

# The Apostolic Faith Report

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## JOY To The World

**B**EHOLD THE PRECIOUS BABE...THE PRINCE OF PEACE!  
AS PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD JOIN TO CELEBRATE  
THIS SACRED SEASON AND TO SHARE THE LIGHT OF HIS  
MESSAGE, WE EXULT AND OFFER WONDROUS THANKS.  
MAY YOUR HEART AND HOME BE FILLED WITH THE  
SPECIAL BLESSINGS THAT MARK THIS HALLOWED HOLIDAY.



### AMAZING GRACE

As Christians we all have something in common. It is not just that we are all called Christians, but that we are all sinners saved by grace. (Eph. 2:5 "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved;") God's love for us is so great and merciful there is nothing that can ever compare to it. ("For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16) God is gracious and forgiving, He loves us and watches out for us. He wants to meet our every need, He wants us to grow spiritually and seek His will for our lives. It is the least we can do to give our lives totally to God and strive to follow the perfect example Christ set for us. ("I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service," Romans 12:1). Any time the Lord gives us a job to do we should be willing, trusting in Him, for He will give us the ability. That is not to say that we don't need to prepare, because we need to do our part. It is God's grace that enables us to bear the stress, the pressure and endure the trials that we all occur in our daily lives. It is His grace that gives us the peace of God, which passes all understanding. As we face these end times there is a great deal of concern about the future. There is an order of events that must come to pass. We should be rejoicing in the fact that the Lord is coming, instead we worry about not being able to withstand the events. If we are living for the Lord we can stand on His promises. In II Corinthians 12:9 the Lord says; "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." God's grace is sufficient for all things. The wise man Solomon said in Proverbs 3:5-6; "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy way acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." We have an outstanding example in Moses who forty years was tested with the deceitfulness of riches, being probable heir to the throne of Pharaoh. (Hebrews 11:25 "Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;"). Then for the next forty years endured the trial of persecution. Obscured from the world: a lowly shepherd on the backside of a barren wilderness. After enduring both temptation, at the age of eighty was called of God to be deliverer and leader of the Children of Israel. ("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 to escape, that ye may be able to bear it," I Cor. 10:13b). God will give us the grace to endure all things. Peter admonishes us to lead a mature and abundant life. (II Peter 3:18; "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever;").

I would like to say a special thanks to the Evangelism class of the Apostolic Faith Bible College for taking the responsibility of this issue of the Apostolic Faith Report. May God bless all of their labors for Him.

I have enjoyed working with these young people and certainly do thank the Lord for their dedication and talents used for the Lord.

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### Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.

#### ARTICLE VII Doctrine

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

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Creation and Formation  
Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation  
Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.  
Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body. A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by speaking in other languages.  
Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.  
Washing of Feet.  
Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.  
Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9  
Destruction of the Wicked.  
Conditional-Immortality.  
Rapture of the Man Child Class.  
Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.  
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These basic doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teachings approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

# AFBC NEWS

## Superintendent's Report

Dear Readers,

Our Fall Semester closes December 10th, with the Spring Semester resuming January 11th, 1982. We feel that God has blessed this year and supplied our every need.

We appreciate each church and every person who has supported the school and have prayed for all of our labours.

As we approach this Christmas season, I am reminded of God's special gift to us, His Son. My prayer is that we can share the teachings of Christ with young people everywhere. Please pray for the ministry of the school, that the Lord will have His perfect way.

Sincerely,  
Lyndel Arnall

## From the Girls' Dorm

Friends in Christ,

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever. Hebrews 13:8. Praise the Lord because He never changes. He loves us all. I thank the Lord for what He has done this year here at Bible School. I feel He has done mighty works. And when we continue to trust Him He will work through our lives daily.

As He was in the days of Moses so is He with us today. He is our strength in times of weakness and our light when the way seems to get dark. I praise the Lord because He is always there. When you need Him, He always hears your call.

As we near the Christmas season and we begin to think about the little babe that came to this world, He came to save us and to show us a new and better way. I thank the Lord that He sent His Son to earth for me. Because He loves you and me. Let us stop and be thankful this Christmas season.

The Lord has really been good to us this semester here at Bible School. I know He has touched and dealt with hearts and lives. May He continue to be with each one of the girls as they leave to go home for the Christmas season. May the Lord direct each of their paths. I thank the Lord for each one that He has brought to Bible School this semester and I hope to see each one next semester. God Bless you girls. I love you all.

Thank you all for your prayers. God Bless you all this Christmas season.

Tony Bartel

## From the Desk of the Dean of Men

The close of the first semester of the 1981-1982 term is at hand, as well as Christmas. Paul says; "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." II Corinthians 9:15.

We can be thankful that we can still come and study the Word of God when there is so much ungodliness. In the years ahead these young people can look back and say, "It was a wonderful experience to have been able to study the Bible in depth." We have had a good semester this year and are looking forward to another one.

We can give thanks for the temporal blessings and the way God has provided for each of us and for the great nation that we have. We could never count the blessings that God has blessed us with.

How about the unspeakable that God gave to us when He sent His Son, Jesus, into the world? The world will be remembering His birth, but not in a way to glorify Jesus nor God the Father. I hope that we as Christians will not forget the reason we are giving gifts, and that we do not forget to give ourselves to be used of God to glorify the Christ who gave Himself for us, that we may have the fullness of joy.

The students and faculty will be home during semester break with their families enjoying the time they can spend with them. We will all be back on the job the 11th of January, but we wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

R.C.B.

## Attention

Sunday School Teachers, Youth Leaders, Children's Church and Vacation Bible School Directors, it is a workshop just for you. Sister Rhonda Stollings and Sister Shirley Depew are coming to the Apostolic Faith Bible College for a week of sharing ideas that God has blessed them with. They will be covering: songs, stories, object lessons, puppets, teaching methods, and visual aids. If you have been having trouble presenting your class with an exciting story or been wondering what you might do to make your summer V.B.S. different this year from any other year, I suggest you come and be a part of this workshop. Sister Rhonda and Sister Shirley will be with us the week of January 25. There will be a teaching time every day beginning at 3:15. Then on Friday evening (beginning at 7:00) and Saturday afternoon (1:00-4:00) there will be a workshop. During this time you will have the opportunity to make patterns from the ideas that they will be presenting. Also please bring with you an idea that you have had so that you might share it with us. There will be a workbook available at \$7.00 each and a supplement at \$5.00. The charge is only to cover the cost of the paper and the printing. There will, however, be a limited supply. If possible, please contact us and order your books if you are interested.

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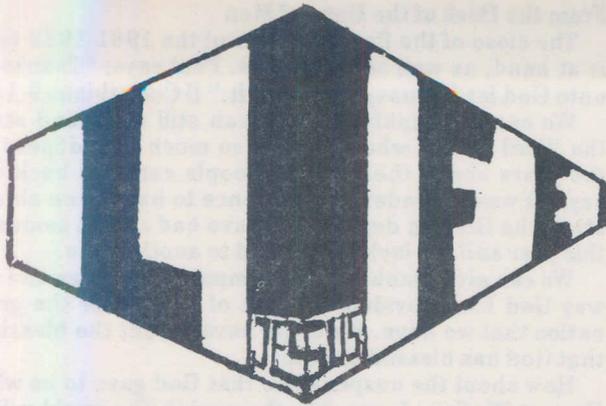
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If you have any questions concerning further information, do not hesitate in contacting one of us. Do pray that God would give you the opportunity to come and that He would use this time to help us equip ourselves to be better servants in His fields of labour.



## Jesus, the Cornerstone of Life

Twelve days, twelve nights, and sixteen concerts the message that Jesus is the Cornerstone of Life was sung throughout the churches of the Apostolic Faith movement in the panhandle of Texas and Oklahoma and parts of Kansas. From church to church and town to town the message never changed but remained the same proclaiming that Jesus is my Rock and my Defense, I shall not be greatly moved.

Well, the traveling is over and the concerts have ended for the fall semester choir of 1981. The Lord has blessed us and reached many hearts along the way. Sometimes it was our own hearts that were touched through the songs we sang and through the trials we faced.

Through the days and through the concerts we grew closer as brothers and sisters in the Lord and we found that there is one great big family we can lean upon, God's family. In the homes of the people we stayed with we found Love and we were accepted with open arms. God is so good and He always takes care of His children.

Looking back to the time of preparation and to the actual performing we close our concerts in sadness and in joy. In sadness because we will never have the chance again to meet with the people we've met with in the same way. Those we didn't reach we may never have the chance to tell them that they can lean on Jesus and He will never fail. But yet there is joy because of those that were blessed by the hand of God. Yes our concerts have ended this year; but the message that Jesus is The Rock will go on forever and ever.

Carrie Reed

## God's Christmas tree

I think that I shall never see  
A hill so dear as Calvary;  
Nor yet a tree so sweet and fair  
As cruel men once planted there.  
And, oh, I know I'll never find  
A love so gracious and so kind;  
A love so deep, so high, so broad  
As issued from the heart of God—  
When He leaned down to you and me,  
And hung His Son upon a tree.

## Have you room for Him?

Great grace comes down each Christmastide,  
As once in days of yore;  
He knocks, and will not be denied—  
Waits, knocking at your door.

Oh, open to Him, burdened heart,  
And bid Him enter in;  
His touch will take away the smart  
Of long-remembered sin.

And if He stay with you, my friend  
And if you see His face,  
Your Christmastide shall never end—  
Sharing His loving grace.



## God's gift

*He did not use a silvery box,  
Or paper green and red.  
God laid His Christmas gift to man  
Within a manger bed.*

*No silken cord was used to tie  
The gift sent from above;  
God's gift was wrapped in swaddling clothes  
And bound in cords of love.*

*There was no evergreen to which  
His precious gift was tied,  
But on a tree on Calvary  
His gift was hung—and died.*

*With mighty hand God lifted Christ  
From out the stony grave,  
Forevermore for every man  
The gift of life He gave.*

# The Professor and The Freshman

by Richard H. Harvey

Three periods before the Thanksgiving holiday, our chemistry professor always planned to lecture against prayer. He was so sarcastic that he used to have the kids in stitches.

Then every year at the close of his final lecture he would say, "by the way, is anybody here who still believes in prayer? Before I get you to stand or raise your hand, let me tell you what I am going to do."

He would step in front of his lecture table. There was a concrete floor in the classroom. He would turn around and pick up a two-quart glass flask and hold it up.

Then he would say: "Now, if there's anybody here who believes in prayer, stand and I'm going to ask you to pray that when I drop this flask it won't break. Now I want you to know, students, that all of your prayers and the prayers of your parents and those of your Sunday school teachers and those of your pastors (and I'm willing for you to bring them all here to pray with you)-all their prayers, **nothing**, can keep that flask from breaking when I let it go."

He had been doing this for fifteen years. Talk about Goliath!

When I was a senior, there came a certain freshman to the school. The upperclassmen always told what Dr. Lee would do, so the new student said, "By the way, is there anybody in this school who believes in prayer?" They said, "Well, we think there's one fellow who still believes in it. Harvey. He lives down on North Main Street. We don't know the number." But they described my house.

One day there was a knock at my door. I opened it and there stood this freshman. He said, "Are you Dick Harvey?" I said, "Yes."

"Do you believe in prayer?" "Yes," I said.

"Can I come in?" he went on.

I said, "Certainly."

He continued: "I want you to understand that I'm a born-again Christian. I'm majoring in chemistry-which is perhaps a foolish thing for me to do since I know what Dr. Lee does. But God has shown me that he wants me to stand up to him.

"Now I want you to pray that God will give me courage when the time comes and I also want you to pray that the flask won't break. I would appreciate it if every time you pray you would ask God about this, even when you say grace at the table. I've only got a couple of weeks before Dr. Lee will be doing this and I want God to give me the courage to stand up to him."

"All right," I said, "I'll pray with you."

Then he said, "God has given me the promise that if

two shall agree about anything they shall ask, it **shall** not maybe-it **shall** be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

Well, I was majoring in chemistry because I intended to go on to medical school following my college work. I was downstairs in the qualitative analysis laboratory when the lecture hour came. About the time I knew Dr. Lee would defy prayer I went upstairs and stood in the back of the auditorium. My heart was full of fear; I was actually shaking. If you had been near me you would have thought I had palsy.

Finally he came to the moment. Out in front he stepped and he said, "Now, is there anyone here who still believes in prayer?" The young fellow was sitting near the middle of the big auditorium. There were about three hundred students in the class.

He stood right up and stepped into the aisle. "Dr. Lee," he said, "I do." Dr. Lee said, "My this is real interesting isn't it? We've got a fellow here who believes that God can answer prayer!"

He turned to my friend and said very sarcastically, "Do you believe that God will answer your prayer?" The young fellow replied, "Yes, Dr. Lee, I'm sure that God will answer my prayer."

"Well," he said, "isn't that interesting? Now we'll all be real reverent while this young man prays." He said once more to the young man, "Are you ready?" He replied, "Dr. Lee, I've been ready for a long time."

"All right," said Dr. Lee, "you go ahead and pray. We'll all bow our heads."

The young man did not even bow his head; he just lifted his eyes toward heaven and said, "Dear Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank you that you have heard me. For your honor and Christ's name's sake and for the honor of your servant who puts his trust in you, don't let this flask break. Amen."

Dr. Lee said once more, "Are you ready?"

He said, "Dr. Lee, I have been ready."

Dr. Lee took the flask, held it out, opened his hand, and as it fell God changed its course. Instead of falling straight down it hit the toe of Dr. Lee's shoe and rolled over.

**And it did not break!**

The class gave Dr. Lee the hee-haw, and in all the rest of the time he was there he never lectured on prayer again! God ended that once and for all.

I went home and got down beside my bed and cried. I said, "O God, why didn't I stand up for you? Why didn't I take the courage to honor your name?"

They that put their trust in the Lord shall never be ashamed. The world is looking today to see that we have a living God, that He answers the prayers of His people.

Perhaps the willingness I have had to run risks for Christ's sake since that time really goes back to the day this young man stood alone and prayed that God would honor His name in that chemistry class. God did.

To this day, even though it happened many years ago, the story of the flask that wouldn't break is still told on the campus of that school.

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### The Eternal Goodness

John Greenleaf Whittier

Within the maddening maze of things,  
And tossed by storm and flood,  
To one fixed trust my spirit clings;  
I know that God is good.

I long for household voices gone,  
For vanished smiles I long,  
But God hath led my dear ones on,  
And He can do no wrong.

I know not what the future hath  
Of marvel or surprise,  
Assured alone that life and death  
His mercy underlies.

And if my heart and flesh are weak  
To bear an untried pain,  
The bruised reed He will not break,  
But strengthen and sustain.

And so beside the silent sea  
I wait the muffled oar;  
No harm from Him can come to me  
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift  
Their fronded palms in air;  
I only know I cannot drift  
Beyond His love and care.

## Jesus is the Light

The Lord is truly great today isn't He. He has the answer to all of our problems, if we will only ask Him. If we put our lives in His control, rely on Him, He will meet our every need.

As a young person I understand the problems today's youth face. I see how Satan is using tools such as alcohol, drugs and sex each day to destroy lives. Young people today are pressured into many things that they really don't want to do. They feel that they will be rejected if they don't do what everybody else is doing.

There is a terrible shortage of youth in the church today. This should be very alarming to the churches where this lack of youth is. If there isn't any young people who will be the ones to support the church tomorrow? The church needs to take an interest in their youth today, tomorrow may be too late.

We need to grow daily in the Lord because if we're not growing we are falling away. Each one of us have a special job to do for the Lord. If we will just let God lead

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us and be sensitive to His will, He will guide us in all things.

People today turn to sex, thinking that it is love. When they find out that it isn't, it is too late to change their mistake. Only God can forgive and forget our past. The world we live in today, does not seem to feel that sex before marriage is wrong. We as Christians should be an example to others in every thing we do. Purity has lost its importance in the world today, but it is still just as important to God as it ever was.

As Christians we should do nothing to bring reproach on ourselves, since we are part of the body of Christ. We should do nothing that we cannot truly thank God for after we do it.

Today the world is searching for a way out. People are in darkness and they turn away from the only light that there is, Christ. In John 3:19 it says, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

We should be a light to the world, because if Christ is in us, we should want to lead others to that more abundant life.

Tom Braden

### Beulah Land

by Albert Wayne Blythe

As a boy growing up in the Apostolic Faith church, we would sing a song that stated in part, "Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of All." I always sang that song with a lot of feeling, but never realizing what the royal diadem was or what the song was really saying. One day recently I was reading Isa. 62:3 that states, "Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God." The song took on new meaning when I knew that we are the royal diadem that is to be brought forth. That put me on shouting ground. Another song we sang was about BEULAH Land. I also sang this song with a loud voice and never knew what BEULAH meant. In Isa. 62:4, the word states "Thou shalt be called Heph'zibah meaning, my delight is in her and your land, and BEULAH meaning married." Isa. 54:5 states that God is thy husband. I saw through these verses that God our Father is married to Israel, but what about the New Testament Church? I am so glad you asked that question. The Word of God is so plain on this subject that even I can understand it. Hosea 4:6 states "my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me; seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." Hosea 2:8 states that God gave unto Israel all provisions and they offered them unto Baal. I saw that Israel had played the harlot with her many lovers and her offspring were children of Harlotry. Blindness in part is happened to Israel. (Romans 11:25)

I turned over to Rom. 7:4 and found we had become dead to the Law of Moses that we might be married to Christ Jesus. I found in Rev. 19:7 that we are espoused as a virgin to Christ. I saw the New Testament Church is married the same as Israel.

Someone said, "yes this is true but Israel is God's chosen people." Praise God, I am so glad that they are. One day I was reading in I Peter 2:9-10 and found that we are a Chosen Generation. A Royal Priesthood, A Holy

Nation, A Peculiar People (meaning a people of His own) and that we are the people of God that were not His people. I found we are God's chosen people. We have not chosen Him, but He has chosen us.

Can I say that my land or possessions are BEULAH? Are they really married unto God? Can I expect or believe that God will bless my possessions and land? Is God really that good? III John 2 states, "Beloved, I wish above all things that (in all things) you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers." We do not find it hard to believe that God wants to prosper and bless Israel. Why should it be hard to believe that He wants to bless His Church? Yes, Church, our land and possessions are BEULAH. He delights to give gifts unto His children. We will believe God for His best in our lives. For the physical healing, for material blessings and most of all for His spiritual blessings. Indeed we are Holy Ground, we are made of the dust of the ground for Christ is in us and where He is—IS HOLY. Believe it and walk in it!!

### **God's Unfailing Promises** by Mrs. E. A. Greever

Promises are recorded in God's Holy Word. Good not evil-blessing not curses-strength not infirmity-health not sickness-life not death. Jesus paid it all that our spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.—I Thess. 5:23. And the following verse tells us, Faithful is He that calleth you who also will do it.

Adam's disobedience, we read of in Gen. 2nd and 3rd chapters, brought the curse upon all of us, the formed race and here we are told of the result. Sin-sickness and death, but by one man's obedience Jesus Christ the Son of God, who was made a curse for us many are made righteous. Rom. 5:19. The Lord requires or demands entire obedience, Deut. 27:26-Gal. 3:10-James 2:10. The law was given to Adam, Gen. 2:16, proclaimed through Moses, Ex. 19th and 20th chapters and Deut. 5th chapter, the commandments written on tables of stone. Jesus said, "this is the first and great commandment, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy mind and the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matt. 22:37-40. In Deut. 28th chapter reading verse 58 through 61 we are told the result of disobedience. All diseases brought upon us, and every plague which is not written in the book of the law, and every sickness. After the law, the prophets and Psalms we are reminded of health if obedient.

In Psalms 91 we read of secret dwelling place where we can abide under the shadow of the Almighty. In the last two verses we are told the Lord will be with us in trouble, and will deliver and honour us, will give us long life and show us his salvation (deliverance) from the powers of Satan, our adversary. A promise of Jesus, power over all of the power of the enemy. St. Luke 10:19.

Under the law, sickness, the result of disobedience, in Jer. 17:14 we read "Heal me O Lord and I shall be healed, save me and I shall be saved." This certainly does not mean saved and healed one day and lost and sick the next.

Psalms 105:37, "not a feeble person among their tribes. Psalms 103:3 "Who healeth all diseases" and verse 5 "Youth is renewed like the eagles." Pro. 3:7-8,

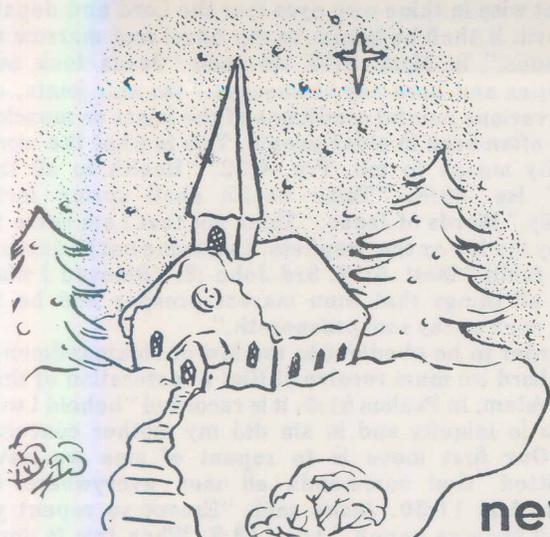
"Be not wise in thine own eyes fear the Lord and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel and marrow to thy bones." In Matt. 8:17 we read "Jesus took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses." No stiff joints, or any of various painful conditions of the joints or muscles that is often seen in older people. This is what the word infirmity means to me. Pro. 4:22, "Health to all thy flesh." Isa. 58:8, "Thine health shall spring forth speedily." Words of Jesus, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets. I am come not to destroy but to fulfill." Matt. 5:17. 3rd John :2, "Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth."

In order to be obedient to the law or commandments of the Lord we must receive of Him a restoration of that lost in Adam. In Psalms 51:5, it is recorded "behold I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me." Our first move is to repent of sins we have committed. God commands all men everywhere to repent. Acts 17:30. Jesus said, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3. When this is done we are forgiven. God gave His son on the cross for the world that they might be saved. When forgiven our next move is to call upon the Lord for the cleansing of the sin nature. As previously mentioned we were conceived in sin. We consecrate our life to do His will, and when accepted by the Lord we are set apart or sanctified, no longer our own, but belong to Him. Jesus freely gave Himself for the church or in other words all who have been forgiven and with Him now we can say "Lo I come to do thy will O God." The twelve disciples certainly had this experience for at the call of the Master they immediately left all to follow Him. Luke 5:11.

Before going back to heaven Jesus told the disciples to tarry in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father, the Holy Ghost, giving them power to witness. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8. He told them He had many things to tell them, but that they could not bear them, but that when the Spirit of Truth is come He will guide you into all truth and shew you things to come. John 16:12-13.

We are living in the morning watch for the return of the Lord and to all readers of the Bible in I Cor. 15:51 we are told, "Behold I show you a mystery We shall not all sleep (die) but we shall be changed." In St. John 11th chapter verses 25 and 26 I can see a two fold promise. Verse 25 "Jesus said unto her I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live." Dead in trespasses and sins and dead in the grave. A belief in Christ we are made alive. Verse 26, "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" In her answer she did not say she believed that. I see in verse 26, Alive both in the natural and spiritual, no death but changed. Who will it be? The Lord knows.

May the dear Lord help every one of us who are wearing the armour He gives fight the fight of faith for all He has promised, until He comes for His own. In the stripes He bore and blood He shed, his suffering was great that His body (the church) might be without spot or blemish.



# C H U R C H news

## Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from all of us in Alvin, Tx. We are rejoicing in the faithfulness of our Lord.

Brother Cornell is well on his way to recovery after his accident in September.

There is a newness in the air of our Church; as if we are sitting on ready; just waiting for orders from on high.

The congregation is praying for a Revival of Spirit. Not just a revival! But one that burns with renewing flame of the Holy Spirit.

Our ladies group continues to work on the proposed book of poetry, ect. We have had several injuries to helpers. Since we have had this delay in publication we will take this opportunity to ask once again for entries. If you have prose, or poetry you would like published in this book, please send it to us as soon as possible. Also, thanks to each of you that have already contributed to this endeavor. I know you, as well as all of us here, are looking forward to the day we can share a collection of beautiful writings.

May God continually bless you as you labor in the Lord's vineyard.

**In His Love,  
Sandra White  
Trinity Apostolic Faith Church  
1405 W. Lang  
Alvin, Tx. 77511**

## Laverne, Oklahoma

October was a busy month. The Bible College choir was in our church on Sunday night, October 18th. We also have had Bro. Harrol Waterbury in revival October 25-28, with the Royal Heirs being here the nights of the 27th & 28th. One night during revival a young lady was saved and the Lord blessed in a very special way. Our church is growing and we are planning a Christmas Cantata this month. Our future plans include a ski retreat which will be for the entire family in March. Mike and Lu Ann Barnes are helping us with services on Sundays, driving over from Woodward. God is good to us and we delight to worship Him.

**Jimmy Wallis  
Pastor**

## Joplin, Mo.

We have enjoyed a wonderful revival with Rev. & Mrs. Roland Busch of Katy, Texas. Bro. Busch brought some soul stirring messages that really reminded each of us of our spiritual needs. Bro. & Sis. Kenneth Elkins of Katy, Texas were also here helping with singing and praying around the altar. We not only had outstanding services but truly enjoyed having these brothers and sisters in Christ in our home and church.

God has blessed our church with some wonderful services and we especially want to thank Him for a wonderful group of faithful young people.

Praise the Lord for all His benefits.

**Neil Ragan-Pastor**

## Enid, Okla.

Our church is going forward for the Lord in spirit and in numbers. The revival fires are burning, hearts are all aglow, blessings, joys and happiness overflow.

We have had some sickness, sorrow and heartache in our midst but they have drawn us closer to the Lord. The Lord never fails His people when they place their trust in Him.

Our pastor, Sis. Dorothy Cook came through her surgery in October with flying colors. We do thank the Lord for being with her. Our members were faithful to carry on the services while she was away.

Our church was so glad to have the Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir with us in October. The music was such a blessing to all, the fellowship so enjoyable. We count it a pleasure to have been a church visited on their tour.

We have a new Sunday School Supt., Bro. Ernie Hinshaw. He does a wonderful job. We also have a new youth class taught by Sis. Brenda Wright. We are expecting the Lord to send us more young people. Brenda is a real blessing to our church, such a wonderful willing worker for the Lord. Her life has been an inspiration to everyone in our church.

Our church had a tasting party and fellowship to welcome Bob and Barb Stubblefield and their three children to our church.

Our missionary ladies voted not to have a bazaar this year but to give a love donation instead to the missionary fund. The missionary group will have a dinner and program Dec. 12. Our Christmas program will be on Dec. 20.

Thanksgiving will be passed when you read this but we are thankful for the opportunity to serve the Lord in this country. May God bless our country and freedom reign long.

Remember our little church. Our people love the Lord and all the people of God are working for the Lord. God bless each of you and your families in the coming season with joy, peace and happiness.

**Mary Branham-Reporter  
Dorothy Cook-Pastor**

## Katy, Texas

We thank the Lord for his blessings to our church this past year. We have had several families added to our group who have been a real blessing in our services. A building project on the parsonage has been completed and the new addition of 2700 square feet is spacious and beautiful.

Recently we were privileged to have Brother Freddie Franks of Granby, Mo., with us in revival services. He ministered to us each evening under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. People were blessed and refreshed by the moving of the Spirit.

Gary and Lori Kerr have been working faithfully in the church the past few months and we appreciate their help. The K. Kerrs are also at home in Katy and have been a blessing to us and our church.

**Jim Fox, Pastor**

#### **Spearman, Texas**

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

We don't have any complaints to write about. God is so good to His people.

September 27, thru October 4, we had a revival with Bro. Roland Busch and his wife, Sister Lela Katherine. Bro. & Sister Kenneth Elkins, came and helped in the revival.

We appreciated the revival very much and felt we all received much help. Christians, we don't have to look back, we must keep on keeping on for Jesus.

As pastors, we really love and appreciate these people. During our revival we had several ministers to come by, Bro. & Sis. Marcus Adair, Bro. & Sis. Jacob Regier, Bro. & Sis. Floyd LaMunyon. October 3, after our revival service Bro. & Sis. Bernard Byers, opened their home up and the ladies of the church prepared home made ice cream and cake to serve.

October 16, we were privileged to have the Apostolic Faith College group in our church to present the Songs of Jesus—The Solid Rock. They are doing a great job.

October 25, thru October 30, we were privileged to fly to Dickinson, Texas, to visit our children Savoy & Karen Grimmer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bro. Jake Regier, for filling our pulpit, for us. May God bless you.

We have a new church sign now and are very proud of it. Thanks to Bro. Irwin Delk.

November 8, Marva Sue Delk, was in service with us.

As we enter the Christmas season, we are so thankful for Christian friends, and a church, and the freedom to worship.

In closing I would like for us to ask ourselves this question.

**PAUL PRAISED IN PRISON**

**PILGRIMS PRAISED IN POVERTY**

**DO WE PRAISE GOD IN PROSPERITY?????**

**Lealand Grimmer, Pastor**

#### **Dear friends in Christ:**

Greetings in the precious Name of our Lord!

Once again it is our privilege to praise God for all His mercies towards us during 1981. As we count the blessings one by one we join with the Psalmist who said "Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits."

The second semester of our Bible College started on Sept. 21st with 38 students and five teachers. All the students go to the neighboring villages during the weekends and they receive practical training also. During the street-preaching in some places they have to face opposition also. We feel the freedom we now have may not last long. So while we have the opportunity we

are training up students and we praise God for all the new outstations started and the souls that are saved.

Supervising the various churches and helping the evangelists and pastors take part of our time. Our Ministers' Conference is being held (Sept. 29th thru Oct. 2nd) here at the Bible College Campus. 500 ministers from the various parts of the State are attending the Conference.

Working with the sisters and organizing camps for them in different areas has been done by Sister Abraham. It is worth mentioning that a few helpless sisters have been provided shelter and financial aid during this year.

The work at Secunderabad and the villages around the city is being blessed by the Lord. The Lord is giving new souls as our evangelists in this area are busy going to the unevangelised places. We are planning to buy cycles for some of them during Christmas this year. One cycle costs about 110 dollars.

We praise God that Laly and Sneha were able to spend few weeks with us in July/August. We know that Valson is hoping to be with us soon. Our daughter Annie and family are in Kuwait and we receive good news from there. Starla and Shirley are studying and convey their love to you.

We thank everyone that has been praying for our humble ministry. May the good Lord bless and reward you for all the financial help you have been sending to us. We want to thank Rev. Marcus Adair and family for all the help we receive from and thru them.

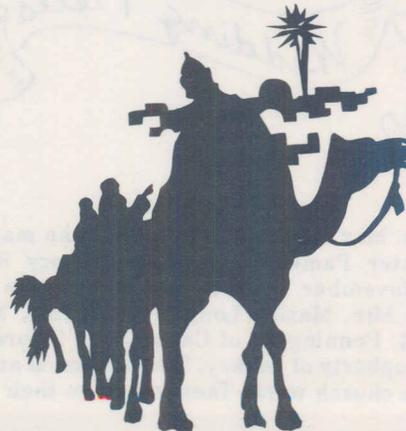
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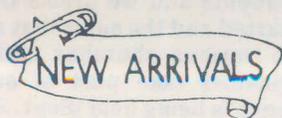
Yours in His Service,

**Bro. and Sis. T.S. Abraham**



**Hebron Bible College, Kumbanad, Kerala, India  
Class of 1981**





## NEW ARRIVALS

### SMITH

KEISHA MALYN SMITH, daughter

Born to: Cindy and Ronny Smith, May 19, 1981, in Amarillo, Texas. Weighed 8 lb.  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crawford of La Veta, Colorado. Maternal grandparents are Wally and Myra Berner of Spearman, Texas. Maternal great-grandparents are Bill Dearing of Kerrville, Texas and Evang. and Mrs. E.W. Dickson of Spearman, Texas. Keisha's mother, Cindy Smith, attended Apostolic Faith Bible College in 1975, her grandmother, Myra Berner, attended in 1949 and 1950 and her great-grandfather, E.W. Dickson, attended in 1936.

### MOULDS

Clifton and Wanda Moulds of Quitman, Mississippi, are happy to announce the arrival of their new son, Shane Collins, born Septmeber 20, 1981. He weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. He was welcomed by sister Charity Gayle. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Bernadeen Collins and the late Mr. Odie Collins of Quitman, Mississippi. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moulds of Rose Hill, Mississippi.

### BECKWITH

Kirby and Kay Beckwith, of Hardesty, Oklahoma, are proud to announce the arrival of their new daughter, Paige Amber, born October 13, 1981, at Guymon Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 inches long. She was welcomed by her 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  year old sister, Amy Melissa. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beckwith of Balko, Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Randles of Hardesty, Oklahoma. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Velma Hays of Enid, Oklahoma.



Mr. and Mrs. Max Pennington announce the marriage of their daughter Pamela Denise to Gregory Kiyak on Saturday, November 14th, in Wichita, Kansas. Grandparents are Mrs. Maxine Long of Taneyville, Missouri, and Mr. E.R. Pennington of Canon City, Colorado, and Mr. E.E. Daugherty of Leakey, Texas. Pamela and Gregg are active in church work. They will make their home in Wichita.



Chloe  
Taylor

Chloe Rebecca Flagle Taylor, the only child of James and Hattie Flagle, was born February 8, 1891 near Fairbury, Nebraska and departed this life September 12, 1981 in the Beaver County Nursing Home at the age of 90 years, seven months and four days.

When only a few months old, she came to Beaver County with her parents and lived near and in Beaver until October, 1954 when she moved to Laverne and made her home. In September, 1973, when she was no longer able to care for herself, she moved to the Laverne Convalescent Center where she stayed until the hospital closed, and has since resided in the Woodward and Beaver Nursing Homes.

On February 15, 1910 at her father's homestead, Chloe and Silas May "Bob" Taylor were united in marriage and to this union seven children were born. The Taylors were engaged in farming until Mr. Taylor's death on February 12, 1951.

At the age of 19, Mrs. Taylor accepted Christ as her personal Savior and lived a true and faithful Christian life always. For several years, she ministered in different churches in Beaver County, proclaiming the saving and keeping power of the Lord. Her home was a place of prayer and her life an inspiration to all who knew her. She was a Sunday School teacher in the Apostolic Church, Laverne as long as health permitted her to attend.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was also preceeded in death by three children, Faye Doris Taylor, September 4, 1927; Silas Doyle Taylor, February 7, 1973 and Birdie Bell Hosler, July 18, 1978; also a grandson, Merlin Dean Howard, who died September 14, 1979.

She leaves as her survivors two sons, Jack Taylor of near Beaver and Rev. Bob Taylor, Logan; two daughters, Mrs. Glen "Eva" Howard, Logan and Mrs. Howard "Lois" Daniel, Laverne; eleven grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren and many friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, September 14, 1981 at 2:00 p.m. in the Midway Country Church with Rev. Harrol Waterbury, Perryton and Rev. Marcus Adair, Canyon, Texas, officiating.

Pauline Messner, organist, accompanied Mrs. Taylor's grandson, Bobby Wayne Taylor, as he sang "Oh, How I Love Jesus" and Rev. and Mrs. Harrol Waterbury, who sang, "In The Garden" and "Not a Shadow Land."

Pallbearers were three grandsons, Jerry Howard, Alvin Taylor and Bobby Taylor and Billy Rose, Emmett Bennett and Ronald J. Bennett.

Burial was in the Beaver Cemetery under the direction of Seeger Funeral Home, Laverne.

Dear Mother, how we'll miss you  
No tongue can ever tell  
But someday we shall meet you  
Where we'll never say farewell.

Your life was spent for Jesus  
For in your youth you sought  
Him as your blessed Savior  
And others to Him brought

Now you rest from all your labors,  
Your cares and toils are over  
Your life's a burning beacon  
To guide us to that shore.

We'll miss you, yes we miss you,  
We see your empty chair,  
But we'll meet you, yes we'll meet you  
Where we'll never say farewell.



**Jo Lee  
Dibbens**

Jo Lee Dibbens, daughter of S.A. Polvado and Ruth Murphy Polvado, was born December 29, 1916 and departed this life in the Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital in Kerrville, Texas, October 31, 1981 at the age of 64 years, 10 months and 2 days.

She was born in the Sabinal Canyon and spent her early years here.

She was united in marriage to Donald Dibbens in Uvalde, Texas, December 24, 1936. Three children came to bless this union, Marvin, Eddie, and Donna Jo.

Through the years she has been a model mother, housewife, nurse and preacher's wife. She helped her husband through 31 pastoral years, pastoring churches in Hardesty, Oklahoma; Hempstead, Texas; Katy, Texas; Follett, Texas; and Center Point, Texas. She and her husband retiring to their home here in the Sabinal Canyon in 1979.

Leaving to mourn her passing are her husband, Donald, of the home; 2 sons, Marvin F. Dibbens of Lufkin, Texas, Eddie Dibbens of Cheapside, Texas; 1 daughter, Donna Jo Dibbens Mercier of San Antonio, Texas; 1 brother, Harvey Polvado of Walpole, Massachusetts; 8 grandchildren; numerous nephews and nieces; and a host of friends.

Graveside funeral services were conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Floyd La Munyon at Vanderpool, Texas at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1981.

The large attendance, many of whom had driven hundreds of miles to be present, gave silent testimony to the love and respect given to this Christian servant. She was faithful to her calling. She is gone but her influence will continue to live on for years to come.



**William  
Brewer**

William Henry (Bill) Brewer, a resident of Mentone, Texas and a minister of the Apostolic Faith, passed away May 14, 1981 in the Permian General Hospital in Andrews at the age of 81. His death followed a long illness.

Brewer was born October 22, 1899 in Burseson Johnson County, Texas, one of nine children of Lee and Martha Brewer. The family moved to Knowles, N.M. when Bill was about nine years old. He married Ruby Blanch Jones Jan. 14, 1917 in Lea County, and they homesteaded and made their home at Knowles for a number of years.

He gave his life to Jesus one morning while wrangling horses around 1926, when Bro. Alfred Whiteley held a revival meeting in Knowles. He was called to preach the gospel of the Apostolic Faith at that time and did so for more than 50 years. His last pastorage was at Ralls, N.M.

Brewer and his wife moved to Mentone over 30 years ago, where they had the post office and a garage for most of those years. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Blanch, of the home; three sons, Gordon of Lubbock, Gene of El Paso, and Royce of Las Vegas; two brothers, Este of Pampa and John of Midland; one sister, Mattie Thorp of Mentone; eleven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three of his children: Wanda Musette Brewer, born Feb. 26, 1921, died March 14, 1930; William Henry Brewer, Jr., born Aug. 19, 1928, died Dec. 10, 1967; and one of a set of twins, James Boyce, born July 10, 1945, died the same day.

# Happy Birthday

Isn't it wonderful! Christmas time is so near. The time of giving and receiving presents, baking cookies and candy, decorating the tree, and keeping secrets! But most important, celebrating the birthday of Jesus. Christmas is sure a fun time, but it is also the time we must stop and really think about this wonderful gift that God sent to us many years ago. The Bible says this present was given to us because of love. "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son..." (John 3:16) This was the very first Christmas present ever. Sometimes we try real hard to keep the presents we give a secret. Have you ever hid things under the bed or in the closet so that no one would guess what you were giving? God didn't keep His gift a secret. He had already told the people about this wonderful gift. In the Old Testament we find the words, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:..and his name shall be called wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6) He is a wonderful gift for even His name is called Wonderful.

When we look at the Christmas story, sometimes we might wonder how could this be true. We aren't the first to wonder about it though.

First the people wondered about that promise given to them so many years ago. The people living at the time the prophet spoke had died, and still no birth of this baby whose name would be called Wonderful. They wondered, "Will the promise ever come."

Then Mary wondered. Mary was a very happy girl. She was going to marry Joseph in a few months and she did love Joseph very much. He was a kind, good man who Mary knew would teach their children to love and serve the Lord.

One day Mary heard a voice. The angel Gabriel spoke, "Peace be with you! The Lord is with you." Mary was surprised and troubled. What could this angel be saying? "Don't be afraid, Mary," Gabriel said, "God has chosen you from among all the women in the world. You are going to have a son. You will name him Jesus. He will be the Son of the Most High God."

Mary was no longer afraid. She tried to understand what the angel had told her. She was going to have the baby who would be the Messiah! But how could this be. For Mary had not married Joseph yet.

The angel said, "Your child will not have a man for a father. Baby Jesus will be God's own Son. The Holy Spirit will come upon you and God's power will overshadow you."

Mary thought on these things, and said, "I am God's servant. Let all these things happen as you have said."

Now Mary was excited. She was certainly going to be honored in a wonderful way. But then she couldn't help wondering about Joseph and how he would feel when he found out what was going to happen to her. Would he still love her? Would he still want to marry her? Would he want to help her take care of this baby to be named Jesus, God's Son?

Soon the people found out that Mary was going to have a baby and Joseph became very worried. He loved Mary but didn't understand what had happened and thought maybe he should not marry her after all.

But one night Joseph was sleeping and he had a dream. The angel of the Lord came to him and told him not to be afraid to marry the one that he loved. "Her unborn child is God's Son. You will call him Emmanuel which means God is with us. He shall save people from their sin," the angel said.

When Joseph woke up he remembered his dream. He did as the angel had said and Mary became his wife.

They traveled to Bethlehem to be taxed. Because there was no room in the inn they stayed in a stable. It was there that Jesus was born and He was laid in the manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

There were shepherds that were out in the fields watching their sheep and an angel came to them. They were afraid and wondered what would happen. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I bring you good news that will be for everyone." And the angel told them about Jesus. Other angels came and joined in praising God.

When the angels had gone away the shepherds went quickly to Bethlehem to see this baby Jesus. They wanted to see this wonderful gift from God.

They did find the Babe just as the angel had said. Being excited and so happy they went around telling others what had happened and about the angel and the things the angel had told them about the child. But the people who heard the news wondered about the things the shepherds said. Maybe they didn't understand that God can do anything and just didn't believe that what they had heard was true. I do hope that none of us wonder about the birth of Jesus. It is all in the Bible and the Bible is true. It's God's book and it is full of many wonderful things that we should read and believe. You can find the story about Mary, Joseph, Jesus and the shepherds in Matthew 1:18;25 and Luke 1:26, 2:1-20. Read it and have Mama and Daddy read it with you. Don't ever wonder about Jesus being God's Son. He is the promise of God and He is what Christmas really is all about.

Love to all



Not every one saying Lord, Lord, in Heaven will be seen,  
Just those that have repented and have garments white and  
clean.

There are rules that one must follow and by God's laws  
abide.

The words of the Holy Bible points the way to the inside.

We will obey his commandments with love in our heart,  
In our mouth no guile be found and from evil depart,  
When walking in the footsteps of Jesus our soon coming  
King.

Heaven will be cheap at any price when around the throne  
we sing.

Jeanie Mullins

## Thank You, Lord

Angels are ministering spirits, sent forth to minister  
for them, who shall be heirs of salvation. Hebrews 1:14.

I pray for salvation, to serve God the best way I can.

I have asked the Lord to love me, in return I would  
love Him!

I felt this time I needed to be realistic about just how  
faithful I could be, to be honest with God and me how  
much could I serve Him. I didn't want to set too high of  
a demand for myself. So I started with something I  
could live with.

I started going to Sunday school and church. Just  
church at first. I asked the Lord to lead and protect me  
and my family.

I kept my part.

He kept His part.

All along I kept asking for protection and always  
asking for things. God gave the things I needed.

I didn't see I was growing inch by inch.

"To Him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in  
my throne," Revelation 3:21.

Praise the Lord, I'm overcoming.

Well, as I went on I could feel God's presence with me.

I didn't have too many convictions then because I  
asked to start at the beginning with God's love.

I went on, months went by, then I was ready to make  
another step!

Praise the Lord, I saw the need to really be saved. I  
prayed and asked for salvation! God gave!

This is when I received a few convictions because I  
was ready to give a little more.

The Lord really surprised me then, I was with my  
mother-in-law and her daughter when God came into the  
conversation and I said, "It doesn't matter what friends  
think of me, I've chosen to serve God. Life is too short to  
worry about what people think."

Now, months later they accept me and respect my  
feelings.

The Lord is preparing me.

I received many blessings from Sunday school,  
Hebrews 4:14-16, "Seeing then that we have a great  
high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the  
Son of God, let us hold fast our profession."

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be  
touched with the feeling of our infirmities; But was in all  
points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of  
grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help  
in time of need."

God knew I wasn't perfect, but I had made my  
decision to follow Him no matter what.

Right about now is when I had seen it very imperative  
to give my baby to God, to really dedicate her to God. I  
did, and I knew God had taken her little life to guard for  
me.

From this time I occasionally went to Bible study. I  
began to grow again.

I began thinking of sanctification. Could I really let the  
Lord lead me completely? Could I serve Him, to keep a  
promise to Him? I'm trying. But the amazing thing is God  
has never pressured me to do anything. He's worked out  
my salvation to a plan that I could do.

He knows I'm not perfect, but His love for me is  
perfect.

While I decided on giving myself completely, some-  
thing happened. I lost the child, I gave to God. Now all I  
knew was to let the Lord lead me, I was His completely. I  
didn't think at all for myself. God is leading me now. It  
isn't as hard as I thought but it seems like there is a step  
up! I know if God is leading I can't do all wrong. I still  
pray for forgiveness, too. I look to I Corinthians 13:8,  
"Charity never faileth: But whether there be prophecies,  
they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall  
cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish  
away."

God's love never fails. It's always there. I hold this  
close to my heart because He has love and compassion  
for me always.

I Corinthians 13:4 says, "Charity suffereth long, and  
is kind: Charity envieth not: Charity vaunteth not itself,  
is not puffed up."

For me this is my sanctification and prayer to have  
love, to be kind, not judge, to listen with love. To be all I  
can for God!

I Corinthians 15:10, "But by the grace of God I am  
what I am: And His grace which was bestowed upon me  
was not in vain: But I laboured more abundantly than  
they all; yet not I, but the grace of God which was with  
me."

I Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren,  
be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in  
the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your  
labour is not in vain in the Lord."

If I do all I can with the spirit of God's love then I pray  
that I will see heaven.

Now I'm praying for the Holy Spirit by God's grace and  
love, I will do all I can for Him, to never deny Him,  
because He never denied me. Praise the Lord.

I'm learning to lean on God, God has answered all my  
prayers, He's shown me that He is with me. He's worked  
with me.

I had to decide to go to my church for me and be  
thankful for the people, their love.

My serving the Lord had to be of me, it is a church,  
and God is there. God is doing many works. I don't care  
what people think of me serving God. I'm working toward  
heaven, they can't go for me. God has stood by me as my  
very best friend.

Brenda Wright  
Enid, Oklahoma

AF Report

## CHRISTMAS TIME DRAWS NIGH

Christmas time—the best time of the year;  
When the little Lord Jesus, in the manger lay near,  
And now as this special time, draws near;  
Our thoughts go back, to the baby Jesus so dear.  
Born in a manger, so long, long ago;  
This Holy Child, which we all long to know.  
This Sweet Babe, born to save all mankind;  
When we seek and find Him...so Divine.  
Yonder breaks a new and Glorious Morn;  
Since the Christ Child Jesus, has been born.  
The Shepherds, came from far and near,  
seeking this Precious Child so dear.  
They found Him lying in a stable stall,  
amongst the hay and straw.  
The silent stars...go swiftly by;  
As they race across the cloudless sky.  
Wonderful hope—the Lord is coming again;  
Christ is so anxious to save us from sin.  
The grateful earth rejoiced, at the Birth of our Lord and  
Savior;  
Oh, come let us praise Him, this child so dear.  
The sky was bright with the Holy light;  
And the Angels sang praises, for Him that night.  
This Babe born in Bethlehem, is the Son of God:  
Let us worship and adore Him, while upon this earth  
we trod.  
Christ, the King dwells in the heart of every Christian;  
And the Lord, will guide us aright in every direction.  
Christ's Kingdom shall not be destroyed;  
All who put their trust in Him, shall be saved.

Essie V. Sturm  
Christmas 1974

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## MY PRAYER

"Dear Lord:

Thou knowest that I am growing older. Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject. Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details. Give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains. They are increasing with the years and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time goes by. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong. Make me thoughtful, but not nose-y—helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom and experience it does seem a pity not to use it all. But thou knowest, Lord, that I would like to have a few friends at the end.

"Amen"

Author Unknown



## "The Latter Rain"

by The Late Charles F. Parham

We opened the Bible School at Topeka, Kansas in October, 1900. To which we invited all ministers and Christians who were willing to forsake all, sell what they had, give it away, and enter the school for study and prayer, where all of us together might trust God for food, fuel, rent and clothing. The purpose of this school was to fit men and women to go to the ends of the earth to preach, "This Gospel of the Kingdom." Matt. 24:14 as a witness to all the world before the end of the age.

Our purpose in this Bible School was not to learn these things in our heads only but have each thing in the Scriptures wrought out in our hearts. And that every command that Jesus Christ gave should be literally obeyed.

No one paid board or tuition, the poor were fed, the sick were entertained and healed, and from day to day, week to week, and month to month, with no sect or mission or known source of income back of us, God supplied our every need, and He was our all sufficiency in all things.

In December of 1900 we had had our examination upon the subject of repentance, conversion, consecration, sanctification, healing, and the soon coming of the Lord. We had reached in our studies a problem. What about the 2nd Chapter of Acts? I had felt for years that any missionary going to the foreign field should preach in the language of the natives. That if God had ever equipped His ministers in that way He could do it today. That if Balaam's mule could stop in the middle of the road and give the first preacher that went out for money a "bawling out" in Arabic that anybody today ought to be able to preach in any language of the world if they had horse sense enough to let God use their tongue and throat. But still I believed our experience should tally exactly with the Bible, and neither sanctification nor the anointing that abideth taught by Stephen Merritt and others tallied with the 2nd Chapter of Acts. Having heard so many different religious bodies claim different proofs as the evidence of their having the Pentecostal baptism, I set the

students at work studying out diligently what was the Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that we might go before the world with something that was indisputable because it tallied absolutely with the Word.

Leaving the school for three days at this task, I went to Kansas City for three days services. I returned to the School on the morning preceding Watch Night services in the year 1900.

At about 10 o'clock in the morning I rang the bell calling all the students into the Chapel to get their report on the matter in hand. To my astonishment they all had the same story, that while there were different things occurred when the Pentecostal blessing fell, that the indisputable proof on each occasion was, that they spake with other tongues. About 75 people beside the school which consisted of 40 students, had gathered for the watch night service. A mighty spiritual power filled the entire school.

Sister Agnes N. Ozman, (now LaBerge) asked that hands might be laid upon her to receive the Holy Spirit as she hoped to go to foreign fields. At first I refused not having the experience myself. Then being further pressed to do it humbly in the name of Jesus, I laid my hand upon her head and prayed. I had scarcely repeated three dozen sentences when a glory fell upon her, a halo seemed to surround her head and face, and she began speaking in the Chinese language, and was unable to speak English for three days. When she tried to write in English to tell us of her experience she wrote the Chinese, copies of which we still have in newspapers printed at that time.

Seeing this marvelous manifestation of the restoration of Pentecostal power, we removed the beds from a dormitory on the upper floor, and there for two nights and three days we continued as a school to wait upon God. We felt that God was no respecter of persons and what He had so graciously poured out upon one, He would upon all.

Those three days of tarrying were wonderful days of blessings. We all got past any begging or pleading, we knew the blessing was ours with ever swelling tides of praise and thanksgiving and worship, interspersed with singing we waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

On the night of January 3rd, I preached at the Free Methodist Church in the City of Topeka telling them what had already happened, and that I expected upon returning the entire school to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. On returning to the school with one of the students, we ascended to the second floor, and passing down along the corridor in the upper room, heard most wonderful sounds. The door was slightly ajar, the room was lit with only coal oil lamps. As I pushed open the door I found the room was filled with a sheen of white light above the brightness of the lamps.

Twelve ministers, who were in the school of different denominations, were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke with other tongues. Some were sitting, some still kneeling, others standing with hands upraised. There was no violent physical manifestation, though some trembled under the power of the glory that filled them.

Sister Stanley, an elderly lady, came across the room as I entered, telling me that just before I entered tongues of fire were sitting above their heads.

When I beheld the evidence of the restoration of

Pentecostal power, my heart was melted in gratitude to God for what my eyes had seen. For years I had suffered terrible persecutions for preaching holiness and healing and the soon coming of the Lord. I fell to my knees behind a table unnoticed by those upon whom the power of Pentecost had fallen to pour out my heart to God in thanksgiving. All at once they began to sing, "Jesus Lover of My Soul" in at least six different languages, carrying the different parts with a more angelic voice than I had ever listened to in all my life.

After praising God for some time, I asked Him for the same blessing. He distinctly made it clear to me that He raised me up and trained me to declare this mighty truth to the world, and if I was willing to stand for it, with all the persecutions, hardships, trials, slander, scandal that it would entail, He would give me the blessing. And I said, "Lord I will, if You will just give me this blessing." Right then there came a slight twist in my throat, a glory fell over me and I began to worship God in the Swedish tongue, which later changed to other languages and continued so until the morning.

Just a word: After preaching this for all these years with all the persecutions I have been permitted to go through with, misunderstanding and the treatment of false brethren, yet knowing all that, this blessing would bring to me, if I had the time and was back there again I'd take the same way.

No sooner was this miraculous restoration of Pentecostal power noised abroad, than we were besieged with reporters from Topeka papers, Kansas City, St. Louis and many other cities sent reporters who brought with them professors of languages, foreigners, Government interpreters, and they gave the work the most crucial test. One Government interpreter claimed to have heard twenty Chinese dialects distinctly spoken one night. All agree that the students of the college were speaking of the languages of the world, and that with proper accent and intonation. There was no chattering, jabbering, or stuttering. Each one spoke clearly and distinctly in a foreign tongue, with earnestness, intensity and God-given unction. The propriety and decency of the conduct of each member of the Bible School won the warmest comment from many visitors.

Our first public appearance after others had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit was in Kansas City, in the Academy of Music, about January 21st. The Kansas City papers loudly announced our coming. Two columns appeared in the Kansas City Journal, with large headlines on the front page. These headlines, being the largest on the front page, attracted the attention of the newsboys, and they not knowing a Pentecost from a holocaust ran wildly up and down the street crying their papers, Pentecost, Pentecost, read all about Pentecost.

I have on record the sermon preached on this occasion. The first upon the baptism of the Holy Ghost in all modern Pentecostal Apostolic Full Gospel movements. Also on file all that the papers had to say about these things in those days. Through great trials and persecutions we conducted the Bible school in the city of Topeka itself, then on in Kansas City.

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearance of Jesus Christ."—1 Peter 1:7.

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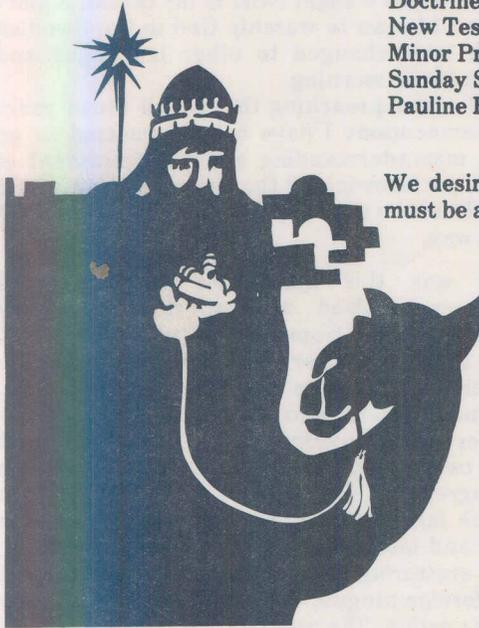
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