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For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
Philippians 1:21

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PRAAYER CHANGES THINGS

Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.

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. 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 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.

A Ministry supported by tithes and offerings.

These basic 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 inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

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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.

Isaiah 40:31  
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APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE COLLEGE NEWS

From the Superintendent:

Praise the Lord for His Spirit that we feel among us here at the Bible College. Every day we experience new and wonderful blessings. His Word is being taught and students are studying and receiving it into their hearts.

The real burden we share here is for these students to go into the Lord's vineyard to work and serve Him. The field is white unto harvest and the laborers are few. There must be a vision and a love for souls.

The needs of the school continue to be met as God moves through His faithful people. We thank the Lord for you and the burden you carry for the work here at the Bible College. The financial load is big and heavy, but when we all do our part the need is met. So our special "thanks" to you and may the Lord repay you and bless you daily.

As I write this letter to you we have started our seventh week of this semester. Time is rushing along and soon this term will be over. Pray for us to accomplish what we need to for God's glory.

On February 12, we enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship here at the Valentine Banquet. About 170 people of all ages came together and enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner and then laughed together during the program as well as praised the Lord together.

The teacher training class presented the program and it was fun and then serious as we were reminded of God's love to us. The highlight of our evening was the presentation of music by handbells. Sis. Texanna Ollenberger, daughter of Wayne and Pauline Messner, brought her handbells and some of the teachers and students worked with her and presented some beautiful music with these bells. Everyone enjoyed the evening. We hope you will plan to attend the next banquet.

In March we will be taking the choir on tour. This term we will go to South Texas and then to Alabama and Mississippi. In the fall term we will be on tour with the choir to the Panhandle area. Please pray for this ministry, for our desire is to lift up the name of Jesus.

Closing dates for this term of Bible School will be Wednesday and Thursday, May 11 and 12. Mark these dates and plan to attend. The annual business meeting will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 11.

We urge your support of the building fund. The present debt stands at \$40,000. We would like to retire this debt by the closing of school so a special dedication of our new building can be held. Thanks to those who have helped in making this building possible.

God Bless You,
Supt. Jack Cornell

Deadline!

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

Girls Dorm:

Bible School! For me it means a place of heritage. Not only because of the many family members who have preceded me but also the history of the movement. But that is not the reason that I came.

There are several different reasons people use for coming to Bible School. A frequent reason for coming is marriage. Bible School is a very good place to find a Christian companion because we are instructed in II Corinthians 6:14

... Another reason for coming to Bible School is the fellowship that one gets with the Christian people found here. We have only been here a few weeks but it already seems like a close family unit. God's family is so wonderful. We hold one another up in prayer. We all hurt with the one in pain and rejoice with the one who has felt victory.

Many older people find they want to come to Bible School after they retire in order to renew their spiritual life. The longing and desire to grow deeper in the Word of God simply cannot be quenched.

But for me the reason to come was simply to grow deeper in the Lord. He has so many blessings he wants to give us if we will only let him. Too many times we won't, though. We take our eyes off of him and get them onto things of the world. We get too busy to read the word and seek God. At Bible School we are given the opportunity to do just this. The time we spend here is short but precious.

We are expecting great things this year. Already we can see God's hand working in its mighty way. Prayers have been answered and victories won.

From us in the girls' dorm we just want to thank you for the prayers of support we have felt.

Lachelle Whitely

Boy's Dorm:

Greetings from the boys' dorm. I really don't like to call this the boys' dorm simply because I don't think there are any "boys" in the dorm this year. They are all fine young men really trying hard to do their best in service to the Lord. I thank the Lord for each one of them. I appreciate the testimony that each one of them have for the name of Jesus Christ.

We share together in devotions on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights and have really a blessed time sharing in the scriptures, prayer, and testimonies. It is such a thrill not only to see students involved in learning God's Word, but also to see God's Word being put into practice in their lives at the same time. God's Word tells us in James that learning God's Word is not enough but we must also be a doer of the Word.

Pray for every student here in school, that this will be the case. We thank you for your prayers.

God bless,
Danny Robinson

DEVIL YOU ARE A LIAR!

Sandra Forbes

I sat there in my hospital room, cards lining the windows and flowers all around. I had everything in the whole world to be thankful for yet tears are flowing like streams from my eyes. How can I ever explain what is in my heart? God please help me.

In front of me is a sign that says "Super Mom" from Doug, my youngest son. Two months ago I was told I had a growing tumor in the uterus, nothing unusual. I was told there were no signs of malignancy that they could tell. After deciding to have surgery and having to wait for a period of time, my waiting has been pure torment. When I prayed I felt like I would be alright, but everything I started to do the thought would go through my mind this will be the last time you will be doing this. I felt my home should be in order because I wouldn't be back and someone else would be going through my things. Thanksgiving Day - the torments went through my mind - this will be the last time your whole family will be together. The last time we will all sit down to eat - last big meal - last turkey to fix - last time my folks would be there - last everything. And I still had three weeks to go. I worked, so that required a lot of my time to be used, but I felt so bad. Day after day, torment after torment. No Relief. I don't understand. Finally down to the last few days and it was my son's last basketball game I would ever see him play. Oh the hurt! Two days before I went to the hospital, Bill and I spent with our little granddaughter. Oh the joy of holding her and seeing her love, feeling this would be the last time I would see her precious face. Then my last night at home with my husband. I thought this is the last time we will ever be together. The next day when everything was washed and cleaned I left for the hospital with the tormenting thought I won't return.

The day of my surgery, Jan. 16, I tried to pray and I felt if God was ready to take me I was ready to go.

January 22 I was ready to leave the hospital. No Cancer! Everything Fine! Oh Devil What A Liar! What A Tormentor! Two doors down the hall a woman one year older than I, with boys in the same age range as mine has found out she has cancer. And she is going through all the torment the Devil told me was for me. I will ever praise the Lord for protecting and keeping me. I know that I'm not worthy and I don't have the understanding of your love. How can I ever repay you. God must have a work for me. I don't know what - I pray I never let him down.

Healing from God

Dear Sister Oakes

I am writing my personal testimony of my healing to you for two reasons: I want to give God all the glory, and maybe my experience will help someone else with the same problems.

First of all I would like to thank everyone who prayed for me, for I had gone as far as I could myself. For the past five years I have had bladder tumors. The doctors say they don't know what causes them and there is no treatment for them except to remove them by surgery. I had surgery four times

in five years. The last time they told me that they would have to remove my bladder if they kept coming so fast. I had surgery two times in 1981. I came home in early January 1982 and was very discouraged. But I was determined that I was not going to let them remove my bladder. We called quite a number of people from our local churches about this and requested prayer. I'm sure that there were many people praying for me. One evening Brother and Sister Paul Clanton came and prayed for me. Both Bro. Paul and my wife felt that God gave us the victory. Since that time I have had no more problems for which I praise the Lord. We have been able to do more for the Lord this past year than in a long time. I really praise the Lord for all that he has done for us this past year. Sometimes I guess we have to come to the critical stage before we can get in earnest with God. But again I thank God for His healing power. You know healing is as much a part of the plan of salvation as salvation itself.

I hope and trust that this will be a blessing to all who may be sick and afflicted. God bless all of you for your prayers, and may God give us all a good year in the work of God. I appreciate our movement and the privilege that we have had in the past 35 years to work with all of you. We are doing fill-in for pastors and visitation work and God is blessing us and our work for Him.

Yours in the Master's service,
Rev. and Mrs. Ted Jackson
Galena, KS 66739
Jan. 11, 1983

Sharing God's Love

I asked the Lord to help me
That I might do his will.
He said, "You'll have to follow me
no matter how you feel."
For feelings come and feelings go
And you often get to feeling bad,
but those people who are watching you
Expect you to be glad.
You must be careful how you act
Take much thought of what you say
For whether you realize it or whether you don't
There's someone watching you today.
They're wanting something they don't have
But it's something you can give.
Just trust the Lord and he will show you
How you're supposed to live.
Oh, I know there are many times when
you feel like you are falling apart.
Waiting on the Lord to answer
He'll put a song back in your heart.
Sometimes you get discouraged but
you know that's not the end.
For you can always have a song in your heart
If Jesus is your friend.
So don't forget to love the Lord and
loving others is important too.
For when you share God's love with others
That love will return to you.

by Vanessa Oakes



Happy Birthday to a Special Friend

The first day I met her, she strolled across the lawn, up the stairs and banged on the parsonage door. I answered and gently invited her in. Well in she came with laughter, noise and a vitality for life rarely seen in 20-year-olds much less 67-year-olds!

"What are you doing?" she demanded of me. I stammered out a meek, "painting a picture of home for my mom." She checked it out thoroughly and nodded. "Looks fine" she added and pulled out a \$20 bill and said, "This is for YOU — you buy paints, brushes or anything you need for painting! Don't buy milk, or clothes for the kids or a shirt for the preacher — UNDERSTAND?" I assured her I did, and I did! Off she went as rapidly as she arrived. I followed her down the stairs and out the front walk; she hustled on "downtown" to pick up her mail and spread some sunshine.

Returning to the house I thought, she is a strange lady, she kinda scares me a little. I wondered how she knew I needed some Alizarin Crimson and some Yellow Cad. Medium to finish the picture of "HOME." Did you tell her Lord? Why didn't you tell Andy, or Georgie or Pat? Lord, why did you bring this lady into my life? I wondered ... and then bought the supplies I needed and finished "HOME" and Mama loved it. And the lady? I stayed clear of her.

But God has His ways, His wonderful, marvelous ways. His ways of moving us when we are unmoveable, of melting us when we have a hard case of Missouri mid-winter freeze on our hearts. And He began to move in His gentle ever wise and knowing ways.

It was March 31 and the phone rang ... we had been at our church long enough that the phone ringing had been accelerating more and more each day and I knew it was from someone who wanted to share the blessings of the Lord, or had a need, or just wanted to cheer me up. I grabbed the phone happily from its cradle as I made my way to the sink with the last dirty dishes of the morning.

"Well," the voice on the other end boomed, "I am taking you and your husband out to eat tomorrow for MY birthday!" I tried to tell her it was our place to take her out to celebrate HER birthday, but there was no way ... it was decided! And I said, as assured as I could, "Okay, see you in the morning." My bubble burst, I could not think of a thing we could talk about; I didn't have a birthday card in the house and not a penny to buy a gift. Lord, what now?

As I sat and mused over the problem, He began to give me some ideas. I decided to paint her a little picture. The paints out, the pallet smeared with oranges and burnt amber I began. As the sunset began to burn across the canvas and the lonely sail boat took on its final sail, I began to think of this lady who was beginning to become a part of my life. As the boat in my picture was alone, so was she. Her preacher-husband had died five years earlier and she missed him so. They had had such good years together working for the Lord. She would get misty-eyed when she mentioned his name and his gentleness, and somewhat melancholy, say "Everyone loved him." As I put in some dark areas in the water and sky, I considered the dark that had been in her life. I thought of the heartache that she went through years before. I saw the clouds in her life and the dark threads among the golden.

My tears began to drop and would have mingled in the oil had I not wiped them away. And then I realized that is what she had done. She had wiped the tears away, had given them to Jesus and had gone on to begin again, and to work for Him. The remainder of her life spent with her preacher-husband was a beautiful sacrifice unto the Lord. They spent their lives, their money and their time in HIS service. God blessed her with a talent to teach a class, and bring across the Gospel message as few I've heard. She could "preach" a sermon with the best of them, but wouldn't let you call it "preaching." She was just a "teacher."

We celebrated her April Fools Day birthday with her and she liked the little picture ... and we liked her! We laughed over fried chicken, and giggled till our sides hurt over endless cups of coffee we downed. After it was over and Andy and I drove home, I told him of the warm feeling of friendship I had deep in my heart. He grinned and agreed, "She is a special lady."

That first birthday dinner was just the beginning of talks around a coffee cup, and prayers around her old overstuffed chair. It was just the beginning of phone calls, always when I needed them, to say "Come and take me to town, and I'll buy you lunch and we'll spend some money on just YOU!" (Thank you Lord for all those precious times that you blessed me through her; this weary preacher's wife needed each little blossom.)

When someone started paying for our son's lunches at school I didn't even have to guess, I knew she had done it. When he would come home dirty and tired, he would tell me how she had looked him up, and hugged him close and said, "I love YOU, Adam." He'd just grin with that cute little freckled face and love every minute of it.

One day when I was taking her to town we passed a mobile home; she hollered "Lord, you know my friend needs a house and needs to get out of that mobile home. Give her a house." It so startled me that I almost lost control of the van. She didn't even pause but kept on with the previous conversation! I soon found that this was not an unusual event; every time she passed that mobile home she believed a new house for her friend. And was I surprised to hear that the family bought their dream house, a little farm out in the woods? No, not with that kind of prayer behind it.

We had no idea what the next year would bring, the happiness and the heartache. When both our Mamas died she was there to love us. She took us out to dinner on Mother's Day. And hugging us both she made it plain that she was now "Our Mom." And with tears streaming down our faces, we agreed! Isn't it just like Jesus to fill the empty gaps with just the people we need, just at the point of our need?

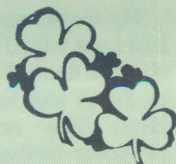
When we drove out of the Missouri hills and headed for new work and new people, I cried. Down the hills I cried, and up the hills I cried. I knew there would be no one like her anywhere anytime again. I think my heart would have burst had not the Lord tenderly reminded me that I would see her again and then there would be no parting, no sorrow and no sadness, and we could stand around the throne together praising God. As the multitudes of angels sing from eternity beginning to eternity future, "Holy Holy Holy to the Lord God, the whole earth is full of HIS glory!"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY... I love you Maxine Yingling Long, you are a precious second "Mom!"

From: Janice Perry

Maxine's address is Taneyville, MO 65759. Why don't YOU surprise her with an April Fools Day birthday card?

Church News



DICKINSON, TEXAS

We want the folks in the Apostolic Faith movement to know that the Dickinson Apostolic Faith Church has many blessings to be thankful for. At times it seemed the powers of Satan would close our church doors and destroy our souls but God came to our rescue and we're moving on. After much prayer and concern our pastor returned for another year. We were really made to realize how important a shepherd is to his flock. We are happy to report our Sunday services have averaged 35. There are several new families who live in Dickinson who are showing an interest in attending services. We are made aware of the fact that there are souls in the world who are hungry for the full gospel! They need an anchor that will hold them firm and sure in these trying times. Thank the Lord we feel his coming is very near.

The Micheners have stood by us and we appreciate their support and visits, truly God has led them our way many times. We thank all of the preachers who have given their support to our church. We desire the prayers of the movement that our church board will make the right decisions. We are in need of a parsonage and know God will provide.

We appreciate the Apostolic Faith Report. It's better than our daily newspaper and certainly contains much food for the soul.

Dorothy Cannon, reporter
Savoy Grimmer, pastor

SHATTUCK, OKLA.

Greetings to all of you from the land of beautiful sunrises and sunsets. We have really had some beautiful ones this winter.

The Lord has been so good to us. We came here to pastor the first Sunday in November of last year and have enjoyed some good services. Even though our number is small we can feel the presence of the Lord each time that we meet. We have had occasional visitors which boosts the morale of everyone and we always wish for more. We still have no pianist but we are praying someone will fill that need.

We had a Christmas service sponsored by our young people. New Years eve we had a very good watch night service with Brothers Ronnie Hoskins and Francis Dearing bringing the messages; Sister Sandy Hoskins led the singing accompanied by Sister Ruth Dearing. There were several special songs sung along with testimony services. God blessed throughout the evening until after midnight. We appreciated those coming from Arnett to fellowship with us.

The snow and ice has made it difficult at times for those to come who live on dirt roads but they come when they can. Everyone seems to be doing all they can to help keep their pews filled and also interested in the services. That makes a Pastor enjoy his work.

We want to thank all of you for your prayers and ask that you keep praying for us. Come to see us whenever you can.

Robert Beydler, pastor

March 1983

STOCKTON, CALIF.

It's been sometime since we've written in the Report and since we are so far from the rest of the Movement, we'd like to bring everyone up to date.

We are rejoicing because the Lord has blessed us so much. We'd been praying for a pastor, and asking the Lord to send us the one He would have here and Praise the Lord HE did just that.

Bro. Andy Perry and family from Ava, Missouri, arrived about a week before Christmas, and what a blessing they have been to us. We've been feasting on the wonderful messages he's been bringing.

People who had dropped out of church are now back, new ones are coming, and we are enjoying every service.

We have great plans for our church's growth. Pray for us that we will be guided by the Holy Spirit, and everything we do will be for the Glory of God.

We also again thank Bro. Olen Bachelor, and Bro. Paul Baily and Bro. Lee Brock for their help when we so desperately needed them.

Bethel Wayside Chapel
Ella Swaim, reporter
Andy Perry, pastor

QUITMAN, MISS.

We at Pine Crest Chapel are happy to report God still answers prayer. Bro. and Sis. Earl Morgan moved into our parsonage the first of the year to pastor our church. Everyone is thrilled to have them here working with us. We are seeing an increase in our church. Some that had dropped out have started back and some new ones have started coming. We are expecting this to be a great year at Pine Crest.

We enjoyed Bro. and Sis. Tony Jacobs working with us last fall and pray God's best for them. We remodeled our parsonage while they were here. God wonderfully supplied our needs. We would like to thank everyone who helped us in any way.

Bro. and Sis. Morgan's address is Route 4 Box 191-A, Quitman, Miss. 39355. Phone 601-776-6419. We welcome anyone to come worship with us at anytime. We enjoy the Report very much.

Mary Long, secretary

ROCKDALE, TEXAS

Dear Friends,

We have been here in Rockdale two months now and we like it here fine. The church people are so good to us and we've really had good services. The church has done good to have been without a pastor since last summer. We appreciate those who have been faithful to see that God's work continued. We would like to ask an interest in your prayers that God will use us to reach souls in this place.

Roland Haney, pastor
362 W. Davilla
Rockdale, Texas 76567
512-446-5525

CROSSES, ARK.

As we write this report there have been several changes in our church. Our pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Roland Haney, felt called to pastor the church in Rockdale, Texas. They moved the first part of January. The Haney's have pastored our church several years and will be missed. Marty and Sandy Haney, and Warren and Dora Haney have moved to Fayetteville, Ark. Marty and Dora are both attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

As we were left without a pastor our thoughts were "What will we do for a preacher?" But the Lord has been so good to us. We have had a minister every Sunday except one and that was due to bad weather. On Jan. 2 and Feb. 6, Bro. and Sis. Tony Jacobs were with us. Bro. Tony is one of our home boys and we really appreciate his life. Jan. 7, Jan. 30 and Feb. 13 the Howard Whitelys were with us for services. We enjoyed the sermons and songs. Jan. 16 Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Wilson and daughter, Dawnya, from Ava, Mo., were with us for both services. We were also pleased to have Sis. Tammy Oakes and Sis. Tony Bartel of Joplin, Mo., with us also. We really appreciate these ministers helping us out until we have a pastor. We desire your prayers for our church that the Lord will send the right one to pastor. We are believing the Lord and leaving it in his hands.

Several of our church people have been working on the parsonage and church. We really appreciate these people showing an interest in our church and the things of the Lord.

Also want to take this opportunity to thank Sis. Karen for sharing the letter with us about the man in prison. We need more sharing of what God has done for us and others. We never know who might be needing to hear of our experiences and how God helped us through it. We serve such a wonderful God. Why would anyone say that he is not alive - Praise God - He lives!

Winona Waggoner, reporter

AMARILLO, TEXAS

We want to give thanks to the Lord. He has really been wonderful to all of us. We do sincerely appreciate all of His many blessings.

We are most thankful to the Lord for answering our prayers by sending us a new pastor, Bro. and Sis. Brent Blythe and their two children, Dana and Jonathan. They have been with us for several months now and are busy doing the work of the Lord.

Some of our new activities that we have started for Christian fellowship is our men's prayer breakfast on the second Saturday of each month. We have a young adults Bible study every other Friday evening. This is a new program we have just started where we will read and study in depth subjects of interest or need to the group.

We praise God that three young adults followed our Lord in water baptism one Sunday morning the latter part of January. We ask prayer for their continual growth in the Lord.

Come worship with us anytime you are in the Amarillo area. All are welcome.

Marietta Heisch, reporter
Brent Blythe, pastor

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

Just a few lines about what has been happening since we last wrote. We will start with Thanksgiving when we took part in the Community Wide Thanksgiving service. Then on December 10, the Haskel Cooleys were with us for a concert and we all enjoyed their ministry.

Then things were back to normal for a few days. We were glad for all the visitors during the Christmas season. Savoy and Karen Grimmer were home with us a few days before Christmas, and conducted our Wednesday night service for us December 22.

The first service of the New Year was very special to us. January 2, 1983, we had communion and at the close of the service we were privileged to dedicate our little 5-week-old granddaughter, Rachel Lee Stollings.

On January 6, new carpet was laid in the front part of the house and hall of the parsonage. We are proud of it.

On January 9, Bro. Donald Dibbens was with us for services. We also had other visitors for which we were glad and the Lord blessed all who were present. Things seemed to return once again back to normal.

January 30, we were blessed with more visitors as the David McCances, the Alvin Bushmans and Sis. Hintergardt along with others were in services with us. So you can see things at Spearman have been on the move. We all still love the Lord, and enjoy His blessings day by day.

Lealand Grimmer, pastor

MIDWAY CHURCH

Thank the Lord for our little Country Church beside the road. God is blessing in our services each time we meet together. I believe we are growing spiritually even though our number isn't too large, but the Lord is there regardless of the number.

It was good to have Bro. Donald Dibbins to come by and have Sunday night services for us a couple of weeks ago. Come back and visit us again when you are passing our way, Bro. Donald.

Our Pairs and Spares are a real blessing to our Church. Keep up the good work, folks, and God bless you good.

We miss Sister Pauline Messner and Sister Mary Ann Pope, but we are glad that they were obedient to the voice of the Lord. Girls, we are remembering you in our prayers, and we know that you are a great help to the Bible School as well as getting to have some classes.

The Midway Church Ladies were hostesses to the Open House for Ez and Dorothy Simpson on Sunday, Jan. 30, in their new home in Elmwood, Okla. Thanks to all who had part.

Our Church was sorry to hear of the death of Bro. George Hintergart and Sister Pearl Coberly. Your families have our deepest sympathy.

BOB TAYLOR-PASTOR

JOPLIN, MO.

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you." Ezekiel 36:26

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This is what God can do for a sinner. Aren't you glad He can change us and turn us around from the way we were going as a sinner. I know I say this a lot, but you are a new creature when you are in Christ. We may get Valentine Hearts to say we love one another, but the new Heart and Love God gives us surpasses them all.

Winter is just about over and Christmas activities and Convocation are in the past. We are looking forward to activities that come in the spring and summer months. We want to thank some visiting ministers for helping out at our church while our pastor was away for Christmas. Bro. and Sis. Jerome Crowhurst were at our church for the Christmas holidays and also for Convocation. In February, Bro. Jack Cornell filled in at our church while Bro. and Sis. Ragan were in revival at Alvin, Texas.

Sunday, Jan. 2, Bro. and Sis. Carl Hudson and Bro. Harlan Clarke visited our church. Bro. Clarke preached at the evening service and we all enjoyed hearing his experiences of the past years. Wednesday night, Jan. 12, Bro. and Sis. Dwight Wilson were at our church and Bro. Dwight preached a good sermon. It was good to see Dwight and Carla and daughter again.

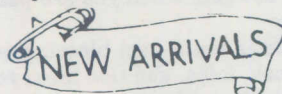
Our church supper for Christmas was delayed until Saturday night, Jan. 15, at which time we had a good crowd at the Y.W.C.A. Some recent visitors to our church have been Bro. and Sis. Olin Bachler and Bro. and Sis. Bill Barby. Some young people from the Bible College have also been over to visit us. We always welcome these young people. Come whenever you can.

Our church was saddened by Bro. Hintergardt's death. They were certainly very faithful people and we always enjoyed their visits. It's a blessing to have known people like the Hintergardts.

Quite a number from our church attended the Bible College Valentine Banquet and it was very much enjoyed by all.

We have a new baby in our church. Ashley Kaleen Mullins was born Feb. 3 to David and Kathleen Mullins of Joplin. May God bless them.

Vivian Bard, reporter



HANEY

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Haney announce the birth of their first child, a daughter named Allison Marie. She was born on Oct. 22, 1982, weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces and measuring 20 inches. Her grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Roland Haney and Mr. and Mrs. Senorino Juarez, all of Rockdale, Texas.

Allison's parents, Warren and Dora, are both former students of A.F.B.C.

STOLLINGS

Mr. and Mrs. David Stollings Jr. of Perryton, Texas, announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel Lee, on Nov. 24, 1982. She weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces and measured 21 inches. She has two older brothers, Jeremy and Nathan. Her grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Lealand Grimmer of Spearman, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. David Stollings of Booker, Texas.

WRIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. Brent Wright of Enid, Okla., announce the birth of their son, Joseph Brent. He was born on Dec. 8, 1982, weighing 8 pounds 2 ounces and measuring 19 and one half inches. Joseph has a sister, 4 and one half-year-old Stephanie Shawn. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmo L. Gregory of Buchanan Dam, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Wright of Enid, Okla. Joseph Brent was dedicated to the Lord on Dec. 22, 1982, by Rev. Dorothy Cook at the Apostolic Faith Church in Enid, Okla.

PRAYER: Since thou O God didst give to us thine only son, on perfect love, I gladly dedicate my child to thee. Work out thy plan for his life; use him in thy service. And with this dedication I surrender any anxious thoughts, conscious or subconscious concerning his health, safety and future. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

MULLINS

Mr. and Mrs. David Mullins of Joplin, Mo., announce the birth of their daughter, Ashley Kaleen. She was born on Feb. 3, 1983, weighing 6 pounds 15 ounces and measuring 19 inches. She joins a sister, 2 and one half-year-old Alisha. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Whitlock of Bailey, Colo., and Mrs. Jeanie Mullins of Joplin, Mo.

Golden Wedding Anniversary



Sunday, Dec. 19, a Golden Wedding dinner was held for Mr. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon in a private dining room at the Holidome in Dodge City, Kans.

In addition to the honorees the guests included Mrs. Carrie Blanche LaMunyon, Mineola, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis LaMunyon, Laverne; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Neff, Borger, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Dillard LaMunyon, Great Falls, Montana; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Alder, Ellinwood, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Gail LaMunyon and son Steve, Dodge City, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Viril LaMunyon and son John, Laverne; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neff, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Smith, Great Bend, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Bret LaMunyon of Laverne and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Megert and son Jarod, Woodward.

The traditional colors of gold and white were used in the room decorations, and on the two-tiered cake, baked and decorated by Florene Alder, Floyd's younger sister.



OBITUARIES

Rev. George Hintergardt

Services were held on January 25 in the Gate Friends Church, Gate, Okla., for Rev. George Hintergardt of Baxter Springs who died while visiting in Stinnett, Texas, following an illness. He was 81.

The Rev. Paul Clanton, the Rev. Elmer Christenson and Rev. Richard Buck officiated. Burial was in Gate Cemetery under the direction of Seeger Funeral Home, Laverne, Okla.

Pallbearers were his grandsons: Laverne and George Hintergardt, Duane and Alfred Trayler, Alvin and David Buschman. Fellow ministers served as honorary pallbearers.

Rev. Hintergardt was born Sept. 8, 1901, near Durham to Chris and Susan Hintergardt. He recently retired as an Apostolic Church minister, having pastored churches since 1933 in New Mexico, Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Mississippi and Alabama. He married Mabel Long on Nov. 18, 1922, at Clayton N. M. She survives.

Rev. Hintergardt was preceded in death by his son, Lowell Laverne, at Bayard, Neb., in 1967.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include two daughters, Mrs. Nina Trayler, Dumas, Texas, and Mrs. Leola Buschman, Stinnett; a sister, Mrs. Leona Gerdes, Blytheville, Ark.; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Dora Fry

Dora Myrtle Fry was born March 22, 1898, in Denison, Texas. She was the daughter of Jacob and Martha Jane Robinson. She departed this life on Sunday, Jan. 16, 1983, in Greenwood County Hospital in Eureka, Kans., at the age of 84.

On March 31, 1919, she was united in marriage to Marion Francis Fry in El Reno, Okla. Mr. Fry preceded her in death in 1945. Mrs. Fry lived a greater part of her life in Galena, Kans., and raised her family there and attended the Apostolic Faith Church. In 1953 she moved to Oklahoma City, Okla., and attended the Del City Apostolic Faith Church.

Many referred to her as Mother Fry because she truly was a mother to those who knew her well. Her steadfast faith was an inspiration to all.

She is survived by two sons, Raymond M. and William T. Fry of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three daughters, Gloria Hunley of Virgil, Kans., Kathryn Bruce of Amarillo, Texas and Aline Thomas of Meeker, Okla.; two sisters, Laura Smith, Miami, Okla. and Maver Fry of Vinita, Okla.; 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grand-children. One son, Leslie Earl Fry, preceded her in death on Feb. 7, 1981.

Funeral services were conducted in the Apostolic Faith Church in Galena, Kans., with the Rev. Edwin Waterbury and Rev. Ted Jackson officiating. Singing was by Bro. and

Sis. Howard Whitely of Baxter Springs, Kans., and Sis. Patsy Waterbury of Granby, Mo. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Galena, Kans.



FAITH FROM ON HIGH by Patsy Waterbury

From the Portals of Glory, Down the Annals of Time,
In a Glow all shining and Bright,
Is a Faith Pure and Simple sent straight from God's throne,
For the choicest of vessels of Light.
Away, all unseen, with burdens unknown
Grows a Faith that is rich, warm, and bright,
For it touches each life, with its Special Light,
This Faith that comes from on High.

For God's children are walking a path all their own,
Unseen by the world and its might,
And the road is narrow and feet often worn,
Where the Valley oft leads them Alone,
But the path of the just catches a gleam from above,
To guide them on through the night.

And eagerly they follow, for Someone takes notice,
The King of all Kings, greatly acknowledges His own,
Oh, the values are there on this battlescarred path,
For God looks with an eye all alone,
He brings forth the gold in a manner unique,
This faith that He shares with His Own.

Lura Barker

Lura Vica Sutton was born November 25, 1894, near Carthage, Mo., in Cedar County, to Charles and Virena Cross Sutton. Her parents filed on land about 25 miles southeast of Arnett, Okla., near old Ioland. Charles Sutton, her father, passed away in 1902. Her mother was married to John R. Long, February 22, 1904. He preceded her in death July 22, 1956.

She attended school at old Ioland.

On November 27, 1912, Vica was united in marriage to Walter Noal Barker. Seven children were born to this union, four boys and three girls, with one boy and one girl being stillborn.

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Vica and Walter lived from 1912 to 1915 near Horse Shoe Hill and Devils Canyon. They lived at Strong City, Okla., for a period of years, then moved to Rio Hondo, Texas. In 1929 the family moved to Arnett, Okla., and resided on the Leo McNeely ranch. In later years they again moved to Rio Hondo, Texas, then back to Arnett, Okla.

Vica was converted in 1937 and became a member of the Apostolic Faith Church, where she was a most devoted and dedicated Christian worker, and taught a Sunday School class.

Vica's hobby was gardening and raising flowers and house plants. Her yard was a showplace from early spring into fall.

In 1962 Vica moved to the Vici Nursing Home to be with her husband. She continued to reside there after his death in 1962. Vica passed away in the nursing home at 1:30 a.m. on January 22, 1983.

She leaves to mourn her passing three sons and two daughters: Lee of Vici, Okla.; Loyd of Arnett, Okla.; Lester of St. Claire, Mo.; Esta Pratt of Darrouzett, Texas, and Betty Dyke of Sun City, Kans.; three daughters-in-law: Gladys, Bernice and Claudette Barker; two sons-in-law, George Pratt and Don Dyke; one half-sister, Flossie Coonfield of Wichita, Kans.; 22 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, 8 nieces, 5 nephews, 11 great-nephews, 8 great-nieces and many more relatives and friends.

Services were held on January 25, 1983, at the Apostolic Church with Bro. Jack Barker of Laverne, Okla., conducting the services, assisted by Bro. Francis Dearing, pastor of the Arnett Church. The grandsons acted as pallbearers. Burial was in the DeBolt Cemetery, north of Arnett, under the direction of Shaw Funeral Home of Vici, Okla.

Carrie LaMunyon

The funeral for Carrie Blanche LaMunyon, 97, was at 2 p.m. Jan. 9, 1983, in the Apostolic Faith Church at Laverne, Okla., with her son, the Rev. Floyd LaMunyon and the Rev. Jack Barker officiating.

Burial was in the Laverne Cemetery, with arrangements under the direction of the Seeger Funeral Home.

Mrs. LaMunyon died Jan. 7 in a Minneola, Kans., nursing facility. She was born March 9, 1885, near Dale, Ind., the daughter of James and Martha Brooner. As a young girl she moved with her family to Corbin, Kans.

She and Charles H. LaMunyon were married March 8, 1905, at Enid, Okla. In 1907, they filed on a government claim 11 miles northwest of Buffalo and in 1914 moved to Laverne, where she lived until entering a nursing home.

Mrs. LaMunyon had been a member of the Apostolic Faith Church since 1929 and taught a Sunday School class for a number of years.

Mrs. LaMunyon's husband died Aug. 20, 1961. She is survived by five children, Dennis and Floyd, both of Laverne; Dillard of Great Falls, Mont.; Mrs. Wayne (Leota) Neff, Borger, Texas; and Mrs. Carl (Florene) Alder, Ellinwood, Kans.; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grand-daughter. She was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters.

Precious in the sight of the
Lord is the death of his saints.
Psalms 116:15

AWAKE! AWAKE!

by the late Rev. Gayle Schultz

Awake, Awake! We hear the cry every where for the church to be up and about the Master's business. Let us go forth and be in the place that would most highly please our God. We have in the Bible that hope complete, the words that tell us to work for the night cometh when no man can work. Jesus is coming soon, be ready, quick! Hurry! Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. Jude 3 verse. Paul laid hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost. Acts 19:6. Peter and John at the beautiful gate told the man to walk in the Name of the Lord and he did. Acts 3:6. The shadow of Peter healed the sick. Acts 5:15. Handkerchieves and aprons from Paul healed the sick and cast out devils. Acts 19:11-12.

Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Apostles and it was a lying to the Holy Ghost, that is a sin against the church and they died. Acts 5:1-11. When Dorcas died she was brought back to life. Acts 9:36-41. O that we might go back to those days and forward to the days of the coming of the Lord and be able to see things and works mighty accomplished in the Name of the Lord. Will Jesus find faith when he returns, are you looking for him to come or are you growing cold?

Let us do all that we can and I know that the Lord is going to be with us to bless so that we will be as a watered garden and in spirit and soul and body be able to fight to live until Jesus comes, destroying in His Name every enemy and being made perfect through trial we shall become the heirs of an eternal salvation, for the Blood of Jesus still has power and the stripes has power to heal so do not forget to pray and to watch and be ready for in an hour when ye think not the Son of Man cometh. Do the works of righteousness that the Father might be glorified in the Son.

MY PRAYER

Oh Lord my God, to Thee I pray
To lead me along, His narrow way.
To deliver me, from this world of sin.
Help me to, His glory win
Be with me, from day to day
And help me, with what, I have to say.

Give me this day, my daily bread
And help me to see, the hungry feed.
Watch over me, protect me, keep me clean
Help me to remain in the Christian scene.
Let me walk, with my hand in Thine
Knowing I have Thy glory divine.

Tho I stumble or come upon a snare
I pray Lord Jesus, that you'll be there
To pick me up, and head me straight
Keeping my eyes on Heaven's gate
Oh what a blessing it is for me
To come in prayer, daily to thee.

by Jim Starr
Bethel Wayside Chapel
Stockton, Calif.

Samaria, Judea and Galilee by Rev. Bob Taylor

"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain: and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of Lord hath spoken it." (Isaiah 40:3-5)

As we study the ministry of Jesus in the provinces of Samaria, Judea and Galilee we see that the people of each respective area are representative of the problems existing there. In all of God's planning and making of this world and all that is in it, he has placed the life of the human race as the central point of his thoughts and labors. God inspired the prophet to foresee the dispensation of grace when John the Baptist would begin to cry out, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!" Life is a preparation place and without God in our lives, it is surely a barren desert. Praise God, that thru proper preparation a highway can be built for our God and we can walk with Him through life. That highway is one of faith, love, confidence and trust in a true and living God. That highway has to be made by you and I. God is real! Heaven is sure! However we must come to God! We must prepare our lives here to live with Him there.

The area of Samaria was a valley country. Let us consider the poor Samaritan woman who came to Jacob's well. (John 4:5-26) As was the Samaritan custom, she looked around to see that no one else, particularly a Jew, was at the well before she came near to draw water. She, as well as all Samaritan people, were a fearful people because the Jews regarded them as dogs. They lived in a constant valley of fear. The poor Samaritan woman went to draw her water at an hour when she thought everyone would be busy with the noon meal but to her surprise, there sat Jesus on the well. She was even more surprised to when Jesus, a Jew, spoke to her and above all things asking a favor of her, a Samaritan. This woman was typical of the Samaritan people, filled with fear and unbelief. Fear is truly a pit, not one easy to get out of.

A farmer was walking through his field when he heard a mouse and looking down saw the frightened little creature. Not far from the little mouse was a non-poisonous snake making his advances toward the little mouse for a delicious meal. Each movement of the snake brought the mouse more fright, to the point that the little fellow was paralyzed. In pity the farmer placed his large red handkerchief between the mouse and the snake and immediately the power of fear was broken and the little mouse hurried off. Many people are bound by the same spirit, that of fear. Christians are afraid to trust God for fear ... "What if?" Our prayers are hindered and our testimony does not have the necessary backing with action. This spirit of fear is not of God (II Timothy 1:7). Fear hath torment! (I John 4:18) When we take action, as did the Samaritan woman, and we call upon the Lord to give us of the living water, then we will find "every valley shall be exalted" in our lives in preparation for the highway of faith in our God. No longer need we live in those valleys of fear, doubt and depression.

We now notice the prophet moves the scene to the mountainous area when he speaks ... "every mountain and hill shall be made low." Will you note again that this is something we must do ... "make" things happen in our lives.

The rich young ruler (Matthew 19:16) had a mountain of pride in his life. He was too proud of his achievements to let them go! Too proud to put his life and his possessions on the altar for the Lord. This young man was typical of the people that lived in Samaria. Most of Jesus's most burning words as he preached and taught were directed to the people of Judea as he condemned their pride. "God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble" (James 4:6). "Submit yourselves therefore to God" (James 4:7). You'll never see God's blessings from a mountain view of pride. If you exalt yourself, God can not and He will not do mighty works in your life. "Be clothed (fully dressed) with humility" (I Peter 5:6).

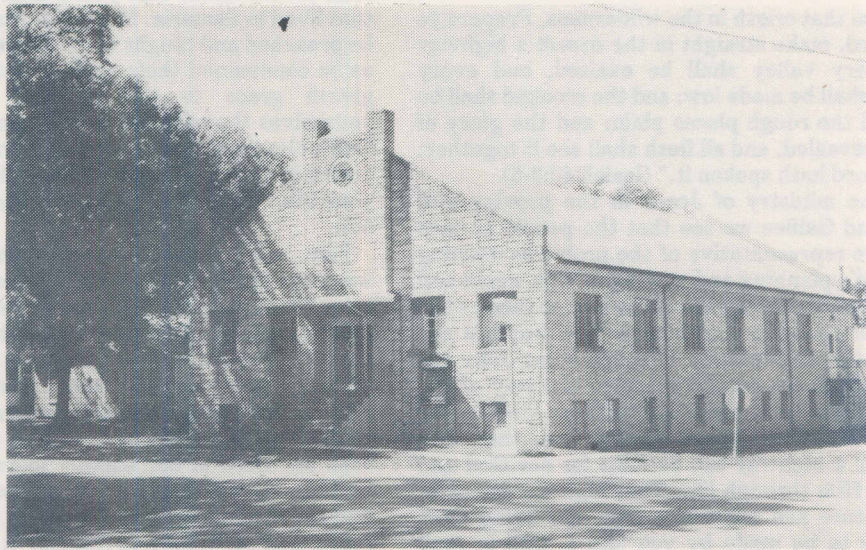
Life, in the natural, is very barren and unfruitful unless we come up out of those valleys, surmount the mountains, leave Samaria and Judea, but make sure that every crooked path is made straight; turning neither to the right hand or to the left. There is a straight gate at the end of life and if our pathway here has not been straight we will not be in possession to enter the gate of eternal life. It will also be our misfortune as we will have missed the fellowship of walking with the Lord in our earthly journey. The highway of our God has no curves nor by-passes but thank the Lord we will find the rough places will be made plain or smooth when we reach Galilee. Where is Galilee? It is where the valleys are exalted; the mountains are made low; it is level ground, where we have leveled with God; by faith we have met God's conditions; freed ourselves of fear and pride; it is where the impossible becomes probable.

In John 4:45-54, Jesus comes out of Judea into Galilee and upon doing so, the miracles begin to happen. Fear and pride is not present to keep folk from believing God. The nobleman believed and his son was healed. He acted upon the word of the Lord ... went his way, simply believing what Jesus said and his son was restored to life. This and many other miracles happened, not in Samaria nor in Judea but in Galilee. Nearly every one of us know that there is a place in our lives called Galilee! We've even experienced miracles in our own lives at various times but for some reason we often find ourselves living back in Samaria or in Judea.

After coming to ourselves, as did the prodigal son, we determine to do something about our situation, we begin to find ourselves leaving the valley in which we experienced the spirit of fear and we overcome the mountain of pride and enter Galilee where we can experience victory instead of sickness, depression and defeat. Those things that seemed so impossible a short time back are now becoming realities. Jesus is calling you and I to leave the life of Samaria and the life of Judea ... straighten out the crooked places in our pathway of life and enjoy the blessings of the Lord. Prepare! (Make) straight in the desert a highway for our God. The devil will become, not the roaring lion of the past, but a mouse with a megaphone. "Whom the Son makes free is free indeed."

Upon meeting these conditions, "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed" (Isaiah 40:5) ... "all flesh shall see it together." Why? "For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Too often our testimony is just a sounding brass or a tinkling symbol because we fail to produce the goods that we profess in believing the Lord. The world is waiting to see the results of our believing the Lord, not to hear our telling about it. Where are you and I living today? Do we find ourselves in Samaria, Judea or in Galilee? Prepare today to walk with the Lord in a Galilee or tomorrow we will not live with Him in eternity!

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