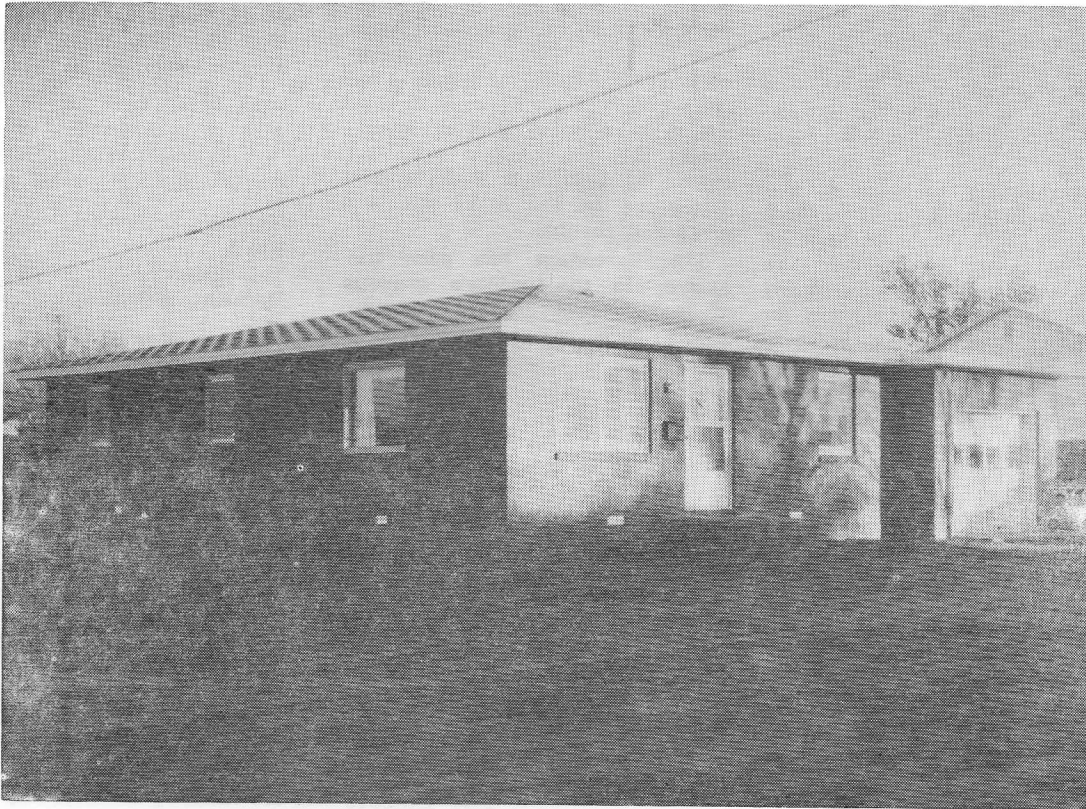


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Apostolic Faith Parsonage

628 NORTH BIVINS

AMARILLO, TEXAS

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Amarillo Apostolic Faith Parsonage

The picture on the front page is a landmark that stands in Amarillo, Texas, as a testimonial of the vision, labor, and sacrifice of the late Rev. John Modrick and his wife Viola. Brother and Sister Modrick and family moved to Amarillo, Texas in August 1951. Services were immediately started in their home as there was no Apostolic Faith Church there. Bro. Modrick was definitely impressed to build an Apostolic Faith Church in Amarillo, Texas. Services were conducted in their home on Bivins Street for five years. During this time three lots, nearby, were purchased and construction began on the church building. It was a long hard pull but with the help of God and many kind hands the church building was completed enough for the first service on October 14, 1956.

Bro. John Modrick laid aside this earthly garment and went to sleep in June 1957. He rests awaiting the resurrection morning and the rewards of His Lord. Bro. Neil Ragan was in charge of the services for 3 months.

Sister Louise Sutton was the pastor 1957 to 1959. Bro. Winston Barker was the pastor following Sister Sutton. He filled this posi-

tion one year and during this time another lot was purchased adjoining the first three lots that had been purchased.

Bro. Neil Ragan accepted the Pastorate in 1960 and is serving his third year in this position. During the past year of Bro. Ragan's pastorate this fine new parsonage has been built. It stands on the last lot that was purchased. The Church occupies the first three lots that were purchased. This makes adequate parking facilities around the church building. There is work yet to be done in landscaping around the parsonage but the spring of 1963 will make a big difference in the looks of the grass and shrubs.

This parsonage has been the answer to the people's prayers of many years. It has already shown forth as an outstanding asset to the Apostolic Faith Church of Amarillo in many ways.

We are grateful to God for His blessings and we want these landmarks to be a blessing to lost souls and a place for continued spiritual benefits to God's people.

—Rev. Neil Ragan, Pastor, and the Amarillo Apostolic Faith Congregation.

EVANGELISTS — OPEN FOR CALLS

In response to a number of requests we are printing the following list of active evangelists who are open for calls so that pastors and church trustees may know those who are available for revivals.

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THE DEBT I OWE

The debt I owe, I can ne'er repay,
The great things Jesus did for me,
Before He went away.

The debt I owe, You ask, What
could it be?
He purchased my salvation,
Upon the cruel cross of Calvary.

The debt I owe, What would have
been my fate?
If He hadn't purchased my Sanc-
tification,
As He suffered without the gate.

The debt I owe, I owe it all to
Him,
My Jesus went to His Father,
And in His place, the Comforter
came.

The debt I owe, it my Savior
truly cost,
When He purchased my healing,
At Pilate's whipping post.

The debt I owe, I will try to
repay,
As I give my all to Jesus,
And work from day to day.

Written February 15, 1962
By Florence Fields

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Letter to the Editor:

We enjoy the Report very much. And we also enjoyed visiting a number of the churches and the wonderful fellowship with friends and loved ones last summer. Now we are back in Mississippi at our post of duty again, and desire your prayers that we will see souls born into the kingdom of God.

The Lord has been blessing in the services and we do appreciate His wonderful love and kindness in every way. All ministers and gospel workers of The Faith are invited to come by for services.

Rev. and Mrs. George Hintergardt, Pastors Pine Crest Church, Route 4, Quitman, Mississippi.

PRAYER REQUEST:

Mrs. J. C. Carl, Webb City, Mo. desires prayers for the healing of her eyesight, that she may be able to read her Bible and the Apostolic Faith Report as long as she lives. Sister Carl has been in the Apostolic Faith Movement many years, and though she is advanced in years, God is able to grant her request for her sight.

Luke 19:13, "And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, 'Occupy till I come'.

This is the parable of the ten pounds or sometimes called the postponed kingdom. These closing four words appear more and more important as the days of this new year 1963 unfold and the coming of Jesus comes nearer and nearer. 'Occupy till I come'. We know that Jesus went back to the Father as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles and the book of Hebrews. Acts 1: 9-11 and Hebrews 12: 2. Jesus came to earth and completed all things that were necessary for the redemption of man: spirit, soul, and body. The great event, of His return to this earth again, is coming upon us in no uncertain terms by the fulfilling of prophecy every day. We have a large responsibility and obligation 'till He comes'. He is coming in body form. Jesus will return to this earth in power and great glory. What are we to do?—Occupy till I come—This means: to stay on the job; to keep the glorious gospel of the kingdom ever rolling on; to pray, preach, sing, testify, and write; to point men and

women, boys and girls, to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; to lift the blood-stained banner of Immanuel high to a lost and dying world, (and I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me); to bear much fruit, and so shall ye be my disciples; to live righteously and godly in this present world; to support those that carry the gospel without collections and begging as Jesus called man to do, (by tithing, offerings, and the giving of our substance to Evangelists, Pastors, Missionaries, Gospel Workers, Bible school, Youth camp, Camp Meetings, Churches, and the printed word); to win souls to Christ. This is our challenge as we go into 1963. We can do it, by His grace. Let us work together, pray together, sing together, give praise together, and endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

With your continued support and a little extra effort on all our parts, we shall keep the gospel ever going on: in sermon, in song, in testimony, and by the printed word; hastening unto the coming of Jesus back to this earth again. Surely Jesus is coming soon. — 'Occupy Till I Come'.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Contributed during 1962 (\$2,938.75), Expenditures during 1962 (2,812.05), and Beginning 1963 with (\$ 126.70).

Guided Men

Someone has said: "God needs more guided men, not more guided missiles."

Speak Up

You must speak up to be heard, but you must shut up to be appreciated.

A Thankful Heart

By HAULACE NOVINGER

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

Of all the graces that make up a fine Christian Character, it seems the one given the least attention is that of thankfulness. It has been said that a thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all virtues.

Thanksgiving occupied a prominent place in the mind of Paul the great evangelist and missionary; as it should in the mind and heart of every believer. So many of his messages begin with a note of praise to God.

"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." Heb. 13:15.

Our thanksgiving is expressed through Jesus Christ. It is through His atoning blood we are able to approach God with thanksgiving. By the precious blood of Jesus we have liberty to enter into the holiest, the very presence of God, with thanksgiving and praise, which is the fruit of our lips.

We would ask ourselves the question, "What does it take to be thankful?" The average person lays more stress on what he thinks he should have than on what he has; and would say they would be grateful if they possessed many things. It would seem easier to be grateful with a full stomach than when one was hungry. Yet, having things themselves does not cause thankfulness.

The New Testament tells the story of Jesus healing the ten lepers. These men were set free from loneliness, isolation, pain, and the awful death that was part of a leper's fate. Yes, they were given new life and new hope. Yet only one of the ten came back to give thanks to the Saviour for His mercy.

The percentage of thankfulness to God probably does not vary from generation to generation.

The story of the ten lepers suggests that ninety percent of those who receive God's benefits are lacking in appreciation of His goodness. The scripture contains a multitude of exhortations for thankfulness to God. Thankfulness to our Lord was scarce in His days on earth. Ten men were healed and one returned to give thanks to God.

Many women of Israel were blessed by Him. One brought a cruse of fragrant ointment as an expression of her love and thankfulness.

Let us turn to the Old Testament—the book of Ecclesiastes—the second chapter tells of a man who had virtually everything his heart could wish. After telling about all the things he possessed, he said, "I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun."

In contrast to the writer of Ecclesiastes, there is the Apostle Paul, who was beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, in constant danger in his travels, mistreated, and hated by his people. Often weary, hungry, and cold with the care of several churches. Yet he said, "... always and for everything give thanks to God the Father. ..." Eph. 5:20.

You may ask, "What is the basis for true thanksgiving?" One must have the ability to see behind the seen and unseen things of life and see the 'Giver' behind them all. The poet Maltbie Babcock put it this way:

"Back of the loaf is the snowy flour,
And back of the flour, the mill,
And back of the mill is the wheat and the showers,
The sun and the Father's will."

Faith opens our eyes to see the graciousness of God. It makes us aware of His patience and abundance and love.

Unthankfulness closes the door against deeper and greater bless-

ings of life. Jesus always expected His love and manifold blessings to blossom into spiritual grace. The thankful heart is a happy heart and always has a song of praise for the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praise unto thy name, O Most High: to shew forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night." Psalm 92: 1-2.

Healing Testimony

Two years ago I went to Houston for a physical check-up. The Doctor found a serious condition that could become malignant. He advised me to keep a close check each three to six months regularly. We began to pray and request prayer for this condition. I did not go back for a check-up but never felt that complete victory had been won. About six months ago, a place came on my face close to the side of my nose. It continually grew worse and became sore and irritated. About that same time, I was going through a severe spiritual trial. I became very discouraged but God has again proved Himself to me by performing a miracle of healing. On Christmas day 1962, the presence of God was so very real to us. That night the place on my face came out by the roots and is now completely healed and only a slight scar is left. A few days later God very definitely made me to feel that the other condition was healed also. I feel wonderful in body and Praise the Lord for His healing power. Jesus still answers prayer and gives us victory.

Thanks to all who held us up in prayer. I know you will be happy to know that healing has come to me. God bless you all.

In Christian Love,

Mrs. Jasper Arnold
Box 623
Rockdale, Texas.

Obstacles are those terrifying things we see when we take our eyes off our goal.

Daniel's Image

A theme written by Carol Baker, a student in Prophecy class in Apostolic Bible School, Fall term, 1962

"And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him." Daniel 2:1.

The kingdom of Babylon was unequalled in power, and Nebuchadnezzar the ruler received great glory. He had been divinely chosen of God to be ruler of the nations; but God wanted to show him that his great power and the glories of his empire would soon pass away.

The King was troubled to know the meaning of the dream, but the dream had faded from his memory. Then he called the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans for to show him his dream. He said, "If ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill." Daniel 2:5.

Although they seemed to possess supernatural power, they could not reproduce the king's dream. They answered, "There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean. And it is rare that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the god's . . ." (verses 10-11) Through this statement, they acknowledged that their power was not from God.

The hand of the Lord was obviously guiding Daniel's life. Daniel was considered a wise man, but for some reason had not been sent in to the king with the other men. God first showed the false claims of the wise men; then He inspired Daniel, so that he might stand before the king and shew the interpretation of the dream.

Daniel, by faith in God, stood before the king. He did not ask the king about his dream or what

the nature of it was, but simply told Nebuchadnezzar he would give him the message from God.

The great revelation of the dream and its interpretation was given to Daniel. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. . . . "Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever . . . I thank thee and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers. . . for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter." verses 20-23.

Daniel again stood before the great king; and he revealed unto him his dream. "Thou O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. The image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. . . a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them in pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and become like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away. . ." verses 31-35.

Thus Daniel spoke unto the king of his dream; then he gave the interpretation thereof. "And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beast of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all, Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear ruler over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there

shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And the toes of the feet were part iron, and part clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken." verses 37-42.

Through this dream was revealed the plan of the "times of the gentiles." The image symbolized four great world powers of the earth from Nebuchadnezzar to the second coming of Christ. The four metals in the image represent the strength of these nations. Through the diminishing value of the metals from gold, to silver, to brass, to iron, to iron and clay; we can see the deterioration of "the times of the Gentiles." Also, the image was top-heavy (considering the weight of the metals) which shows a degeneration in character of the nation from head to feet, first to last.

The Babylonian Empire

Babylon came into being by a series of wars with Assyria, Egypt, and the adjoining nations. Its power and glory were unequalled. The siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar in B. C. 606 officially began the times of the Gentiles. Jerusalem was given up to be trodden down until the times of the Gentiles was fulfilled.

Nebuchadnezzar, as king, fulfilled all types and characters of the kings to follow him — who would seek world control until the time of the anti-christ. He had to be driven into the fields to come to the acknowledgement that God had given him power and glory.

Many kings came and went after his death and the Babylonian empire soon gave away. The kingdom was "weighed in the balances and found wanting". The kingdom was also divided and given to the Medes and Persians. Babylon became a type of anti-christ, political-religious world system because of rejection of God, deification of man, persecution of religious systems, display of wealth-luxury-power, and corrupt moral and social standards.

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PASTORAL REPORTS

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

Our church is being blessed of God. Our Sunday School attendance will increase when the weather warms up and everyone is well. God has helped us graciously with our building program. We want to thank everyone for their prayers. Also, we want to thank the Balko, Oklahoma and Stockton, California churches for their missionary offerings. We have \$1,223.41 in our building fund now. This amount has been given since October 7, 1962. This makes us feel that God has answered our earnest prayers for help and guidance.

We desire the prayers of everyone that God will continue to guide and direct us. We welcome visitors in our home and church.

Rev. and Mrs. Ross Briles,
Pastor.

BAYARD, NEBRASKA.

Bro. and Sis. George Palvado conducted a 2 weeks revival in the Apostolic Faith Church here. The preaching was wonderful and each message was mightily anointed with the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven. There was deep conviction. Some of the church folks prayed through to personal victory. The Lord met with us in the morning prayer services.

Rev. James Hosler, Pastor.

ALVIN, TEXAS.

In the absence of our pastor Bro. Kerr, who went to Oklahoma for a revival, Bro. and Sis. Mitchner filled in. We enjoyed some very good messages brought by Sister Mitchner.

The Billy Jones family had a new visitor come and stay—Julie Ann—born Oct. 30, 1962. The David Neff family had a new visitor come and stay—Shawn David—born Dec. 7, 1962.

Bro. and Sis. Roy Wooster are back in Alvin, but not for long according to Bro. Roy. They are always a help to our services.

The foundation for our new church building has begun and with the Lord's help we soon hope to have the building completely under way.

Bob Cannon, Reporter
Rev. K. Kerr, Pastor.

JOPLIN, MISSOURI.

We are glad to report that the Lord is still blessing the Apostolic Faith church located at 700 East 4th St. in Joplin. We will continue to pastor until Camp Meeting time and we know that the time will pass swiftly. A general work day has been set aside by the ladies to clean the church throughout. We are asking the Lord to give us a revival as He sees best. A D.V.B.S. is in the planning. The Sunday School continues to grow and every body is working and praying that souls may be won and every truth taught according to the Word of the Lord.

Services are now conducted every Sunday A. M. and P. M. and on Wednesday night and Tuesday afternoon. We will continue to live in Baxter Springs, Kansas and our mailing address is the same, that is P. O. Box 110. If God be for us, who can be against us? The Word of the Lord will not return void. God will give the increase.

Rev. Gail and Edna Schultz
—Pastors.

FRANKLIN, TEXAS.

Dear Bro. Dibbens and co-Editors:

Christian Greetings. Thanks and thanks again for the sermons by Bro. Parham, Ditto, Stanberry, Seber and Mahan. I thoroughly enjoyed all of them. The paper this month was very good. "Thanks be unto God" was heart moving and indeed spiritual. I read it the second time. May God bless our young people and inspire them, they will be pillars in our church of tomorrow. I appreciate our ministers of to-day, that carry on the fight so faithfully for the Original Truth, I thank God each day for His Holy word, the open church door, our Sunday School Teachers, our Pastors, our Evangelists, Gospel Workers, our Bible School, and our Apostolic Faith paper, also for Christian people around the world. May you and yours have a pleasant yule season.

Mrs. M. C. Wallingford.

IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIF.

We've enjoyed God's blessing in our little church here and are looking forward to a wonderful revival after the first of the year with Bro. Jacob C. Regier. Our new phone number is 423-2131.

Rev. Bob Taylor, Pastor.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS.

Mrs. Grace Myers, 1516 Lincoln Dr., Galena, Kansas.

Mrs. C. G. Menke 313 Ave. B-East Kingman, Kansas.

Mrs. Bob Taylor 1727 Donax Ave. Imperial Beach, California.

Mrs. L. Tice, Beaver Oklahoma.

REGIER GOSPEL PARTY

Brother Jacob C. Regier was in the midst of a revival at Alvin, Texas during the month of January. One man was reclaimed and two girls converted. Several testified to healing during this campaign. Those in the Gospel Party are: Rev. Jacob C. Regier, Mrs. Regier, Glennis McClenagan, and Kaye Regier.

The latter part of January the Regier Gospel Party was in special services at Wayside Chapel, Brother Homer Allen, pastor. Brother Regier was a pastor at the Wayside Chapel some years ago.

The Regier Gospel Party will be in a revival, as this issue of the paper goes to press, in the Buckhorn Community Church. Brother Winston Barker, pastor. The Buckhorn Community Church is near Bellville, Texas.

Future plans for revivals for Brother Regier is at the Silver Strand Country Church at Imperial Beach, California in February. Brother Bob Taylor, pastor. This church is known as the Palm City Church by some.

Let us pray for Brother Regier and these efforts.

TO THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED ME:

I want to express my gratitude to all of you who have shown interest in me. I certainly feel that the Lord is with me and He is the mighty God and the source of all blessing.

During the past three months of Bible School at Baxter Springs, I learned and gained much of the Word of Knowledge. I promoted my faith and cultivated my heart and developed my little brain through the most spirit-filled services and classes. The blessing that I received at school was that I found direction for my future years. I found the truth that, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me". I decided to devote my energy and effort to the interest of my fellow-men in Korea that eventually they may find real peace, freedom, and democracy. With this decision made I solemnly pledge to sow a seed of righteousness and truth in tears, for I know the harvest will be joy and prosperity. I believe the passage, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap". It is our duty and responsibility to sow and our privilege and right to reap.

Again, I want to say thank you for your kind support and earnest prayer. These brought me a blessing. At this beginning of 1963 I greet you all and pray that the Lord will bless you.

A Korean in Christ,
Sung Jae Chyo.

NEW ARRIVALS—

December 5, 1962 Pamala Jo Alene Dibbens to the R. E. Dibbens', Katy, Texas.

December 7, 1962 Shawn David Neff, to the David Neff's, Houston, Texas.

December 9, 1962 Mitchell Scott Crowhurst to the Donald Crowhurst's, Seattle, Wash.

When you help someone else up the hill, you're much nearer the top yourself.

OBITUARIES

MRS. MABEL COOLEY

Mrs. Mabel Cooley, 56, of Utopia died Jan. 12, 1963 in San Antonio.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard F. Cooley, Utopia; daughter, Mrs. Nadine Clendenen, San Antonio; sons, Carl L. Cooley, Sabinal, and Johnny M. Cooley, Cuero; mother, Mrs. Addie Norman, San Antonio; sisters, Mrs. Johnny Thompson and Mrs. Curley Thompson, both of Utopia, Mrs. Pres Word of Banderera, Mrs. Clara Custer of San Antonio and Mrs. George Polvado of Hempstead; brother, Paul Norman, San Antonio; and 7 grandchildren.

Services were held Monday afternoon in the Utopia Methodist Church under the direction of Rushing-Frazar Funeral Home, followed by interment in the Vanderpool cemetery.

(DELAYED)

LEMUEL MARTIN TICE

Lemuel Martin Tice was born April 20, 1891 and departed this life October 23, 1962 being 71 years of age. Brother Tice was converted 38 years ago in a revival meeting at Couch School conducted by Brother Mack Wyatt, and lived a dedicated, consistent Christian life since. He served faithfully as an active board member of the Apostolic Faith Church of Balko, Oklahoma the past two and a half years. He had love for and faith in God, and dearly loved his brothers in Christ. He always greeted everyone with a smile.

Survivors include his wife, Grace, and one son, Leamon, of the home, and one daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and William Taylor, all of Beaver, Okla.

The family of Brother Tice wishes to express their thanks for the prayers and every kindness shown them during the loss of their loved one.

To be wise as a follower of Christ is to be a fool in the eyes of the world.

Temptation

By JAMES K. ECHOLS

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him." James 1:12.

Temptation is something with which all mankind is confronted; we all have trials in one way or another which we must face. Temptation is the process by which God proves His children. The Lord wants a people who are as determined as Job who said: "Though God slay me yet will I trust Him."

One time I was asked the question: "Why did God put us here to go through all this trouble?" The questioner seemed to be having a hard time, and his mind was filled with doubt. The answer came to my mind as quick as a flash, "God put us here to prove us." We are here on trial and we have a Judge who knows the number of our weaknesses. God is the Creator of all things; He made the very earth on which we live, and the breath we breathe. He is over all things, and possesses all things. Angels do whatever He may command them to do. Now in all this, God did not have a being that would worship Him at its own free will. This is the reason God is trying us, that we may make our own choice, and that He might have a proven people. These will be as gold tried in the fire.

Let us consider the word, tempt. This word means to try the strength of, or to test. Temptation comes to us through the five senses; taste, sight, hearing, smell, and feeling. Through one of these channels the devil will work. Anything that creates within us a desire for a thing we cannot rightly have or rightly do, this is temptation. The scripture tells us not to yield to these temptations; they are of the devil and will bring about a downfall in our lives.

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The Children's Hour . . .

By ALBERDINE WILHITE

J - esus is the Holy One.
 - esus is God's only Son.
 - esus will from sin, save you
 If only you will ask Him to.

Our alphabet has brought us to the letter "J". It could stand for Jacob — (who was he?) or it could stand for James — (is James a book in the Bible or one of Jesus' disciples?). "J" could stand for John, Jerusalem or Judea. Can you tell your Mother or Daddy something about each one? How many Bible characters, cities, and books in the Bible can you name that begin with "J"?

One person that I am thinking whose name begins with a "J", came to earth as a tiny baby. He was born in a stable and he lay in a manger. Angels proclaimed His birth to shepherds. Wise-men brought Him gifts. A few weeks ago we celebrated His birth. Now do you know who I am speaking of? Yes, I am talking about the Lord Jesus, who loved and blessed little children — Matt. 19:13-15 — Mark 10:13-14 — Luke 18:15-16. Because of His love for them, He asked Peter to "Feed my lambs" — John 21:15. He wants little boys and girls as well as grown-ups, to be saved. "For it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish." — Matt. 18:14.

In order to be saved we must believe we are sinners, for we all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. We must believe Christ died for our sins and we must believe that when we ask Him to forgive us our sins that He is faithful and just to do so. When we ask Him into our hearts, He will come in.

I found this story in a book "Reaching Children" by Mildred

Morningstar. It is called "The Hen and Her Chickens".

Once upon a time there were twelve tiny, yellow balls of fluff. They went in and out of their mother's legs, under her wings, up on top of her back. "Peep, Peep, Peep," they would run a little way from her and back again. Guess what they were? That's right, they were little baby chicks. Their mother, Biddy, clucked to them. She held pieces of food in her beak and fed them. If Billy came near the barn where they lived, she would ruffle up her feathers, and if he picked up a chick she would cluck furiously. Biddy didn't want anything to happen to them for she loved them all.

One day while Billy and his Parents were gone, the barn caught fire and burned down. While looking through the ruins, Billy noticed the body of a hen and mentioned it to his father.

"Listen", said Daddy, "I hear something". "Peep, Peep, Peep". Billy ran to the body of the dead hen. He touched it with his foot. It fell over, and out came some little chickens climbing all over each other.

"That was Biddy," Billy said. "Yes" said Daddy. "But when the fire came, why didn't she fly out the window? She could have escaped that way".

"Yes, but her chicks couldn't fly. They would all have been burned to death. I think Biddy knew that so when the fire came she hid her babies underneath her wings. She loved them more than she loved herself. That reminds me of what Jesus did",

said Daddy.

How's that?" asked Billy puzzled.

"Jesus knew we could not save ourselves. We have all sinned, so He said to God, I will be punished for their sins. He did not need to die on the cross. He could have come down, but He wanted to save us. He had to die to do it, just like Biddy had to die to save her chicks".

"I guess I'm just like one of those baby chicks. Jesus knew I would have to die, so He died for me", said Billy.

"Yes" replied his father, He loved you so much He died for you". "Oh I'm glad He did that. I know I have done wrong and I do want to be saved", said Billy. "Lets tell Jesus right now," said Daddy. So they knelt down on the burned floor and Billy asked Jesus to forgive him and to come into his heart.

After that, every time Billy saw a hen, he remembered Biddy, and he thanked Jesus again because He had given His life to save him.

So — "J" stands for

J - esus loved little children
 E - ven more than He loved himself.
 S - o, He died, that you might live.
 U - nselfishly, He purchased heaven for you.
 S - alvation is yours. Seek it now.

Out of the mouths of children come words we adults should have never said.



TEEN TALK

By EDWIN MODRICK

DID YOU KNOW? ? ? . . .

that Israel is one of the smallest nations in the world, and yet has gained great recognition as large as any country?

that Israel will fit into the state of Missouri seven times, yet was very reluctant to fit into God's plan at the time of Christ?

that Israel has been a nation for only about fifteen years in modern times, and still has not gained full recognition to fulfill God's plan for humanity?

that Jesus lived in the Roman world of the first century, and it is wrong to refer to those times as ancient times because nations existed and people lived in that same country as long as four thousand years before the time of Christ?

that the Roman empire lay around all the shores of the famous Mediterranean Sea, and the Word "Mediterranean" means in the midst of the lands?

that the civilization of the first Christian century was called the Graeco-Roman world, because it was made up largely of the Greek and the Roman element?

that after the Romans became the world leaders they did not try to break down the Grecian influence and consequently the contribution of the Greek people was the greatest by far?

that the Greek language is generally thought of as the most effective vehicle ever developed for expressing thought?

that the city of Rome had become a prominent city about seven centuries before the time of Christ and has figured greatly in the plan for mankind which is not finished yet?

that the greatest contribution of the Romans was made in the field of government and law-making, to be the most famous ever to be devised and that it was so complete that there were Senators and an Emperor?

that the Roman military was thought of as very powerful to all the empire of the Romans and even Paul and Jesus had different experiences with them?

that Economic conditions were very poor at the time of Christ and there was a great deal of slave labor?

that there were many, many large cities other than Rome with which one may be impressed? Some of these were Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica, Philippi and Ephesus?

that there were two extremes of the social life at the time of Christ, with the rich class of people in the forefront, and of course the other extreme of the poor?

that as a whole morals were very low in this first Christian century, and nearly every sin one might mention was in clear evidence?

that all the nations comprising the Roman empire had some type of a religious system? The most dominant were those of the Romans and the Greek. Thus, we find a great need for a plan of religious worship to be instituted whereby all the questions, over the human soul that had arisen, could be answered?

that the advantage of a universal language was very evident, the Jewish institutions of worship all over the empire made it convenient for the gospel to be spread to all the different coun-

tries, and the Roman empire was responsible for creating many situations which were very favorable for the new type of religious worship to begin?

that Christ is still not expelled from the face of the earth by the ravages of time or the effects of men? His memory is everywhere: on walls of churches, schools, and homes, on the tops of bell-towers and of mountains, in the shrines of streets, at the heads of beds and over tombs, thousands of crosses remind us of the crucifixion of the Precious Son of God. If we took away all the emblems of the cross in the millions of places, the thought of Jesus Christ would flood us by means of the art galleries and museums throughout the entire world. Take away all the places of gathering and worship and still every word we would read in every book penned by man would reflect the radiance of the only begotten Son?

"I see His blood upon the rose
And in the stars the glory of His eyes,
His body gleams amid eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies."
"All pathways by His feet are worn,
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorne,
His cross is every tree."

J. M. Plunkett

I would like for every teenager who reads this article to write me and tell of some of your ideas or problems and also to let me know you are reading the report. . . .



TRI-STATE YOUTH RALLY

For the month of December the Rally was conducted at Purcell, Missouri on the 17th. The Rally was opened by congregational singing and prayer. Special songs and poems were presented by the respective churches: Granby, Galena, Bax-

ter Springs, Prosperity, and Purcell. Some 60 were in attendance. Bro. Ehrlich took this picture just before the Rally began. The next Rally will be Jan. 21, 1963 at Galena, Kansas.

Reporter, Ruth Watson.

FAITH

By Jeanie Troutt Qualls

Faith, it's a small work it's true
But when this faith is in God,
There is no limit—
To what it can do.

The Bible tells of many
Who had a faith that was strong
and true,
But in this one little poem,
It is only possible to name a few.

Because of their faith,
Abraham and Sarah, his wife,
Were sent a son
In the late years of their life.

And because of his faith,
Noah built an ark,
Which saved he and his loved
ones
From the flood's tragic mark.

Daniel kept his faith strong,
Even while in the lion's den.
And because of this faith,
He was able to walk out again.

Then the three Hebrew Children,
Experienced the same miracle
through faith,
While in the furnace of fire
This kind of faith everyone
should admire.

So even if it is a word that is
small,
Just put your faith in God,
And you will find,
It works the most wonderful
miracles of all.

WEST TEXAS AND EASTERN NEW MEXICO YOUTH RALLY

The West Texas and Eastern New Mexico Youth Rally met January 4, 1963 at Snyder, Texas. The service was opened with prayer led by Brother Blythe. The Choir was under the direction of James Dewees.

There were several special songs and a testimony service led by Bro. Vester Clanton. Bro. Marvin Boyd brought the message. His text was taken from Mark 9:50 "Salt is good: but if the salt have lost its saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another."

The Snyder Church won the attendance banner. The total attendance was 63.

The election of officers was conducted at the previous Rally. Bro. Kit Scruggs was elected President and Margaret Scruggs, Secretary.

Margaret Scruggs, Reporter.

EASTERN PANHANDLE YOUTH RALLY

The Rally was at the Midway Country Church near Logan, Oklahoma. December 17th, Milford Flock presided in the absence of the President, Rev. Jim Fox. This was mostly a singing service with numbers presented from the Laverne church, The Follett Chapel, and the Midway country Church. There were 63 in attendance and Laverne took the attendance banner home with 20 present. The next Rally will be January 24th at the Apostolic Faith Church in Woodward, Oklahoma.

SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH RALLY

December 1, 1962 the South Texas Youth Rally was held at Rockdale, Texas. There were 115 present. New officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. Ted Barker; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Larry K. Peck; Reporter, Liz Elkins. Also in the business meeting it was decided to start an attendance banner. Buckhorn, Tex. won the attendance banner.

There were several special songs and a program concerning serving the Lord while one is still young. Slides were shown which had been made by Rev. and Mrs. Jim Fox to help illustrate the thoughts.

Reporter — Liz Elkins.

SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH RALLY

At the beginning of the new year, the South Texas Youth Rally was held in Alvin, Texas on January 5, 1963. Brother Teddy Barker, the newly elected president, conducted the rally by using an alternation of church specials and choir singing. Later in the service a panel, consisting of Brother Jacob Regier and Sister Lenora Peck, discussed and answered the questions of the attending youth on subjects of our religious doctrine and personal convictions.

There were 149 present with the banner being awarded to the Buckhorn Church for acquiring the most points for the evening. The next rally was announced to be held in Hempstead, Texas on February 2, 1963.

Daniel's Image

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Medo-Persian Empire

"And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee." vs. 39. The empire that arose was a dual empire with Media the weaker nation and Persia the stronger one.

Represented by silver, this kingdom was inferior to Babylon. Cyrus was ruler in Persia, Darius was ruler in Media. Cyrus was fore-ordained to take Babylon and to issue an Edict in B. C. 536 for the return of the Jews and the rebuilding of the Temple. The Jews were permitted to return to Jerusalem, but less than 50,000 came. Others sent gold, offerings, etc., to help in the building of the Temple.

Darius was a great and noble man and he no doubt would have had a long career; but the time had come for the silver in the image to give way to brass. Nothing could be done to prevent this change. In B. C. 330 Alexander the Great of Greece conquered the Persian Empire.

Grecian Empire

The third empire in the image is identified as brass. The Grecian empire, with Alexander as its head, was of short duration. While ruler, though, he won many victories for seemingly his only desire was to conquer and subdue men, nations, and cities.

When he went up against Jerusalem, the whole city came out to meet him. Alexander had seen such a sight in a dream, so he completely spared the city and honored the Jewish people.

But in his great power, Alexander was guilty of drunken fits and rages, even of murder. He added sins to sin and caused his people to do so — both in the eastern and western civilizations. He died at the age of thirty-three, in 323 B. C. Death ended his short eight years of reign. Again we find recorded the fact that a man profiteth nothing if he gains the whole world, yet loses his own soul.

Then the empire was divided among four of Alexander's generals. This four-fold empire —

Thrace, Macedonia, Syria and Egypt succeeded the Grecian Empire from B. C. 323 to B. C. 30. One by one they weakened, and fell, until Rome conquered Egypt.

Roman Empire

This empire is pointed out in the vision of the 70 weeks of Daniel. In proportion, the Roman Empire was to last longer than the other empires — as represented by the legs, it takes up one-half of the length of the image. There are two parts to the Roman empire; symbolized by the two legs of the image. These divisions included the Eastern division (with Constantinople as the capital) and the Western Division (with Rome as the capital in A. D. 364).

Julius Caesar was killed in 44 B. C. Octavius came in as ruler; he was a nephew of Julius Caesar. In B. C. 31, Augustus Caesar became ruler. During his reign many lost faith in old gods, or believed in none. The world groped in despair; truly it was time for God to take His Son.

During the short reign that followed Jesus was crucified and the work of the churches was begun.

One of the highest of crimes and the lowest of sin was the reign of Nero from A. D. 54 to A. D. 68. Christians were persecuted to the limit. Hundreds died in methods of mockery, torn by wild beasts, crucified and burned as torches. Christianity was a crime; it was banned. Paul was martyred and became victor in death. Nero became a suicide the same year.

The siege of Jerusalem under Titus came in 70 A. D. The city had forgotten God and rejected Christ — their misery, woe and destruction was complete. Without a resting place, the Jews were in bondage.

Hope came in A. D. 313 when the first Christian laws were passed by Constantine. Religion became honored and as a result many people came to its standards; spirituality declined.

Downward, and yet down — proud Rome bowed in submission in 476 A. D. Its weakened army and faithless masses fell prey to stronger nations.

The ten toes of the image have

not yet been manifested; and while the Roman Empire is not visible to us today—its laws are a controlling power among nations. In a visible form the Empire will be revived and become "Ten Federated Kingdom", at the head of which will be the antichrist; the last Roman Emperor and Gentile Ruler.

Feet and Toes

There is a mingling of Iron and clay in the feet. This form of government is weak. It is the weakest type of government, democratic monarchy, and from it grows Socialism, Sovietism, and Anarchy. We are living to see this type of government come into being. It is apparent that we are in the feet of the image. From these governments ten toes will appear and ten nations will arise over the rule of Rome.

The Stone

"Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure." verse 45.

Christ will return in power and great glory. The first time He came, He was smitten by the Roman empire, they crucified Him. Though He was the rejected stone, He will become the head of the corner. (Matt. 21:24) He will be Ruler and King of kings for ever more.

MY LIPS ARE DOORS

My lips are doors that guard my speech,
And I'm the watchman over each.
When kindly words crowd close inside,
I'll open up the doors quite wide.
When ugly words with all their might
Try to get out, I'll shut them tight—
For I'm the master, don't you see,
Of all the words inside of me,
But I can't do a thing about
My words once they have gotten out.

Temptation

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The Lord will not tempt us with evil and He cannot be tempted with evil. We should never tempt God. Christ, when He was tempted by Satan, said: "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Matt.4:7. It is a sin to tempt God. In contrast to this, God does want us to Prove Him, as Gideon did when the Lord called him to lead a battle to defeat Midian. We prove God in temptation, for He said He would not suffer us to be tempted above that which we are able to bear. And He cannot lie.

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray He used these words: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Matt. 6:13. If we shun the very appearance of evil and pray this prayer, we will avoid a lot of trials.

I do not believe that it is the will of God for His children to be faced with the same trial over and over again. One time I was tried on a certain point, and I thought I might be going to fail, the trial was so severe. But through much prayer I won the victory. Since that time I have been able to say to Satan, "I have the victory over you on that point," and he has to leave. Thanks be unto God.

Christ was tempted in all points as we are and He came through without sin. (Heb. 4:15) He said: "The works that I do shall he (the believer) do also." John 14:12. Many people give up when they are faced with a bitter trial. With all my heart I say to those who may be going through a severe trial, Jesus is able to

give grace to evercome that trial. He gave us this promise: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Matt. 7:7 And in Corinthians 10:13 we read: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

I do not want to refute or dishonor anyone's belief, but the word of God in many places declares that we must live above sin if we enter the kingdom of God. Therefore we must overcome temptation. The promises of God are to them that believe and that overcome. Some believe that we have to sin every day. I think their trouble is that they have two things confused: (1) Sin; the willful transgression of God's laws. (2) The act of being tried through temptation. If we rightly divide the word of God we must also rightly divide these two things. And when we do that, we can overcome the temptation by the grace of God, and live above sin.

Satan has the power to tempt you and me, and he is going to put thoughts into our minds that we would not have there for anything in the world. This is the temptation, not the sin. Sin comes when we yield to the temptation instead of rebuking it in the name of Jesus. An old saying goes like this: "You can't stop the birds from flying over your head but you can keep them from building a nest in your hair." We cannot keep Satan from tempting us but we can overcome him through the blood of Jesus. James said: "When lust

hath conceived it bringeth forth sin". There is victory over lust through the grace of Jesus.

When we are tried we should not think that we have failed God, and become despondent. Consider what the Bible says: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations" James 1:2. And our first text again: "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." James 1:12.

Those that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution (2 Peter. 2:9) but there is deliverance for the godly. Let us desire earnestly to walk in His ways and we can do so. Jesus said He would be with us always, even unto the end of the world.

PRAYER

By Mrs. Frank Mayfield

I like to kneel in church
In the quiet, holy air.
While my heart communes with God
In reverent, silent prayer.
But, I cannot find the words
For what my heart would say
But I think of all the others,
Who listen while I pray.

Many times I envy those
Whose words of beauty roll
Like a cool and placid stream;
A blessing to my soul.
Now, when we get to heaven
There will be a change they say,
And I'll have no fear at all
When I kneel to pray.

In the length and breadth of Heaven
It will ring out loud and clear,
For all the saints of glory
And my Lord, to hear,
Kneeling there in Heaven before Him
This only shall I say,
"Lord forgive thy wayward child
And love me, when I pray".

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