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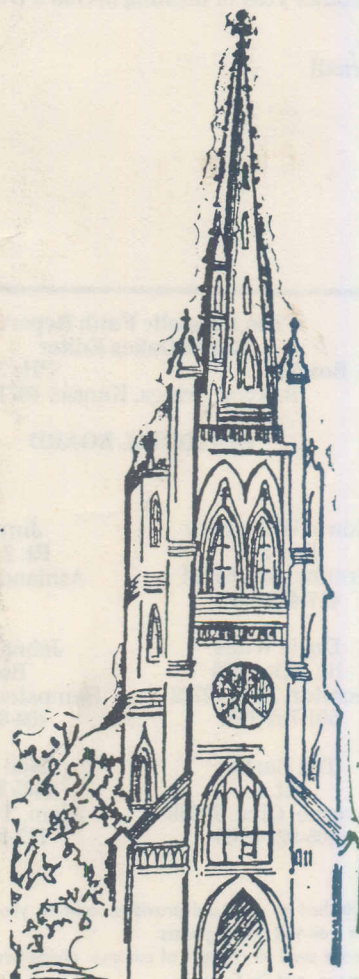
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From the Superintendent's Desk



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the opening of Bible College! We are just beginning the 1986 Fall Semester and are pleased with the enrollment of 34 young men and women. This year will hold many wonderful blessings for student and faculty alike, because of the prayers of a movement with a vision to train a child in the way he should go.

It is also my pleasure to announce that we have a guest room available this year. If any of you would like to come and visit, just call in advance for reservation. We are always glad to have you come and meet the student body and participate in our classes.

On behalf of all of us at A.F.B.C., we say Thank you for making another year of feasting in God's Word possible.

Sincerely,
Lyndel Arnall

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It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Savior. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. These common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows:

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

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation

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

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

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

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 29:8-9.

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

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

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

Pearls of Promise

He that dwelleth in the secret
place of the most High shall
abide under the shadow of the
Almighty.

Psalm 91:1

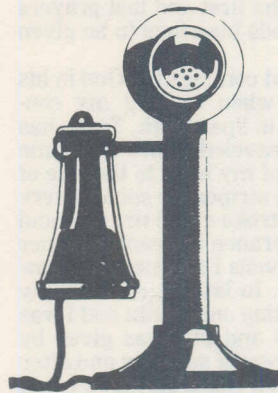
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My Dear Friends of like precious faith:

With a great desire to tell you how much I missed seeing you and to enjoy with you God's marvelous blessings at the 1986 camp meeting of the Apostolic Faith Movement in Laverne, Okla., I have decided the best way is to write and ask our dear friend Karen Oakes to mail it for me.

Throughout the years I have had the priviledge of attending many camp meetings in Laverne and in Baxter Springs, Kansas and often hearing the first and last prayers which ascended to the throne for Gods blessings to be given our hungry hearts.

Now for a few years my goings and comings for God in his harvest field which was told me when making my consecration in 1920 was near my home in Spearman, Texas has been different and fewer in miles traveled. Since that time my body physician from the crown of my head to the sole of my feet has been Jesus who bore the stripes for such. A very few years ago that known as a sun stroke came my way and God again in his time brought deliverance but each summer since when the sun is high in the heavens I am made to know it is time to go from its direct rays. In late March 1986 my body collapsed at age 97½ years lacking one month and I was really in need of the help of others and this was given by children and grandchildren, the prayers of so many and after about two months my wonderful Lord restored that I could again drive the car for my needs in whatever way they may be. Generally speaking I do for myself and what grieves me most no longer am I able to do for others as I would love to as in the past. But thank the Lord I don't feel there is any retirement for the Soldiers of the Cross.

When waking on the morning of Jan. 20, 1985, I had one of the surprises of my life when I heard the still small voice of God which said - To God a note of Thanks - this is to be the heading of a Bible article to be written and published every week in the Spearman Reporter, our home newspaper. With the cooperation of the publisher Mr. Billy Miller it has and is being done. It has been a great blessing to me just to help spread the glorious news of God's love for the world and the Love of Jesus for a glorious Church without spot or wrinkle. I no longer drive my car a great distance along and I do not like to drive at night as in past years but I certainly am well acquainted with the streets that will take me to the house of prayer for all services for my blessing. In all services there is blessing whatever way it might be.

Friends with meeting you at camp meeting this year many would seem as a stranger (but not in the Lord) and I feel I must tell you how much I miss the faces of them of past years who are asleep in Jesus. Yes and of the work required in earlier days that all be blessed in such services. Many, many tents put up for us to stay in, a large one went up as the kitchen and dining room. In this one tables (crude ones), burners of some kind and it was all done a love service no matter how great the sacrifice. Many were involved and I shall only mention; two, Ben and Jack Barker whose home was in or near Laverne.

The Lord hasn't changed, the gospel is the same. He has always had and still has faithful laborers, so now is the time for all of us to be in that number. We must stay wide awake spiritually for the Word tells us which were from the lips of Jesus Be ye ready, in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh.

Sis. Greever, 97, Spearman, Texas, continues to serve God faithfully as He leads.



In 1986 we have almost finished 2 of God's 1000 days and in Hosea 6:2 we read, After two days will he revive us in the thid day he will raise us up and we will live in his sight. (Resurrection of the blessed and holy dead). O what a day that will be! In 1 Thess. 4:16-18 we read, The Lord himself shall descend with a shout with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God and the dead in Christ will rise first then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Through many years may come our way, with a sound mind we can still pray the Lord of harvest to send forth laborer for the harvest is ripe and laborers few. We can pray for them who are laboring. Jesus said occupy till I come and by his spirit and word that agree "He's coming soon."

Lovingly Yours,
Mrs. E.A. Greever
319 S. Bernice
Spearman, Texas

Dear friends of the Gospel,

Several have ask us to let them know our new address and phone number. We are the caretakers of the Midwest Apostolic Faith Youth Camp. We have moved and are trying to get settled but we feel sure that we will enjoy our work here as we care for the camp and it's up keep. During the winter months we will be conducting revival meetings as the doors are opened to us. We will also be available for week-end fill in services for the area churches of the panhandle.

We covet your earnest prayers that God will use us for his glory as we endeavor to be a blessing to those in hospitals and rest homes. There is a great ministry in this area and we hope to reach souls that need the Lord, as well as minister to those who are hurting in several different ways.

Our new address is:

RRt. 2
Box 3B
Laverne, Okla. 73848
Phone..... 921-5502

If we can be of service to you at any time, please feel free to call on us and we will do our best to help in any way possible. Please, keep us on your prayer list that God will use us for His glory and that God will supply our every need as we minister in these different areas.

We welcome you to visit us at our home on the camp grounds.

Yours in Christ's service,
Bob and Hazel Taylor

The Power of Prayer

HIS CALM IN MY STORM

(This is the miraculous account of a lady in our church, Sis. Adel Luckey, and her battle against cancer).

Nearly a year had passed since my mastectomy, but I never could get well. Now I sat in the doctor's office, waiting to hear his diagnosis. His shocking news came all too soon; they hadn't gotten all the cancer out from the mastectomy, and now it had spread. From my remaining breast to my liver, the cancer had spread. It was eating my red blood cells so fast that I needed two pints of blood every week or so. The doctors couldn't hardly get enough blood from my bone marrow to make a test, as the vicious disease took its toll.

All through this time, I felt such a great calm within me; God's calm in my storm. A friend of mine from the Rockdale Full Gospel Church who had also had a mastectomy, called my daughter, Joy, and asked, "Does your mother know what's happening to her? She acts too calm about this." I knew what was happening alright, but I took the time to rely on God for His strength. It was the only way I could make it through.

One day as I was sitting at the table, I raised my hands and began to praise the Lord. My husband asked, "Well, what brought all that on?" I knew that God had done something within me. I called my daughter, Melba, and told her that I knew I was better.

The next day, I went back to the doctor for a blood test. The medication he had given me to treat my cancer wasn't suppose to take effect for a month to six weeks, and this was only the third week. The doctor was amazed at my progress. I was making my own red blood cells, and this time when they gave me a bone marrow test, the blood came spewing out. There was much to be thankful for.

And yet, there was still something that bothered the doctor, and me. My remaining breast was filled with nodules and a big mass. As I sat before my television one day listening to the Richard Roberts Show, I heard them begin to pray for a lady in my same condition. I knew they were praying for me. Without a moment's hesitation, I rebuked the devil and asked God to heal me.

The other day, I had another check up. The doctor said I am "superb". My breast is fine, and so is my health overall. I felt the need to share this testimony with you. It is my hope that anyone going through a similar battle will be strengthened by this. God can be the calm in your storm too!

"I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee." II Kings 20:5

Told by Sis. Adel Luckey
Edited by Sandy Haney
Rockdale Apostolic Faith Church
Rockdale, Texas

THANK YOU LORD

I just want to thank the Lord for being alive and able to serve him. I'm thankful to be blessed with such lovely pastors as Bro. Robert and Sis. Dora Beydler in our church in Enid, Okla. How could we do without them? The Lord has been with them and us since they come. They are a present help in every time of trouble, sorrow or sickness, They know how to encourage, lift up, answer questions, help you see the light, pick the right way to go in the decisions we make. We love them.

The Lord has been with me in much sickness, sorrow, mental stress and hard decisions to make in the last 6 months. November 12, 1985 I fell from a bath tub and hit my head. I entered the hospital Nov. 13 to be told that my blood was too thick plus a closed valve in my heart. I had surgery in Oklahoma City on Dec. 10. All went well except the pain medicine made me sick. I was out of recovery two hours earlier than the Doctor expected even with the medicine problem. I did very well with my faithful friend Jesus beside me. I was walking the halls in 3 days and I came home on Dec. 19 and was in church on Dec. 21 with my daughter and grandson from Texas. The hard trial came, I returned for a check-up to find out I had fluid in my left lung. I went back to surgery for placement of a tube in the left lung. The pain was severe but the Lord was there all the time to help me and mine to keep our trust in him. Then came the test of my faith, courage, longsuffering, patience and understanding. I almost failed the test. The bills came like a mountain and I became low and had questions I couldn't answer. Then I realized one day at a time is all we are required to live. Yesterday was gone, today is the Lord's, tomorrow will take care of itself. I tried hard to rest in the Lord. The devil used his tools to put me down but I held on. He tried to make me believe I couldn't do my own business after the loss of a large sum of money came up - missing. The Lord has provided so it will be counted as a loss never found. The mental pain was hard but with Jesus help the victory came. My last trip to the hospital came May 14 while away from home when my heart went into failure with lung congestion in the left lung. After 6 days in the Seiling, Okla. hospital was told by my doctor that I must rest with only four hours work per day. It's hard when you've been able to go and help others whenever you want to. Resting in the Lord has helped me to be still and know that he was God. Prayer is the answer to the victory over all our trials. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. A decision to spend most of my time in Fairview with my husband who is ill with a breathing problem was hard because I wanted to be at my home church in Enid, but pride was put under foot. I attend a good church in the country. They treat me lovely and the fellowship of saints is sweet.

Pray that I may keep my all on the altar for his service. I want to be like Jesus so I can win souls for Jesus. God bless all you good people in the Apostolic Faith Movement.

Mary Branham
Enid, Oklahoma

Deprivation

I am sorry for the man who do not read the Bible every day; I wonder why they deprive themselves of the strength and of the pleasure. It is one of the most singular books in the world. For every time you open it, some old text that you have read a score of times suddenly beams with a new meaning. There is no other book I know of, of which this is true; there is no other book that yields its meaning so personally, that seems to fit itself so intimately to the very spirit that is seeking its guidance.

-Woodrow Wilson

Ladies Retreat

SUMMER



"For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts 4:20. As I sit here thinking about the things that we did see and hear, my heart feels the joy of the Lord springing up within me.

Excitement was in the air as the ladies began to gather. They came from Baxter Springs, Galena, and Riverton, Kansas; Joplin, Seneca, Taneyville, Granby, Stella, Pierce City, and Marshfield, Missouri; Pampa and Canyon, Texas; and Laverne, Oklahoma. There were 33 in all.

Each came with needs and expectations. No one left without needs met and feeling satisfied, yet hungry for more.

We enjoyed some light moments with laughter filling the building, but when the laughter was put aside and we turned our thoughts to more serious things, the Lord blessed us in a way that really cannot be expressed fully.

Sis. Dorothy Cook brought a beautiful devotion that ended with prayer requests. Some very personal needs were expressed to these sisters that had already begun to feel their hearts bound together by God's Spirit. A wonderful time of prayer brought release to some burdened hearts. It was one of those times when we felt that we were sitting at the feet of JESUS and no one wanted to leave.

The next morning we got up early to pray together with a prayer partner. We enjoyed a time of singing led by Sis. Janae Harris. What a beautiful talent she has.

Next, we divided into groups for workshops dealing with several different subjects. After lunch we had an object lesson on flowers, which carried out the theme of "Bloom Where You Are Planted."

A time of sharing the talents God has given was enjoyed as many participated in singing, piano playing, an object lesson and readings.

The Lord's anointing was again, so real as we sat under the ministry of Sis. Brenda Martin. She spoke to us about casting away "the body of death." Rom. 7:24. She exhorted us to leave our burdens with the Lord. The Lord blessed with wonderful time of prayer. We found ourselves expecting great things as we gathered for the evening service. We did not go away disappointed. The Holy Spirit ministered to us again, through Sis. Janae and Sis. Brenda. Again, we lingered in prayer as God blessed.

Early Sunday morning we came to express testimonies of what God had done. Dismissal was given with hearts full of joy and enthusiasm, ready to share what God had done in our lives. Reports continue to come to us of the stirring and moving of the Spirit that started here. Sis. Roberta Sluder was filled and Baptized in the Holy Spirit in the service at Prosperity on Sunday morning.

I have only touched the surface of the things we saw and heard and felt during this special time. I could never totally express what happened. You just had to be there to know!

We are already planning for next year. We hope you will begin to make plans to attend. You will not be sorry.

Praise God for His blessings. I believe this scripture would sum up the feelings of everyone who met with us. "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Mal. 3:1.

Donna Kinser

Deadline!

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REPORTS 1986

4-STATE YOUTH CAMP

We praise the Lord for his many blessings this year at the 4-state youth camp. We had 87 campers and around 9 pre-campers attending this year. This was a wonderful group of young people who we enjoyed seeing spiritually blessed and mature in the Lord. We had 21 saved, who made first time decisions in accepting the Lord as Saviour while these and others gained Bible knowledge and spiritual victories.

We had 48 adults who gave of their time to the Lord and to our young people working all or part of the week. These all did marvelous jobs cooperating with the committee and doing what they were asked.

Continue praying for our youth through out the year that they may remain strong and grow in the Lord.

Yours in Christ,
Alvin Buschman-Chairman

LOST PINES YOUTH CAMP WARDA, TEXAS

As I look back on my past I can remember many places, people and circumstances that have had a lasting effect on my life. As I remember I think of my wonderful Christian family, a church that teaches the truth, schools I attended, friends, Bible School and many more. Among those things that have had a lasting influence on my life is youth camp. I have been privileged to attend youth camp every year of my life.

Youth camp is a place of learning, of fellowship, of fun but mostly of growing closer to the Lord. A place where young people can open up and learn to deal with their problems by letting Jesus work them out. A place where they don't have to worry what their peers are thinking. Youth Camp is a blessing and more than that it is a privilege.

During the past few years I have traveled to several of our youth camps to work for the Lord and each one has been a special time. This past summer I was privileged to attend the Lost Pines Camp in Wards, Texas again. There were several workers and campers attending from different parts of the country. Together we worked, played, laughed and cried. And I think we can all say we learned. Each day was filled with classes, singing, recreation and most important, times of examining our lives, searching for ways to better please the Lord. Each night we looked forward to Bro. Calvin Springer's message which were enlightening and encouraging. We saw victories won and lives changed around the alters.

Every youth camp I've attended has been different. Each year and in every place things are different. But one thing I've found to be in common-the burden to see young people really find the Lord to be their Saviour and their Lord. I urge you-don't lose your burden for our young people and for our youth camps. The Lord will reward your efforts. And though we may not always know and we may not always realize the results of our efforts-God will give the increase. Your labor is not in vain. For some day in some young heart a seed that was planted will blossom and grow into a life of beauty. And that's worth everything!

Vanessa Oakes

MIDWEST YOUTH CAMP, LAVERNE, OKLA.

Our first week we had 33 teenagers enrolled. It was a good week as we studied, sang, worked, and played together. The young people responded well in our evening services with Bro. Ron Martin as our evangelist.

There were 42 enrolled in our junior camp. One of the highlights for the campers was the morning rally with Sis. Dale Stollings. Everyone enjoyed the evening services as Bro. Randy Dalton ministered to the young people.

We appreciate all the workers in both camps and pray the young people developed a relationship with the Lord that will always keep them.

Tony Jacobs, Chairman

PINE CREST YOUTH CAMP

Greetings from the Pine Crest Youth Camp. We had a wonderful camp this year. All of the kids were good as gold. We also saw a lot of spiritual growth in lives. We had alot of help from several people. We would like to thank Bro. Jim and Sis. Lou Arnall for their help and all the kids they brought. We would like to thank Sis. Myrtle Carney, Bro. Rex Jenkins, Bessie and Earl Morgan, all of the kitchen help, and all of the teachers. We thank everyone that helped. It wouldn't have been possible without these people. We praise the Lord for all He has done for us. God Bless each one of you.

Rev. Richard and Renee Morris
Chairman

TRI-STATE YOUTH RALLY

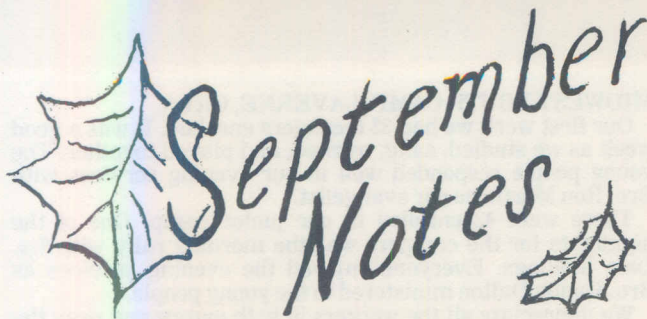
Wherever two or three are gathered together I will be in their midst. What a sweet promise and it is proven time after time. As the youth rally for July rolled around it was decided to hold it at Taneyville, Mo. The day arrived and we boarded the Bible College bus and was on our way. On the way we picked up the youth group from Granby, Mo. and really enjoyed their fellowship. After a few hours of travel we reached our first destination, the park at Forsythe, Mo. We enjoyed a sack lunch together. With our physical bodies full we were ready to fill our spiritual bodies and the youth rally was the place. We opened the rally with prayer and singing choruses. This was followed with several specials which were really appointed. With the specials finished we heard good old fashioned soul searching preaching by Bro. Frank Arnall. After a great service we had a time of fellowship and we all headed home praising the Lord that He was in our midst. I pray that we never lose the youth rally in our lives.

Kelly Stevenson

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The Mathis Trio, Karen, Kim and Janis are available for revivals, special services and concerts. They can be contacted at R1 Box 239, or Box 137, Hempstead, Texas 77445. Phone 409-826-3404 or 409-826-3765.

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September Notes

PROSPERITY, MO

We praise the Lord for His goodness and wonderful mercies He has given us. Several young men from the Bible College have ministered to us this summer. Bro. Ron Noble, Bro. Steve Hackett and our own Bro. Larry Arnall have been a blessing to us as well as our pastor Bro. Ron Brening. We appreciate these young mens lives.

God gave us a good revival in April with Bro. Mike and Sis. Peggy Brening and family as evangelists.

Several women from our church attended the Ladies Retreat in Baxter Springs at the Bible College. We all recieved great blessing and as we returned and shared our victories with our church people God poured out his spirit upon us. One recieved the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and everyone was refreshed.

We have had visitors from time to time. We appreciate their presence so much and we invite everyone to come worship with us.

Ron Brening-Pastor
Roberta Sluder-Reporter

PATTISON, TEXAS

Hello to everyone! We want to bring you up to date on everything at Pattison Apostolic Faith Church. God blesses us more each day. We have new friends and families coming into our church which is an answer to prayer. We are so happy and thank God for each and every one.

We were happy to have Bro. Earl Diehl for a week end revival in May. Bro. and Sis. Diehl are from Teneha and Timpson, Texas area. We are looking forward to them coming back sometime.

Bro. and Sis. Andy Qualls and Jonell Hammack visited our church on June 29th. We enjoyed their visit and the message Bro. Qualls gave.

We had one baptism in June. Ruth Ellis was baptised in the creek on Bro. and Sis. Scruggs property. This creek has been used for baptising for at least 70 years.

We will start construction soon on a 16x24 addition to the church kitchen. We have a supper and fellowship the last Sunday of each month and have outgrown the kitchen. Praise the Lord. May God bless each and everyone of you.

John Scruggs-Pastor
Ruth Ellis-Reporter

GALENA, KANSAS

John 15:17 These things I command you that ye love one another.

Praise the Lord for his great love. He's still blessing our church families. Our youth are meeting each Sunday morning. God is blessing them. On July 26 they had a car wash to raise money to go to Camp Meeting at Laverne, Okla. The youth and their leaders left on Thursday morning and returned on Friday night. They all reported a good time at camp

meeting. Two of our girls were saved.

We had V.B.S. Aug 11-15. On the 17th we had a concert with the Haskell Cooleys. God wants his children to gather together in love and fellowship. Praise his name.

Our Wed. Evening services have built up in attendance. We enjoy the Bible study together. The Holy Spirit has been dealing with unsaved lives and one day we will see those precious souls saved. Please remember our shutins in prayer. God will bless them and keep them in his care.

Howard Whitely-Pastor
May Rowland-Reporter

AMARILLO, TX

The Apostolic Faith Church in Amarillo has been blessed with lots of good company this summer.

On June 16, gospel singers, The Cooleys, came through Amarillo and gave a concert. Their happy voices and Bro. Haskell's tinkling piano sure chases those blues away. Little Casey's singing and percussion was joyful too, "Praising the Lord with his tamborine."

Sister Tena Cornell's mother and sister, Carolyn and Tonya Keith visited for a week from Arkansas.

And on Sunday, Bro. Kevin Cornell's parents came. Pastor Jack Cornell and Sis. Kathryn are enroute to Laverne, Oklahoma, where he will be pastoring. He preached in Amarillo and was a welcome relief for Bro. Kevin who had a very sore throat that same weekend. Sis Kathryn taught, sang and joined Sis. Tena on the organ. Bro. Jack preached in Pampa Sunday night. Pray for them in their new mission.

Ray and Carol Heath thank all those in our church who were so generous with their prayers and love, also the flowers, cards, calls and visits we received while Ray was recovering from surgery. God answers prayers and Ray is back at work now, feeling much better. Praise the Lord, and thank you, dear friends.

If there are members reading this newsletter here in Amarillo who are not attending our worship services, we sure would like to have you join us. We have a devoted, dedicated group here and Bro. Kevin's sermons rate a full sanctuary. You are missing many rich blessings when you don't come to share God's word. Please try to join us next Sunday. Bring the kids. Our Sunday School classes are growing and now is the time to start teaching your children to follow Jesus. Don't wait until they're grown and then wonder "what happened?"

"May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all."
(Phil. 4:23)

Reporter: Carol Heath
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NEW ARRIVALS



Murrel

Chet and Debbie Murrell announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, April Annette on March 16, 1986. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Scruggs of Hempstead, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Murrell of Magnolia, Texas.



April Annette

Haines

Rene and Fay (Carr) Haines proudly announce the birth of their son, Daniel Ryan on May 8, 1986. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 1/2 oz. and was 21 in. long. Grandparents are Don and Frankie Haines of Follett, Texas and Lynn and Sue Carr of Joplin, Mo. Great-grandparents are Betty Haines of Follett, Texas, Gladys Hill of Shattuck, Okla. and Glen Conway of Great Bend.

Reid

John and Deena Reid announce the birth of their third child, Kayla Brooke. She was born May 9, 1986 and weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 in. long. She was welcomed by Cory, 8 and Kaci, 6. Grandparents are Mrs. Lois Reid, Mrs. Goldie Stump and Mrs. Ethel Reid all of Guyman, Okla.

Keeling

Rev. and Mrs. Kenny Keeling announce the arrival of their daughter, Tracy Allyn on June 24, 1986. She weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 18 1/2 in. long. Grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Homer Allen, San Diego, Calif. and Alice Scott of Webb City, Mo.; Great-great grandmother is Rose Leonard of Silverton, Oregon.

OBITUARIES

Mary Peterson

Services for Mary Elizabeth (Aunt Lida) Peterson, 99, of Snyder, Texas were held on June 7, 1986 with S.V. Clanton officiating. Burial was in Snyder Cemetary. She died on June 5, 1986. She was born Nov. 1, 1886. She was a housewife.

She has been a longtime resident of Snyder and Polar and was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church. She married Lewis Benjamine Peterson Jan. 16, 1902 in Caldwell Parish, La. He preceded her in death. After his death she served approximately 10 years as board member for the Snyder Apostolic Faith Church. She also taught Sunday School for many years.

She is survived by three sisters, Nettie Meredith of Prescott, Az., Omie Downs of Shreveport, La., and Margie Rogers of West Monroe, La.; a niece, Ruby Walker and a great-niece, Winette Linam both of Snyder, Myrna Terral of Lubbock and Nelda Rinehart of Huffman, Texas.

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Trust Him when dark doubts assail you
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Seems the hardest thing of all.
Author Unknown

Cults Are False Prophets

CULT DEVIATIONS FROM MAJOR ORTHODOX DOCTRINES SYNCRETISM

by Yvonna Whitely

Syncretism! This is the way most cults are formed...taking some ideas from a number of religions or teachings to form the new. The First Problem of anyone who would reach others for Christ is to find a way to minister the eternal truth of the Word of God in language that can move across walls of culture and prejudice. The Christian communicator must find appropriate ways to "become as" the people to whom he ministers. A Christian needs to determine the exact belief of the person he HE IS CONFRONTING AND DEMONSTRATE HIS GENUINE INTEREST IN HIM.

Within this total context, however, is a line beyond which we must NOT move. The loving concern for spiritual accommodation can be pressed to the point where it compromises the Gospel of Christ. This kind of accommodation involves one in a grievous sin called syncretism.

Syncretism describes the attempt to gather together what some would call "the best qualities" of various religious points of view into a new and acceptable faith. The definition of syncretism from a religious point of view is the "process of growth through coalescence of different forms of faith and worship or through accretions of tenets, rights, etc. from those religions which are being superseded."

Syncretism is a FAVORITE CULTURE DEVICE. Cults incorporate older doctrines into their systems of faith along with new and creative heresies. Few cults of our time present much that is really new in the world of religion. Almost invariably they are a rehash of existing concepts, orthodox and heretical. They present warmed-over elements of Protestantism, Catholicism, paganism, pantheism, idolatry, local fetishes, and some pure idiocy.

The CULT PROMOTOR talks about Christ, the Bible, the Holy Spirit, miracles, and other elements of the Christian revelation. The UNTUTORED LISTENER is impressed, often believing this person to be a Christian who is just a little wiser than most.

Then comes the hooker. The cult organizer subtly introduces his theological non sequitur. He may, like the Process Church, suggest that Lucifer is NOT really an enemy of God, but one of His better friends. Or...He may, like Mary Baker Eddy, suggest that personal benefit comes not from the gracious hand of God but from the proper state of mind. A SHEEP IN WOLF'S CLOTHES!

Los Angeles, is the great boiling pot of new religions. Its sacred temples, golden altars, religious sciences, midnight seances, healing potions, miraculous handkerchiefs, pyramid power, and the "spiritual gospel of relativity" all testify to the spiritual vulnerability of this society.

The cultist glues together a bewildering array of religious component knowing that some of these will strike a chord of response...promising the benefits of transcendental meditation, psycho-cybernetics, spiritual rationalization, and mental science. Incorporating these in the same package with a few theological terms, he is off and running with a new cult.

The cults have been syncretists for a long time...really always. Mary Baker Eddy gives an excellent example. She took beliefs from the faith healer, P.P. Quimby, a semi-spiritualist. Her imagination was triggered as to ways to merge her view with the Bible...soon developed her own version.

Worldwide Church of God picked up a few ideas from the 7th Day Adventists and tied them with British Israelism. These were added to a few extra ideas about diet, health, and the messianic leadership of Armstrong produced a new and attractive religious combination.

Syncretism can be a very subtle, creeping heresy, moving into many unexpected places.

A Christian theologian was heard to say at a recent conference that the great need in the world today is for the message of Christianity to become "A full-orbed Gospel for the whole man". Eloquent sentences such as this sound beautiful...but they can become the open door to many a grievous heresy. When anybody's gospel becomes more "full-orbed" than the Gospel which is very carefully stated in the Word of God, that full-orbed gospel ceases to be the Gospel at all.

When the gospel gets wider, more inclusive than Paul's definition in I. Cor. 15:1-4...it CEASES TO BE THE GOSPEL and becomes merely a set of unattainable religious promises.

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS TODAY IS: the faith of Jesus Christ as expressed in the changeless Scriptures of the New Testament. Heritage can become a DANGEROUS ELEMENT in the thinking of Christians because it is almost always applied to a human tradition which at best, is only partially biblical.

The youth rebellion of the 60's spawned both the Jesus Movement and the Satan movement.

Richard Alpert...disillusioned with money, prestige, and all, he went to psychoanalysis...then into drugs...then Eastern mysticism becoming a guru...followed by spiritism. Now he's known as Baba Ram Dass.

The whole purpose of TM is to bring the meditator into contact with spirit beings. They promise you that you can get your life together without having to deal with a personal God.

In light of all this we can readily see that Christians NEED AN UNDERSTANDING OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE adequate to discern the difference between what the Gospel is and what the gospel implies.

Political change, physical healing, peace marching, temperance activities, clothing styles...the list is endless...are all interesting subjects for Christian discussion. THEY ARE NOT, however, to be put in the same class with the finished work of Jesus on the cross by which He takes away our sins.

Little of Christianity remains in the countries of its origin. The record seems to show that our faith has prospered best in new and pioneer situations on the cutting edge of civilization as it moved from East to West. As churches grew older, they seem to have given themselves to the spirit of accommodation while forgetting their heavenly calling.

They opted for political change, social action, and worked with sincerity to redress the grievances of the oppressed within society. Time, money, and irreplaceable human energy went into these "worthy causes" and salvation from sin...took a back seat.

Now...in country after country the gospel of Jesus was forgotten. Churches died and never knew it! The glory and the blessing of God departed and preoccupied religionists were too blind to sense that their candlestick had been removed.

Syncretism...the attempt to synchronize the gospel of Christ with a godless world, is a deadly virus from which almost no institution recover.

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

It is surely the case that we are today seeing a spawning of satanic cults in a measure almost beyond comprehension. Some of the old cults are splitting into several new varieties, and new cults are beginning with every week that passes.

1. Understand Christian doctrine. The chief single reason for the success of the cults is the spiritual naivete on the part of many. Too many Christians are content with a SUPERFICIAL KNOWLEDGE of the Word of God and think of themselves as being spiritually intelligent.

The Christian must give himself to a DETAILED STUDY of scripture and must understand the Bible from a doctrinal point of view. He should have VALID BIBLICAL information that answers the questions: Who is God? What is man? What is sin? What do we mean by biblical inspiration?

We live in a time when doctrine has been played down in favor of Christian experience. This is the MOST FOOLISH course imaginable because experience has little or NOTHING to do with Christian truth. Our experiences are merely human. They are the responses of our nervous system to spiritual truth or error that impinges on our minds and heart.

2. Separation from spiritual subversion. Paul states in Eph. 5:11... "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness." Many people ask whether they should not attend meeting of cultic religious organizations and give themselves to an extensive reading of subversive religious literature. WITH RARE EXCEPTIONS, the ANSWER IS NO...a thousand times NO!

I know of 2 who did this very thing and one is now with Armstrong's Church. He was one of our ministers for a number of years...attended Bible School and maybe taught. But when he read and studied too much with the Armstrong courses...he soon joined.

The other young man is now in The Way. He was raised by a STRONG church family that never missed a service...not even Wednesday night. His granddad was one of our ministers...and he was led off by simply attending "twig" meeting too many times.

One has only to eat a good steak to realize that the contents of a thousand garbage can are simply beneath his standards. The statement that says, "You cannot know what it is until you have tried it", is a satanic doctrine, and it is the very one that he (Satan) used to subvert Eve and bring the terrible cancer of sin into all the world.

3. Refuse profane points of view. "Refuse profane and old wive's fables." I.Tim. 4:7. The Apostle Paul was aware that the world would be filled with spiritual exhibitionists and religious lunatics who would tie up the time and energy of anyone willing to listen to them doing this for hours and days.

We live in a time in which stories come to us about pictures of Christ in the clouds, resurrections in remotest jungle areas, preachers in some obscure town with a new and unheard of doctrine...the stories are endless.

Christians are enjoined NOT to give themselves to these things but rather to follow the good advice also extended to Timothy: "Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." (I Tim. 4:13).

The Scripture commands again and again that he must be careful, take heed, watch, remember. He is called upon to be very sober because his satanic adversary continues to go about seeking whom he may devour. (I Peter 5:8).

4. Do not encourage cultic practitioners. The Christian is supposed to be loving in his attitude toward people, but he must also face the hard truth that many deceivers have come into the world who do NOT believe the Gospel of Jesus and are in fact enemies of the Lord. They are antiChrist. Concerning these he is admonished to be very careful and not to risk his spiritual stability by allowing himself to be deceived.

If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed; for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." (II John 9-11). This is the hard but the necessary course of action for one who would protect himself and his family from spiritual danger.

5. Be willing to contend for the faith. Scripture calls upon us to earnestly contend for the faith which means of course to be willing to defend the truth of the Gospel in the face of satanic adversaries (Jude 3). We have illustrations in the Scripture that this sometimes means coming to a point of contention with friends and associates.

The true servant of Jesus Christ must be careful that his friendship with Jesus Christ is the association that is absolute. By comparison to this, all human associations are relative.

The first principle of the universe is truth and this must be defended even at the cost of our lives. The world is described as a battleground and the essential struggle on that field of conquest is the struggle between truth and untruth.

WHAT THE LORD WILL DO

I was holding a meeting some years ago in a city auditorium across the alley from the city jail. The summer nights were hot, and the windows of our building were opened wide. The prisoners could easily hear our singing, and I learned they could catch my voice if my face was turned toward those open windows. After that I faced one side of my congregation only and spoke so loudly that I knew the men behind bars could hear me.

At the close of one of the services a policeman came to the platform and laughingly placed me under temporary arrest. He said I was needed in the prison.

A little while later I was sitting beside one of the most dejected pieces of humanity I had ever seen in my life. It was nothing new for him to be a prisoner. Time and time again he had lived outside the law, and time and time again he had been placed in a prison cell.

He sat gazing pensively at the concrete floor. After looking me over he settled back into a moody, dejected silence.

At first I could not understand his refusal to speak since he had sent for me. But he was so bewildered and so torn asunder by conflicting emotions that he was afraid to try to express himself. So I opened before him the pages of the Book of a Father's love and told him the story of Calvary.

He turned on me almost bitterly and said "What has Christ ever done for me?"

He asked the question, so I gave him my answer. I told him that the Lord had given him every good thing which had come to him in life. Men could manufacture clothing, but only God could grow the wool on the back of the sheep. Human hands could fashion the shoes upon the last, but only a miracle-working God could put the cattle on a thousand hills. Man could take his bucket to the well, but only God could put the water there.

I told him of many things the Lord had done, and when I turned to him and said: "But I want to talk to you, my friend, about what the Lord will do."

As I spoke, his eyes opened wide in wonder and amazement. I did not have time to tell half the story.

Once in a while he interrupted me, and well do I remember the question which fell from his lips: "Is it really for me, preacher? Is that really true?"

I wish you could see that man now-saved and filled with the Spirit, transformed in life and in appearance. He can sing

From sinking sand He lifted me,
With tender hand He lifted me;
From shades of night
To planes of light,
O praise His name,
He lifted me!

I met him not so long ago, and we talked over the conversation we had that night in his prison cell.

I asked him "Has the Lord been all to you that I promised He could be?"

"Yes," he replied, "all that, and a thousand times more."

Charles S. Price in Herald of Hope

What Values Are You Giving Your Children?



"Mommy's Bible." She was only three years old when she stood there gently lifting my Bible to her cheek. "Mommy's Bible," she repeated as she patted it with her little hand. My eyes filled with tears and I quietly prayed, "Dear Lord, never let her forget how precious Thy Word is. With this heritage alone, she will be rich."

Life has many values, and in retrospect I wonder how many others I should have given. What is valuable? We have learned in the material world to use standard measurements and tests. Therefore when I shop, I judge, don't you? As you walk through the fabric department, I imagine you also take off your gloves to feel the satin and flannel and linen. Then you examine the tags. Why? You are checking claims and their worth. It's the same instinct, I presume, that makes us squeeze a head of lettuce, look at the underside of china, snap crystal to hear the ring. The same sense causes men to kick automobile tires and push down bumpers. Is it worth the price? Will it do what it should? As our children grow up, they too must learn the feeling of linen and a solid head of lettuce.

Now, move with me in thought from the material to the spiritual truth. What is valuable to God? What are His standards and measurements? Are they valuable to me? Will they be to my children? The questions are logical and simple; the answers are involved, and require a lifetime of living.

Imagine with me that the standards we claim to believe and the standards we live were woven together into a fabric. Would we be "pure linen," "100 percent wool," or "real silk"? Too often, in life's fabric, there is an inferior mixture. Threads of purpose, therefore, shrink, and vivid colors of principle fade. Too often we claim to be 100 percent true examples of Christianity, but the alert judge discerns our flaws. Our boys and girls are quick to spot the errors on the tags we bear. Could we hear their thought, would they not be thinking, I guess church isn't so important; they don't go very often. It's all right to speed; my dad does. Sure, I can cheat; Mom and Dad do on their taxes. Some lies are all right - the white ones. I tell them for Mother when she doesn't want to answer the phone.

If God's values and standards are no longer mine, will they be my children's? A child has a right to expect to receive bread from his father or mother. In our carelessness, are we giving him a stone - or for an egg, a scorpion (Luke 11:11-12)?

Angel guard

A medical missionary and his companion had to walk some distance to collect a sum of money which had been sent to a bank on their account. Night overtook them before they could reach home; so, committing themselves to God, they lay down to sleep on the lonely hillside and finished their journey the next morning.

Some weeks later a man who came to the hospital for treatment stared at the missionary and said, "I have seen you before."

"No," replied the missionary, "I don't think we have met."

"Oh, yes we have," said the man. "You were sleeping on a hillside a few weeks ago. Several of us saw you at the bank and followed you, intending to rob you when it was dark, but we didn't dare because of the soldiers."

"Soldiers?" The missionary laughed. "There were no soldiers with us, my friend."

The bandit was adamant. "Yes, there were-we counted them. There were sixteen of them and they had swords."

The missionary humored the man and dismissed it as a hallucination.

After telling the incident while on furlough, the missionary was approached by a friend who asked, "What date was it when you camped on the hillside?" The missionary found the date in his diary and his questioner checked the date in his own appointment book.

"That night," he said, "we had our weekly prayer meeting. Your name was brought forward for prayer, and," he added, "there were sixteen of us in the meeting that night."

Psalm 91: 10-11

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

