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In Memory



F. P. COPELAND

OBITUARIES

FOUNTAIN PITTS COPELAND

Fountain Pitts Copeland was born September 17, 1879 in Falls County, Texas. He came to Ochiltree County at the age of 19 years. He was married to Laura Edith Chick on November 21, 1904 at Miami, Texas. To this union were born seven children, two of whom preceded him in death. Mrs. Copeland passed away August 24, 1936. He was united in marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth Shafer on October 3, 1942.

Mr. Copeland was a merchant in young manhood and also taught music in several communities. He was converted in a revival conducted by the Morton Sisters in Waka, Texas in 1922. Shortly after his conversion he dedicated his life to the ministry in revivals held by the late Chas. F. Parham. Bro. Copeland and Sis. Laura Copeland pastored the Waka church for several years. He also conducted several revivals. He continued in the ministry after the death of his wife Laura. His life was spent in active service for the Lord. He also used his ability to construct buildings to a good advantage in building churches. He pastored churches in Meade, Kansas; Roswell, New Mexico; Hardesty, Oklahoma; Dumas, Texas; Doniphan, Missouri; and several other places. Bro. Copeland with the help of his wife Elizabeth, built the Dumas, Texas church in 1943. He also built the Mission Church in Hardesty, Oklahoma in 1946. In 1940 he helped Bro. Pletcher build the church in Arnett, Oklahoma. Just prior to his sudden death and the illness of his wife, Elizabeth, he was talking of attempting to start a congregation at Stratford, Texas and hoped to see a church of the Apostolic Faith built there.

For the past few years he has made his home in Dumas, Texas. He passed away in a car wreck, May 21, 1963, near Booker, Texas. He was on an errand of mercy returning from Supply, Oklahoma with his wife's brother and sister, Ace and Mary Shafer, who Elizabeth had requested to be at her bedside while she was seriously ill in the hospital at

Dumas, Texas. Ace and Mary Shafer were also killed in the wreck. Bro. Copeland departed this life at the age of 83 years, 8 months and 4 days.

Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Church in Perryton, Texas, May 23 at 4:00 p.m. Rev. Ben Barker of Enid, Oklahoma officiated assisted by Rev. Homer Coberly of Lubbock, Texas.

Leaving to mourn his passing are his wife, Elizabeth of the home; two sons: Leonard Copeland of Los Angeles, Calif.; and E. J. Copeland of Spearman, Tex. Three daughters: Mrs. George King of Goodwell, Oklahoma; Mrs. Arthur Bobbitt of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Mrs. Victor Juarez of Dumas, Texas. Two brothers: Seth Copeland of Causey, New Mexico and Powell Copeland of New Orleans, Louisiana. Three sisters: Mrs. Florence Moore of Temple, Texas; Mrs. Edna Martin of Pittsburg, Kansas; and Mrs. L. C. Bock of Waco, Texas. Eighteen grandchildren, thirty-five great grandchildren and a host of friends.

HARVEY E. STOCKWELL

Harvey E. Stockwell was born April 24, 1882 at Milano Junction, Texas. He was converted in the first Apostolic Faith meeting held at Alvin, Texas, by Bro. Chas. F. Parham workers, Bro. Janes doing the preaching in 1905. Although Harvey did not preach regularly, he did lots of preaching work for God, and was faithful to the end. He passed from this life April 2, 1963 and thank God, he is resting awaiting the first resurrection.

ALICE ELIZABETH ROE

Alice Elizabeth Roe was born on May 16, 1883 in England. She came to America in 1885, and lived the remainder of her life in and near Hempstead, Texas.

In November 1901 she was married to John William Crowhurst. Eight children came to bless this union. Her husband and two sons preceded her in death. She departed this life June 1, 1963 after a short illness, at the age of eighty years.

Mrs. Crowhurst became a

Christian in early life and was faithful to her Lord. For the past forty years, she was an active worker in the Apostolic Faith Church of Hempstead, Texas.

Funeral services were conducted June 3, 1963 at the Hempstead Funeral Home by Rev. Joe B. Dewees and Rev. Geo. Polvado. Pallbearers were her grandsons.

Leaving to mourn her passing are four sons: Ernest and Joe of Houston, Texas; Albert of Austin, Texas; and Gilbert of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two daughters: Mrs. Joe B. Dewees and Mrs. Roy H. Matthews both of Hempstead, Texas. Twenty grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, other relatives and a host of friends.

TESTIMONY OF HEALING

This is to report, in the way of a testimony, what God has done for our son. We firmly believe that he was healed of epilepsy in the grand-mal stage.

Michael first had a convulsion which lasted around 45 minutes. He had four of these in all but was afflicted daily with collapsing, sometimes these were forcible.

We described these symptoms to a County Health nurse, to whom the children were going for their pre-school shots. She said it appeared to be epilepsy and suggested we take him to a physician. That we did. The Greatest Physician of all.

Though we have no medical report on Mikey's case, still we are satisfied to know he is free from any symptoms by God's grace and has been for several months. To Him be the Glory.

We want to thank every one of you that prayed and believed God with us for this healing.

Larry and Betty Walsh,
Route 4,
Doniphan, Missouri.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:

Mrs. B. L. Caldwell, Anderson, Missouri; Sadie Holden, Wichita, Kansas.

Be wiser than other people if you can . . . but do not tell them so.

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION

I am taking this means to give notice that with the expiration of my present term in office as a member of the board of trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible School, I wish to retire from this position and will not be subject to re-election.

My interest, prayers, and support in every way shall continue to be with the Bible School and with the Apostolic Faith Report paper, just the same as during the six years I served as trustee.

My sincere thanks go to you my friends and brethren of our Movement for your confidence you have placed in me as a trustee; also my thanks for the fine co-operation I have enjoyed with my fellow trustees, and all those who have labored for the Lord in the interest of the Bible School and the paper.

May God bless each of you.
Your brother in Christ,
Jack Barker,
Laverne, Okla.

Opportunity knocks as often as
a man has an ear trained to hear
her.

Camp Meeting . . .

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20.

The annual Camp Meeting of the Apostolic Faith Movement opened July 31, 1963 at the permanent camp grounds near Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Several hundred campers gathered in from various states to enjoy the blessings of the Lord. There were approximately eighty ministers present.

Services each day began with a 9:00 o'clock prayer service. At 10:00 o'clock a Bible Lesson was given. Many wonderful truths of the Bible were presented during this service that thrilled hearts and inspired Christians to work harder for the Lord. Also, at 10:00 o'clock children's church was conducted by Glennis McClenagan and Kay Regier.

At 2:30 each afternoon different ministers preached the Word. Some good altar services followed the afternoon message and many victories were gained.

Young People's Service each evening at 6:30 directed by Bro. Jack Cornell challenged the young people to live for the Lord now in the days of their youth and helped many to deepen their experience in God.

Nightly evangelistic services were held at 7:45 p.m. One highlight of Camp Meeting was the choir singing directed by Bro. Donald Dibbens at each evening service.

God so wonderfully blessed in Camp Meeting that many nights there were people around the altars until late in the night. People were saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Spirit, and

healed. Truly God confirmed His Word when He said in Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto me and I will shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." God has given His people a new and greater vision in these the last days of time.

We appreciate all the work and effort of the Camp Meeting Committee; the cooks, and everyone that had a part in making Camp Meeting the wonderful blessing it was. Most of all we are thankful that we serve a living God. One that will never fail but lead us on to victory as we daily serve Him.

Directors

Bob Cooper
F. E. Waterbury
Ray Michner

PINE CREST CAMP MEETING

Pine Crest Camp Meeting was held shortly following the Youth encampment and God blessed the services with His presence and anointing. There were representatives present from Texas, Kansas, Missouri, California, Alabama, and Mississippi. The inspired messages and special singing was a blessing to all and the Spirit of the Lord prevailed throughout the entire Camp. We were blessed, too, with nice weather which was a help to the camp.

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

The starting date for the '63 Fall Term of The Apostolic Faith Bible School will be September 9, 1963.

Rev. F. E. Waterbury, Superintendent.

Tithes

Tithe is to give or to pay a tenth part of. Tithe is to come from the first fruits and is to be paid on the increase. Lev. 27:30-33 gives the first enactment of the tithing law. It was to be given or assigned to the Levites, as a reward for their services. The ministry of today should be thus supported on a free will offering plan.

The Old Testament Speaks

Lev. 27:30-33. The tithe of the field, orchard, herd, or flock is the Lord's, ie., one-tenth of the increase in any business or occupation, that is gained in profit or salary.

Lev. 27:31. The tithes should not be used in a personal manner, but if they are, there is only one way to redeem them, that is to pay them and add one-fifth more to the original sum.

Gen. 14:20. Abram gave to Melchizedek, as the priest of God, the tithe or one-tenth. God blessed Abram for it too. To those who object to tithing, saying it is part of the old law, here is proof that God honored tithing before the law was given.

Num. 18:24-28. The Levites had no inheritance, but the tithe was theirs. They in turn owed an offering, that is, one-tenth of the tenth. This was to go to the sons of Aaron or the high priest.

Heb. 7:9. The New Testament regulations are the same, so that the tithe of the tithe must be paid. So as a minister, be sure to pay the tithe.

Deut. 12:5-6. They were to bring the tithe and all manner of offerings.

Neh. 13:5. The tithe of the corn and wine and oil was to be given to ministers and singers. The tithe today is to go to pastors, evangelists and their co-workers and helpers.

Neh. 13:10-12. The ministry sometimes lacks, and has to do manual labor. This should not be, and would not be if the tithe was paid, and equally and properly to each worker as his work or environment needed.

Prov. 3:9-10. Give God the first

and the best and He will bless and multiply gain to you. It is hard for a stingy man to get a blessing. You cannot out give God.

Prov. 11:25. To have a liberal heart and give is pleasing to the Lord, and his blessings are sure to follow such actions.

Deut. 1:22-23. Give the tithe of the increase from year to year. Don't give just once but always.

Mal. 3:8-12. God has been robbed. The whole nation or all are cursed because the tithe is not paid. Receive a blessing in abundance, in spirit and soul and body for paying the tithe. You owe God the tithe for the right to live on His earth and inherit all His good things. Heartache and sadness follow rebellion, and the Devil oftens collects.

The New Testament Speaks

Matt. 6:32-33. Seek God's kingdom first and He will add to you the necessary blessings of life. A selfish life is a ruined life. Let your daily life speak out for you.

Matt 6:19-21. Seek for treasures in heaven, for the heart follows your wealth. To give to the poor is to loan to the Lord. To give to His least ones is to remember Jesus.

Luke 6:38. Give of the substance that you have, be that small or great. Tithe is for the support of the ministry and not for the ones that are naturally your liability.

Matt. 23:23. The paying of tithes was all right but a person must always have mercy and faith and salvation. Money will not buy a way to heaven, but by paying tithe, the payer blesses and receives a blessing, and gifts and offerings and alms add to his glory. Try it and see.

Luke 21:1-4. The widow gave of her little and was blessed. God asks people to give as they possess. The more that is owned, the more is required. Large amounts are often thought too big to pay, but if one-tenth is too much to pay, the nine-tenths is too much for you to keep. The small offering will be received

gladly, and God will bless. The tithe is not yours but God's. Let him have it.

Acts. 4:34-37. This custom of selling all, and giving all and having all things in common, seemingly was practiced for only a short time by the early church. It involves too many problems. But you cannot get a hundred-fold blessing on a ten cent consecration, and anything that stands between you and your God must go regardless of cost, for Heaven is cheap at any price.

Acts 20:35. More blessed to give than to receive might not always involve the tithe of gifts; it might be spiritual strength or knowledge; but give, help, instruct, admonish, live for Christ and His cause and the Lord will richly reward.

I Cor. 9:13-14. A minister should be supported by the one he ministers to. People say "Have faith, trust in God." This must be done by all ministers, for God wants you to look to Him and not to man. But if you, as a Christian, fail to pay tithe, and give, God will withhold blessings from you. You might need God's help and even his ministers' help some time, so be good to both. Some sinners pay tithes and are blessed. You cannot stop God's work but you might hinder it, and cause unpleasant conditions.

I Cor. 16:1-1. This is speaking of a collection to be given to the poor saints at Jerusalem. Giving to the poor is not tithing. We are to pay tithe when it is due. By the week, or the month or the season, or by the business transaction. Work out a system, so that at all times, all part of the Gospel, in all places, will be cared for properly.

II Cor. 9:6-7. Give willingly and gladly and the Lord will reward you. Salvation cannot be bought with wealth, but by the blood of Jesus Christ; however, this is not a free-of-support Gospel, as some would have you believe. It costs to publish, to broadcast, to conduct revivals, to pastor, to build new churches, to expand, and go forward in general. You can have a part in all this program if you wish, and at the same time obey God and be blessed at His hand.

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Tithes—

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Remember To:

Pray much about where your tithe should go. God will help you to act and pray wisely.

Support your home church and the pastor that is there. Not the one that just left, or one you like best.

Support the evangelist and all gospel workers while at your church, be their service there long or short.

Support by letter or other means the ones that you feel led. They may need help badly and God is using you.

Support the radio broadcasts; they will help tell the story.

Support the publications and printing, tracts, etc., that send the word where you and others maybe cannot go.

Above all, pay tithe.

Some Important Don'ts

Don't withhold part of your tithe. Be honest with God.

Don't give to a half gospel, a compromiser or a tickler of the ear and expect God to bless you.

Don't worry how the preacher spends his money. If he fails God, God will require of his hands and not yours.

Don't feel you own a soul because you have given financial help in the past. Each day has its day's worth.

Don't give to special friends or kinfolks and let others suffer. Give, with an eye single to Christ and His work.

Don't deduct living expenses before paying tithe. God cares for his own.

Don't charge preachers for room and board, and take it out of tithes. They are your guests.

Don't, as ministers, count a man's income to measure the tithe. That might fail, and is altogether unwise.

Don't be a tithe solicitor. Let God lead, as to whom they should be paid.

Don't hint, they feel and know as well as you.

Conclusion

I Chron. 29:9. The house or church was built God's way, from willing hearts and helping hands.

Ezra 1:4-6. The house of Jeru-

salem was restored by willing hands. So build and expand, have nice places to worship. Work to see nicer camp grounds and Bible schools. Be progressive, and meet the need of the hour with God.

Some say: "Let the preacher work, Paul did." (I Cor. 4:12). There are cases where this may be necessary, but as a whole and rule, devote your time to prayer, study and do the work of an evangelist or pastor. You will be busy. Jesus said the laborer is worthy of his hire. (Luke 10:7). Paul said the laborer is worthy of his reward. (I Tim. 5:18).

Some say: "I don't believe in paying tithes, but in giving all." My experience has been that as a rule that person gives but very little; the Lord in sentiment gets all, but in reality nothing.

When you move to a new place, do not line up with a lesser Gospel, or backslide, but put your dollars to work there to establish a work. Tithing is for the support of the ministry. Offerings are for building and expansion. Alms are to be given to the poor.

There are so many angles to tithing that the whole cannot be covered in so short an article, but this will help you to be faithful to God and give or pay your tenth, and more, as God leads. Many testimonies are given of what a blessing tithing was to them. Ministers, be sure to teach your congregations to tithe. You are keeping back a part of the gospel and robbing them of a blessing, unless you teach tithing.

May God bless you so that harvests, both in the natural and spiritual, may be great.

NEW ARRIVALS:

A wee bit 'o heaven has dropped in to stay . . .

A sweet little baby with a heavenly way!

J'Non Marie arrived May 19, 1963. weight 7 lbs., 2 oz.

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hamilton, Wichita, Kansas.

Jeffrey Don Ray, came to bless the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Ray of Spenard, Alaska June 14, 1963. All 8 pounds and 4 ounces of husky boy.

TRI-STATE YOUTH RALLY

The Tri-State Youth Rally was held at the Youth Camp Grounds at Baxter Springs, Kansas on May 20, 1963. We were glad to have Bro. and Sis. Claude Bishop in the service. Choruses were led by Bro. Gene Waterbury. The program for the evening was a tie clipping contest with Joplin Church winning the contest. A film was shown—"Silent Witness." Many received a blessing from this film. The service was closed with an altar call and prayer around the altar. There were 130 in attendance.

Peggy Bard, Reporter

ARE YOU ONE OF GOD'S PITCHERS?

By DOROTHY W. MEACHAM

We do not pour into dirty pitchers. Neither does God. He looks for clean vessels. God will empty and cleanse, then fill to the brim, every pitcher He uses.

A pitcher is not a corked bottle or jug. It is not filled for storage. A pitcher has an open top for receiving, and a spout to pour out what it receives. Too many Christians are corked bottles. They are excellent containers; they receive and store up, but they do not pour out.

God's pitchers are made to receive the "milk of the word" and the "Water of life." But when these contents are not poured out they become stale and stagnant. They are also unable to receive more from God until they use the spout and pour out.

God's pitchers, like Mary's box of spikenard, must be broken, especially broken in self-will, to release the heavenly treasure they contain.

Are you a little pitcher and your capacity limited? Never mind that. As dear servant of God aptly expressed it, "If you can't hold much, you can spill over a great deal."

Just keep your top open toward heaven and your spout in good working order, and you'll be one of God's pitchers, a "vessel unto honor, sanctified (set apart) and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work. 2 Tim. 2:21.

PASTORAL REPORTS

LOGAN, OKLAHOMA

Our D.V.B.S. closed June 12 after a very successful school under the supervision of Miss Lera Woodson and her staff of teachers. The program, June 11, showed the results of the untiring efforts of those in charge. The Midway Country Church was proud to have Miss Woodson as supervisor.

On July 7th, our pastor and Bro. Jack Cornell left for Houston, Texas to get the equipment for the Midwest Youth Camp. Bro. and Sis. Floyd LaMunyon conducted the morning and evening services, at the Midway Country Church, bring many beneficial thoughts for all of us.

A large crowd was in attendance and everyone enjoyed the singing conducted by Bro. Donald Dibbens and Bro. Jerry McClenagan at the special Sunday services during Youth Camp at Laverne, also the splendid message by Bro. Gene Waterbury and Bro. Olen Bachler.

Rev. Edwin Modrick, Pastor
Gladys Klepper, Reporter

PAMPA, TEXAS

This finds us enjoying the blessing of God. God is good to us. We just closed a D.V.B.S. with 47 enrolled and a very good school. Sis. Yvonna Whiteley was in charge with Sis. Anna Scroggs helping.

We have resigned as pastor of the Kingsmill Community Church and ask that you remember us in your prayers that we will be led of the Lord in where we are to labor this coming year.

Rev. E. K. Cornell, Pastor.

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

The D.V.B.S. at the Modesto Apostolic Faith Church was attended by 38. The theme was "The Two Ways." Bro. and Sis. Briles and the folks of the church conducted the school. Sis. Harrison, who lives a few doors down the street, opened her home for the refreshments.

Rev. Ross Briles, Pastor.
Hazel Davis, Reporter.

BUCKHORN, TEXAS

Our regular services have been a blessing. The Spirit of the Lord is mightily present to bless our hearts. The church attendance is growing and a good number of young people are attending the services. Our Wednesday night services have proved a blessing. A different speaker brings the message each Wednesday night. Bro. Roy Matthews was the first speaker. Bro. Monroe Smith and Bro. Joe B. Dewees have been other speakers. An invitation is extended to every one to come worship with us at the Buckhorn Full Gospel Church.

Ethel Mae Acock, Reporter.
Rev. Winston Barker, Pastor.

SPRING VALLEY, CALIF.

Greetings from the Fair Oaks Chapel. We have just finished our D.V.B.S. There were 41 pupils enrolled and we had good interest by the children. The dates were July 8-17 with a closing program the night of the 17th. It was very nice working with Bro. and Sis. Allen.

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Allen, Pastor
Helen Arnold, D.V.B.S. Director

FOLLETT, TEXAS

We humbly thank God for his blessings on our regular services. Bro. Olen Bachler conducted a weeks revival at the Follett Chapel in the early summer that was a blessing to our people. Sis. Barbara Haines, Sis. Ina Haines, and Sis. Florence Fields have brought some outstanding lessons on Wednesday night. Bro. Robert Girouard filled in for the pastor and was a blessing to the people. During Camp Meeting Sis. Minnie Schwope and Sis. Alberdine Wilhite conducted inspiring Bible lessons. Sis. Ina Haines and Sis. Florence Fields conducted the morning and night services on August 4th. It is good to have good help to keep the services going on a good spiritual basis while the pastor is away working for the Lord.

Rev. Donald D. Dibbens, Pastor.

SNYDER, TEXAS

The Lord has been good to us here and has given many gracious things to the people here. We thank the Lord for the souls that have been saved in the revivals that have been conducted by the different ones. We want you to pray for these young converts and remember us as you pray. We invite all of the faith to come by.

Rev. and Mrs. Jim Morris,
Pastor

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

God has blessed us with several conversions in our regular services, and Bro. Wooster held 11 nights of services for us with 2 saved and 2 definite experiences in sanctification. Our annual Board of Trustee election was in June with Bro. Glen Waggoner replacing Bro. Wayne Blythe. We thank God for the blessings of today upon us.

Rev. Paul A. Clanton, Pastor.

CROSSES, ARKANSAS

Bro. Ronnie Smart, stationed in Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, came to help us in the Easter program. This was a very inspiring service. Our D.V.B.S. was in June. Sis. Winona Waggoner, of our local congregation, was the director of the school. The women of the church were faithful in teaching and working in the school.

We were privileged to help in the Youth Camp in Baxter Springs, Kansas. We took several young people and most of them were saved in the Camp. We have organized a special youth meeting every 2nd and 4th Saturday nights of the month.

We helped in a D.V.B.S. at Doniphan, Missouri. Marilyn Woods accompanied us and helped in the school. Marilyn is making plans to attend Bible School this fall. We want to thank Bro. Bill Yeakel for taking our place while we were away. The Yeakel's have certainly been a blessing to our church.

Rev. and Mrs. Roland Haney
Pastor

DURHAM, ARKANSAS

Our church is doing good. Interest is growing. We baptized 6 in water, two weeks ago that have been converted in the last year. We are praying for other souls—pray with us.

Rev. Alford Whiteley, Pastor.

ENID, OKLAHOMA

During the month of July, a revival was conducted by the Adair family. Our church was certainly blessed by this effort. The presence of the Lord was felt in the singing and preaching. Bro. Marcus L. Adair gave some spiritual messages. We want to express our greatest appreciation for these friends in Christ.

Rev. Eugene Webster, Pastor

WILLOW, ALASKA

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Trust that this finds you enjoying the richest of the Lord's blessings. We would like to report that the Lord has been blessing here in Willow, Alaska. The Lord willing we will start running the foundation for our building here next week. As the Lord continues to bless we will go on up with the building. We have started having services in our trailer, in which we will worship until the building is ready. We covet your prayers.

The Dearings

Let us send an extra prayer for the Dearings, as they work to make the Willow Chapel a soul saving landmark in Alaska.

—Editor

GRANBY, MISSOURI

Attendance has been good the past year, with an average of 94 in Sunday School. This is an average increase of 8% per Sunday over one year ago. Also a new record of 149 was set for a single Sunday. The Church is praying for a new addition to its present structure, which is needed very much.

The Adair family conducted a tent meeting during the month of August. The church and pastor invites ministers of the faith to come by for services.

Rev. L. J. Ehrlich, Pastor

ALVIN, TEXAS

During the week of June 10th through 14th a Youth Crusade was sponsored by our church. Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Smith had charge of the Elementary age group and Bro. Roy Matthews of Hempstead, Texas spoke to the Junior and Teen-age groups. These were evening services and a good interest and attendance was shown. Several received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Our church was well represented with helpers at the South Texas Youth Camp. Sis. Lola Bell Doty and Sis. Ramona Kerr were teachers. Sis. Dorothy Merchant, Sis. Martha Etta Flora, Sis. Dorothy Cannon and myself were counselors. I also had charge of the recreation in camp. Bro. K. Kerr had charge of the Youth Inspiration Morning Services. About 14 youth attended from Alvin. Bro. Edwin Wayne Modrick, pastor of the Midway Country Church near Logan, Oklahoma, visited the Sunday services and brought the night message.

July 7 Bro. and Sis. Henry Pletcher from Mexico had the morning service. He and his family are on a few weeks visit to the States.

Rev. K. Kerr, Pastor
Bob Cannon, Reporter

TIME

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

—Author Unknown

**Don't Miss An Issue
of the
APOSTOLIC FAITH REPORT**

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**DID YOU EVER
STOP TO THINK?**

By JANICE ORANGE

Did you ever stop to think
Before you took that drink
Or before you lit that smoke,
Or before that last word you spoke
That God would know?

Did you ever stop to think
That by the clock, every stroke
The hour grows near
To when Jesus will appear?

Did you ever stop to think
That a kind word
Can be heard,
Or a good deed
Can bring a friend you may need?

Did you ever stop to think
That what would happen if
Jesus came in the night?
Would you cry with all your might,
Or would you try to run
To hide the bad things you had done?

Did you ever stop to think
That for God you could live,
An eternal life He could give?

Did you ever stop to think
That your every problem
To him you could bring,
And that your heart he could make
sing,
And give you a song
For all the day long?

Did you ever stop to think
That in Heaven you someday could
be,
And God in all his glory you could
see,
And that a mansion of gold,
And a land where you would never
grow old
You could hold?

Did you ever stop to think
Of the price that Jesus paid,
And the sacrifice that was made,
And his precious life he gave
For a world in sin to save?

Did you ever stop to think
That you would never miss that
drink,
Or that smoke,
Or the words you spoke?

Did you ever stop to think
That others the right way you could
show
And to let them know
That to Heaven they too could go?

Did you ever stop to think
That a Christian you could be
And by doing right
Could help others to see the light?

Oh, don't you want to live a
Life that is pure and whole,
And your love for God
Never grow cold,
Or did you ever stop to think?

The Children's Hour . . .

By ALBERDINE WILHITE

M-iraculous is this world of ours
 -iraculous hanging of sun, moon, and stars
 -iraculous was that Day of Grace
 the saved shall see Him face to face!

The Psalmist said, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: Come before His presence with singing—" Psalms 100:1-2.

Singing is one of the most beautiful ways to worship God. I enjoy beautiful music in our worship services each Sunday morning. My favorite songs are those of love and grace. "It Took A Miracle," is one of my favorite songs. "When He saved my soul, cleansed and made me whole, it took a miracle of love and grace!" Indeed it did! The creation was a miracle. The birth of Jesus was a miracle and His death on the cross to purchase redemption for us was another miracle! Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. This reminds me of a story, "Jimmie and the Atheist" by Mrs. Floyd McCague. An atheist is a person who does not believe in God or His Son.

Jimmie was a little orphan boy who lived with his wicked old aunt. She was so selfish that she hated to give him enough to eat. She did not want to care for him. I do not think she cared for our Lord Jesus.

Jimmie slept in a dingy little room in the up-stairs of his aunt's home. One night while Jimmie and his aunt were asleep the house caught fire. Because it was old the house burned quickly. The alarm was given and people came with wet sacks and buckets of water to put out the fire. The little town did not have a fire department. While the town people were working to put out the flames, they heard a cry from the up-stairs window. It was Jimmie! The people stood look-

ing up at him for they did not want to risk their lives to rescue him.

In this town lived a man who was an atheist. He did not believe in God, His Son, Jesus, nor did he believe in the Bible. He always told people how he felt and how he believed. When he saw Jimmie, he quickly climbed up the drain pipe and pulled Jimmie out of the flaming house. Both suffered from burns but the atheist suffered the worst of all. Jimmie's aunt perished in the flames and Jimmie was left alone again.

The minister took Jimmie home with him and told the people of the town that all who were interested in adopting Jimmie should come to the parsonage on a certain day. A young christian couple came and while they were asking Jimmie to come and live with them, the atheist came to the minister's door. The man said little as he came toward Jimmie but began to unwrap his hands. He showed Jimmie his wounds and said, "Won't you come and be my boy?" Seeing the burned and scarred hands, Jimmie ran to the man, threw his arms around him and said, "I want to go with you and be your boy because your hands were burned for me."

Jimmie and his new daddy had wonderful times together: they played together, went fishing, hiking, and enjoyed games together.

One day an exhibition of paintings came to town. The father explained the pictures to Jimmie the very best he could until they came to a certain one. He hurried the boy past the pic-

ture as fast as he could and began to explain the one beyond it. But the lad asked his father, "Why are the nails in the man's hands and feet? And why are the people weeping so?"

Realizing that he could not ignore the boy's questions, he replied, "I do not believe the story but this is what they told me about the man in the picture: 'Many years ago a man named Jesus was tried before Pilate for a crime he did not do. Pilate, finding no fault in him, had him flogged and would have released him but the people would not let Pilate do this. It was the custom of the land for the Governor, once a year to pardon or set free a criminal. The criminal the people should ask for. So Pilate asked the people whom they wanted released to them: Barabbas (he was guilty of murder) or Jesus, called Christ? The people shouted, 'Away with him, give us Barabbas!' Pilate asked what he should do with Jesus and the people yelled, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate had him whipped. The soldiers mocked him. Put a thorny crown on his head, slapped his face, spit on him, and smote him with a reed. But the man did not say a word in self defense. Finally they nailed him to a cross, a very painful punishment, and over his head they put these words: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.

Jimmie's new father said, "That is the story, but I do not believe it." Although Jimmie saw the rest of the exhibition he remembered the man on the cross the best of all. He begged his daddy to repeat the story

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How About A Date?

Dating—a subject of real interest to all teen-agers, fellows, and girls, Christians and non-Christians. But to the Christian, even his dating life should glorify the Saviour, for the Bible says . . . “whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God” (I Cor. 10:31).

MOM AND DAD AND YOU

Parents are human, believe it or not. Like you, they share the human qualities of fear, anger,



love, jealousy, courage, unselfishness, and the ability to make mistakes. In all probability, your parents have been around a good deal longer than you have. This gives them the idea that they know better than you do . . . Let's face it . . . they do! By the chronological accident of arriving in this vale of tears a few years before you did, and by the process of begetting you and thus transferring some of their own personalities to you, parents have a great advantage.

The average teen finds his parent problem in this category. Perhaps there is a dominating parent or in other words either mom or dad will let me do it. On the other hand some teens seem to have the problem of the old-fashioned parent, who will just never understand. Before we go farther, might we mention the fact that your relationship with your parents is often an index of what your character will be in later life. What shall I do when my parents refuse to give their consent to something I want to do very much?

There is just one answer if you are a Christian . . . obey your parents . . . The Bible says . . .

Obey your parents in the Lord. Honor thy father and thy mother which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

The Lord Jesus remarked that parents know how to give good gifts to their children and that when he punishes his children it is for their own good and would not knowingly harm them. Someone says, “I am in love with a wonderful boy, but my folks just can't see him—they say he is not

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good enough for me. What shall I do? I am afraid that if I break up our friendship, I will regret it and maybe never find another as nice as he.” The answer is this. Is the boy an out and out Christian? Would we ever marry an unsaved person, or one of another faith? The Bible remarks . . . Be ye not unequally yoked together. Don't marry someone to reform them or to make them grow spiritually. Marriage never reformed anybody.

THE RIGHT PERSON

What would you like for dessert—apple pie, ice cream, or both? Every day we are faced with important decisions. Some are no more important than choosing dessert, while others may affect us for a lifetime. Some folks have never learned to make decisions. Like the maiden in Longfellow's poem, they “stand with reluctant feet where the brook and the river meet.”

Early in life we learn that choices become very important. They often determine that way we might travel. Like boarding a train or jet, it is hard to turn back after one gets started. Think of the effects of a choice. Re-

member how important it was in your salvation—one moment of choice and you were saved with salvation that could make an eternity of difference. Ever since the time of the Garden of Eden lives have been drastically changed by a choice. How about Bill and Mary? Bill is already attracted to the girl, which means that his feelings are involved. Our feelings and emotions are always a little difficult to manage, especially as we mature, and they are all too ready to run away with us. After Bill has had one date, his attraction to Mary has increased. Still, Bill will want another date and then an-

other.

He hasn't let Mary know his stand for Christ because each time he has seen her he has had something else on his mind. The more Bill likes Mary, the easier it is for Mary to persuade Bill in the wrong direction—even if she is a real nice girl. The question was asked “Should I go on a date with him in order to witness about the Lord? One might have an opportunity to witness about the Lord on a date, but it isn't necessary to go on a date with someone just to be a witness.

EVERYONE ELSE IS

It happens all the time. A fellow and a girl are on a date, having a real nice time. They discover they really are fond of each other, and each moment then becomes a little more pleasant. Then somewhere along the line the fellow or the girl suggests they do something they should not do. The sudden reply is—I don't do those things—and then—well, everyone else is. That is the old story all right, but they are wrong. There are young people all over that have enough sense to be careful and live a

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Mid-West Youth Camp Report

The Mid-west Youth Camp at the new permanent camp grounds at Laverne, Oklahoma was a good success despite disagreeable and stormy weather. The camp's eight dormitories were equipped to house 160 persons but the enrollment reached 205 making it necessary to provide additional living space. Four tents were set up, one for the general assemblies and church services, one for the handicraft work, one as a concession stand where candy and soft drinks were sold during specified periods, and one planned for use as a classroom tent. This latter one was pressed into service as a boys' dormitory to take care of the overflow enrollment.

Stormy weather brought some severe problems to the Camp—Friday evening shortly before church time a wind and rain storm struck and all four of the large tents were blown down and three of them were damaged beyond use. There was some other damage to equipment in the tents but all the children and young people were safe in the dormitories and the cafeteria. The camp was in darkness for a few hours but there was no panic. We thank God for His protecting Hand over the campers. On Saturday all classes continued as usual except the classes of older

boys—they were dismissed to help with the clean-up job. Another large tent was brought in from Hutchinson, Kansas and by church time Saturday night every thing was back to normal and ready for evangelistic services.

From beginning to end of Camp the Lord was present to bless. The spiritual atmosphere was splendid in the Bible study classes, and also in the rallies and the nightly evangelistic services. Several prayed through to definite experiences of salvation, sanctification, and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The closing day of camp 57 were baptized in water.

Brother Otto Busch and a fine kitchen staff provided excellent meals; desserts were sent in daily by area churches. Brother Gene Webster was in charge of the handicraft, and Sister Leora Woodson served faithfully as secretary for the camp. Much credit for the success of the encampment goes to the committeemen, the teachers, the counselors, but none of it could have been possible without the presence of the fine young people and children who enrolled. To God belongs all glory and praise and honor for every blessing bestowed by His bountiful Hand.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The tabernacle tent which was destroyed was owned by Brother Otto Busch; the other tents which were destroyed were owned by the Tucker Foundation. Several people have asked how to contribute money to help repair or replace these tents. Here is that information: contributions for Brother Busch's tent should be sent to Jack Cornell, Balko, Okla.; contributions for the Tucker tents should be sent to Edwin Modrick, Logan, Okla. Any help you may feel to give will be deeply appreciated and will provide tents to be used in God's service in the future.

PINE CREST YOUTH CAMP QUITMAN, MISS.

The Lord blessed in every way in the Youth Camp here with an enrollment of 36 young people plus 12 younger children who also were taught daily lessons from the Word of God. There were approximately 16 teachers, counselors and helpers.

There were several saved and sanctified during the course of the Camp for which we are very thankful.

SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH RALLY

The regular monthly meeting of the South Texas Youth Rally was held at the "Lost Pines Encampment" near La Grange, Texas, on June 14, 1963. The young people and adults gathered around 4:00 p.m. for a social get-together and a wiener roast. The Rally began shortly after 7:30 p.m. with 105 present. Bro. Ted Barker opened the Rally by encouraging everyone to attend Youth Camp. Special numbers were presented by the Katy and Wayside churches. Buckhorn presented the program.

New officers were elected: Roy Matthews, president; Mrs. Lenora Peck, vice-president; Miss Peggy Peck, secretary-treasurer. There was not a reporter re-election. Buckhorn won the attendance banner. The next rally is planned for July 12 in Katy, Texas.

Liz Elkins, Reporter.

Don't be a carbon copy—make your own impressions.

Four State Youth Camp

It is indeed a pleasure to give a report of the above youth camp, which was conducted at the camp site east of Baxter Springs, Kans. from June 19th through June 26th.

The enrollment of 135 was fine considering the number of churches and the territory from which we had to draw. Every person had a job, and each one carried out their job so well that the camp ran in perfect unity and harmony. The weather was real good, which helped make our night attendance above the average. Every minister had a rich anointing, which brought the necessary conviction to give well filled altars. The "Stand" did not open after church, so there was no temptation to go there rather than pray.

The work of Sis. Jaunita Methvin in the 11:00 o'clock a.m. "rally for all", proved a real blessing, so that every minute of it was worth while. Sis. Lula Parham had charge of the teachers and the lessons, and kept every class running smoothly. We also would like to mention Sis. John Rogers that had charge of the kitchen and gave the camp the best meals, well balanced and well served every time. Thanks to these workers, plus the many teachers and counselors and staff which added to the strength of the camp.

The record shows that 46 were saved, 36 sanctified and 29 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. On the last morning we had a beautiful Sacrament Service, served from the new Sacrament set which had been given to the camp by Bro. and Sis. J. O. Ferry. They came the furthest, (from Chicago) and both taught and worked diligently. Following the Sacrament Service 31 followed the Lord in water baptism.

The camp was under the direction of four committeemen: they were Olal Nunn, Granby, Mo., E. J. Ehrlich, also of Granby, M. D. Methvin of Galena and Gail Schultz of Baxter Springs.

The older teen agers were especially blessed in this camp. The

handcraft was beautiful and gave each one something nice to take home. Indeed we praise the Lord for all of his goodness, and look forward to other well blessed camps.

The committeemen wish to thank Bro. and Sis. Otis Wade for the fine cafe dinner that they gave them. It was an expression of thoughtfulness to those who labored faithfully for the camp. We want to thank the general public and well-wishers of the camp, and praise the Lord because every bill was paid in full at the close of camp.

—By Gail Schultz

(NOTE: We regret that we were unable to obtain a report of the Lost Pines Youth Camp of South Texas for this issue of the REPORT. The editors.)

WEST TEXAS YOUTH RALLY

The West Texas Youth Rally met July 5, 1963 at the Apostolic Faith Church in Snyder, Texas. A number of specials were given by the participating churches and a skit and poem were a blessing to the service. Bro. Vester Clanton brought an exceptional sermon on Colossians, Chapter 2.

The August Youth Rally has been dismissed for the Camp Meeting season. The next Rally will be September 6, 1963 at Big Spring, Texas on the hour of 8:00 p.m.

Ellen Boyd, Reporter

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good christian life for God. You are not alone. Christian fellow, or Christian girl, date to live a life that will lift the moral standards to a new high. There are enough others who work in the other direction. Have the courage to use your own convictions. Know your Bible, and the scriptural basis for why you do certain things and do not do the others. How about a date?

—By Edwin Modrick

Children's Hour—

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again and again. At bedtime, Jimmie said, "Daddy, the man's wounded hands make me think of your burned hands and of how you suffered for me in order to save me."

Jimmie's words kept his father from sleeping that night. He remembered how the young christian couple wanted Jimmie. He wondered how he would have felt had Jimmie refused to live with him. How happy he was that Jimmie had decided to become his son. Suddenly he became sad because God told him that in spite of the fact that Jesus had died for him, took a whipping for him, even was crucified for his sins, he was still refusing to become God's child. The atheist recalled some scriptures he had heard: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "The soul that sinneth it shall die." Christ also suffered for us. "Who his own self bare our own sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness." Then Jimmie's daddy remembered that the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God so persuaded him of his unbelief that he knelt down by his bed and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his own Saviour and let the Lord save him from a fire worse than the one from which he had rescued Jimmie. He was really happy now. Soon after this, Jimmie also accepted the Lord. "As many (including Jimmie and the atheist) as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. Friend, will not you receive him now? Remember "M" the Miraculous saving of our souls. Remember, he died for you. "He saved others, Himself He did not save."

Let me grow lovely, growing old—
So many fine things do;
Laces, and ivory, and gold
And silks need not be new.
There is healing in old trees,
Old streets a glamor hold.
Why may not I, as well as these,
Grow lovely, growing old?

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