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## The Healing Waters

Oh, the joy of sins forgiv'n,  
Oh, the bliss the blood-washed know,  
Oh, the peace akin to heav'n,  
Where the healing waters flow.

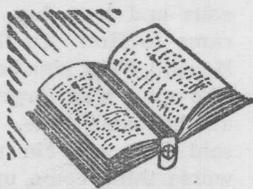
Now with Jesus crucified,  
At His feet I'm resting low;  
Let me evermore abide,  
Where the healing waters flow.

Oh, this precious perfect love!  
How it keeps the heart aglow,  
Streaming from the fount above,  
Where the healing waters flow.

Oh, to lean on Jesus' breast,  
While the tempests come and go!  
Here is blessed peace and rest,  
Where the healing waters flow.

Cleansed from ev'ry sin and stain,  
Whiter than the driven snow,  
Now I sing my sweet refrain,  
Where the healing waters flow.

Where the healing waters flow,  
Where the joys celestial glow,  
Oh, there's peace and rest and love,  
Where the healing waters flow.



## SERMON OF THE MONTH

### Healing is Offered To You . . . Today . . . Through Christ!

By Bob Palmer

Dr. Phillip Marquart, Wheaton College psychiatrist, made a significant comment on miraculous healings, in the December 1954 issue of 'Christian Life,' he said:

"I certainly don't believe that Christ is any more limited today than He was 2,000 years ago. I believe the lack of miracle healings today is because of an infirm church. We should expect to see miracle healings at the end of this age. We are seeing other evidences of the soon Return of Christ from current history. Earthquakes, signs in the heavens, and the appearance of angels are to be expected. I believe faith is also increasing, and with it will come more and more miracle healing."

It is most significant that of the miracles recorded in the ministry of Christ most of them are miracles of healing. There is no greater miracle for man to experience than that of being born again, to be sure. Yet it is to be noted that the Holy Spirit has evidently placed great importance on the provision of healing through faith in God. The fact that so many instances of the Lord healing the sick have been given to us in Scripture leads one to believe that healing, received through faith in the plan and promise of God, has a definitely important place in the life of every believer today. The miracles of our Lord, including the Stilling of the Tempest; Feeding the Five Thousand; Walking on the Sea; and the Catch of Fishes; plus the many miracles of healing, all make us rejoice to know the same miraculous Christ lives today.

The Bible declares Him to be the same "yesterday, today, and forever." Heb. 13:8. This declares Him to be just as powerful as in the days of creation when Jesus shared the work of making man . . . and even before man was made He spoke the Word and all things were created. Colossians 1:16, 17 declares

to us that "by Him all things consist." Were it not for His mighty power our entire universe would fall apart for it is by His Word that the stars are kept in their orbits, the sun and moon continue to shine, the power of gravity holds us upon the earth plus the many other things involved in the vast order of the universe. He is the same today . . . He lives. Much of the persecution of the early church was brought upon men because they believed and preached the resurrected Christ. They believed with the firmest of all convictions that Jesus is alive and that being alive He had the same power to save and heal as when He walked with them. When believers are truly possessed with the conviction that Christ Jesus, the mighty miracle worker, is still alive, it shows up in their faith . . . they act upon the Word of God with the knowledge that He is alive to confirm His promises.

God has made some wonderful promises to all His people. I do not know how many promises are contained in the Bible but I have found them all to be exceeding great and precious. When we remember that God cannot lie . . . it is impossible for Him to do so . . . each promise becomes alive to us individually. When we read His Word should we remember we are not reading a weather report . . . with the feeling maybe it will happen and maybe it won't. It will happen like God said it. He made the promise in Exodus 15:26 that "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." The "I am" part of this verse is still the state of our God. He lives. He has always been. He will always be. In the above verse He says He heals. He says He heals men. He still does for He said, "I am." The Psalmist knew this for as He blessed the Lord he declared Him to be One who healed

all diseases, Psa. 103:3. Remember, these are promises . . . made by a God who cannot lie. They are still effective for you today.

God has not only provided healing for His people but has clearly set forth in His Word by what means He provided it. It is good that God has provided healing for His people through Christ Jesus, His Son, for in so doing there need never be a fear, in the heart of any person needing healing, that God's source of power to heal has run out. If it comes through Christ then it can be obtained as long as Christ lives. The Bible declares that Jesus was "wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed." Isa. 53:5. The Gospel declares "He healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Matt. 8:16-17. Your healing is God-provided, Christ-given and healing by faith in God's promise to heal comes only through Him. This makes it possible for you to exercise faith for healing for yourself or anyone else . . . because you can go directly to the One who provided your healing.

It should be noted by all who are seeking healing that the same faith that brings forgiveness of sin will bring healing. An unhurried reading of the first nine chapters of Mark will reveal that Jesus heals just as quickly as He forgives sin. Mark 2:9. It also reveals that some people would be healed instantly if they settled the sin question of their life. As far as the Bible record is concerned, Jesus didn't limit His healing touch to those who were righteous and holy but healed all that came to Him. To the palsied man, He said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." The man was forgiven and healed at the same time. To another He said "Go and sin no more lest a worse thing come upon thee." Both of these instances have strong implications that when sin was forgiven, healing followed. If you have to believe God for forgiveness of your sins, the exercising of that same

faith will bring healing to your body.

It is a rich blessing to realize there is no limitation to the promises of God. Strength comes to you and faith grows when you see God has but no limit on what He will do when we believe. Although the promise in Matthew 7:7 has been studied and read for many years it is still missed or watered down so many times. In that verse Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." This is a strange promise . . . but it falls from the lips of the Saviour and He cannot lie! In Matthew 7:8 He makes an even stronger statement. Notice . . . "For everyone that asketh receiveth . . ." And in Matthew 21:22 He said, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." There is no limit or boundary to "everyone that asketh." It includes every believer in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. There is included in "all things" the healing of your body. Even across the miles in a city or in the world, God will answer prayer for healing. While prayer is offered in a church building God sends His healing touch to the sick one in a hospital or in a home which may be many blocks or miles away. There is no limit as to distance when you take God at His word and believe your prayer is heard.

There is a direct command in James 5:13-14 for one who is sick to ask for prayer. It is your God-given privilege to go directly to His throne in Jesus' name for your own needs. But when one is sick and has not been able to exercise faith to be healed there should be the willingness to obey the Word of God and call for help in prayer. It is the promise of the Lord that the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16. This is one of the greatest verses in all the Bible on faith. Praying effectually is a key many have missed. Your prayers must be directed to God in Jesus' name and directly for the object desired. Praying effectually for healing will include exercising the God-given authority over Satan that every believer has

## Bible School is Now In Session

We are looking forward to this 1956 term of Bible School with God blessing in a great way.

We give praise unto the Lord for the way He has blessed in the past, and we realize that He is able to bless in a greater measure if we keep our faith in Him.

From all indications there will be a large enrollment. We trust that each student will be able to receive much from the School.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to each of the churches for the linens, shoe bags, curtains, food, and etc., that you donated to the Bible School. It is greatly appreciated.

Truly we desire your prayers in behalf of the School.

Again we would like to thank each one of you for the hospitality that was shown to us during the Bible School tour.

We trust that many of you will be able to visit the Bible School.

May God bless each of you.

R. D. WOOSTER, Supt.

in Christ. The authority He has given over Satan must be realized and exercised if one is to be truly "effective" in prayer. There is more to the verse . . . God said effective praying avails. And He said it avails much. Words are not put in the Scripture for filler. Had He only said "availeth" it would have been a power promise but when God added the word "much" it made the promise of much greater significance and benefit. Your prayer . . . effectual and fervent . . . avails much with God. It moves Him to do something for you. It will move Him to grant healing to you today. Yes, to you. Yes, today.

When you pray, remember Jesus lives today. Remember He has made promises that cannot fail for He cannot lie. Your healing will come through Christ Jesus who loves you and wants to heal you. He has commanded you to pray. Meet Him on His word and you will be healed today.

## THERE WILL BE A YOUTH CAMP

At this writing the dates and the place is not set, never the less as plans are now it will be as early as possible, being a joint camp and lasting for one week. We will keep you posted as plans materialize. Brother Bill Patterson, Brother W. A. Ferguson and Brother Joe Faries are the committeemen.

## THERE WILL BE A CAMP MEETING TOO

Again at Laverne, Okla. The exact dates are not set, but it will be in the latter part of July or the first of August. Brothers Olen Bachler, Floyd LaMunyon and Harrol Waterbury will be in charge.

## SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS—

We want to report that the Lord is blessing at the Mt. Olive church. We now have 28 in attendance and are expecting the Lord to bring more in. The church presented a Christmas program December 23. Treats were given to 100 people. Help us pray that our attendance will soon reach that number. We were recently blessed with a week of revival services with Brother Jack Shandley. Two were saved and Christians were encouraged and drawn closer to the Lord. We are praying that God will send us an old fashioned revival in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Townsend, pastors.

## ARNETT, OKLAHOMA—

Brother Bill Patterson of Granby, Mo., will begin a revival January 8. Brother and Sister Claude Bishop of Ralls, Tex., will assist him. I know the only standard that we have now is Christ and all that He is able to do for us.

## BAYARD, NEBRASKA—

Brother Roland Busch will begin a revival at Bayard, Nebr., January 22. Let us pray for an old time, old fashioned revival that will cause people to be awakened to their need of God. Brother and Sister Amos Harris are pastors.

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## From My Viewpoint

### EDITORIAL

By Gail Schultz

GREETINGS TO YOU AND YOURS IN 1956. Surely the Lord is great, and His goodness fills the earth. As most of you know by this time the Lord has made it possible for us to build a new home here in Baxter Springs, Kans. It was finished for us in record time, and we moved in just before the convocation. It was a last minute rush, and there still remains arranging to do, however we know by now that we are going to enjoy our new abode. All that we could have asked or expected of the Lord has come our way. Have you ever really tried trusting the Lord to supply your every need? I know from experience that He will never fail.

This is the time of resolutions. To me the best one to make, is that by His grace I plan to serve Him more faithfully. Men may plan, but to be led of the Lord is the true answer. I do not know the future, but I know the Lord is in the future and will meet me there.

A merchant told me the other

day that Sunday was a good business day, he also added that, that was one day when he would see all the ministers in town for they most always came in for some last minute need. It started me to thinking, while for a long time we have avoided Sunday buying, I hope to do less of it. Some times it may be necessary, but let us try to get people in church and not keep them busy waiting on us in their various trades.

Often too in our movement there is little mention of the missionaries. Let us remember them just a little more in 1956. They meet conditions that call for their best, the deepest of consecration, let us do our part to bear that burden that is ours to keep before the Lord in their behalf. There is more than one way to witness, by going and by sending.

We are in need of what I term "live material" that is material by our people, from our movement, that is being written now. Write us some good articles and we will put them in as time and space permits. The only way to have a democratic paper is to have the voice of many—so send yours in.

Sometimes a person sends in names of those that they feel will want the paper and as a rule they do, however sometimes somebody does not desire the "Report." If you fall in the disinterested class, please let us know so we can discontinue your number.

We want to thank you O so much for all your offerings, and in every way and manner that you have been of help to us. Freedom of the press is precious, let us use this freedom to proclaim the fullness of the Gospel.

Tonight, the preacher said, God's plan of salvation is perfect in every detail, and I know that it is so. Our life is in the blood. Lev. 11:17. Shall we not with all faith honor the Blood of Jesus that sets us free. You know Jesus, not by the witness of another, but by an inward revelation. (Thank God for that Revelation). Without the knowledge and correction of Jesus, we are selfish and worthless, drifting with no eternal home in sight. Yes, Jesus Christ is the same yester-

### HINTON, ALABAMA—

The church here has been wonderfully blessed with a good spiritual revival. Eleven were saved, five sanctified for which we are very thankful. We had with us in our revival Evangelist Winston Barker from Katy, Texas and gospel party consisting of Brother and Sister Claude Bishop of Ralls, Tex., and Brother and Sister Harold Wills of Katy, Texas. The church has been wonderfully blessed with the Spirit of the Lord. Pray for us as we labor for the Lord. Brother and Sister Leon Smith, pastors.

### PERRYTON, TEXAS—

Brother Bob Palmer is to go to Perryton, Texas soon for a revival. Let us pray that this may be a soul reaching time. We know that the Word of the Lord will not return to Him void. Later Brother Palmer plans a revival with the Follette, Texas church.

day and today and forever—heaven and earth shall pass away, but not His word. I saw a picture of a baby today in the newspaper representing 1956. The little fellow stood with one hand on a Bible and the other on a gun. Which will it be? Time is running out, so let us work the more. One thing I know the night cometh when no man can work, so let us hasten the story to tell, and the grain to gather.

The convocation here in Baxter Springs was really good with many victories won. If you were present you know, if not I wonder why you had to miss? I know some of you were busy in other fields, working for the Lord, and I am glad that the Lord is everywhere.

I must close. God bless you one and all. Pray for us. Pray for Bible School, it is now time for it to start and we are looking forward to happy instructive days, with plenty of spiritual victory. Pray for the Apostolic Faith Report. Let us all seek God for lost souls and for clear clean Bible experiences for all so that each may in his lot be prepared to stand, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

## Report On The Convocation

At Baxter Springs, Kansas

The Apostolic Faith Convocation was blessed of the Lord and many enjoyed the services.

The day was started with prayer service at 9:00 o'clock, then the Bible lesson was given at 10:00. These lessons were given by different ministers of the movement, and they proved to be a great blessing.

Children services were conducted by Mrs. Leon Pugh. These services were very interesting and good for the children.

The afternoon worship service begun at 2:30 with the gospel singing lead by Brother Leon Pugh, who was in charge of the choir directing during the day services. Various ministers spoke in these services. Wonderful altar services followed with people calling upon God.

At 6:30 each evening the young people enjoyed a service conducted especially for the young people. Brother Neil Ragan was in charge of these services.

The Evangelistic service of the evening was indeed an inspiration to the Christian and an invitation to those without God. These services were closed with victory around the altars.

The special music was directed by Peggy Bishop of Ralls, Texas. Brother Bennie Stanberry was the choir director for the evening services. Truly the choir singing, special singing, and music was anointed of the Lord and enjoyed by everyone.

There were two special minister's and worker's meetings conducted during Convocation. In these meetings the Bible School, Youth Camp, Camp Meeting, The Apostolic Faith Report, and ways to improve the movement were discussed.

Meals were served at a common table in the dining hall at the Bible School Home. Brother Roland Busch was in charge of the kitchen. Many volunteered their help; this was greatly appreciated.

Once again we can say that God

supplied the needs and we are praising Him for it.

God richly blessed in the closing day of the Convocation. The first evening service was a communion service. Then the Convocation was closed with a Glorious Watch Night Service, which continued through the midnight hour into the New Year.

Certainly there were many victories obtained.

Ministers that attend the Convocation were:

Marcus Adair, Follett, Texas  
James Arnce, Webb City, Mo.  
Olen Bachler, Katy, Texas  
C. O. Bard, Joplin, Mo.  
Ben Barker, Enid, Okla.  
Winston Barker, Katy, Texas  
Claude Bishop, Ralls, Texas  
Van Earl Blythe, Leroy, Kansas  
Harold Bollinger, Hardesty, Okla.  
Roland Busch, Katy, Texas  
O. A. Busch, Ganado, Texas  
Elmer Christenson, Leroy, Kansas  
Paul Clanton, Joplin, Mo.  
Mrs. Lawrence Clay,

Eureka Springs, Arkansas  
F. P. Copeland, Cassaday, Kansas  
Bob Cooper, Granby, Mo.  
A. B. Corl, Houston, Texas  
Joe B. Dewees, Hempstead, Texas  
Donald D. Dibbens, Hempstead, Tex.  
A. W. Ferguson, Dumas, Texas  
George Hintergardt, Doniphan, Mo.  
Ted Jackson, Galena, Kansas  
Walter Jacobs, Adrian, Mo.  
Floyd LaMunyon, Perryton, Texas  
Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon,

Perryton, Texas  
Charles O. Mahan, Wichita, Kans.  
M. D. Methvin, Galena, Kansas  
E. H. Miller, Cartersville, Mo.  
Howard Miller, Joplin, Mo.  
Ray Michner, Baxter Springs, Kans.  
John Modrick, Amarillo, Texas  
Austin Morgan, Guymon, Okla.  
Earl Morgan, Elkins, Ark.  
Houston Nease, Independence, Kans.  
W. O. Nunn, Granby, Mo.  
Bob Palmer, Webb City, Mo.  
Lula Parham, Baxter Springs, Kans.  
Bill Patterson, Granby, Mo.  
Jake Pletcher, Alvin, Texas  
George Polvado, Big Springs, Tex.  
Leon Pugh, Balko, Okla.  
Neil Ragan, Laverne, Okla.  
J. D. Ray, Sunray, Texas  
Glaryon Reese, Webb City, Mo.  
Gail Schultz, Baxter Springs, Kans.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

We have changed some of the regulations of our mailing list and if you do not send us your name, you will not receive a roll of papers. If you want a roll please write us, stating how many you want. This is only a measure to save the misplacing of papers.

THANK YOU EVERYONE, who so graciously remember us with Seasons Greetings during the holidays. Due to conditions beyond our control we could not send cards this past Christmas. Each card was a kind reminder that you had not forgotten. God bless you every one.

**BROTHER MURPHEY BARNES** is now out in revival meetings. The Lord is blessing his work and he is open for calls. Write him at Uvalde, Tex. The need is great to spread far and wide the last great message call, for the Coming of the Lord is near, ever at the doors.

**DIVINE HEALING**, has been more or less the theme of this paper, we wish we could have had more testimonies, and more sermons on this line, but our time was limited. We do thank God that we as a movement stand for Divine healing and see many healed in answer to prayer. Next month we want the Report to be a Bible School number. I know you are anxious to know of our progress here.

Mrs. Gail Schultz,

Baxter Springs, Kansas  
Jack Shandley, Leakey, Texas  
Earl Sherwood, Joplin, Mo.  
Bennie Stanberry, Katy, Texas  
Darrell Sutton, So. Houston, Texas  
Ralph Tankersley, Joplin, Mo.  
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## HEALING TESTIMONY

About a year ago while teaching school, I began to suffer from fatigue, loosing weight and having trouble with my female organs. Some days I was unable to go to school and had to stay home and rest. I suffered tremendous pain and especially at night which kept me awake. My mother came to visit us from Rockford, Ill. She, my husband and two brothers insisted on me going to the doctor for a check up. I prayed much about it. I felt God had always delivered me and He would again. I gave in and went, little did I think it was cancer of both the blood and female organs. Of course they wanted to operate right away but said it was gone so far they couldn't cure me but it would prolong my life. I told the doctor I would pray about it, God had delivered me before and I felt he would again. I sought the Lord constantly. I asked Brother Long and Sister Peters and a group of Christians to pray for me. God marvelously delivered me. I felt the power of God going through my whole body. I know the work was done. I went back to the doctor for another check up. He took a number of tests and sent in to the lab. The next day I called up about them and Praise God it was all clear. The doctor said "This is a mystery. I can't understand, but you told me God would do the job." I'm writing this testimony for the glory of God. I trust this will be the means of some one suffering from cancer or any other disease, being delivered. Remember only God can do this. He does the job complete. Don't be afraid to trust Him. He bore the stripes before He went to the cross for you and I. God has been my healer for 20 years. He so marvelously healed me of T. B. and also my eyes. Praise His name. Sister Margret Schmitter, 1631 Helix St., Spring Valley, Calif.

"The steps of faith fall on the seeming void, but find the rock beneath."  
—Whittier

Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan.  
—Bunyan

## DIVINE HEALING

DIVINE HEALING IS THAT ACT OF GOD, whereby the sick, afflicted, and demon possessed are brought back to health, without the assistance of medical aid. A miracle, or process of health.

### JESUS HEALED THE SICK

Matt. 4:23. Healing all manner of sickness.  
Matt. 8:17. Isa. 53:4-5. Jesus took our sickness.  
I Pet. 2:24. By whose stripes ye were healed.  
Matt. 10:1, 8. A commission given to heal.  
Matt. 14:14. Jesus healed the sick of the multitude.  
Matt. 15:30-31. Diversified cures are wrought.  
Matt. 21:14. Jesus healed the sick in the Temple.  
Mark 1:34. Jesus cast out devils.  
Mark 5:25,34. The touch, by Faith made whole.  
Mark 6:12, 13. The disciples were anointed with oil.  
Mark 9:23, 24. By believing the tormented child was delivered.  
Mark 16:15, 20. Go preach with signs and confirmation.  
Luke 4:18, 40-41. The prophecy and the result.  
Luke 5:17. Wise men of many cities were healed.  
Luke 6:17. The people of a wide country were healed.  
Luke 9:11. Jesus healed them that needed healing.  
Luke 10:1, 8-9. Healing commission given to the 70.  
Luke 14:2, 4. Jesus healed the man with dropsy.  
Luke 17:15. A ratio of one out of ten thanking Jesus for healing.

### HEALING FROM THE ACTS

Acts 3:6. Such as I have I give — faith for healing.  
Acts 4:30. Signs, wonders and healing in Jesus' Name.  
Acts 5:16. The sick folks of Jerusalem were healed.  
Acts 8:7, 13. People were healed under Phillip's ministry.  
Acts 9:40. The sick and dead are raised up by prayer.  
Acts 14:8, 10. Man had faith for healing.  
Acts 19:12. The blessing of handkerchiefs for the sick.  
Acts 28:8. A man of Melita was healed, as Paul prayed.  
I Cor. 11:29-30. Many sickly, because of no discernment.  
James 5:14, 16. Anoint with oil and pray for the sick.  
I Pet. 2:24. By whose stripes we were healed.

### HEALING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Gen. 50:2. First physicians cared for the dead.  
Exodus 15:26. I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
Exodus 23:25. I will take sickness away from thee.  
Deut. 7:15. Will take sickness and disease.  
Deut. 32:39. I am He, I make alive, I heal.  
II Kings 20:5. I have seen thy tears, I will heal thee.  
II Chron. 16:12. Asa died because he did not turn to God.  
Psa. 30:2. I cried unto the Lord for healing.  
Psa. 107:20. He sent His word and healed them.  
Jer. 17:14. Heal me, O Lord, I shall be healed.  
Isa. 53:5. With His stripes we are healed.

### DEMONS

Mark 5:9. There are many demons.  
Luke 7:21. Evil spirits can be cured.  
Luke 8:36. One possessed with devils was healed.  
Mark 9:25. Dumb and deaf spirits.  
I Tim. 4:1. There are seducing spirits.  
Luke 8:29. Some demons are driving.  
Luke 4:35. Some demons throw and hurt people.  
Luke 9:42. The devil threw and tore him.  
Acts 19:13, 15. Evil spirits may talk and resist.  
Luke 9:1, Authority has been given over them.

## "AWAKE TO THE CHALLENGE"

"Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, as when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries that the nations may tremble at thy presence." Isaiah 64:1,2.

We watch the horizon, eagerly looking for the returning Messiah, with hearts that long for Christ's return, we wonder and say, "How long O Lord, how long?" Have you ever longed to see some loved one so bad your heart just ached within you? I know that you have. That is the way I feel about the return of Christ. I am longing for it. Though we long for His return, yet we hear Him say, "Occupy till I come." Luke 19:13.

Let us think about what the Lord meant when He said that to His servants. I don't want to speak about the coming of Christ back to earth, but about the occupying that His servants were to do. We are His servants too.

First it means carrying out the orders of our "Great Captain," Jesus Christ. Perhaps this will effect each one of us different. But it still means obeying the Lord.

We see the work of the enemy on every hand. It grows more and more as days go by. I am more

interested though with the "Power of God." Has not the Lord told us in His word that, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift a standard against him." Isaiah 59:19.

We must believe in revival and the reviving of God's people. I know that not everyone will be saved, but the revival spirit will exist and grow even stronger amongst the saints of God, even down to the lifting of the Spirit. Let not that man think he will receive anything from God if he first does not believe. There must be Faith; there has to be belief to have results. Without it God's people perish.

The Bible tells us, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached to all the world as a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14. Not theories of man nor dogmas of the church but the "Gospel of the Kingdom."

Men that want power with God must pay a price for it. Let us leave organizations and creeds of man for this power. The Bible continues to state, "If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36. Now how can this "Gospel" be preached in all of its beauty and glory? First obey God. Second we must be equipped with the weapons to fight the good fight of faith. If we bear this "Gospel" we must also have the "Accredited Credentials." "And these signs shall follow them that believe, in my

### AMARILLO, TEXAS—

The new church building at 630 North Bivins is progressing. Keep praying for the work that soon the Gospel will have a new outlet. Brother and Sister Modrick as pastors have indeed been faithful to the trust given them. Brother Bob Palmer was with this group in early December for some mighty gracious services. Just before the holidays Brother Orville Howard that proved a blessing. He was assisted by Brother Erlich of Follette, Tex.

### LIBERAL, KANSAS—

Brother and Sister Aubrey Murry are still pastoring this new work and are putting forth every effort to see it grow. They are still asking the Lord to make it possible for them to have a church for their services, that is one of their own. God is able, let us remember them in prayer.

name shall they cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues, they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Mk. 16:17,18.

This "Occupying" and "This Gospel" will bring about forgiveness of sins, it will destroy the works of the devil and will baptize with the Holy Spirit. Not only will we have at our fingertips the above mentioned things, but will also have the "Gifts of the Spirit." Anything less than this is missing the goal that Christ purchased for us! So, friend this is no time to throw up our hands in despair and quit, but now is the time to ask God for more and diligently hearken to His voice.

I know that many would say, that this is a falling away time. I will gladly agree, for the Bible states that fact in II Tim. 3:1. To the scoffer of revival and the awakening in these last days I suggest they read Acts 2:17 and see God's divine provision against that condition.

The event that we are longing for will one day take place. "Praise the Lord," and if we have done our job of "occupying" we will then hear the Lord say, "Well done."

### DIVINE HEALTH

- Prov. 22. Health to all that find thy Words  
 Prov. 3:7-8. Health given to the children of the Lord.  
 Isa. 58:8. Thine health shall spring forth speedily.  
 Jer. 30:17. I restore health to thee.  
 Jer. 33:6. I will bring health and cure.  
 III John 1:2. Be in health, as ye are spiritual.  
 Joel 3:20-21. Jesus will cleanse blood when He comes.  
 Mal. 4:2. Jesus will come with healing in His wings.  
 I Thess. 5:22-24. To be sanctified in spirit and soul and body.  
 Rom. 12:1-2. Present your bodies to the Lord.  
 I Thess. 4:3-4. The will of God for sanctification.

Though many may be afflicted, tormented, and sick today, it is the will of God that we should put our trust in Him, be healed and walk in the light of body deliverance, as well as for soul. Redemption is for this body—so let us live holy unto the Lord, looking for the blessed hope, and acknowledge Jesus as the great I am, the same yesterday and today and forever, and realize that He is no respecter of persons. Be sure and trust God fully for complete healing.

## "In Everything Give Thanks"

By Rev. Donald D. Dibbens

Our opening scripture reading is found in the book of Psalms, Chapter 118, verses 1 through 9.

**"O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: Because His mercy endureth forever. Let Israel now say, that His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron now say, that His mercy endureth forever. Let them now that fear the Lord say, that His mercy endureth forever. I called upon the Lord in my distress: The Lord answered me, and set me in a large place. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: What can man do unto me? The Lord taketh my part with them that help me: There fore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes."**

Let us read, in the 1st epistle of Paul, the Apostle to the Thessalonians, Chapter 5, verse 18, for our text, **"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."**

It is not always easy to fulfill this text, **"In everything give thanks."** I assume that everyone has found occasion to fulfill this during their life time. I question if any of us have been overly thankful. With the thought of these two extremes before us, I desire to bring some things to our attention that will help those on the unthankful extreme to be more thankful, and to help those who are on the thankful extreme to be encouraged to continue to be thankful.

In our land there are individuals who feel that they are owed something. This is a distressing situation, because it dissolves the feeling of gratitude that should be present. No doubt the major part or percentage of the grumblers and complainers are a product of this feeling. The real evil of this feeling is portrayed in the acts that are done to try to justify an ungrateful heart. Our penitentiaries are filled with ungrateful people. Now there may be exceptions in some

cases, but in the majority of cases this is the rule. However, this is not the worst evil. I feel that the worst evil is in those who try to satisfy an ungrateful heart by committing crimes against society, have not been caught or sentenced by our laws, and are still loose and preying upon those who desire to do right. I mention these things and speak of the ungrateful side, because there is a reason why some are ungrateful. Also I feel that Christianity can and will do more for these people than anything else. In fact, Christ is the only true help for an ungrateful heart. I would be most out of order to call our attention to the ungratefulness that we see existing without being able to present something by way of solving this problem. Beloved it is difficult to overcome an ungrateful heart by ones own ingenuity. I am happy to tell you that Christ can and will change an ungrateful heart to a grateful heart, and that the wonderful blessing of being thankful can be a natural reaction brought about by the blessing of Christ to the inner man, rather than a shell worked up effort that sometimes fails to reach our expectations.

I feel that those who took part in the first Thanksgiving were spurred on by the rush of mercy and grace that came to the inner man from the Courts of Glory, which was manifested by their invitation to the Friendly Indian Chief Massasoit and ninety of his braves to join with them in a feast of Thanksgiving for the bountiful harvest. The reason I speak in this manner is because of the circumstances that surrounded this first Thanksgiving. The Plymouth Colony had endured much affliction, disaster, sickness, and reverses. Over forty of the original group that settled in America to establish religious freedom, lay under the sod. There were fifty five English speaking people present, and of this group four women bore the brunt of cooking and serving. This fifty five included the four women, men and children. The visiting Indians came ninety braves strong with Chief Massasoit. There was not a building large enough to house such

a gathering, so it was held in the open. The children gathered wood and built many fires. The four women, with some help from the older girls, prepared the puddings, pastries and bread; and some of the men and Indians helped by cooking the venison, turkeys, geese, ducks and fish over the open coals. This great thankful feast of ingathering lasted three days. What was lacking in plates was made up with wooden trenches. Knives of the Pilgrim Fathers and the Indians were the main eating tools. The silver spoons and forks were soon exhausted — just not enough to go around. These three days were filled with preaching, feasting, talking and games. I would say that a wonderful atmosphere of heartfelt thanksgiving to God for His kindness and enduring mercy prevailed.

We have come a long way since that day. Inventions have increased beyond measure. Luxuries that we consider as every day necessities make our existence much easier than the existence of our Pilgrim Fathers and Mothers. America today has advanced beyond any imagination of those who were present at that first feast of ingathering, yet I would say that we today — with all of our advantages and opportunities — could take a lesson from our Pilgrim Fathers in producing a sincere grateful heart, touched by the Spirit of Christ and brought about by a close association and communion with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I fear that we, of America, in 1955 are living in such a fast age that we cannot find time to enjoy the same closeness of spiritual association that our forefathers enjoyed; and therein lies one of the secrets of why we do not have the like gratitude of heart that we associate with that First Thanksgiving.

I have called our attention to the ungrateful side with a slight touching on the thankful hearts of our Pilgrim Fathers. Now I want us to think on the thankful side for a little while. Perhaps I have left the impression that our forefathers were more thankful than we. I think percentage wise they were more thankful. Even with this opinion I am happy to say that I

feel there are many who are just as thankful today, as our forefathers were then. When we are thankful and very gracious for the bountiful blessings of the Lord — I'm thinking of both material and spiritual blessing — then we fall into a pleasant category. It is a wonderful benefit to know that we can be happy, pleasant, busy, fervent in spirit, and thankful today. **"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."** God wills that we should be thankful. This in itself is reason enough to work toward being grateful.

I would like to mention a few things that make me thankful, and I want you to think of things that appeal to you. First, I'm thankful for a personal Saviour. Thank God for sending His only begotten Son into the world to die for sinful men — that I might have a knowledge of sins forgiven. Second, I'm thankful for freedom of worship. There is something deep inside that moves me with gratitude to our forefathers who endured hardships, laboured persistently, and fought bravely that I might have the heritage of freedom of worship. I think this better expressed in the poem: **"THE BRIDGE BUILDER"**

An old man, going a lone highway,  
Came at the evening, cold and gray,  
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim—

That sullen stream had no fears for him,

But he turned, when he reached the other side,

And built a bridge to span the tide.  
"Old man", said a fellow pilgrim near,

"You are wasting strength in building here,

Your journey will end with the ending day,

You never again must pass this way.  
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,

Why build you the bridge at even-tide?"

The builder lifted his old grey head.  
"Good Friend, in the path I have come", he said,

"There followeth after me today,

A youth whose feet must pass this way.

This chasm that has been naught to me,

To that fair haired youth may a pit-fall be.

He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;

Good friend, I am building the bridge for him".

I am thankful for a Christian home and parents. As a parent I am thankful for a good companion and children. I am thankful for the fellowship of the children of God. I am thankful to be an American Citizen. I am thankful for the beauties of nature. I am thankful for the privilege to make friends and influence people. I am thankful for the sun, moon, and stars, the ecstasy of a sunrise, the calmness of a sunset, the sparkle of the stars, and the thrill of a full moon. I am thankful to be alive and breathe God's free air. I am thankful for a hope of a better resurrection through Christ. I am thankful for health and the privilege to work both with my hands and for the Lord. I am thankful to be alive and called of God to labour in the great harvest field for souls, where the "harvest is ripe and the labourers are few." There are many other things that bring a thanksgiving to my heart, but I feel that these are enough to start us on the course of counting our many blessings to see what God has done.

After all the turmoil and trouble, blessings and pleasantness of everyday living, it is rather easy to see why the writer penned these beautiful words, **"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."**

In closing I would like to give you my thoughts on the secret of living with a thankful heart. This secret is portrayed in the story of the Two Seas. There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh, and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it, and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of its healing waters. Along its shores the children play, as children played when He was there. He loved it. He could look across its silver surface when He spoke His parables, and on a rolling

**INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS—**

Brother and Sister Houston Nease and family are now in a position to do more extensive work for the Lord and they want to enlarge their ministry. He will consider and pray about week-end services. Write him at Independence, Kans., route 2, or telephone him at Tyro, Kans., No. 74 F 11. We enjoyed the visit paid to us by Brother Nease. Let us pray for them that each move they make will be to the glory of God.

plain not far away He fed the five thousand. The river Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. Men build their houses near to it, and birds their nests, and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

The river Jordan flows on south into another sea. Here there is no splash of fish, no song of birds, no childrens laughter. Travelers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy above its waters, and neither man, beast, nor fowl will drink. What makes this mighty difference in these neighboring seas? Not the river Jordan, it empties the same good water into both. Neither is it the soil in which they lie, nor the country around about. This is the difference. The sea of Galilee receives, but does not keep the Jordan river. For every drop that flows into it, another flows out. The other sea is more shrewd, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps. The sea of Galilee gives and lives. This other sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead Sea.

There are two seas in Palestine. There are two kinds of people in the world.

To me these two kinds of people are portrayed in the thankful and the unthankful — the grateful and the ungrateful. Herein lies the secret of a thankful heart. Be a channel of blessing. As Christ blesses you, let it roll on to become a blessing to others. In this manner we can say with Brother Paul, **"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning You."**

## I Found God In A Handful of Mud

By Chas. Bedinger

From the time — immemorial people have discussed the issue of God or the Divine Creator; who He is, and demanded evidence to prove His identity.

In the annals of history and science, several theories have been advanced as to creation. Our scientists condensed these theories down to what they considered the most plausible and most gullible for home consumption.

They all agreed that Darwin's Theory of Evolution was the best answer to the question. I would not venture an estimate on the good derived from the publication of this theory or the damage it might have caused to the human minds.

On first thought, I am inclined to believe that the circulation of this line of thought was a step forward in defense of the Holy Scriptures for the simple reason that at the time of its circulation the Bible outstripped in sale all books sold. Though it might have caused people to take more interest in their self-preservation, more interest was taken in churches and christianity the world over and membership doubled in all sects and creed.

So it proves one fact, that when the authority of our Creator is challenged the forces that fasten their cherished belief in holy affairs comes to the rescue of that inspired parchment and defends its authenticity unto death.

But we have nothing to fear. This is not a new issue at all; that is, if we imbed our belief in something tangible, and we do have the only evidence in our favor, first—that we are, and second—that we are what we are.

First we know that we have been born into existence, and second, we have evidence, or should have evidence, that we have been spiritually born into the Kingdom which gives us the inheritance of things unseen and things to come.

God has always been, and has always been God. Every existing

thing must have origin, design and author.

Why do we know there is a God? We have three acts of evidence; first—creation, second—God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to earth as His mortal and immortal evidence of this fact, third—we can experience the third evidence by having met Him. These are established facts from history and human experience.

If you have met a person and have lived with him daily in your home, on the streets, and in the church, could anyone disprove his identity to you? Of course not because you have walked, talked, and have heard his voice, and you have felt his breath as he followed you along your path of life, you have heard his whispers as he said do this, or abstain from that. This was God's Son talking to you and ever reminding you that your efforts are not in vain.

You do not have to be a college professor, an Edison or a Steinmetz to understand the process of God and creation. This was worked out beyond criticism by God himself and nothing can be added or taken from this miraculous achievement.

His creation was so perfect that every planet is held in position and performs its functional duty. They do not miss one second in 365 days. They give us day and night, the seasons of the year, the rain, snow, and the sun required for his vegetation, and the law of gravity to hold the planets in place, and the Son of God to hold us in place. What more evidence do you want?

Let me quote the first four verses of Chapter 1 of St. John.

- “1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2. The same was in the beginning with God.
3. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made.
4. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.”

These four verses give the premise of law that governed everything described in the Book of Genesis of the things created.

If you are interested in finding God I'll tell you where He can be

found. You can see Him in the flowers, the colors and their fragrance, you can see Him in the rain drops that are essential to all living matter, you can see Him in the trees, you can see Him in the ocean or you can see Him in the breeze. But I saw Him in a handful of mud one day. As I studied it I found that if I placed a little mustard seed in this ball of mud it would grow because God, and only God, can give it that germ of life to make it sprout.

Evolution is left out in good society because it has failed to originate life.

In evaluating creation by law, and creation by evolution, let me give you the definition of both. First I want to give you Blackstone's definition of law as he is a world authority on the subject.

Law in its most comprehensive sense signified a rule of action and is indiscriminately applied to all matter, filling all space whether animate or inanimate, rational or irrational.

Now let us examine evolution for what it really is. Evolution is not a creative principle, neither does it possess intelligence or design. Evolution is any change wrought by the law of God, of any natural object, above the position it occupied before the change. Then the results are named evolution and are subject to the law of God and whose mandates must be obeyed.

Some emasculated brain manikens have been searching the woods of the universe over to find a missing link so they can establish kinship to the ape. God save the ape from having to suffer such relations.

Now we must accept things by knowledge and faith. “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1 “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.” Hebrews 11:3.

So here we have the simple fact of creation by Law. For in the beginning was the Law, and the Law was with God, and the Law was God.

Let us be proud of our ancestry,

## GOVERNMENT

By Robert Girouard

Government, both civil and religious, is ordained of God. So far as the scriptural record is concerned, human government was instituted by God after the flood when He told Noah, Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man. Gen. 9:6. The highest function of government is the judicial taking of human life. All other governmental powers are implied in that. In his letter to the church at Rome, Paul declares that governmental powers are ordained of God, and he enjoins Christians to obey civil rulers and the laws of the land. Rom. 13:1-7.

We know that sometimes rulers are wicked and that some laws are unjust and even bad. Good laws are sometimes ignored and bypassed which results in a maladministration of justice. But in spite of all that, poor government is better than no government at all. Indescribable confusion and many evils would surely be the result of not having government. This is true in religious as well as in civil affairs.

The Lord has set governments in the church. I Cor. 12:28. Church government is to be administered by religious rulers known as Elders and Bishops. Heb. 13:7,17; I Tim. 3:4,5; I Tim. 5:17. Their qualifications and duties are described in I Tim. 3:1-7; Tit. 1:5-9; Acts 20:28; I Pet. 5:1-3. Elder (Greek, presbuteros) and bishop (Greek, episcopos) designates the same office. Tit. 1:5,7;

our birth, and lineage. It behooves us to honor these facts for the generations to follow. Let us not embarrass a poor little defenseless monkey or an ape with such idiotic philosophy.

Personally I am proud that I can trace my ancestry to a higher standard and I cannot find, in the family history, where any of them have hung by their tails to trees or chandeliers.

So I embrace God as my Creator and I found Him in a handful of mud.

Acts 20:17,28. In Acts 20:28 the word overseers is from the Greek word episcopos which is elsewhere translated bishop. Elder refers to the man and bishop to a function of his office.

Let us now consider the duties of Elders and Bishops. (1) They are spiritual rulers, guides, or overseers. I Tim. 3:4,5; I Tim. 5:17; Heb. 13:7,17. They are not to be dictators over the flock but are to be examples. I Pet. 5:1-3. (2) They are responsible to uphold sound doctrine. Tit. 1:9, and (3) They are to feed and to watch over the flock. Acts 20:28; I Pet. 5:1-7.

Ministers of the gospel are elders who labor in the word and doctrine. I Tim. 5:17. Pastors are elders and by virtue of their office are also bishops or overseers. As a matter of fact the pastor of a church is the leading Elder and Bishop of his church and should work in harmony with the other official elders of the church where he is laboring. In the Apostolic Faith Movement the officially designated elders of a local church are usually called Members of the Church Board.

Frequently the elders or members of church boards, in addition to their spiritual duties, are also trustees of the physical properties of the church.

There should never be one member or minority decisions and actions by members of a church board relative to the business or spiritual interests of the church. Even majority decisions are not all that could be desired. The entire membership of the church board should act together when possible to insure perfect harmony. However, conformity and unity of action should not be sought at the price of compromise with what is known to be right.

In conclusion, may we add the observation that church government, even if it is sometimes not all that could be desired, is better than no government at all. Let us work with and pray for our spiritual overseers.

"Pride is to character, like the attic to the house — the highest part, and generally the most empty."

—Gray

## IN MEMORY OF

Dr. Jesse M. Barnes, who passed away October 23, 1955.

### A Little Step Away

To close the eye, to fall asleep,  
To draw a labored breath,  
To find release from daily cares  
In what we know as death . . .  
Is this the crowning of a life,  
The aim or end thereof?  
The totaled sum of consciousness,  
The ripened fruit of love?  
It cannot be, for works of God  
Are wrought for nobler ends,  
And those away continue on  
In the hearts of kin and friends.  
It cannot be, for they live on  
A little step away.

The soul, the everlasting life,  
Has found a better day . . . .

MRS. J. M. BARNES  
and DAUGHTER

### ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO—

We began a series of services the 7th of December and closed the meeting the 18th. Brother Austin Morgan was our evangelist and brought us some messages of truth and inspiration. Brother and Sister Harold Bollinger on route from California to Oklahoma stopped by and helped us the last half of the revival. The power of the Lord was present to heal and His Spirit moved in our midst to speak to sinner and Christian alike. One young girl was converted, for which we are happy. We have been helped as a church in these few services and we hope to see our number grow and lives deepened, and sinners won to God in our future services. We appreciate all concern and prayer in our behalf.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McClenagan, pastors.

### CAMP WOOD, TEXAS—

Please pray for the church at Camp Wood. All the ministers have an invitation to come by for services which are on Tuesday and Sunday. Larry Welsh is the pastor.

Be detached from sin, because if we are not it will be written of us, "Therefore will I also diminish thee. Ezek. 5:11. Again it is stated, "I am the Lord that cmiteth. Ezek 6:9. Only by our righteousness can our souls be delivered. Ezek. 14:20,

### HOW TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD

Outline as given by Brother Olen Bachler of Katy, Texas.

1. Prayer.
2. Study of God's Word.
3. Consecration.
4. Obedience.
5. Love one another —
  - (a.) Things made right.
  - (b.) Forgetting the past.
6. Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.
7. Church attendance.
8. Fasting
9. Faithfulness.
10. Material support.

### WICHITA, KANSAS—

Dear Brother and Sister Schultz:

God bless you and keep you by His mighty power. This is just a few lines to inform you of our address change, and to report some meetings.

We recently closed a two weeks meeting in Kingman, Kans., for Brother and Sister Menke. The Christians were strengthened and encouraged. The closing services were November 20 with all-day services.

From November 27 through December 3 we enjoyed being in revival services at the Purcell, Mo., church with Brother and Sister E. H. Miller. The presence of the Lord was enjoyed in every service. On December 4 we were privileged to be at Eureka Springs, Ark., with Brother and Sister Lawrence Clay, (At the country church, also the town mission). The Lord was present to bless in each service. After a short trip to some of the Oklahoma - Texas Panhandle churches we are now in the Baxter Convocation.

We have been enjoying the Apostolic Faith Report very much. The services of my Master grows more enjoyable every day and we are praying the Lord to bless His ministers with souls for salvation.

Chas. O. Mahan,  
1037 So. Terrace Dr.  
Wichita, Kans.

"I find the doing of the will of God leaves me no time for disputing about His plans. —MacDonald

### HEALING TESTIMONY

I am still praising and thanking the Lord for what He did for me during Brother Bob Palmer's revival at the New York Tabernacle in October. Ever since I was about 9 or 10, I have had trouble with my feet. At the time my feet started bothering me we didn't know what the trouble was, but later learned I had had a touch of polio which settled in my feet and legs. All these years I have suffered untold agony. Sometimes for 3 days I was unable to wear shoes because of swelling. I never knew what it was to stand on my feet and my toes touch the floor until the Lord healed me. I was unable to drive a car for any distance. The Lord touched my body on a Tuesday and the following Friday I walked 17 blocks to church without any pain. My right foot was the worst and the swelling and growth are practically gone and my left foot is normal. Praise the Lord. I am so thankful to the Lord for what He has done. He performed a miracle in my life. Sister Marsena Mahan, Wichita, Kans.

Pleasure in this world comes from without, but joy comes from within. Therefore, joy is within your reach.

### LEMON GROVE, CALIF.—

The Lemon Grove and Spring Valley churches had a watch night service. The Palm City and Chula Vista churches were also present, besides some other visitors. We had a wonderful time and the Lord was with us to give some gracious victories and new consecrations were made. Brother Herb Sutherland of the Palm City church was master of ceremonies and Brother Allen Long preached. We invite all Apostolic Faith ministers and workers to come by these California churches.

### CROSSES, ARKANSAS—

Brother and Sister Earl Morgan are now pastoring the work and the land has been purchased and cleared and now they are ready for construction on a new church. Let us pray that soon they will reach their goal.

### STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA—

To the best of our knowledge the Stockton Convocation was a success. There were several saved, and victory in the services. Several ministers from the mid-west attended. Wouldn't it be nice if there could be a convocation every year on the western coast?

## The Apostolic Faith Report

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