

John 3:16

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.



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Signs of the End

Take heed that no man deceive you-
For many shall come in my name
And declare they are the Lord Jesus
Performing great works of acclaim.

Oh, see that you be not troubled
When wars and rumors you hear
For all of these things must come to pass.
The end is not yet; but it's near.

Nation will rise against nation-
Kingdom against kingdom will stand
Pestilences, famines, and earthquakes
Occuring in various lands.

'Tis the beginning of sorrows
When they shall deliver you up;
Some to be smitten and afflicted,
Others to drink deaths bitter cup.

Many shall then be offended;
Each other they will hate and betray.
You will be hated for my names sake-
By all nations in the last day.

False prophets shall deceive many,
Comes this warning, from men of old.
Because iniquity doth abound,-
The love of many shall wax cold.

He that endures unto the end
And proves faithful all the way;
Death will hold no terror by night
For he will be saved on that day.

The true gospel of the kingdom,
To every nation, he will send,
As a witness of light against evil.
Lo, it is finished-now is the end.

Jeanie Mullins
Joplin, Mo.

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ARTICLE VII

Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Saviour. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should

not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows:

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Creation and Formation

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation

Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.

Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body. A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by speaking in other languages.

Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9.

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.

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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 teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not in consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

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Take Heed To Thyself!

I appreciate the admonition of the Lord to us, in Luke 21:34 "take heed to yourself, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and the cares of life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

Let's emphasize "take heed to yourself" when God speaks to us with such strength in His warning we need to pay close attention.

We are the ones who make the choice for our lives, how we are going to serve God. Whether we are going to yield our life to the flesh or to the spirit.

If there ever was a day when we should turn all of our life over to God, it is today. Let's consider what kind of church (people) will be acceptable to Him. What are the standards these people will have to live up to? I call our attention to Ephesians 5:27 "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Now that's the kind of people who have taken heed to themselves. In living for God, he expects our lives to live up to his standards and keep his word. When we look into our lives, are we holy, have we kept our vows to God in our consecration to him, that He may sanctify us spirit, soul and body.

God is a jealous God, he just won't share us with the devil. He wants his people to be all his. Isn't that a wonderful life? A life lived just for God; not for any self gratification, but only to please God and know we are in His divine will.---

And take heed to thyself just to please God and not have our mind on the worldly things--especially the cares of this life.

Well it's time for us to trim our lamps, look into our lives, prepare our hearts; for Christ is coming soon -- Take Heed to Thyself!

M. D. Methvin

Dorm Reports

This is the beginning of a brand new semester and we are looking forward to what God has in store for us. There have been quite a few changes, but God knows what is best for each of us. If we will all just put him first in our lives we will be much happier. God can see the future, he knows what is in store for us, and if we live our lives for him, our future will be better. I think this semester will be a good time for each of the girls to grow and mature in the Lord, and to find His will for their lives. We would really appreciate your prayers.

Thank you very much.

Cindy Harris
Dean of Women

We have two new men this semester. Their names are Larry Palmer and Larry Shonk. They are from Iowa. This term of school is going real well. I believe that the Lord is going to do some great things in this term of school. We are praying for revival. Any time God's people gather together to seek His face there He will do a work, because we must seek in order to find. Matthew 7:7.

God only withholds His blessings from those who don't seek Him. I am thankful for this school and all the people who support and pray for the school.

We are dedicated to seeking the Lord and His will, because of this I know He will hear and answer prayer. On behalf of the men's dorm, I thank you all.

May God Bless and Keep You.

Nicholis Gift
Dean of Men

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Closing Exercises

May 6, 7 & 8, 1992

Apostolic Christianity

Apostolic Christianity---what does this term mean to You? Is it just another form of religion; another name applied to some man-made organization? Or are you one of the hundreds who never have stopped to think what it really means? Let's take a few minutes to analyze the term and get a full picture of what Apostolic Christianity implies.

Let us make as our motto---"We will follow the apostles as they followed Christ;" for in this statement is contained the very essence of Apostolic Christianity. They had no other foundation for their ministry than Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, and Him crucified. They acknowledged in every way His presence in preaching and the power in His name to bring forth the needed results at the needful hour.

The apostles felt it necessary to be continually in prayer and as they prayed they expected an answer. Their faith brought the victory every time. Fasting often accompanied their prayers, for many things are accomplished only through fasting and prayer. Stomping, screaming, falling under the power, and such unseemingly actions, were not a part of the apostle's prayer life. Although they often prayed in unison, their prayers were simple, direct and to the point, going forth with child-like faith that brought results. God revealed many wonderful things to them because of their obedience in prayer.

Their courage was inexhaustible. When brought before the rulers of the land and questioned for the gospel they preached, they answered without hesitation, "we ought to obey God rather than man." their lives were counted as naught that they might carry the whole council of God unto all the world. Their lives were so atuned to His will that they faced persecutions fearlessly with victory in their lives.

The power of God which was manifested greatly in these mighty men of God, brought about many wonderous miracles. By it, the sinner was converted, the coward made courageous, the persecuted strengthened, the perplexed made to understand, the converted empowered for service and the devil fearlessly denounced. Many today feel that the power of God is shown in dancing in the spirit, jerking the body and other fleshly manifestations; but, there is no scriptural proof that the apostles felt it necessary to indulge in such demonstrations of the flesh. The power of God in the Bible was witnessed in the healing of the sick, the casting out of devils, the unstopping of deaf ears, and the salvation of souls. His power will not cause us to make fools of ourselves, but will edify and glorify God in every way. It has been said, "The Bible tells us to let our light shine, not to cut a shine."

There was not a trace of uncertainty in the apostle's testimony, neither should their be in ours. We have the best thing this side of heaven, and we should act like it. We should be quick to speak a word for our Lord and Savior as each opportunity presents itself, remembering that profession without possession does not in anyway help the furthering of the gospel. Our lives speak so loud the world may not hear what we say.

Paul was determined to know nothing among the people save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. If we today would follow his example gossip, malice, and hatred, would have no place in our lives. Paul also preached without money and

without price. Jesus said, "I will supply all your needs according to my riches in glory," and "that which is not of faith is sin." Are you fully trusting Him? His promises never fail. Paul was interested in his fellow christians. He was always willing to pray with and for them. We too should bear one another's burdens.

The apostles were successful in obtaining the blessings of God in their own lives, winning souls to Jesus, and being obedient to the heavenly vision. Does Jesus require less of you and me? No, friend, I hardly think so. We are told in His holy word---"Be thou an example of the believer, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith and in purity." This leaves a great responsibility on our shoulders. But can't you hear Him say. "My grace is sufficient for thee." Are you an Apostolic Christian? Are you walking in the footprints of Jesus as did the apostles?

The way will not be easy, but all things are possible through Christ. Let us be encouraged and more determined than ever before that,---"We will follow the apostles as they followed Christ."

Naomi Mahan Busch

This article was written in 1947 for doctrine class at the Apostolic Faith Bible School. We'd like to hear from those of you that attended school at that time. Perhaps you have something to share also.
God Bless You.

*Christ has no hands but our hands
To do His work today;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way.
He has no tongue but our tongues
To tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help
To lead men to His side.*

*We are the only message
The careless world will read;
We are the sinner's gospel;
We are the scoffer's creed.
We are the Lord's last message,
Written in deed and word.
What if the type be crooked?
What if the print be blurred?*

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Christianity vs. New Age

One of the very first people to herald the warning against the New Age Movement is Constance Cumbey, a Christian attorney from Detroit, Michigan. She had been researching material concerning people, ideologies, and future plans of what she had witnessed emerging as the New Age Movement. Because of the lack of proper reference label, her efforts were stymied for awhile.

Then at a political party for a local candidate, she heard a woman speak whom she had know for 14 years. This woman began to speak about "mind sciences" and Cumbey had the connection she needed.

Following the gathering the two women met at a nearby delicatessen to talk further. During this meeting Cumbey was told that THE AQUARIAN CONSPIRACY was not an accurate representation of the New Age Movement because the movement was FAR LARGER than the book portrayed it. Other names are "Age of Aquarius", "Aquarian Conspiracy", "Human Potential Movement", "Holistic Movement," "Humanistic Psychology" as well as several other titles.

In discussing the "mind sciences" with Cumbey, this lady mentioned several principles necessary for the mind to work efficiently. The one she cited as the most important was "karma". This she stated does have something to do with Eastern religions but is Much Larger than Eastern religions.

Cumbey then mention that in her research along with her Bible study she was convinced this was the Movement of the antichrist. She showed this woman Daniel 11:38 relating to the God of Forces and the parallel passage in THE AQUARIAN GOSPEL. The lady agreed. Then told Cumbey she should remember that in the New Age Movement as well as at Unity (Unity, Unitarians are part of this movement) they believe Jesus and the Christ are two distinct entities.

If you remember our articles dealing with the various cults, one sign of the cult is the denial of Christ's diety. I John 2:22 delares this.

While eating, the woman suddenly said: "It's just not right...not right. That book should NOT be allowed! It's too misleading!! (1-pg 34) She was referring to the Bible and told Cumbey so. She then further stated that the antichrist is NOT the negative thing the Bible says he is.

Cumbey thus decided that the Christian world had been asleep for far too long and somebody needed to sound the alarm about this Movement rising quickly to the forefront.

The full-page ads which ran in more than 20 major cities across the world, April 25, 1982, stated:

THE WORLD HAS HAD ENOUGH
...OF HUNGER, INJUSTICE, WAR.

IN ANSWER TO OUR CALL FOR HELP

AS WORLD TEACHER FOR ALL HUMANITY,
THE CHRIST IS NOW HERE.

The ads further discussed this person and referred to him as (Lord maitreya), known by Christians as the Christ, by the Jews as the MESSIAH, the Buddhists, THE FIFTH BUDDHA, the Moslems THE IMAM MAHDI, the Hindus the KRISHNA. These are all names for one person and His presence in the world guarantees that there will be no World War III.

Later the ad listed four information centers in Amsterdam, London, New York City, and North Hollywood, California.

Benjamin Creme is one of the Movements foremost leaders and lecturers. He has travelled throughout the World and has gained the confidence and following of many influentials from U. M. officials, Methodist ministers, Belgian nuns, the Hunger Project through holistic health leaders mind-control trainers, astrologers, government officials, educators, and the list goes on and on.

Many people were involved in the Movement thinking they were lending their support to a remedy for the world's numerous wrongs as the Peace Activists...not realizing they were supporting a movement that parallels Nazism in very grotesque detail, including a teaching that a 'blood taint' rested on those of Jewish extraction and another being that of a planned new "Super race."

Many did and do not yet know that this movement plans the eventual extermination and replacement of the very people they labored to help with a "new root race" and even the violent extermination of themselves if they persist in their orthodox religious beliefs.

This Movement gives Lucifer the status of a divinity and plans mass planetary Luciferic "invitations" for those wishing to enter this "New Age" alive. This is an organization that includes many thousands of organizations networking throughout every corner of our globe with the intent of bringing about a NEW WORLD ORDER...one that writes God out of the picture. This is all told in black and white in their literature without you having to "read between the lines".

Our Bible reveals that THE RAINBOW is a symbol of God's covenant with Noah and the human race that never again would He destroy the earth by flood.

Now the New Age Movement uses the rainbow as their symbol. You will find it on buildings, automobiles, book stores, etc. as a signal to others in the Movement that they too belong. The New Age Movement uses rainbows to signify their building of the Rainbow Bridge (antahkarana) between man and Lucifer who according to their teaching is the over-soul.

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

"And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

"For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of the delicacies.

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

"For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities" (Rev. 18:1-5)

Yvonna Whiteley



Kingman, Ks.

Greetings from the people of Kingman, Kansas. We have been quite busy this past year. We made several changes in our Church. We painted, lowered the ceiling and added carpet to the upstairs. The Lord has blessed us as we reach out to share our Lord Jesus Christ. Our prayer is that whoever enters those doors or passes our way may see Jesus Christ in our lives. We've enjoyed several revivals held by Brother M. D. Methvin and Brother Alvin Buschman. May God Bless them and their families as they do the Lord's service.

It is exciting to see the Lord work in the church. We are excited as several desire to be water baptized. We are looking forward to bringing a couple of full carloads to youth camp! We've also appreciated Paul Morrison (former A.F.B.C.) as he has moved to Kingman and is working in the church. We are looking forward to the arrival of Margaret Myers as she and Paul will be united in marriage in April. The Lord has been so good to us here in Kingman. God's promises are true!

Louis and Kim Keeling

Dear Friends in Christ:

Warm Greetings from India and Hebron Bible College!

By the help of God, 1991 was a year of great victories for us, for which we praise God.

The second floor of our Bible College building could be completed and students could occupy the dormitory. The dear friends who helped this project through India Gospel Outreach and our son, Valson, are remembered by all our students and staff during our intercessory prayer.

The Seminar at Charlkunnu during September was a real blessing to all the participants and our Evangelists in the fields have written letters expressing their burden for the souls. Seeing the map and learning about all the States of India have inspired our staff and students.

We are also praising God for enabling India Gospel Outreach and Abraham Foundation to have a part in the Bible Schools in Karnataka, Orissa and Gujarat. Those who graduate from these schools also will be sent to the unevangelised areas of India.

Out of the 160 students at Hebron Bible College this year, 35 from Malayalam medium and 10 from English medium are graduating on January 16, 1992. These 45 young graduates will be going to new fields after our General Convention. Those friends who are willing to sponsor the students or the evangelists are most welcome. Your gifts may be sent to us to the address given above. The Lord will bless you.

Another phase of our work during 1991 was to build churches in a few places and help financially the evangelists working in those places. Plots of land have been purchased in some places for churches and parsonages. We were also able to buy some bicycles for the young evangelists.

We receive good reports from the evangelists about souls being saved, baptised in water and being filled with the Holy Spirit. We give God the glory for everything that is done.

We are also thankful to all the dear ones who have helped us financially and who have been praying for us and the work here. May the good Lord bless you abundantly and strengthen your hands to do more for the work here in India.

With Christian love and regards,

Yours in His service,

Bro. & Sis. T. S. Abraham



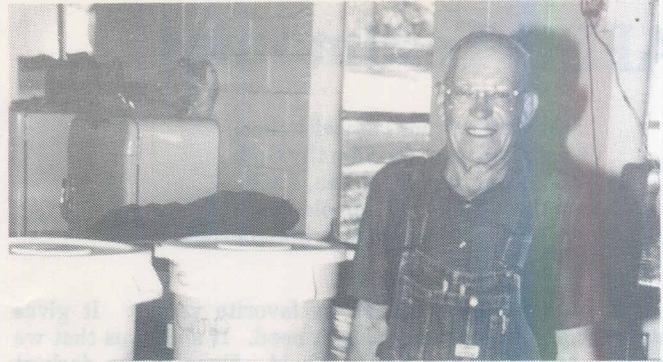


Seldon and Vanessa Harris of Columbus, Texas are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a baby girl, born at 7:22 a.m. on December 2, 1991.

The baby was named Kara Diane. Kara weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20½ inches long. She was welcomed home by her sister Bethany, who is three years old.

Grandparents are Dennie and Karen Oakes, Joplin, Mo. and Ron and Shirley Freshour, Columbus, Tx.

Great grandmother is Wanda Allgood, Joplin, Mo.



miss one until the last summer when he was too sick to be able to help. We know he will be missed by his family and many friends.

United in Marriage

Ute Doris Thielemeier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludger Thielemeier of Bredstedt, Germany, and Lynn Howard Whiteley, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Whiteley of Pampa, Tx. exchanged vows at 5 o'clock p.m. in a candlelight ceremony, October 5, 1992, at the Manassas, Va. Assembly of God Church. Pastor Charles Nestor and the Rev. Howard Whiteley officiated.

Attending the couple were Mrs. Shari Jacobs of Nokesville, va. (Ute lived with Shari and Jerry the past three years since coming to America); Gabi Thielemeier, maid of honor, of Bredstedt, Germany, and bridesmaid, Miss Lachelle Whiteley, of Manassas, Va.

Best man was Darin Baldwin of Baxter Springs, Ks., Jerry Jacobs, and Sam Yoder of Nokesville, Va.

Music was provided by Dave Lundberg, Lane Smith, Elvie and Yvette Romero, and Sam Yoder who sang a German love song in German.

Nora E. Swanson

Nora E. Swanson, 89, passed away January 11, 1992. Preceded in death by her husband, C. Russell Swanson; sons, Delbert C. Swanson, and Wesley E. Swanson. She is survived by her sons, Carl Swanson, Jr., of Spring, Al Swanson of Houston and Davis Swanson, of Houston; daughter, Edith Winslow, of Mesquite; 14 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren; sisters, Thelma Walzel and Lillian Fulbright; brothers, Wallace Ditto and Bill Ditto; nephews, nieces, and friends. Funeral Services were held on Monday, January 13, 1992 at the Chapel of Heights Funeral Home, with Rev. Edwin Waterbury, Rev. Benny Stanberry and Rev. Roland Busch officiating. Interment followed in Memorial Oaks Cemetery.

OBITUARIES

Wilburn C. Williams

Wilburn Cecil "W. C." Williams, 69, Stella Route 1, died at 7:40 p. m., August 19, 1991 at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Fayetteville, Ark. after a long illness.

Wilburn was born Sept. 26, 1921 in Stella, and was a lifelong resident of the area. He was a retired night watchman for La-Z-Boy, Midwest in Neosho. He was a member of Union Chapel Church. He was a veteran of World War II.

He married Alma R. Mullins on Sept. 14, 1951, at Bentonville, Ark. She survives.

Additional survivors include his son, Cecil Williams and his grandson Chad Williams, both of Stella, his mother, Hazel Williams, Stella; three brothers, George Williams, Stella, Alfred "Hap" Williams, Webb City, and Eugene Williams, Washington State; two sisters, Phyllis Reynolds and Cleo Williams, both of Carterville.

Wilburn enjoyed working and cooking at Youth Camp and Camp Meeting. After his retirement in 1983, he didn't

MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE

When sin-stricken, burdened, and weary,
From bondage I longed to be free,
There came to my heart the sweet message:
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

Though tempted and sadly discouraged,
My soul to this refuge shall flee,
And rest in the blessed assurance:
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

My bark may be tossed by the tempest
That sweeps o'er the turbulent sea...
A rainbow illumines the darkness:
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

O Lord, I would press on with courage,
Though rugged the pathway may be,
Sustained and upheld by the promise:
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

Soon, soon will the warfare be over,
My Lord face to face I shall see,
And prove, as I dwell in His presence:
"His grace was sufficient for me."

...Author Unknown

AFBC Testimonies

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee;
be not dismayed; for I am thy God:
I will strengthen thee; Yea, I will
help thee; Yea, I will uphold thee
with the right hand of My righteousness."
ISAIAH 41:10

This scripture is one of my favorite verses. It gives strength and comfort to those in need. It shows us that we need to trust God and not be afraid. Even in the darkest times, He will strengthen us and be there for us. Sometimes we can be like Peter when he walked on the sea. When he took his eyes off of Jesus, he began to fear and to sink. We need to remember to look to God to help us in all of our needs. He holds us up with His right hand of righteousness. That is a comfort in itself, to know that we are in God's hands. Sometimes we neglect to go to God with all of our needs when all the while, He is longing to help us and care for us. I thank Him for all of the times when He has been there for me. He has always been there to strengthen and to help me when I needed Him. It is my prayer that I can be as faithful to Him as He has been to me!

Cassie Wheeler
Prosperity, Mo.
Second Year Student

I want to express my appreciation for this school. I have learned a lot and I am very thankful I have the privilege to attend. I have made many christian friends that I know I can depend upon. If I ever need someone to talk to, my friends are always there to lend a hand and they will be praying for me. Besides attending my classes, I also teach the Sunday School Class for the little children. I enjoy working with kids and I'm glad I'm able to teach them. The children are very special to me and I know with the Lords help I am able to have patience with them. The Lord has truly helped me in preparing my lessons and they really seem to learn and to enjoy the class. It is my prayer that with the teachings they receive, it can stick with them forever.

The Lord has truly blessed and I am very thankful!!

Teresa Hackney
Perryton, Tx.
Second Year Student

The summer before I came to Bible School, my wife had asked me about coming up here. At this time I was not a Christian. I told her that there was no way that I would give up my job and come up here with no job. But thanks to her prayer and the Lord dealing with me, we decided to come up here. After I got here I gave my heart and life to the Lord and He has really blessed me and my family. I really appreciate this school and everyone wh makes it possible for us to come here. Now, I would like to say that I love the Lord and thank Him for what He has done in my life.

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

David Ashworth
Alex City, Al.
Second Year Student

I would like to first of all thank God for his mercy and grace. He has been so great to me. I can't begin to tell you all He has done for me. He has been with me and had His hand upon me my whole life, but it wasn't until I was 14 that I gave my heart and life to God. After being saved, I wasn't fed much spiritually. So sad enough I eventually backslid but, while I was away from God, he was constantly dealing with me until I came back to him and since I gave my life back to the Lord and committed to serve Him forever, He has really blessed me in many ways.

In 1990 my husband, son and I came to the Bible College and the Lord has really given both my husband and I a growth in Him and He is, really moving in our lives. He has drawn our family closer together and has really blessed us.

I am so thankful to God for this Bible College and all the faculty and students. They all mean a lot to us. A special thanks to Brother and Sister Methvin. They have really been a blessing to us.

It is gonna be sad leaving the College and all our new Christian friends but we are really looking forward to going out and working for our Lord Jesus Christ! Please keep us in your prayers and may God richly bless each and every one of you.

Tracy Ashworth
Alex City, Al.
Second Year Student

"Beloved now we are the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see him as he is."

I John 3:2

We all know that God is with us all the time, but sometimes we don't realize that He's there. Like on Monday nights we play volleyball. Usually we just think of winning, but one Monday night two of the students (Teresa Hackney and Glenn Oakes) told us that they had been praying about the game all day. I thought it was kind of funny at first, then I really started to think about it. We should ask God to be with us in everything, even volleyball games. But the really special thing about this game was that we didn't only feel God there, but we could see him too. In the way we were acting, and playing. I would just like to praise the Lord for the blessings He gave me that night. I just ask that you will remember that the Lord should always show through your lives no matter what you are doing.

Regina Shannon
Leaky, Tx.
Second Year Student

I have been very thankful to have the chance to attend Bible School. This is a special place where you can concentrate on spiritual growth and Bible study. Being here with everyone has given me a greater understanding of how we operate as the body of Christ. I have learned much from the faculty who are very sincere and dedicated to the work of the Lord and to the students. The Methvins have provided a spiritual atmosphere in which we can grow in the Lord and they have prayed for us with genuine concern. The Christensons have worked at the school aside from their pastoral responsibilities and have always been there

encouraging us. Brother Arnall has deepened our understanding of the Bible and has shown us the importance of being prepared for pop tests. Sister Messner has been preparing us to work in Sunday School and Church. The Clantons have also been wonderful pastors. Others here at the Baxter church, such as the Richardsons and Sister Edna Michner have been a spiritual encouragement to me. These Christian workers have "labored in the Word and doctrine" (I Timothy 5:17) and according to the same scripture are "counted worthy of double honor." These two years have shaped and molded my life and I know they will influence me for years to come. For that I am very thankful to the lord.

Stacey Probert
Joplin, Mo.
Second Year Student

First of all I would like to thank the Lord with all my heart because he has showed me the way. It is now my responsibility and my privilege to be a servant of the living God. I remember when I was lost but now I am found (Praise the Lord!).

The Lord had called me, but I would harden my heart for the simple fact that I didn't want to make a commitment while I lived with my relatives. I told the Lord, Lord before I serve you your gonna have to take me out of this place somewhere where I won't be around my kinfolks. In the years to come the Lord miraculously changed by life, my ways of thinking, not only that, he led me out of my relatives to a place where I never had any idea whatsoever where I was going. All I knew is that this was the place where the Lord wanted me. This is where I gave my life to the Lord. The people here have been so precious to me. This is where I have spent the happiest days of my life (Praise the Lord!).

I feel that this Bible College is more than a great place to be, it is an opportunity and a tremendous privilege to be able to come here. There is no other place I believe that I could have drawn close to the Lord. The Almighty God! He knows where to take you just like he showed me the way, he can show you. **IF THE LORD MOVES, WHO CAN HINDER!**

Love in Christ
Amador Elias
Second Year Student

When the world seems to crumble around you
When your heart breaks from the deep pain within
When life is just an empty shell of dreams
When no one seems to care or be there
When the tears start to fall and you can no longer see
When the road seems blurry
Turn to Jesus, He's all you need from now until eternity.

I want to thank the Lord for being with me through all my problems and trials especially one about 5 years ago. I was really depressed, and I felt alone. I really felt like there was no reason for living any longer, but God through His mercy reached down and saved me. About the time I was having these problems, God sent someone to help me. A very loving, caring family took me in and gave me a Christian home which I will ever be grateful for. I needed someone to love me and care about me, and through them, God loved me

the way I wanted to be loved. I believe God had His hand over the whole situation, and His timing was perfect. He knew what I need and when I needed it, and He made a way for me. If it hadn't been for the Lord, I wouldn't be here today. I realize now how much He really does care about us. I'm thankful He is a faithful and a merciful God. He will never leave us or forsake us.

Donna Fraizier
Bentonville Ar.
Second Year Student

AFBC Alumni Banquet May 8, 1992

Greetings to all our A.F.B.C. Alumni and friends. We trust that our Lord has been good to you all this past year of 1991. We certainly can't find any fault in our great God and Saviour as we begin this new year. We know for sure that His mercies are new every morning, His compassion faileth not for great is His faithfulness.

We want to inform you that our annual alumni banquet has been scheduled for Friday evening, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be a nursery provided at the cost of \$1.00 per child per hour from 5:30-10:30 that evening. Our banquet will be held at the Ramada Inn (3320 Rangeline, Joplin). The price of the banquet will be \$11.00 per person. The deadline for reservations is April 17th. Please keep this date in mind. We have to let the Ramada Inn know how many will be attending. We really appreciate your co-operation. To help cut down on the cost the annual alumni picnic will not be held. It is our desire that keeping the expense to a minimum that some added funds could be provided for some very needed projects at the school.

We ask you to be praying and thinking of someone to take our position as president of the Alumni as we are going to resign at the banquet this year. We feel like there is someone else that could do a lot better job and have the time that it takes to do this job. So please be praying about this.

In Christ Service,
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Who Is Robbed in Unfaithfulness?

An interesting fable is told of a rich man who wanted to help a poor man. The rich man hired the poor man to build a house on the hillside and went away on a long journey. The carpenter said to himself, "My boss is away and I can use cheap materials for the parts of the house which will not show. The house will be weak and undesirable but nobody will know except me."

But when the rich man returned he said, "The house isn't for me--it's for you!"

The carpenter accepted the key in astonishment. Instead of a first class home he now had a fourth-class home.

God gives us a job, a life to build. We have to live in the house we build. If we do a shoddy job, we cheat one person, ourself.

Pentecost . . . The Second Century

This century began with the Evangelist...it will close with the Pastor. The Pastor will not only carry on the great work set forth by the Evangelist but to an even greater extent. Our greatest revivals are yet to come. The Evangelist will always be needed as were Pastors. However the major rolls have been reversed. The greater work of Pentecost must now be accomplished by the Pastors in local churches.

Just as no Evangelist would ever think of holding a Camp Meeting in a thirty by forty tent, no Pastor will ever reach his community with a thirty by forty church building. Economics dictate the basic size of a local church building. There are standing costs for the building and maintenance of any building or group of buildings. The costs do not follow in a proportional line. The cost of building and maintaining a church complex that will accommodate a congregation of three hundred cost less per person than the church complex that holds less. In fact, the less the complex accommodates the more the cost per person to build and maintain.

When I was ordained in the Spring of 1956 we had many more churches than we have now. Because of the inexorable law of economics that negatively effects all church complexes that hold less than two hundred, we have seen a dissolution of many of our churches. This trend will continue until we, as a movement, come to the understanding that our lack of suitable church complexes is our most urgent problem. When the economic situation in the church reaches a certain point where the Pastor must go out into the work force to help support the church and his own family the future of that church becomes very doubtful. Its evangelism wanes, the community is neglected and the church declines. Few of our churches have been able to recover from this condition. Especially if the size of that church complex was the root cause.

The smallest basic size of a self-supporting, growing church that can reach out into the community is about three hundred. It must also be understood that two-thirds capacity is capacity for any church building or classroom. Therefore, to accommodate three hundred the church must be able to seat over four hundred comfortably. There are three elements that comprise the church complex. The sanctuary, the classrooms and the parking lot. All three must accommodate the complex. Which ever of the three is the smallest sets the capacity for the church complex.

The Evangelist has no such restraints. Almost anyplace at any time was suitable for a revival. This time ended in 1940 with the onset of World War II. By 1950 the evangelistic field shifted to the local church. Our movement, that had led the evangelistic charge of the Latter Day Rain, found itself with few, if any churches that could accommodate more than two hundred; most were under one hundred.

Young Ministers, since the early fifties, have been

confronted with the problem of having to take upon themselves the financial responsibility for many of our churches. This they are not able to bear. Although it is true that I have done this for the past thirty-five years and that my family is building a four hundred seat church building here in San Diego, mostly at our expense. The movement will not recover from this downward trend waiting for the exceptional to happen. Only a cooperative building program will stop this trend. Until we update our Church complexes to the basic size buildings that are needed and use them as they should be used to reach out into the community, we will continue to decline. Since this forty-year decline is our fault...We are therefore the solution.

As a Movement we have more than enough resources to stop this forty-year decline. We are also well able, with Gods help and blessings, to not only reverse this trend but to go into the century of Pentecost with even greater enthusiasm than we started the first century. The coming of the Lord is even closer now. May our God, when He comes, find us with hammers and saws in our hands building churches and reaching the lost.

I have shared with you some of my opinions. Please share with me how you feel about these issues.

Check one for each statement.

If you disagree, please explain.

1. Evangelism is now accomplished mostly by the local church.

AGREE.....

DISAGREE..

2. The basic size church complex should accommodate at least three hundred.

AGREE.....

DISAGREE..

3. The small size of many of our churches is an obstacle to evangelism in the community.

AGREE.....

DISAGREE..

4. We are well able, as a movement . to overcome our problems if we all work together.

AGREE.....

DISAGREE..

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John 9:4

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work,

ABOUNDING In the Work of the Lord

I Cor. 15:58. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Be not discouraged, but encouraged, for we are living in the last days, and these days however trying, are hours of deliverance for the Children of the Lord. I would like to stir up your pure minds in way of remembrance, although all of us know perfectly well the way, and the truth is Jesus Christ.

When the enemy comes in like a flood the Lord has promised to raise up a standard against him, and as he commanded the proud waves to go so far, and no further, so the Lord has set the domains of lives, powers and forces both good and bad. In the first place we must know that God is on the throne, that He still lives, and has never lost a battle. If He is for us then none can be against us and win. We must always remember that God deals with us directly and individually. Then again take careful note that the wealth and glory of this world does not always mean spiritually. So many are watching, if some loss comes or some success is not gained, then they use such cases as examples and say, "What is the use of serving God?" I wish you could study the Old Testament and note how many times the people had just such thoughts, but we are informed that the poor in this world's goods are often rich in faith. James 2:5. If a christian is going through a trial, none may understand, but that trial is more precious than gold. I Peter 1:17. Even we who stand in the trial must with a faith vision know that it is for our good and reward. I Peter 4:12-13. God never fails, for He is God and beside Him there is none other. His love reaches to all, it sent His Son to redeem us, and now the reflected glory of that Son is God's will concerning us. O the depth of riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements, and his ways are past finding out! Romans 11:33.

Just as God is our father, so Jesus is our elder brother, and He is so real. The world is upset, many Christians are be set. The waves of unrest and hate are dashing high, and wickedness is dwelling in high places or heavenly places. Eph. 6:12. But in Jesus we are more than conquerors. Rom. 8:37-39. After all flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. I Cor. 15:50. So again I say, "Let us not look too much on the side of things." There is a spiritual victory that is Christ given, we must seek that life. Let us again say, "Sirs, we would see Jesus." For we are to stand fast in the liberty that Christ has given us. Gal. 5:1. Let Christ be formed in us, the hope of Glory. I know that He is our healer, but let us seek above health the spiritual blessings. I know that He will supply our every need, but let us seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. To abound in the work of the Lord, may be to fill a place so lowly that the earth will never note us at all. Some of the past have suffered mockings, scourgings, imprisonments, have been destitute, afflicted and tormented. The world was not worthy of

them[Heb. 11:36-38] but they were of Christ. So many times when tossed about, I know that we are to abound in the Lord, to know that Jesus is the answer. The old song states that, "I'll hold not to the rock, but the rock holds me." I am not trying to discourage any effort for the Gospel, but may each attempt be bigger and better, but in case that God does not so will for us the above success, may we know that all things work out for the good of them that love God and keep our faith in Christ. Christ ministered to the multitudes, and He blessed the few as well. Numbers do not always denote success. What we are, what we have in Christ, will be what we are rewarded for. I will not have to answer for another, I cannot gain anothers reward, each one must give an account and receive. Let us put Christ first, and with an eye single to His cause, and glory look stedfast on Jesus. He is the author of our salvation. Heb. 2:10.

As we have mentioned briefly the care of the Father, and the protection of the Son, may we also know that the Holy Spirit is our comforter. John 14:16. He was promised by Christ and sent from the Father. John 15:26-27. He is to testify of Christ. In John 16:13, He is called the Spirit of truth. Now we must go all the way, we must follow the conviction for sins that leads to repentance, that brings salvation, and next gives our lives to Christ so that we are sanctified and tarry before the Throne until we have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We were thus commanded by Jesus. Like 24:49. A spirit filled life is ordered and pleasing to the Lord. To be led by His Spirit denoted deep spiritual learning and close communion to the Most High. Many sorrows have come in and many times much worldiness because the gift of God to us has not been kept with a holy vow and a sealed in testimony. Let us not over come with evil, but rather over come evil with good. We overcome by the power of the Blood of Jesus. We are able to do His bidding. I know that there are special callings and works, but when we see a need let us rise to meet it and let the Lord count on us, for our labor in Him is not in vain. Do you have a song? Sing it. Do you have a testimony? Give it. Do you have good thoughts? Express them, write them. If you do not have these things ask for them. Is there a sick one to minister to or a poor one to give to, do it, let God count on you. Study His Word and you will know from His Book of Rules how to work and how to abound. O the joy of sins forgiven, O the glory of holiness walking, and spirit filled living, but real blessings come from doing, giving, working, stepping in the light as He is in the light.

Now we have all things. The Father to supply every need and be our portion and lot. We have the Son who gave His very life for us, has redeemed us and washed us in His own Blood. We have the Holy Ghost to be with us and in us. We lack nothing. So let us abound unto every good work to do His will. God is for us and a sure reward awaits the faithful, just and justified.

By the late Gail Schultz

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