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The Statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

Psalms 19:8

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Proverbs 30:5

Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

John 5:39

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Tim. 2:15

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.

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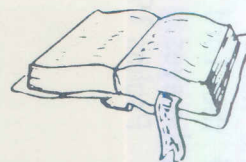
These basic doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teachings approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

Dear Readers,

In the last issue of the Apostolic Faith Report the Board of Trustees reported that they had decided that until all of the indebtedness had been taken care of no further issues would be printed. It is with thanksgiving unto God and His people that we are able to report that the indebtedness has been taken care of. We ask for your continued prayers and financial support as this ministry goes forth. It is our desire to promote the Gospel that we all love and appreciate. May God bless you all.

Karen Oakes-Editor

EDITORIAL VOICE



A few weeks ago our daughters Valerie and Vanessa had the opportunity to work in Vacation Bible School at the Apostolic Faith Church in Rockdale, Texas. They worked together getting stories together and songs visualized, praying that God would bless and reach the hearts of the children that they would be ministering to. It was a time of preparation for the event ahead. Finally the day came and it was time to head for the airport to catch their flight. When we arrived their luggage was checked through first and on its way to be loaded with the exception of two carry-on cases. The girls had decided that since it had been known for luggage to become misplaced or lost that their most important items should be with them at all times. How were they to decide what went? It was easy. The VBS material that they had worked and prayed over was most important and should go with them. As my husband and I watched them board the plane with those very important carry-on bags my heart was filled with praise and thanksgiving to God who gave them a desire to work for Him and then open doors that they could work.

I've thought a lot about those carry-on cases and have been reminded of the words given to us to hold fast to the things that are really important. Hebrews 10:23 says "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised). We are told in Rev. 2:25-"But that which ye have already, hold fast till I come." We are reminded again in Rev. 3:11 "Behold I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

God has been so good to all of us. He has given to us the gospel that we might be victorious over all the powers of satan and that we might reach others for Him. We see signs all around us pointing to His soon return and the still small voice tells us to hold fast-be true and faithful-I'm coming soon.

May we all lay aside the weights that would beset us and run with patience the race that is set before us. He is coming soon!

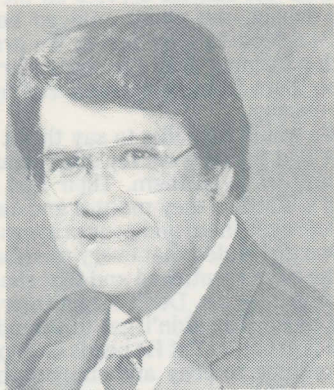
Karen Oakes

TIME

I have just a little minute,
Only sixty seconds in it,
Forced upon me; Can't refuse it,
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,
But it's up to me to use it.
I must suffer if I lose it,
Give account if I abuse it;
Just a tiny little minute,
But eternity is in it.

-Author Unknown

FROM THE



SUPERINTENDENT

The 1985 fall term of Bible College is under way with classes in session for the first day as I write this letter. Excitement is high and spirits are good. We have an enrollment of 50 for the first day with possibly a few who will arrive a few days late. We thank God once again for a good increase in attendance. It has been several years since our school has seen this large an enrollment. Our prayer and hopes are to see attendance just keep going up. Amen!

We are beginning our school term with a week of revival with a prayer that we will see a real spiritual awakening to begin the year. Rev. O. A. Busch is our Evangelist so we expect some wonderful spirit annointed sermons. I believe I'll have good things to report when I write to you in the next report.

With the opening of school let me say thanks for your support through the summer. God has been so good to us in every way. With the increase of students we can expect the cost of grocery supplies to increase, therefore we need added support. At present we need meat to fill our deep freeze. This helps to cut the cost of food. Also along with the general expense please remember our faculty who are back and working faithfully. We have added one new member making our total on staff this year 10. It was needful to have a nursery keeper this year so Sis. Fay Haines is now our nursery keeper and will relieve our cooks on Saturday. All other faculty remains the same as last year.

We ask for your prayers and continued support in every way. God bless you is our prayer.
Supt. Jack Cornell

Pray For Our School A.F.B.C.

The cross is the symbol of Christianity, which means that holy, redemptive, self-sacrificing love, eager to save, is the essence of Christianity.

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Retreat for Youth

Once again God came through for us and touched lives as 45 youth gathered for the Back to School Retreat. It was a time of fun, laughter, and lots of enlightenment about cults and their operation.

Thursday, young people arrived by car and bus from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas to register, find beds, hug old friends and make new ones. After replenishing the natural bodies with food prepared by the cooks, Howard Whiteley and Pat Jarvis, the youth adjourned upstairs for get acquainted games and songs of Praise to God.

Sis. Yvonna Whiteley began her lessons by trying to dispense with planned afternoon trip (so she could have 8 hours of class) to Branson to see "Love's Greatest Story"...a new passion play. After being unsuccessful the 2 sessions for the day began. Cult characteristics and methods of operation were the topics discussed, along with the ingredients that give cults their growth.

Immediately following the wonderful noon meal and the "marveleous detail work" being finished, the students boarded the big AFBC bus for Branson. They enjoyed the beautiful Ozarks and the evening picnic lunch beside beautiful Lake Taneycomo. Some used the paddle boats and exercised their leg muscles against the lake's current. Then boarding the bus again, we went to see the play which begins with Christ's water baptism by John the Baptist. Everyone had great fun including Supt. Cornell who tried to convince a youth group in front of him that Arkansas is really a foreign country (they were a church group from near Little Rock).

No one slept on the return home as Trupert Flowers helped them keep their eyes open with a bottle of smelling salts. He didn't want the driver to stay awake by himself.

Saturday was sleep in morning with only 1 morning session which dealt with "Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Armstrong's Worldwide Church." After lunch "The Way International and The Church of the Living Word" were discussed. One lingering thought throughout the lessons was "all that glitters is not gold and all that's said to be truth is not truth...SEARCH and KNOW the scriptures so you won't be led astray by someone approaching you to attend their home Bible Study or to go with them to a week-end gathering in the hills. No one is exempt from Satan's traps...we must be alert always."

After relaxing in the beautiful Baxter City Park for the rest of afternoon, grilled hamburgers were served. Concluding the day was the Praise Fest with the youth sharing their talents of singing, playing their musical instruments, giving readings, etc. and a skit depicting the "crossroads." At the bon fire held in Riverside Park below the light cross on the hillside, a large percentage of the group rededicated their lives to God following the challenge set before them by Bro. Jack Cornell. He spoke of the value of "light" in and to our lives to illuminate our activities but that Christ's light is the most valuable of all. Then he presented us with Christ's

command that we are to be lights as a city set on the hill.

After the sunrise service on the library lawn across from the school, the youth enjoyed home-made cinnamon rolls before departing for home. We pray they went on their way with a burning desire to share Christ with those they meet to keep them from being ensnared by Satan in a cult. Christ is the answer.

We would also like to say thank you for the financial support and the prayers for this retreat. Our young people need us and we need them. Their feet need to be established in God's Word so they mature and can resist Satan. Your help encourages them and your prayers and uplift are needed.

One girl stated that every member of her family was in one of the cults mentioned and that she had only been a Christian for four months. Don't forget to pray for these young people and those that didn't get to attend. Satan is after them but God is greater. Yet He needs us to pray and encourage them.

Continue to pray and support the Bible College. Some of these will be returning to attend this fall's term. They need this guidance and even though we may not be teaching in the school, we can pray and support it so that in that way we are giving our support to the youth. They are our church...if they fail, our churches fail. We give all glory and honor to God who leads and direct those to submissive to Him.

Lachelle Whiteley



NEW RECORDING NOW AVAILABLE

Naomi Busch, Sue Beaver and Joan Cooper received their new cassette tapes they recorded in Oklahoma City in May. This one is titled "HE IS EXALTED". The price of this tape is the same as their other one-\$6.00. They only made tapes this time but they still have albums and tapes of "More About Jesus". The address is Mr. and Mrs. O.A. Busch, 1614 Washington, Baxter Springs, Kansas 66713. Please include .75 for handling and postage.



The Mathis Trio which consists of Kim, Karen and Janis have a tape available entitled "Praising His Name." The price of the tape is \$6.00 plus \$1.00 for shipping. The address is Mathis Trio, R.1 Box 239 Hempstead, Texas 77445.



THE LIFE WE LIVE

Psalm 40:3—"And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord."

Does this verse sound familiar? It should if you had the group "New Song" in your church services this summer. My name is Kim Mathis and I was one of the members in "New Song." First let me explain who and what "New Song" is. "New Song" is a singing group made up of students and faculty of the Apostolic Faith Bible College. This group consists of seven members. They are as follows: Sis. Janae Harris, the director and leader of "New Song" and music director of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Ron Brening from Denver, Colorado, Russell Ball from Buffalo, Oklahoma, Kelly Stevenson from Vanderpool, Texas, and Janis, Karen and Kim Mathis from Hempstead, Texas.

Our group had a full summer of extensive travel attending youth camps, youth revivals, camp meetings, and regular worship services all across the country and across our movement. Many are the experiences we've shared together both good and bad. Yes, there were times we became discouraged like the time our van broke down and we ended up staying 13 extra days in Ashland, Alabama. However, we praise the Lord for Romans 8:28 and for His Faithful people. We would like to give an extra special "thank you" to the wonderful people in Ashland who took us into their homes and spared nothing to make us comfortable. We also would like to thank all those across the movement who opened their homes and churches up to us. Thank you very much for the opportunity you gave us to minister. Of course our biggest thanks goes to the Lord for putting us together and giving us this wonderful privilege of singing and telling others about Him.

The desire of our group was found in Ps. 40:3, the scripture I began this article with. We wanted each one we came in contact with to see Jesus Christ and Him crucified in our lives. We desired those that were lost to see in us a hope and peace that only Christ can give and to the Christian, we wanted them to be renewed in their hearts, to fear and trust the Lord. We hope and pray we have accomplished the task that was set before us.

I would like to conclude this article with a testimony of praise. When I was a little girl I can remember the Apostolic Faith Bible College choir coming to our church and singing. I remember looking up there at all those people and thinking, "Wow, that's what I want to do when I get big!" Well, I did it! My highest dream as a little girl was to sing in a summer tour group, to be like people such as Sis. Shari Cook and the Quesenburys just to name a few. That was my dream. Well, I did it! Right now my heart swells with praise because God counted me worthy to do it.

Now, I want to thank six of the most wonderful people in the world. The people I spent many hours in prayer with, travelled over 9,000 miles with, did many concerts with and came to know personally as dear friends. The type of friends that will last forever...Janae Harris, Ron Brening, Kelly Stevenson, Janis Mathis, Karen Mathis, and Russell Ball. Thank you for being a part of my dream, for contributing to, and for playing a vital part in it coming true.

Psalms 37:4—"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

Kim Mathis

The world is full of hypocrites
And backsliders every place
The world has lots of sinners
Who judge the Lord by our pace.

How you and I who love the Lord
The sinners watch us too
So if you and I should fail the Lord
What would that poor sinner do?

The Lord will not reward us
For all the pretty words or how in church we pray
But God will judge us by
How many sinners we lead His way.

While we were yet sinners
On the cross Jesus died
So He surely loves the sinner
Or we would still be outside.

So as we go about our work
Let us stop and pray
For it is the life we live
And not so much what we say.

For when the sinner looks at us
Can he see Jesus through the smoke
Or can he hear our praise
Because of that last dirty joke.

Must that sinner ever be lost
Because we didn't do what Jesus said
For by the life we live
That soul might be saved.

So let us be ever so careful
And to Jesus ever be true
For if you and I fail the Lord
My friend, what will the sinner do?

by Bennie Buschman

Beyond the Call of Duty . .

A wise king ruled over a people who always expected others to do for them. To teach his subjects an important lesson, he put a large boulder in the narrowest part of the road with steep banks on either side.

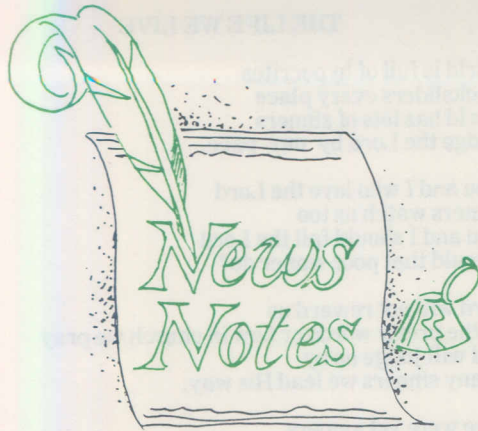
First a farmer came by with his cart. He grumbled because someone had left a large stone in the road which caused him great difficulty; painstakingly he skirted the stone but did not remove it.

Next, one of the king's soldiers with his head high stumbled over the obstacle, but did not remove it.

Such occurrences went on repeatedly, day after day. The stone, however, remained where it was and nobody attempted to move it.

Finally, the king called for a meeting of his townspeople at the site of the stone. The king himself moved the stone over with some difficulty, picked up something beneath it. It was a pouch which he opened; from it, he took several peices of gold and a note which read, "To him who moved the stone."

Selected



Galena, Kansas

Psalms 15:1-2 Lord who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

The Lord is still blessing our church. He has sent in new families and souls are being blessed.

In May, Bro. and Sis. E.K.Cornell of Laverne, Oklahoma and Sis. Margaret Yeakel of Wichita, Kansas were with us. We appreciated them being here.

A special dinner was held in honor of our graduating seniors who are; LaDonna Wendt, Kyle Cox and Lynn Whiteley. They were all given Bibles.

June 10-14 was the week of our Vacation Bible School and the following week some of our young people were privileged to attend youth camp at Baxter Springs.

In July our church enjoyed the wonderful camp meeting. The Holy Spirit anointed and blessed in every service.

August 8-11 some of our youth enjoyed attending the youth retreat which was held at the Bible college. May God bless all who worked in all of the summer activities.

Our church wishes to extend our sympathies to the K.Kerr family, the Amos Watkins family and the Homer Coberly family in the loss of their loved ones.

We welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ to come and worship with us at any time.

Howard Whiteley-Pastor
May Rowland-Reporter

Hempstead, Texas

Greetings from the Apostolic Faith Church in Hempstead!

We are happy to have Kim, Karen, and Janis Mathis home again. They are such a blessing in their singing and in their lives. They came home full of new ideas for us. They are so full of the blessings of God. Karen will be going back to Bible College again this year and we will miss her.

The Lord is so good to us. He fills us with His wonderful blessings. The ladies of the church have started a morning prayer service once a week. Our prayers are for our church that we may see it grow spiritually and see it on fire for the Lord. We want our town to see a difference in us and be able to show them Jesus. Praise the Lord that we know Him. Isn't He wonderful?

Johnny Arnall-Pastor
Joyce Buschman-Reporter

Arnett, Oklahoma

Praise the Lord! We have been having some wonderful services. the presence of the Lord has been so strong. On March 5, 16, 17, Bro. Lyndell Arnall came and held some meetings for us. We would like to thank him and say we truly enjoyed it. On May 23, New Song came and they were a wonderful blessing. And on the following week (May 26-29) Rev. Gene Cornell held us a revival. The Lord really blessed in our services. We would like to thank him and his wife for coming. We would like to say we truly enjoyed the camp meeting. We had some wonderful experiences with the Lord. On July 28, we had a baby dedication for Alan Wylie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Wylie and the grandson of Quinten and Gerri Beagle. Thank God for parents, who are concerned enough to give their baby's to God at an early age and to trust God for their lives. We just praise God for healing power in Sis. Gerri Beagle. He has done a wonderful work in her. Psalms 103:1-3..."forget not all His benefits: 3) Who forgiveth all thine iniquities ; who healeth all thy diseases; It pays to serve God. We have truly grown to love and appreciate Sis. Gerri and her family.

Our prayer and desire is that we all grow in the Lord each and everyday. May the Lord bless each one of you.

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Morris

Webb City, Missouri

Psalms 34:1-I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. Summer 1985 was a busy time for us and we thank the Lord for all of His blessings. Several of our children, young people and adults enjoyed the opportunity to go to youth camp and all reported blessings and victories.

July 8-12 our Vacation Bible School was held with Sis. Naomi Busch in charge. A closing program was held on Friday July 12 with ice cream and cake afterwards.

Camp meeting proved to be another time of refreshing as we were privileged to hear the Word go forth under the anointing and direction of God. As at youth camp those that attended came back with reports of victory.

August 10th a water baptismal service was held with Abby Bard, Glen and Darla Oakes being baptized. We are thankful for these young people that want to live for Jesus and our prayers are behind them.

With the opening of the fall term of the Apostolic Faith Bible college we will again have some of our young adults attending. They are Doug Forbes, Valerie and Vanessa Oakes. We always look forward to the Bible college students visiting when possible because they are always a blessing to our services. May God abundantly bless these students as they study the Word of God.

Our doors are always open for you to come and worship with us.

Otto Busch-Pastor

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WEBB

Bobby and Laura Webb of Thomasville, Alabama announce the birth of their son, Bobby Webb, Jr. He was born on Saturday, April 27, 1985, weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Bobby and Reba Pearson of Pine Hill, Alabama. Paternal grandparents are Shelley and Patricia Webb of Thomasville, Alabama.

JACOBS

Rev. and Mrs. Tony Jacobs of Dumas, Texas announce the birth of a daughter, Talitha Rebekah, on July 1, 1985, 10:04 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 1-2 oz. Talitha has a sister, Sarah Joanna, age 2.

Grandparents are Lee and Verda Cooper of Hardesty, Okla., and David and Pauline Frederick of Elkins, Ark. Great-grand parents are Josephine Cooper, Guymon, Okla., Leonard and Verda Patrick, Elkins, Ark. and Fount Frederick, Fayetteville, Ark. Her great-great grandmother is Bertha Covey of Fayetteville, Ark.

DORRIS

Joel and Tammy Dorris, pastors of the Apostolic Faith Church of Crosses, Ark. announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Charity Dawn on July 14, 1985. She weighed 9 lbs. and was 22 in. long.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Oakes of Joplin, Mo. and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dorris of Purcell, Mo. Great grandparents are Mrs. Wanda Allgood of Joplin, Mo. and Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Dorris of Galena, KS. Her great-great grandmother is Faye Allgood of Commerce, Okla.

OBITUARIES

Wm. B. Dearing

William B. Dearing was born December 3, 1897 in Forreston, Texas to Francis M. Dearing and Mary Lou Dearing. He passed from this life May 20, 1985 at the age of 87 years, 5 months and 7 days. His first wife, Julia Corl Dearing, died June 5, 1932. He married a widow with 2 sons in 1938, Evelyn Berner Dearing, who died June 22, 1975.

He had 2 daughters, Mary Evelyn Wright, Houston, Texas, Evelyn Irene Long, Kerrville, Texas; 4 sons, William B. Dearing, Kerrville, Texas, John F. Berner, Dunella, Florida and Francis M. Dearing, Arnett, Oklahoma.

He gave his life to the Lord in the late 20's in a revival held by Bro. Homer Coberly in Houston, Texas. He was praying until his death and had a peaceful passing. His life was a good testimony and set a good example for his family.

Noah J. Crouse

Noah Jacob Crouse was born September 8, 1892 in Brazil, Ind., to Eli and Susanna (Spaulding) Crouse. He passed away June 30, 1985 in the Harper, Kansas hospital.

In 1912, he moved to Hillsdale, Oklahoma with his mother. It was there he met and married Carrie Posey on Nov. 1, 1914.

They made their home in Freeport, Kansas where he was postmaster, watch and clock maker, part time barber, shoe repairman and mechanic. In 1936, they moved to Argonia, Ks. where he had his own jewelery and watch repair business until his retirement in 1975. He spent the last 10 years in Cheney.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, two sisters, his wife Carrie of 41 years, a daughter, two sons, a grandson and his second wife, Elsie Gettle of 19 years.

He is survived by six children, Nellie Mccullough of Vancouver, Wa., Gerald Crouse of Titusville, Fla., Martin Crouse of Rogers, Ark., Archie Crouse of Wichita Falls, TX., Priscilla Gannon of Drummond, OK., and Dorcas Schmidt of Rogers, Ark., 29 grandchildren; 62 great-grandchildren and 23 great-great grandchildren.

The "Tribe of Noah" as he lovingly referred to them, totals 123 descendants.

1985 Camp Meeting Tapes

TAPES AVAILABLE

Tapes are available of the music and preaching of Camp Meeting 1985. If you are interested in these please contact; Rev. Eugene Webster, Box 68; Hudson, Wyoming, 82515; Phone: 307-332-2609.

If any tapes that have been purchased are faulty they will be replaced by contacting Brother Webster.

Thank you Brother Webster for taking of your time to do this great work.

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Destruction of the Wicked

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First let me discuss the 'Soul' with you. All hat teach eternal hell say man has an immortal soul, some call it a never dying soul. I have heard people pray, "Lord save the never dying soul". In response to that, I have offered \$5.00 to anyone who will produce one scripture in the King James Version of the Bible that states that man has an immortal or never dying soul.

Let us go to Genesis 2:7 for the first scriptural reverence of the 'soul'... "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul". ATTENTION PLEASE, it did not say man became an immortal or never dying soul, but a living soul. A soul with the ability to make choices and decisions as a free moral agent. Duet. 30:19... "I call heaven and Earth to set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and they seed may live." Here the scripture verifies man was given a choice of life or death, blessing or cursing. it is up to us to make the choice. Isn't He a wonderful God to give man a choice? Praise His wonderful name.

Ezekiel 18:4... "Behold all souls are mine; as the soul of the Father, so also the soul of the Son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die." These words are not what I think, they are Gods' Words. Let Gods' Words be the authority. God said, the soul that sinneth, shall die. Not maybe, but shall die. Romans 6:23... "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life." When we work for hire we receive wages. When we serve the Devil with sin, the wages we receive is death. Again, it is a choice. Man can choose death or the gift of God which is eternal life through Jesus Christ. I take no credit to myself; thank God, one day under deep conviction, the Lord and the Holy Spirit helped me to choose eternal life. Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift. II Cor. 9:15. Isn't it wonderful when we think of the gift and sacrifice that Christ made for us on the Cross? Praise His dear name.

Let us go now to Genesis 2:17... "But the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die. Take note please, God said in the day thou eatest there thou shalt surely die. Adam did not live one of Gods' days. He lived 930 years. Adam lacked 70 years living out one of Gods' days, for the Bible teaches us that one day is a thousand years. Genesis 5:5... "And all the days that Adam lived were nine-hundred and thirty years; and he died." The death sentence was pronounced upon Adam for his disobedience and sin. Heb. 9:27... "And as it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgement." The appointment of death has been kept by Adam through all generations. No one escapes this appointment of death. Some make appointments and fail to show up, but this appointment has been made by God and man will keep it. Man will also experience the judgement. Rev. 20:13... "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and the death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them, and they were judged every man according to their works." verse 14: "and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire, this is the second death." So it is a SECOND DEATH to the wicked, not eternal hell. This is not my idea but Gods' Word, and His word is authority-His word will be there in judgement.

Let me answer the question of those who say it is the soul that is tormented and not the body. I will answer in the words of Jesus. Matt. 10:28... "Fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul, but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." SECOND DEATH Both body and soul Jesus said. Webster defines destroy as: bringing to nought by putting out of existence or to kill. Man will be destroyed-experience the second death in the lake of fire. One cannot make the doctrine of eternal hell out of Jesus' words and Websters definition of destroy. Praise His precious name, it is good to know Christ in reality! Malachi 4:1... "For behold the day cometh that shall burn as an oven and all the proud yea, and all that do wickedly shall be stubble and the day that cometh shall burn them up saith the Lord of Host, that it shall leave them neither root or branch." verse 2... "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. verse 3... "And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ASHES under the soles of your feet in that day I shall do this saith the Lord of Host." Aren't you glad to let Gods' Word answer all these questions? I certainly Praise Him for His Word of Truth, no book like Gods' Word! Matt. 13:12... "Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat unto the garner; but he will burn of the chaff or wicked, with unquenchable fire. There's no way of putting this fire out until you are completely consumed or burned up, destroyed. In Luke 3:17, there are almost the same identical words. Praise His precious name for His wonderful truth. Truth will stand when all other fails. Thank God! Malachi 4:3 says that ye shall tread down the wicked for they shall be ashes under your feet. When anything is burned to ashes, the fire goes out. I have tried to use simple words and tongue to explain this truth and let the scripture answer for me.

Some say they are out to defend the Bible, but turn this thought around. If we will strive to live and protect the Bible, it will defend us. Praise His wonderful name! I worship Him who is worthy of all praise. I do not have much opportunity to preach from the pulpit anymore, but the Holy Spirit does anoint me to preach some messages on sound doctrine in the Report. So please pray for this ministry, I enjoy it as it allows me to work for the Lord.

There are many, many scriptures I haven't used in this message as space wouldn't permit. In closing, I would like to say this to the Preachers who teach eternal hell. They say the 16th chapter of Luke means, the beggar Lazarus was a type of Christian (or church)... the rich man a type of sinner.. and Abrahams bossom was Heaven. They also say this was not a parable but that it actually happened. In response; if this were true, all you would have to do to go to heaven would be, to be poor; and to go to hell, rich. Such nonsense! This scripture reading in Luke is a parable and has nothing to do with Heaven or Hell, but deals with the Jews or the Gentiles. Some go to seed (a manner of speaking) on Lazarus being a type of the Church. But the Church that Jesus purchased with his precious blood is a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle. This is the Church He is coming back for. Praise His sweet name!

I do hope and pray you get as much of a blessing out of reading this as I did writing it. One last thought, Websters definition of perish: to destroy or ruin, pass away or die.

I would be happy to hear from my Dear Brothers & Sisters in the Lord. It would mean so much to me.

Compassed About With So Great a Cloud of Witnesses

My Testimony:

This is not meant to be a sermon or a Bible lesson so scriptures I shall refer to will probably not be quoted exact but used to bring the thought I wish to express. Hebrews 12:1 reads "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." This is referring to the people of so great faith mentioned in the chapter before but I am reminded of another great number of witnesses-The Family of God. It is through their faith and their prayers that I have climbed this mountain of trial the past few months.

Last March 12th, I had a heart attack and spent 10 days in intensive care. The 10th day was on Sunday and I was moved to a bed by the window. I remember talking with the Lord and looked at the pretty blue sky and told Him that had it been possible I would have been doing my part to teach His Word in the Church Services. It was usual for me to teach the adult Sunday School class, as well as helping in the Church service. As I lay there in the hospital bed the presence of the Lord quietly spoke to me to stop, look and listen. These are signs along a railroad track when on a country road crosses the track. "Just stop doing and come along with Me" I heard His presence say. Then look all around you. The flowers of spring and the new leaves on the trees all speak of the glory of God then listen - the birds are singing the praises of Him who feeds them. I learned it is nice to be about the Master's business but He has witnesses in this great creation of His which can tell the story of His love without the help of man. The sky, the plants, the birds as Jesus said in the sermon on the mount-"Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed as these." I improved steadily except the least exertion caused more chest pain and it was determined I was not getting oxygen to my heart so it was arranged for me to be transferred to Oklahoma City to determine where the blockage was and if it could be dissolved with medication. The Lord helped me to pass this test but at the very last some of the cholesterol broke loose, and entered the blood stream. A piece lodged in the brain causing me to be completely paralyzed. It had to be up to the prayers of God's people now and in only a couple of days I was able to turn myself in bed and to move my arm and legs. It was new courage again. One evening a knock came on my door and a couple of people whom I had never seen nor heard of, nor their church, came in saying they came to pray for me. God does work in mysterious way. On Sunday p.m. a young man I had seen a few times while he was in school in Canyon, Texas came to see me and said he had heard my name mentioned in a prayer request that morning. I did not know the one who made the prayer request. I have received at least three get well cards from people I do not know. Surely God can well manage without the feeble efforts of man, but I know one thing for sure - I need the help and the prayers of those I love. In ten days I was able to be transferred back to Enid and then after a total of five weeks and two days my husband brought me home.

It was not to be all sunshine though; Satan added a lump on the side of the mountain I have been climbing and I had a detour to the hospital again recently with my heart. The Dr. called it congestive heart failure. I've found much to learn from a short story I read several years ago. Some people were building a new house when a wren made her nest in the unfinished pantry. She was not in the carpenter's way so they just continued and left the nest alone. Finally the little birds hatched and grew. The day came for them to leave the nest but one which was left behind struggled to follow the rest. As

it as observed by those watching discovered a single horse hair was fastened around the leg. Just then the mother returned with a quieting chirp then left again. The baby began to cry again so one of the men untied the little one to set him free. Just then the mother returned scolding loudly. When she left it was discovered she had retied the horse hair around the little one's leg. Early the next morning the mother bird broke the horse hair and began the flying lessons with the baby, letting him rest frequently. She had left him behind when she took the others in the group that she could spend her undivided attention with this one only.

Sometimes we see people who feel "so tied down" because of lack of money or sickness in the family but we need to think of the little bird. We may need to be tied down until our wings of faith gain more strength. In Psalm 37:5 we read "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass." I'm home again and back to teaching my class. My God is real. Isaiah 40:31 reads "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

I want to thank every one of you who has held me up to God in prayer and have sent me letters and cards of encouragement. May God bless each of you. I desire that you continue to pray for me.

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A "Special" Thanks

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Lord has been so good to us this past summer. He has shown us more and more how wonderful it is to be a part of his great family.

At the close of Bible College in the spring we had no idea what we would be doing during the summer. We both had planned to get jobs and work all summer. But as we started job hunting the doors didn't open up. We neither one felt satisfied with the idea of working out all summer. So we began seeking the Lord for His will in our lives. Doors began to open up for us to travel to camps and VBS's during the summer. But we had one problem - transportation. Well, needless to say the Lord provided a way for us to travel and work for Him. We were privileged to attend four Youth Camps, two retreats, two Vacation Bible Schools, and Camp Meeting. The Lord is so wonderful! We were privileged to see souls drawn closer to Him. That makes every mile and every hour worthwhile.

We want to especially thank those who have opened their doors to us to work in their churches, camps, and Vacation Bible Schools. Without you we would never have been able to do it. And thanks so much for your support in prayer and financially. May the Lord richly bless you as you endeavour to serve Him.

"Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white unto harvest."

We pray that you all are diligently working to reap the harvest in your churches and in your communities. God Bless You!

In His Love,
Valerie and Vanessa Oakes

A Prophecy Study

Laodicea - Revelation 3

By Ron Noble

Laodicea—Rev. 3:14-22 The Laodicean church age represents the years from 1900 to the present day so let us take special heed to the last message presented to the seven churches of Asia. We are fulfilling prophecy everyday as we are the Laodicean church age!

The letter begins stating three positions of Christ: The Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, and the beginning of the creation of God. Christ as the Amen could indicate that He is the final authority on all that has been spoken and written, declaring "so be it" on all events past and those to come. Christ also is the faithful and true witness of all of man's actions and will judge accordingly with all truth and honesty. He will not fail in His duty to man or His Father but is faithful to do what is best for us because He seeks His Father's will, not His own. John 5:30. "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." Again, in John 17:5, Jesus is asking for His Father to glorify Him and stating that He was with God His Father before the world was created—the beginning of the creation of God. "And now, O Father, glorify Thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." Jesus Christ—loyal, faithful and true both to the Father and His children.

The Lord has no commendation for the Laodicean Church, but immediately states the church's saddened condition—that the people of the church were neither hot nor cold, only lukewarm. Because of their indifference and indecisiveness, they would be spewed out of the Lord's mouth; they would be rejected from His presence. Their sickening attitude was a detestable offense in the sight of God. This would indicate the church had lost its sight in the duties and entire priority in the King's service. We know the wicked have already sealed their fate for they have become enslaved in their own iniquity, much as today. Pro. 5:22. "His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins." Too many people think because they go to a church building, that is all that is required. People may want to do more, but even the greatest intention is a failure if not carried. To not become involved in events of life is such an overwhelming temptation. As Jesus said to His disciples in Matt. 26:41: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Some people don't want to do anything. Wanting to be associated with a church because of its size or the social prestige it brings is pure hypocrisy. To think that sitting in a church pew for a very few hours a week will earn the Heavenly reward is absurd. Not everyone may be physically able to work for the Lord, but ministering for Christ is much, much more than most people see. God excludes no one from benefits in the Christian life nor is anyone excluded from the sacrifices and efforts required of a true servant of God. A servant, literally, is what one has to be for God. There must be "Nothing Between" us and God. Desires of the heart; how foolish and selfish they are at times. One of the greatest desires a person can have: "Jesus use me, and please don't refuse me for surely there's a work that I can do. And even though it's humble, help my will to crumble. Though the cost be great, I'll work for you." Oh, that we would serve God how we should and not as we want! Man thinks he is so wise, so domineering, but why God is even mindful with humanity is sometimes more than the mind can conceive. "I stand amazed when I think the King of Glory would come to live within the heart of man He truly is "More than Wonderful"!

The Lord does nothing unjustly, as shown when He declares the cause of their rejection. Verse 17 explains the reason for lukewarmness: self-deception and the delusion of being independent that enflames masses of people. Rejection from the only Salvation of man is the terrible consequence for showing little or no concern to the destiny of one's soul. Is it actually possible for anyone to honestly say "I...have need of nothing?" Seemingly, no one is satisfied. The claim of the Laodicean Church of being rich, and increased with goods clearly shows that the church was snared by the false security of the world and the material splendor of their church. The church may have been rich financially, but actually was blind, poor in spiritual wealth, and naked before the eyes of God. Christ said "Blessed are the poor in spirit..."—highly honored or favored are those who realize that there is always the need for getting closer to the Lord. "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Psalms 51:10. A spiritual cleansing should have been the church's plea instead, self-confidence overwhelmed them because of their increase in good. Consider the situation! A church boasting of sufficiency in spiritual wealth and abundant possessions. Does this describe any of the churches of today? Indeed it does. Millions of dollars are and have been spent to build massive, splendid churches. Seemingly, the church is trying to compete with the secular world in its production. The children of God do need a place to worship, and truly, the freedom of religion is one of the greatest freedoms that a person can possess! Only is it by knowing the Truth are we set free! Jesus Christ is the Truth. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.!" John 8:36. Today, the word "religion" and the message of Christ doesn't necessarily mean the same. Many religions exist in the world. There is only one true Gospel! No man made opinions and speculations will ever replace the Word of God! Set free from the bondage of sin—oh what peace divine! Unfortunately, due to the spirit of apathy, many people portray an act of spiritualism without wanting the righteousness; the profession without the experience! Spiritual blindness, caused by satan's deception, but also can not blindness be caused by simply a lack of interest within the heart to search the ways of God? The Laodicean Church professed they were not in need of anything but their true nature of spiritual bankruptcy was exposed before the Lord. Instead of being arrayed in righteousness, they had not on any garment, indicating again the indifference in not choosing the garments of God. He has promised to clothe us gloriously! To protect the precious life He has formed, the armour of God is provided. Properly attired, we have nothing to fear. "If God be for us, who can be against us.?" A terrible life and death lies ahead for those with no trust in God. While there is still time, the Lord advises people to buy of Him gold tried in the fire—precious faith that is able to withstand every trial of life. When Christ said to buy of Him so that we may be rich did not at all indicate that mere money can buy favor of God. Eternal life if offered to all, freely! Isa 55:1 "Ho, every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." The greatest cost had already been paid by Christ and in return all is asked is that we serve and pay honor to the One to whom we owe everything! The Lord lives but also has the power to take away, but we can have spiritual wealth beyond compare to all other riches that the world has to offer. Pro. 11:4 "Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death." Righteousness—a garment of innocence and purity shall He clothe His people and cover all shame.

Today, at the present, it doesn't seem like people are ashamed of very many things. Perversion is flaunted before the public like a parade. The Laodiceans had shamed themselves in declaring their lives were in need of nothing—self-righteousness—but we shame ourselves with many things, such as failing to stand for the Gospel. Can we have the same

testimony Paul stated in Rom. 1:16? "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth:..." Is the Church afraid to stand against the world? Are we afraid to make people upset because they don't agree with us? The Word of God is true, beyond any doubt, so there is no need to apologize for anything! Regrettably, some of the church and the world are accepting things that were once regarded as wrongdoing, but since the public cry for more freedom to "do their own thing," acceptance is becoming more widespread because so many people favor the hellenistic philosophy of "Live for today, tomorrow we may die." Christians cannot justify themselves by humanity! Pro. 21:2 "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts". Man is able to twist anything around, including the Scriptures, to suit his purpose. Outward appearance may deceive the world, but the Lord knows what evil lurks in the heart of man. His eyes behold the church trying to be something they aren't. Anyone that is "right in his own eyes," is self-righteous and will diminish.

Isaiah 64:6 "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." Notice "...our righteousness..." are as polluted garments. Absolutely nothing from the Lord is unjust or impure! Are we blind to the very sins that someday will take us away to a devil's hell or are we clay in the Potter's hand willing to be broken to be made perfect? Isa 64:8. Ignore not God's Words. With blinded eyes we look but do not see! There is no need to stumble in darkness any longer. John 8:12. "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." In darkness, we lose our way until we take hold of His outstretched hand and are drawn into His marvelous light. To see clearly to follow Jesus and become light to a dying world will be the result of anointing the eyes through God's healing power. Christ has told the church what to do. Now He reveals that because of His love, they will be disciplined. We may think it harsh of Jesus to say this, but His reasons are the same as when parents discipline their children. The Lord corrects His own so that we may learn from our mistakes. When the Lord withdraws His correcting hand is the time to fear. Parents that have pampered their children or have totally neglected them, show no example of love. As His dear Children, lest we become rebellious, uses His assertive hand toward us. No matter how hard it seems when the Lord corrects us, We know that all things are possible through Christ and the final outcome will be for the best—deliverance and to rest with Him in eternity!" Pro. 23:13-14. "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell." "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten..." ironically, strong words, yet words of His supreme love. Christ then adds "...be zealous therefore, and repent." To no one has been denied the opportunity to repent. To this invitation to this particular church age, He commands them to quit being lukewarm, but become interested in their Christian service. The ultimate decision of everyone is to choose—life or death. To the Church, Christ speaks, asking for entrance. At the door of the church Christ stands, assuring us that He will once again abide with us if we only hear Him and open the door. Too many churches have substituted formalism and ritualism for worship. It seems that the only place Christ has in the Church is sitting in a back pew. May we be so careful in service to the King! We are the Laodicean church age—wanting to work for the Lord, but yet just a little to secure or a little slothful—hoping to please the world but still be Christians. The following two statements are from a poem entitled "The Church and the World." "And so the Church and the World walked together, hand in heart. And none but the Master above, who knoweth all, could discern the two apart." The

expectant Bride of a Heavenly Groom is the harlot of the World." Are these statements true? Look around and decide for yourself.

Verse twenty-one, the promise is given! "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." As Christ overcame all He faced, we can overcome the world and receive of the Precious Lamb of God! Let us listen to every message given. John 8:51 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death."

NOTICE!

Thirty cents a time is what the Post Office charges us whenever a copy of the Report is returned with a reader's new address. If you are moving, won't you tell us at once, allowing at least 4 weeks for the change? Send the mailing label from the back page so we will know your old address.

Fragrances

A friend of mine worked in the recovery room. I could always tell which days she worked; for hours after she left the hospital, the smell of ether accompanied her.

Our cat enjoyed the country air. But once he met a furry animal, much like himself—except this second "cat" had a white stripe down his back. At the veterinarian's advice, we rubbed our cat with sand and bathed him in tomato juice. But for months we knew he had had an encounter with a skunk.

A man attending a convention in California learned that nearby was a large garden where roses for the annual Rose Bowl parade are grown. As he later walked into the meeting, several turned to him and said, "We know where you've been. We can smell the roses."

In John 12 we read that Mary of Bethany took a box of very expensive ointment, poured it on the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with the hairs of her head. Surely the smell of the precious perfume must have permeated the air wherever she went for many days. The same fragrance accompanied both her and Jesus!

As you walk along life's pathway, what fragrance does your life spread forth? Do those around you recognize that you have spent time with Jesus?



Pray for our children, young people and teachers as they return to school this year.

Camp Meeting 1985

The annual Apostolic Faith Camp Meeting, held this year in Baxter Springs, Kansas, was blessed of the Lord in every way. Attendance was excellent as people came from all over the country for a week of spiritual uplift and Christian fellowship. Some of the states represented this year were, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, California, Arizona, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, New Mexico, Alabama and from other parts of Kansas.

The Morning Prayer Service at 9:00 a.m. each day was led by different ministers and was a real boost to the other services. Prayer requests were made for spiritual and physical healings and some miraculous answers to prayer were reported. God is so Good!

The 10:30 a.m. Bible Studies were given by Bro. Lyndel Arnall, Baxter Springs, Kansas, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Bro. Jerome Crowhurst, Roswell, New Mexico on Thursday and Friday and Bro. M.D. Methvin, Follett, Texas, on Saturday and Sunday. The theme of their messages were on Consecration, Sanctification and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Also at this Bible Study time each day Faye Haines of Follett, Texas conducted a Children's Church in one of the dorm buildings on the grounds.

Different ministers spoke to us at the 2:00 p.m. services. At 6:30 each evening Bro. Danny Mack Robinson conducted a Youth Service in the Dining Hall. This was followed by our nightly Evangelistic service at 7:45 p.m. Bro. Ted Barker, Laverne, Oklahoma, did an outstanding job of leading our big Camp Meeting choir. They really responded to his song leading and blessed our souls with their inspired singing. Speakers for these services were Bro. Floyd LaMunyon, Bro. Neil Ragan, Bro. Jim Arnall, Bro. Roland Busch, Bro. Jack Cornell, Bro. Jimmie Wallis, Bro. Roland Haney and Bro. Paul Clanton.

Shari Cook and Janae Harris both helped in arranging the special music, and with the help of Kathryn Cornell were the accompanists for the choir each evening. Praise God for these excellent musicians whose God-given talents are dedicated to the service of the Lord.

Delicious meals were served three times a day and the Lord supplied in a wonderful way. Our special thanks to Sandra Forbes and Karen Oakes who were overseers of the kitchen. They had lots of good help, especially from the Webb City Church, Granby Gospel Tabernacle, the Prosperity Church and other individuals. Bro. and Sis. Benny Buschman were the breakfast cooks. Thank God for many willing workers who help to make the tasks so much lighter.

May God bless each one who helped in any way to make the Camp Meeting a success.

God heard and answered our prayers with a good 1985 Baxter Springs Camp Meeting, and we are grateful.

In His Service,
O.A. Busch, chairman
Lyndel Arnall
Neil Ragan
"85" Camp Meeting Committee

Ministers — Gospel Workers

Oct. 10, 1985 is the deadline for you to have your names, addresses, phone numbers and type of ministry into the Apostolic Faith Report office for the new directory.

Thank you for your cooperation. May God bless all of your labors for him.

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