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EDITORIAL

Sowing-Watering-Reaping

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Ecclesiastes 11:1.

"I have planted, Apollos watered but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth: but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one....." I. Cor. 3: 6,7,&8a

We all like to see the results of our labors. We humans tend to become discouraged if we don't see some harvest pretty pronto from our seed sowing. It is hard for us to keep on sowing without experiencing some reaping. Someone has said, "God doesn't pay every Saturday night—but His paydays are sure and certain nevertheless." Our job is to sow the Word and water the seed—the harvest is in the hands of the Lord. Many times we may plant and another may reap the harvest. Other times our lot seems to be watering the seed that another has planted without being able to see any visible results. But the planter and the waterer are one.—one in purpose, having one goal in mind, and that is winning souls for Jesus.

Jesus has said, "So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Sometimes the seed sown springs to life right away—but not always. Sometimes it takes years to germinate and grow. The story is told of a man who tore down an old building that had stood in his yard for many years. He carried away all the debris, smoothed the ground and left it. The rains came and watered the spot. The warm summer sun shone on the ground that hadn't had sunshine or moisture for lo, these many years. And soon the ground burst forth with many beautiful flowers unlike any others growing in the area, to the amazement of the man and all those around him. It was later discovered that a garden had once been on that spot. And the seeds had lain dormant in the cold, dark, dry ground until the building was torn down and the sun and rain were finally allowed to reach the seed and only then did it begin to grow.

Could it be that our lot sometimes is to tear down the old useless buildings of the devil to make it possible for God's sunshine and rain to reach the precious seed so that it can grow and blossom?

My husband says a great way to plant grass seed in the pasture is to broadcast it on the new-fallen snow and let it be carried down into the earth as the snow melts. But can't you hear us complaining, "Lord, why must I sow in this snow and cold? The seed won't stand a chance of being able to grow. And, Lord, So and So gets to plant in the warm sunshine on newly ploughed ground. It just isn't fair or right." Many give up and say, "I'll just quit sowing." But don't we know that God's ways are best and the nitrogen in the snow may make ours the bumper crop of the year. Although another may be there in the harvest time to reap in the summer from the seed we've had to sow in the cold of winter. What does it matter in the end. God gives the increase and we are labourers together with God. And the final increase is what it's all about. It should be enough that we have a part in God's great harvest of souls and whether

it be planting, watering, sowing or reaping— it's all in the great master plan and in the hands of the Master of all things.

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap **if** we faint not." Gal. 6: 9.

The song writer puts it like this:

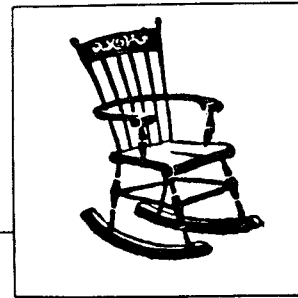
"Another may reap what in springtime I've planted,
Another rejoice in the fruit of my pain,

Not knowing my tears when in summer I fainted
While toiling sadhearted in sunshine and rain.

Over and over, yes, deeper and deeper
My heart is pierced through with life's sorrowing cry,

But the tears of the sower and songs of the reaper,
Shall mingle together in joy by and by."

Weary sower, keep on sowing and sowing and sowing.
Don't faint or be discouraged. Harvest and reaping are coming in God's own way and time. The harvest is sure though we may not see it here. The real pay-off is at that meeting in the air. We shall reap **IF** we faint not.



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**WORRY is like a rocking chair—
it gives you something to do—
but it doesn't get you anywhere.**

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August 14—December 7 Dates Set for 77 Term of Apostolic Faith Bible College

After much prayer and heart searching, we felt led to accept the position as Superintendent of our Bible College for the coming year. It is with mixed emotions that we do so.

First, we do want to be in God's will and do His bidding. It will be a joy to work with the young people as they study God's word. We desire it to be a time when they will deepen their lives and their knowledge of God's Word to prepare them as our Church leaders in the near future.

Second, we advance with our plans for the school realizing our own weaknesses and our smallness in the face of such a task. Yet, God said in our weakness, we're made strong in Him. So, we earnestly covet your prayers that everything will be as God would have it. We're working presently on putting our faculty together. Won't you pray daily that the right teachers will be on the job? We want God's choice to be our choice.

STUDENT'S ATTENTION

There will be limited space for married students on a first come basis. Please write us soon so we can plan our available space to the best advantage. A nursery will be provided if we see it will be needed.

Because of our church obligation at Midway, it will not be possible for us to make a tour this spring to meet you personally. Therefore, we hope to hear from you as you make your plans to attend Bible College this fall. It will be time well spent—time you'll never be sorry you spent in God's word.

So.....let us hear from you.....single or married....if you're planning to be with us in the fall. We hope soon to give you a list of subjects and teachers for the '77 term.

Again we plead with you to pray daily for us and the school. We know the school has many friends.....but we're praying that there will be many new friends made each year. We ask that God's blessings will rest upon each of you as you serve Him and remain faithful to His cause.

In Christian Service,
Howard & Yvonna Whiteley

Report of AFBC Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Bible School met January 25, 1977 at the new library in the Chapel in Baxter Springs. The meeting was called to prepare for the next term of school. It was the replacement duty of the board to accept Ollie Kinser's resignation with the stipulation he would not be available for the next term of school. Bro. Howard Whiteley was asked to consider taking the Superintendent's job for this next year. Since that meeting Bro. Howard has accepted this position. He is now in the process of securing the faculty for this fall. We would like to ask everyone to pray for Bro. Howard and help him in any way you can.

At this writing there are enough funds in the Building Fund to take care of the \$8,022.00 note obligation. We are now trying to build up a special fund to handle our insurance costs that will be due on April 24, 1977 in the amount of \$2,361.00.

The general fund at present has a balance of \$553.58 but we want to remind everyone that it takes about \$500.00 per month to take care of the regular maintenance even when school is not in session. We want to remind all churches to send the name of the person whom you have appointed to the advisory board. Each church is to have their own representative. To date we have only 15 names.

Board of Trustees
by Bill Hollis, Secretary



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SINGING HYPOCRITES

Good congregational singing is an asset to the worship service. But do you ever think about the words you sing during the worship time? Here are a few songs and some applications.

We sing *Sweet Hour of Prayer* and are content with 5-10 minutes a day.

We sing "*Onward Christian Soldiers*" and wait to be drafted into His Service.

We sing "*O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*" and don't use the one we have.

We sing "*There shall be Showers of Blessings*" but don't come when it rains.

We sing "*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*" and let the least offense sever our love for others.

We sing "*Serve the Lord With Gladness*" and gripe about all we have to do.

We sing "*I Love to Tell the Story*" and never mention it at all.

Next time you find yourself 'singing'—THINK about the words.....the message in the hymns!

Pine Hill, Alabama

Praise the Lord that His love is everlasting. We here at the Chapel are fortunate indeed to have an inspired man like Brother Otto Busch preaching our revival. The presence of the Lord has been felt each and every night with the good 'ole time' preaching and singing. We were glad to have some people from the other churches with us, as they added greatly to our services with special singing

A. F. Report

and testimonies. Thank God for dedicated willing workers for Christ.

O, make me patient, Lord,
Patient in daily cares;
Keep me from thoughtless words,
That slip out unawares.
And help me, Lord, I pray
Still nearer Thee to live,
And as I journey on,
More of Thy presence give.

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

Taneyville, Missouri

We rejoice in the greatness of God toward His people. He is still working miracles for the church and among the children of God. We are in the process of installing a new heating and air-conditioning system in the church. Praise the Lord for providing our needs!

February 6 began a series of revival services with Rev. Dwight Wilson and Rev. Randy Dalton. Praise God for those who accepted Christ as their Saviour, and others who rededicated their lives to the Lord. We have recently started YFC meetings every Friday morning at the High School in Forsyth, Missouri, and we pray that this will reach out to all the students to show them Christ as the answer to their lives. It is marvelous to be part of the Family of God, and we rejoice in His love. May all God's children "walk in the Spirit" as we wait for the return of our Lord.

Winston Barkers, Pastors
Shari Cook, Reporter

West [Purcell] Apostolic Faith Church

We are thankful for victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Everyone enjoyed the revival services Bro. and Sis. Otto Busch and Gayla Rose had for us the first part of January. We are sorry they had to close out earlier than we had planned because of the severe winter weather we all experienced. We hope they can come back soon and finish up the revival. The lectures and pictures on Israel that Bro. and Sis. Lyndel Arnall had the first part of February were very interesting and the church folk enjoyed them. We are happy to have Bro. and Sis. Carl Pitts with us in services part of the time on Sundays. We enjoy his good messages when he preaches for us.

We are thankful for the love of God that prevails in the church and for all the Lord's rich blessings He sends our way. We are always happy for our visitors and we welcome them. Sis. Knobb and Sis. Doris are having children's services on Sunday evenings from 6 till 7 p.m. The children really enjoy this.

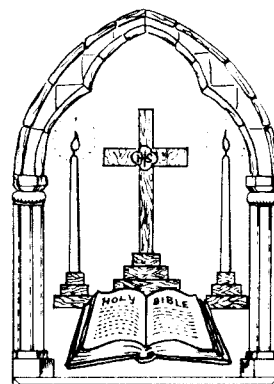
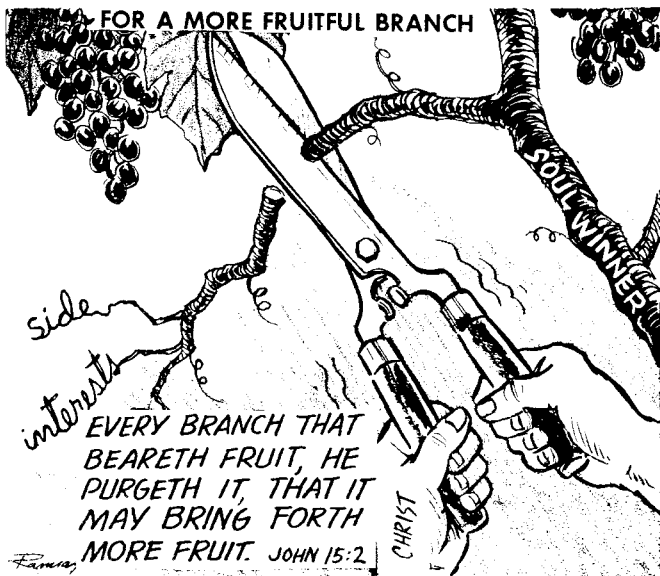
George Hintergardt, Pastor

Alvin, Texas

Recent events in our church include the following. January 23rd we had a film of adventure. February 9, Missionary Sonny Brown was our special speaker. February 13-20 we had a good revival with Billy Joe and Sharon Daughtery. March 6 we enjoyed the Country Gospel Singer Jerry Irby and March 9th we were privileged to have in our midst Vlason and Lally Abraham. God is blessing our church.

James E. Wallis, Pastor

March 1977



Obituary of Mrs. Rita Bee Robinson

Services for Mrs. Rita Beatrice Robinson, 73, of 1618 Joplin Street, Galena, Kansas, who died Saturday, December 4, at St. John's Hospital in Joplin, Missouri, following several years of ill health, were held Tuesday, December 7, 1976, at the Apostolic Faith Church in Galena. The Rev. Howard Whiteley and the Rev. E. K. Cornell officiated. Singers were Howard and Yvonna Whiteley and Naomi Busch.

Mrs. Robinson was born February 24, 1903 in Indian Territory, Oklahoma. She moved to Galena in 1925 from Hockerville, Oklahoma. She was married to Charley Robinson in 1922 in Joplin, Missouri. He died July 17, 1940. Bee was a faithful attender of the Apostolic Faith Church until her death.

Surviving are seven sons: Herman of Joplin, Missouri, Charles of Spring Hill, Kansas, John of Leavenworth, Kansas, George and Calvin of DeSoto, Kansas, Jack of Galena, Kansas, and Philip of Olathe, Kansas; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Collins and Mrs. Phyllis Hansen, both of Galena, Kansas; 28 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Derfelt Funeral Home. Her grandsons served as pallbearers.

Obituary of Bessie Clark

Mrs. Bessie Clark, 94, of 1919 Chouteau Avenue, Baxter Springs, died Wednesday, December 15, 1976 at a Lowell, Kansas, nursing home where she had been a patient a short time.

Mrs. Clark was born June 2, 1882 in Linn County, Kansas. She had lived in the Baxter Springs area many years, moving here from Oklahoma. She attended the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs.

Surviving are three sons, Glen Clark, Fredericktown, Mo., and Fred and Don Clark, both of Baxter Springs; three daughters, Mrs. Lillie Bingham, Mrs. Edna Michener and Mrs. Mildred Paxon, all of Baxter Springs; a brother, Allen Withers, Yucaipa, California; eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services were December 18, 1976 at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Schurman Funeral Home in Baxter Springs. The Rev. Gene Cornell officiated. Louis Adkins sang "The Eastern Gate" and "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" with Maxine Burrows, the organist. Burial was in the Baxter Springs Cemetery.



Congratulations to Terry and Garen Pattison on the arrival of Kevin Wayne....9 lbs. 8½ oz...—born on December 29th. His big sisters are Kimberly and Teresa.

Terry and Elain Littau are parents of Stephen Wayne, who arrived February 4, 1977, and weighted 9½ lbs.

Congratulations are also in order for David and Dale Stollings on the new little son that recently came to their house. His name is Jeremy David and he weighed 7 lbs 11 ozs. and his birth date was February 5th. Paternal grandparents are David and Edna Mae Stollings and maternal grandparents are Lealand and Edna Mae Grimmer of Gray, Oklahoma.

All three of these babies are welcomed into the church family of the Full Gospel Church of Perryton, Texas.

Heather Lenee was born to J.E. and Vicki James of Amarillo, Texas, February 10, 1977. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman James of Hardesty, Oklahoma, and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Howard of Borger, Texas. J.E. is the Minister of Music and Youth at the San Jacinto Baptist Church in Amarillo, Texas.

Gary and Barbara Crouse of Wichita, Kansas, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Katrina Rene born January 28. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. Paternal grandparents are Gerald and Louella Crouse of Wichita, Kansas, and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Quesenbury of Hardesty, Oklahoma.

SUMMER OF '43

"Yesterday"

By John C. Robinson
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Large dark clouds gathered in the early evening skies of southeast Kansas. The lazy, humid breeze rushed past the cheeks of the young boy as he rounded the last corner onto Cleveland. As he made the mad dash toward home he felt the first drops of rain on his bare arms. He raced up the long wheel stripe in the driveway into the delapidated garage, jumped off the bike, and started for the house.

The pain was sudden! He crumpled into the soft grass. His cries brought his mother to a concrete stoop in the back of the house. Sure steps rushed her to his side as she started firing questions about what was wrong. Her attempts to help him to his feet were useless as his legs wouldn't support him. An urgent call, and Dad was carrying him inside to the bed in the back room.

A thermometer, a wet wash cloth, and a quick call to young Doctor Bogan—A half hour later, Doc was beside the boy's bed. The look on his face was serious.

Diagnosis—POLIO!! Doc's first case. Treatment alternatives: a long ambulance ride to the University Medical Center, 150 miles away in Kansas City or—the Kinney Treatment (a long nightmare of boiling water, scalding hot blanket strips and boards in the bed to keep the muscles from shrinking). A second opinion was offered by Ol' Doc' McKinney and the decision was made. **HOME AND THE NIGHTMARE.**

The next thirty days were a maze of quiet whispers and solemn faced visitors standing aloof and away from the back of the house. The day of the quarantine had not passed and the county health authorities had close control on all in the house. Each visitor came bringing a sack of food, a small gift for the boy, or word of another small group of Christians from one of the churches in town who were offering constant prayers for his recovery. His Aunt Gladys and Uncle Fred were among those most deeply involved in the offering of faith and prayers. They too had cause for knowing the pain of crippling. Both of their sons were born with birth defects in the height of the depression and were unable to attend school and maintain any kind of normal life.

After long weeks of treatment, loving care and many prayers, the fever was gone, the paralysis was gone and the thin lad was up on his feet and regaining his strength.

Was this the miracle of YESTERDAY????? MAYBE....

A. F. Report

"TODAY"

The "SUMMER OF 43" was 30 years ago, and I am that young man who crumpled in the grass that stormy afternoon. My thoughts of that time are constantly riddled with flashes of Faith and Prayers which were showered on me at that time. The fully normal life I have lived since then has brought me all the things a man could wish for; a wife of strong faith, 2 great kids, and more success in my life's work than I ever thought possible. I know the transfer of Faith in God was accomplished and stands in good stead for me today.

Seeing my ageing high school classmates at a 20 year class reunion, and reliving recent incidents of sorrow and hard to understand life situations which have confronted my family and myself, have made me more aware of what Faith in God and Prayers for me have done in my life. To leave the world a better place, my debts must be paid in Faith offered to and for others when possible.

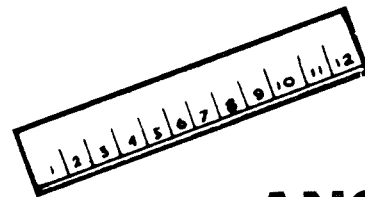
"TOMORROW"

The sadness of close acquaintances being struck down by cancer, and a murder-suicide involving a whole family of our close friends, makes me realize that all my tomorrows must be filled with thoughts of faith. These thoughts of faith must contain all the strength I can muster. It must be a living faith coming from keep within.

Uncertainties of the future can only be coped with living minute by minute, one day at a time in communion with God.

Knowing that we are here but a short time dictates that our time must be spent in pursuing the highest possible relationships with others. This I believe to be the very Essence of God. My resolve will be to live my golden rule—"Give a little of yourself away to someone each day and you give away a piece of God".

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ANSWER

Written in 1966 by Sis. Edna Schultz

Question: Discuss higher education, also is it necessary to attend a term of Bible School before entering college, especially if a person comes from a Christian home?

Answer: In dealing with higher education, the first thing to be considered is the individual and his or her ability to handle it without destroying themselves.

Education, like other good things of life, can be a

blessing or a curse. There are those who handle great wealth and make it a blessing to themselves and others. Some become greedy and power made when they come in possession of money. Water, what a blessing it is! We cannot live without it, yet out of control it is one of the most destructive forces found.

In the Bible we have some examples of educated men whose lives were under control. Read Daniel 1. Such phrases as "skillful in wisdom," "Cunning in knowledge," "understanding science," "Ability to stand in the king's palace," "Skill in all learning," were used to describe Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abendnego. They rose to great heights in the kingdom and for all this they did not forsake their God. Paul, the great apostle, was highly educated yet he followed the Lord in all things even to persecution.

Now, what about you? Do you feel that you can reach high places in the educational world and keep your faith in God?

Here are thoughts to consider. Can you trust God when those around you are doubting Him? Are you afraid of being different? Are you easily influenced? Do you have deep convictions concerning the Lord and His gospel? What is your attitude toward education? Do you desire it for selfish purposes or do you think in terms of what you can do for humanity? Examine yourself.

There have been those, called of God, humbly serving Him until the power of education was placed in their hands, then they either forsook the call or it became a secondary interest. Some have served the Lord but sought a more popular way. Others, thank the Lord, have used that education to further the gospel of our Lord and Master.

We are living in an educational age. Dan. 12:4 tells us that in the time of the end, many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased. We're seeing that scripture fulfilled on both scores. We have come from horse and buggy days to the great scientific space age in 50 years.

With this scientific knowledge has come pressure on real Christianity. There is the, "God is dead" theory, evolution, scientifically explaining away the miracles of the Bible, etc. The higher one goes in the educational world, the more of these pressures are brought against him. Those who are able to come through unscathed can be a mighty power in the hands of God. IT CAN BE DONE.

Martin Luther heralded to the world the wondrous truth "The Just Shall Live by Faith," in the face of Catholicism and all it entailed at that time. He was an educated man and a fearless one.

John Wesley was a scholar and came up in a time when spirituality was low, literature foul, etc. much as it is today. He stood against the church of England and declared the message of holiness.

If time and space permitted we could go, not only to the pages of history, but among those now living and find many who are educated and have kept their faith in a Living God and a Returning Christ. Education cannot destroy you. Your ATTITUDE toward it can. IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU.

You, who are in college now, what is it doing to you? Is your faith growing in the Lord? As you grow in knowledge does it make God greater to you? It should. If it doesn't, you are paying a great price for an education. Don't let a good thing steal the best thing from you.

If you are one who can receive education and keep it

flowing within the banks of reason, by all means fight for all of it you can obtain. It will be a great asset to you. If you cannot, then you had better stay within your limitations. Better enter life unlearned in this world's wisdom than to take many degrees to the lake of fire.

To lack higher education does not mean you cannot be greatly used of God. Acts 4:13 refers to Peter and John as unlearned men that had been with Jesus. Dwight Moody was not an educated man, but a mighty man of God.

These examples are not an excuse to quit school or fail to take advantage of your opportunities.....but rather an admonition to keep your finger on your spiritual pulse. I'm sure most of you are capable of going through, however, if you find you are sacrificing one for the other, don't let your spiritual life be the loser. If circumstances beyond your control denies you the privilege of higher education, don't feel you can't be used of God. Learned or unlearned, it is the power of God and willingness to work that will make you a success in His vineyard.

Now to the question of attending a term of Bible School before entering college. Bible School is a place set apart to study the Bible. True, some have come and gone without taking advantage of it as they should, while others have been strengthened through life by the Word they hid in their hearts at Bible School.

Each one needs to know the scriptures for himself. Those reared in Christian homes may accept the things they have been taught without question, or taking the things of God for granted, until, perhaps from classmates, they are asked for a reason. I Peter 3:15 admonishes you to be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.

One young lady left college for a semester to attend Bible School. She said she wanted to find out why she believed what she believed. She is a consistent Christian today.

Another need for a Bible foundation is illustrated by the experience of a young man in the service of his country. He was thrown with those of high intellect, and had a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. II Tim. 3:15. He reasoned that perhaps his parents were old fashioned. He began to approach religion from an intellectual standpoint. Needless to say, he failed God. However, today, a college graduate and a successful business man, he is serving the Lord in the old fashioned way of his childhood.

You will meet with people who will take a scripture out of context to prove a point. If you are ignorant of the Word you may be led astray or deluded. You should have a love for the truth. II Tess. 2:10,11.

Four months isn't long to take out for Bible School, but it can equip you with the weapon....the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God...Eph. 6:17, that may save your life.

Bible School is primarily what you make it. If you count it a privilege to come, if you apply yourself, as you will have to do if you stay in the college, you will be better equipped to face an unbelieving world and hold your faith in God.

If you think of Bible School as a camp meeting and are concerned mostly with its social aspects, you may go away empty. These opportunities, like life, are set before you, but you will have to work them out for yourself.

II Tim. 2:15. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of God."



Saint Patrick— fact or fable?

COME ST. PATRICK'S DAY, I'll be wearing the green myself because my name is Flynn. My grandfather came from Ireland, so it's no wonder I'm more than a little interested in St. Patrick.

But did you know St. Patrick was not an Irishman? He was not born in Ireland. His parents were Britons, and he was born in Scotland near Dumbarton on the Clyde River.

Did you also know that he did not drive the snakes from the Emerald Isle! That is pure folklore which has grown up around St. Patrick's legend.

Even more surprising, did you know that he is not even a saint? At least, not in the technical sense of the Roman Catholic church, because he has never been canonized officially. But he "passes as a saint merely by popular approval" (Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia, Vol. VIII, p. 384).

Another surprising point is that, in Ireland, St. Patrick is claimed by the Protestants as well as the Catholics. In fact, there are several Protestant churches in Ireland called after St. Patrick. At Saul there is the St. Patrick Memorial Church. Not far away is Downpatrick Cathedral, a Protestant Episcopal Church, where visitors are shown a simple gravestone inscribed "Patric," reputed grave of the apostle of Ireland. And right in Dublin the largest Protestant church is St. Patrick's Cathedral.

All of this points to the fact that, as March 17 approaches with all of its joyful celebrating, it makes good sense to ask, Just what is the truth about St. Patrick?

In the past thousand years the real Patrick has almost been lost under an avalanche of romance, tradition, myth, legend, and folklore. There are, however, three documents generally considered as having come from St. Patrick's pen. They are (1) his *Confessions*, (2) his *Letter to Coroticus*, and (3) his poem, or hymn, known as *The Breastplate*. These offer some clues to the true Patrick.

From his *Confessions* we learn that at the age of 16 he was captured by a band of Irish pirates who sold him to a Druid chieftain who reigned in the north of Ireland.

Until his captivity in Ireland Patrick had had no real experience of God and salvation. Here are his own words, "I was 16 and knew not the true God, but in that strange land the Lord opened my unbelieving eyes, and I was converted."

Looking back on his boyhood, Patrick saw in his captivity a just punishment for his ungodliness,

for until then he had paid no attention to the admonition of his parents. Now he realized that God in His mercy let his captivity take place so as to lead him in a new and better life. With the sufferings of exile had come understanding of the gospel and salvation in Christ.

After six years he escaped from Ireland and, completing a torturous journey over sea and land, returned to his people in Britain.

Though his parents and friends tried to persuade Patrick never to go back, the love of God burned in his heart for the people of Ireland, so he returned to the Emerald Isle bearing God's message of salvation. As a result, thousands turned to Christ.

One historian says the thrilling story of Christianity's entrance into Ireland and its phenomenal growth under Patrick ranks him as a great and judicious missionary pioneer, perhaps second only to Paul of Tarsus.

When penning his *Letter to Coroticus* to protest the raid of a cruel king who had taken some Christians captive, Patrick wrote, "I confess that I am a bishop anointed by God in Ireland. Most surely I deem that from God I have received what I am and so I dwell in the midst of barbarians, a stranger and an exile for the love of God." He was an enthusiastic missionary who loved the souls of men.

St. Patrick paid great honor to the Bible. One writer says he knew much of the Bible from memory. In fact, Patrick is said to have been a man of one Book. He never appeals to the authority of creed, or ecclesiastical leader, or council, but in his extant writings, brief as they are, no fewer than 113 passages of Scripture are either quoted or mentioned. Someone has commented that Patrick sounds like a fifth-century Billy Graham proclaiming, "The Bible says; the Bible says."

No matter what the legends about him may say, the truth is that Patrick acknowledged himself as a sinner and found salvation where all sinners find it, in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Consequently, whether or not Patrick was an Irishman matters very little. The same is true of whether or not you yourself are Irish, as wonderful as that may be. The one thing that counts is whether or not you have trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour as Patrick did. If so, St. Patrick's Day and every day will be a happy day for you!

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SPEAKING IN OTHER LANGUAGES IN THE 20th CENTURY

As taught at AFBC by the late Gail Schultz

In New England in a meeting in 1854, a minister known as Elder Mathewson spoke in tongues. Of course I do not know whether he knew he had received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, but at least he had the evidence of speaking in other languages. Not only did they have the speaking in other languages but it was interpreted by one whose name was Elder Edwin Burnham and these men were powerful men physically, mentally, and spiritually as they carried the work forward for a number of years in that part of the country.

Then, in 1873, a meeting was conducted by these men in which there was talking in tongues and gifts of healing in display. They probably did not know exactly the truth of all of it, but at least it occurred.

In 1873, there was some speaking in tongues in some of the Dwight L. Moody and Sankey meetings. Sankey was his song leader. This occurred in some of the foreign fields in England and was recorded in a book known under the title of "Moody and His Work", and published in the year 1876. Now whether that book is still in print with these things in it, I do not know.

In Providence, Rhode Island, the pastor, a man by the name of R. B. Swan uttered a few words in an unknown tongue after waiting upon the Lord which again proved that the Holy Spirit was working. This was along about the same time, 1873.

A man by the name of W. Jethro Walthall of Arkansas in 1879 relates that he spoke in tongues. Of course, I think probably more or less here, the proof was his testimony.

Probably the greatest of all of this happened in 1880, when the Swiss girl alone in her native land, seeking God, in much prayer, often spoke in another tongue or language.

This to her was only communication with the Lord, but later she came to America and when she arrived someone asked her to go and pray for a man that was very sick. She refused to go at first because she did not know the English language, and did not know how to commune with this individual; but later she was prompted to go and went in to talk to him and to pray with him and to her amazement and to the amazement of the others that were with her she spoke to him in the English language and prayed with him in the English language and it was that which the Lord had given her in her native land of Switzerland. As she entered college in this country under the missionary alliance groups she did not have to learn the English language because it had already been given to her.

Now in 1889, there was a revival of this sort (i.e.) more speaking in tongues. January 1, 1890, there was also an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a place known as Delaware, Ohio.

Also, there was a Swedish Mission Church in Morehead, Minnesota, where an outpouring of the Spirit occurred in the year of 1892, while John Thompson was pastor.

In Cherokee county, North Carolina, they witnessed an outpouring of the Spirit in 1896 in a prayer meeting that was conducted by William F. Bryant in a schoolhouse away from the general church world.

This above information has been taken from a book, "Signs Following" published by the Assemblies of God, written by Stanley H. Fordsham.

In 1899 Brother Parham took trips to see the full evidence of the work of Alexander Dowey who at that time was located in Chicago, Illinois. He later moved to Zion City. He also visited The Malone Work in Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Simpson's work in New York City, and Sanford's work at Shilo, Maine. Now these were individuals, we might say prominent men, of religious integrity and consecrated to the last minute in their fire and work for God.

Now this leads us down to the life of Brother Parham which we will give as of now:

Charles Fox Parham was born near Muscatine, Iowa, on June 4, 1873. This small town is located near the eastern edge of Iowa not far from Moline, Illinois, toward the southern part of the state; but to the extreme eastern part of the state.

In 1878 the Parham family moved to Sedgewick County, Kansas, with which we are all familiar, because Wichita is

the main town of that county at this time. They were pioneer settlers near the present town of Cheney. Now we hardly think about Cheney being a frontier country, yet back in 1878 it was strictly frontier. Into this they moved as pioneers to help establish the civilization that they have there at this present time.

In 1879, Charles attended his first Sunday School, not in church, but in the home of Arthur Dibbens. From here began more or less his religious training. He did not have a vast library but he read a great deal of that which he had.

A few years later, mostly on a dare from other boys, in a revival that was held Brother Parham went forward.

In other words the evangelist announced that the meeting would close the following night unless someone went forward and there wasn't a great deal to go to in the way of entertainment and those youngsters wanted somewhere to go, so going home after church they agreed that one of them was going to have to go forward the next night in order to keep the meeting going. So by choice or by lot it fell Charles Parham's duty to go forward the next night in order to keep the revival going. So when the evangelist gave the invitation he walked forward and I guess, shook hands with the preacher. It was not known to me, whether he had prayer with him; that is, as far as kneeling and praying through as we do today, but anyway that kept the meeting going. After this act he rode home along with the boys for a while and as they went to their separate homes and he was left to make the last journey toward his own home alone, he was seized with terrific conviction over that thing which he had done and there riding along as he confessed and repented, he was wonderfully and marvelously converted by the power of the living God.

Charles Parham is known to us, and to the rest of the world because of his religious reformation acts. Not necessarily just because it is a certain man but because of that which God gave him, to give to the world.

He brought to the world the message of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. Understand that it had been known before, but not catalogued as such.

While he preached all the works of grace, that is, salvation, sanctification, plus the messages of prophecy and the second coming of Christ and divine healing, his message was the message of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Charles was a weak and sickly child. He suffered from various complications that left him somewhat dwarfed and with crippled feet and of course, his condition was beyond repair as far as human agencies in the medical world were concerned. However, at the age of fifteen he was working as a Sunday School teacher and he was holding some revival meetings which God was blessing.

The Bible was an almost constant companion from his childhood through these years and he read it and studied it until he knew many scriptures. Not only did he know them but he had a clear interpretation of many of them.

Charles entered what was known at that time as Southwestern College of Winfield, Kansas. Here he failed God and therefore he decided that he would be a medical doctor although he knew that God had called him to preach.

Nevertheless severe sickness forced him to renew his consecration to preach the gospel and he was healed from rheumatic fever but his feet were left useless. I would like

to read this, a part of his prayer that he prayed as he began to think of how the Lord was able to touch and deliver him.

"Our Father which art in heaven, etc., came to him but when he came to that sentence, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven, suddenly his mind cleared; the preacher had said, "There is no pain or sickness or death in heaven," Parham relates: "I was of the earth earthy, if His will could be done in this body of mine, a lump of clay, an atom in His universe, as His will was done in Heaven, there would be no pain or sickness or death in my body." As this revelation came to me, I cried out to our Lord, "Oh, God, I know that some day soon, Thy will shall be done in all the earth, the human race shall be lifted to a sinless and sickless plane, but as Thou sayest in Thy Word, that we are NOW to know the power of the age to come, I claim my heritage NOW. Oh, Lord, if Thy will is done in the whirlwind and storm, if Thou doest ride upon the clouds and walk upon the waves, if lightning awaits Thee and thunders attend Thee, if Thou didst set the stars as lanterns of night in the sky, if the sun in his chariot of flame ever follows his well-beaten orbit, or the moon in its silver ship ever keeps her course in the trackless sea of the sky; if Thou didst embattle the mountains with hills, spread forth the valleys with the palms of Thy Hand and trace the rivers with Thy fingers; if Thou didst prepare the beds for the oceans, and say to them when encroaching upon the land, "Thus far shalt thou come and here shall thy proud waves be stayed," if Thou didst carpet Thy footstool with all this magnificent vegetation, then, if Thy will is done in me, I shall be whole." With this and similar prayers upon my lips, every joint in my body loosened and every organ in my body was healed.

Later one night under a tree on the campus of the Southwestern College his feet were straightened as he fully surrendered to preach the gospel.

Charles Parham was married to Miss Sarah Thistlewaite of Tonganoxie, Kansas. This is between Kansas City, Missouri and Topeka, Kans. After their marriage the two traveled some in meetings visiting a few of the smaller Kansas towns such as Strong City, Linwood, and Wellington, Kansas.

Then in 1897, the first numbers of the Apostolic Faith Magazine were published. The first was on the subscription basis, a bi-monthly publication. Later it was printed each month on the free will offering plan and they found that God was able to supply the need in a free will offering just as he had supplied it on the subscription basis.

In 1898, Brother Parham established the divine healing home at Topeka, Kansas, on Fourth and Jackson Streets.

In October of 1900 the Bethel Bible School was opened. The attendance of the students was about forty in number. A close study revealed that speaking in tongues was the evidence of receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. In a watch night service at the close of 1900 and the opening of 1901, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit first fell in this school as the students tarried and waited before the Lord to know the complete will of God and the complete evidence of receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and what he would have them as a group to do.

Brother Parham received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit on the third day of January, 1901, but first he had to promise that regardless of hardships, persecutions, misunderstandings, whatever might lay in the pathway he would carry the grand and glorious message of the Baptism

of the Holy Ghost to the ends of the earth. It was after this complete consecration and surrendering to this call that he was fully baptized with the holy Spirit and spoke for a number of hours in other tongues.

The first sermon that was ever preached on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other languages was by Charles Fox Parham in Kansas City, Missouri, at the Academy of Music Hall on the night of January 21, 1901. Terrible hardships and persecutions followed until seemingly they were unable to accomplish a great deal.

They conducted a revival at Lawrence, Kansas, but the prejudiceness of the people caused it to not gain momentum as it should have. Later on they felt led to go to Nevada, Missouri, and from Nevada to El Dorado Springs, Missouri.

In El Dorado Springs, Missouri, Mrs. A. A. Arthur, whose home was in Galena, Kansas, was healed in answer to prayer after she heard Bro. Parham preaching on the street and this led to the Galena, Kansas, meeting of 1903. This was probably one of the greatest meetings of the early days and lasted for several months and people came from near and far to be in those meetings in which the sick were healed and people were delivered of diseases and many received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and a great work was carried on from this place.

In 1904, was the Joplin, Missouri, revival which led to the spread of the gospel throughout southwest Missouri, and on into the hills. It was carried on from place to place.

In 1905, a work was started in Orchard, Texas. In the School home (here in Baxter) there is a small picture of the baptismal service, that was taken of the Orchard meeting the same year.

On July 10th a revival, to lay seige on the city of Houston, Texas began in Bryan Hall. Here he was accompanied by twenty-five workers and the results of that work was amazing.

After the Orchard meeting they felt that they should go down to Alvin and some of the workers felt that they had not received all that they should have during the Orchard meeting and they decided to go along and riding along on the train between Orchard and Alvin the Baptism of the Holy Spirit fell and fourteen received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the railroad car as they rode along.

It was in Houston, Texas, that Mrs. J. M. Delaney was healed. Perhaps you know about that, but this woman was a Catholic woman and she was in a street car wreck, partially electrocuted and left a hopeless cripple for the rest of her life. But she prayed earnestly, although she was a Catholic, that God would heal her and one night in a dream she saw a man come forward and lay his hands on her and she was healed. Several months passed by and her relatives one afternoon were wheeling her down the street where Brother Parham was preaching and she told them as she looked at him, "Stop, that's the man that's to pray for me and I am to be healed." They wheeled her forward, she was prayed for and she was healed instantly and completely; left the Catholic Church, and became one of the greatest workers in the early days in the Houston vicinity.

A Bible School was established in Houston in 1906. Among those who attended, because of his earnestness and humbleness of spirit, was a colored man, W. J. Seymour. This man went from Houston and from that school to Los Angeles, California, and started a revival at 312 Azuaz St. This was in a Methodist Church that had been closed and

was not in use because there was no one interested and it was available for this group to preach the gospel.

While this was a marvelous, outstanding revival and many people received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit it also begins a sad story of wildfire and fanaticism and many other fleshly demonstrations. Mr. Seymour was not necessarily in favor of these and cannot altogether be held responsible for it. However, the fact remains that these things crept into the meeting and he did not know what to do about it.

The same year, 1906, Brother Parham went to Zion City, Illinois, for the soul awakening and spreading of the gospel to this town that had been badly shaken because of Alexander Dowey's failure. Many wonderful healings took place, and from this point it is estimated that five hundred preachers went to the ends of the earth to preach the gospel of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Now in the latter part of 1906 Brother Parham went out to Los Angeles to see what he could do about the situation that had arisen in fanaticism but found that it was beyond his control. I read lately that someone said it was because the western ministers would not take dictation from the eastern ministers that the first break came, but that is not necessarily true. It is that those under wildfire would not listen to correct teachings and brought the eruption that has followed from that time.

Now in 1907, Brother Parham went back to Zion City, Illinois, and from there to Los Angeles and it was a busy year for him.

In 1908, the work began in Tulsa, Oklahoma, that spread far and wide. Next we find Bro. Parham at Birmingham, Alabama, and of course the Lord was wonderful to work there.

I think it was in Birmingham, Alabama, that Sister Pettett began to receive the light of what God was able to do and became greatly used of the Lord from then on, because it led to the city wide San Angelo, Texas, revival in the year of 1909 that spread the Apostolic Faith across west Texas. It was here that Sis. Bigger came into the Faith.

Much of the year 1910 was spent in this district. (Baxter Springs). 1911 was the meeting in Parris, California, in Southern California, which caused the big stir and awakening in pentecostal work at that time.

1912, 13 and 14 were busy years in California, Texas, and the Mid-West points for Bro. Parham. Many of them we will not have time to mention today.

1916 found Brother Parham in Michigan revivals. Work continued with constant calls from all over the United States, because of a man greatly used of the Lord, with a timely message.

1928, Brother Parham made a trip to the Holy Land which had been his life's desire. He had tried to go at another time, probably was out of the will of the Lord, although he had the money to go. He was in New York City ready to sail when someone hit him with a club, robbed him of his money and he had to come home without making the trip. He had a large rising on his neck that he carried from that time on.

Bro. Parham's work came to an end. He had delivered the message that God had given him to deliver. He died in Baxter Springs, Kansas, January 29, 1929, at the age of fifty-six years, five months, and twenty-five days.



LIVE WHAT YOU SAY YOU BELIEVE

O God, help me to live what I say I believe
 so that others in me may see
 The fruit of the Spirit that Christ alone
 could ever produce in me.

Help me to live what I say I believe
 as I begin each bright new day
 So that those who are near me will want to know
 the Person who makes me that way.

Help me to live what I say I believe
 so that my children may know it's true
 That Christ is real and ready to help them
 with everything they must do.

Help me to live what I say I believe
 when life seems hopelessly bleak
 That I will remember that Christ promised
 life abundantly to those who seek.

Help me to live what I say I believe
 when laughter and joy I know
 That I will remember the Source of these
 gifts and praise Him who blesses so.

Yes Lord, help me to live what I say I believe —
 true, it's an enormous task!
 But praise be to God that He's promised
 His help and all I need do is . . . ASK!

(Anon.)

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AMERICA TODAY

Ten thousand crimes fill the nation's newspapers daily and 90 per cent of the criminals are released. The Cosa Nostra does about 30 billion dollars worth of business a year in dope, usury, extortion and murder for hire. In government, 54 Federal judges were recently investigated. Gambling is a 50 billion dollar business annually, involving 90 million Americans.

Pornography runs a half billion dollars per year with children being its victims in many instances. Sex is controlling minds as never before. One million illegitimate births and abortions are expected yearly and another million girls must get married. 6,000 of these are under 15 years of age. Seven per cent of all births in the nation are now illegitimate.

Swingers are meeting in groups of from 5 to 30 couples to exchange wives. Participation is performed in front of one's own mate without embarrassment. Michigan State University has all-night kiss-ins. Berkley of California has 1,000 couples living together without a marriage certificate. Schools are dropping regulations to allow the girls to stay overnight in men's dormitories and 85% of the teenagers think it is fine. Venereal disease is doubling and tripling across the nation.

Topless waitresses are found in most states and even bottomless ones in Hollywood. Go-go shows, playboy clubs, art theaters and filthy movies are the rage of the hour. Drugs are being taken like food. LSD, marijuana, heroin, and 75 per cent of the middle-aged Americans on tranquilizers indicates the seriousness of the situation.

The crime rate is atrocious: a burglary every 20 seconds; a larceny every 30 seconds; a car theft every 48 seconds; an assault every 2½ minutes; a rape every 19 minutes and a murder every 43 minutes.

There is only one answer . . . The LORD JESUS CHRIST.

— Jack Van Impe

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Have You Ever Noticed?

Most of us have a strange way of criticizing the faults of others and justifying the same shortcomings in ourselves.

The chap who wrote this certainly "knew his onions," didn't he:

"When the other fellow is set in his way, he's obstinate;
 When you are, it is just firmness.

"When the other fellow tries to treat some one nice, he's toadying;
 When you do, you are using tact.

"When the other fellow picks flaws in things, he's cranky;
 When you do, you are discriminating.

"When the other fellow says what he thinks, he's spiteful;
 When you do, you are frank.

"When the other fellow doesn't like your friends, he's prejudiced;
 When you don't like him, you are a good judge of human nature."

—Lookout.