

The Apostolic Faith Report

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Wickedness

Iniquity

Famines

Deception

Distress of Nations

Unnatural Affection

Parents Against Children

Men's Hearts Failing
Betrayal

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Matthew 24:3

Malicious Eating

Debate
Haters of God

Boasters

Murder

Earthquakes

Marrying and Giving in Marriage

Drinking

Cares of Life

Wars - Rumors of Wars

Falling Away

Envy

Fornication

Backbiters

Proud

Pestilence

Children Against Parents

Apostolic Faith Bible College News

The Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible College Inc. has asked that all ministers and advisory board members from all churches attend a special meeting on Thursday, May 11, 1989 at the Apostolic Faith Bible College. Please make this a matter of prayer and plan to attend.

GIRLS DORM REPORT

Happy New Year from the girls dorm!

Another semester of school is already here. Eleven eager faces returned after Christmas break each bearing their Christmas gifts they had received.

There is a good spirit of harmony here in the dorm. Not only the spirit of harmony but also the spirit of revival. In just the short time we've been here there is a growing hunger in our hearts for more of God and His Word. I think we are realizing that 1989 will bring about greater events to usher in the 70th week of Daniel and Christ's Return. We are getting ready and prepared to welcome Him back. Praise His name! Pray for us.

In His Service,
Kim Mathis - Dean of Women

BOYS DORM REPORT

School is back in full swing.

We have got off to a good start in our new semester. One of the young men was filled with the Holy Spirit. We praise the Lord for this wonderful gift. The Lord said in Matthew 5:6 "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." It is our desire for the young men to hunger and thirst after the things of the Lord. We hope, that you as well, will seek for the wonderful works of the Lord.

Ron Brening
Dean of Men

AFBC ALUMNI NEWS

Plans are being made by the Apostolic Faith Alumni Association for the annual picnic and banquet following the closing exercises of the Apostolic Faith Bible College May 10-12. This year all years ending with 9 will be honored. A list of available names will follow this announcement.

On Friday, May 12, at 12:00 there will be a picnic and activities under the direction of Ross Briles, Modesto, CA.

Banquet registration will begin at 6:00 at the Holiday Inn in Joplin, MO. The charge for the banquet will be \$14.00 per person and the deadline for reservations is April 15. They are to be made through the office at the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Box 110, Baxter Springs, KS 66713.

There will be a special slide presentation by Tim Barker from pictures that you send in of your days at Bible School. Bro. Tim needs your pictures as soon as possible so that the slides can be made. His address is Tim Barker, P.O. Box 897, Katy, Texas 77449.

A special blessing this year will be the Ministry of Evergreen.

Make your plans to attend now and pray for our school
- A.F.B.C.

1949

Barker	Alvin Lee	Denton	Lucille	Kerr	Greene
	Esther	Dickson	Ralph	LaMunyon	Ramona
	Richard E.	Eaken	Myra Fern		Floyd
	Roberta Fay	Echols, Jr.	C.W.		Grace
Barnes	Lola Belle	Ferguson	Clydean	Mansee	Mrs. Floyd
Bingham	Doris		A.W.	Martin	Earl
	James W.		Atrel	Moore	Jo Girouard
Briles	Madeline Ella		Janice	Owens	Neola
Brown	Buster	Fullbright	Martha Lou	Pennington	Eula
Buchner	Virgil L.		Malolah	Peterson	Max Y.
Buschman	Grace		Orlene		Patsy
	Sara	Girouard	Orville		Ruby
Christenson	Raymond	Graves	Robert	Pipkins	Ouida Mae
Conley	Bertilla	Gregory	Imogene	Pruitt	Lois
Couley	Lucille		George	Pugh	Leon
Cowart	Gilbert L.	Handley	Paul	Ragan	Neil
Daugherty	Dorothy		Bill	Regier	Jacob
Davids	Anita Ruth	Hintergardt	Madelyn	Roosa	Wyona
Decker	Alfred Ray		George	Sanders	Carl
	George		Leola		Iva Marie
	Ruby	Humphries	Mabel	Scott	Anna Ruth
Denker	Winston	Jowers	Irene		J. M.
			Geneva Inez		Mrs. J. M.
					Vera

Shallenburger Margie
 Taylor Bobby Glen
 Eual Mae
 Hazel
 Mary Louise
 Torre Olimpa
 Watkins Albert (Hap)
 Amos
 Norine

1959

Adair Marcus
 Arnold Helen
 Marie
 Barker Deanna
 Glen
 Jack
 Velma
 Bollinger Harold
 Wilberta
 Kathryn
 Booth Ross
 Briles Billy
 Brock Carla
 William
 Brown William
 Burrows Janice
 Carrell Tina
 Coles Edna
 Cornell Jack
 Couse Lyle
 Crane Elsa
 Echols Doris
 Frizzell Sara
 Gegory Charles
 Gipson Marie
 Girouard Jo
 Robert
 Greenwood Alta
 Hall Hazel
 Haney Loretta
 Roland
 Hollingsworth Maggie
 Hopson Jack
 Howard Mary Nell
 Longley Effie
 Makekaw Alberta
 Martin Dolly
 McKellar Irene
 McLeod Gayle
 Mary Dale
 Modrick Edwin Wayne
 Eula
 Morris Jim
 Yvonne
 Mumm Jerry
 Mary
 Nease Harold
 Neff Edna

Robinson Barbara
 Rodgers James T.
 Rogers Shirley
 Runnels John
 Schultz Edna
 Gail
 Scott Sue
 Smart Ronnie
 Steffen Vivian
 Summerford Truman
 Tooley LaDonna
 Van Benthusen Mavis
 Vonda
 Welsh Frieda
 Wiebe Freddie
 Woodson Leora
 Young Nancy

1969

Alsop LaRhonda
 Amall Katherine
 Lyndel
 Linda
 Bard Alberta
 Barker Winston
 Bensch Randall
 Byerly Daniel J.
 Flo
 Clanton Bonnie
 Minnie
 Paul
 Shari
 Cook Donald
 Cronshey Raymond
 Dean
 Harper Shirley
 Hill Carl
 Jelsovsky Cody
 Dorothy
 Kinser Brenda
 Legg Marilyn
 Lemmons Francine
 Lynn
 Maples Ron
 Martin Ronnie
 Mathis R. Terry
 Nine David
 Philipp Benny
 Priest Linda
 Steve
 Quesenbury Barbara
 Carolyn
 Beverly
 Richardson Steve
 Ruby Daylene
 Russell Lavonda
 Ronald

Shook Bonnie
 Stubblefield Bobby
 Sutton Austin
 Peggy
 Shirley
 Glenda
 Turner Gilbert
 Widner Delilah
 Wooster Roy

1979

Allen Pamela
 Amall Katherine
 Lyndel
 RaeMona
 Steve
 Steven
 Tony
 Vicki
 Dora
 Robert
 Mike
 Peggy
 David
 Rick
 Barbara
 Yvonna
 LeoOna
 Deana
 Savoy
 Janae
 Cathy
 David
 Donna
 Lisa
 Mollie
 Bruce
 Joyce
 Barry
 Tamara
 Andy
 Janice
 Demirita
 Jake
 Karen
 Rhonda
 Jacob
 Rosalie
 Danny M.
 Cinda
 Kathleen
 Nancy
 Nona
 Austin
 Shirley
 Karen
 Deme'
 Bartel
 Beydler
 Brening
 Buschman
 Christenson
 Cooper
 Cornell
 Essley
 Fish
 Grimmer
 Harris
 Jett
 Juarez
 Kinser
 Kline
 Lewis
 Lowery
 Mathis
 Methvin
 Oakes
 Perry
 Pletcher
 Reese
 Regier
 Robinson
 Sanger
 Shelton
 Smith
 Standefer
 Sutton
 Trowbridge
 Urick

GRACE FOR GRACE

"And of His fulness we have received, and grace for grace." John 1:16

The infamous could accept it!
The nicest of people needed it!
The hardened criminal found it available!
The tender youth is heir to it!

What is this "grace for grace"? What miracle of love is this? What stretching of tolerance and forgiving empathy do we see here?

"Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!"

It is "the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus..." (I Pet. 5:10). This grace (Gk. *charis*) is mercy underserved, giving unlimited, love unrestricted. It is favor inexhaustible, liberality immeasurable.

It is His grace that makes us "new creatures" in Christ Jesus. (II Cor. 5:17). It is His grace that "...sanctifieth...purg(ing) your conscience from dead works to serve the living God" (Heb. 9:13-14). It is His grace that allows us to "be filled with all the fulness of God" (Eph. 3:19).

"See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?:
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,
Never fails from age to age."

(John Newton)

Charis is giving. It is giving as only God can give: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). God's giving is "good." It is "perfect". It is without "shadow of turning" - consistent, dependable, reliable. It is this *charis* that results in the *charismata* (gifts of the Spirit - I Cor. 12).

Oh, we go on trying to earn these precious benefits by our own works. We set up man-made rules and regulations. We form circles of the "law" to step into in order to make us worthy of God's grace. But we are not recipients of grace because we deserve it. That would be a contradiction of the word itself.

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid..." (Rom. 6:1-2)! "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law" (Rom. 3:31)! God's grace inculcates responsibility in us toward Him: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us

that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Tit. 2:11-12). (Emphasis mine.) His grace instructs us to listen to God when He speaks to us by His Spirit. (Heb. 12:25). "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptable with reverence and godly fear:" (v. 28). We cannot come to God's grace with pride and sinful intentions; but with reverence and awe and respect.

Attitude is the key: "...God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble" (James 1:6). "Repent and be converted..." "Present yourselves..." "Casting all your care..." "Walk in the Spirit..." "Looking unto Jesus..." "Trust in the Lord..." These are key action words that show us our part in relation to God's grace. (Acts 3:19; Rom. 12:1; I Pet. 5:7; Gal. 5:16; Heb. 12:2; Pro. 3:5.)

Our part is to position ourselves before God to receive His "grace for grace". The faucet is turned on; put the bucket under it! The light is shining; get out of the shade and bask in it! "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will be withheld from them that walk uprightly" (Ps. 84:11). "...If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink" (John 7:37)!

God's grace is sufficient (II Cor. 12:9), but we can "frustrate" it (Gal. 2:21). We can nullify it by our failure to respond to it. God's grace is "exceeding abundant" (I Tim. 1:4), but we can be guilty of "turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness" (Jude 4) "pervert the grace of our God into immorality" (Weymouth's translation); "abuse His grace as an opportunity for immorality" (Phillips).

How it must grieve Him that we take His grace which He "shed on us abundantly" (Tit. 3:4-6) and use that "liberty for an occasion to the flesh" (Gal. 5:13)!

God has shown "the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: now of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:7-8). That is the infallible word of God. But, Paul's words in the very next verse are not to be ignored: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Having received His grace we are now responsible for the disposition of it: "grace for grace." That is, the grace we have received should result in graceful living! There should be grace overflowing our lives giving witness to His grace toward us. J.B. Phillips paraphrases it: "there is a grace in our lives because of His grace."

A grace in our lives!

Grace turns the stones to diamonds when we are persecuted for righteousness' sake!

Grace turns character flaws into pearls of great price!

Grace turns battles into victories....storms into calm...turmoil into peace!

Grace turns the water of the Old Covenant into the new wind of the Kingdom!

"And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace."

Jerry McClenagan

KERALA, INDIA

Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus!

It is a very long time since we wrote to you through the pages of A.F. Report. We know you dear ones are praying for us and for the work we do.

Our ladies session of the Bible College took place during March, April and May. Some of the girls who had their training here teach the Sunday School and help with the young people's activities. A few that are wives of Pastors help their husbands in intercession and soul winning.

Our session for men started in June and we have eighty students now. Few are not in the picture. We have English and Malayalam medium and classes are held Monday to Friday continuously every week. During the weekends students go for street preaching and other outreach ministry too. They get practical training in evangelism. Classes continue till middle of January each year.

Some of our graduates working in Unevangelised areas are financially helped as they have no source of income. Our Bible College has fasting prayer on every Wednesday and we trust the Lord for all our needs. Any help you do for our Bible College will be greatly appreciated.

We are praying for your Bible College and Ministry.

Yours in the Lord's work
Pastor and Mrs. T.S. Abraham



Hebron Bible College - Men's Session



Hebron Bible College - Women's Session



GALENA, KS

God is still working in our church. Our pastors Tom Day and family are doing a splendid work for us. Our church family had a wonderful Christmas dinner and Christmas program. Kathy Cooper and Glenda Reeves had charge of it and they did a marvelous job.

We have several new people and some old ones who have been out for a long time are back. The precious Holy Spirit is at work in every service. Conviction is very strong and we are praying for revival. We have had several sick with the flu and many shut-ins. We always have a long prayer list. We thank God for the worth of prayer. Mark 14:38 says, "Watch ye and pray lest ye enter into temptations, the Spirit truly is ready but the flesh is weak." Remember us in your prayers. We welcome our Christian brothers and sisters to come and worship with us at any time.

Tom Day - Pastor
May Rowland - Reporter

GREETINGS FROM THE APOSTOLIC FAITH STUDENT CENTER:

We have finished our first semester of ministry at Panhandle State University. From August to December we have laboured to redeem souls from the 'snare of the fowler' and promote spiritual growth in the students in our midst.

We were pleased to see our Bible study grow to about 20 students in our first semester and even more delighted by the growth we saw in these young lives.

Our fellowship of students are denominationally diversified and some are hearing the 'Full Gospel' for the first time in their lives. All of the young people are eager to learn and really open to the teachings presented.

In the next semester we plan to start new programs. In addition to our Tuesday night Bible study, we plan to offer a singing group, a Wednesday night evangelism outreach, small discipleship groups throughout the week and also a drama team. This has the makings for a busy but exciting semester.

Most importantly, we want to instill in our students the importance of a committed Christian life. A life where they can walk in the Spirit and hear the voice of God inspiring, teaching and directing their steps to be a positive influence in their surroundings. With God's help I know we will implant in them this vision. For we realize, "Where there is no vision, the people perish:" (Prov. 29:18).

Thank you for your prayers and may God bless you and keep you until His coming.

Wayne and Kayla Freeman
Directors

PATTISON, TEXAS

God has really Blessed us. We are so thankful for all His Blessings. We give God all the Praise for Bro. Johnny's speedy recovery from heart bypass surgery on August 10th. On August 28th he was back in Church, and the next Sunday morning he gave the message. Praise the Lord!

Bro. and Sis. Scruggs send a special thank you to Bro. and Sis. Diehl in Timpson, TX, for their help, hospitality, and prayers. A special thank you to all our friends for their Prayers and acts of kindness.

We were blessed to have Bro. Olin and Sis. Phylis Bachler, Bro. Andy and Sis. Jeannie Qualls and Sis. Boles to minister to us while Bro. Johnny was out. A special thank you to all of them. It is so good to have folks like these in our Family of God. May God Bless them all.

We had one baptized on October. Kathy Ellis was baptized on October 23rd.

Bro. Calvin Springer held a three-day revival for us in November. It was a great revival. We had two souls saved, and many were blessed by the Word.

We always enjoy having Bro. and Sis. Springer.

We extend an invitation to all of you to come worship with us when you're down this way.

May God Bless

John Scruggs--Pastor
Ruth Ellis--Reporter

PAMPA, TEXAS

Greetings to all and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

It has been sometime since we wrote to the Report. We have had many changes in the year of 1988.

In August the Howard Whiteleys came to be our Pastors. They have settled in nicely and all the people are so happy with them. Bro. Howard has been busy visiting and getting acquainted with all the people and we have been having some really outstanding services as the message of Faith has gone forth. Each one has been very responsive to the needs of the Church.

We are now working with the churches of the town for a City-Wide Revival in April. Bro. Howard is working hard to get our church before the public and hopefully we will be able to help people find Jesus precious to their lives.

Over the holidays we had loved ones with us and on Christmas morning we had a great crowd despite the dinners that were waiting.

Pray for us when it goes well with you. And God bless all in 1989.

Anabel Simmons--Reporter
Howard Whitely--Pastor

Deadline!

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



BARKER, WRIGHT UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Miss Cheryl Gae Barker became the bride of Mr. Randall Jack Wright on October 1, 1988 at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon at Buchanan Dam, Texas, lake home of her parents. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Jimmy Wallis, cousin of the bride of Katy, Texas and Reverend Jim Fox, uncle of the bride of Joplin, Missouri.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barker of Katy, Texas. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Paul Wright of Magnolia, Texas.

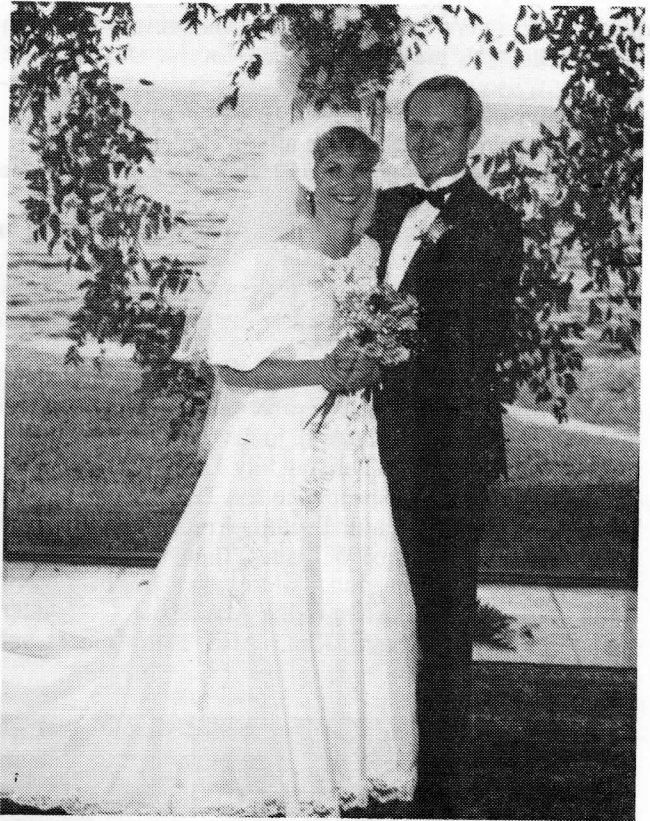
The Matron of Honor was a long time friend of the bride, Mrs. Tracy Martin (formerly Beverly Patek of Katy) of Canyon, Texas. The other attendants were the bride's sisters, Mrs. Andrew Corsi of Buchanan Dam, Texas and Mrs. Mark Mitchell of Katy, Texas.

The bride's nieces, Lora Mitchell and Gia Corsi were the flower girls and nephew, Joel Mitchell served as ring bearer. Stephanie Wright, cousin of the bride was the train bearer.

The best man, brother of the groom, was Kenneth Wright of Baytown. The groomsmen were Tim Swafford and John Reedy of Houston. The ushers were Karl Fullbright of Reno, Nevada and David Fox of Dallas, cousins of the bride and a friend, John Corsi, of San Marcus, Texas.

The bride is a graduate of Katy High School and attended West Texas State University at Canyon, Texas, graduated from Christ For The Nations at Dallas, Texas and also graduated from Youth With A Mission in Honolulu, Hawaii. The groom graduated from Griffith High School in Griffith, Indiana and attended Tennessee Temple University at Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is employed with John Ea-

gle Companies in Houston. The couple is making their home in Houston, Texas.



Mr. & Mrs. Randall Wright



"I am the Rose of Sharon"
Song of Solomon 2:1

As the Lord was compared to the Rose of Sharon because of its' perfection in beauty, so do we compare our newborn daughter, Sharon Rose Haney to this flower. Sharon came to us on Thanksgiving Day November 24, 1988 weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. Her parents are Marty and Sandy Haney of Rockdale, Texas. Sharon has one brother, Steven who is nearly five. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Danley of Julian, California and Mrs. Nona Neese of Mountain Home, Arkansas. Paternal grandparents are Reverend and Mrs. Roland Haney, also of Rockdale, Texas. We thank the Lord for blessing us with this beautiful baby girl.

Seldon and Vanessa Harris of Columbus, Texas announce the birth of their daughter, Bethany Renee' on December 23, 1988. Bethany weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz. and was 23 in. long. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ron Freshour, Columbus, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Oakes, Joplin, MO.

Ron and Evelyn Noble, Amarillo, Texas announce the birth of their first child, Bryant Lee Noble on December 30, 1988. He was 21 1/2 in. long and weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. His grandparents are Ronnie and Dottie Noble of Balko, Okla. and Carron Adams and Linda Lewis, Dadeville, Alabama.

Funeral Services

Martha Clemons Obituary

Funeral services for Martha Jewell Clemons, 75, Taneyville, were Nov. 4 in the Apostolic Church at Taneyville with the Rev. Wayne Wheeler and the Rev. Dwight Wilson officiating. Burial was in Helphrey Cemetery, Taneyville.

She died Nov. 1 at her home after a long illness.

She was born June 5, 1913 in Taney County, the daughter of Dell and Viola Wolf.

She was a member of the Apostolic Church in Taneyville where she was active as Sunday school teacher, youth director and belonged to the church quartet for many years. She was one of the charter members of the church and became a member in 1945.

A lifelong resident of Taney County, she attended Forsyth Schools and was a member of the graduating class of 1931. She later taught school in the Cedar Creek area.

She married Russell Clemons July 1, 1934.

Survivors are her husband; one son, Sammy, Taneyville; three daughters, LaQuita Dalton, Bradleyville, Connie Long, Ozark, and Carol Williams, Taneyville; 14 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; one brother, David Wolf, Forsyth; two sisters, Allie McMahan, Deepwater, and Marie Gray, Olathe, Kan.; Also, many nieces and nephews.



Martha Clemons

NO GREATER NAME

The name of JESUS is GREATER...

His name is above EVERY name!

He purchased our redemption for us
with crucifixion's shame.

The name of JESUS is GREATER
than TEMPTATION at its worst,

He made a way of escape,
and DEFEAT is forever cursed!

The name of JESUS is GREATER
than TEARS, DEATH, HELL, and the GRAVE,

He paid the price for deliverance,
He is mighty to save!

His name is GREATER than SORROW,
He bore our griefs on the tree...

The name of JESUS unlocks
the STOREHOUSE OF HEAVEN for me!

His name is GREATER than NEED,
through Him all our needs are supplied,
He said, "Ask and receive...seek and find...
faith will not be denied."

His name is GREATER than ANY DISEASE
ever known to man...

What no other physician can heal,
The Great Physician can!

The name of JESUS is GREATER
than MEMORIES from our past,
He mends broken relationships,
and gives love and peace that will last.

His name is GREATER than EARTH
and the CURSE of Adam and Eve,
He's gone to prepare a place
our finite minds can't conceive.

This same JESUS is coming again...
soon His face we shall see,

The name of JESUS is KING OF KINGS...
throughout eternity!

...Barbara Waterbury

IF

If you can go to church when all about you
Are going anywhere but to the House of Prayer;
If you can travel straight when others wobble,
And do not seem to have a righteous care;
If you can teach and not get tired of teaching,
Or tell the truth when others lie like sin,
Or pray and pay and carry heavy burdens
And pay the heavy price it costs to win;
If you can face the surge of things about you
And keep your moral balance in life's whirl;
If you can act with patience in each crisis
Nor be a coward, cynic, or a churl;
If you can live and not be spoiled by sinners,
And give-without a Pharisee's vain price-
Your life for GOD and MAN will pay real profit,
You'll be a SAINT no critic can deride!

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition **II Thess. 2:3**

As the days come and go and knowing the Lord's return and the great need among humanity I'm stirred as to the duty of the Church, Christ's Body. I first want to thank everyone who has so graciously prayed for me on my 100th birthday for many more to be mine. And with the great need of God's work to become reality to others, I must pour out my troubles to you and if any of my burden is yours, feel free to let me be a help. My life has been blessed by a happy father and mother and in 1908 at age 20 I began a very delightful time in life by repenting with a Godly sorrow for all the sins I had committed and by God's mercy and grace was saved and started on my heavenly journey for immortality, Eternal Life. I, what a wonderful life it has been. There have been some pitfalls because of the Devil but never defeated by this. I began with a peace that I had never known and have traveled on. Thank God. The custom was in 1908 after repenting was to join a church. My parents were Methodists and that church I joined. But after that I found myself saying, "Lord, have I joined the right one?" There are so many in the world and now if this news is needed by some place, use it to help them.

I married Edwin E. Greever in 1911 and came to the panhandle of Texas where we made our home. In 1919 the Morton Sisters, May, Bess and Eva came to Old Ochiltree for revival. They were Spirit filled preachers and the first Ed and I heard her preach I declared this is what I've been burdened about. She preached about the Church and gave Bible. Jesus said, "Upon this Rock will I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. So there is only one church, this is His body and I certainly wanted to be part of it. These sisters promised Mr. Greever and I they would come for revival and stayed three full months in our home as our family. A month meeting at Wawaka, the next one in our home district school house and the third one in Spearman. In the Wawaka meeting, I heard of many things I needed and surrendered my life unto Jesus and the gospel. Here again I was blessed, O I say I was. I was sanctified spirit, soul and body, yes, I was born of the Spirit, made holy, purified, all things became new, yes, and from that day on the Lord was and is my only body physician.

Our town of Spearman has 10 or 12 man-made churches and isn't it strange that when asking folks if they are saved, that they say I am Methodist, Baptist or whatever their name may be. I declare unto you I have walked in Jesus'

teaching, no man made church, only joined to Christ. Now let me tell you here I have attended all regular church services here and God knows we have had teachers and pastors who have joined with them and I call that falling away from Christ's church. When we come out from among them all was well. Now, this with other teachings are not the same as our early days. Healing, fasting and other needs and beyond doubt we are not walking in light we've had. What about it? I know the Lord said Walk in the light while you have it. Too much flesh with our worship, I fear. And I fear we should say come out from among them and I will be your father and you my sons and daughters. These words are Bible. Now the early Christian Church Christ's followers started without organizations as in Acts 2. We read 'Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? Yes, I have in 1921 and since then could at any time do the same.' He abides, the Holy Ghost (the power to witness). The Holy Ghost has been my teacher, the only one since I received in 1921 and my only textbook has been King James Version. The Bible tells us after we receive the Holy Spirit, He our new comforter, will lead us into all the things the Lord told Jesus to give us and would show us things to come. And, O, it is so true.

Recently my body at 100 years has not been so strong as in earlier days of my life and the Lord has definitely proved these things to me and has given me comfort and help as I could use or need it. About two years ago when waking one morning these were God's comforting words to me:

My dear child you are made of clay
So bravely walk with me each day
I have bought you with my blood.
All your need I will supply
On my Word you can rely.
Never doubt my promises never fail
My eyes are ever over you day and night
My ears are ever open to your cry.
Never fear I have bought you with my blood
Your every need I will supply.
On God's word you can rely,
His promises will never fail
You are weak but I am strong
and to me you now belong.
Your life is covered by my blood
For Spirit, Soul and Body I will supply
We'll walk together you and I.
Every passing day, yea forevermore.

There is no doubt to the meaning of these words to me. Words fail me when trying to tell you. Another morning when waking, I heard these words from Heaven's excellent glory, 'Any day or at any time trouble may come to you, please just call on the Holy Spirit to come to your need' and Oh what does that mean? All I need to know. It began by saying at all times while you are in the mortal body and trouble may come, then call on the Holy Spirit. What a comfort from heaven. And His is the power to witness and was asked of folks since early Christ-like days.

Oh, the faith taught us by Jesus and His early apostles supplies all of our needs. In other ways do you see we are falling away from the light we have heard and received.

Many ways to be seen since 1919 for me when I followed on to walk with the Lord. One is healing. Fasting when needed waiting on in prayer and supplication before a revival, well I put it plain, too much world in everything. It is the Spirit that must move. In fact, if everyone would realize how near we are to the return of the Lord, they would stay wide awake and do all in our power to hasten that way in every way needed. Jesus tells us about the virgins and their sleepy condition and in fact God's word tells us there must be a falling away. The latter rain poured out at the beginning of this century in Topeka, Kansas under the teaching of Charles F. Parham and the believers there and the Holy Ghost falling upon them as the one we are told about in Acts 2 is doing away with all man made organizations. Saying be ready for Jesus said in a day and hour knows no man. He said He didn't. But of the times and seasons we are not ignorant. A saved from all sins, a complete surrender to Christ and a Holy Spirit filled life tells us what to do. It seems I can find no place to close. The Spirit and Word agree. May we all stay awake, I pray.

Elma Alicia Greever

THE CHURCH WALKING WITH THE WORLD

The Church and the World walked far apart on the changing shore of time;

The world was singing a giddy song, and the Church a hymn sublime.

"Come, give me your hand," said the merry World,

"And then walk with me this way,"

But the good Church hid her snowy hand, and solemnly answered--"Nay,"

"I will not give my hand at all, and I will not walk with you;

Your way is the way of eternal death, and your words are all untrue."

"Nay, walk with me a little space," said the World with a kindly air,

"The road I walk is a pleasant road, and the sun shines always there."

"Your way is narrow and thorny and rough, while mine is flowerly and smooth;

Your lot is sad with reproach and toil, but in rounds of joy I move,

My way you can see, is a broad fair one, and my gate is high and wide;

There is room enough for you and me, and we'll travel side by side."

Half shyly the Church approached the World,

And gave him her hand of snow;

And the false World grasped it and walked along,

And whispered in accents low,

"Your dress is too simple to please my taste; I have gold and pearls to wear;

Rich velvets and silks for your graceful form, and diamonds to deck your hair."

The Church looked down at the plain white robes, and then at the dazzling World,

And blushed as she saw his handsome lip, with a smile

contemptuous curled;

"I will change my dress for a costlier one," said the Church with a smile of grace;

Then her pure white garments drifted away, and the World gave in their place,

Beautiful satins, and fashionable silks, and roses and gems and pearls;

And over her forehead her bright hair fell and waved in a thousand curls.

"Your house is too plain," said the proud World, "Let us build you one like mine,

With kitchen for feasting and parlor for play, and furniture ever so fine."

So he built her a costly and beautiful house--splendid it was to behold;

Her sons and her daughters met frequently there, shining in purple and gold.

And fair and festival--frolics untold, were held in the place of prayer;

And maidens bewitching as sirens of ole, with world-winning graces rare.

Bedecked with fair jewels and hair all curled--untrammelled be Gospel or laws,

To beguile and amuse and win from the World, Some help for the righteous cause.

The angel of mercy rebuked the Church, and whispered, "I know thy sin;"

Then the Church looked sad, and anxiously longed to gather the children in.

But some were away at the midnight ball, and others were at the play;

And some were drinking in gay saloons, and the angel went away.

And then said the World in soothing tones, "Your much-loved ones mean no harm;

Merely indulging in innocent sports," so she leaned still on his proffered arm,

And smiled, and chatted, and gathered flowers, and walked, along with the World,

While countless millions of precious souls were hungry for truth untold.

"Your preachers are all too old and plain," said the gay World with a sneer;

"THEY FRIGHTEN MY CHILDREN WITH DREADFUL TALES, WHICH I DO NOT LIKE THEM TO HEAR.

They talk of judgments and fire and pain, and the doom of darkest night:

They warn of a place that should not be thus spoken to ears polite!

I will send you some--a better stamp, more brilliant and gay and fast,

Who will show how men may live as they list, and go to heaven at last.

The Father is merciful, great and good, loving and tender and kind;

Do you think He'd take one child to heaven, and leave another behind?

So she called for pleasing and gay divines, deemed gifted, and great, and learned;

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

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. These common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows:

- Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 - Creation and Formation
 - Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation
 - Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.
 - Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body. A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by speaking in other languages.
 - Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
 - Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
 - Washing of Feet.
 - Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.
 - Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9
 - Destruction of the Wicked.
 - Conditional Immortality.
 - Rapture of the Man Child Class.
 - Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.
 - 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 teachings approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

D. L. Moody once said: "A holy life will make the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns: they just shine."

DATES TO REMEMBER

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May 10 - 12**

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May 12 6:00 p.m.**

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