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He is Risen!...

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A "Little" Fire?

We have often heard the phrase, "It only takes a spark to get a fire going." It's hard to imagine that such a small spark could eventually become a roaring blaze and cause great devastation and loss. In James the 3rd chapter our tongue is compared to a fire, a world of iniquity, that can defile the whole body. Let us consider these thoughts found in James 3:3-5, "Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, withersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" All of us at one time or another have said unkind words, even to those we love most. If only in those times we could remember the words found in Proverbs 15:1, "A SOFT answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." Many times we just add coals to the fire and make matters worse by our quick remarks. James 1:19 says, "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:" The next verse goes on to say that the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Many a friendship has been shipwrecked or lost by just a few idle words spoken at the wrong time. In Proverbs 15:23 we find these words, "A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!" It is the desire and prayer of those of us here at the office of The Apostolic Faith Report that every word printed in this paper will be a word spoken in due season.

Kevin D. Cornell

The Lord has once again given us the privilege of working with some of the students of the Apostolic Faith Bible College. This issue of the Report has been compiled and edited by the Evangelism Class. The Child and Youth Evangelism Class prepared the children's page. I want to

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thank all of the faculty and students of the Bible College for all of their help and cooperation during this 1981-1982 term of school. May God bless all of them as they prepare to labor in the fields that are white unto harvest.

Karen Oakes

Will the Iron Swim?

II Kings 6:1 through 7 tells us a story of a Bible School Elisha the Prophet was conducting. They had outgrown their facilities, and the "Sons of the Prophets" caught a vision of the need of new quarters for students of God's Word to study in and to live in. I would only presume that the roof was leaking, and maybe the buildings that once were adequate had become old and not fit to represent the "high calling of God." But the Bible tells us they had a vision to go to the River Jordan where logs were plentiful and build a new place for the training of the ministry.

They came to Elisha and said "Let us go." Elisha said (verse 2) "Go ye." Verse 3 says "Man of God go with us," and Elisha said "I will go."

Apparently they needed to borrow some tools to perform the work. But they went with purpose in their hearts to see the work done. One of the group found that there is always difficulty in performing what God led him to do. With all of his consecration and dedication, he lost his axe head. It was borrows! How can I replace the borrowed axe head? My work is defeated unless I find this tool. He came to the man of God and cried, "Help me! The axe was borrowed! I can't work! My purpose of being here is defeated! Help me, man of God!"

Elisha cut a branch and threw it into the water of Jordan. By God's Grace the iron did swim! The son of the prophet put his hand into the water and retrieved the axe head. Glory to God! This was a phenomenal experience. And God is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Our Bible School has seen times of plenty, times of mediocrity, and times of deep despondency. But I still believe the "Iron will swim!". Prophets of despair have said, "We are lost and shall never rise again. Let us give up and close the School for we are so small."

Our facilities need updating. We need a new cafeteria. The living quarters for our faculty need renovation. Very little has been spent on our buildings the last few years. The "old home" that has served us so faithfully for many years is in constant trouble with the fire code of Baxter Springs. We need God to burden more people for faculty members. The job is strenuous for some, but they are so willing to serve until help comes to share the burden. We need students! Not only the young, but there are many older people that need to anchor an experience in the Word of God.

Again I ask, "Will the iron swim?" Certainly it will! I am persuaded that when the "man of God" casts the branch into Jordan, the iron will swim. Zechariah 6:12 tells us "Behold the man whose name is the BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord." The BRANCH purchased this gospel of good news for us. James chapter 2 tells us that by faith and works we are made complete and acceptable to God.

Come to our General Business Meeting May 7 at 1:00 p.m. Let us pray and discuss our needs together. All of you come, if you want to share our burden.

The BRANCH is here! The iron will swim! The axe head has been found! Are you ready to work? **Roland E. Busch**

Friends in Christ,

I would like to share a little of how God has been taking care of us. I attended the Apostolic Faith Bible School the 1967 and 1968 terms. I grew up in the Hardesty, Okla., Mission Church of the Apostolic Faith. I now live on a small ranch in the mountains of Idaho with my wife Lin, two sons, Levi and Lance and our daughter, Leloni Joe. God is very real to us and has blessed us in many ways. The story about Levi is very special to us and we wanted to share it with you.

May God bless you,

Lon Blades

Route 1

Horseshoe Bend, Id.

I Believe in Miracles

by Lin Blades

Horseshoe Bend, Idaho

What a dreary Monday morning, I thought as I was getting my little boys up for the day. The living room showed the remains of company on Sunday and I was battling the flu, certainly not feeling like diving into my housework! I settled down into the recliner with my baby on my lap to enjoy the warm fire in our old pot-bellied stove. It was a cold November morning and the fire was enveloping the old farm house with its warmth. My husband, Lon and I live on a 500 acre farm nestled in the mountains of Idaho with our two sons. Levi was almost 3 then and Lance was 7 months.

The overstuffed rocker was pulled out away from the wall and Levi played in it happily. Suddenly he decided to stand up to rock and the chair tipped over, sliding the left side of his face down the side of that hot wood-burning stove. In a panic I threw Lancey to the floor and ran to free him from the scorching stove.

"No Lord, No!" I screamed in disbelief, "Not my Levi!" I felt a state of panic taking over my whole being as I ran for cold water cloths which he fought as I pressed them to his burning face.

I then ran to the phone. Who do I call? What should I do? We live 30 miles from the doctor, I thought, should I go? Questions kept flooding my mind. In a haste I telephoned my sister and told her what happened. Why I didn't know. She lived in town and couldn't possibly be of any help. I hung up and knew that I had to calm down. We needed to get moving so I telephoned our only neighbor. Praise the Lord she was home from school that day and free to sit with the baby. I then called our pediatrician to let them know we were on our way. Strapping Levi down in the back seat, and turning on the emergency lights, we proceeded over the mountains to town. I was so scared he would go into shock.

"Lord please give us a safe trip there," I silently prayed. Suddenly I saw someone waving their arms in the middle of the road. It was Lon! My sister had been able to find him on his job in town and he came to meet me. I pulled the car over, jumped into the back seat to hold Levi's head up, and to give him some much needed comfort for the first time.

After what seemed like an eternity, Lon pulled the car into the doctor's parking lot. Inside the nurse strapped Levi to a papoose board and scrubbed the black charred skin from his face. He was burned from the hairline to chin including

nose and lips on exactly one-half of his face. The doctor examined him and told us to scrub and peel the burn four times a day.

The few days that followed were nightmares. I couldn't bring myself to hold my little boy down to scrub the burn. Thank the Lord for a nurse mother and a nurse friend who lifted this burden from me. Every time I looked at Levi I cried. The guilt I carried for not putting the chair back in place was unbearable. Our little boy didn't even look the same. We just kept praying "heal him, Lord."

By the third day Levi's health was going down hill. We no longer could peel the burn, scabs had formed. I took him back to the doctor who said he now had pneumonia and also needed to see a plastic surgeon.

At the surgeon's office he explained that Levi needed surgery.

"His eye and lip may always be deformed!" the doctor said, "But we will need to try and correct it."

"How long will he be in the hospital?" I stammered.

"About three to four weeks at the very least!" was the unexpected reply. "He will need about three surgeries." My heart sank. The thought of leaving Levi in isolation at a strange place for a month sickened me. Plus the thought of no insurance didn't help.

Immediately I started calling relatives for prayer. Their local churches were notified along with the national prayer chains. Our own church's Women's Bible Study who had prayed for Levi before set up a prayer chain. Prayers were going up all over the country for him. I truly believed that anything was possible with God.

After shopping for some new sleepers and a soft curly red-headed doll, just like Levi, I left to be with Lancey while Lon cuddled him to sleep.

The next morning Lon had a long discussion with the doctors and expressed his concerns about the surgery. The doctors assured him that there wasn't any other way for the scabs to come off, except through surgery. They also explained how easily infection could set in. Lon was still uneasy about the surgeries and I was torn between decisions. Again we prayed for healing.

A few hours later the nurse came in to bathe Levi. As we held his little trembling hands, she proceeded to bathe the burn. When she put the washcloth to his face both Lon and I were astonished to see the scabs of the burn fall right off! Underneath them was the most beautiful pink skin I had ever seen. Both his eye and lip were released and Levi looked normal again. I didn't know whether to laugh or to cry, I think we did both! But above all I praised and thanked the Lord. The nurse ran to the phone and called the doctor whose only comment was "it's not possible."

Our little boy's three week stay in isolation turned out to be one night. A night I'll never forget. "Thank you for miracles Lord," I prayed. I knew now more than ever before that I truly believed in miracles.

MIRACLES

I know I am unworthy Lord

To be asking this of you,

But please send me a miracle

For I know your word is true.

I read it in my Bible

"Just ask and ye shall receive!"

So I'll pray this prayer dear Lord to you—

Send a miracle, I believe.

—Lin Blades

AF Report

AFBC News

The semester is swiftly passing by as the students have completed their mid-term tests and the choir tour to the South Texas churches. We scheduled a small break following choir tour to allow for a time of relaxing before concentrating on the last half of school. As for the close of this semester, we are planning Convocation Services again for the 5th and 6th of May. The General Meeting will be Friday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m. and the Graduation Service will be that evening at 7:00 p.m. We trust you will make plans to come and visit us at that time and share in these closing exercises.

Sincerely,
Lyndel Arnall
Superintendent

Boy's Dorm

Greetings to all, from the Bible School and just a few words of good report from the Men's Dormitory! Although we are small in number, the Lord is still blessing in great ways! It seems hard to believe that we have already completed one-half of this semester, but with the coming of mid-term tests also comes our choir tour and we are all looking forward to that.

During the past few weeks, we have enjoyed visits from Bro. Rene Hanes, from Follett, Tex., and from Bro. Steve Barker of Laverne. It is always good to have visitors here with us at the dorm.

The Holy Spirit continues to move and each student seems to be growing spiritually each week. Bro. Ted Barker held a revival meeting during the first part of March at Galena and many people received blessings. The Lord is just so good!

In the book of Joshua we read of a promise that God has made to us, and Jason and I have sort of adopted it for our "strength" scripture here at the dorm. It reads, "Be strong and of a good courage: be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." (Joshua 1:9) Truly He is a Mighty and Loving God! Please pray for us.

In Christ's Love,
Tim Barker

Girl's Dorm

This semester the girl's dorm is nothing less than wonderful. There is always a friend near by when you are feeling depressed or discouraged. I have become closer and learned to love each one of my fellow classmates in the dorm. A praise for the Lord is continually on our hearts as we work together.

One of the most requested songs in devotions every night is "Bind Us Together." The words seem to truly express the bond of love and friendship only Christ can bring.

There is no fear in talking about one's past or plans for the future. The excitement seems to build each day as we discover what the Lord has in store for us. Many have a road ahead of them that they know will be hard but with the love of Christ and the help of friends we'll all make it through.

There have been several revivals in the area that have helped to keep our mind on Christ and His wonderful gifts. Many victories have been achieved and goals have been met during this renewing of our lives.

I praise the Lord for the opportunity He has given me to be with such wonderful Christian friends. I will always remember and cherish these few short months of my life spent at Bible College and living in the girls dorm.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

With love,
Mary Turner

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ARTICLE VII Doctrine

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

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Creation and Formation.

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation.

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

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

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

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

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

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

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

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

Another Foot Washing Service Already?

The ladies gathered together one cold Sunday night to begin our part of the foot washing service. The Lord led us upstairs, to one of the Sunday School rooms where each chair faced one another. It's a steep stair case, and some were shaky as they climbed the stairs. Others were cold, and mentioned it was much warmer downstairs. "We don't do it this way, we always have our service on the choir stage," we could hear the comments as we trudged up the stairs. "It's late too, why didn't Bro. Andy have this earlier, so more people would stay?" "There's only 15 of us. So and so didn't stay, and so and so took her kids home, there's school tomorrow you know." Some thoughts that weren't expressed, "Hurry, let's get this over with so we can get home, I'm so tired."

The one bent dish pan sat off center in the middle of the room. A stack of towels toppled to one side. The water was luke warm, and I noticed, I brought over the towel that was beginning to unravel. If we hurried, we could be done and have every foot washed in 15 minutes.

Sometimes the "organizer" in me wants to run rampant, and I was sitting there wondering how we could do this so everyone would have their "turn" and no one would have their feelings hurt. Thank the Lord that He is a much better "organizer" than me. He began to speak softly to each of us and as prayers went up to the heavens, He began to warm the room, and more importantly thaw our cold, frozen hearts.

The Lord waited, He stilled us, He visited us. The room seemed warmer, the water cooler, we waited. The Holy Spirit began to move, and with tears filling the old bent dish pan, prayers went up and tenderly and prayerfully the feet of our sisters began to be washed. One by one we would move out, only after the Holy Spirit laid a need on our heart. Laughter joined our tears and we prayed and sang praises to our sweet Saviour.

I saw a daughter stoop and wash her Mama's feet, and the Mama pray those prayers that will carry that child on through the years. I felt that Mama give that little girl to God, and all the past hurts, and disappointments vanished in a moment. I know, I'm that Mama!

Two young mothers stopped to hug, and cry as they washed one another's feet and love was rekindled and friendship bonds were strengthened.

The atmosphere was charged with the presence of the God of the universe. Jesus was there with every tear, every prayer and every song. Hearts were mended, relationships restored, lives enriched. One dear lady through tears, said "Jesus knew what He was doing when He told us to wash one another's feet!"

Some said the water was warmer by the time the service was completed. The room was toasty, the stairs didn't seem near as steep, and the love that was cold and buried and busy, seemed strong and warm and we had TIME for one another.

Slow me down Lord. Let me stop and thank you for each precious blessing You have in store for me. Don't let me get too busy, too traditional, too afraid of tears, too afraid of emotionalism, too dependent on form and ritual, to let you be the Lord and ruler of my life.

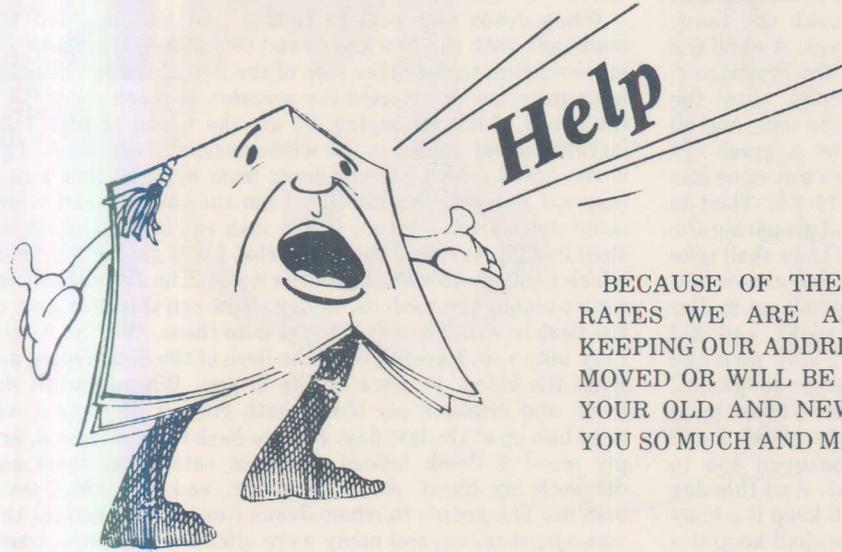
I thank The Lord of Heaven and Earth for His precious Son that died on Calvary for each of us. Let's bind ourselves together to lift high the Blood Stained Banner of Lord our Emmanuel. And draw close to our brothers and sisters in the Faith.

**Because of HIM,
Janice Perry, Taneyville**

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Easter

He
is
not
here:



for
He is
risen.

Matt. 28:6

Easter! This is much, much more than just a word. It is more than the end of the shivering, cold days of winter and the time to plant gardens and prune the shrubs. It is more than time to put away the winter clothing and to wear something new and summery. It is more than just the time when children can pull off their shoes and socks to go barefoot and to search for some brightly colored eggs or to search for a four leafed clover on a nice spring afternoon. Yes it is more, much, MUCH more.

The word is found only once in the scriptures and that is in the story of the time Peter was in prison and was so miraculously delivered, Acts 12:4. There the word, Easter, comes from the Greek Word translated elsewhere in the scriptures to be Passover. Easter is a Teutonic word of Saxon origin. It comes from the word, Estra, the goddess of spring, in whose honor sacrifices were offered about passover time each year. By the eighth century Anglo-Saxons had adopted the word to designate the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

The passover was first begun when Moses was preparing to lead the Children of Israel from Egypt to the Promised land. They had become slaves in Egypt and the Egyptian Pharaoh refused to allow them to even leave the land to offer sacrifices. Through Moses, God brought several plagues upon both the land of Egypt and the Egyptian people but Pharaoh's heart was still hardened against Israel. Then God told Moses to prepare His people to leave because He would bring one last plague upon the Egyptians and they would send Israel away, Exodus 11:1. The message Moses gave to his people reads, "And Moses said, Thus saith the Lord, About midnight will I go into the midst of Egypt: And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts. And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more." Exodus 11:4-6. Then in Exodus 12:1-6 are instructions in choosing and preparing the passover lamb and verses 7, 12-14 say, "And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all gods of Egypt will I execute judgment; I am the Lord. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever."

In Luke 22:1 we read that the passover and the feast of unleavened bread are both included in the name Passover. Then in the same chapter in verses 7, 8, 15-20 we read, "Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed. And He sent Peter and John saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.—And He said unto them, with desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall have come. And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: This do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

This Jesus, who desired to eat a last passover with His disciples, was called the Lamb of God by John the Baptist, John 1:29. "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto Him, and sayeth, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Peter tells us we are redeemed from our sins "with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot," I Peter 1:19. Jesus left His place at the throne of God and came to earth to become that Lamb of God, "Who gave Himself a ransom for all—," I Timothy 2:6. And in Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." Then Paul said in I Corinthians 5:7 that Christ is our passover. It is through His blood that we can have our sins blotted out and we need never fear death.

After Lazarus died and Jesus went to Bethany to awake him from that sleep (death), John 11:11, 14, "He said unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. —Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead." Later, Jesus was talking to Martha and said unto her, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:25, 26. In another place when Jesus had told His disciples that He was going away and to comfort them, He said, "—because I live, ye shall live also," John

When Jesus was still in Galilee and had just fed the multitude with the five loaves and two fishes, the multitude followed Him to the other side of the Sea of Galilee desiring more miracles. Jesus used the occasion to teach them He is the bread of life by saying, "I am the bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us His flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him." John 6:48-56. The people to whom Jesus was talking thought this was a hard saying and many were offended but Jesus wants us to let Him and His words to be such a part of us that we

realize our very life depends upon Him. We must live and move and have our being in Him.

Sometime later, when Jesus and His disciples were gathered together to eat the passover supper, "He said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And He took the cup and gave thanks, and said, Take this and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." Luke 22:15-20. In verse 17 Jesus took the cup He was officiating in the celebration of the passover feast which was not a part of the communion service which He introduced after the supper. Jesus was for the last time eating the Jewish passover and gave the entire contents of the paschal cup to His disciples. Then in verses 19 and 20 the Lord replaced the passover feast with the communion service as we know it today "in remembrance of Him." Before another passover feast, His redeeming death, the rending of the veil of the temple, His resurrection, the descent of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost and His ascension will have taken place and Jesus will have become our passover. The kingdom of God will have a new and glorious meaning to all who believe on His name.

Without a proper trial, to please the Jews, Pilate sentenced Jesus to death on the cross. After 6 hours of suffering untold agony on that cross Jesus "gave up the ghost." He was dying on the cross at precisely the same hour as the paschal lambs were being slain in the temple. But neither death nor the grave were able to keep Him. In John 10:17-18 Jesus said, "I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."

We read of the resurrection of Jesus in Luke 24:1-8 where it says, "Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered His words.." Both Matthew 28:1-6 and Mark 16:1-6 tell the same story as Luke, that the angels said, "He is not here, He is risen." The resurrection gives us hope that we might know we can live again and that through Christ eternal life can be ours.

A new and living way was prepared that morning when He came forth from the grave. The resurrection of Jesus is testimony in itself that He is different from all others who have been adored, worshipped and believed to be gods. All others who have received the adoration of men, including the virgin Mary, have died and are still in their graves awaiting the resurrection. Jesus died and was buried but on the third day arose from that grave and is alive forever

more. Jesus told John in Revelation 1:18, "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen;—"

It is most difficult for our human minds to comprehend the depth of our Lord's love and concern that He, the Eternal, took upon Himself the form of man whom He had created, and clothed Himself with mortality. He did it "that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil," Hebrews 2:14. Because of this we can rejoice in the words of Paul when he wrote, "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" I Corinthians 15:52-55.

The Padded Cross

Well, here I am, Lord. You said, "Take up your cross," and I'm here to do it. It's not easy, You know, this self denial thing. I mean to go through with it, though...yes, Sir. I'll bet you wish more people were willing to be disciples like me. I've counted the cost and surrendered my life, and it's not an easy road.

You mind if I look around over the crosses? I'd kind of like a new one. I'm not fussy, You understand, but a disciple has to be relevant these days.

I was wondering—are there any that are vinyl padded? I am thinking of attracting others—see? And if I could show them a comfortable cross, I'm sure I could win a lot more.

And I need something durable so I can treasure it always. Oh, is there one that's sort of flat so it would fit under my coat? One shouldn't be too obvious.

Funny, there doesn't seem to be much choice here—just that coarse rough wood. I mean, that would hurt. Don't You have something more distinctive, Lord? I can tell You right now, none of my friends are going to be impressed by this shoddy workmanship. They'll think I'm a nut or something. And my family will be just mortified. What's that? It's either one of these or forget the whole thing? But, Lord, I want to be Your disciple. I mean, just being with You, that's all that counts; but life has to have a balance, too. But You don't understand—nobody lives that way today! Who's going to be attracted by this self-denial bit? I mean, I want to, but let's not over do it. Start getting radical like this, and they'll have me off to the funny farm, know what I mean?

I mean, being a disciple is challenging and exciting and I want to do it; but I have some rights, You know. Now let's see—no blood, okay? I just can't stand the thought of that, Lord...Lord?

Jesus? Now, where do you suppose He went?

—quoted in *The Sword of the Lord*, January, 1976 from Carlyle Saylor in "Christian Deaf Fellowship"



Church News

April 1982

Hardesty, Okla.

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We recently completed a full year of ministry here at Hardesty Mission Church. God has been faithful in blessing our church family in so many ways. We have enjoyed the ministries of Dr. Wilfred Kent, Austin and Shirley Sutton, Roland and Lela Kathryn Busch, Kevin and Tina Cornell, and Tony and Barbara Jacobs. We have known the music ministries of Haskell and Jo Lee Cooley, The Harley Ballard Family, and the Bible College Choir. Thank God for His word received in song and sermon. We can testify of healings that have happened among us. Two members of our church have been healed of cancer. Praise God!! One lady has been healed of bleeding ulcers. God's handiwork is evident all about us. Most recently we were privileged to have Gary and Lori Kerr and Bill and Vicki Patterson ministering to us. During these services our church was blessed to see two of our young married people receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We know this can only mean good things for all of us at Hardesty Mission. Our young people are going to Colorado on March 12-14 for a ski-retreat. They will have fun as well as learning more of the Lord. We are thankful for the dedication of Kirby and Kay Beckwith and Bill and Vee Newman who are sponsors for this teenage class.

We had planned a tour to Israel this spring, but it did not materialize. Plans are now being made for a trip there in November. If you would like to see the Holy Land, please contact us at Box 133, Hardesty, Oklahoma 73944 or Elson Miller, Box 50, Hardesty, Oklahoma 73944. This will be an exciting time I'm sure.

We are looking forward to the months and years ahead being filled with blessings and exciting things from God. We have the ministries of Henry and Jo Pletcher and Calvin Springer scheduled for our church. The last year has been good, the future will be even better. Hallelujah!!

*Ollie L. Kinser
Pastor-Hardesty Mission Church*

Union Chapel Church

The church is being greatly blessed by the ministry of Rev. Johnny Arnall, Kathy, Teresa, and Johnna. Johnny's sermons are filled with helps for our spiritual growth. Kathy's and the girls' songs are a great inspiration, too.

We have had several visitors the past few months and are glad for all who have come. We hope many more will come. The visitors who have been here are Otto and Naomi Busch, Danny Robinson, Kevin and Tena Cornell, Gilbert Cook's singing group, Carol Oakes' singing group, and the Hindes' family.

Pray that our church will continue to grow spiritually and fill the needs of the community.

Crosses Arkansas

We are thankful for the beautiful weather we've had recently. We have been unable to have services several times since Christmas due to the bad weather. When we get snow here people have to stay home because of the icy mountain roads.

We had a Valentine's Banquet on Feb. 14th, with the theme of "God's Love For Us." Everyone enjoyed the good meal and the fellowship.

We are so thankful for our sons and their wives here. They have really been a blessing to the church. They have started children's church and youth services which I feel is creating a lot of interest. They have also recently felt a burden to put out a church news letter twice a month, and they're doing a very good job.

Tony and Barbara Jacobs from the Bible College were visiting Tony's family the weekend of the 21st of February, and were in our Sunday morning services. We enjoyed their testimonies and a duet they presented.

We have been encouraged with our church attendance lately. We just pray it will continue to improve. Thank you all for your prayers for us.

*Reporter:
Loretta Haney
Pastor:
Roland Haney*

Spearmen, Texas

Greetings to our fellow laborers in Christ. We thank the Lord for His goodness and mercy.

Our church has been praying for revival and we are looking forward to Bro. Donald Dibbens coming. We need to be encouraged and keep our eyes on the goal.

Sunday morning, Jan. 31, 1982, we enjoyed having Denese Berner Kellum and her son Desley with us in service. Denese sang "Unworthy" for us. Feb. 3, 1982, Sis. Helen Dickson had surgery and is doing well. She needs our prayers for strength.

Sunday night, March 6, 1982, we had a pleasant surprise. Bro. and Sis. Otto Busch from Baxter Springs, Ks. were in service with us. Sis. Busch sang for us, "Touching Jesus," and Bro. Busch brought the message for us.

It's good to have our fellow ministers to come by anytime. I'd like to leave a thought in closing;

We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.

Leland Grimmer-Pastor

Range Missionary Group

We have counted it a privilege to work for the Lord in a small way during the past year 1981. Each meeting we have a devotional and time of prayer. We also send cards to different ones throughout the year.

This year we were able to make a trip to Cal Farleys Boys Ranch using the Hardesty Apostolic Faith Church bus, which was enjoyed by all. In November we were visited by missionary Naomi Sauter of Sells, Arizona. She presented slides on her work on the Papaga and Navajo Indian Reservations. Everyone enjoyed her visit.

We were able to send boxes and needed articles to several places. They included: Senior Village, Perryton, Texas; Dunaway Manor, Guymon, Okla.; Cal Farleys Boys Ranch;

Guymon Mission; Salvation Army; Girls Town, Borger, Texas; Don Russell's Orphans Home, Reynosa, Mexico; Missionary Saulter, Sells, Arizona. The total number of items sent were; 130 boxes of clothing, 213 quilts, 16 baby quilts, 64 pillows, 34 laprobes, 9 boxes of shoes and purses; 38 pkgs. candy; 210 pkg. gum; also stuffed animals, toys, dishes, cooking utensils, bedding, food and money for V.B.S.

Some of our ladies have been sick and we desire your prayers for them. We also desire your prayers as we labor for the Master.

Mrs. Herman James

Youth Workers Available

Beginning the week of May 16, we will be available to conduct or help in V.B.S., children's crusades, youth services and youth camps. We desire your prayers as we endeavor to do God's will. We feel a burden for this type of work and desire His leadership.

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Lord, how many times have I quenched the Spirit?!
More times than I've let Him work, I'm afraid.
So many times you wanted to use me,
But, instead of listening, I so quickly disobeyed!
There were times when I woke with someone on my mind;
You softly said, "Tell them you love them,"
But I said, "I'll do it another time!"
I remember days when someone did me wrong;
You said, "Just forgive and forget, my child."
But I wanted revenge to go on and on,
So I told a friend how ugly I'd been treated
Because I needed someone to understand, you know,
Then I heard you whisper, "Remember how they
treated me long, long ago."
I recall times of sorrow when comfort you
would send my way
If only I would yield to you, so much brighter
would be my day.
But I kept it all inside me and said, "I'll
let it go when I'm ready to."
You said, "Let me have it, for I have a
work for you to do."
Quenching the Spirit; yes I've done it often;
But I pray now for my will to soften,
and when I fail to do your bidding
Chastise me sore, so I'll know you're not kidding.
For His work is serious business
and I want to do as He pleases.
So, may this be a lesson for all of us to learn
let the Spirit move and comfort and give
a forgiving heart
Then I'll know the peace and joy that
Jesus gives, and Satan can't tear us apart.

Donna Kinser



Mrs. Myrtle (Files) Fullbright

Mrs. Myrtle (Files) Fullbright was born on Jan. 7, 1901 at Navajo, Okla. Her parents, Daniel and Minty Files, came to Ochiltree County with their children for a short time when she was 5 months but soon returned to Oklahoma. When Myrtle was 7 years old the family moved to Nobeetie, Tx., where she made a commitment to Christ at age 13 and where she lived until her marriage to Ralph Fullbright on March 2, 1919.

In 1920, Ralph & Myrtle Fullbright moved to Spearman, Texas, and settled on a farm southeast of town for two years. When the Union Church was built in 1921, it became the home church of the family. For a few years the Fullbrights lived 17 miles north of Spearman where they started a Sunday School and church services.

The Fullbrights had six children-Mrs. Edith Pipkin of Spearman, Texas, Orville Fullbright of Amarillo, Texas, Mrs. Edna Scroggs of Waco, Texas, Dr. Wilbur Fullbright of Boston, Massachusetts, Mrs. Ethel Depew of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Mrs. Reba Joy Banks of Hardesty, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Fullbright attended Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas, in 1946, after which she became a pastor and an evangelist, holding meetings in Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, and Missouri. After her husband's death in 1958, she served for a time as pastor of the Range, Okla., Community Church. During most of her adult life she taught a Sunday School class.

Mrs. Fullbright went to sleep in the Lord on Feb. 4, 1982. Her funeral was on Sunday the 7th of Feb. Steve Rogers preached the funeral and Jacob C. Regier read the obituary and made comments of her life. The choir sang two songs, "Blessed Assurance" and "What A Friend." Eddie Gail Martin sang "What A Day That Will Be."

She leaves behind six children, 22 grandchildren, and 38 great-grandchildren, two sisters, Gertrude Jeffreys of Stephenville, Texas, and Mrs. Dillie Dixon of Big Springs, Texas, and a host of other relatives and friends.



THE EAGLE

Mrs. E.A. Greever

Recently in the wildlife magazines and newspaper items I have enjoyed the stories of people who have studied the life goings and doings of the Bald Eagle that our forefathers in 1782 chose as the centerpiece in the seal of the United States, the national symbol of our homeland we dearly love, where we can still worship God according to the dictates of our hearts. 1982 is the 200th anniversary.

They tell us the flight, freedom and courage of the eagle is an enduring symbol. Eyes large and pale, also a fierce look denotes independence. They can see a small creature one mile away, and as for freedom can soar so high with their 7½ ft. wingspan they can scarcely be seen by mortal eye. The King of birds.

Being so forcibly impressed by these articles I was made more and more to see what God has promised to all who will completely surrender their life unto Him, and I trust what I see, feel and know will as I use my pen be a blessing to others.

We are made Kings and Priests unto God being washed by the blood of Jesus, and in Rev. 5th chapter we are told we will reign with Him. An heir of God and joint heir with Christ if so be we suffer with Him that we may also be glorified together. Romans 8:17.

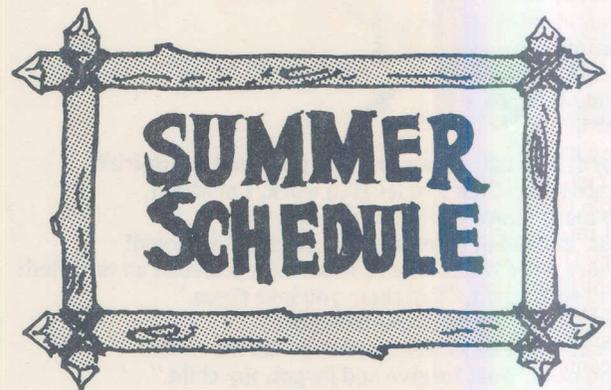
They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isa. 40:31. In prayer and supplication we wait upon the Lord for His orders then move at His command, He gives strength, courage and deliverance from any force of the enemy that comes against us, for our weapons are not carnal but mighty through God, 2nd Cor. 10:4. I've found this to be true when sickness laid me low. Fully trusting Him (and nothing else) for over 60 years He has brought strength, courage and deliverance. A half way trust will not work. A double minded man is unstable in all of his ways. James 1:8. Please read Psalms 103:1-5. In verse 5 we are told youth is renewed like the eagles.

Before Jesus went away He told us to "be ready," that He was coming back for us, and now having our sins blotted out and the sin nature cleansed by Jesus' blood we are anxiously awaiting that day. And how will we go? I'm sure as on wings of eagles. The holy dead in Christ come forth from the grave and the living ones who are holy will be caught up together to meet Him in the air. I Thess. 4:16-17. Before that great and notable day we read of some flights.

In the 12th chapter of Revelations we read of the woman (church) during the first 3½ years of trouble in travail to be delivered of child. In Chapter 14 we are told her child was caught up unto God and His throne.

John, on the isle of Patmos, Rev. 14:1, looked and lo a lamb (Jesus) stood on the Mt. Zion and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand (this child). How did they go? I would think as Jesus went back to heaven or as we might say, on wings as of an eagle. After being delivered of this child, being the first fruits unto God, this woman (the holy church) was given two wings of a great eagle that she might fly into the wilderness in her place where she is nourished for a time, times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent (Satan), the last three and half years before Christ's return.

As we read in Proverbs 30:19 of the eagle in the air being a great wonder, what a wonder the flights of God's people is to me. We can only see through a glass darkly now but then face to face. What a wonderful miracle working God who can change we creatures of dust, making us a new creature in Christ Jesus, giving us the life now is and that that is to come (Eternal). Praise his wonderful name. May the dear Lord help us to be faithful until that day.



Youth Camps

Panhandle Youth Camp June 7-11
Laverne, Oklahoma

4-State Youth Camp June 13-18
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Pine Crest Youth Camp
June 26-July 2 Quitman, Mississippi

Lost Pines Youth Camp June 4-11
Warda, Texas

Camp Meeting 1982 Laverne, Ok.
July 22-29

Kids of the Kingdom



Have you ever been frightened? Well, I'm pretty sure you have. I have been afraid lots of times, and I think probably everyone has been scared of something at one time or another. But even though everyone has feared something at sometime we don't always like to admit what we are afraid of. Like being frightened by a big dog. To some it may seem silly so we won't tell them if we are afraid. And sometimes we don't like to tell others if we are afraid of the dark.

Well, no matter how silly other people think my fears are; I can still tell Someone who will never think I'm silly. And He not only hears and understands, but He also takes care of everything so I'm not afraid anymore. Jesus is the One I tell all my fears to, and He can help you too when you are afraid just like He helped the disciples many, many years ago when they had been frightened.

Yes, even Jesus' own disciples became frightened. In the Bible (Mark 4:35-41) we read where Jesus and His disciples got into a ship to sail to the other side of the lake. Jesus was very tired, and after He and His disciples began to sail, He went to another part of the ship and fell asleep. Suddenly, a big storm hit. The wind blew strong and the waves began to beat on the ship until it was full of water. The disciples became very afraid, and they went to Jesus. Jesus was still asleep on a pillow so they woke Him and said, "Master, carest thou not that we perish?" In other words they were saying-Master don't you care that we are going to be badly hurt, maybe even die? Well, Jesus did care. He got up and told the wind and the water to stop. He said, "Peace, be still." And the wind quit blowing and the waves stopped and everything was calm. Jesus then asked the disciples why they had been so afraid.

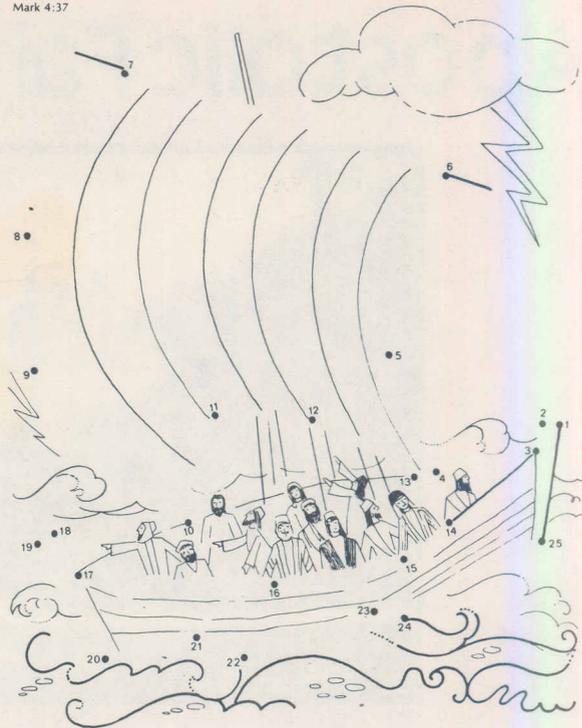
So see, even Jesus' disciples were afraid at times even when He was right there with them. Now Jesus did not fear because He knew everything would be alright, but because He cared for His disciples and didn't want them to be afraid. He listened to them and calmed the storm. Jesus cares for us too, and doesn't want us to be frightened of anything. If we are His children, we can pray to God when we are afraid and He will hear us and help us. Jesus is with us still today and so we shouldn't fear. But if we do become frightened we can always go to Jesus and He will help take the fear away.

Here is a promise found in the Bible that you might want to memorize so that when you become frightened, if Jesus lives in your heart, you can think of this scripture and not be afraid.

Psalm 34:4-I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

This story was written by *Carrie Reed*.

Mark 4:37



The _____ was tossed
about in the storm.

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Prayer

Do you pray naturally just like you talk to a friend? That's just what prayer is, getting close, talking and listening and at times just quietly feeling the presence of your best friend. Of course some of us develop church prayers, voice and language. Some of us feel we aren't really praying unless we are blessed and excited, but everyday praying is important. Everyday praying is the ground work which church praying and excited praying must have. Everyday praying is just visiting with God, telling Him your troubles, listening for His voice and looking for His will. This kind of praying will not be strange or nervous, but just natural. This means you can talk over everything with God in everyday terms. He understands. After talking to Him stay a little longer and listen for His answers. He will give what you need.

Maple Phares
Enid, Okla.

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Wed. May 5—9:00 a.m. Prayer
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2:00 p.m. Afternoon Service
8:00 p.m. Evening Service

Thurs. May 6—9:00 a.m. Prayer
10:00 a.m. Bible Lesson
2:00 p.m. Afternoon Service
8:00 p.m. Choir & Homecoming

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