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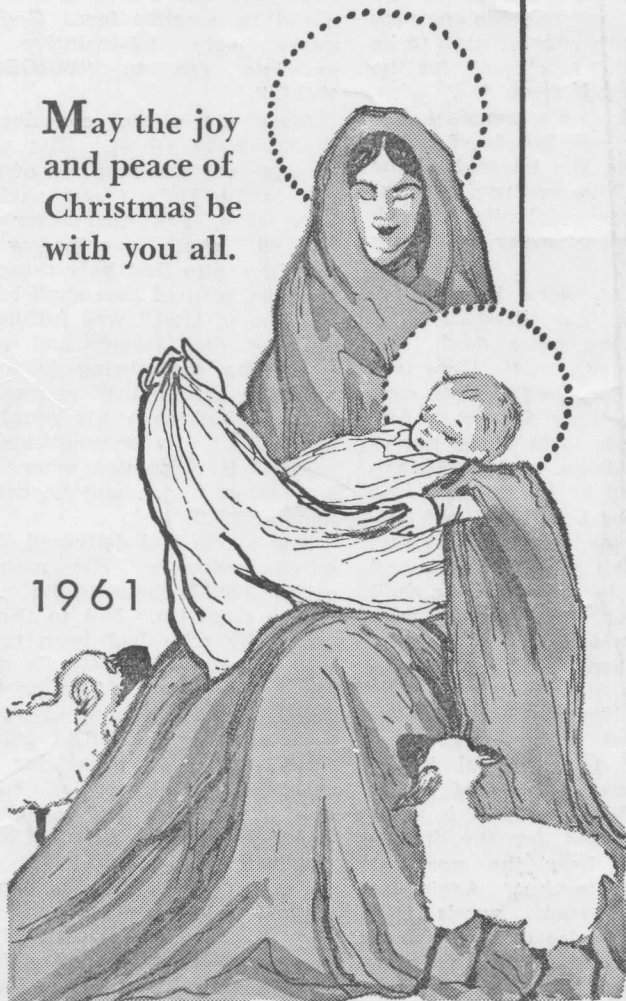
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Christmas Blessings

May the joy
and peace of
Christmas be
with you all.



Call His Name Jesus

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:18-21.

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Call His Name Jesus

By JACOB C. REGIER

It is expedient for us to refresh our memories concerning the birth of our Lord and Savior. It is more than mere coincidence that an article concerning the Birth of Immanuel should appear in a religious publication at this season of the year. It is the traditional Christmas season and at Christmas time our minds go again to the time of the birth of Jesus and all the interesting things that did transpire during that time.

Yes, it is Christmas time . . . God's spokesmen feel the divine urge to re-discover this wonderful truth; to re-evaluate the pungence and power of this occasion; to re-educate our minds; and to realize again the "God With Us" is God's true promise to all mankind. May we reassure ourselves that God loves every one and that he is willing and able to forgive repented sins and that He will keep that we commit unto His care, through Christ our Lord. All this through Christ our Lord!

Within the printed portion of scripture on the cover of this issue are twenty-three important words, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Here is a promise from God. Here lies the hope of all mankind. Here is Salvation. Here is Redemption.

Observe the background of this promise. Why did the human race need such a promise? Why do we need Salvation, redemption and justification? The answer is that we all are sinners. Sinners with a penalty of death over us. How did we come to this state? Read the opening chapters of the Bible and there we find these startling words, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Here the Lord pronounced a curse on the serpent. Satan had beguiled Eve. She and Adam had yielded to his temptation. Thus the human family was plunged into sin. Hereafter, each succeeding generation was to inherit the sin-nature from the preceding parents. It all began here. Sinners! Sinners! "The wages of sin is death!" But even here, God in his love for humanity gave this promise of deliverance:

... "it shall bruise thy head." What does it mean? This statement, "it shall bruise thy head" is the first promise to the human family that in the offspring of Eve, a Savior should be born. The Savior's work and purpose becomes clearer and clearer in other prophecies and promises given afterward through Moses and the prophets.

From Adam's day until the day of the prophet Malachi, God renewed His promise of a Savior again and again. Malachi was the last prophetic voice some 400 years before Jesus was born. In our day we examine the words of the psalmist and the prophets and as we do our hearts are elated to notice God's concern for the spiritual welfare of the wayfaring sinners. We see now that it was God's will for man to be saved. It is still God's will for the lost to be saved from their sins. Many doubted God's promises because of their evil hearts of unbelief. The same can be said of the men of our 20th century generations: "Because iniquity doth abound the love of many shall wax cold."

The Israelites were looking for the coming of the Messiah. The Christ is coming some day! Redemption is on the way! Here is a sample of the prophet's words concerning the coming Savior: "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and he shall judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked." What a wonderful law-giver! What a wonderful judge! What marvelous promises of equity and justice! We may well imagine the people longing for the fulfillment as they hear the promises read from time to time. Again the prophet Isaiah spoke words that renewed the promise of a Savior to the people of Israel: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsel-

or, The mighty God, the everlasting father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform it." Again this prophet yields to the spirit of God and speaks: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel."

As the believing Christian opens his Bible and searches the scriptures he finds many wonderful prophecies of Christ's birth, His life, His death, and His ministry. They seem more like historical accounts than prophecies . . . they were so accurate. We can see and understand also that God was not making these promises only to the Israelites. The Redeemer and Savior was not promised to a select few. God's promises were all-inclusive. God's promises are to "WHOSOEVER WILL."

Mary the virgin, conceived seed of the Holy Ghost. The thrilling message she had received of the angel: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God," was fulfilled. The message that Joseph had received "And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins," was accomplished. The account is completed when it simply states: ". . . and he called his name JESUS."

The virgin had delivered the promised redeemer. His name was called JESUS because he was the Savior from sin. Not to the Israelites only who had been reminded again and again of God's promise, but to everyone. The angel told the shepherds that night, ". . . Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

To fully understand how this child should save men from their sins, we must learn how He matured into manhood; how He bore and overcame temptation; how He learned the cares of men; how His God-nature loved man in mercy and

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The threat of war and the many fears of life shall not obscure the warmth of Christmas Carols that shall be ringing out upon the evening air and from the glowing hearth as we observe another Christmas Time. Again our hearts shall thrill to the angels song that has rolled through the years from the Judean hills that lovely night as the Shepherds heard "Peace on earth, good will to men."

CHRISTMAS BELLS

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and
deep;

"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep!
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Peace shall come to cover the earth, when He the Prince of Peace returns to earth again. Surely He is coming soon. Until that day let the peace of God rule your hearts.

Let us not forget to pray for the lonely, the suffering, the hungry, the cold, the destitute, the troubled, the loved ones far away, the dope fiend, the drunkard, the thief (both loose and caught), the little boys and girls without toys on the tree and with just small amounts of things in their stockings that hang on the fireplace, the unsaved, the backsliders, and all those who carry the Gospel of our Lord and Savior to their fellowmen, whether at home or abroad, that go without salary or collections bringing the word of God to hungry hearts. It would be especially nice to write them a letter

to let them know you are praying for them and concerned about them. I'm referring to the consecrated men and women who have answered the call and are faithful in their service to Christ and their fellowmen. I believe there are sincere soldiers of the cross that are keeping the Gospel ever rolling on in sermon, song, and printed word. Not working for earthly rewards or the plaudits of men but going forth without soliciting or begging as Jesus taught.

We, the Editor,—Associate Editors — and helpers with the Apostolic Faith Report, wish you the best of God's blessing this Christmas Time 1961.

STARTLING CONTRASTS

This little message the editor discovered a few years ago in a tract. We want to share it with you. "Jesus Christ was born in the meanest circumstances, but the air above was filled with the hallelujahs of the heavenly host. His lodging was a cattle pen, but a star drew distinguished visitants from afar to do Him homage. His birth was contrary to the laws of life. His death was contrary to the laws of death. No miracle is so inexplicable as His life and teaching. He had no cornfields or fisheries, but He could spread a table for 5,000 and have bread to spare. Three years He preached His Gospel. He wrote no book, built no church, had no money back of Him. After 1,900 years, He is the one central character of human history, the perpetual theme of all preaching, the pivot around which the events of the age revolve, the only regenerator of the human race. Was it merely the son of Joseph and Mary who crossed the world's horizon 1,900 years ago? Was it merely human blood that was spilled on Calvary's hill for the redemption of sinners, and which has worked such wonders in men and nations through the centuries? What thinking man can keep from exclaiming, 'My Lord and my God!' "

—Essex

Testimony of Divine Healing

In March of 1960 I began to feel very bad in body and it later developed that my trouble was a nervous condition. I fought against it with all my strength and power, knowing God was my only refuge. Finally I sought medical aid, which seemed to calm my nerves to some extent, and I continued struggling and battling against the affliction as best I could. I wrote many people asking for prayer. Then the first of August things really went bad for me—my every thought was terrible. I knew it was not of God that I should be so bound by this illness. I could not be left alone, and my mother-in-law, Mrs. Johnson, came to stay with me. She told me she had every ounce of patience with me because she had had sick nerves once herself. However, I seemed to get no better but rather grew worse. Finally I got down in bed, couldn't eat, and became so weak I could only manage to get from the bed to the divan. I would watch my husband and his mother eat and say to myself, "Oh, if I can ever gain health again and have an appetite, how I shall thank God for it!"

In the latter part of August, 1960, my sister Leota and my parents brought their pastors to spend the day in prayer for me. They prayed and prayed, very earnestly. And while I felt we lost no ground, I did not feel that we had gained any ground either. I had an appointment with the doctor for that evening and those praying for me told me to go ahead with my visit to him, which I did. He (the doctor) told me I had gone into a spirit of depression and was headed straight for a complete nervous breakdown and was right on the brink. But he also said, "You have your faith in God—keep it there." (I had already told him about the group coming in to pray for me that day.) I came home and seemingly was no better. At my regular bed time I went to sleep and slept like a baby until about 2:30 a.m. when I awakened with such a swelling praise in my heart—"Lord, I thank You because You have healed me." — I went back to sleep while praising the Lord. The next morning I arose feeling like a different person. My mother-in-law stayed on a few days, then left. Letters came saying, "Hallie, you have to be all right for we

have prayed through to the victory for you." Thank the Lord for good praying friends! Some wrote and said, "Praying for you has really put me on the mountain top spiritually." So I suppose there is a reason for everything.

Anyway, I have just felt fine ever since that wonderful healing touch from God. In October of 1960 I applied for work and worked until January of this year, and not one time did I have any trouble with my nerves. When God does a thing He does it well!

Here are some of the Precious Promises I stood upon—I read them every day. "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth," Mark 9:23. "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24. "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed," 1 Peter 2:24.

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Good Tidings

By Mrs. E. A. Greever

One night through the darkness
God's great love was shown,
A beautiful bright star illumined
the place as at noon;
Shepherds who faithfully watched
their flock on that night,
Were filled with great fear, this star
shone so bright.

When in such anxiety and fear, sud-
denly they heard
An angel's proclamation "Fear not,
peace on earth,
With glory to God in the highest,
good-will toward men we bring"
What a wonderful announcement,
what glorious singing.

Some wise men from the east start-
ed on a journey from afar,
In search of something, to find the
meaning of the star;
Taking with them their gifts, in-
cense with odours sweet—
God's word tells us they were laid
at the Saviour's feet.

Old prophets and sages had told of
the glorious good news
Of a virgin who would bear a Son
and He God would approve;
They said it would be in Bethlehem
of Judea, Jesus His name,
Who would save His people from
sin, and He's ever the same.

His life was threatened, sought for
by cruel men,
Even when a Babe, and continued so
when He was grown to man;
But vainly they sought, God was
with Him, "Immanuel" it meant,
He is Wonderful, Counsellor, Prince
of Peace by God was sent.

One day it pleased the Father to
bruise His Beloved Son,
Allowing Him to be beaten, smitten,
afflicted, that He might save
some;
For man in his fallen state, undone
and without a single hope
A sacrifice must be made, Jesus was
the crucified One, our hope.

Prophets and Apostles tell us the
gospel is preached to the poor,
This glorious news revealed to saints
has started them on a tour,
That the whole wide world might
hear, give heed and obey,
That His presence might be with
them, His light brighten their
way.

'Tis for whosoever will who are lost
in sin afar
That Jesus died and rose again, He's
the wonderful "Day Star";
God's Spirit was upon Him, bring-
ing good tidings to the meek,
Healing the broken hearted, pro-
claiming liberty to captives, heal-
ing the sick.

While in a clay tabernacle He'll
give life, joy and peace,
And as we treasure the "Pearl of
Great Price" joy will increase;
We'll be changed from victory to
victory, yes from faith to faith,
And at His blessed appearing can
look upon His face.

Changed and in His likeness, O what
a marvelous hope,
I'm so glad that many years ago I
believed the true report;
Preserved spirit, soul and body until
His coming on that day,
'Tis revealed from the God of heav-
en, I'll in His presence stay.

Four things come not back: the
spoken word; the sped arrow; the
past life; and neglected opportunity.

God's Gifts to Man

By Haulace Novinger

As the holiday season draws near, our thoughts turn to Christmas, the season of giving gifts, much time and thought is given in selecting just the right gift for each loved one or friend.

But I would like to turn our thoughts to one for whom Christmas is commemorated. The One who daily loads us with benefits, "The Giver of every good and perfect Gift." For when God gave his precious Son unto the World he gave a number of precious gifts to mankind.

The first gift we would consider is The Gift of Rest; "Come unto me, all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; and ye shall find rest unto your souls," Matt. 11: 28, 29.

Truly a gracious invitation to the weary, and sin sick soul. Where else in the World can we find such comfort? Rest for the spirit in time of stress, freedom from oppression by Satan. Only in the salvation which Jesus brought is there rest for soul and spirit. The world today is torn by unrest, strife and fears of fall-out, people are becoming bomb shelter conscious. But our Christ is a Rock in a weary land and a refuge in the time of storm.

The Gift of Peace: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let it be afraid," John 14:27.

Christ's last Legacy to his disciples was "His Peace." Peace is love reposing, it's inward peace regardless of circumstances. In these troublesome times men's hearts are failing them for fear, for they know not the peace of God, that is bestowed by Christ through his blood, the peace that passeth all understanding, and keeps our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. "Peace," the wonderful Gift of God's love.

The Gift of the Holy Spirit; "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good Gifts unto your children: How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" Luke 11:13.

The Holy Spirit opens up a vast avenue which we have not space for in this article. But the Gift of the

Holy Spirit is unspeakable, precious and is the "Heritage" of every believer in Christ. Rich and varied are the evidence of the Holy Spirit's grace and power manifested in the Spirit filled and Spirit led life.

Gift of Providential Care: "Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed," John 6:27.

"Toil not for the food that perisheth, but for food that remaineth unto life eternal." Laboring for our bread was part of the curse, however it is not to be paramount in our lives, but second place, for it is written, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33. What things? Food and raiment, to the believer who puts God first, and serves the Lord with all his heart, will be blessed with "Bread and Water." Sickness will be taken away from their midst, and they shall be fed with the finest of wheat, and with honey out of the Rock. Theirs will be a satisfying portion.

The Gift of Eternal Life: "And I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. Jno. 10:28.

For the Child of God there is a more abundant life here in this present life, and eternal life for the soul after death. What a wonderful consolation, and no one can pluck us out of the Father's hand. Truly the riches of His Grace are vast and deep.

And lastly the Gift Supreme: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

The Gift Supreme includes all others, it is God's love story to mankind. The love which he shed so richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Only love constrained the Father to give his Son. And it was love that constrained the Son to give his life for us.

These Gifts of God's Giving of loving kindness to man the cre-

ature, should inspire our giving in return, to the building of the kingdom of God, to reaching the lost and needy.

"I gave my life for thee, what hast thou done for me?"



CORNELL

Kevin Dean Cornell was born November 9, 1961, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Jack Cornell, Balko, Okla.

DEWEES

Mr. and Mrs. John Dewees of Katy, Texas are the proud parents of a daughter, Melissa Kay, born Sunday, August 20th, weighing 7 lbs., 2 ozs. She comes to be the sister of Sara Lynne, 3 years old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James F. Bard of Joplin, Missouri, and Rev. and Mrs. Joe B. Dewees of Hempstead, Texas.

MORRIS

A cute little Dividend has arrived: Vicki JoLynn Morris, November 16, 1961 in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Jim Morris, pastor of the Apostolic Faith church at Snyder, Texas.

LOY

The Rev. and Mrs. R. D. Loy of 2555 North Stone, Tucson, Arizona, are the parents of a son, John Mark, born November 17. Mrs. Loy is the former Barbara Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Robinson of Silver Bell, Arizona, former Baxter Springs residents.

Call His Name Jesus

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compassion; how He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; how He was falsely accused; how He was cruelly condemned; how He finally died for the Sins of all mankind; how he arose from the dead and ascended on high to intercede for man at the throne of God; and how some day soon He is coming again to receive his redeemed unto Himself!

CALL HIS NAME JESUS FOR HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.

Scriptures used: Matt. 1:21, Gen. 3:15, Isa. 11:1-4, Isa. 9:6-7, Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:35, Luke 2:10.

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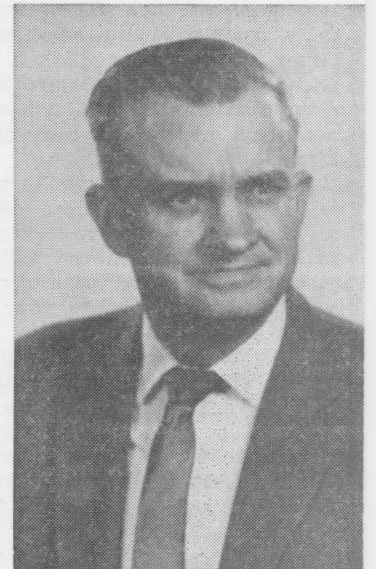
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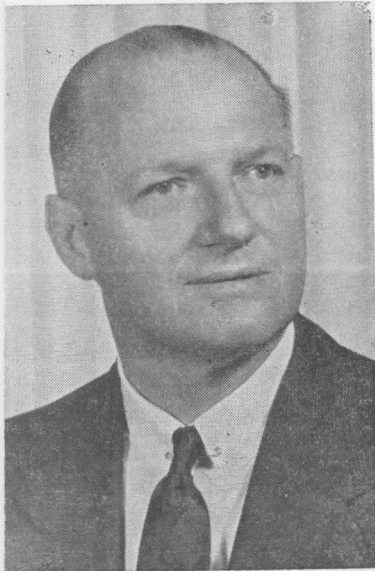
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The Children's Hour . . .

By ALBERDINE WILHITE

Come to Jesus and be true
 He was born to die for you.
 Talk to Him, yes every day,
 For His help along the way.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.
 The word "COME" includes each one of us. Jesus calls us all.

- C-hildren
- O-lder folks
- M-iddle aged
- E-veryone

Yes, Jesus calls all of us to "COME" unto Him. If you, little boy or girl, have not answered the call of Christ, remember, first we need to **come** to Him.

"C" is for the Christ Child
 Born lowly, meek, and mild.
 Born to die that we may be
 With Him throughout eternity.

BIBLE READING: Luke 2:10-12

- 10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
- 11. For unto you is born in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.
- 12. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Fill in the blanks. If you do not know the answers, use the scripture references.

- A. 1. Animal that Rebekah rode _____ Gen. 24:64.
- 2. An "unclean" bird _____ Deut. 14:15
- 3. It grows in a garden _____ Isa. 1:8

- B. 1. Aaron made one of gold. _____ Ex. 32:4
- 2. Where Christ was crucified. _____ Luke 23:33.
- 3. A town condemned for inbelief. _____ Matt. 11:23.
- C. 1. And the disciples were called _____ first in Antioch. Acts 11:26.
- 2. Nehemiah was the kings _____ Neh. 1:11.
- 3. Christ's first miracle was performed at _____ John 2:1-11.

If you are enjoying the lessons, please write and let me know.
 Alberdine Wilhite
 Follett, Texas

The Lord willing, I will C. U. next "Report."

"Should sevenfold storms of thunder roll,
 And shake this globe from pole to pole,
 No thunderbolt shall daunt my face,
 For Jesus is my hiding place."

Never put a question mark where God puts a period.

THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS

As shepherds watched their flocks by night, an Angel did appear. The shepherds trembled and quaked because of sudden fear!
 But the Angel had such wonderful news as he hovered over the earth. He told the humble shepherds of the Christ Child's birth!
 Then all heaven came out to sing, a lovely, heavenly choir—
 "Peace on earth, good will to men!"
 Then hearts burned with desire,
 To see the Christ Child where he lay, in a manger full of hay!

On the very same night, far to the east, the wise men beheld a star: much bigger, much brighter than any before, A great Light, they could see from afar. They gathered together gifts for a King; they knew they surely would find. For Heaven had sanctified a great truth—
 A rare star—the miracle kind!

When they had found Him; wee, precious mite, they gave Him great gifts untold, but the three precious ones, fit for a King, were frankincense, myrrh, and gold! Frankincense, so rare and sweet, was only for the pure in heart. Myrrh, so bitter, symbolized, the death our Lord was to impart. Gold, a metal, oh so rare, when Christ first came to earth, was a noble gift that was bestowed only on those of noble birth!

As the Christmas tide draws near, may Christians over the earth; Sing, as the heavenly choir sang of the Christ Child's birth. May "Peace on earth, good will to men," fill every heart and nation. May the miracle of Christmas awaken all creation!

Answers:

- A. 1. Camel. 2. Cookoo. 3. Cucum-
- B. 1. Calif. 2. Calvary. 3. Capern-
- C. 1. Christians 2. Cupbearers. 3. Cana.

If Christ Had Not Come

By Mrs. Naomi Busch

"If I had not come and spoken unto them . . . John 15:22a" I wonder, young person, have you ever stopped to think what your life might be like today if Christ had not come to this earth nearly two thousand years ago. Jesus himself brought this thought to his disciples in His last discourse to them as they partook of the last supper together as recorded by the beloved disciple John.

We have become so accustomed to what we enjoy because of what that first Christmas brought to us, that we take things for granted and don't fully appreciate the full impact they have upon our lives. Sometimes it is good for us to look back and think of what might have been if—Isaiah in his writings asks us—"to look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged." If He had not come we would still be in that pit, and how dark that pit would be.

If Christ had not come there would be no heartfelt salvation and the witness of the spirit that God for Christ's sake had blotted out our sins never to be remembered against us again. Without this knowledge would life be worth living? It is the greatest possession the Christian has. If all earthly possessions were taken away: family, friends, houses, lands, work, yes, and even our health yet life would be bearable only because in our hearts we knew that all is well with God and us, and after the 70 years allotted us we could look forward to eternity in heaven with Him.

If Christ had not come there would be no churches as we know them today. We would have to offer burnt sacrifices to roll our sins ahead of us another year. And go through all kinds of rituals of cleansing and sanctification. Our song services would be completely changed. Jesus' name could not be sung about, nor Calvary and the blood Jesus shed for our sins, not even the second coming of Jesus in the clouds for us to ever live with Him in heaven because He would not even have come the first time. Look through your song book and see what would be left. The Bible which we study, read, and love would not be the same for there would only be the Old Testament

and the Law and the Prophets. The New Testament was brought by, and is built around, the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God. There would be no beloved Apostle Paul, or Silas, Barnabas, or even the twelve disciples for they were all called by and became followers of Jesus, and if He had not come they could not have known Him.

There would be no Yuletide celebrations if it were not for Jesus coming to this earth on that night so long ago. From the time of your first recollection Christmas has been one of the high lights in your life. A time of joy, gift giving, seeing members of our families gathered together. That happens so seldom these days. All of those memories and looking forward to other similar coming events would cease to be if Christ had not come. I have never been in a community where the young people didn't like caroling at Christmas time; but there would be no carols to sing if Jesus had not come. There would be no gifts to buy, no gifts to receive if Christ had not come, for without the unspeakable gift of our heavenly Father, which was his son, Jesus Christ, there would be nothing to celebrate. No Christmas Program? I hear some of you groan and say Oh, I would be happy for that! And you think right now when you have a part to learn for that program that you mean it; but I've noticed with different young people we have worked with that if it isn't mentioned by Thanksgiving time the inquiries will begin to come in: "What are we going to do for a Christmas program this year?" The proud smiles on the faces of the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and friends somehow repay the behind the scene workers and the participants in the programs for all their efforts. But there would be none of this if Jesus had not come. Christmas would just be another day of the year. There would be no bright lights or decorations for there would be nothing to decorate for. Can you imagine a year without a Christmas? A year without a Saviour, a year without Jesus by your side? But wait a minute, did I say a year? What a gross understatement for if Jesus had not come it would be every moment of every hour of

every day of every year of your life. A life without Jesus. There could be nothing worse. Oh, may we truly worship, adore, praise, and fully appreciate our wonderful, altogether lovely Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God, who was willing to become God incarnate in man and leave the glories and beauties of heaven to be born in a lowly manger on that first Christmas night so long ago. I am so glad He did come! Let us as born-again Christians truly sing from the heart this Christmas time—

Joy to the world! the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing.

TRI-STATE YOUTH RALLY

The Tri-State Youth Rally was held at Galena, Kansas on November 20th. Paul Shanks, vice-president, led a testimony service which was enjoyed by everyone. Special songs were given by the various churches of the district. The Rev. Bob Cooper, pastor of the Joplin, Missouri church, brought an inspiring message to the young people. The next rally will be at Tipton Ford, Missouri.

Peggy Bard, Secretary.

MID-WEST YOUTH RALLY

The Mid-west Youth Rally was held at Follett, Texas Monday night November 27. The young people of the Arnett, Okla. church had charge of the program and several members of the group gave outlines of various religions of the world, closing with the fact that the Christian religion is the only true religion, which worships the One and Only True God, and His Son, Jesus Christ. Bro. Neal Ragan, pastor of the Amarillo, Texas church was guest speaker and his message followed the thought of Christianity as the true religion.

Carol Baker, secretary

DIXIE CRUSADERS

The Dixie Crusaders for Christ met at the Hinton, Alabama church in November, and enjoyed a very good service. The Snell, Mississippi church won the attendance banner. There was a Quiz Program on the doctrine of the Apostolic Faith. The next meeting will be at the Pine Crest church.

Mary Anderson, reporter.

PASTORAL REPORTS

SNELL, MISSISSIPPI

The church here has made progress during the past year, attendance is good and God is blessing. Mrs. Opal Ferry of Chicago led a week of missionary services recently, which was a great blessing to the church. Bro. George Hinterdardt will hold some revival services soon.

Mrs. Dorothy Anderson, pastor.

SUNRAY, TEXAS

The work of the Lord here at Sunray continues to go forward under God's blessing. The attendance continues to be very favorable.

Quite a bit of repair and remodeling work has been done recently on the interior of the parsonage.

The church is praying and planning for a revival in January, and asks the prayers of other churches for the success of the meeting. Also an invitation is extended to all ministers and evangelists of the Faith to visit the church.

Jack Hopson, pastor

LAVERNE, OKLA.

The recent revival conducted by Bro. Homer Coberly was a blessing to the church; two were saved during the meeting and two were saved in the regular services just prior to the revival. Miss Bobbie Bishop and Mrs. Roberta Grant helped in the meeting.

The church is planning a communion and feet-washing service for the near future, and the 32nd annual Watch Night service will be held Sunday night, December 31.

Jim Fox, pastor

BEAVER, OKLAHOMA

The Apostolic Faith congregation is making some growth here and recently one-fourth of a block of ground has been acquired for a new church building. The ground lies just across the street from the new hospital. Tentative plans are to start construction in the early spring; the church will be of cinder blocks with a brick front. There is ample room for a parsonage to be built at a later time.

Lowell Long, pastor

(Note: Let us take a burden on our hearts to pray for this and other new churches in our Movement, that God shall lead those in charge of the work and that every need may be met.)

SPRING VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

We enjoy the paper so very much. It's always such a blessing to us here in California. Our services have been good; we had a young man converted a few services ago. Brother and Sister Gail Schultz were a blessing to us. Our church is getting along fine, but we would appreciate the prayers of Christian people. We need to reach out and gain new families in this community.

Rev. Edwin Waterbury, pastor

BIG SPRING, TEXAS

The first anniversary service was conducted in the Apostolic Faith Church. Bro. Gail Schultz was the speaker for Saturday night, Sunday morning, and Sunday night. Bro. Winston Barker was the speaker Sunday afternoon. This was November 19th with a basket dinner. These men did a wonderful job in bringing the Word of God to us. Our services are good and we are seeing a little move forward in attendance. Pray for us and come visit us.

Rev. R. D. Wooster, pastor.

LIBERAL, KANSAS

A revival was recently held here in the Apostolic Faith church. Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Jack Barker ministered to the needs of the congregation. Timely messages and inspiring gospel songs were a real blessing to those in attendance. Especially enjoyable were many "old" songs revived by the gospel party.

One person was sanctified and one received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We are indeed grateful for the presence of the Lord in our midst and continually long for deeper blessings.

Jimmy Wallis, pastor

KATY, TEXAS

Evangelist Robert Girouard conducted a two-weeks revival in the Katy Church in November. The church people responded with good attendance, and they were greatly blessed by the good sermons brought by Bro. Girouard. A feature of the meeting was the daily prayer meetings at 8:30 a.m.

Harrol Waterbury, pastor.

JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Rev. Harrol Waterbury held a two-weeks revival in the Joplin church in November and God blessed the church under his ministry. One young man was saved, others were blessed, particularly in divine healing; several gave testimonies of having been healed in the services.

Robert (Bob) Cooper, pastor

PERRYTON, TEXAS

We are running new sidewalks the full length along the south side of the Church property. The Christmas Program will be presented December 17th by the Loyal Worker's Sunday School Class. This class is composed of married folks under 40. Bro. Regier will be giving the Bible lessons at the Convocation in Stockton, California.

Rev. Jacob C. Regier, pastor

TANEYVILLE, MISSOURI

Bro. Onal Nunn conducted a Revival here November 2nd through 15th. A feet washing and Communion service preceded the Revival. The meeting was a blessing to the Church. Some 10 were converted and renewed.

We are building new Sunday School rooms on the church. Pray for us and remember us as you pray.

Rev. Chester Burns, pastor

HARDESTY, OKLAHOMA

J. D. Ray, pastor of the Full Gospel Chapel, Spenard, Alaska, conducted a week's revival meeting October 5 through 12 at the Mission Church in Hardesty.

The church and parsonage have recently been re-decorated.

Wednesday night, November 22, we had a guest speaker, Rev. Andy Willis.

Jerry McClenagan, pastor

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Mrs. J. A. Depew, Mrs. Gladys Russell, Mrs. Wade, all of Perryton; Mrs. Eva Addleman, Merwin, Missouri; Walter Jacobs, Adrian, Missouri; Mrs. Jessie C. Dibbens, Wichita, Kansas; Rev. Charles O. Mahan, Wichita, Kansas.

BAYARD, NEBRASKA

The church here recently enjoyed a ten-day revival with Evangelist Teddy Barker. There were five conversions, and several Christians renewed their consecration, and the entire church was blessed and benefited. The Youth Group has grown in number and God is especially blessing them.

A. B. Stanberry, pastor

DUMAS, TEXAS

Rev. Jacob C. Regier conducted a Revival for us ending November 19th. The weather hindered some, but we felt the meeting was a blessing to the Church. There was a good Spirit in the services. We are keeping the Gospel rolling on here and invite Ministers of the Apostolic Faith Movement to drop by for services.

Rev. A. W. Ferguson, Pastor

MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH

Special Thanksgiving Services with Rev. Harrol Waterbury began November 20th. These weren't just ordinary services, but a genuine time of refreshing. The Church expects to enjoy these outstanding blessings for a long time in the future. A great deal was accomplished, the attendance was excellent. Praise God for He is good.

Rev. Edwin Modrick, Pastor.

TIPTON FORD, MISSOURI

The folks are sending 4 pillows and slips and some tea-towels to the Bible School. We are much encouraged with the work of the Church here. Our number is not large but new ones are coming to the services. The Wednesday night services are well attended.

We are praying for a revival with an Apostolic Faith Evangelist and all Ministers of the Apostolic Faith Movement are invited by for services.

Rev. Ted Jackson, Pastor.

FOLLETT, TEXAS

Bro. Gail W. Schultz was with us for a Special Bible School Service Sunday night November 12th. The Lord is blessing our people and the Gospel is rolling on. We are beginning work on the Christmas Program which will be presented December 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Donald D. Dibbens, Pastor.

PERRYTON, TEXAS

Rev. Murphy Barnes filled the pulpit here while Bro. Regier was in a revival meeting at Dumas, Texas. The services are consistently good and we thank God for his blessings. The ladies of the Church are preparing drapes for the Bible School and they have other projects in motion.

Rev. Jacob C. Regier, Pastor.

ENID, OKLAHOMA

The church here is progressing, Sunday School attendance is growing and new people are coming and showing an interest in the church work. Sister Opal Ferry of Chicago held a week of services with the Missionary Ladies group, beginning November 11. The parsonage has been re-modeled and is now in use; there is some outside work yet to be done on the parsonage. There is a good spirit in the church and "the people have a mind to work." Pray for this church.

Rev. Gene Webster, pastor

HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS

Rev. Paul Clanton began a weeks meeting at the Apostolic Faith Church November 26th. We are expecting a refreshing from God.

Rev. George Polvado, Pastor.

SNYDER, TEXAS

Evangelist Winston Barker conducted a revival at the Apostolic Faith Church in Snyder, Texas, starting November 12, 1961.

Rev. Jim Morris, Pastor.

You are all well acquainted with the face that looks back at you from the mirror every morning. Take care that it stays pleasant and smiling through the day. You may not see it again, but others will.

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1:30 P. M. Children's Service
2:30 P. M. Worship Service
6:30 P. M. Youth Rally
7:30 P. M. Evangelistic Service

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