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*This Book Contains:
The Word of God.
The Way of Redemption,
The Doom of Sinners,
and The Happiness
of Believers.*

*Its Doctrine is Holy.
Its Precepts are Binding.
Its Histories are True.
and Its Decisions
are Immutable.*

*Read It To Be Wise.
Believe It to be Pure,
Live it to be Holy.
Trust it to be True.*

*It contains light
to direct you.
Food to sustain you.
Faith to uplift you,
and comfort to
cheer you.*

*It is the travellers map.
The pilots compass.
The soldiers sword.
The pilgrims staff,
and the believers character.*

*In it heaven is opened.
The gates of hell disclosed.
The law and messiah
its subjects. Our good its
design, and the Glory
of God its end.*

*It should fill the memory.
Cleanse the soul.
Rule the heart, and
Always guide the feet.*

*Read it slowly,
fervently and
prayerfully.*

*It is a mine of wealth.
A river of pleasure,
and a treasure of hope.*

*It is given you
here in this life,
so that you may know
your Creator, and
reap its blessings.*

*It will be opened
at the judgment,
and its words are
established forever.*



(Author Unknown)

MY OLD BIBLE

Though the cover is worn,
And the pages are torn,
And though places bear traces of tears.
Yet more precious than gold
Is the Book, worn and old,
That can shatter and scatter my fears.

When I prayerfully look
In the precious old Book,
Many pleasures and treasures I see,
Many tokens of love
From the Father above,
Who is nearest and dearest to me.

This old Book is my guide,
'Tis a friend by my side,
It will lighten and brighten my way;
And each promise I find
Soothes and gladdens my mind
As I read it and heed it today.

— Selected..

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It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who have accepted Him as their personal Savior. 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. The 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 Savior, 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 the 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, Matt. 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.

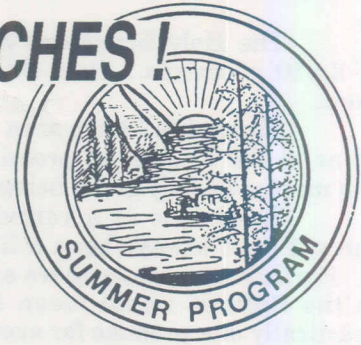
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These doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not in consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.



ATTENTION CHURCHES!

VBS and YOUTH CAMP WORKERS AFBC STUDENTS



The student team is being trained and equipped during the class entitled "Administration of Christian Education". Our objectives are to reach children for Christ, and teach them Bible truths. The proposed theme for this summer is "Heroes of Faith" taken from Hebrews Chapter 11. We hope to be a blessing to those who have blessed us and supported our Bible School. This opportunity will give our students hands on experience in such areas of ministry as: teaching under the anointing, leading children to Christ, and trusting the Lord to supply their needs.

Last summer as a pilot project our students and faculty participated in five Vacation Bible Schools and two Youth Camps. We enjoyed a measure of success and have high hopes for this coming year.

The team could be available as early as May 9th, however, we may only be available for a limited time. If you are interested or would like more information call AFBC at (316) 856-3283 and ask for Paul Morrison, or write to AFBC Summer Outreach, P. O. Box 110, Baxter Springs, KS. 66713.

THE INDESTRUCTIBLE JEW

William Gladstone was asked to tell his reason for believing in the inspiration of the Bible. He replied, "The Jew."

There are in the world today twelve million Jews. They trace their genealogy back nearly four thousand years to Abraham, a Middle Eastern nomad.

Their continuance through forty centuries as an entity, unassimilated into other races. makes the Jews a unique people

Through the centuries, the Jews have been savagely persecuted, and great numbers of them have been liquidated. Heartless tyrants have sought their extirpation from the earth. Genocide, or racial destruction, was the avowed fiendish purpose of Hitler when six million Jews perished in his incinerators.

Still, the Jew lives. He is indestructible. The Bible says, "Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever" (Jer. 31: 35-36)

As a race, the Jews have placed an ineradicable mark on human history, especially in the moral and religious life of mankind. From the Jews came the world's greatest religions—Juda-

ism and Christianity.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee" (Ps. 122:6).

ORODUS OR MALODOROUS—WHICH?

The Bible says "Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend" (Prov. 27:9).

As unbelievable as it may seem, New York City cab drivers spend a whopping fifteen million dollars on colognes annually. Alexander the Great wore perfumed tunics. Napoleon emptied almost sixty bottles of *eau de Cologne* over himself in a month.

The word "perfume" is derived from the latin *per* and *fumare* which roughly translated means "to smoke." The word originally referred to the incense burned by the ancient Greeks and Romans in their religious ceremonies.

In the thirtieth chapter of Exodus, two formulas are given—one for the anointing oil and the other for a perfume—both of which were to be used solely for religious purposes and only by the tabernacle priests.

From each life there emanates an influence which is either odorous or malodorous, either magnetic or repellent.

In speaking of the influence of God's children, Paul said, "For we are unto god a sweet savour of Christ" (II Cor. 2:15).

The Holy Scriptures contain a grand total of 8,810 promises. How do I know? I counted them.

All my life I have seen various figures quoted as to the number of promises in the Bible, the one most generally given being 30,000.

Since this is a round number with four zeros, I have always been a little suspicious about it. Furthermore, since there are only 31,101 verses in the Bible it would mean that there would be practically one promise for every verse.

I do not guarantee my count to be perfect, but it is the most accurate I know of.

The Bible contains eight kinds of promises. There are 7,487 promises that God has given to man. This is about 85 percent of all the promises in the Bible.

There are almost 1,000 instances recorded - 991 to be exact - in which one person makes a promise to another person. This is some 11 percent of all the promises in the Scriptures. An example is the promise made by the Chaldeans to King Nebuchadnezzar: "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation of it" (Daniel 2:7).

There are also 290 promises made by man to God. The majority of these - 235 of them - are to be bound in the psalms, such as, "O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth thy praise" (51:15).

There are 28 promises that were made by angels. Most of these, 23 of them, are found in Luke. One example is the promise made by the angel to the women at Jesus' tomb: "Behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him" (Matthew 28:7).

Two promises were made by an evil spirit. "Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will entice him..." (2 Chronicles 18:20-21).

There are also two promises made by God the Father to God the Son, and one made by a man to an angel.

One of the 66 books of the Bible has no promises at all, Titus (unless you count Titus 1:2 which antedates creation). Seventeen others contain less than 10 promises each. Even such an outstanding book as Ephesians has only six promises.

The New Testament has 1,104 promises; the Old Testament 7,706. This means that seven out of every eight promises are to be found in the Old Testament. You cannot afford to skip the Old Testament when you read your Bible.

Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel have over 1,000 promises each, a total of 3,086 in the three

books, or more than one third (35 percent) of all the promises in the Bible. Most of them are of a prophetic nature: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel" (Isaiah 7).

Many verses have more than one promise. Here is a verse with four: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

Another verse has five promises: "Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner; but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished" (Isaiah 51:6).

The chapter with the most promises is Deuteronomy 28. These 133 promises refer to the blessings and cursings God promised the Israelites when they would reach Canaan, according to whether they would obey or disobey His commands.

A somewhat similar chapter is Leviticus 26, which has 94 promises, three-fourths of all the promises in the book.

The most outstanding chapter, as far as promises are concerned, is Psalm 37. Practically every verse in it is a most precious promise. Here are some of these 43 wonderful promises:

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart; (verse 4).

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass: (verse 5).

"The meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace" (verse 11).

Last year I read the Bible through for the fifty-third time; but the time I read it counting the promises was one of the most precious. Time after time I have had to agree with Solomon: "There hath not failed one word of all his good promise. (1 Kings 8:56).

The question as to which are the greatest promises is one about which there would be a difference of opinion. But if I were permitted to claim only six promise, I would choose the following:

The Promise of salvation: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" Rom. 10:9.

The promise of answered prayer: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" John 15:7.

THE BIBLE HAS 8,810 PROMISES

The promise of temporal help: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" Matthew 6:33.

The promise of sustaining strength: As thy days, so shall thy strength be" Deuteronomy 33:25.

The promise of heaven: "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also" John 14:3.

THE PROMISES are ours for the asking-7,487 of them made by God himself. They are waiting for us to test and prove them. We go to church and sing, "Standing on the promises," but most of us are simply sitting on them!

These are perilous times in which we are living. Recent developments in many lands emphasize this only too clearly. But the reply that Judson gave his mission board when they inquired about the prospects for the future in Burma is still true for all of us: "The future is as bright as the promises of God."

You can count on the promises of God. Why not try some of them and see for yourself?

REPRINTED FROM EMPHASIS ON FAITH AND LIVING.

GUIDANCE UNFORGOTTEN. . .

*In faith, O Lord, You guided me
through every day of the year;
Come blinding storm, come doubt or
pain,
Your hand was always near.*

*The year was long, each day unknown,
Till I had trod it through;
But ever did I walk secure
Because You walked there too.*

*That year is past and all its days,
Now finished, lie behind;
But reaching out ahead of me
A strange new year I find.*

*So strange, untried, these newer days;
but Lord, I have no fear,
For I know well that every hour
Your presence will be near.*

Could this be THE YEAR
When our Jesus comes again?
Could this be THE YEAR
When He puts an end to sin?
Could this be THE YEAR
When our proving time is through?
If this should be THE YEAR,
What will it mean for you?

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"The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

Two missionaries in Malaya walked to a distant village for some money which had been sent to a bank for them. When they were returning to their station, night overtook them. They prayed and committed themselves to God. Then they lay down to sleep on a lonely hillside. Some weeks later a man came to the mission hospital for treatment. He looked intently at the missionary doctor. "I have seen you before," he said. "No, I don't think we have met before," said the doctor. "but we have met before! You were sleeping one night on a hillside. Several of us saw you withdraw some money from the bank. We followed you intending to rob you when it was dark. We didn't do it when we saw the soldiers surrounding you! "Soldiers!" exclaimed the missionary. "There were no soldiers with us!" The bandit said, "but there were soldiers with you—16 of them. Their swords were drawn. We were filled with fear and went silently away!"

"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them" (Psalm 34:7)

Watch your thoughts,
They become **words**;

Watch your *words*,
They become **actions**;

Watch your *actions*,
They become **habits**;

Watch your *habits*,
They become **character**;

Watch your *character*,
For it becomes your **destiny**.

+Author Unknown

THE CHURCH WALK

The Church and the World walked far apart
on the changing shore of time.
The world was singing a giddy song,
and Church a hymn sublime.
"Come, give me your hand," said the merry World,
"And then walk with me this way,"
But the good Church hid her snowy hand and
solemnly answered - - "Nay;"
"I will not give my hand at all,
and I will not walk with you;
Your way is the way of eternal death,
and your words are all untrue."
"Nay, walk with me a little space,"
said the World with a kindly air,
"The road I walk is a pleasant road,
and the sun shines always there."
"Your way is narrow and thorny and rough,
while mine is flowerly and smooth;
Your lot is sad with reproach and toil,
but in rounds of joy I move,
My way you can see, is a broad fair one,
and my gate is high and wide;
There is room enough for you and me, and we'll
travel side by side."
Half shyly the Church approached the World,
and gave him her hand of snow;
And the false World grasped it and walked along,
And whispered in accents low,
"Your dress is too simple; to please my taste;
I have gold and pearls to wear;
rich velvets and silks for your graceful form,
and diamonds to deck your hair."
The Church looked down at the plain white robes,
and then at the dazzling World,
and blushed as she saw his handsome lip,
with a smile contemptuous curled;
"I will change my dress for a costlier one," said the
Church with a smile of grace;
Then her pure white garments drifted away,
and the world gave in their place,
Beautiful satins, and fashionable silks,
and roses and gems and pearls;
And over her forehead her bright hair fell
and waved in a thousand curls.
"Your house is too plain," said the proud World,
"Let us build you one like mine,
With kitchen for feasting and parlor for play,
and furniture ever so fine."
So he built her a costly and beautiful house - -
splended it was to behold;
Her sons and her daughters met frequently there,
shining in purple and gold.
And fair and festival - - frolics untold,
were held in the place of prayer;
And maidens bewitching as sirens of ole,

13 He that hath an
ear, let him hear what
the Spirit saith unto
the churches.

14 And unto the angel
of the church of the
Laodiceans write;
These things saith the
Amen, the faithful and
true witness, the
beginning of the crea-
tion of God;

15 I know thy works,
that thou art neither
cold no hot: I would
thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because
thou art lukewarm, and
neither cold nor
hot, I will spue thee
out of my mouth.

17 Because thou
sayest, I am rich, and
increased with goods,
and have need of noth-
ing; and knowest not
that thou art
wretched, and miser-
able, and poor, and
blind, and naked:

18 I counsel the to
buy of me gold tried in
the fire, that thou
mayest be rich;

Bedecked with fair;
untrammelled
To beguile and amuse
Some help for
The angel of mercy
and whisper
Then the Church

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But some were availed
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And then said the
"Your much-loved
Merely indulgent

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And smiled, and
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ness do not appear;
and anoint thine eyes
with eyesalve, that
thou mayest see.

19 As many as I love,
I rebuke and chasten:
be zealous therefore
and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at
the door, and knock: if
any man hear my
voice, and open the
door, I will come in to
him, and will sup with
him, and he with me.

21 To him that over-
cometh will grant to
sit with me in my
throne, even as I also
overcame, and am sat
down with my Father
in his throne.

22 He that hath an
ear, let him hear what
the Spirit saith unto
the churches.

Revelations
3: 13-22

with world-winning graces rare.
And preaching and singing and floral display
soon proclaimed a gospel new.
"You give too much to the poor," said the World,
"far more than you ought to do;
Though the poor need shelter, food and clothes,
why thus need it trouble you?
Go take your money and buy rich robes
and autos rich and fine;
And pearls and jewels and dainty food,
the rarest and costliest wine.
My children they dote on all such things,
and if you their love would win,
You must do as they do, and walk in the way,
the flowery way they're in."
Then the Church her purse strings tightly held,
and gracefully lowered head,
And simpered, "I've given too much away,
I will do, sir, as you have said."
So the poor were turned from the door in scorn,
she heard not the orphan's cry;
And she drew her beautiful robes aside
as the widows went weeping by.
And they of the Church, and they of the World
journeyed closely, hand and heart,
And none but the MASTER, WHO KNOWETH
ALL, COULD DISCERN THE TWO APART.
Then the Church sat down at her ease and said,
"I'm rich and in goods increased.
I have need of nothing, and naught to do,
but to laugh and dance and feast."
The sly World heard her and laughed within,
and mockingly said aside,
"The Church has fallen--the beautiful Church,
her shame is her boast and pride."
Thus her witnessing power, alas, was lost,
and perilous times came in;
The times of the end, so often foretold,
of form and pleasure and sin.
Then the angel drew near the mercy-seat,
and whispered in sighs her name,
And the saints their anthems of rapture hushed,
and covered their heads with shame.
A voice came down from the hush of heaven,
from Him who sat on the throne;
"I know thy works and what thou hast said,
but alas! thou hast not known,
That thou art poor and naked and blind,
with pride and ruin enthralled;
The expectant Bride of heavenly Groom
is the harlot of the World!
Thou has ceased to watch for that blessed hope,
has fallen from zeal and grace.
So now, alas! I must cast thee out, and blot thy
name from its place."

At the foot of the hill near the end of Main Street in my home town is a place we call the Snack Bar. It is a popular spot, especially with the teen-age crowd. They stop by at all hours of the day for a bite to eat, but this establishment does not serve full meals. Growing boys and girls order hot dogs and cokes, which fill the hollow in their stomachs but do not provide a balanced diet.

Many of us use our Bibles as the teen-agers use this eating place—just for snacks. But this is not the proper way to read the Word of God. We cannot select a Scripture verse at random and always get its full meaning.

I once knew a woman who boasted that she read a Bible verse every morning before she began her day's work. This is a commendable habit, but her method of selection was rather haphazard. She merely opened her Bible and read whatever verse she happened to see first.

Suppose this verse caught her glance: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (I Cor. 3:6). Her good habit would be unbroken, but would this one verse really teach her anything? Would it comfort or inspire her? If she read the preceding verses and those following, she would learn that we are laborers together with God, that it is the minister who *plants* the seed (of Faith) and waters it, but that only God can actually save the lost sinner.

Perhaps her Book opened at this verse: "And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7). This Scripture contains comfort and reassurance—but only on certain conditions. The peace of God is not for all men. It is only for those who "Stand fast in the Lord" (vs. 1), those who "by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving" let their requests be known to God (vs. 6), and those brethren who think on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report (vs. 8).

If her Bible should fall open to I Timothy 1:15, my friend would read: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

Taken by itself, one might say that this verse proves that all sinners will be saved; therefore, we need not worry. But we know here, too, there is a condition to be met. We must read more to learn *how* Christ came into the world, what He *did* to save sinners, and what the *sinner* must do.

"And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him. that he may be ashamed." This verse from II Thessalonians 3:14 would seem to justify our "washing our hands" of one who does not live according to God's Word—that is *if* we read no further. But the next verse tells us to "count him not

Is Your Bible A Snack Bar?

... by Evelyn P. Johnson

as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother" (vs.15).

True, there are many Scripture verses that offer instruction and edification when read singly. These verses, like hot dogs and cokes, fill the void temporarily; but how much more satisfying the meal would be if we really *studied* the Bible as we read it, thus learning more about the God who loved us so much that He sacrificed His only begotten Son that we might share heaven with Him! Why settle for snacks when a feast awaits us if we will only search the Scriptures diligently and prayerfully?

—The Lighted Pathway

Dear Friends of the Faith,

We do enjoy the paper. The good news of the Gospel. Spiritual food is what we receive from the paper.

The Undenominational Church of Longdale, Oklahoma has really grown. Matt has baptised 100 at Canton Lake since we've had the church. We resigned from the Apostolic Church at Shattuck, Oklahoma in January of 1982. The very next Sunday we took the church at Longdale.

May God bless His ministers everywhere.

The Gail Millers were with us one Sunday in November.

God bless each of you.

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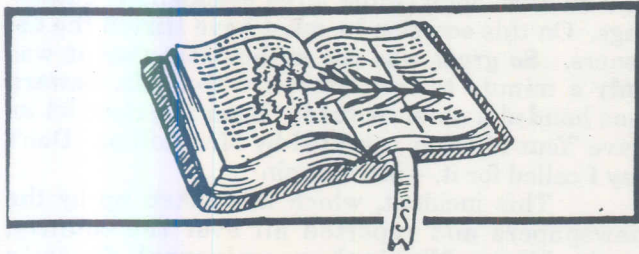
Parkhursts Announce Birth

Bryan and Cindy Parkhurst are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Tyler Ray Parkhurst.

Tyler was born at 7 a. m., Saturday, September 4, in Lander, Wyoming. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 7 oz., and was 21 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Ronald and Shirley Freshour of Columbus. Paternal grandparents are Ray and Heko Parkhurst of Lander.

Bryan and Cindy are former AFBC students. They reside in Columbus, Texas.



DIARY OF A BIBLE

Jan. 15 - Been resting quietly for a week. The first few nights after the first of the year my owner read me regularly (New Year's Resolution), but now he has forgotten me I guess.

Feb. 2 - Cleaned up. I was dusted with other things and then put back in my place.

Feb. 9 - Owner used my for a short time, looked up a few references. Went to Sunday School.

March 7 - Cleaned up. Dusted and in my old place again. Have been down in the lower hall since my trip to Sunday School.

April 2 - Busy day. Owner led a meeting and had to look up references. He had an awful time finding me, although I was right there in my place all the time.

May 5 - In Grandma's lap. She is here on a visit. She let a tear drop on Colossians 2: 5-7.

May 5 - In Grandma's lap again this afternoon. She spent most of her time in I Corinthians 13 and the last four verses in the 15th chapter.

May 7,8,9 - In Grandma's lap every afternoon now. It is a comfortable spot. Sometimes she reads me and sometimes she talks to me.

May 10 - Grandma's gone. Back in the old place again. She kissed me goodbye.

June 4 - Had a couple of four-leaf clovers stuck in me today.

July 1 - Packed me in a trunk with clothes and other things. Off on a vacation I guess.

July 10 - Still in the trunk even though nearly everything else has been taken out.

July 15 - Home again in my old place. Quite a journey, though I do not understand why I went.

Aug. 1 - Rather stuffy and hot. Have two magazines, a novel, and an old hat on top of me. Wish they would take them off.

Sept 12 - Used by Mary a few moments today. She was writing a letter to a friend whose brother had died, wanted an appropriate verse.

Oct. 5 - Was carried to church today: Rally Day, and held up to be counted. Glad I can be of some use.

Dec. 31 - Tomorrow (New Year) I expect to be opened at random by each member of the family, in turn, and a finger placed upon a verse. Suppose the finger rests on John 5:39?

Feb.-Mar., 1994

Don Ford

Don went to be with Jesus the 12th of January 1994. He was the son of Mrs. E. E. Ford.

He was preceded in death by his father E. E. Ford and two brothers Norman Ford and Marshall Ford.

He is survived by his mother of Polar, Texas. By a brother and sister-in-law, Carlos and Lorie Ford of Stephenville, Texas. A sister-in-law, Leona Ford of Snyder, Texas. Numerous nieces and nephews.

Don loved people and every one loved Don. He will be sorely missed.

Myrtle Dreher

April 12, 1902 - July 1, 1993

Myrtle Dreher was born April 12, 1902 near San Gabriel, Milam County, Texas. She passed away in Rockdale, Texas on July 1, 1993 at the age of 91 years, 1 Month and nineteen days.

Mrs. Dreher lived most of her life in Milam County. She was born to William Larkin and Minnie Leah (Cast) Rosell and married Jerome John Dreher on Oct. 16, 1917. To this union was born seven children: Vera Dreher Robinson, William H. "Jack" Dreher, Estelle Dreher Muston, Geraldine Dreher Hosek, Marilyn Dreher Orsak, Peggy Dreher Hosek and Johannie Sue Dreher Roberts. She had 18 Grandchildren, 36 Great-grandchildren, and 11 Great-Great-Grandchildren.

Mrs. Dreher was converted at an early age in the Baptist church. She later received the full gospel experience and for many years associated with the Rockdale Apostolic Faith Church. She attended there until her health prevented it. Sister Dreher always believed that God would do what he said, and she trusted completely in His word. In her earlier years she did some preaching in the rural community of Hamilton Chapel whenever she was needed. She always enjoyed visiting with the sick and praying for their deliverance. Sister Dreher saw Jesus heal many people in her lifetime. It was always encouragement for her children and others to listen to how the power of God delivered.

She was a homemaker and helped her husband, until his death in 1969, with his watch and clock repair business. She also worked as a house-mother in the Austin State School for a short time. Sister Dreher enjoyed canning, crocheting, quilting and gardening.

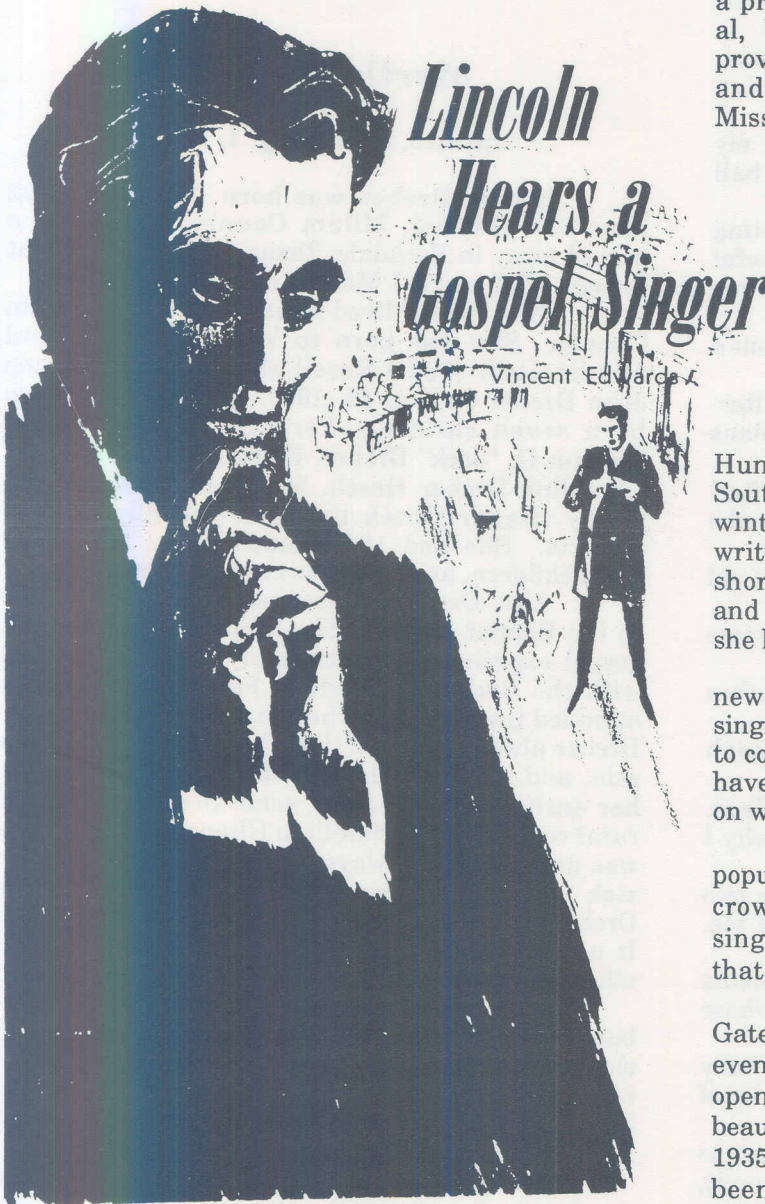
Reverend Winston Barker conducted the service on July 3, 1993. He was Sister Dreher's pastor in the late sixties.

That must have been an impressive scene, in the first months of the Civil War, when the Christian Commission held its first important meeting. The meeting place was not a church or public hall in Washington, but the Senate chamber of the Capitol.

The lawmakers' auditorium was crowded with prominent statesmen, famous generals, and friends of the North. Presiding over the gathering was Secretary of State Seward, and not far away sat President Lincoln.

The high point of the meeting came with the singing of a song by a special soloist, the well-known gospel singer, Philip Phillips. The song he had chosen to sing was "Your Mission."

Mr. Phillips had a remarkably fine voice,



Lincoln Hears a Gospel Singer

Vincent Edwards

and he often sang before large evangelistic gatherings. On this occasion he must have stirred the listeners. So great was the enthusiasm that it was only a minute to two afterward that Mr. Seward was handed a note. It read; "Near the close let us have 'Your Mission' repeated by Mr. Phillips. Don't say I called for it.—Mr. Lincoln."

This incident, which was taken up by the newspapers and reported all over the country, made "Your Mission" a universal favorite overnight. Any hymn or song that the President liked was bound to have a special appeal in war time. The words became familiar to thousands, and the music remained popular for a long time afterward.

One may guess that Abraham Lincoln had a pretty limited knowledge about hymns in general, but his taste, as shown in this particular case, proved that he liked those with a "human touch" and a message of brotherly sympathy. "Your Mission" was a fine example of that type.

If you cannot on the ocean,
Sail among the swiftest fleet,
Rocking on the highest billows,
Laughing at the storms you meet;
You can stand among the sailors,
Anchored yet within the bay;
You can lend a hand to help them
As they launch their boats away.

The author of the lines, Mrs. Ellen Huntington, the widely known president of the Southern Pacific Railway. One afternoon in the winter of 1860, Mrs. Gates had sat down and had written these stanzas, never dreaming they would shortly become popular with both the President and the nation at the time of a great war. In fact, she hadn't even expected them to be set to music.

But when her poem was published in a newspaper, it caught the eye of Mr. Phillips, the singing evangelist, and he immediately proceeded to compose a tune for the words. Even he could not have foreseen how the lines and music would catch on with the public.

No doubt his singing helped to increase its popularity. He had the sort of voice that aroused crowds to a high pitch of enthusiasm, and his singing must have deeply moved Mr. Lincoln at that great war gathering.

As it happened, Mr. Phillips and Mrs. Gates collaborated on another hymn that became even more popular: "The Home of the Soul." Its opening words begin, "I will sing you a song of that beautiful land." This hymn appears in the official 1935 edition of the Methodist hymnal. It has long been a favorite with audiences at evangelical meetings.

...the Lighted Pathway

"Church, Behave Thyself".....by Ron Noble

Who are the Blessed is the question Christ is answering in Matthew 5:3-12. The Blessed-those that are spiritually happy-are those that meet God's requirements and will seek for the way that pleases Him. While Jesus spoke in the ears of those present, He intended for the hearts, of those people then and now, to be the recipient (one that receives) of these instructions for living. Having spoke of the necessity to realize one's spiritual poverty-the emptiness of the soul-that exists within all those that know not the Lord, He explains of the reaction that must be. Even those that know the Lord, at times have a 'religious laxity,' a laziness that causes a poorness of Spirit.

This, as the first, is a contrary concept according to unregenerate humanity. Christ says there must be mourning; the devil lies and the world cries, 'No, let us have gaiety. fun-regardless. Let us continue living how we please and think not of the outcome.' This is nothing less than the old philosophy 'Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we may die.' It seems that worldly people want to make the appearance pleasant, no matter how their life may really be. This is superficial happiness, a false security one gets by trying to avoid life's problems. A person cannot truly be happy if they are unreconciled with God. But unfortunately one wonders if this also isn't the Church's attitude-Let's rejoice in the good, not preach of sin and conviction, and act as if everything is as it should be.

But why should we mourn at all? What have I done to be sorry for? Here is the lesson-those that would receive forgiveness of sins-must mourn, show intense sorrow for the poverty of spirit. This is not a secret to Full Gospel people. Mourning, a healing aid to the soul, is a pre-requisite-it must come before forgiveness of sins can be obtained.

Have we, and are we now, mourning for our sin and the very sin nature? Have we become too proud to admit there may be some weaknesses? Have we failed to show sorrow for our negligence and failures? This writer needs to lament just as much for what I HAVEN'T done as for anything I HAVE DONE. Many of us are very strict and holy when it comes to other people's actions, but very lenient concerning our own behaviour. God help us. The words from Matthew 23:23 come to mind, 'ye have omitted the weightier matters of the law. These ought ye to have done . . .'

Ecc. 3 states that there is a time to mourn. The writer of Lamentations expresses his sorrow for the sinful conditions of Israel and the consequences because of. Has the majority of the Church become so tolerant of sin that a defective doctrine of sin has developed? Are we sorry for our

sin because of a deep love for Christ or sorry because there are recompenses-a reaping for evil sowing? We each must answer.

Now, they shall be comforted. Christ knows how to comfort those in 'uncomfortable' positions for He once has been 'touched with the feelings of our infirmities.' People that mourn will be comforted with the revelation that the Holy Spirit will be sent to those that need instruction, for He IS the Teacher. The disciples did fine as long as Christ knew they couldn't continue without help (anymore than we could) so after He went away, He sent a Comforter to lead them into all truth. The Truth is, knowing that whatever happens, an eternal glory is waiting those who will seek to reap the promises of God by meeting the requirements. Blessed are the OVERCOMERS...

The Measure of a Man

Not — "How did he die?"
But — "How did he live?"
Not — "What did he gain?"
But — "What did he give?"
These are the units
to measure the worth
Of a man as a man.
Regardless of birth.
—Author Unknown

Saved From the Dog

"The Lord shall fight for You"
Exodus 14:14

The Turks, having tortured and slain the parents of a little Armenian girl before her eyes, turned to the child and said; "Will you renounce your faith in Jesus, and live?" She replied, "I will not." "Then to the dogs!" She was thrown into a kennel of savage and famished dogs and left there. The next morning they came and looked in, to see the little girl on her knees praying and beside her the largest and most savage of all the dogs, snapping at every dog that ventured near, thus protecting the child. The men ran away terrified, crying out, "There is a God here: there is a God here."



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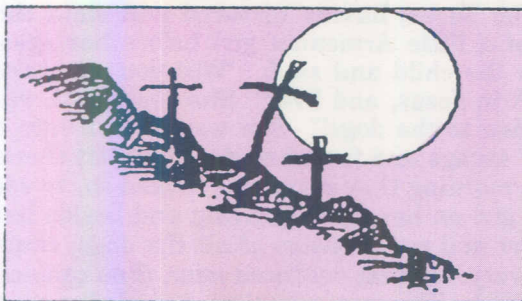
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