes

Doctrine I and II Class

Louise Sutton - teacher

THE CALL OF GOD

by Karen Crouse

The call of God is a very personal happening in each Christian's life. This call comes for many different reasons, in various ways, at separate times in a person's life. But it is always very real and definite.

The first call we receive from God is for repentance and salvation. God may call a person to be saved when he is a very small child; or that one may never feel the call until he is fully grown. Some have been called as children, and simply refused to answer until much later in life.

Many totally consecrate their lives at the time that they receive Christ as Savior. But this is not always the case. There are times when Christians are called by the Lord to more fully dedicate, or even to re-dedicate, their lives to Him. This is our failing, not God's.

Then there is the call to service. There is a general call to service for every believer. When one becomes a child of God, he is to serve God, to work for Him in every way he can. This general call is found in Mark 16:15-16 "And he (Jesus) said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

But there are specific works that the Lord calls each of us into. He uses each of us individually, in ways that suit our personalities — the personalities He has given us; and using our talents and abilities, also given by Him.

The Lord has distinct methods of speaking to us. There is instance after instance recorded in the scriptures of God speaking in an audible voice. One example is that of Samuel, the prophet, whom God called as a small child.

Samuel was working in the temple of the Lord,

helping Eli, the priest, when God spoke to him in the night. This story is found in the first book of Samuel, chapter three, verses two through ten. Samuel was in bed when he heard a voice calling his name. He thought it was Eli, and ran to his side, saying "Here am I". But Eli had not called. This happened twice more, and then Eli realized that it was the Lord calling. He told Samuel what to say, and when the Lord called again, the little Samuel answered, "Speak; for thy servant heareth."

God has also used visions and dreams to call His people into special works. There is the case of Simon Peter, when he was staying in Joppa. We find this in the tenth chapter of Acts. One day at about noon, Peter was up on the roof, praying, when suddenly a huge sheet let down from heaven, and inside it were all kinds of beasts, and animals, and birds, which were considered by the Jews to be unclean, or not fit to eat.

Then Peter heard a voice, saying, "Rise, Peter; kill, and eat." But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." Then the voice said, "What God hath cleansed, that call thou not common." (verses thirteen through fifteen). This happened three times, and then the vision was ended.

Just after this, three men came to Peter, asking him to go to the house of Cornelius, a Roman soldier. This man was a Gentile, and Jews were forbidden to enter Gentile houses. But Cornelius was a man who loved God, and prayed every day. So the Spirit of the Lord told Peter to go.

When Peter arrived, Cornelius, and all of his family and close friends were gathered to hear Peter speak. Peter began to preach to them, and before he was even finished speaking, "the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word" (verse 44), and they spoke in tongues.

These are marvelous ways that God calls. But in the day in which we live, the most common way we receive the call is by the urging of the Holy Spirit. This is a feeling deep down in the soul, a tugging at the heart-strings, letting us know God wants us for a specific purpose.

There are incidents of this nature also described in the Scriptures. In Acts, chapter sixteen, we are told of Paul being urged by the Spirit not to do something he started to do, that he might be free to do the Lord's will. Verse seven: "After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not." Paul later had a vision, or dream, of a man in Macedonia calling for their help.

This has also been my experience. I myself have never heard God speak in an audible voice; I have never seen a vision. When the Lord wants me to do a particular work, or go to a certain place, He puts the idea into my mind. The idea becomes an urging, always growing stronger. Then I begin to pray, and to ask the Lord to show me His Will by working out certain situations. He does this, but it is the urging I feel in my heart, the assurance from God, that actually lets me know His will.

However the call comes, the call of God is very special. It should never be taken lightly. No matter what God calls us to do, we should not be afraid, for He will be with us. He will give us the strength we need to do His Will, and He will bless us in all things, as long as we obey Him.

WHY I CAME TO BIBLE COLLEGE

by Johnny Arnall

It's 8:30 a. m., I have just finished enrolling in the Bible college. I have a few minutes before my first class. As I wait I can't help but think of the circumstances that brought me here.

It all started a few months ago when I made a vow to God. I told God, that if He would keep His hand on our unborn child that I would do anything He wanted me to do. Because of losing our son, shortly after birth, I had a fear of losing this baby, too. I may have done wrong, bargaining with God, but at the time it seemed right.

Our daughter was born normal and healthy, and without the slightest trace of the birth defect, which had taken our son. We were very grateful and praised God for His mercy.

I had forgotten all about the vow I made, but God didn't. During a mid-week service I felt reminded of that vow and the calling of God. I didn't know how to answer that call, and I wasn't sure, what that calling was, but I knew, God had a plan.

For several weeks I was under conviction to answer the call. But how could I? The Devil kept saying it would change my whole life, that I might have to give up my job and the new house we wanted for so long. And that it wouldn't be fair to my family. Then again, I was reminded of my vow and the circumstances under which I made that vow. If it had not been for God, I might not have a family, and everything that we have is because of the goodness of God. Was God really asking too much?

The Devil didn't give up. He placed doubt in my mind. He caused me to question God's calling. I ask myself over and over again; is this of God, or am I seeking to have my own will.

I reached the end of my rope. I ask God to show me His will. For I knew if it wasn't the will of God I would see nothing accomplished and might lose out with God myself.

During a service one night, the guest speaker, who knew nothing of how I felt or what I was going through came to me and bore witness of God's calling. After that I prayed hard and ask God to direct my ministry.

He placed upon my heart the burden to attend Bible school. To learn more of His word so that I might tell others. I wanted to, but I couldn't see how it was possible. I was working a swing shift and I didn't know how I could afford the gas every day; again these were tricks of the Devil. So I didn't start when the semester started.

Again I was reminded of my vow, and God said, "Trust in Me". Possibly this is one of the greatest lessons of my spiritual education, trusting God.

So here I am, two weeks late, but not too late! Oh! There's the bell, it's time for class.

(Editor's Note: Johnny graduated from the Apostolic Faith Bible College with honors for having the highest grade point average of anyone during the 1973 term.)



Johnny Arnall receiving the plaque for the highest grade point average of 1973 Term of Bible school from Bro. Ted Barker.



Karen Crouse



Glenda Bensch

YOUTH'S ROLE IN THE CHURCH TODAY

by Glenda Bensch

The cries often heard today are "down with the youth", "all young people are bad" and even the news is full of crimes committed by young people. It is true that there are many young people that are lost and in sin and therefore it is our duty as Christian young people to win them for Christ. First, and most important is helping in the church, to be examples and to try to win the lost to Christ. Many times we may not be able to see the lost come to church so we must go forth and carry the gospel to them. Young people that are serving God are needed to take the gospel to others, both young or old. We need to point young people to Christ while they are in their early years so they might be leaders and be a strength to others as they grow older.

The youth can be a mighty strength and help in the church today. Many youths do not feel that they have a talent that God can use. They often look on talents such as preaching, teaching, singing, etc. as the only ones that can be used. Too often we tend to overlook the talents that can be the most important, such as a person who is there and will listen to the problems of others and perhaps those people that just have a smile on their face and have a kind word to help those people who are low in spirits. Christians should be happy and

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let it show, but I feel that there are people that have the talent or gift of cheering and being able to counsel with people.

The talents we have are given by God. In James 1:17 it reads, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

As we use our talents for the Lord He will increase them as we learn in the parable found in Matthew the 25th chapter how the man gave his servant's talents. Unto one he gave five and unto one he gave two and to the other he gave one and the lord of the servants went on his journey. The first two servants gained more talents but the one receiving only one talent went and hid his in the earth. The lord of the servants returned and he saw that the first two gained talents but the third had hid his talent and his one talent was taken away. In Matthew 25:29 it reads, "For unto everyone that hath not shall be given, and he shall have abundance: But from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath." From this parable God is showing us we must use our abilities and talents in the church for His glory.

Our abilities can be used in many functions of the church and we as youth need to be leaders in youth meetings and in presenting the gospel to others. Not everyone is cut out to be a teacher but everyone has something to contribute to a class.

Active youth groups that do things together such as having devotions, prayer meetings etc., are important to the church. When others, perhaps those that are lost or those that are not as close to God as they should be, see that the young people have and live the truth of God's Word, live the Christian life and are earnest before God in prayer, they will want to meet Christ and draw close to Him.

All age groups play an important part in the church but youth are important because they will be the leaders of the church and the world in the future.

WHY I CAME TO BIBLE COLLEGE

by William G. Crume

This is a question I often ask myself, especially just before one of our tests. Sometimes, I ask this question the nights I burn the midnight oil to cram in a few memory verses, or when I see a page full of questions to be answered from the daily assignments.

I am very glad I came to Bible college and feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to attend Bible college. This opportunity is not always afforded the man or woman whom God has given the call for service at a time in life after he has finished his secular schooling, found a mate and is facing the responsibility of raising a family. I don't feel that it is a life or death situation, after the call of God to his service, to just drop everything and run out and enroll in a Bible college. The same God that gave the call, can also equip for service, but expects us to use the opportunities that are set before us to do everything within our power to — "Study to shew ourselves approved unto God, a workman that

needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," II Tim. 2:15.

My experience goes back a few years, while I was laboring as a Sunday School teacher, and superintendent in a local church. God placed a heavy burden on my heart, of which I did not understand. I questioned this burden through prayer and supplication before God. When it became apparent that this was the call of God to preach His Word, I became fearful, because all of the way through grade school, high school and one and a half years of college, I had never been able to face my fellow students in the class-room. I could never make a speech, or even make a very good testimony in church. "O Lord, I believe you have made a terrible mistake," I argued back to the Lord. One night while praying, the words of a song came to my mind. I had only heard this song one time, but the words were like this, "Jesus said, you go and I'll go with you, preach my word, and I'll preach with you; Lord, if I go tell me what to say, for the world won't believe on me." The call was definite, and I was arrested to the service of God.

My first sermon was not an announced sermon, but was spontaneous. I was receiving prayer requests at a young people's service, when I felt the urge to exhort the word of God. The message went forth anointed of God, and of the Holy Ghost. My first few years of preaching were not filled with many open doors, or of great wonders, but were filled with nights of digging into God's word and waiting for the messages to come.

I have, for quite a while, wished, and prayed for an opportunity to attend a Bible school or college. A few years ago, I was privileged to attend a nine month course of Bible school instructions, one night a week. This was a great help, but was not in the depth that I felt was really needed.

Approximately four years ago God led us, (my wife, our daughter, myself and another woman) to start a series of prayer meetings. Our meetings led to the establishment of a congregation of people of which we are still pastoring. I have been laboring on a job all of the history of my ministry up until the time of my entry into Bible college. I believe God has been dealing in my life for about a year and a half, or maybe two years.

I spent quite a length of time in the hospital and was forced to quit my job and was never able to find further employment. My wife and I prayed earnestly for the knowledge of the will of God in our lives. God finally made it plain to us that I was to resign my job and trust in Him for our daily needs, while pastoring our church.

Almost immediately after my decision to trust God in this new step, God caused people to start tithing that had never practiced tithing in our church before. Our needs have been miraculously met by God's hand, praise the Lord.

One day I received a telephone call from my Sunday school superintendent and good friend, who asked me to attend the Apostolic Faith Bible College. He said he wanted to go, but wanted someone to go with him. I replied, that we were three weeks late and that we may not be able to enroll this term. He made an inquiry of the school, and was informed that we could make up our lost work, so we entered the school.

Although, as I mentioned before, the question came to my mind, "Why did I come to Bible college?" The answer always comes back, I believe God has led me to this place and it has been a real blessing to me. I just pray that I may somehow be a blessing to this wonderful Bible College.

New Surrender for the New Year

by Trudy Peale

"... that in all things he might have the preeminence."
Colossians 1:18

WE STAND ON THE BRINK of another year—a year as yet unspoiled by failure and unmarked by sin. Is this not the perfect time to surrender our hearts anew to Christ?

Surrender is simply giving Christ the preeminence in everything, yielding to Him in every area of our lives. Surrender is putting Him first in our home, in our business, in our pleasure, in our service and in all our plans. The Bible says this is a "reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

But there is a price for such consecration. It means self-emptying and a cross. This is why there are so few consecrated Christians. Very few are willing to pay the price. They say "Lord you can have all EXCEPT. . . ." Yet total surrender is the only surrender.

Does Christ truly have the preeminence in our lives? The Bible says "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Are we willing to pay the price? Let us search our hearts at the beginning of this new year and then answer as Joshua did "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

TIME TO STEP OUT



January & February 1974



President Lincoln reading to his son, Tad. (Taken from a photo by Brady, well-known Civil War photographer.)

"TAKE ALL of this Book upon reason that you can, and the balance on faith, and you will live and die a happier man."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN, referring to the Bible

"HE PRAISED the simplicity of the Gospels. He often declared that the Sermon on the Mount contained the essence of all law and justice, and that the Lord's Prayer was the sublimest composition in human language."—JOHN G. NICOLAY, speaking of Lincoln's admiration for the Bible

"MANY TIMES have I listened to our most eloquent preachers, but never with the same feeling of awe and reverence as when our Christian President, his arm around his son, with his deep earnest tone, each morning, read a chapter from the Bible."—CAPTAIN MIX, commander of Lincoln's bodyguard

JUST AFTER his second election President Lincoln said, "I should be the most presumptuous blockhead upon this footstool if I had for one day thought I could discharge the duties which have come upon me since I came into this place without the aid and enlightenment of One who is stronger and wiser than all others."

"THAT THE ALMIGHTY does make use of human agencies, and directly intervenes in human affairs, is one of the plainest statements in the Bible. I have had so many evidences of His direction, so many instances when I have been controlled by some other power than my own will, that I cannot doubt that this power comes from above."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Excerpts from *Abraham Lincoln, the Christian*, by William J. Johnson.

A. F. Report



Arnett, Oklahoma

Greetings from Arnett in the name of our Lord and Saviour.

We have been very busy with preparations for a Christmas program and our revival being conducted by Reverend Winston Barker which began November 30th. The timely theme was "The Coming of the Lord". He preached to a full house on Sunday night. Sister Barker helped with the musical part of the service. We were happy also to have Sister Paula Buschman and Brother Barry Methvin in our services, and we greatly enjoyed the several inspirational numbers in song nightly. We appreciate having all this fine musical help. We are happy to report the Lord was in the soul saving business and some youth were saved. We had one adult saved the night after our revival was closed. We thank the Lord for each soul who found the Lord, and as Christians we were greatly blessed and encouraged in the things of God. The Lord is certainly good to selfish mankind.

The youth have received their Bower's Candy to sell and are busy with this project and getting the Christmas program ready. This is to be added to the funds of the church to be used as needed.

God's hand protected our small town from the tornado which swept across Ellis County about a mile south of Arnett. Glad to say no lives were lost in this.

Reverend Cornell attended the closing services of Bible School at Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Ruby V. Kibbe, Reporter
Reverend Eugene Cornell, Pastor

Purcell, Missouri

Miss Paula Buschman is presently filling the need of a pianist at the West Purcell Mission at Purcell, Mo. The people really appreciate her readiness to help and desire to work for the Lord.

The church has been praying for God to send us a revival and to help us win souls in the community. Please help us pray.

Mrs. Linda Hostler, Reporter
Bro. George Hintergardt, Pastor

Snyder, Texas

November, 1973 marked the 51st year of preaching for our current pastor, Bro. S. V. Clanton. He married his wife, Lillian, July 8, 1917, and he was converted in the spring of 1919 at Polar, Texas. In November of 1922 he preached his first revival meeting, thus beginning his career for the Lord. This revival was in Arkansas, and since then he has also traveled through Alabama, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas, spreading the gospel. He attended his first camp meeting in 1938 at Laverne, Oklahoma and has preached a number of times at camp meetings through the years. Bro. and Sis. Clanton now make their home in Snyder, Texas, where he is a board member and pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church. In considering his 51 years of preaching, Bro. Clanton testifies "If I had it to do over, I'd do it again".

Our Sunday School and church attendance has been fairly steady, even with all the colds and flu that are so prevalent. We thank the Lord for His sustaining strength made available to us through prayer.

Kay Shifflett, Reporter
Vester Clanton, Pastor

Guymon, Oklahoma

November 17 Vicki and the Royalheirs were in Hardesty, Okla. and Sunday, November 18 they were with us in Guymon for services. Their music always thrills and inspires us. Our radio program, The Apostolic Radio Hour began Sunday, November 11 at 9:30 a. m. Please pray for this ministry. December 16 we had a special children's dedication program. We are planning an adult retreat March 1, 2, and 3 to Deer Valley. We are hoping for a bus load of about 30 couples. Our Christmas program was Wednesday, December 9. The plumbing on our Activity building is stubbed out and we are now ready for the steel superstructure. The Lord willing in a couple of months we should have a new Activity Center. Soon Bro. Modrick's Sunday School Class will start a series of lessons about demonology.

The annual Thanksgiving banquet for the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandle area was held November 17 at 5 p. m. at the First Christian church in Perryton, Texas. Andy and Phil Dietz, the new twin members of the "Vicki and the Royalheirs" concert group, brought the devotional and entertainment for the evening.

Edwin Modrick, Pastor

Granby, Missouri

The Lord continually blesses us and meets our every need. Visiting ministers during October were Bro. Jacob Regier and Bro. and Sis. Otto Busch. Shari Cook and the Bible College Male Quartet came with Bro. Regier. These ministers and singers filled in while Bro. and Sis. Martin were away for a revival. On November 17th, we were privileged to have the Bible College Choir for a concert. We certainly enjoyed the beautiful singing and the presence of the Lord in this service. We have some improvements at our church including sidewalks, patio, pole light and shrubbery.

Ronnie Martin, Pastor
Faye (Lawson) Neff, Reporter

Stockton, California

Greetings from California. We arrived December 27th in the rain and it has rained almost every day since. We had very cold weather last week with lots of ice. We did not get any of the snow, however.

We love the people here. They have been so very nice and made us so welcome. The Lord has blessed in the services and crowds are holding up regardless of the bad weather. The parsonage is very comfortable for us. They are in the process of installing another wall furnace in the parsonage and making other improvements. They seem to be a group who enjoy working. Also they seem to be hungry for the gospel, which we appreciate.

We were in watch night service at Modesto. There was a good turnout from the Stockton church.

The flu and colds are making a sweep here also. Sherman has had a bad cold.

Ann Turner, our church secretary, asked me to enclose a check from the church along with our personal one for the paper. God bless you as you continue this work. The Report is a great blessing to us.

We would be happy to have ministers of the Faith to come by and visit us. Remember us as you pray.

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Rockdale, Texas

The Rockdale Apostolic Faith Church enjoyed a youth rally in November. Bro. Tim Pitts brought the message which was very inspiring. We are enjoying Tim as he labors with us here. He and Nancy Rogers have started a children's church and many children are attending. Bro. Van "Hap" Blythe has been bringing some very good messages in the past weeks.

We were saddened by the news of Sister Ruby Mears' death. Ruby lived in Alvin and was the daughter of Beulah Schnebeli, of the Rockdale congregation.

Please remember the following in prayer: Beulah Schnebeli, Mrs. T. M. Lanford, Rose Blythe and Bro. Laney.

Mrs. Jerry Hosek, Reporter
Rev. Van Blythe, Pastor

Katy, Texas

December 9th at 11 a. m. Vicki and the Royalheirs were with us for service. Their music was an inspiration to all. Our Sunday School Christmas program was Sunday night, December 16th. We had our Singing Christmas Tree again this year out in front of our church for several nights before Christmas. Bro. Buddy Stanberry directed the choir. Bro. Gordon Methvin was in charge of the greenery for the tree and stringing the lights. Our Sis. Rita Scott had a 30-minute TV program of Christmas music by her high school choir on Thursday, December 20th. We're also glad to announce that Gary and Lori Kerr are moving to Katy.

G. K. Kerr, Pastor

Anchorage, Alaska

Hello From Alaska:

Things up here are turning a beautiful snow white. Temperatures have only been to 15 degrees below zero. We are expecting this heat wave to subside, and drop at least 15 more degrees before Christmas. We soon learned that Texas clothing was not substantial shelter. Now, we have some real outdoor clothing which makes ice skating, snowmobiling and walks not just bearable but enjoyable.

During our trip up here we saw some beautiful country. In fact, we were able to capture parts of it on 21 rolls of slides. The pictures are really fantastic! Maybe we can share them with you sometime.

We came through Yellowstone and Glacier Parks. Glacier Park was unbelievably beautiful; however if you are afraid of high places don't go through there.

In Canada the trees were turning their fall colors. With the sun glistening on them they were simply breath taking. This same beauty continued all the way to Anchorage.

We have seen some wild life, but have not treaded the back land trails to get the winter supply of moose.

Prices on some things are much higher than back in Texas, but many things are about the same. Housing is at least double in price. We chose an apartment on the third story which has a beautiful view of the Chugach Mountain Range, and the colorful winter sunsets!..

Other than our work at school, we are kept busy as music directors in the church.

The people here are very friendly and helpful. If we could bring our families and friends up here we would be perfectly content.

Harold and Wilburta Bollinger
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Enid, Oklahoma

The church in Enid is busy adding on to the parsonage. We're adding two more bedrooms and two baths, plus a utility porch. Everyone will be glad when it is finished and we will welcome any help.

Our attendance is growing and God is blessing. We desire your prayers for our labors here.

Our newest members is Angela Dale Theilen, born November 28, 1973. She weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces, and is the daughter of H. H. and Karen Theilen.

Rev. Elmer Chiestenson, Pastor

Pampa, Texas

At Christmas time we enjoyed a good play and childrens program at the church. We hope our friends everywhere had a nice and enjoyable Christmas.

We had several who had planned to attend the preacher's meeting in Stinnett, but it had to be canceled because of bad weather.

We have been having good and uplifting services and God has been blessing.

Anabell Simmons, Reporter
Edwin Waterbury, Pastor

CHURCH NEWS



Alvin, Texas

As we go to press we understand that Rev. J. D. Ray is in a revival in Alvin. The Bible School Quartet and their accompanists are there to help with the music. This group includes Jimmy Botter, Marlon Sparks, J. J. Arnall, Garold Oakes, Jannece Randolph, and Teloa Stanberry.

Jimmy Wallis, Pastor

Cave Springs, Arkansas

Well another year is behind us and we're looking forward to a new year in the Lord. No one seems to know for sure just what the future holds for us or our nation, but I am glad God has set some sign posts along the way that tell us all that we are nearing our final destination, and that he will supply the means for us to get there.

We had a wonderful week of services with Bro. Jack and Sis. Velma Barker. The church was really blessed.

We had some tarry services on Saturday afternoons before Christmas and some got very close to praying through to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Since the first of the year we have had one to pray through at home, which has really encouraged us to move on. God has been very good to us here at Cave Springs and we are looking forward to 1974.

We have finished the work on our Sunday School rooms. We paneled, put in new ceilings, and put carpet on all the floors. We have also installed central heating and air conditioning, which is a real blessing to all. Also we have done some work on the parsonage.

Ministers of the Faith are invited to come by and visit us at any time they can.

Bro. Onal Nunn, Pastor

Dumas, Texas

We were happy to have Rev. and Mrs. Jim Russell and daughter in services recently. Jimmy and Kathy were home for the holidays after being at Bible School and Jimmy preached for us in a couple of services. We also were blessed by a message brought by Bro. Alvin Buschman on Sunday morning, January 13. Bro. Lyndel Arnall and family were with us that evening and Bro. Lyndel brought the sermon.

We are still planning a new church and we request the prayers of everyone, that the Lord's will might be done. Also pray for Brother Austin. He has not felt well for some time.

We are sorry to see some of our people, from our church, leaving. Seaborn and Minnie Bonnor have moved to Kerrville and we understand they are attending church in Centerpoint. Bro. and Sis. Sherman Sutton are pastoring in Stockton, California, and Bro. and Sis. Jim Russell are pastoring in Big Spring, Texas. Sis. Paula Buschman is helping Sis. Busch with the Report at present and also helping in the church at Purcell, Mo.

Rev. Austin Sutton, Pastor

January & February 1974

Beaver, Oklahoma

We have been happy to have Sis. Glenda Bensch to help us with the singing in some of our services. The services have been real good and our attendance has held up well. There also have been some good prospects for the future. We also have been doing some finishing work on our class rooms.

Delvin Wiles, Pastor

Big Spring, Texas

January 2-9, are the dates for a revival with Barry Methvin as the evangelist. The following helped with the music: Glowanda Quesenbury, Kay Macias, David McCance, Jimmy Botter, Marlon Sparks, J. J. Arnall, Garold Oakes, Janeece Randolph, and Teloa Stanberry. Calvin Klaus also assisted in the meeting. Jim Russell is the new pastor.

Spearman, Texas

Since there has not been a report from this church for a long while, we would like to report some happenings in the past.

We are a small group that meets to worship at regular times. We are thankful for the ones that are faithful, and that the Lord always meets with us to bless us.

Bro. Roland Busch held a revival here in September. He brought some good messages that everyone enjoyed. Eddie Martin and Rose Mary Burkhart of Spearman helped with the special singing. Vickie and the Royalheirs were here two nights, following this revival.

Bro. Barker has been away for two revivals recently. During his absence, Bro. Jake Regier, Bro. E. W. Dickson, and Bro. and Sis. Floyd LaMunyon filled in for him. Bro. and Sis. Harold J. Bollinger filled in for Bro. Barker during Camp Meeting.

We desire to see a real revival in our church, so that people will be faithful to the Lord, for surely He is coming soon and we would all like to hear Him say "well done".

We invite anyone to come by and worship with us.

**Mrs. Irvin Delk, Reporter
Rev. Winston Barker, Pastor**

Ashland, Alabama

We thank the Lord for another "New Year" in which to labor for Him. None of us know what 1974 will hold for our lives, but we can know Who holds our lives.

God has so richly blessed in our work in the Ashland church. We are seeing new interest in the community and appreciate the faithfulness of the church folks.

We have part of our acreage cleared and plan to begin building a house soon.

Our teaching ministry here at the Academy has been a wonderful encouragement to us, also. We have six hours of classes each day. We have taught from a Visual Library of the Old and New Testament, supplied by Bro. Jack Hopson, that has proven to be invaluable.

Do remember us in your prayers. We love and appreciate the Movement and the Truth it has embraced through the years. God Bless each of you in 1974.

Bro. Jim Arnall, Pastor

TRoubLED - HUNGRY - SOUL

by Mrs. E. A. Greever

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled. Matt. 5:6.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful, but his delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law doth he meditate day and night. Psalms 1:1-2.

This is a people who have peace with God and if possible as much as lieth within them live peaceably with all men, and are anxiously waiting for the return of the Prince of Peace, and in this year of 1974 more and more daily we are entering into the time of trouble such as never been known, and no doubt as God's word tells us will soon be crying, "Even so come Lord Jesus".

This group of people are remembering the commands of the Lord, "Pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape the awful things that are coming upon the earth and to stand before the Son of man". St. Luke 21:36.

Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation the Spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak. Matt. 26:41.

Take ye heed, watch and pray for ye know not when the time is. St. Mark 13:33.

Watch therefore for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. Matt. 25:13.

Watch lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. St. Mark 13:35-36.

The preceding verse tells them as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. This chapter and Matt. 24th chapter tells them of things that will be taking place at Christ's return.

Let us meditate now upon the miraculous things that will be taking place when Christ returns. He returns as he went away. Ascended to heaven from the Mount of Olives east of Jerusalem. A cloud received him out of their sight. Read Acts 1:9 thru 11.

Rev. 1:7 reads thus: Behold he cometh with clouds and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so Amen.

The meaning of Amen: It shall be so.

Jesus said before going away, "Let not your heart be troubled, I'm going to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also. This scripture found in St. John 14:1 thru 3.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of the arch angel and with the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever, be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. I Thess. 4:16-18.

This is the first resurrection. And God's word tells us this group are blessed and holy. Rev. 20:6.

This mortal must put on immortality and the corruptible, incorruption, then shall be brought to pass. The saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory".

Our beloved Bro. Paul tells us in I Cor. 15th chapter of a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed and this takes place in a moment in the twinkling of an eye. O what a wonderful day that will be.

My troubled friend, don't these scriptures make you hungry to be among this number? We are praying for you. It is wonderful to be looking forward for Christ's return.

Sorrow and sighing shall flee away, tears wiped away and all former things be forgotten. Praise the name of the Lord. His foot shall touch Mt. Olivet it shall cleave in two, here his beloved who have returned with him, the holy dead, and living will be gathered together and with the fighting forces of the different nations at war at Armageddon. Christ the Redeemer will make an end of war. He will tread the wine press alone. After this great decisive battle, one between the forces of good and evil, there will be Peace.

Babylon fall. Read Rev. 19:11 thru 16.

Out of the mouth of Christ who is called Faithful and True, goeth a sharp sword that with it he should smite the nations. He treadeth the wine press of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. A name written King of Kings and Lord of Lords is on his vesture.

The blest and holy can then say, this is our God we have waited for him.

Remember dear friends at his return the mercy door closes. Please read St. Matt. 25: from verse one through thirteen. What a sad time for all who are not ready. Another scripture St. Luke 13:25. When once the Master of the house is risen up and hath shut the door. And ye begin to stand without and to knock at the door saying, Lord Lord open unto us, and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are. Verse 28. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth when ye shall see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourself thrust out.

This scripture should put sorrow for sin in the life of everybody that would work repentance.

Dear Lord I seek the better way

It leads me to an endless day

Then I'm clothed with immortality

And see thee face to face.

Dear Lord I'm glad for a hope today

As I journey here along life's way

Help me to ever watch and pray

Until I see thy face.

Dear Lord a change by faith I see

Burdens laid down tears wiped away

In thy blest image I shall be

When I shall see thy face.

The One who saved me by his grace

Redeeming from a sinful race

Thy words of comfort I'll embrace

Until I see thy face.

May we all be worthy of this great change is my sincere prayer.

DEADLINE — Copy for the Report must be in the Editor's possession by the 15th (instead of the 20th) of the month preceding the date of the issue it's to be in.

**COPIES WE ARE MISSING
of
OLD APOSTOLIC FAITH
PAPERS**

Paula Buschman is helping us with the Report work since the holidays. We are thankful for her good help. She's also helping her grandparents, Bro. and Sis. George Hintergardt in their services at Purcell, Mo. We are reorganizing our stencil trays for the addressograph and have been working on getting all the old papers in order to have them bound.

1897 or 98 thru 1909 we haven't any old copies. It is stated in some old copies that we do have that the first Apostolic Faith paper was printed in 1897 in one Report and 1898 in another. We do not know if there were any printed after that year till December of 1910 which is the first copy that we possess. The following is a list of those years that we have complete sets of all issues printed and those missing in the years we do not have complete sets.

We are sending out an S.O.S. for help in locating these missing copies. Please help us if you can. Editor

- 1912 — *
- 1913 — July, August, October, November, December
- 1914 — February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, November, December
- 1915 — January, March, April, May, August, September, October, November, December
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- 1945 — April, May
- 1946 — *
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- 1948 — *

OBITUARY — Ethel Olive Taylor

Ethel Olive Taylor, youngest daughter of William L. and Rose Marie Chesterman, was born May 11, 1897 near Norwich, Kansas and departed this life on December 9, 1973 at 9:00 a. m. in Cheney, Kansas at the age of 76 years, 7 months and 28 days.

Her early school years were spent near Norwich, Kansas where she attended "Victory" country school. On January 24, 1917 she was united in marriage to Joseph Marion Taylor of Neodesha, Kansas. To this union was born four sons and five daughters.

Early in life she accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Saviour under the ministry of the late Sister Hattie Ostrander. Her spiritual growth was developed under the teachings of the late Charles F. Parham. For many years she worshiped with her family at the Apostolic Faith Church in Cheney, Kansas. During her life she was faithful to the call of God to pray for her family and many of the Lord's ministering servants. Her last admonition to her family was, "Keep your faith in God, Jesus is coming soon!" The tender call of Jesus to her heavenly home is what she lived for.

In September of 1972 Bro. and Sis Taylor moved to the John Peacock home in Cheney, Kansas where Mr. Taylor preceded her death in January of 1973. She also was preceded in death by two sons who died in infancy, Warren Ellis and Joseph, Jr., and four grandchildren, Larry Dwayne Taylor, Paul Gregory Bowen, Vicky Lynn and Michael Dean Davidson, and three brothers, Arthur, William and Ira Chesterman.

She is survived by two sons, Chester of Wichita and Bud of Cheney. She is also survived by five daughters, Frances Bowen of Chivington, Colorado, Margaret Ireland of Wichita, Kansas, Eula Mae Baumgartner of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Jo Gearheart of Wichita, Kansas, and Martha Davidson of Catoosa, Oklahoma. Also six grandsons and ten granddaughters and two great grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Minnie Lindt of Kingman, Kansas, many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Memorial services were conducted at Cheney, Kansas in the Assembly of God Church with Rev. William T. Curtin officiating. Songs were sung by Mrs. Alvin Watkins and Mrs. John Wimer, accompanied by Mrs. Leroy Hall. They sang "No Disappointment in Heaven," "When We See Christ," and "Meet Me There." Casketbearers were her grandsons and grandsons-in-law: Scott Bowen, Roy Laughlin, Todd Gearheart, Martin Malahy, Ronald Ireland, Patrick Ireland, Billie Joe Allen and Charles D. Bowen.

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- 1949 — *
 - 1950 — *
 - 1951 — November, December
 - 1952 — March, April, November
 - 1953 — April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November

(*) We have complete sets of these years on hand.

(**) We have no copies at all from these years.

As far as we can tell there were no papers published in the first ten months of 1954. We have complete sets of papers from November of 1954 until present.

OBITUARY — Clara Ellen Oyler

Clara Ellen Oyler, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Scott was born near Jefferson City, Mo. on April 14, 1889. Her early years were spent in and around Jefferson City, Mo. She was married to James William Oyler in 1910. He preceded her in death in 1955.

To this union was born four children. One daughter died in infancy. Surviving are Mrs. Loreta Davis of Pioneer, Calif., William Glen Oyler and Mrs. Anna Belle Turner of Stockton, Calif. She also is survived by four grandchildren, Edwin and Karen Oyler, and Mrs. Carol Ann Cearley of Stockton and James William Turner of Santa Maria, Calif. She is survived by two great grandchildren, Larry Cearley and Trevor Turner. She was the third in a family of five children, all of whom have preceded her in death.

She moved with her family to California in 1936 and has been a resident of Stockton for the past 27 years. She became a Christian in her early life and was a faithful attendant in the Apostolic Faith Church.

She passed away in a local hospital, November 17, 1973 after a lengthy illness, at the age of 84 years, 7 months and 3 days.

Services were conducted for Sister Oyler, Tuesday, November 20, at 1 p. m. Rev. William Yeakel officiated, assisted by Rev. Austin Morgan. Burial was in the Parkview Cemetery.



WILLIAM LEWIS COLLINS

William Lewis Collins, born to Rice and Bell Collins, June 7, 1882 in Dallas County, Texas, departed this life November 18, 1973 at Bentonville, Arkansas at the age of 91 years, 5 months and 11 days.

He grew to manhood in Dallas County and at the age of 21 years he moved to the Texas Panhandle where he met and married Hattie Elizabeth Nelson, July 13, 1904. In April, 1906 this young couple moved to Beaver County, Oklahoma.

To this couple was born seven children, five daughters and two sons. One daughter died in infancy. The rest of the family was reared in Beaver County.

In 1937 Mr. and Mrs. Collins moved to Perryton, Texas where they made their home until moving to Bentonville in April 1964.

Mr. Collins was converted to the Apostolic Faith Belief in 1938.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Hattie Elizabeth, one son, Thomas Lee, and two daughters, Etha Leola, and Ethel Louise.

Left to mourn his passing are two brothers. Robert of Rowlett, Texas, and Loyd of Dallas, Texas; one son, Loyd of Bentonville; three daughters, Vaneta Townsend and Wanda Townsend of Bentonville, and Lucille Pierce of Ventura, California; six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

OBITUARY OF MARY EVELYN LLOYD

Mary Evelyn Lloyd, wife of Dean O. Loyd of Lakewood, Colo. and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. Orlon Lloyd of Wichita, Kansas, passed away December 1, 1973 at 5:02 a. m. Evelyn had been ill for fifteen months. She was a wonderful Christian woman and loved to sing for Jesus.

She was born at Fort Scott, Kans., later moving with her parents to Oregon, where her father, Marcus Hoggatt passed away in 1946. After his passing, she and her mother moved back to Wichita, where Evelyn worked as a secretary for Boeing Aircraft. Dean and Evelyn were married December 11, 1954. To this union was born a son, Kevin Dean who is now eleven years old and a daughter, Shana Lee, who is now nine years old. Besides her husband, son, and daughter, she is survived by her mother and sister who now live in Denver, Colorado.

Services were held at the Olinger Mortuary, December the 4th, with Rev. George W. Belk, Sr. and Rev. Ronald Scheimo, pastor of Bethel Temple, officiating. Burial was in Crown Hill Cemetery, Denver, Colorado.

*Faith came singing into my room
And other guests took flight:
Fear, Anxiety, Grief, and Gloom
Sped out into the night.
I wondered that such peace could be
But Faith said gently, "Don't you see
They really cannot live with me?"*

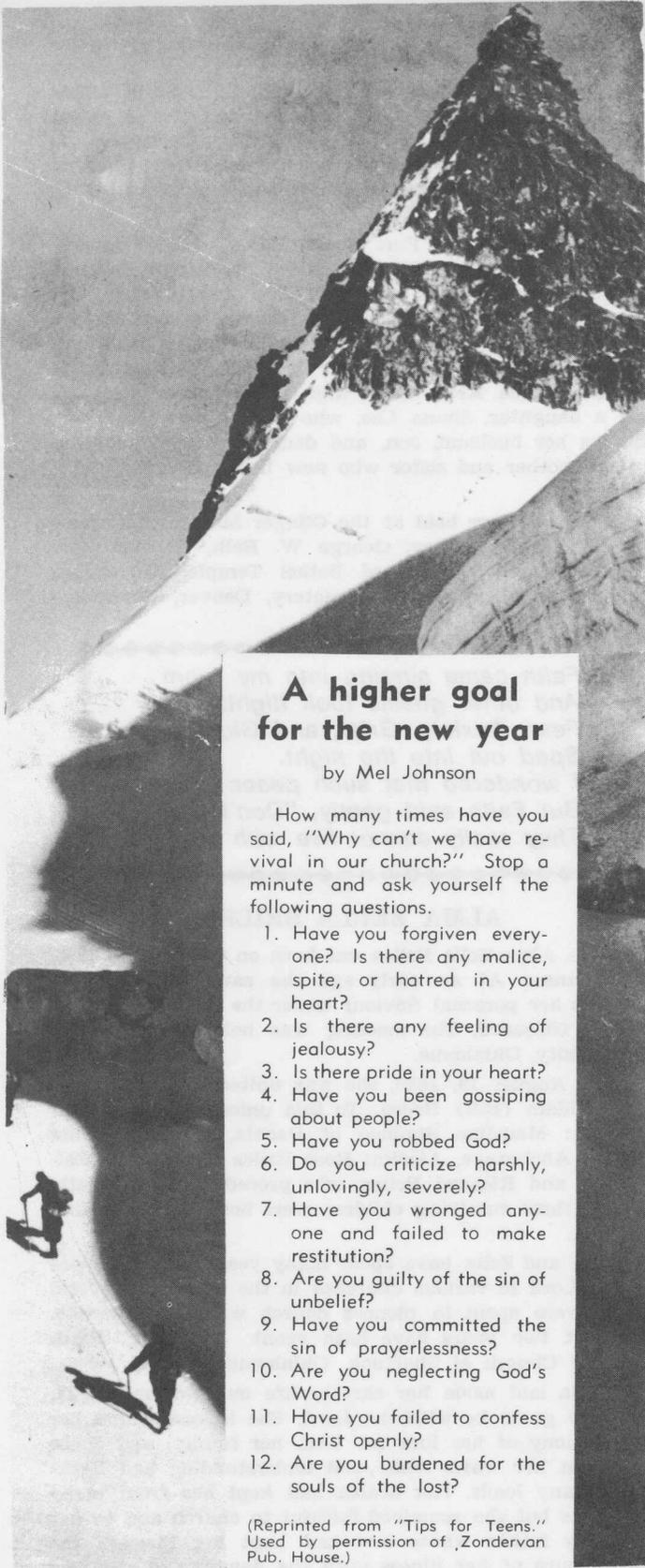
ALMA ZELLA BRILES

Mrs. Alma Zella Briles was born on October 31, 1908, in Arkansas. At an early age she came to know the Lord as her personal Saviour under the ministry of Bro. Robert Girouard. The meeting was held in the Range Community, Oklahoma.

On August 18, 1926, she was united in marriage to Mr. William (Bill) Briles. To this union was born four children: Madeline Simineo of Paonia, Colorado; Eula Ray of Anchorage, Alaska; Ross Briles of Modesto, California; and Richard Briles, who preceded her in death. To her three surviving children were born twelve grandchildren.

Bill and Zella have spent many years in the service of the Lord in various churches in the midwest. Several years were spent in pioneer church work in Colorado. The last two years have been spent pastoring Faith Country Church at Shattuck, Oklahoma.

Zella laid aside her earthly life on November 11, 1973, to go to be with the Lord. She leaves behind her a testimony of her love for God, her family, and those to whom her warm smile and understanding had lightened many loads. Her health had kept her from many activities but she remained faithful to church and to her heavenly father whose love had kept her through the dark hours of her illness until the dawning of her new life.



A higher goal for the new year

by Mel Johnson

How many times have you said, "Why can't we have revival in our church?" Stop a minute and ask yourself the following questions.

1. Have you forgiven everyone? Is there any malice, spite, or hatred in your heart?
2. Is there any feeling of jealousy?
3. Is there pride in your heart?
4. Have you been gossiping about people?
5. Have you robbed God?
6. Do you criticize harshly, unlovingly, severely?
7. Have you wronged anyone and failed to make restitution?
8. Are you guilty of the sin of unbelief?
9. Have you committed the sin of prayerlessness?
10. Are you neglecting God's Word?
11. Have you failed to confess Christ openly?
12. Are you burdened for the souls of the lost?

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I speak almost every language under the sun,
enter every corner of the earth.

I bring information and inspiration to all who
read me.

I am the enemy of ignorance and slavery,
the ally of enlightenment and liberty.

I treat all persons alike, regardless of race,
color, creed, or condition.

I have power to stretch a man's vision, to
deepen his feelings, to enrich his life.

I am a true friend, a wise counselor, and a
faithful guide.

I am as silent as gravitation, as pliant and
powerful as the electric current, as enduring as
God Himself.

I am the Bread of life, the message of sal-
vation for every lost sinner.

I am the Bible!

—Christian Action

*God is working his purpose out, as year
succeeds to year;*

*God is working his purpose out, and the
time is drawing near—*

*Nearer and nearer draws the time—
the time that shall surely be—*

*When the earth shall be filled with the
glory of God, as the waters cover the
sea.*

—ARTHUR CAMPBELL AINGER

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Open for Calls

The following were the ones that were dedicated at
the close of Bible School and are open for calls.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Russell

1307 Goliad

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Feelings are deceiving

Someone asked Luther, "Do you feel
That you have been forgiven?"
He answered, "No, but I'm as sure
As there's a God in heaven.
For feelings come, and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God;
Naught else is worth believing!"

Evangelist Jack Cornell

We would like to say the Lord has been very good to us the last few months since we last sent in a report. In August we moved to Baxter Springs to work in the Bible School. This was a very enjoyable experience to work around such a great group of young people and with a group of faculty whom we love very much. Bro. and Sis. Ted Barker have done a tremendous job in leading our Bible School the last four years. Our prayers are with them that God will continue to bless their ministry for Him.

During the fall I was in revival meetings at Beaver and Hardesty, Oklahoma and Joplin, Missouri. The Lord was with us in each of these places.

During the Christmas Holidays we were in Tomball, Texas near Houston, with the Bennie Stanberrys for holiday services. We enjoyed being there as this was a first for us and we must say we met some wonderful people. Each service was filled with the Lord's presence and we thank Him for each blessing He poured out upon His people. The services were well attended by people from many of the churches of that area.

We are making our home at present in Baxter Springs, keeping our children in school here. As the Lord leads, we are open for calls for revivals or whatever the Lord desires us to do. Pray for us.

Jack Cornell
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Baxter Springs, Kansas

We are happy that not everyone left after Bible School. Bro. and Sis. Jack Cornell and family are still with us. Dorothy Kinser, Shari Cook, and Carolyn Quesenbury are going to be working here in Baxter and will be helping here in the church. We also are happy to have Bro. and Sis. David Chambers and Davy. They are now making their home here in Baxter Springs.

We are praying for a revival in the near future. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless us here.

Bro. Ted Barker, Pastor

WE GOOFED!

In the December Apostolic Faith Report, Alvin, Texas was left out of the list of churches that sent in donations to the Report during 1973. We're sorry about that, Alvin. Please forgive us. It was not intentional.

January & February 1974



Rev. James Hosler and Mrs. Rose Ortolano were united in marriage January 5, 1974, at 9:30 a. m., in the home of Mrs. Anna Wade of Galena, Kansas. The single ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Paul A. Clanton of Galena. The couple is at present living in the new Mrs. Hosler's home in Galena, Kansas.



Tiffany Marquette Laughlin came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Laughlin of Higgins, Texas on October 7, 1973. She weighed 8 lbs and 11 ozs. Mrs. Laughlin is the former Margaret Beth Bowen. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. (Buster) Bowen of Chivington, Colo. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Laughlin of Higgins, Texas.

Richard and Carol Fry of Katy, Texas are the proud parents of a new baby boy. His name is Richard Matthew. He was born January 2, 1974 and weighed 6 lbs. and 14 ozs. He was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Matthews of Hempstead, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fry of Barker, Texas.

Jerry and Lavonda Barker are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Her name is Kristal Dawn Barker and she arrived December 27, 1973 at 10:38 a. m. and weighed 8 lbs. and 8 ozs. Her grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Winston Barker of Spearman, Texas and Rev. and Mrs. Don Russell of Pharr, Texas. Her great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ermal Barker of Beaver, Oklahoma and Mrs. Wilma Russell of Pharr, Texas. Jerry and Lavonda are making preparations to leave Amarillo, Texas shortly, and enter the mission field of Old Mexico with "Missions To Mexico," a work started by her father, Don Russell.

Amy Denae Sanford is the new daughter of Lois Marie and Othel Sanford, Jr., of Katy, Texas. She was born January 8, 1974. Little Amy weighed in at 9 lbs. and 2 ozs. and was 20 1/4 inches long. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barker and Mr. and Mrs. Othel Sanford, Sr., all from Katy, Texas. Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Ermal Barker of Beaver, Oklahoma and Mrs. Mollie Lewis of Bayard, Nebraska.

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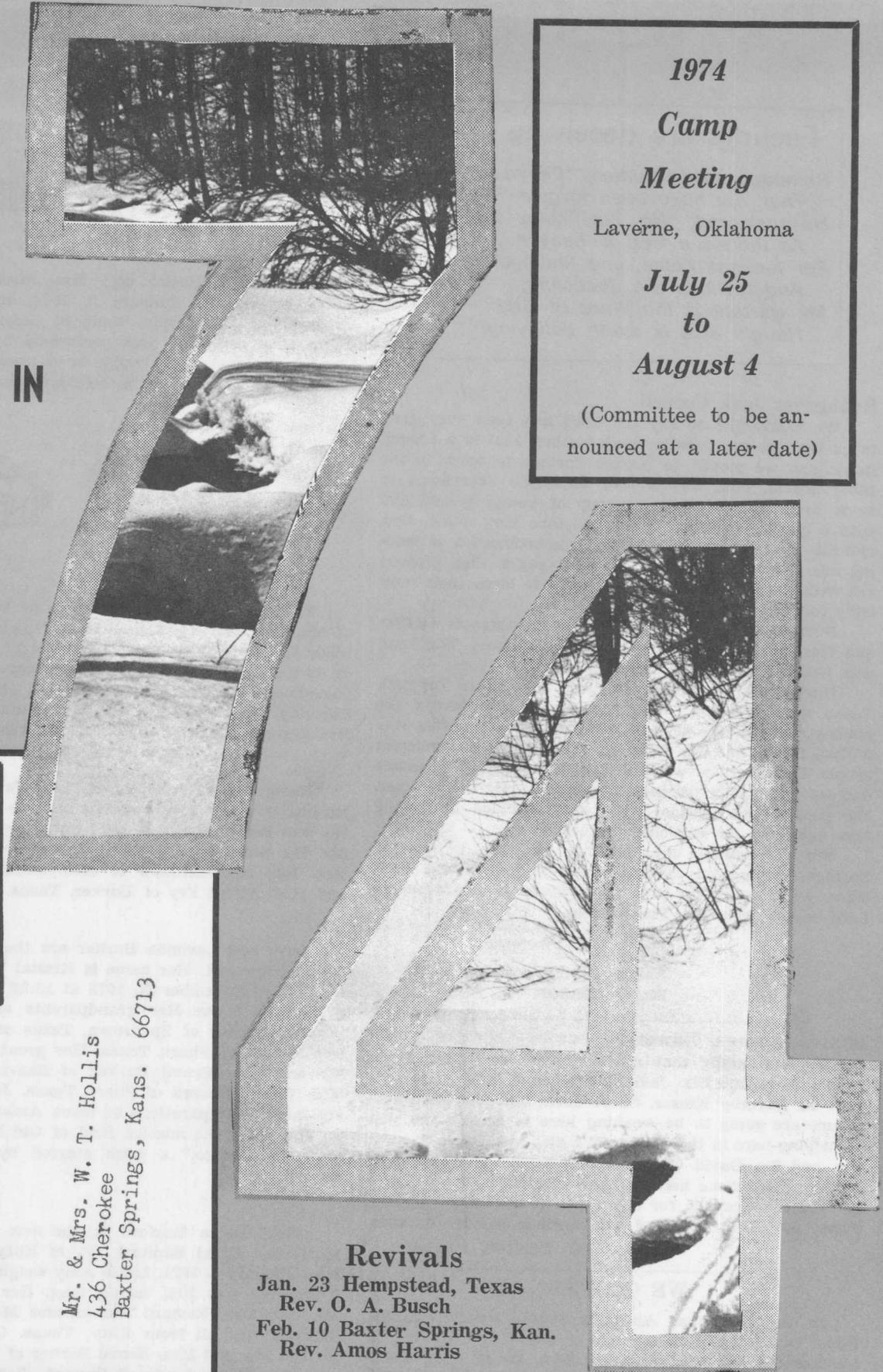
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