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For the days when nothing happens,
For the cares that leave no trace,
For the love of little children,
For each sunny dwelling-place,
For the altars of our fathers,
And the closets where we pray,
Take, O gracious God and Father,
Praises this Thanksgiving Day.

For our harvests safe ingathered,
For our golden store of wheat,
For the bowers and the vinelands,
For the flowers up-springing sweet,
For our coasts from want protected,
For each river, inlet, bay,
By the bounty full and flowing,
Take our praise this joyful day.

For the hours when Heaven is nearest,
And the earth-mood does not cling,
For the very gloom oft broken
By our looking for the King,
By our thought that He is coming,
For our courage on the way,
Take, O Friend, unseen, eternal,
Praises this Thanksgiving Day.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

Thankful versus Unthankful

1621

1961

Mary Dewees

Thanksgiving day — "A day for prayer and praise set aside in 1621 by Governor Bradford of the New England Colonies."

Later during the American Revolution it was made a National Thanksgiving Day.

Then in 1789 and also in 1795 George Washington appointed such a day of thanksgiving for general benefits and welfare of the nation. Since 1864, the President of the United States has set aside the last Thursday of November (with a few exceptions) as a National Thanksgiving Day. (Home and School Ref. Work).

In 1621 the colonists were so thankful to God for a new home with religious freedom, for food and shelter. God prospered our Nation because of the early settler's faith in Him and because they appreciated His many benefits.

What a different attitude we have in 1961! Thanksgiving Day is set aside for the same purpose as in the early days, but there are just "a handful" at our Thanksgiving services while the majority of the Nation are feasting and reveling with no thought or appreciation of God and His many benefits.

We are, as a Nation, "unthankful and unholy," (II Timothy 3: 2, For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,) with no regard for God. We are like the children of Israel after God delivered them from the land of bondage. They became murmurers and complainers, and not praise God for their deliverance, for food, clothing and health.

Exodus 16: 2-3, "And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full: for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Numbers 14: 2-3, "And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the

whole congregation said unto them, Would to God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

And wherefore hath the Lord brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? Were it not better for us to return into Egypt?"

Today we are more blessed in many ways than the Colonists of 1621 but we are so busy with "turkey and football," that "prayer and praise" are pushed aside. Then we wonder why God's judgments are being poured out on our Nation.

It is a commandment to be thankful:

Psalms 150: 6, "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

Psalms 107: 1, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."

Psalms 92: 1, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High."

Philippians 4:6. "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

There are so many things to be thankful for:

II Corinthians 9:15, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

Psalms 103: 2-3, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;"

Ephesians 5:20, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

I Corinthians 15:57, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

We should make every day a "Thanksgiving Day."

Psalms 95: 2-3, "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great King above all gods."

Psalms 100: 4-5, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For

the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

Hebrews 13:15, "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."

I Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

David was a man of praise. Read his song of thanksgiving in II Samuel 22. As an individual, let us not be ungrateful, murmuring, or complaining, but be content with hearts full of praise and gratitude for His many blessings.

FIRST THANKSGIVING

By George Washington, 1789

WHEREAS it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection, aid and favors

NOW, THEREFORE, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His care and protection of the people of this country, and for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

"Good deeds are the seeds of happiness."

"He climbs highest, who helps another up."

"If you do not have time to pray, you will lose time in everything else."

"Pause and praise, when criticized."

"Patience is the ability to idle the motor, when you feel like stripping the gears."

"What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. They are but trifles, to be sure; but scattered along life's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable."

From the Pen of the Editor

We are thankful that we could send out issues in October and November. With your continued support and prayers we hope to have the Report in your home each month.



The response to the pillow request for Bible School has been fair. We do not have the number that we mentioned but a month remains to fill this by December 15th. Let us pray earnestly for the coming term of Bible School. This is a wonderful opportunity to obtain a knowledge of the Bible truths as taught by consecrated Spirit-filled instructors.

Thanksgiving is upon us. I think it is good to recall some of the facts concerning this day that we keep as a national holiday. Thanksgiving is not a new event: long before the Pilgrims landed in America, Thanksgiving was practiced. The Mosaic law of the old Testament taught that people should gather for the feast of harvest which began fifty days after the passover and lasted seven days. The new Testament thanksgiving is taught as a way of life, not on a certain day.

When King James I was made ruler of England, the country was in a religious upheaval. England was going Protestant. A large group of people, the Puritans, were anxious to purify the English Church of the forms of Catholic worship which still remained. Most of the Puritans thought this could be done by working within the Church, however, the radical Puritans decided this was hopeless, so they determined to separate from the Church of England. It was from this group that the Pilgrim fathers came. Such reforms could expect nothing from King James I for he was determined to make the people conform or else get out of England. To conform was the last thing the Puritans wanted to do, so under the leadership of their pastor, John Robinson, they fled to Holland where they lived ten years. Here they came under the national Thanksgiving Day observed by the

Dutch celebrating their victory over Spain in 1575.

The great famine in this strange land, the persecution in England, and a natural desire to maintain their own language and traditions made the Pilgrims want to sail for a new land. One hundred and two men, women, and children left Plymouth, England on a little boat called The Mayflower in September, 1620.

There was great excitement when the exhausted passengers anchored in Provincetown harbor on November 12, 1620. For weeks they had been cramped together and tossed about on the little ship. Many were bruised, ill, and discouraged as the trip had taken longer than they thought. They had been existing on dried peas, corn meal, and a little salt pork.

The first thing these men did when they stepped ashore was to kneel and pray. A small bronze and granite tablet marks that spot today.

They decided on Plymouth as the site of their settlement and by the middle of December started building huts. The winter was terrific and about half of their number died. Only fifty-five of the one-hundred-two settlers survived the terrible hardships. They buried their dead at night so the unfriendly Indians would not know how fast their number was dwindling.

The following spring crops were planted in the little clearings among the trees. After the crops were harvested Governor Bradford proposed a time for Thanksgiving and showing of gratitude to Almighty God, for the bounties received in the new land of hardships and struggle. Only four women were left in the colony, but these along with one servant and a few young girls prepared the feast for the celebration. The Pilgrims were joined by 90 Indian braves, who brought five deer to Governor Bradford as a token of peace. Elder Brewster conducted the service for this "first thanksgiving". This religious festival was kept for a long time.

President Washington twice appointed a national day for the giving of thanks in the perilous years when our young nation was becoming established. After 1789, there

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was not another Thanksgiving day until 1864, when a Mrs. Hale sent President Lincoln a copy of Washington's proclamation of 1789, and a letter in which she stated, "To the service of that Great and Glorious Being, who is the beneficent author of all good that was, that is, and that will be." Her reward came when President Lincoln, in 1864, set aside the last Thursday in November as an annual National Thanksgiving Day. November 23, 1961 we will observe that annual National Holiday.

For the people of our nation, Thanksgiving Day should be one of the greatest days in the year. Perhaps more than any other nation we have had the protecting hand of God and manifold blessings from God. Abundant blessings contain one pitfall: we may like the gifts so much that we forget the "Giver." We may enjoy our freedom but at times neglect to give credit to Him who freed us.

We need to be thankful that our wonderful country has not been invaded by a foe; that our cities and homes have not been destroyed by bombs; that we still have bountiful crops, assuring us of sufficient food and clothing; that we have life itself—physical life, and most of all spiritual life which is offered to all everywhere through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Apostolic Faith Bible School

The work of the Lord continues and every day brings something of value. In regard to the Bible School I want to thank every one who helped in such a wonderful way to repair the buildings and set our school facilities in order for another term. The gallons of paint has put a newness in almost every department, plus the extensive roof work and the floor re-finishing. I would not dare to try to mention names because too many good folk have contributed in labor and finance to name them all.

Thank you for the pillows that are coming in for the dormitories. Thank you, too, for the drapes and

other necessities that are reaching us day by day. Furthermore, the food supply is building.

Thanks also for the many doors that opened to us on our tour. Our visit to the far west churches is now behind us with some fine services and sweet fellowship that we will long cherish. We hope to visit your church if we have not already done so, however the time element must be taken into consideration and it appears that we will not be able to reach everybody. We were delayed in starting the tour—the storm in the South lengthened the work-week, — my Mother fell and fractured a rib, — my wife's Mother

has been ill. There were these conditions to face, so if we miss your church please understand the reason and bear with us.

Keep planning and praying for a great Bible School term. Come as a student if at all possible. Enrollment date is January 3, 1962.

God bless you one and all.

With Christian love,

Gail W. Schultz,
Superintendent.

We urge everyone to pray seriously about attending the coming term of the Apostolic Faith Bible School.
— Editor

One Step

By CHAS. BEDINGER

ONE STEP, my friends, can determine, and will determine your destiny. Just so sure as there is a Heaven—you will discover the opposite, and that opposite is hell. Just as sure as there is a record, there will be penalties or punishment.

There are two definite roads from which to choose—the one that leads to Golgotha's hill where you can witness the slaughtering spot, where the Champion of all that is right and just, was spit on, whipped, dragged, stabbed, disgraced and nailed to the cross. When He asked for water He was given vinegar and gall, and there you will find the memorable spot where Christ settled once and for all, the one and only door to the Portals—the destination of those who choose this road is happiness, contentment, friendship, life, love, charity and everlasting life.

These are the road signs along this straight and narrow path for those who choose to take the first step on the Jericho Road. Since we have the right choice, and have made the decision, and have been born into the church by spiritual birth, we become brothers and sisters in Christ. We have met the simple requirement of conversion. "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized in-

to the body." I Corinthians 12:12-13.

After we have traveled this road, we leave evidence of our Christian faith. Monuments will rise along uncharted paths to definitely mark the road we have traveled: churches, schools, universities, hospitals; and broken homes will be lighted again by the brightness of your labors; no more will you see juvenile delinquency on the rampage with its tentacles engulfing our coming generation. If you choose this road you will be unshackled from the chains of destructive forces and placed in society working and laboring to make this a decent

place in which to live; honoring the Creator for all that is worth while—life, law, light, labor, loyalty and liberty. IT ONLY TAKES ONE STEP.

Now then, if you do not take this definite step, you have lost your most prized possession—the right of choice. This is narrowed down to the other road, and you unfortunately have lost your alternative. The Devil then reaches out his slimy hands, and uses his brute strength to force his mandate on you; drafting you into his army, and you automatically become his

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We Give Thanks

By JACOB C. REGIER

"ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING, AND INTO HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE: BE THANKFUL UNTO HIM; AND BLESS HIS NAME. FOR THE LORD IS GOOD; HIS MERCY IS EVERLASTING; AND HIS TRUTH ENDURETH TO ALL GENERATIONS." Psalms 100:4-5.

Thanksgiving Day is being observed throughout all our good land. This day is traditional in our lives since it has been observed for many generations, yet we do not find it in our hearts to object, because we know that Thanksgiving in itself is proper and right. God is pleased with it.

In Philippians 5:18 we read, "In every thing give thanks: For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Of course we find it easy to give thanks for the special blessings that flow to us from the throne of God. We thank Him for salvation through Christ, for the blessings of sanctification and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We thank Him when our sick are healed. We thank Him for good health, for comfort of life and for the way God supplies all our needs according to His riches in Glory. But we should thank Him for our responsibilities, too. We should be thankful for being witnesses for Him and for the privilege of letting our light shine among men to glorify our heavenly Father. The apostle Paul in writing to the Philippians church gave several pointed admonitions such as: 1. Rejoice evermore. 2. Pray without ceasing. 3. See that none render evil for evil. 4. Quench not the Spirit. 5. Prove all things and cleave to that which is good, and 6. Abstain from the appearance of evil. Each of these contain wonderful thought and a sermon could be preached from each text. But among these things he also said, "In everything give thanks."

God wants us to be a thankful people. It is hard to think of the children of God as an unthankful group. In fact, the Bible classes the unthankful with the unbelieving and unholy. But the giving of thanks is not entirely an obligation. We do not observe it as a command or a response to sheer duty. It is a willing service from the heart. It is the grateful expression of the soul.

Thanksgiving is a joyful experience and is regarded as a privilege by the true Christian. We pay our debts, we pay our taxes, and we work as we are ordered, but when thanks are given it is not a payment but a gift of thanks, hence Thanksgiving. After giving thanks one feels an inner calm that comes from no other source. It is like testifying in a testimony meeting. It brings blessings three ways: First, it glorifies God; next, it blesses those who hear; and last it blesses the one who testifies. This is the basis and foundation of Thanksgiving, it gives glory, praise and honour to our God. Thanksgiving helps us believe God for the things we ask of Him. It helps us have faith. It drives away our fears and doubts. In Philippians 4:6 we read, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

The giving of thanks and special days of thanksgiving are not new. The Pilgrims did not stumble upon a new discovery. Thanksgiving always has been practiced by wholesome people. The children of God throughout the history of the Bible were thankful to God and often worshipped Him. God's people give thanks while selfish people make personal demands. When we take our requests to God, we do not approach Him and demand or command Him to fill our requests, but with humility and thanksgiving we beseech Him for our desires. In the Psalms we read, "O, that men would praise the Lord." Immediately after Noah left the ark that saved them in the flood, he builded an altar unto the Lord and offered burnt offerings to the Lord which was a sweet smell to God. (Gen. 8:20). Moses and the children of Israel sang a song of praise unto God immediately after their safe crossing of the Red Sea in which their Egyptian enemies perished. (Exo. 15:1). Joshua made a monument of twelve stones to show the coming generations how God dried up a path through the swollen Jordan for their safe passing. (Josh. ch. 4). Peter and John after their release from prison had a special prayer meeting with the other saints of God and worshipped Him

for the privilege of being His servants. (Acts ch. 4). Likewise the pilgrims in 1621 observed a special Thanksgiving Day. Although they had suffered great losses the preceding year, they found it in their hearts to give thanks to God. Despite our losses, our hardships, and our trials and afflictions, we truly owe thanks to God for His bountiful blessings to us.

We firmly believe in worship. The very earliest writings in the Bible record how men worshipped. We are instructed in Genesis to worship God. We are also instructed to worship no other gods. There are scores of scripture passages that tell us to worship. Praise is also a Christian's privilege and obligation. In fact, praise and worship mean practically the same to us. Where shall we place thanksgiving? It seems to blend in with worship, praise and adoration to God. Malachi the prophet wrote, "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord and thought upon His name." To fear the Lord then is to worship Him, to think upon Him, to praise Him, to speak to each other of Him and give thanks to His great name. Read Psalms 22:23 concerning those that fear the Lord, "Ye that fear the Lord, praise Him; all ye seed of Jacob, glorify Him; and fear Him, all ye seed of Israel." Often God's people are oppressed in different ways. Sometimes they are mistreated by their fellowmen. Sometimes it seems misfortune follows them everywhere. The enemy of their souls seems to camp on their trail. They could take the stand or attitude that they do not owe God praise and thanks. On the contrary they do owe God praise and thanks. Regardless of the state of our affairs we can always find others who fare worse. The Bible tells us to consider Jesus who bore such contradictions of sinners. We have not yet resisted against sin to the shedding of blood. Again we read in Psalms 74:21, "O let not the oppressed return ashamed; let the poor and needy praise thy name."

What about the unthankful? We might say, "Others never give thanks, never fear God, never make a sacrifice and never pray a prayer or bear a burden for God, yet seem to prosper more than we." The Psalmist testified he nearly back-

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PASTORAL REPORTS

BIG SPRING, TEXAS

October 16th and 20th were the dates of a fine Singing Revival at the Apostolic Faith Chapel, 1311 South Goliad, Big Spring, Texas under the direction of Rev. Donald D. Dibbens. Everyone got right into the Singing and we feel this will be a blessing to our people.

The Sunday School has risen to the 50's with good prospects to increase to a larger number.

Rev. and Mrs. R. D. Wooster, Pastors.

FOLLETT, TEXAS

The services are consistently good at the Follett Chapel. The Wednesday night Bible Studies, in the book of Revelation, are of great interest and blessing.

Rev. Donald D. Dibbens, Pastor

MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH LOGAN, OKLAHOMA

The Midway Church has enjoyed some outstanding services recently with attendance good and an excellent spirit in the church. On Sunday, October 22, Communion Service was observed in the morning worship hour and two persons were converted in the service. In the night service one person was converted.

A radio broadcast is being planned to begin in the near future.

Edwin Modrick, Pastor

CROSSES, ARKANSAS

Our Church is showing signs of progress. The Sunday Evening Youth Meetings and Worship Services have increased in number.

Bro. and Sis. Mitchell Modrick, of Enid, Oklahoma, were recent visitors here. Bro. Modrick was speaker at the Sunday Morning Worship Hour.

Bro. O. A. Busch, of Granby, Missouri, was with us in Revival Services Oct. 23-26. His messages were very timely and were enjoyed by all.

Helen Arnold

RAILS, TEXAS

Bro. Robert Girouard conducted a weeks meeting during the month of October. The preaching was exceptionally good and beneficial.

Rev. Austin Morgan, Pastor.

PERRYTON, TEXAS

The meeting with Rev. Marcus L. Adair as speaker continued on into the first week of November. Crowds were large and interest good. The Adair Family assisted during the week ends. Also helping in the meeting was local talent, very good local talent. The Prophets Quartet and Bro. Dibbens were with us a couple of nights.

Rev. Gail W. Schultz, Superintendent of the Bible School, was with us for a special Bible School service Sunday, October 29th.

Rev. Jacob C. Regier, Pastor

BELLVILLE, TEXAS

The Apostolic Faith Church of Bellville has three different ministers speaking to them on various Sunday nights. Bro. Seber has the first Sunday of the month; Bro. Swanson has the second Sunday of the month; and Bro. Donald Mathis has the third and fourth Sundays of the month. We are keeping the Gospel going for Christ and souls.

CORDELE, TEXAS

Bro. and Sis. J. D. Ray held a week's revival at the Wayside Chapel October 15th thru 22nd. The stirring messages were a real challenge to our people.

Rev. Stephen Welsh, Pastor

BALKO, OKLAHOMA

God blessed us with a wonderful revival. Evang. Homer Coberly was the speaker, assisted by Leora Woodson and Truman Summerford. Bro. Coberly brought some very timely messages. The revival lasted three weeks. There was one soul saved, a young man on leave from the Navy. He requests the prayers of all Christians.

The revival was good for the Church and was enjoyed by all. Come by and see us, and do pray for us.

Rev. Jack Cornell, Pastor

DUMAS, TEXAS

Rev. Jacob C. Regier began a revival at the Apostolic Faith Church in Dumas, Texas, November 5, 1961. The Church is praying and expecting God to bless us in this effort.

Rev. A. W. Ferguson, Pastor

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

In the series of services with Brother Murphy Barnes as the speaker we have again had our pure minds stirred in the way of remembrance of that spoken before by the Holy prophets, of Jesus and of the Apostles of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, telling us of the scoffers which shall come in the last days, of the love of many waxing cold because of iniquity that abounds; forms of godliness and denying the power of God; false prophets, evil men and seducers waxing worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived; of the time of trouble that is beginning to show up more and more, but thanks be to God for the way to escape by dwelling in the secret place of the most high under the shadow of the Almighty, living in the 91st Psalm.

When the Lord sees the blood the enemy is not permitted to come near.

This meeting did not reach out as we had hoped and prayed it would but a few seemed to receive definite experiences, and many in the church have been earnestly seeking God, and He alone knows all that has been accomplished.

Brother Murphy, as a watchman, is one of many no doubt who is crying, "What of the night", striving to awaken from slumber and sleep. May God bless him as he cries aloud is my prayer.

Mrs. E. A. Greever, Pastor

TEXARKANA, TEXAS

Bro. J. W. Elliott is now living in Texarkana and conducting street services as the Lord directs and his health permits.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Bro. and Sis. Mahan want to thank all the people for their prayers and ask that everyone still continue to hold them up in prayer for Bro. Mahan's complete deliverance. Their home was a prayer meeting time, for a young couple to be converted, recently. This was a joy to their hearts since they are not privileged to be in services. Be sure and remember them in your prayers.

MIDWEST CITY, OKLAHOMA

Evangelist and Mrs. Teddie Barker began a revival in the Apostolic Faith Church in Midwest City on November 6th.

Rev. and Mrs. Amos Harris, Pastors

CAMP WOOD, TEXAS

Evangelist Harold Nease conducted a revival in the Apostolic Faith Church in Campwood, Texas the latter part of October and the first part of November. The meeting lasted four weeks. Five days before the meeting began there was Morning prayer services. The Lord has graciously blessed during this meeting.

Rev. Charles Gregory, Pastor

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

Evangelist Murphy Barnes conducted a revival in the Apostolic Faith Church in Spearman beginning October 8th.

Mrs. E. A. Greever, Pastor.

KATY, TEXAS

Rev. Robert Girouard began a Revival at the Apostolic Faith Church in Katy, Texas, November 5, 1961. We are looking forward to a special visitation of God during this meeting.

Rev. Harrol Waterbury, Pastor

LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA

Evangelist Homer Coberly began a revival meeting at the Laverne Apostolic Faith Church Sunday, November 5th. Miss Bobby Bishop and Mrs. Royce Grant were in charge of the music and singing.

Jim and Lamoyne Fox, Pastors

JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Rev. Harrol Waterbury recently conducted a meeting in the East 4th Street Chapel in Joplin, Missouri. We are expecting lasting good results from this effort for God and souls.

Rev. Bob Cooper, Pastor

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

I have a very urgent request for healing: mind, soul and body. I know that the Lord is able.

Lora Shandley
220 E. Main St.
Uvalde, Texas

HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

The "Home Missionary" work is beginning to materialize under the direction of Bro. and Sis. Francis Dearing with the help of Bro. and Sis. Audie Mahan here in Hot Springs. Bro. and Sis. L. A. Long were with us for a week end series of services the 5th of November. The battle is being pushed forward for souls and to establish a Church. Maybe some of the older Churches have some articles that could be used here that are not in use in your Church. How about looking in the storeroom or attic for extra flannel-graph stories, flannel-graph boards, books, stories, etc. They would be a blessing to this new work. We desire your prayers as we labor for Jesus.

Francis and Ruth Dearing,
Pastors

How about writing these young folks a letter to let them know that you are praying for them. —Editor

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Mr. and Mrs. Audie Mahan

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KINGSMILL, TEXAS

We do appreciate the Report and the work you are doing for the Lord and the paper.

The Kingsmill Community Church enjoyed having Bro. and Sis. T. S. Abraham with us all day Sunday, October 8th, and for them to be in our home for a few days.

We just closed a week of services with Bro. and Sis. J. D. Ray from Anchorage, Alaska. The Lord blessed and the Christians were encouraged in the Lord. We felt that the special services were a rich blessing to the Church.

E. K. Cornell, Pastor

IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIF.

Bro. Gail W. Schultz was with us at the Silver Strand Country Church for a special Bible School Service. This was a blessing to all. That day we set a new Sunday School Attendance record of 52. The Lord is blessing our labours here even though it seems rather slow at times. Pray with us that we might reach souls here. We enjoy the Report so very much as it is the life line for us here on the West Coast so far from other Churches.

Rev. and Mrs. Bob Taylor,
Pastors

PRAYER REQUEST

Forrest Beaver

ARNETT, OKLAHOMA

Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd La Munyon and Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Barker conducted a two-weeks meeting in our church beginning October 1st. Brother LaMunyon brought outstanding messages and Brother Barker directed the choir. The good messages and songs were a wonderful blessing to our church.

Mrs. Sherman Sutton, Pastor

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." 2 Cor. 2:14.

"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." Psalms 95:2.

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name." Psalms 100:4.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praise unto thy name, O most High." Psalms 92:1.

"In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thess. 5:18

OBITUARY**M. W. CLARK**

M. W. Clark passed away October 8, 1961 at his home in Baxter Springs, Kansas. He was born February 29, 1876, at Fulton, Kansas and was married to Bessie S. Withers March 8, 1898. Most of his life was spent around Baxter Springs, Kansas. He attended Brother Charles F. Parham's meetings there and was converted at an early age in the Apostolic Faith.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Edna Michener, Mrs. Mildred Paxson, and Mrs. Lillie Bingham, all of Baxter Springs, Kansas; three sons, Glen E. Clark, Fredericktown, Missouri; Fred W. Clark, Potosi, Missouri; and Don R. Clark of Baxter Springs. Also eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Otto Busch, Rev. Lula Parham and Rev. Robert Denton in the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

The Children's Hour . . .

By ALBERDINE WILHITE

B-e careful what you do each day.
B-e kind and good in every way.
B-e sure to read your Bible too.
B-ible reading is good for you.

"B" is the key letter today. How many Bible characters, animals, and cities can you find that begin with a "B"? Make a list and see!

A. Can you name

1. An animal? _____
- 2 Kings 2:24
2. A bird? _____ Isa. 14:23
3. A disciple? _____ Acts 1:13
4. God's word? _____

BIBLE READING: The Beatitudes.
Matt. 5:3-12

3. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.
4. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
5. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
6. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
7. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
8. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
9. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
10. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.
11. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
12. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so were persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

"B" stands for the Bible that we need.

Let us give it careful heed.

It will show us how to do

All the Lord would have us to.

A BIBLE VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." James 1:22.

B. Fill in the blanks. If you do not know the answers, use the scripture reference.

1. Jesus was born there. _____
 Matt. 2:1 and 6.
2. Often visited by Jesus. (a city) _____
 Matt. 21:17.
3. Jesus made him see. _____
 Mark 10:46.
4. A robber released instead of Jesus. _____
 Matt. 27:16
5. He saw the handwriting on the wall. _____
 Dan. 5:5-6.
6. Name a precious stone. _____
 Ex. 28:20.

C. 1. The Lord rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah _____ and fire. Gen. 19:24.

2. In whom we have redemption through His _____, even the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1:14.

- C. 1. Brimstone 2. Blood.
 6. Beryl.
 timaeus 4. Barabbas 5. Belshazzar
 B. 1. Bethlehem 2. Bethany 3. Bar-
 new 4. Bible.
 A. 1. Bear 2. Bittern 3. Bartholo-

Answers to the above questions:

The Thanksgiving Day to Come

This month we Americans will again observe Thanksgiving. This tradition has been observed for many years. Many of us will take part in family get-togethers and the traditional stuffed turkey, pumpkin pie, and other good things to eat will be served at the family table.

Thanksgiving, today, means several things to us. A vacation from school, a home-coming football game, or a chance to visit grandparents and other relatives.

However let us, as Christians, remember to be really thankful during the Thanksgiving Holidays. It is always good to say, "Thank you Lord." It is also good to be thankful every day, not just one day a year.

Let us remember that Jesus gave his life that we might have a more abundant life. Truly, this is a miracle for which we should be thankful. Therefore let us add praise to our Thanksgiving. "For whoso offereth praise glorifieth me." Psalm 50:23. We can give thanksgiving in prayer. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thess. 5:18.

However, as Christians, we can look forward to a thanksgiving day to come. The coming thanksgiving is going to be in heaven. We will be able to give praise and thanksgiving to God every day throughout all eternity! A song that the angels can not sing! It will be a song of the redeemed! Won't it be wonderful there! This will be the thanksgiving of all thanksgivings!

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YOUTH PAGE**WEST TEXAS YOUTH RALLY**

The West Texas Youth Rally was called to order by its President L. J. Ehrlich at Kingsmill, Texas, Sunday afternoon October 22, 1961. A vote was taken whether to change the Rally to Monday or leave the Rally on Sunday afternoon. The vote was to continue on Sunday afternoon.

Special numbers were presented by the participating churches: Amarillo, Sunray, Dumas, and Kingsmill. The total attendance was 61. Amarillo won the attendance banner with 17 present. A panel discussion was had over the first five chapters of Genesis. Amarillo Youth won first place with Sunray Youth a close second.

The next Rally will be at Amarillo featuring the "Tator Hill Chapel." All are invited.

Secretary, Kay Ehrlich.

MID-WEST YOUTH RALLY

Mid-west Youth Rally was held October 23 at the Apostolic Faith Church in Arnett, Oklahoma with the president, Edith LaMunyon, in charge of the service. Choir was led by Donald Dibbens. Each of the participating churches presented special numbers, one of which was a skit, "Person to Person," presented by the young people of the Midway Church. The skit included a visit to the homes of three families who had spiritual deficiencies. These families found that they could solve their problems by going to God for guidance and by studying the Bible. There is not a problem too great or too small for the Lord to solve.

The total attendance was 118, and the banner went to Midway Church for having the largest number, 39, at the rally. The next rally for this group of churches will be November 26 at the Follett, Texas Church. The Arnett Church will be in charge of the program.

Carol Baker, secretary

The greatest fault is to be conscious of none.

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Signs of His Coming

By ROLAND HANEY

"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night." I Thess. 5:1-2.

Friends, I believe that the end-time is upon us. We see the Bible being fulfilled every day, the things that Jesus said would happen before His return are happening all around us. In Matthew, chapter 24, Jesus speaks of things that shall come in the last days, and of how the love of Christians shall wax cold. This also is happening today.

I would to God that we Christians could wake up to the fact that the end-time is here, and that Jesus shall soon appear in the clouds.

The world is not looking for the coming of our Lord and Savior. Some are looking for material wealth, some for pleasure, others are looking for a way to settle the problems which face the world. Jesus said: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44.

Space does not permit us to write the entire chapter, but I wish you would take the time to read Matthew 24, I believe it will stir your heart.

Let us consider these scriptures in 2 Timothy 3:1-7.

"This know also that in the last days perilous time shall come." Friends, we are living in perilous time. Men do not know which way to turn; we do not know when we go to bed at night if we shall awaken and hear that war has been declared.

WEST TEXAS YOUTH RALLY

The West Texas Youth Rally met at Lovington, New Mexico, October 6, 1961. The Lovington, New Mexico Church has joined our Youth Rallies. We are very glad to have them in our group.

Bro. Gail Schultz, who is on the Bible School Tour, brought the message of the evening, which was on Faith. It was a very good service.

The next Rally will be at Ralls, Texas, November 3, 1961 at 8:00 p.m.

Ellen Boyd, Reporter.

Verse 2: "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy." We can look around us and see every one of these things happening today.

Verses 4-5: "Traitors, heady highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." How far do we have to look to see these scriptures being fulfilled? These things are happening in many churches today. The form of godliness is in the world now, and many are turning to this form.

Christian, what are we doing about these things? We have "played" at Christianity long enough: it is time we get down to business with God.

Jesus told His disciples, "Heaven and earth shall pass away; but My words shall not pass away," Mark 13:31. We do not know the day nor the hour when Jesus shall come, but He has given us the warning to be ready. In Joel chapter 3, the word of God tells us that in the last days the world will prepare for war, and the weak shall say, "I am strong." Let us not say in our hearts, My Lord delayeth His coming. That is what the devil wants us to do because he knows he has only a short time yet to work. Let us spend more time on our knees in prayer, preparing ourselves for the judgment.

Some people have the idea that they will get saved when they are ready to do so. In Matt. 25:10-12 we find these words: "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with Him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying Lord, Lord, open to us. But He answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not." It will be a sad thing to be lost, to face eternity without hope, knowing it is too late to pray.

I hope these few words will be a blessing, and will help us all to awaken to the fact that Jesus is coming soon.

We Give Thanks

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slid when he was envious of the foolish and looked upon the prosperity of the wicked. When he went into God's sanctuary and received understanding, he learned that God had set the wicked in slippery places and their destruction was sure. Instead of making man our example let God be our pattern. Let the Lord Jesus show us the way. God loved us while we were sinners. He sent His Son to die for us that we might live. Christ Jesus loved the church so much He suffered without the gate that He might sanctify and cleanse the church. Not while we were worthy, but unworthy. That is our example. We find His advice in Luke 12:35, "But love your enemies and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be called the children of the Highest; for He is kind to the unthankful and to the evil." Jesus also said that we should let our light shine among men that they would glorify God when they'd see our good works. In Philippians 2:14-15 we read, "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." Unthankfulness is a sign of the end-time. Paul wrote to Timothy thus: "In the last days perilous times shall come. For blasphemers, disobedient to parents, men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, unthankful, unholy, —." Unthankfulness is listed here with other evils of the last days.

The Bible says, "Finally my brethren be strong in the Lord." When we think of Christians we think of spiritual strength. Unthankfulness, uncleanness, and wickedness certainly rob people of their strength in God and ultimately will destroy a Christian experience. But faithfulness, cleanliness, Christian virtue and holiness fill the humble Christian heart with satisfaction, joy, and thankfulness. We can rejoice and give thanks on Thanksgiving Day and every other day of the year. In fact, we as God's people will enjoy life better if we make every day a day of thanksgiving. Philippians 4:4 reads, "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice."

THANKSGIVING ALPHABET

Count your blessings and be thankful for—

Acceptance, which can never be questioned (Eph. 1:6)
 Bounty, which can never be withdrawn (I Cor. 3:21-24)
 Comeliness, which can never be marred (Exek. 16:14)
 Deliverance, which can never be excelled (II Cor. 1:10)
 Election, which can never be broken (Eph. 1:4 and Rom. 8:30)
 Fullness, which can never be exhausted (Col. 2: 9-10, R. V.)
 Grace, which can never be limited (II Cor. 12:9)
 Hope, which can never be disappointed (Heb. 6:18-19)
 Inheritance, which can never be alienated (I Peter 1:3-5)
 Joy, which can never be quenched (John 15:11)
 Kingdom, which can never be overturned (Heb. 12:28)
 Love, which can never be darkened (John 13:1)
 Might, which can never be overcome (Eph. 1:19 and II Cor. 10:4)
 Nearness, which can never be reversed (Eph. 2:13)
 Ordination, which can never be removed (John 15:16 and Eph. 2:10)
 Purity, which can never be denied (Song of Solomon 4:7)
 Quietness, which can never be disturbed (John 14:27 and Isa. 32:17)
 Righteousness, which can never be tarnished (II Cor. 5:21)
 Salvation, which can never be cancelled (Heb. 5:9)
 Triumph, which can never be clouded (II Cor. 2:14)
 Union, which can never be severed (I Cor. 12:12)
 Victory, which can never be altered (Heb. 2:14 and I John 3:8)
 Wisdom, which can never be baffled (I Cor. 1:24)
 Xcellence, which can never be destroyed (Deut. 33:29)
 Youthfulness, which can never be interrupted (Psm. 103:5)
 Zeal, which can never be hindered (John 2:17 and Isa. 9:7)

— S. S. Times.

MID-WEST CAMP GROUND

Twenty acres of land one mile south of Laverne, Oklahoma has been purchased for the purpose of building a permanent Youth Camp and Camp Ground for the Mid-west area churches. The land was fenced on October 19, and grass and trees will be planted as soon as possible and building erected. Sufficient contributions came in to pay cash for the land and all future contributions will be used for permanent buildings and other improvements. The Board of Directors are R. C. "Whitey" Jones, Hardesty, Okla., Gene Hibbs, Liberal, Kans., and Jim Fox, Laverne, Okla. Brother Fox is secretary-treasurer of the board and all correspondence and contributions may be sent to him.

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THE THANKSGIVING DAY TO COME

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Let us look forward to this thanksgiving day that is to come. Today we spend several days in preparing for our dinner. Let us begin our preparation now. Let us lay up treasures for this day. Let us watch and pray for this day. Let us give praise and honor to whom it is due, **now**. Let us prepare to sing the song of redemption, now! Let us come before His courts with thanksgiving and give due praise to the blood of the Lamb.

R-embered by Jesus while in sin
 E-mpowered by His blood and
 cleansed within
 D-eath now has no sting for me
 E-ternity's gates my glad eyes see
 E-ver to be there with the Lord
 M-oved by His spirit, filled with
 His word
 E-nabled someday a new song to
 sing, on the
 D-awn of that morning all heaven
 will ring!

"There is always a need for more
 who will say — Here am I, send
 me."

One Step

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henchmen. You are brothers and sisters of criminals, murderers, thieves, gangsters, whores, whore-mongers, adulterers, deceivers, liars, drunkards, and imps from the very depths of hell. You do not travel this road by your own power altogether, but are led, pushed, shoved, kicked, whipped, stabbed, shot at (sometimes killed); and your minds will be drugged by beer, whisky, opium, marijuana, and all the other alcoholics and opiates, at his commands—which are many.

What are the citadeils along your road; how many churches have you torn down; how many homes have you broken; how many boys and girls have you rescued; how many have you starved; how many human wrecks can you account for; how many have you made homeless and without an equal opportunity in life?

My friends, where are your tabrets concealed upon which your triumphs are recorded; what language do you speak; and what are your songs sounding forth in harmony—your praises and your joys—for greater accomplishments?

This gang has always been at war with the great Creator—because God, and only God, can create and put life in that which He has crea-

ted, making it to live, walk, talk and praise Him for this freedom, liberty and achievement.

But where does this big monster originate, from which you take your orders and commands?

The gang, whose banner you carry, was thrown headlong out of heaven at one time. Since then they have licked their wounds and organized the anti-christians in a movement to destroy the liberties of mankind over the world.

You are common material for communists, whose chief motive is to first destroy the belief of immortality and to dislodge God Almighty from His throne—supplanting Him with Marxism.

It is time to be steppin', steppin', steppin'.

One step in the right direction will save you from the very pangs of hell, and the world will be glad that you made your advent into decent society. **TAKE THAT STEP—THE FIRST STEP!**

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." 2 Cor. 9:15.

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Cor. 15:57.

"But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that which I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord." Jonah 2:9.

DEAR MINISTERS OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH:

Greetings to you from the West Coast!

The Lord has given us a burden to have a Convocation here on the West Coast this Christmas Season. We would ask your prayers for this undertaking, and also give you this personal invitation to come and enjoy the good things of the Lord with us.

The convocation services will be held in the Apostolic Faith Church, 836 S. Drake, Stockton, California. Services will begin Wednesday evening December 27th, and end with a Watch Night Service December 31st. Meals will be served at a common table for all who attend as the Lord provides.

Again we ask that you pray with us for this Convocation, and if it is possible, attend. If you think it will be possible for you to attend we would appreciate a letter from you letting us know.

You may make room reservations by contacting Brother Patterson.

Your Brothers in Christ,
Bill Patterson, Edwin Waterbury,
804 S. Drake, Star Route,
Stockton, Spring Valley,
California, California

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and **BE YE THANKFUL.**" Col. 3:15.

WEST TEXAS

CONVOCATION

OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH

RALLS, TEXAS

DECEMBER 26 -- 31, 1961

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9:00 A. M. Prayer Meeting
 10:00 A. M. Bible Lesson
 1:30 P. M. Children's Service
 2:30 P. M. Worship Service
 6:30 P. M. Youth Rally
 7:30 P. M. Evangelistic Service

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7:30 A. M. Breakfast
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SCHEDULE—

Morning Prayer 9:00
 Bible Lesson 10:00
 Children's Service 1:30
 Afternoon Service 2:30
 Youth Service 6:30
 Evening Service 7:30

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