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Is Coming Soon

“But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming.”—I Corinthians 15:2-23

The Night and the Morning

By REV. LOWELL LONG

We read in the book of Luke, 23rd chapter, 44th verse, these words concerning Christ's crucifixion: "And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over the earth until the ninth hour."

In both the natural and spiritual sense the crucifixion of Jesus brought a veil of darkness over the world of Christ's time. The unnatural gloom which shrouded Golgotha's brow was not as frightening as was the darkness of spirit that settled upon the Apostles and followers of Jesus. Their hopes were crushed, their dreams of a position in the Messiah's earthly kingdom were broken as surely as were the legs of the thieves who were crucified with Him.

The great healer of both body and spirit, whom they had lived and shared with these past three years was dead, and cruelly so, upon a Roman cross normally reserved for the basest of criminals and slaves. Nor was this bleakness of soul confined to the Apostles alone, for the women of Jerusalem had wept even before the crucifixion had taken place. No ray of hope shined from any heart, on the contrary, Peter was despondent, because of his denial of the Lord, made a thousand times worse by His death. Judas was dead by his own hand, the weight of guilt and sorrow being more than mortal could contain.

We cannot find words to depict the spiritual blackness of that evening. Surely in all the ages there was no greater manifestation of the evil intent of Satan. It seemed that he was victorious on this, sin's darkest night.

Let us now rejoice in the fact that the story does not end on this note. Rather than the ending of the Christian movement, these events provided the incentive that lifted the Gospel of Christ from its little known state of that day, to a globe girdling dynamic religion that drastically changed the course of men and nations.

Let us again refer to the scriptures in Luke 24:1-6. Especially let us note verses 2 and 3: "And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre and they entered in and found not the body of the Lord Jesus". Then again in verse 6, "He is not here, but is risen."

Can we picture the contrast in the scenes from Crucifixion to Resurrection? The Crucifixion: dark, forboding, sorrow shrouding the believer's heart, their future darkened by the tragic end of their leader. But now the night of sin is past, the shadows gone. We picture the Resurrection Morn as a beautiful dawn, the sun shining its warm rays, the birds singing a welcome to the greatest day in man's history. We are convinced, that this day was perfect, for the night of sin has passed, the morning of Salvation burst upon the earth with such a manifestation of divine love that two thousand years later it continues to radiate with undiminished force.

I would like to have been there on that morning as the realization that Christ was not dead, slowly dawned upon the women. What a joy must have gripped their hearts, for even now this knowledge, that "He is risen," floods our souls with a rapture that no earthly thought can explain. The night had been black but its darkness only accentuated the glorious morn.

You and I were not privileged to witness this marvelous event, and yet we have shared a portion of this glory if we have been redeemed by the Blood of Christ. For we even as the world before Christ abode in the darkness of sin. Then suddenly we stepped from gloom to glory and the hallowed beauty of that resurrection morning became real to every one of us. How thankful we are that our night of sin is past and we abide in Salvation's day.

To say that this transition from darkness to light was all that the

world gained by Christ's death and resurrection would be understanding God's gift. These events heralded a transformation which was available for every problem of the human family. The night was fraught with sorrow. The morning brought a flood of joy, and children of the King are encouraged to "re-joice evermore."

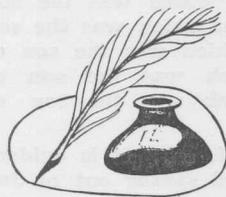
The night was filled with fear. The morning brought a wonderful confidence. That knowledge of security in Christ still encourages His people today. Whereby He has not given us a spirit of fear, but of joy and a sound mind. Sickness was a part of the night but with the morning came a revealing of a broken body for our healing. Still the promise remains: "By whose stripes ye were healed."

Words are not sufficient to proclaim the fullness of these transforming events. We cannot fully comprehend; we can but rejoice in the knowledge that these things are for you and I.

So as our world grows darker let us constantly remind ourselves of that time of suffering and victory. And more vital, may we have that transforming power of the resurrection showing forth from our lives; for there are many who have never seen the glorious dawn that we know so well.

Our world is destined to grow darker as sin manifests itself in the closing of this age, yet as gloom closes in let us be mindful of the magnificent dawn just beyond the blackest clouds. In the Song of Solomon, Chapter 2, verses 10 through 12, we see a time of joy. "My beloved spake, and said unto me, rise up my love, my fair one and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in the land." Soon the winter shall be passed, eternal spring will dawn, Christ shall call to His Church, 'Rise up my love, my fair one and come away.' The voice of peace shall be heard in the land."

Forever more the chilling shroud of sins dark night will
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Pen of the Editor



I want to use this space to re-print an article written by the late Chas. F. Parham which is taken from the Apostolic Faith Paper 1926 edition.

Thirty-six years have come and gone since this article was written. We can see the effects of the things that Bro. Parham told us. We have been living in the glow of the "Latter Rain" these sixty-one years. May these reprinted words awaken us to our responsibilities in 1962: to God; to our fellowmen; to ourselves; and to the "Soon Return of Jesus." Surely Jesus is coming soon.

I am not trying to immortalize Bro. Parham. I do have a spec-

ial place in my heart for him, having known him personally and heard him preach many times. Also I want to fulfill the request of some for some articles from the beloved ministers whose voice has been stilled by death.

Humbly and proudly we send the Apostolic Faith Report to you; doing our best to hold the blood Stained Banner of Christ high to a lost and dying world; keeping the Gospel ever rolling on with our trust in God and our faith in one who never fails, Jesus Christ; depending upon the leadership of the Holy Ghost.

Donald D. Dibbens, Editor

The Latter Rain

By CHAS. FOX PARHAM

The story of the origin of The Original Apostolic or Pentecostal Movements.

In the year 1898 and 1899 I was pastor of the Apostolic congregation located at 4th and Jackson Street, Topeka, Kansas. Composed largely of some of the best people in the city, who believe in a know-so conversion, holiness of heart and life, the healing of the body and the soon coming of the Lord. In connection with our congregation we had a large healing home, to which the sick from all over the United States came for healing, and mighty miracles were wrought in the name of the Holy Child, Jesus. Previous to this, I had been a holiness Evangelist after having left the Methodist Church, to get an opportunity to preach the above truths. Having been a Holiness preacher for some years, I was thoroughly ground-

ed and rooted in the teaching of Sanctification, as a second definite work of grace. And I would like to state right here, in the opening of this article that for many years no Apostolic, Pentecostal or Full Gospel preacher dared to open his mouth to dispute the doctrine of a second work of grace. Neither do I believe that any one can receive the real Baptism of the Holy Spirit without being first definitely Sanctified.

In the spring of 1899, I was led to visit various religious Institutions seeking to find any deeper truths than we were then preaching and enjoying. For years Sanctification had been called the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, or the same thing as taught in the 2nd chapter of Acts. Then from Stephen Merritt of New York City, Dr. Gordon of Boston, and Dr. Keene of the

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Methodist Church, we learned of the precious anointing that abideth, which they all mistook for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the Pentecostal outpouring but which afterward proved to have been only the marvelous anointing that they received in the upper room when the door was locked and Jesus came in unto them the first night after His resurrection. Thousands of Holiness people pressed into this New blessing, and rejoiced in an experience that was like an artesian well, ever bubbling within. I had been among that number. But still hungry for something. I visited the Eye Opener work, conducted by Evangelist Kelly of Chicago, also the work of Dr. Dowie, who was still in Chicago on Michigan Blvd., with an immense Healing Home. Going eastward I visited Malons School in Cincinnati, examined the Christian Alliance work in New York City, then spent a month in the Holy Ghost and U. S. Bible School at Shiloh, Maine, conducted by Frank W.

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Prophecies Concerning Jesus

AND THEIR FULFILLMENT

By DONALD D. DIBBENS

(Continued from Jan.-Feb. Issue)

Fulfillment:

Matt. 1:1-2.

(1) "The book of the generations of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

(2) "Abraham begat Isaac, and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren."

Luke 3:34, "Which was the son of Jacob, which was the son of Isaac, which was the son of Abraham, which was the son of Thara, which was the son of Nachor."

Acts 3:25-26.

(25) "Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

(26) "Unto you first God, Having raised up His Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

Hebrews 2:16, For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham."

Hebrews 11:17-18.

(17) "By faith, Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promise offered up his only begotten son,

(18) "Of whom it is said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called."

Romans 9:7, "Neither because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but in Isaac shall thy seed be called."

Galatians 4:22-28.

(22) "For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondwoman, the other by a free woman.

(23) "But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the free woman was by promise.

(24) "Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from Mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

(25) "For this Agar is Mount

Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

(26) "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

(27) "For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

(28) "Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise."

3 He comes of the Tribe of Judah.

Genesis 49:9-10,

(9) "Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he crouched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

(10) "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

I Chron. 5:2, "For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's"

Micah 5:2, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; Whose goings forth have been of old, from everlasting."

Matthew 2:3-6,

(3) "When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

(4) "And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

(5) "And they said unto him, in Bethlehem of Judea: for this it is written by the prophets,

(6) "And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Gov-

ernor, that shall rule my people Israel."

Luke 3:33, "Which was the son of Aminadab, which was the son of Aram, which was the son of Esrom, which was the son of Phares, which was the son of Juda."

Hebrews 7:14, "For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

Rev. 5:5. "And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof."

4. He comes of the Royal Line of David.

2 Samuel 4:12-17,

(12) "And when the days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

(13) "He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

(14) "I will be his father and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

(15) "But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

(16) "And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee; thy throne shall be established for ever.

(17) "According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David."

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Letters to the Editor:

Dear Bro. Dibbens:

The paper was very good, enjoyed reading it from cover to cover.

The piece contributed by Patsy Waterbury was marvelous and so very applicable to the life of all Christians. It seems some Christians are more or less sedentary. They can't move because their heels are in the ground. The Pastor or someone isn't doing exactly to please them. Therefore they can't have a co-operative spirit and God can not bless a person in this place. So the entire Church is affected. May we all lay down our petty peevs and such, go to our knees, pray and believe God. That each person and the Church may go forward. The Lord is coming for a prepared people and those that are not prepared, will be left outside. May God bless our young people and make them a wonderful instrument for good, even leading we older ones to a more consecrated life for the Lord.

As you see fit from month to month give us some writings of our older ministers. I enjoy reading writings from those that have been called "Home." And deeply appreciate all our ministers that are carrying on and preaching the real gospel. Taking up the battle where they: (Bro.'s Parham, Waterbury, Stanbury, Ditto, Bacon, and others) left off.

May God Bless Christians everywhere.

Thanks to you and all that had a part in getting out our paper this month. God bless each and the young people are especially near and dear to my heart.

Mrs. M. C. Wallingford
P. O. Box 104
Franklin, Texas

Dear Bro. Dibbens:

I enjoy the report and appreciate getting it. I receive blessings from it with every issue. We have encountered sickness in the family the past year, so remember us as you pray.

Thanks again for the paper,

Mrs. Dollie Counts
565 Glen Lily Rd.
Bowling Green, Ky.

Dear Ones:

We surely do enjoy getting the Apostolic Faith Report, as it is about the only means we have of keeping in contact. We do hear from Bro. Marcus Adair and Bro. Neil Ragan, which we appreciate very much. Continue praying for us. May God bless you richly in your efforts.

Jeanita Wright
P. O. Box 681
Boise City, Oklahoma

Dear Sis. and Bro. Dibbens:

I enjoy the paper very much and wish there was an Apostolic Faith Church to attend here, but there isn't. We attend the Church of God that is here in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Since I've seen you folks I have married and have a lovely boy 7 months old. We named him James David, we call him David. You may not know who I am by my married name. I was Anita Davids.

We visited Bro and Sis. Hintergardt at Quitman, Miss., in November. They took us on over to see Bro. and Sis. Harold Bollinger at Pine Hill, Ala. We enjoyed our visit very much. We want to go back when we can get time. Sis. Hintergardt wrote they plan to come see us soon. We are looking forward to their visit. May the Lord bless you in keeping the paper coming to us.

Anita Handley
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Handley
149 Benachi Ave.
Biloxi, Mississippi

Dear Bro. Dibbens:

We enjoy the Report very much, and look forward to each issue. I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to you and the La-Munyon's for the fine work you folks are doing

I am sending the names and addresses of our church folks. Thought you might like to compare this with your mailing file. There are some new ones and changes of address, trust this will help.

Your Brother in Christ,
F. E. Waterbury
611 West 17th
Roswell, New Mexico

"This list of names and addresses are a big help. Some more of you Pastors join in."
Editor.

Dear Bro. Dibbens:

Bro Dibbens I hope you don't mind but I took it upon myself, being the reporter of the paper and Assistant Superintendent of the Alvin Church, and gave about a five minute talk on the deficit of our paper. I explained as in Jaanuary-February issue that the paper started the year of 1962 in the red and that the paper operated on a free will offering and that anyone not receiving the paper please contact me or you.

Please find enclosed a poem sent to me for the paper and an offering.

Yours in Christ,
R. L. Cannon, Jr.

"I like this very much and keep the good things going Bro. Cannon. I hope several more take a cue from you."
Editor

OBITUARY

JAMES K. SEBER

James K. (Jim) Seber died suddenly of a heart attack in his home at Katy, Texas on April 5, 1962 at the age of 76 years. Funeral services were conducted in the Apostolic Faith Church in Katy with Rev. Joe B. Dewees, Rev. Bennie Stanberry, and Rev. Harrol Waterbury officiating.

Brother Seber was born in Clay County, Kentucky, and came to Texas at an early age. On December 8, 1908 he was married to Miss Mary Robertson. In 1917 he accepted the Apostolic Faith under the ministry of the late S. W. Ditto. He became a minister of this faith in 1918 and remained faithful and active in his calling until his death.

Survivors include his widow, Mary Seber; one brother and one sister and a number of nieces and nephews.

The Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.

PASTORAL REPORTS

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

We are thankful for Bro. and Sis. Priest and the work they are doing here. Our attendance isn't large but we've been having some real good services. Some have prayed through to salvation and sanctification in the mid-week services. A young mother was saved last week. We are proud of our young people and we do thank the Lord for the way He has been blessing in the work here. Bro. and Sis. Brock have been good to help us also Bro. and Sis. Patterson. May the Lord bless them for their efforts.

Our second Youth Rally was here at the Modesto Church last Wednesday night. We had a packed house and the Modesto Church got the Banner. It will be at Bro. Patterson's Church next month. Remember us in your prayers.

Simmie Ferguson, Reporter

DONIPHAN, MISSOURI

February 6th and 7th, Bro. and Sis. Abraham held special Missionary Services in the Mill Creek Church, 7½ miles south of Doniphan. The services were enjoyed by many in the community as well as the Church.

Sunday night, February 25th, closed out three nights services with Bro. and Sis. S. B. Echols Jr. of Des Arc, Arkansas. The messages contained a great spiritual challenge. We praise God for the victories won.

Rev. Larry Welsh, pastor

LOGAN, OKLAHOMA

A series of Bible Lessons were concluded recently in the Midway Country Church with guest instructor Rev. Raymond Barker of Katy, Texas. God blessed in every phase of each service and the presence of the Lord was felt by each who attended.

Interest and attendance was par excellence. We are thankful for the word of God that we may know the day and the hour in which we live.

Rev. Edwin Modrick, pastor

KINGS MILL, TEXAS

Bro. and Sis. R. D. Wooster from Big Spring, Texas conducted a Revival in the Apostolic Faith Church during the month of February. Assisting in the Revival was Sis. Bobbie Bishop of Ralls, Texas. The preaching and singing was very good and we have had wonderful services. The Christians have been praying and seeking God and we feel that the Revival was a great blessing to the Church.

We do covet your prayers for the Church here that God will bless and that we will see souls saved.

Rev. E. K. Cornell, pastor

BIG SPRING, TEXAS

The church here enjoyed a good revival April 4th through 15th with Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon. Miss Bobby Bishop directed the choir and arranged the special singing. God blessed the revival and two persons were saved, and the church was blessed and benefited.

All ministers and gospel workers of the Faith are invited to visit the Big Spring church.

R. D. Wooster, pastor.

ALVIN, TEXAS

We have had numerous people absent from church due to colds, influenza, etc., that need prayer for healing. Our church needs prayer toward our building program which will begin at any time now.

We were privileged to have Bro. and Sis. Abraham, from India, in our church. They showed slides and gave talks regarding their missionary purposes in India. We were happy to have Bro. Winston Barker and family, from Katy, Texas visit us this past Sunday, March 4th. Our slogan for March 4th was "March forth on March fourth." We had 98 in Sunday School that day. This was short of our goal but Bro. Kerr was very happy with the 98.

R. L. Cannon, Jr., reporter
Rev. K. Kerr, pastor

FORT SUMNER, NEW MEXICO

March 18th was the starting date of a revival here. Bro. and Sis. Lloyd A. Schrimpf were the Evangelists. Hearts are hungry for the word of God and we long to see souls saved.

Rev Allen Hickman, pastor

"It is good to hear that Bro. and Sis. Schrimpf are back on the field of labor again. God bless them is our prayer. Bro. Schrimpf is open for calls."

—Editor.

L. A. Schrimpf
Box 405
Kings Mill, Texas

SNYDER, TEXAS

The Snyder church is enjoying the blessings of the Lord and are earnestly praying for a revival in the near future. Bro. L. J. Ehrlich, and Bro. and Sis T. S. Abraham were a blessing to our church in special services recently. We extend an invitation to ministers of the Faith to visit our church.

Jim Morris, pastor

ARNETT, OKLAHOMA

Revival services began April 1 in the Apostolic Faith church here. Bro. Paul Clanton of Rockdale, Texas was the evangelist.

Louise and Sherman Sutton, pastors.

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

The church here is progressing real well spiritually, and we have been pleased with an increase in number, by families moving here to Roswell. We are praying for a revival so please pray with us for a real harvest of souls.

Rev. F. E. Waterbury, pastor

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

Bro. and Sis. Ross Briles, with the assistance of Melba Bartlett and Helen Arnold, began a meeting here April 8, 1962. Several were saved and there was great desire to see many pray through to sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

ENID, OKLAHOMA

We are seeing lots of progress on the church building. We are starting on the inside of the church this week, cleaning, painting, and "sprucing up" in general. The parsonage is very nice and comfortable and certainly a blessing to us and the church. We are starting a Religious Census of this portion of town, to extend an invitation to our services.

Bro. Jack Barker will conduct a week of Pre-Easter services here and we are expecting much lasting benefit from this effort.

Plans for a D.V.B.S. are incomplete but we are looking forward to a good one. At present we are conducting services in two nursing homes. I really enjoy them and feel they are a blessing to the patients and the folks of the church who help us.

Rev. Eugene Webster, pastor.

BALKO, OKLAHOMA

We have enjoyed some wonderful services here at the Apostolic Faith Church. April 25th Rev. M. D. Methvin began a Revival. He was assisted by Edna Neff, Leora Woodson, Glennis McClenagan, and Kathryn Gaston.

This past winter our church purchased a new piano which has added much to the services. It is our plans to do some building on the church in the near future. Included in this project will be some class rooms, rest rooms, nursery, and a pastor's study.

Rev Jack Cornell, pastor.

TEXARKANA, TEXAS

I was back in Foreman, Arkansas and had two good services. I may try and pay a visit to the new church in Hot Springs, Arkansas some time later this year. Pray for me as I pray for the Report.

Rev. J. W. Elliott.

HUDSON, WYOMING

Bro. and Sis. Robert Beydler, pastors of the church here, write that God is blessing the work there and the church is slowly but steadily growing.

LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA

Rev. and Mrs. George Polvado conducted a Revival in Laverne during the month of April. Two were saved, one sanctified and two filled with the Holy Spirit. Altar services were good each evening and the Christians were strengthened in the Lord. Several are still hungry and seeking deeper blessings as a result of these services.

Jim Fox, pastor.

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Bro. and Sis. Ross Briles, with the assistance of Melba Bartlett and Helen Arnold, began a revival here on Easter Sunday April 22. We are expecting the outpouring of God's blessings on these evangelistic efforts.

Rev. Bill Patterson, pastor.

FOLLETT, TEXAS

We enjoyed a good revival with Bro. and Sis. Jack Cornell April 13th to 23rd. This took us through Easter and closed with the Youth Rally on the 23rd. Many victories were won around the altar and we feel the services were a much needed blessing to our church. Sis. Edna Neff assisted in the meeting.

Rev. Donald D. Dibbens, pastor

ROCKDALE, TEXAS

Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon began a revival in the Apostolic Faith church here Easter Sunday. Recent visitors in the church were a missionary whose home is Milano, Texas but is now engaged in mission work in Mexico, and a missionary to Alaska, Sis. Mamie Flame. These people were a blessing to the church.

Paul Clanton, pastor.

CROSSES, ARKANSAS

The Church here is growing. We have from 38 to 41 in Sunday School. We are living in the parsonage, but we don't have it finished yet. Pray for us and the work of the Lord here. We invite all ministers of the Faith to visit us from time to time.

Rev. Ronald Haney, pastor.

HARDESTY, OKLAHOMA

The Apostolic Faith Church at Hardesty enjoyed a month's revival with Evangelist Homer Coberly. Many Christians responded favorably to the Lord during this special opportunity.

Morning prayer meetings were times of rich spiritual blessing. Different Christians opened the prayer sessions with devotional thoughts. Some confessed their spiritual needs and were rewarded for their earnest heart-searching.

Approximately 11 people were converted. Among these were a middle aged man and a young couple with their children. Others testified of the sanctifying grace of God. Some rededicated their lives to God. Many were refreshed in the presence of the Lord. Seventeen were baptized in water.

Our prayer is that we will "abound more and more" (I Thess. 4:1).

Rev. Jerry McClenagan, pastor

SPRING VALLEY, CALIF.

Thanks for doing such a fine job with the paper. We are all fine and our Church is getting along alright. There are some new young people coming. Help us pray that they will be saved. May God bless you for all your hard work.

Rev. Edwin Waterbury, pastor

CANYON, TEXAS

Work is progressing to the finishing stage on the new church in Canyon, Texas. We appreciate those who have come in to give their time and talent to seeing this landmark of the gospel erected on the plains of Texas. Remember us in your prayers.

Rev. Marcus Adair and family.

BAYARD, NEBRASKA

Our church concluded a revival meeting around the first of March with Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon and Rev. and Mrs. Jack Barker. The Lord's presence was in each service, attendance was good and the church was greatly blessed.

Gloria Leytham, reporter.

The Children's Hour . . .

The Wishes of the Trees

Sent in by MAXINE LONG

One pretty spring day a mother tree out in the forest, let her tiny seeds come fluttering down to earth, after the gentle rains and the warm rays of the sun; the tiny seeds began to grow, they grew and grew until they were getting to be nice large trees. One day the Mother trees were asking them what they wanted to be when they grew up. "I" said one little tree "want to be a sea going boat, and carry gold to a far away country." Another little tree spoke up real fast and said, "When I grow up I want to be a cradle and hold a sweet little baby." Each tree told of the many things that he or she wanted to be, until it came to one little tree that stood off by himself: "And," said the mother tree, "What do you want to be?" The little tree raised his branches up toward Heaven and said, "I want to spend all my life just praising my God." Time went on and one day some woodsmen came into the forest and cut down some of the trees; among them was the tree that wanted to be made into a cradle. After they had been made into lumber this tree found its way into a stable, and was made into a manger. The trees in the forest all hung their heads and cried because it didn't get its wish; but wait, what is this I hear, the Angels are singing, the world seems happy, a baby is born and it is God's Son, where can I find Him, in the manger. Then the trees all raised their heads and clapped their hands, for the little tree was holding the world's most wonderful baby. Years passed away and trees grew some more, but they were all large trees now. The workmen again came to the forest and cut some more of them. This time they sawed down the one who wanted to be made into a boat, and it was

made into a boat, but it was an old smelly fishing boat, that could not be used to carry gold to a far country, but, hark, what is all of this noise I hear, sounds like God's Son telling the world why He came down to earth, and see, He is preaching from that boat, while we are standing here on the shore, I can hear the trees singing and clapping because this tree, too, has gotten his wish, to carry gold to far lands. Is not Jesus more valuable than gold and are we not hearing about Jesus and receiving Him into our hearts, way over here across the ocean from where He stood in the old fishing boat, preaching the good Word?

The workmen again enter the forest and cut down the remaining trees, that started to grow on the pretty Spring day long years before, they even took the one who always wanted to worship God with his branches out-stretched toward Heaven. All the trees that were left in the forest, the old grandfather trees and the younger ones were all crying that day because they made a cruel cross out of him, and as they nailed the cross bars on, he was crying in his heart. He loved the world and the people in it. He didn't want anyone to have to die on him. Hush! what is this we are hearing? It is a Man that is praying. He is asking God to forgive the people for hanging Him on the cross, and the little tree said in his heart He would have to forgive them too. Then he realized he was holding the Son of God who was dying for the sins of the world, and from here on until Jesus came back every time people would see a picture of the cross, with its arms out-stretched toward Heaven they would remember the Savior who died there for them. Then the trees lifted their

heads and clapped their hands because even if the little trees didn't get their wishes as they wanted them to be, they were blessed in a far more wonderful way; their lives had touched the Master's.

Moral—God knows what is best for us, let us place our lives and our hearts in His care.

Bible Study Helps

By T. S. ABRAHAM

THE GATES OF JERUSALEM

1. The Sheep Gate. Neh. 3:1. Salvation.
2. The Fish Gate. Neh. 3:3. Water Baptism.
3. The Old Gate. Neh. 3:6. Walk in the old path.
4. The Valley Gate. Neh. 3:13. Walking with God
5. The Dung Gate. Neh. 3:14. Sanctification.
6. The Gate of the Fountain. Neh. 3:15. Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
7. The Water-Gate. Neh. 3:26. Cleansing by the Word of God.
8. The Horse Gate. Neh. 3:28. Spiritual Battle.
9. The East Gate. Neh. 3:29. Second coming of Christ.
10. The Miph-kad Gate. Neh. 3:31. Judgment.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Adair, 1509 Terry, Oklahoma City, are the parents of a daughter born March 24th. Her name is Ginger Dee. The paternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Marcus Adair of Canyon, Texas.

The best ground, untilled and neglected, soonest runs out into ranks weeds. — A man of knowledge that is either negligent or uncorrected cannot but grow wild and godless.

YOUTH PAGE**WEST TEXAS AND EASTERN NEW MEXICO YOUTH RALLY**

"West Texas and Eastern New Mexico Youth Rally" is the new name adopted for the rally in this area. The group met at Big Spring, Texas church on April 13, 1962 with approximately 95 in attendance. The following churches were represented: Snyder, Ralls, and Big Spring in Texas, and Lovington, New Mexico.

A special feature of the Rally was a number of songs by the Rowland Trio of Big Spring. Evangelist Floyd LaMunyon of Laverne, Oklahoma brought the message on the theme of the "High Cost of Living," pointing out the terrible cost of sin and its final consequence. It pays to serve God and costs to serve Satan.

The next rally will be May 4, 8:00 p.m. at the Ralls, Texas Apostolic Faith Church

Ellen Boyd, reporter.

TRI-STATE YOUTH RALLY

The Tri-State Youth Rally met at Prosperity, Missouri, on March 19, 1962. Singing was led by Bro. Ross Briles, pianist was Sis. Naomi Busch. Bro. Paul Shank, vice-president, was master of ceremonies. A good number was in attendance from seven churches of the Tri-State area. Bro. Bill Allen brought a very good message on accepting God by faith. The Tri-State churches have enjoyed having the Bible School students with them in the Rally Services the past three months. They will be missed at the coming rallies. The next Rally will be held at Granby, Missouri, the third Monday of April.

MIDWEST YOUTH RALLY

Youth Rally was held March 19, 1962 at Arnett, Oklahoma, with 83 in attendance from four churches. We enjoyed a testimony service and the special numbers from the churches attending. The attendance banner was given to the Laverne church. A pantomime, "The Great White Throne Judgment", was presented by the Arnett church. The pantomime was a picture of what

may be when we come before God in the day of judgment. Next Rally will be at Follett, Texas. April 23 on the hour of 8:00 p.m. Bro T. S. and Sis. Mary Abraham were visitors with us and may God be with them as they return to India to work among their people.

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION

With the close of the school term of the winter of 1962 my work came to an end in the school for the present. I will still attend to such business as is necessary until the incoming superintendent takes up his duties here. I will still pastor the church here until the close of the pastoral term which will be some time in July.

I have been in and out of the school for many years. When the thought of a Bible School was first advanced by Bro. Robert Parham I was with him in the two terms in the Bro. Charles Parham home. I helped also in the term in Wichita, Kansas. After that in different terms I have taught different subjects. My wife has also taught several terms. However, the incoming term will be one of our times "out of the school."

We wish every possible success to the School as it progresses. This is not a school to be lightly esteemed, but is worthy of our prayers, support and endorsement. May it ever have open doors to the eager and hungry souls who seek after God and His truth.

Pray for us that the Lord may have His way and lead us to the place where we can be of the most service to Him and bring the greatest glory to His name.

As always, with Christian love,
Gail Schultz.

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Sanford, returning thru Canada by way of Winnipeg. I visited many other institutions of deep religious thought and activity. In all this trip I was convinced that people had been truly sanctified and anointed with the Holy Ghost, but still I felt there was a mighty outpouring yet, for the church. On arriving at Topeka, Kansas, my home, I found that two holiness preachers had stolen my work from under me and I was virtually set out in the street. A number of my friends urged me to start a training school for ministers and christian workers. After a series of miracles in which God wonderfully supplied the means we secured "Stone's Folly", a magnificent mansion, located a little over a mile west of Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, which later became widely renowned because of the outpouring of Pentecost as the College of Bethel. To which we invited all ministers and christians who were willing to forsake all, sell what they had, give it away, and enter the school for study and prayer; where all of us together might trust God for food, fuel, rent, and clothing. The purpose of this school was to fit man and woman to go to the ends of the earth to preach "This Gospel of the Kingdom." Matt. 24; as a witness to all the world before the end of the age. Captain Tuttle, who with a few others of us, climbed to the topmost tower eighty seven feet from the ground, to dedicate the building to the above named purpose, had a vision, although he was not a man given to visions. But above the building he saw a lake of fresh water which began to overflow and continued until all the earth was refreshed with the coming of the water.

Our purpose in this Bible School was not to learn these things in our heads only but have each thing in the scripture wrought out in our hearts. And that every command that Jesus Christ gave should be literally

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obeyed. No one paid board or tuition, the poor were fed, the sick were entertained and healed, and from day to day, week to week, and month to month, with no sect or mission or known source of income back of us, God supplied our every need, and He was our all sufficiency in all things.

In December of 1899, we had had our examination upon the subject of repentance, conversion, consecration, sanctification, healing and the soon coming of the Lord. We had reached, in our studies, a problem. What about the 2nd chapter of Acts? I had felt for years that any missionary going to the foreign field should preach in the language of the natives. That if God had ever equipped His ministers in that way He could do it today. For if Balaam's mule could stop in the middle of the road and give the first preacher that went out for money a bawling out in Arabic that any one today ought to be able to speak in any language of the world if they had horse sense enough to let God use their tongue and throat. But still I believed that our experience should tally exactly with the Bible, and neither Sanctification nor the anointing that abideth taught by Stephen Merritt and others, tallied with the 2nd chapter of Acts. And having heard so many different religious bodies claiming different proof as evidence of their having the Pentecostal Baptism, I set the students at work studying more diligently what was the Bible evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. That we might go before the world with something that was indisputable because it tallied with the word, absolutely.

Leaving the school for three days at this task, I went to Kansas City for three days services. Returning to the school on the morning preceding Watch Night Services, in the year 1900, at about 10 o'clock in the morning. I rang the bell calling all the students into the Chapel

to get their report on the matter at hand. To my astonishment they all had the same story, that while there were different things occurred when the Pentecostal blessing fell that the indisputable proof on each occasion was, that they spake with other tongues. About 75 people beside the school which consisted of 40 students, had gathered for the Watch Night Service. A mighty spiritual power filled the entire school. At 10:30 p.m. Sister Agnes N. Ozman, (now La Berge) asked that hands might be laid upon her to receive the Holy Ghost as she hoped to go to foreign fields. At first I refused, not having the experience myself. Then being further pressed to do it humbly in the name of Jesus, I laid my hands upon her head and prayed. I had scarcely repeated three dozen sentences when a glory fell upon her, a halo seemed to surround her head and face and she began speaking in the Chinese language, and was unable to speak English for three days.

When she tried to write in English to tell us of her experience she wrote in Chinese, copies of which we still have in newspapers printed at that time. Seeing this marvelous manifestation of the restoration of Pentecostal power, we removed the beds from a dormitory on the upper floor, and there for two nights and three days we continued, as a school, to wait upon God. We felt that God was no respecter of persons and that what He had so graciously poured out upon one He would upon all. On the night of January 3rd, I preached at the Free-Methodist Church in the City of Topeka, telling them what had already happened, and that I expected on returning that the entire school would be baptized with the Holy Spirit. On returning to the second floor, and passing down along the corridor to the upper room, I heard most wonderful sounds, the door was slightly ajar, the room was lit with only coal-oil lamps; as I pushed open the door I found the room was filled with a sheen of white light above the brightness of the lamps, and twelve ministers who were in the school, of different denominations, were

filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking with other tongues. Some were sitting; some still kneeling, others standing with hands upraised. There was no violent physical manifestation, tho some trembled under the power of the glory that filled them.

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The Night

AND THE MORNING

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have vanished. Salvations morn will have been replaced by eternity's blessed day and the effect of those two contrasting events of long ago will be fully realized only in the limitless realms of eternity.

OUTSIDE THE CITY GATE

On a hill outside the city gate three crosses rose one day,
And on the one was God's own son a debt of love to pay;
Like roses red each drop He shed fell gently to the ground,
Salvations plan had come to man and reached the whole world round.

The middle cross upon the hill was yours and it was mine,
For on this ridge Christ did abridge from law to grace divine;
Like roses red each drop He shed fell gently to the ground,
Salvations plan had come to man and reached the whole world round.

Today outside the city gate no cross is there to see,
Yet pardon pure that will endure was purchased here for me;
Like roses red each drop He shed fell gently to the ground,
Salvations plan had come to man and reached the whole world round.

No cross could hold nor tomb corrupt the mighty 'Son of Man'
The empty tomb dispelled the gloom and proved the perfect plan;
Twas not in vain the drops did stain with red the barren ground,
Salvations plan had come to man and reached the whole world round. — L. L.

I never allow myself to begin the day without facing before God anything that has left me unhappy or distressed. —George Mueller

Report on Business Meeting

BAXTER SPRINGS — MARCH 28, 1962

On Wednesday March 28th a good number of ministers and church delegates met at Bible School Chapel to discuss the problems facing the Apostolic Faith Bible School. There was a very good attendance for this business meeting, and some ministers and delegates who could not attend wrote or expressed personally their opinions to members of the board of trustees.

The reason for this called meeting was the small enrollment at the School in the past two or three years, and how to find a remedy for this situation.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Olen Bachler, a member of the School Board of Trustees. After a few opening remarks by Bro. Bachler, he called the group to prayer, and all knelt before God and humbly and sincerely asked for His blessing and guidance to lead to the right decisions. After prayer Bro. Bachler outlined some of the problems and also some of the suggestions given to him by others for remedying these problems. The main points of discussion seemed to be whether the Bible School should continue with the customary winter term or whether a change of time for the School session might make it possible for more students to attend.

The meeting was opened for suggestions and discussion. Several people gave their views, and many good and helpful remarks were made. The advantages and disadvantages of the winter term, and of a fall term beginning in September, and of a summer term in June and July were all discussed at length. The summer term would probably be of shorter duration than the present session and would make it necessary to shorten the courses of lessons. It was also discussed whether or not it would be advisable to have two terms each year, the usual winter term, and in addition a shorter term for those who could come then. After much discussion a motion was of-

fered that no decision be made at this meeting but that the trustees decide the time for the school term. Along with the motion, the suggestion was made that the trustees could take into consideration the views expressed here and be guided by them.

This motion was seconded, voted upon, and passed by unanimous vote. The board of trustees then agreed to accept this responsibility providing the ministers and delegates present would express their preference between the three plans which had been under discussion. This was done by voting by a show of hands, with the following results: the most votes were for a fall term beginning in September; the second highest number of votes was for the winter term; the summer term received the smallest number of votes. The fall term received more votes than both other terms combined. It was understood by all present that this vote was only to help guide the trustees in their decision, and was in no way binding upon them. A vote was also taken on the suggestion that there be two terms each year, the regular winter session and also a summer session. There were 32 votes in favor and 18 opposed with a sizable number abstaining.

There was a very wonderful spirit of unity of purpose in this meeting, and brotherly love prevailed. God blessed the service with His presence and power. It seemed that the uppermost desire and aim of all those present was to be led by the divine Holy Spirit, and to do whatever was deemed best for the future of the Bible School. There was one point upon which all seemed to be in perfect agreement, and that was that the best solution to our problem is a return to the "old paths" with a reviving of our spiritual values, in our homes as well as in our churches. And when this was brought about, interest and attendance at Bible

School will increase accordingly. It was agreed that prayer and earnest waiting upon God, backed up with more work and effort on the part of ministry and laity alike, seems to be the best solution. Let us all take this responsibility unto ourselves and endeavor to see every phase of the work of God continue victoriously until Jesus comes.

NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible School announces that there will be a fall term of Bible School beginning some time in September. Dates for the term will be announced later, also a list of the faculty members.

The Board of Trustees are seriously considering the possibility of summer term for 1963 and an announcement will be made as soon as a definite decision has been reached.

NOTICE OF RETIREMENT

I wish to give notice that with the expiration of my present term of office, as a member of the Apostolic Faith Bible School board, I want to retire from this position and I will not be subject to re-election.

May I sincerely thank you, my many friends of our Movement, for the confidence you have placed in me as a board member for the past 17 years.

I want to assure you that my interest will still remain with the School and paper. My prayers and well wishes for the success of each of these enterprises will remain the same and may God's richest blessings rest upon those that carry the work on and forward.

May God bless you, Your Brother in Christ.

Otis Wade

NOTICE

Song sheet now available containing two new songs, "Since Christ Is Mine," and "Hiding Place," also a re-print of "Redemption Draweth Night." Sent on the free-will offering plan. Address: Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon, Box 334, Laverne, Okla.

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