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# Editorial

And they shall be mine saith the Lord of hosts in that day when I make up my jewels: and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth Him."

Oh, God, grant me **Thy wisdom** for this coming New Year. I need it so desperately!!

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## Wisdom — The Fear of the Lord

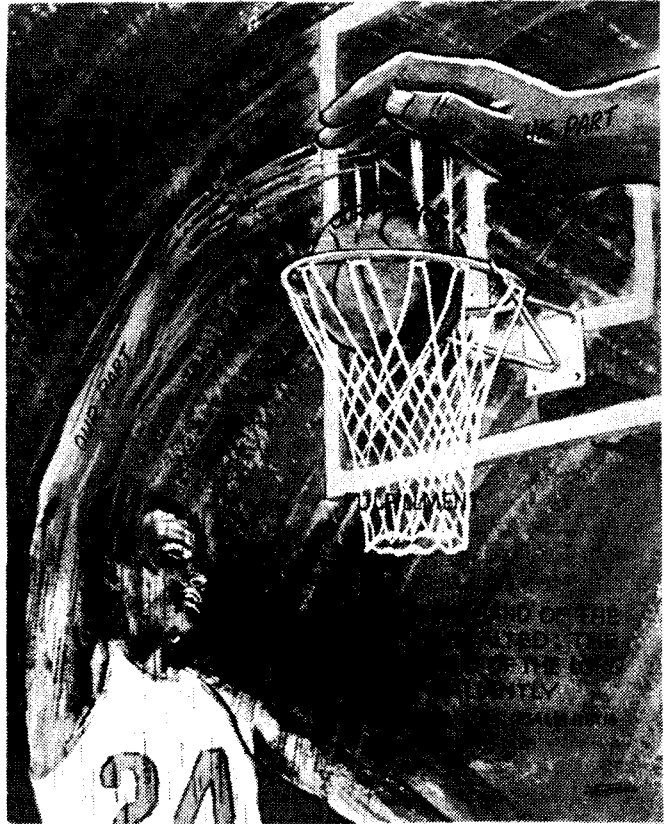
As I stand at the beginning of this New Year I feel a greater need for wisdom than I have ever felt before in my life. Divine Wisdom—that which comes from God alone. Wisdom for the greatest task a woman ever faces—that of being the kind of wife and mother that God would have her be; Wisdom to be the kind of witness for my Jesus that would bring the lost to Him; Wisdom to get my priorities straight; Wisdom to know when to talk and when to be a good listener to the troubled all around me so I can help point them to the only true "burdenbearer" Jesus Christ; Wisdom to size up people and situations that I come in contact with so I won't be caught up with trifles but can get down to the "nitty-gritty" of things.

Three different places in the Bible we are told that "**The fear of the Lord** is the beginning of wisdom", in Job 28:28, Psalms 111:10 and Proverbs 9:10. That sent me searching the scriptures about "**The Fear of the Lord**" and there are so very many. They are mostly in the Psalms and Proverbs. In the **fear of the Lord** is strong confidence. **The fear of the Lord** is clean, enduring forever, it is a fountain of life, it prolongeth days, by it men depart from evil, it tendeth to life, and he that hath it shall abide satisfied, by it are riches, honour and life and there is no want to them that fear Him. Talk about wisdom—it's all wrapped up in the attributes of those that **Fear the Lord**. This is the only fear that we are allowed as Christians for the scriptures tell us that "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." I John 4:18 and in Rev. 21:8' we find that the fearful and unbelieving shall have their part in the lake of fire, which is the second death. But this is a different kind of fear and we are admonished over and over in the scriptures to **Fear the Lord**. This is not an immobilizing fear of something dreadful or a fear of what He'll do to us, but a fear of displeasing Him—a fear of being alienated from His presence by our disobedience and lack of love for Him. Matt. 10:28 says, "And 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." How do I learn to **fear the Lord** rightly?—by getting better acquainted with Him through communion with Him in His Word and in prayer. "Delight thyself in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thy heart."

I need wisdom and James 1:5 says "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." Praise God! Ask and ye shall receive! And He giveth liberally! He isn't stingy—He isn't even conservative with His blessings—He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

The Preacher in Ecclesiastes 12:13 summed it up like this, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." **The Fear of the Lord** is the beginning and the end of wisdom. To **Fear the Lord** is wisdom and it pays off in great dividends. "Then they that **feared the Lord** spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard it and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that **feared the Lord**, and thought upon His name.

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# REPORT of Annual Business Meeting Held At AFBC Closing December 10, 1977



AFBC Board of Trustees left to right standing: Ward Stanberry, Howard Whiteley, Lee Oakes, Jack Hopson; sitting Jim Fox and Bill Hollis. Doyle Wiles was not present when the picture was taken.

Bro. Howard Whiteley, pastor of the Midway Country Church at Logan, Oklahoma, was elected to a three year term on the Bible School Board of Trustees at the annual business meeting December 10, 1976 at the Apostolic Faith Bible College. He replaces Bro. Roland Busch, of Katy, Texas, who was not a candidate. This completes the seven-man board. Bro. Whiteley and Bro. Doyle Wiles are 3 year members, Bro. Jack Hopson and Bro. Jim Fox are two year members and Bro. Ward Stanberry, Bro. Lee Oakes and Bro. Bill Hollis are one year members. Each board member expressed his thanks to Bro. Busch for his work and asked for the Movement's prayers. Sis. Naomi Busch gave a report on the Apostolic Faith Report and the need for reprinting of the book, "The Life of Charles F. Parham".

Bro. Bill Hollis reported that the attorney is still working on the Tax Exemption from the Internal Revenue Service but as yet we have not received approval or rejection.

Bro. Ollie Kinser, Superintendent of AFBC, gave a report on the 1976 term of school. He said the faculty and students were a wonderful group to work with and his heartfelt thanks goes out to them as well as to all who

helped in any way in this term of school. New display cases were shown and ready for displaying articles of the Apostolic Faith Movement. These were purchased from Memorial funds and built by Bro. Vester Clanton who donated the labor.

A new Library was shown at the school. The progressive Class of the Church, who have their Sunday School Class in this room, and the Bible School financed the project. And the Ladies Missionary Group furnished the drapes and rods. Bro. David Lively and Bro. Lyndel Arnall did most of the work.

The Bible School Board went into a private session following the Business meeting. Bro. Jim Fox was elected Chairman of the Board and Bro. Hollis was reelected Secretary. The board will write to all churches to ask for their appointment to the advisory board. There is to be one Advisory Board member from each church.

The Board of Trustees met again in the later part of January.

Submitted by Bill Hollis,  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

## AFBC REPORT

## January 1977

Dear Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you who have so faithfully supported the Bible School. It has been through your willingness to help bear the burden that Bible School has been so successful. We have certainly enjoyed the privilege to be a part of the work here for the past term. I appreciate the efforts of all the faculty. As I have said many times, the faculty does most of the work. They deserve every reward they may receive.

May I remind you of the note obligation that is due February 23rd. We hope to soon eliminate this note, so that we may plan other growth building projects. There is much to be done and we must build to meet the needs of the

movement. The note payment due is approximately \$8000. While helping to take care of this note payment, I know you will remember the monthly maintenance expense that the Bible School incurs. God bless you as you give to His work.

I am now looking forward to working with the congregation of the Baxter Springs church as their pastor. It has been difficult to be an effective pastor during the Bible School term. I hope in the coming weeks to become better acquainted and to adequately pastor this church. Pray for us as we strive to do our best for the Lord.

Yours in Christ,  
Ollie L. Kinser



# WHAT IS TRUTH??

by Robert Beydler  
Canyon, Texas

Holli Speaks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Speaks of Neosho, Mo. and Morris Roberts, son of Mrs. Frances Roberts of Ulysses, Kansas were married Saturday, November 20 in the Apostolic Faith Church at Guymon, Oklahoma.

Denise Berner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace D. Berner, Spearman, Texas and David Kellum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen N. Kellum, Silvertown, were united in marriage in the Apostolic Faith Church, Spearman, Texas, with Rev. E. W. Dickson, grandfather of the bride, performing the ceremony. Denise is also the granddaughter of the late Mrs. Evelyn Berner Dearing of Kerrville, Texas. David and Denise are students at West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas.

Jacque Spicer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer of Wichita, Kansas, and Larry Hocking, son of Mrs. Frances Hocking of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Mr. Kenneth Hocking of Longview, Illinois, were united in marriage Saturday, December 18 in Wichita, Kansas.

Miss Leora Woodson and Mr. Herbert Bridgewater announce their marriage Saturday, January 1, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They are at home at 102 Avenue M, Beaver, Oklahoma.

Starla Barker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barker of Katy, Texas and David Rusch, son of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Rusch were married Friday, January 7 at The Apostolic Faith Church of Katy, Texas.



NEW ARRIVALS

Delvin and Rita Wiles of Laverne, Oklahoma, are the proud parents of a baby boy born January 19, 1977. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. They named him Jayson Stephens. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Wiles of Decatur, Arkansas and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stephens of Middle Point, Ohio.

Scripture: John, 14:6; John, 18:38.

The definition of Truth is: The state or character of being true in relation to being, knowledge, or speech; conformity to fact or reality. The definition of True is: Faithful to fact or reality, not false or erroneous.

To-day the question is often asked when a statement is made, or has been made, "Is that the TRUTH?" "Is that a FACT?" "Is it REAL?"

Jesus came into the world and lived on this earth about 33½ years and He was crucified by religious men who were supposed to be representatives of the Kingdom of God. In those 33½ years Jesus preached the word of God to everyone who would listen, and He told the World He was....."The TRUTH....."

Then there was the man, Pilate, that Jesus was taken to, to be judged, and Pilate asked Jesus the Question; "What is TRUTH?." As is found in John, 18:38 Jesus, just prior to the question that Pilate asked, told those that were there that night in the Judgment hall, that "He came into the world to bear witness of the TRUTH..."

Now, a witness is someone that gives; attestation of a fact or an event; gives testimony. One who beholds, or otherwise has personal knowledge of, anything. That which serves as or furnishes evidence, or proof. All of these things Jesus proved Himself TRUE.

Jesus came into the world to tell the world the TRUTH. To live a life of reality, to be an example of what a child of God should be and how He should live. Jesus did not tell us to do something we could not do, nor did He ask us to do something He did not do while He lived in the flesh. The Word of God tells us that we are only asked a "reasonable service." Romans, 12:1. Jesus was full of LOVE, GRACE AND TRUTH. He was God's only begotten Son, And God is Love; I John, 4:7-16. And because of the LOVE of God and Jesus, we are saved from our sins by His GRACE; Which is unmerited favor toward us. Jesus takes us as we are, we cannot make ourselves any better, we cannot save ourselves from our sins, therefore we are saved by grace through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast." Ephesians, 2:8-9.

Again, coming from God, Jesus was full of TRUTH: The Bible says, "Paul a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the TRUTH which is after godliness; in hope of eternal life, which God that cannot lie, promised before the world began." Titus, 1:1-2. God is TRUTH.



Satan is a liar and the father of lies. John, 8:44.

In those days when Jesus went about the country preaching the message of God, and showing, by example, the LOVE of God, and the TRUTH of God, the people, as a whole did not accept, nor believe what Jesus was saying. It is the same in this day and age, people want to know what the TRUTH is, but do not wish to abide by it, because it is in conflict with the way they are living.

Concerning Salvation, WHAT IS TRUTH? Jesus said, "I am the way." Jesus also said; "I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture: John, 14:6; and 10:9. In Acts, 4:12 we are told; "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." "Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and, a Saviour for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." Acts, 5:31. Ever since the time Adam sinned and listened to the voice of the devil, people have tried, and are still trying to obtain eternal life by their own methods, but without God. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death." Proverbs, 14:12 and 16:25. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways saith the Lord." Isaiah, 55:8. What is TRUTH? Man needs to repent before he can have eternal life. Godly sorrow worketh repentance. 2 Cor. 7:10. "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter, 3:9.

The TRUTH is; there are over a hundred million church members in the United States, and yet we see wickedness increasing all of the time. We hear noted educators say, "We need to educate people more and the world will become better." God's word tells us that man's wisdom is foolishness with God. 1 Cor. 3:19. But the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Psalm, 110:10. Therefore man is not so wise in trying to leave God out of everything. Things will continue to grow worse with God and the TRUTH left out. Without repentance and turning from evil we cannot live a Christian life, because we have not God abiding in our temples, by that, I mean in our lives, because God abides only in those that accept Jesus Christ as their Personal Saviour; and that is what a Christian is; someone who has repented and let Jesus come into their life. No; education will not save, nor change the world but Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace can if the world will only accept Him as their personal Saviour!

People who are called by the name Christian need to repent first and become a new creature. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17. Just saying we are a Christian does not make us one. A person needs a change of heart, to be made new, not made over, and his old sinful life done away with. This is possible when a person truly repents, and lets Jesus Christ come into and live in the heart. How can we expect the world to become better when people who call themselves Christians get drunk, use drugs, lie, steal, cheat, kill, commit adultery and live immoral lives? God's Word tells us, "Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not: (does not practice sinning) whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him. Little children, let no man deceive

you: he that doeth righteousness (practices) is righteous, even as He is righteous. He that committeth sin (makes it his usual practice to sin) is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested (revealed) that He might destroy the works (Operations) of the devil." 1 John, 3:6-8. These things are the works of the flesh and the Scripture tells us; "...of which I tell you before, as I have told you in times past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Read Galatians, 5:19-21.

It isn't that people don't know the TRUTH, or about the TRUTH in this day and time; it isn't that at all; the trouble is: they won't repent. They think they can change their own lives. But if we could change our lives, God wasted His time sending His Son Jesus into the world to save man from his sins. Matthew, 1:21. But the TRUTH; is; JESUS is the ONLY WAY TO GOD, AND THE ONLY WAY TO BE SAVED FROM OUR SINS.

It is high time for people to awake out of their sleep and quit trying to save themselves and turn to Jesus Christ Who can Save a person, then that person will be A CHANGED PERSON AND LIVE A CHRISTIAN LIFE, because Christ lives in that person's heart. Romans, 13:11-12. The armour of God is needed to day as never before to resist the wiles of the devil. Ephesians, 6:11-18.

WHAT IS TRUTH? The Bible, THE WORD OF GOD written by men who were inspired by God. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Timothy, 3:16-17. We need to get back to something that does not change; does not pass away. Matt., 24:35; Mark, 13:31; Luke, 21:33. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for every." Hebrews, 13:8. The ONLY ONE who can deliver us from this present evil world is THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, who has all authority, and all power in heaven and earth, The Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the Ending. This is the ONE who was born in a manger in Bethlehem, and was crucified on the cross of calvary for your sins and mine, He is the Saviour of the world. Isaiah, 43:11; Isaiah, 45:21-22. WHAT IS TRUTH? Jesus is THE TRUTH, letting Him dwell in these temples of clay fills them with TRUTH. TRUTH WILL BE IN OUR ACTIONS, OUR THINKING AND OUR THOUGHTS, IN WHATEVER WE DO, when we have been purchased by the Blood of Jesus Christ.

The TRUTH IS: "The pleasures of sin are for a season." Heb. 11:25. And the wages of sin is death. Romans, 6:23. And whatsoever we sow that will we also reap. Galatians, 6:7-8.

THE TRUTH IS: All liars shall have their part in the lake of fire along with the devil who is the father of lies. Revelation, 21:8,27; Revelation, 22:15. Anyone can become a Christian, they must come to the ONLY ONE who can save, and that is Jesus Christ the Son of God. Acts, 10:34-35 John, 3:16-18.

Let us be Examples of the Christ who Died for us so that we could have life, and not only that He died, but that He rose again and is alive for evermore, and is at the right hand of God making intercession for His children, who have accepted Him as their Saviour. We are living Epistles, known and read of all men. Let us live THE TRUTH.



### **Roswell, New Mexico**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name. As we begin this new year we are thankful that God sent Bro. and Sis. Tom Day and Chris to be our pastors. Also Bro. and Sis. Gary Cloke and Scotty have made Roswell their home. They are our Youth Directors and are doing a great job. Praise God for willing workers.

Bro. and Sis. Wayne Huff and Dwayne Wilkerson were with us in December.

We want to announce that we have some new great grandparents and grandparents in our congregation. Little Mark Edward was born to Lynn and Glenda Holland, November 20. He was welcomed by grandparents, Polly and Kenneth Esslinger and great grandparents, Claude and Opal Esslinger.

Please remember us in your prayers.

Tom Day, Pastor  
Joann Hall, Reporter

### **Alvin, Texas**

We had the dedication of our Board of Deacons Sunday, November 28. We especially welcome our new members Dave Grayson and Stan Bachman. Jerry B. Walker had services December 10-12 at the Christian Center. He closed the meeting at our church the evening of December 12.

Our Youth Aflame group went on a skiing trip December 17. We wish to thank Bro. Elvis Bishop and Bro. Gail McLeod for filling in for us while we attended the Gothard Seminar in Oklahoma City.

Billy Joe and Sharon Daughtery will be in revival with us February 13-20.

Carol and Jerri Bowman are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Joshua Luke, born December 29, weighing 7 lbs. Kathy Barker returned to Canyon, Texas to start the new semester at WTSU. Randy Wallis is going to school in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

James E. Wallis, Pastor

### **Hinton, Alabama**

Greeting from the beautiful heart of Dixie. I appreciated the opportunity of working in the Bible College this year, but it is great being back at home. In my absence Sis. Kathy Judd took care of the church with the help of Debbie Fish. I appreciate the work these girls are doing in our church. The Lord's blessings have been so numerous unto us.

We closed the old year with Watch Night Service in Pine Hill with Bro. McCance. And started the New Year in revival with Bro. Jerome Crowhurst Jan. 2-9. Special music was furnished by the local talent of the church and visitors from the area churches. We really appreciated the soul-stirring messages brought each night by Bro. Jerome.

We extend an invitation to the ministers and workers of the Faith, asking an interest in your prayers.

Myrtle Carney Pastor

### **Clinton, Arkansas**

Just a few lines to let you know that our church is finally getting off the ground. The lots are paid for the foundation poured and the walls are now being raised. The trusses have been ordered and the building is shaping up as we are able to work on it in this cold weather. The building will be 60 by 60. It will have 5, 12 by 12 Sunday School rooms or rest rooms, nursery and foyer on each side giving us a 36 by 60 foot auditorium.

Earl Mansee, Reporter

### **Midway Country Church, Logan, Oklahoma**

Bro. and Sis. Onal Nunn recently conducted a wonderful revival in our church. In each service God anointed and lives were blessed. We certainly thank God for His word that is powerful and meets the needs of each individual.

Bro. Jack Barker ministered to us one Sunday during the holidays while Bro. Whiteley and family were gone. God gave us a good service and we appreciate Bro. Jack's faithfulness to God.

We enjoyed Bro. and Sis. Lee Oakes and Anita who were with us one Sunday morning in January. Their music was a blessing to us and we thank them for stopping by our way. May God Bless them in their service to Him.

God has been mindful of His people and has sent some much needed moisture to our area. Surely we need to be mindful of His work—being faithful in everything He asks us to do.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

### **Canyon, Texas**

It seems we can never thank our Lord enough for all He has done for us at Faith Chapel. Many personal victories have been gained by members of the area Body. Several persons have recently come to the Lord in real SALVATION. Praise God. Also, numerous persons have experienced a real infilling of the Holy Spirit. It seems that every other day additional reports roll in of another person receiving his personal BAPTISM in the HOLY SPIRIT.

Marcus Adair, Valson Abraham, Coy Huffman and David Turner have ministered the Word of the Lord in the absence of Pastor Martin, while he was in special services at Dumas, Texas.

Thanksgiving and Christmas both came just a little bit early for the Chapel's pastors, Ron and Brenda. The Lord has blessed them with an 8 lb. 4 oz. baby boy. Coy Shannon is 20 inches long and has an older sister, Erran. He was born on November 24.

Bruce and Janet Currie recently dedicated both of their children, Krystal and Shane, to the Lord Jesus. The Currie family resides in Canyon.

Russell and Linda Peck of San Antonio, Tx. were recent visitors at Faith Chapel for the dedication of their first child, Ty Russell.

Marcus Adair, Director FBEC  
Ron Martin, Pastor Faith Chapel

### **Spearman, Texas**

The Psalmist wrote, "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place to all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever thou hadst formed the earth, And the world even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." We are thankful to the Lord that He meets with us at our regular services each time we enjoy some good sermons and Bible lessons. We do need revival and trust that we can have one soon.

We were blessed with some of the Evangelism Class from the Bible School ministering to us in September. Several from our church went to Balco, Oklahoma, to hear the AFBC choir on tour which was enjoyed by all.

Some improvement has been made on the Church property the past year. A parking lot has been added, also the nursery was finished and redecorated.

There was a beautiful wedding in our church on November 26 when Denise Berner and David Kellum exchanged wedding vows. Bro. E. W. Dickson, grandfather of the bride performed the ceremony. Denise is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wally Berner.

Dallen Scroggs married La Delle Bradford on December 10. The wedding was at the Assembly of God church in Sunray, Texas. Dallen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oakes Scroggs.

Jacob C. Regier, Pastor  
Mrs. Irwin Delk, Reporter

### **Pampa, Texas**

Greetings to all of you from the Pampa Chapel. We have been busy during the Christmas Season and we do not see any change in the New Year as to slowing down. Our services have been wonderful and the entire church is encouraged and moving on. We have been blessed by having Jacque Spicer, now Jacque Hocking, with us and she was such an inspiration to our Young People as well as a blessing to the entire church with her gospel in song. She worked so diligently on the choir for the Christmas program and it was wonderful indeed. The children gave an excellent program and we had time for a few moments of exhortation by our Pastor. We are looking forward to the Watchnight Service as it has been years since we had one in our own Church. We are anticipating watching the old year out and the New Year in with prayer and song and fellowship. May we wish each one who reads this a HAPPY NEW YEAR because of God's blessing to us and His LOVE that overshadows us.

Pampa Chapel  
Keith Barker, Pastor  
Anabel Simmons, Reporter

### **Pine Hill, Alabama**

Greetings from all at the Chapel. The Lord is so very good to us. We were privileged to have six of the AFBC students with us during the term of Bible School. Their messages in Sermon and songs thoroughly blessed everyone. We had a Christmas supper at the Chapel and Bro. and Sis. Jack Hopson so graciously offered to show their films of their Holy Land Tour. It made the true meaning of Christmas clearer to us. We appreciate Bro. Jack and his wife for their faithfulness to God's work, and their willingness to help others.

Bro. David McCance, Pastor  
Mamie M. Kelly, Reporter

### **Dumas, Texas**

We write to you today lifting our Praise to our Lord and Saviour for His many beautiful blessings that He is blessing His people with today. God has been good to the Dumas church, blessing us with a wonderful uplifting revival in November with Bro. Ronnie Martin. It really encouraged us to see our need to extend the love of Christ to lost souls as well as our brethern. We feel we have a great deal to be thankful for. Praise His Name! Recently we have had two young men in their twenties to give their lives to our Lord. In our Sunday evening service recently one of our young people was baptized in the Holy Spirit. We feel like God is moving with His Spirit in our services and we want to see our need to continue yielding ourselves to Him.

We are very thankful for our recent visitors. Bro. Barry Methvin was with us in December for a Youth Praise Service and also ministered in our Sunday Services. Bro. and Sis. Alvin Buschman were with us over the Christmas Holidays and he filled in for us while we were at the Convocation in Taneyville, Missouri.

Sis. Barbara Cooper from Hardesty, Okla. has moved to Dumas to work with us, she is helping in our musical ministry and has really been a blessing. Bro. Jack Wimer has come to be our Youth Director. He's from Kingman, Kansas. Bro. Rip Yocham of Guymon, Okla. is also working in our music ministry. We really praise God for these young people and their dedication to the Lord. All three attended AFBC in Baxter Springs, Kansas, this past year. Remember us in your prayers.

Jim Russell, Pastor  
Nina Traylor, Sec. and Reporter

### **Taneyville, Missouri**

There are no words to adequately express the goodness of God, but certainly God has been good to us. We have had some in our church who have recently reported physical healings for their body and we praise God for that. The Lord has also given many spiritual victories and this encourages the hearts of Christian people. Praise the Lord—there is reality in Jesus Christ! God still answers the believer's prayer and souls still are being saved.

We are happy to have Grace Beeler with us now to work with the junior age group along with Shari Cook in her work with the Teens. We have a fine group of children and young people and are so grateful to have leaders with such talent and dedication ministering among us. We have also started having Sunday afternoon services in the local rest homes.

We have been saddened by the death of Sis. Pauline Townsend. Our prayers are with her husband, Oliver, and her family. They have been a blessing to our church.

Bro. & Sis. Winston Barker, Pastors  
Belva Pennington, Reporter

# **DEADLINE!!**

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

## OVERFLOWING LOVE

*Love is not an emotion  
to be measured  
in kisses or words  
or a dozen red roses.  
Love can not be displayed  
on a trophy shelf  
or wrapped  
in a gift box with a bow.*

*Love is too often held prisoner  
in the recesses of a bound heart  
where it stagnates  
or grows cold and lifeless.  
Love that is real and alive  
will grow and grow  
until it bursts the bands of the heart  
and overflows  
into everyday actions  
and thoughts and attitudes.*

*Love is real  
and meaningful  
and necessary.  
It is the ultimate.  
For without love, we are nothing.  
—MARGIE SNOWDEN NORTH*

## PRAYER FOR THE LONELY

*It's awful to be lonely, Lord.  
Sometimes  
when I'm in a crowded room  
surrounded by people who love me  
I still feel lonely.  
I guess the world is full  
of lonely people  
Sitting on park benches  
and bar stools,  
in movie theaters  
and at cocktail parties.  
My next-door neighbor  
has never knocked on my door.  
Why is that, Lord?  
Help the lonely, Lord,  
to reach out of ourselves.  
If only we weren't so afraid  
of being hurt in the process....  
We'd really like  
to become more aware of  
and responsive to one another.  
Grant us strength  
to take the risk involved....  
The hurt can't be worse  
than this awful lonely feeling.  
Help us, Lord,  
to overcome our loneliness  
by becoming one  
with each other  
and one with You.  
Amen.  
—News Notes*

## It happened at New Year's

By EVELYN C. GUNTER



IT WAS A COLD NEW YEAR'S MORNING. SNOW blew across the lawn. I sat by the picture window watching a cardinal as he found his breakfast. It was a day one lingered by the fire—and thrilled at a new year. What would the year bring?

My meditation was interrupted by a car that drove into my driveway. I was not expecting company at nine o'clock on New Year's morning! My orange juice was still unsipped.

He used a cane. Slowly he got to the door. I did not recognize him. Who could be calling at this early hour?

I opened the door, and a gust of wind swept inside. He looked at me, as if studying my face.

"Are you the Mrs. Gunter that used to take me to church?" he asked.

Then I recognized him. Fifteen years can change a man—especially if that man lives in sin.

Mr. Tom's face looked older than his 72 years. Arthritis had crippled him. He looked like a child pleading for admittance, so I asked him to come in.

"I have come to get saved," he said. "I remembered you and your husband used to come and get me and take me to church. I would not be saved then—but I want to be saved now."

He gave a brief history. His wife had died. There had been a remarriage—only to end in divorce. His 72 years were fruitless, empty—and without Christ.

I was glad he remembered my name. In the telephone directory he had found my address and he had come—to be saved.

We had orange juice together and we prayed. Then he left—a new creation in Christ. His face was aglow.

The new year had begun. For me it meant a soul saved. For Mr. Tom it meant a bright eternity—a new life in Christ that can last forever.



One day at a time, with its failures and fears,  
With its hurts and mistakes, with its weakness and tears,  
With its portion of pain and its burden of care:  
One day at a time we must meet and must bear.

One day at a time to be patient and strong;  
To be calm under trial and sweet under wrong;  
Then its toiling shall pass and its sorrow shall cease;  
It shall darken and die, and the night shall bring peace.

One day at a time—but the day is so long,  
And the heart is not brave, and the soul is not strong,  
O Thou pitiful Christ, be Thou near all the way;  
Give courage and patience and strength for the day.

Swift cometh His answer, so clear and so sweet:  
"Yea, I will be with thee, thy troubles to meet;  
I will not forget thee, nor fail thee, nor grieve:  
I will not forsake thee; I never will leave."

Not yesterday's load we are called on to bear,  
Nor the morrow's uncertain and shadowy care,  
Why should we look forward or back with dismay?  
Our needs, as our mercies, are but for the day.

One day at a time, and the day is His day;  
He hath numbered its hours, though they haste or delay.  
His grace is sufficient; we walk not alone;  
As the day, so the strength that He giveth His own.  
—ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT

# Taneyville Convocation Report

Joel 2:16a—Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children.....

The beautiful Ozark hills were the setting for an Old-fashioned, Inter-denominational, Indoor Camp Meeting which began on Tuesday evening, December 28th, and conducted at the White River Association of General Baptist youth Camp Grounds, near Taneyville, Missouri. This meeting was hosted by the Apostolic Faith Church of Taneyville, Mo., under the direction of pastor Rev. and Mrs. Winston Barker and Associates Shari Cook and Grace Beeler.

Numbers 11:26b—and the Spirit rested upon them.

Our hearts thrilled as the Spirit of the Lord came into each service and anointed ministers, musicians, singers, and congregation. The daily schedule was full from 7 a.m. until the day ended, with everything given a definite time, but each day the Holy Spirit took control and time was forgotten while God poured His blessings upon His children who had gathered together for a refreshing.

Services began each evening with Youth Service under the direction of Shari Cook. Several students from the 1976 term of Bible College plus local youth participated in these meetings. After fifteen minutes of musical intermission, the volunteer choir came forward to sing the wonderful praises of God under the direction of Rev. Keith Barker, with Mike Barnes, of Hardesty, Oklahoma, at the piano, Shari Cook, of Taneyville, at the organ, Lance Clay, of Bentonville, Arkansas, at the drums, and Rev. Don Russell and Rev. George Clay playing guitars.

Tuesday evening we enjoyed the ministry of Rev. Glesco Roberts, of Bradleyville, Missouri, with special music presented by the Burl Maggard quartet.

Each morning Rev. Edwin Waterbury, from Granby, Missouri, gave a Bible lesson on prayer which was followed by the Ministry of Pentecost presented by Rev. A. B. Stanberry. Bro. Stanberry played tapes of voices from the past which brought smiles, laughter and very often tears from the congregation. There was also a children's church day conducted by Grace Beeler at the church in Taneyville.

Rev. G. K. Reese, from Webb City, Missouri, gave morning Bible lessons Wednesday and Thursday which brought enlightenment from God's word, and Friday's Bible

lesson and first afternoon service was ministered by Rev. George Clay of Bentonville, Arkansas, who under the anointing of the Holy Spirit spoke on the Ministry of Worship.

Not only were we fed spiritually, but we were also fed extremely well physically as ladies of the Taneyville Church prepared meals each day with plenty of food for everyone which set an atmosphere for lots of fun and fellowship in the dining hall.

There were two services each afternoon, Wednesday's being brought by Rev. Randy Dalton of Taneyville, Missouri, and Rev. Danny Robinson of Balko, Oklahoma. Wednesday evening we thrilled at the music of Harold Friend of Branson, Missouri, and the spirit anointed Rev. Earl Blansit, of Ozark, Missouri as he ministered God's word.

Thursday afternoon Rev. Keith Barker from Pampa, Texas ministered followed by a missionary service from Rev. Don Russell, Pharr, Texas, and Rev. Lyford Freeman, McAllen, Texas. In the evening services Rev. Don Russell stirred our hearts as he spoke on making a commitment to God and we saw two young people come to know Christ as their personal Saviour.

Rev. Jim Russell, Dumas, Texas, brought the second afternoon message on Friday which caused us to remember our commission as children of God: to win lost souls.

Convocation came to a climax Friday evening. The Spirit filled the Tabernacle during choir and special music, and as Rev. Hap Watkins of Ozark, Missouri ministered the word, the sweet Presence of the Lord could be felt. Three young men came forward at the close of the service and were baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Praise the Lord! As is custom two services had been planned, with intentions to pray the old year out, and the new year in, but the Spirit moved on the scene, and as He spoke to hearts, testimonies were given, songs were sung, there was rejoicing which lasted beyond the midnight hour. About one a.m. the Lord's Supper was set before us, and as the congregation grouped into family circles (some adopted for the occasion) we remembered the Lord in Holy Communion. What rejoicing and worship! It was a wonderful time in the Lord.

Shari Cook

# What do I Mean When I Say "TO FIND MYSELF"

By Nancy Brown

If you are trying to find yourself, you imply that you are lost. If you are lost, the only one who can find you is God. Once you are saved and Christ means something to you personally, you aren't lost anymore.

God has a purpose for everyone. If we will let Him guide us, we won't be "lost", seeking aimlessly to find the right vocation. If we pray and seek the Lord and have a close relationship with Him, we don't have to worry about getting lost. He has a purpose, "a job," for each individual person.

With God leading us we won't have this 'plastic' personality, or have to be afraid of finding nothing there. If God is in control of your life there is **really** something there; without God, there's just a spiritual void.

In order to find yourself it's really very simple; let Christ Jesus come into your heart and life, and let Him have control. This is hard for many people because they want to control their life and live as they please, but they still want to have the benefits of being a Christian.

For many it is hard to let Jesus have control of their life. They don't see why it is important because they haven't been reared in church, and do not know the power of God. They were uninfluenced by their parents, yet everybody and everything else influenced them (radio, TV, movies, friends, neighbors, etc.). When they get out in the world they're lost and don't know where to turn. Then they are given adult decisions to make when they aren't ready, and a lot of them really louse it up.

I have been one of the lucky ones, having been raised in a good Christian home and not forced into the world too fast. I have attended church regularly, and learned to put my faith in the Lord, and I have given my life to Him. I know what He wants me to do. I'm not here because I feel secure in school and don't have anything else to do, or because I don't know where to go or what to do. I'm here because I need training to become a nurse. I can glorify God in this position by helping the sick and making the last days here as painless and comfortable as possible for others. I know that this is what the Lord wants me to do. I know because I have prayed much about it. I'm not drifting aimlessly to find my life's work, and with the Lord leading me I can do it.

I'm not lost I know what I'm doing here. I don't have to worry about tomorrow, God has it in His control. And He is keeping His hand upon me to fulfill His purpose. I don't have to worry whether or not I'll be happy in my life's work because when you do the Lord's will, you will be happy. I am concerned with the future, but I don't have to worry and drive myself crazy for the fear of what might happen.

If you are lost, this is what I would recommend that you do: accept the Lord Jesus Christ into your heart and life, and let Him have control of your life. Build a close relationship with Him, read your Bible daily, and take all your cares and worries to Him. He can and will take care of them if you will let Him.

## Obituary of Pauline Townsend

Cecil Pauline Townsend was born June 9, 1918, in Beaver County, Oklahoma, to Cecil and Elsie Sharp. She entered into rest January 12, 1977, at Skaggs Community Hospital in Branson, Missouri, at the age of 58 years.

Pauline grew up in the Oklahoma Panhandle area. On May 23, 1937, she was united in marriage to Oliver Townsend at Wheeler, Texas. Pauline and Oliver were longtime residents of Perryton, Texas, and of Siloam Springs, Arkansas. In October of 1976, they moved to Kirbyville, Missouri, because of Pauline's desire to be a part of the Apostolic Faith Church in Taneyville, Missouri.

The greatest compliment given to a child of God is that they "have kept the faith". Pauline's faith in God and her eagerness to be led by the Spirit of God made her an inspiration to all who knew her throughout her entire life. She and Oliver have been actively involved with the Apostolic Faith Churches during their life together through attendance, carrying burdens, physical support, and financial support. Many times they have been the channel by which churches and individuals were helped and blessed because the need was seen, and the desire was to help.

Survivors include her husband, Oliver, of the home; children—Mrs. Loneta Boyer of Hollister, Missouri; Mrs. Ester Creemer of Seymour, Missouri; Benny Townsend of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and James Townsend of Bentonville, Arkansas; three grandchildren; one sister—Mrs. Betty Sager of Balko, Oklahoma; and one brother—Clifton Sharp of Branson, Colorado.

Memorial services were held Saturday, January 15, 1977, at 2 p.m. at the Apostolic Faith Church in Taneyville, Missouri. Interment was in the Helfry Cemetery. Rev. Winston Barker and Rev. Doyle Wiles officiated. Grace Beeler, Janet Dalton, and Shari Cook sang "Beyond the Sunset", Janet Dalton and Shari Cook sang "In the Garden", and a duet was sung by Carol Williams and Mrs. Billie Matthews. Shari Cook was the organist. Casket-bearers were Jack Holliday, Speedy Branstetter, John Crouch, Dale Crouch, Roger Sims, and Sammy Clements.

## Obituary of Millie Ellard Mears

Millie Ellard Mears, daughter of John and Rosamond Ellard, was born October 20, 1893 at Sunflower, Mississippi. She departed this life October 22, 1976. Her childhood was spent in Mississippi and Tennessee. She came to Alvin, Texas in 1917.

She was faithful to attend church as long as she was physically able.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one brother and one sister. Survivors include: 2 sons, William E. Mears, Lake Jackson, Texas, Alvin Ellard Mears, Bay City, Texas; four daughters, Mrs. Mildred Surface, New Braunfels, Texas, Mrs. Gladys Callihan, Bay City, Texas, Mrs. Juanita Methvin, Follett, Texas and Mrs. Helen McAllister, Alvin, Texas; one sister, Mrs. S. W. Williams, San Antonio, Texas. 14 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren, a number of nieces and nephews and many, many friends.



## OBITUARY OF Alva Shamblin

Mrs. Alva E. Shamblin, 66, of 906 Short St. Galena, Kansas died Thursday, November 11, 1976 at St. John's Medical Center in Joplin, Mo. following four years of ill health. She was born February 24, 1910 at Galena, and was a lifetime resident there. She was a faithful member of the Apostolic Faith Church. She married Ira (Nin) Shamblin on January 8, 1929. He died December 4, 1951.

She is survived by two sons, Wayne E. Shamblin and Gary F. (Tim) Shamblin both of Galena; three brothers, Melvin Fry and Lloyd (Toad) Fry both of Galena, and Robert Tennis of Wichita, Kansas; four sisters, Mrs. Belinda Karr, Mrs. Audrey Jones, Mrs. Arville Massa and Mrs. Rosanna Johnston, all of Galena and a grandchild.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 13, 1976 at the Apostolic Faith Church. The Rev. E. K. Cornell officiated. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of the Derfelt Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Herb Topping, Bill Hollis, Jack Rogers, John Rogers, Dwayne Hansen and Walter Brown.

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# That I May Know HIM

By James E. Wallis, Alvin, Tex.

(This is edited from a taped Bible Lesson given at Laverne, Oklahoma Campmeeting 1976)

I'd like for us to turn to Phillipians 3:10 and read from both the King James and the Amplified translations. "That I may know Him..." (KJV) "(For my determined purpose is) that I may know Him—that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding (the wonders of His Person) more strongly and more clearly..." (Amplified) I hope it is your desire this morning, as it is mine, to know Jesus—to know Him in the full reality that all that knowing implies. It is amazing that the Apostle Paul would make such a statement "that I want to know Him." You would imagine that a person like Paul would know Jesus, would be intimately acquainted with Him. But he says, I want to become more progressively aware of Jesus every moment, every day, every hour. That should be our desire, our longing. That ought to be the goal that we set before us to know Jesus Christ. Jesus has made this promise, in fact He said, "If you will follow me I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:17. I would just like to take the idea that Jesus said, "if you will follow Me, I will make you...." Now the ultimate part of that is to truly be somebody that produces—just take the idea that we are in the process of being fashioned, molded and made by Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "If you will follow Me I will make you." Aren't you thankful this morning that you are His workmanship? That you are His and that He's the one that is working in your life this very moment. I believe that God loves us so much, that He cares about us so much, that He is so interested in creating the character qualities of Christ in our life, that He allows different things to come to us so that we will produce the character of Jesus Christ. He is not interested in what you think, in the sense of your own private thoughts, or in the things that you might privately do, but He is ultimately interested in you becoming what He wants you to become and fitting you into the position where you are to fit. So He would make us. How am I to know how I ought to be unless I begin to look into the very life of Jesus and try to discover what He is. For I will never understand

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what I am to become, and what He wants me to be, until I discover what Jesus is and what He is like. If it's your desire to know Jesus, let's begin an exciting exposure of some of the scriptures and an exciting following of the Lord Jesus Christ to become exactly what He wants us to become.

In Eph. 5:30-32 we have a scripture that I have read many, many times at weddings and maybe other pastors and other ministers have read this scripture in explaining that great object lesson of what marriage is. It is Christ's relationship to His church. That's the object lesson of the relation between husband and wife as Christians. And that object lesson should always be held up before every individual; and it ought to be held up before every person so that they see that marvelous, glorious relationship that Christ has for the church. And that's the relationship that we are to have in this life when we are joined to someone. Eph. 5 says, "For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bone. For this cause shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall be joined unto his wife and the two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let everyone of you so love his wife even as himself, and the wife see that she reverence her husband." The marvelous example that the Apostle Paul lifts up for all of us is an object lesson for all of us of our relationship to Jesus Christ as members of His body. It is a very intimate close relationship. Paul likens it, in fact, so close that it's a relationship that can be compared to the relationship that a husband and wife has. It's a sad thing that's happening today in our land, a terrible thing, as far as I'm concerned, that is taking place, and that is the breakdown in family ties; the breakdown in the concern for just good old-fashioned moral living. It's a concern of this pastor. The reason it is a concern of mine is because it not only affects the whole world—it not only affects the whole United States, it also affects our local churches and congregations. And when it affects us on a local basis then that is going to have something to say about our children and our children's children and how they look at what the Bible has to say about the relationship that I'm talking about at this moment. For instance, in the world today it is popular for some couples to live together—they don't even go to the trouble of having a marriage performed. If it doesn't work out, they decide that it isn't compatible and they just forget their companion and they find somebody else. And the world says, if you hold to the scriptural standards and morals as preached by God Almighty and Jesus Christ and all the prophets you become a square. So it's very wise for us today, the world says, to forget about the wisdom the Bible teaches and begin to think about the vain philosophies and ideas of the world of which the Bible says that if a man thinketh something may be right, but it is wrong and it will lead to destruction. You're looking at a minister this morning that believes that Jesus Christ is the absolute. Jesus said, "I am the way, I am the truth and I am the light." And there is no deviation from that absolute. The world says that we can have situational ethics. Situational ethics simply implies that whatever the situation says that we will do. It doesn't make any difference if the Bible says no, if the situation says yes, the world says go ahead and do it. That's wisdom so the world says. But the Bible says the wisdom of this world is foolish and that it will lead to

destruction. And it is ruining and wrecking our society—tragically it has entered into our congregations and more tragically than that some of us ministers, unknowingly, perhaps, if we're not careful, will even get into situational ethics ourselves and rather than hold to the standard of the Word of God would say well, this may be alright here and this may be alright there, rather than examining the Word of God to see exactly what the Word says about it.

For instance, let's go to what the Bible has to say as far as the process of knowing what a companion is. Now I'm old-fashioned about this, but I believe that when a boy begins to date a girl it should be on the level of Christian sharing, and that dating does not begin on the physical level at all, but it begins on a spiritual level. It begins in becoming into a position of deciding whether that individual that you are contemplating about marrying is a Christian or not. And if they are not a Christian and you are a Christian, the Bible says be not unequally yoked with unbelievers. So the first step is coming together on a spiritual level, and deciding and discerning whether that individual is a growing Christian or not and whether they are somebody that is going to contribute to your life.

The second stage that an individual should consider—we might call on a soulish level. And on a soulish level there would be a mental or emotional sharing of ideas. In other words that's where you begin speaking about engagement. That's where you begin discovering the real personality of the person that you're considering spending the rest of your life with. Well, I'm old-fashioned about that too, because I believe that the Bible says that we are to be joined together and that what God hath joined together let no man put asunder. I'm not going to go into all the repercussions, but I just want you to know where I stand on that issue. And when we begin to come into this particular situation, and we become interested in sharing our mental and then our emotional needs we may talk about it being on a soulish level.

And then there is a body level or a physical level and that's where the marriage enters into a sharing of each others lives. But the world turns it around. They begin on a physical level—they mess up their lives and never come to a soulish level and they never achieve a spiritual union of understanding. And God says that's the wrong way. And I'll just say this before I go on. I believe that sex outside of marriage in any form, shape or fashion is completely contrary to the Word of God. And the world says, of course, that those ideas that I've just expounded are old-fashioned and out of date, but I tell you that God has some understanding for us if we'll just continue and think about that. I want to know Him progressively more today than I did yesterday, don't you? I want to love Him more today than I did twenty years ago. I want to fall more deeply in love with Jesus, who because of His great love and His glorious majesty, came down and through the simple efforts of individuals that loved Him I found Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. That's why I want to know Jesus. So the Bible says in I Cor. 6:17 that when we come to the Lord Jesus Christ we start on a level of being joined in one spirit with Him. "But He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit." Then Paul goes on to say "Flee fornication, every sin that a man doeth is without the body but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." And he entered into a level here of telling us that we are joined



to the Lord Jesus Christ and any type of fornication that is committed is sinning against our own body because we are now the temple of the Lord and the Holy Spirit by faith has dwelled in our hearts. Jesus Christ is there. We are joined to Him—we are one spirit with the Lord. We are indwelt. I'm sure there are other ministers that have talked about other steps of growth, please allow me the privilege this morning of just simply saying this, that as Jesus indwells us and Jesus leads us then II Peter 3:18 says that "We are to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Hallelujah! We enter into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ. We are joined to Him in one spirit and now we are ready to become more intimately acquainted with Him.

As I look back over my life—I haven't understood grace like I thought I did. There is one aspect of grace that I believe that I have understood. And that is the usual definition that all of us give that grace is the unmerited favor of God. Which it is very definitely. But let me give you another definition that I think also shows another side of grace. Grace is the power to do God's will. Have you ever received grace for a difficult situation? You know what I'm talking about. You were faced with a difficult situation and when you went right through it and obeyed the Lord somehow grace was given to you to go on through. Alright, God wants to have us grow in knowledge and in grace and the only way God can have us grow in grace is to humble ourselves. Amen? James 4:6 says that, "God resisteth the proud but He gives grace to the humble." So as I humble myself before the Lord seeking to learn His way, then hallelujah! He gives grace for every situation. There are some individuals that are hard for me to be around in the world. I'm not talking about Christians necessarily. I'm talking about worldly people. They like to blow their cigarette smoke in your face, and they like to speak bad words that don't glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. And there's a lot of situations that are much worse than that, but praise the Lord, in every situation, if you'll obey the Lord, and if you'll humble yourself before God, the Lord will shoot an abundance of grace to you. And with that grace you're able to grow. And as you accept that grace into your life you will grow and you will become more intimately acquainted with the Lord Jesus Christ and you'll know Him better. But if you become bitter in your heart—the book of Hebrews says there are some, because of bitterness, who fail of the grace of God and they get a root of bitterness in their heart and they say, "Oh, I don't believe in the church anymore. I don't think that I ought to do this or I ought to do that because there are hypocrites in the church. God gave them grace, but they didn't accept it. They failed of the grace and so their growth is stunted and they aren't continuing to grow. But if you'll accept the grace and you'll humble yourself and you'll pray before God, God will give you that grace and you'll grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. That grace then, if I may go on, is a union that is affected by our abiding.

The 15th chapter of John speaks of the Vine and the branches. Quite a few of the thoughts that I'm going to be speaking about are related to the vine and to the branches and we become one spirit with Christ but our union now and our growing is affected by how effectively we abide in the vine. Now it's an amazing thing but you can go outside and none of these branches are just jumping off the trees.

But there are a lot of individuals that try to just move out of the vine as branches. So that means that we have a free-will. A branch has to stay there. But we have the privilege as a branch in Christ to move in or out and it is affected by our free-will and whether we will to obey the Lord and are obedient to Him. So our union and our growth are going to be affected by how we are vitally united to Jesus Christ the vine. For Jesus said in the 15th chapter of John "I am the vine, ye are the branches and my Father is the gardener." And I have felt very, very drastically the effects of the gardener on my life lately. But I praise the Lord for the beautiful wonderful pruning that I know He's accomplishing. What is the definition of abide first of all? Well, a definition for abide is that we have no sin in our lives that hasn't been judged or is unconfessed. Jesus is sharing in all the interests of my life—everything that I do I can bring to Jesus and I can submit it to Him and I can just say, "Lord, everything in my life is yours—everything belongs to you, every situation I can bring unto you because I'm not ashamed of any of my attitudes, I'm not ashamed of any of my activities. I can just give it to you. That's abiding in the Lord. Now you answer for yourself this morning. Are you abiding in Jesus Christ? And also, the believer is able to take all of his burdens to Him, drawing wisdom and strength from Jesus Christ. The Bible says if our hearts condemn us not then have we confidence that whatsoever we ask of the Father, He will give it unto us. Real fellowship begins to result from our abiding in the Lord Jesus Christ. I John 1:3-7. The Bible says, "If we walk in the light as He is in the light then we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin." But if we're walking in the light as He is in the light we're not afraid to bring all of our life to the light and let that beautiful light expose every ugly dirty sin that we might try to harbor in our lives. Eph. 5:13-17 says that everything is manifested by the light. In other words if we let the light shine upon us it manifests it, it reveals it. It shows it. John 1:9 says, "Jesus Christ is the true light that came down from the Father above." Therefore Jesus Christ, we can say, is not only the Word, but He is the light. Ps. 119:105. We abide effectively in the Lord Jesus Christ by walking in the light—by obeying His Word, by understanding the Word and hiding that in our hearts and in our lives.

How do you really get to know an individual? Well, if a husband and wife never did talk I don't think they would ever get to know each other. They could have all kinds of other relationships but if they never did talk to each other they'd never get to know. We have the privilege of sharing. That's why sometimes we don't share the things in our lives with others because we don't want them to really know us. We shouldn't be afraid of that, but I suppose all of us, to some degree, are a little bit afraid of letting everybody know all about us. But there's one friend that sticketh closer than a brother and you can just tell Him everything. And that's Jesus. So the Bible says, "Let the word of Christ dwell richly in you." Col. 3:16. That you might have an understanding of the wisdom and the knowledge of the Lord. So we get to know Jesus through the Word, don't we? Let's begin now with the 15th chapter of John because there's a lot of beautiful things in this chapter. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the light." And in verses 10-14, Jesus said, "If you keep my

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commandments ye shall abide in my love even as I have kept my Father's commandment and abide in His love."

Now the first thing that jumps out to me from that scripture is the obedience of Jesus Christ. And Paul says in the book of Phillipians, that even though Jesus was the Son of God that He learned obedience. And it also says "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. Who thought it not robbery to be equal with God but took upon Himself the form of a servant and being found in the fashion of a man He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." So obedience jumps out at me and I see that Jesus said, "I want you to obey me even as I obey the Father." I want you to keep my commandments even as I keep the Father's commandments." Now lawlessness is on every hand and when I talk about lawlessness I don't mean just the lawlessness that's in the land that we had a few years ago through rioting. I don't mean the lawlessness that's in the land through which someone takes a gun and kills someone else. That's a big part of it, but that's not all that I mean when I talk about lawlessness. I'm talking about individuals that are not willing to obey the commandment of the Lord. Now immediately, in some circles, when you begin to talk about the commandments of the Lord somebody says, Oh, but Bro. Wallis is getting us into legalism now." Let me ask you a question and you try to get around this—you can't do it. Has it every been popular to kill anyone just because the old testament says, "Thou shalt not kill"? and we say that's a commandment. Has it ever been right with God to commit adultery? Has it ever been right with God to break any of the commandments? When we say that we are not under the law anymore what are we saying? As preachers we're saying that Jesus Christ fulfilled all the ceremonial law, and we don't have to worry about the ceremonial law. Jesus fulfilled that for us and He is the propitiation for our sins. But Jesus said, I came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it. What's He talking about? He is saying that we are still obligated as Christians, even more so, to keep the moral law. And I believe that includes the law of the country in which we live. Amen? Be careful, I believe it! I believe it! But Jesus took us one step higher, He didn't take us lower. He took us a step higher and said, "It has been said in the Word that thou shalt not commit adultery, but I say unto thee that if a man even looks on a woman and lusts after her in his heart he has committed adultery with her already." The Lord wants His people to be pure. The Lord wants His people to be obedient. The Lord wants His people to follow Him. He wants us to be a separated people. He wants us to come to know Him—And Paul says, "Oh, that I may know Him, that I may become more progressively aware of Jesus Christ every day." Well, the Bible declares in I. Cor. 9:21 that we are not bound by the ceremonial law but we are under the law of Christ. Romans 13:10 says that the fulfilling of the law is the law of love and we do it because we love the Lord Jesus Christ and we want to be His children and we want His very best. Oh, I want the best of the Lord—I want His best! I want all that He has for me. I want to apprehend all of that He apprehended me for. I want to cling to it—I want to have everything.

Oh, I can remember at a campmeeting here in Laverne, Oklahoma several years ago in the sawdust I knelt at an altar and I had great visions of becoming a doctor. I had a

scholarship that had already been awarded to me and I was planning on going back home. But a preacher preached a message and God got hold of my heart and in the sawdust at the end of the altar I said, "Oh, Lord, if that's what you want I'll preach, I'll give my life to you, I'll obey you." Now some twenty years and over I've been carrying the Gospel to the best of my ability for Jesus Christ and if the Lord can just continue to give me His grace for every situation, I know that He wants me to continue to carry it on. It wasn't for just a little while. It wasn't just a beginning, but Oh, Praise God, it was something that was meant for the rest of my life. Jesus said that He delighted to do the Father's will.

Well, that is the first thing that sticks out in John is obedience and the second thing is Joy; and it's a product of obedience. John 15:11 says, "These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full." When an individual is truly obedient to the Lord they have a lot of joy. When you see people that have sadness written on their face—they're not obedient to the Lord. If you see somebody that goes around with a long face, you just mark it down in your book—somewhere in their life they've been disobedient to God. They're not happy. Now you see happiness is exterior and it's a result of circumstances. You can have the joy of the flesh or just the joy of your soul; even a little song that goes like this "The joy of the Lord is my strength" and you can have the joy of the flesh. And there's a lot of people that have fleshly joy, but that's not getting down to what I'm talking about. They can go to a ballgame and they can act like they are happy, you see. Well, they can even have the joy of the soul—they get their emotions all stirred up. There are some people at campmeetings that get all stirred up and then they forget all about it when they go home. Or they go to a service that's just emotional and they get all stirred up in their soul and it's only on an emotional level. What's real joy? Joy is expressing with my spirit the joy of the soul. That's joy! And the only way you can have joy in your spirit is to know that you've been obedient to the Lord. And when you've been obedient to the Lord it doesn't make any difference whether you're in a prison cell or not—you've still got joy. You've still got joy! The wind can come up—you've still got joy! The sand can blow—you've still got joy! Humidity can come up—you've still got joy! There's joy in your soul because you're obedient unto the Lord.

I read just recently a story about Bro. Andrew that carries Bibles into Russia. He told the story of a man who was in prison in Russia and he had won so many souls to Jesus Christ that the Russians kicked him out of prison. And so the people that were still there in prison prayed that he would be sent back in. And sure enough, he was preaching on the street corner and they caught him and put him back in prison and he went right back to the very cell he had been in. And when he walked in the prisoners said, "Oh, Praise the Lord, Brother, we prayed that you'd be coming back and now the Lord sent you back to us." And He said, "Why did you pray such a thing as that?" And they said, "We're just new Christians and we needed somebody to teach us about the Lord. And we didn't know how to teach each other and we prayed that God would send somebody back to teach us." And so they took this man who began to win souls for Jesus again and they put



him in a prison cell that had ice on the floor and he was in there with a man who was 6' 6" tall, one of the hardest criminals in the whole prison. And night after night he nearly froze to death but finally that 6' 6" giant wrapped his arms around this Christian that was almost to die and held him through the night to keep him warm. The next morning he won that man to Jesus Christ. So they kicked him out of prison again because now he'd even won the worst criminal to the Lord. They kicked out the criminal too. A big wedding took place just a few weeks ago. Over 2,000 Christians of the underground church watched as this mighty Christian for the Lord that had gone back into prison was married to his beloved, and his best man was the 6' 6" giant that had been in that prison cell—that's joy! Joy, because you obey the Lord. Joy because you're obedient! Joy because you don't want anything to happen between you and the Lord.

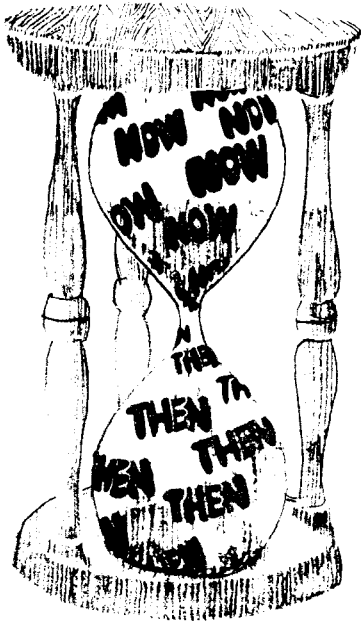
And then finally verse 14—let's look at it. Jesus said "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I have commanded you." Alright we find obedience, we find joy and now what do we find? Intimate friendship. We're on a basis. Have you ever had a friend that told you everything that was in his heart? I've had friends like that. I've got friends that I can tell anything that I want to tell them. Lavonda and I have some special friends at Alvin that I believe we could share anything with and they wouldn't tell another soul. They would go to the Lord and pray with us about it. They're Friends! And so Jesus said, "You're my friends"—Now let's look at this a little bit closer. The Lord is my friend already, if you understand my play on words. He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. He's going to hold on to my hand. He's going to be my friend whether I'll be His friend or not. But Jesus is saying, "Now you are my friends, in other words, you'll hold my hand. You'll be my friend. Sis. Greever can be my friend and love me and care for me, but I'm to be her friend too and care for her. The Bible says, "If you would have friends you must show yourself friendly." And Jesus said, "You are my friends if you keep My commandments." What are His commandments? Well, there are a lot of wonderful good things in obeying the Lord and following Him closely and reading His word and walking in the light as He is in the light. But Jesus said no longer will you be a servant but you'll be a friend and look at verse 15—then He says "all things I have heard will I make known, henceforth, I call ye not servants for a servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth, but I call ye friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." Now I'm getting to know Jesus, I'm getting to know Him. Paul says, "That I may know Jesus"—Don't you want to know Him? Alright if you want to know Jesus get to be His very, very close friend. Be obedient to Him—get the joy of the Lord in your soul. And He'll begin to tell you things that you've never heard before. It won't be something outside of this book. It will all be right here in this book, but He will reveal scriptures to you that you've never understood before. There'll be such beautiful insights into passages of scripture that you'll say "Oh, I didn't realize that's what that scripture meant!" And all of a sudden Jesus will say to you, "That's what I've been trying to tell you, friend, all along, but you haven't been listening, you haven't been obedient. Your ears have been stopped up. But now be obedient to me and I will tell you all of these things. And oh, just as I wait before the Lord and as He tells me the things that are in His word I

say, Lord tell me faster, tell me faster—I've wasted so many years. I've walked in so much disobedience. I've harbored hate—I've had things in my life that have been wrong attitudes, Oh, Lord, make up for the years that the cankerworm and the locust and the palmerworm have eaten away. Oh, God, share some insights into the word with me. And you know what He does to me? He lets me go through a very difficult situation. For instance, I may become very lonely. He drives me into the corner and I'm lonely. And then I discover that the Psalmist David was lonely as I read in the Psalms. And I get new insights out of the book of Psalms and I say, "Yes, David was lonely." And finally David says in Psalms 73, "Lord, whom have I in heaven but Thee? And whom do I have on earth but you?" And He has taken away my friends, that I thought were friends, but then He brings into my life something much, much more valuable. And that is a relationship with Jesus Christ my Lord.

You see, God loved Abraham and one time God said I'm going to destroy Sodom and Gomorah. And He says in Genesis 18:17 "Shall I keep this from friend?" And you know that Abraham is called the father of the righteous? And he is the only man in the old testament that is called a friend of God. Oh, I want to be a friend of Jesus! Jesus, let me be your friend. I want to be your friend. Make me a fruit bearing branch. Mark 4:8, 11, 34 illustrates this friendship for this is where Jesus confided many of His things to His disciples. Finally, in Psalms 25:15 "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him and He will show them His covenant." Do you want to know Jesus? I do! Paul said, "That I may know Him"—That I may become more intimately acquainted with Him and be joined to the Lord. Come in vital union and abiding with Jesus Christ. Discover His word and be obedient to the Lord.

Several years ago while I was in Taneyville, Mo. filling in for Bro. Gail Schultz, I went into his library on a very stormy night and picked up a book and read this story of a boy, by the name of Willie Lee, who had been running and riding with Contrell's band and Contrell's band and finally was caught by the authorities and lined up to be shot. An older man came out of the bush, who had been riding with them and had escaped, and he said, "I'd like to take the place of the young man at the end of the line and his name is Willie Lee. He's like a son to me. All of my family have been killed, but his wife and children wait for him at home. Let me take his place and let him go free. So they took this man and let Willie Lee go free. They tied a bandana around that man's eyes and the muskets rang out and that man died. He was thrown in an open grave. Several years later, the author of this story said, Willie Lee made his way back and dug up the remains of the man that had died for him and put him in a proper grave and put a little head stone at his grave and on the marker put these words, "Sacred to the memory of Willie Lee. He died for me." I've thought a lot of times I wonder if He would have liked to have thanked that person for dying for him. Nearly two thousand years ago Jesus Christ went to the cross and He died for me. But He's not dead this morning. He's alive! He's living and I have the glorious privilege of saying, "Thank you, Jesus, Thank you for dying for me! I want to be your friend! I want to know you! Don't you want to know Him, too?"

# NOW NEVER WAITS



"And that, knowing the time, that NOW it is high time to awake out of sleep: for NOW is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

Romans 13:11

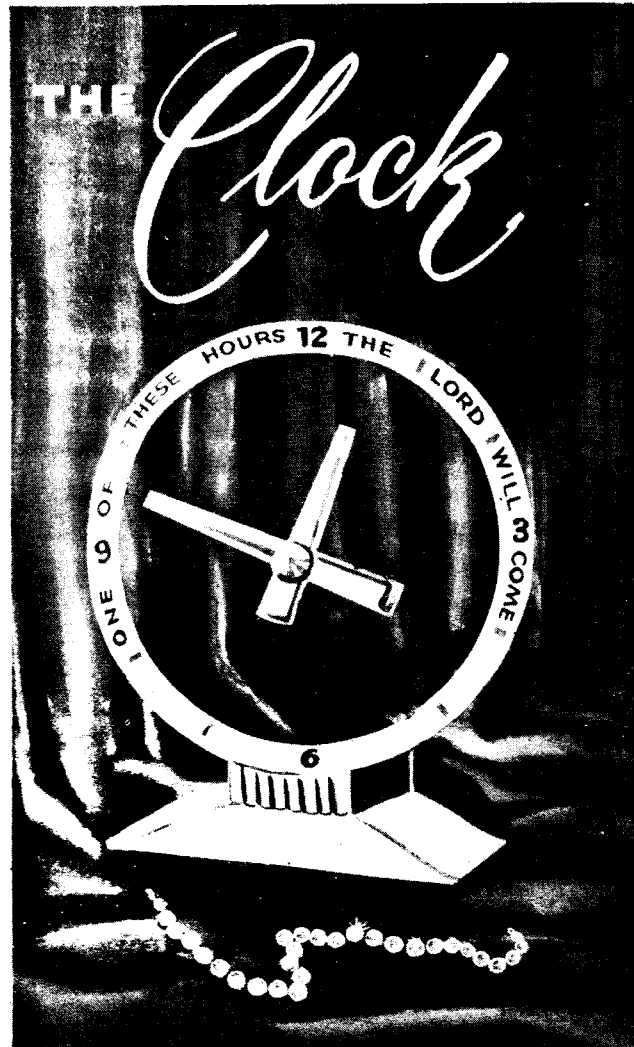
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