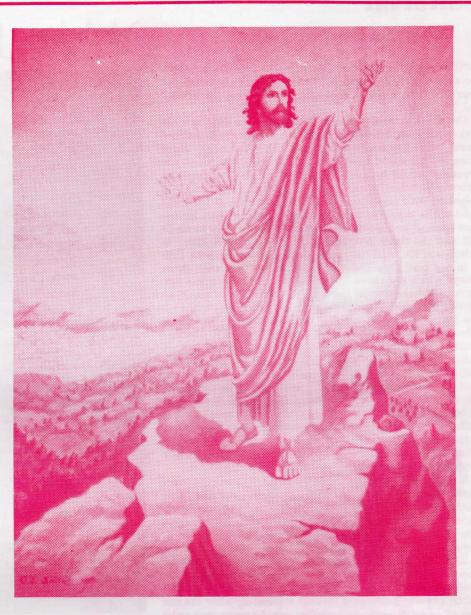
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Editorial

IF YE BE RISEN WITH CHRIST

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things of the earth." Col. 3:1,2

The physical ressurection of Christ from the dead is what makes our faith different from all the other religions of the world. If He had not risen from the dead then every other thing He did would have become null and void. All of His promises would be of no effect. Our own redemption, ultimate ressurection and hope of immortality would all be a delusion. But Praise God! He did rise and lives at the right hand of the throne of God and there He intercedes for us. And because he lives we can live also. But we have to die to self and the flesh first before we can rise with Him in newness of life. And the proof that we have risen with Him is in our text from Collosians 3: 1,2; "we will seek those things which are above." This doesn't mean isolating ourselves and becoming so heavenly minded that we are of no earthly good, but it means praying without ceasing while we are going about our tasks of the day and ministering to others of Crist's love. We have to keep our priorites straight. Our first allegiance is to God and His son Jesus, so daily we must go to him in secret and find out his plan and will for each day, and then we minister to our families first (our greatest witness is at home) and then we are to use the opportunities God gives us in the normal course of each day to be His witness. It is not always in much speaking but rather in our attitude and the manner in which we conduct ourselves. If the Christ is first it shows through to others in numerous ways; our smile, our kindness, our concern, our appreciation, and our conversation and daily walk.

A missionary in trying to get the truth of the resurrected Christ through to a group of Mohammedans gave them this illustration. "I am traveling through a strange country, I come to a place where the road branches off in two different directions. I look for a guide and on one road I find a dead one and on the other a live one. Which one of them do I ask to direct me? They all answered "Oh, the live one!" "Then, said the missionary, "why point me to Mohammed who is dead instead of Christ who is alive!" The story is also told of a little girl who had to pass through a cemetery after the sun was set to reach her home each day, yet she never seen to be apprehensive. Someone asked her, "Aren't you afraid to go through the cemetery?" "Oh, No!," she replied, "I am not afraid, for my home is just beyond!" We need not to be afraid of the spiritual cemetery of dying out to self because it has to be done in order for us to be risen with Him, and after all isn't our home just beyond? Those of us who have died out to the flesh also have no fear of physical death and the cemetery for to be absent in the body is to be present with our Lord. Oh, how the world needs to know that we have been risen with Christ not because we just tell them so, but because they can see and sense that our affections are on things above and not on this earth. Oh, that they could see the love, peace, joy and glory of God radiating through us because of the resurrected Christ dwelling within us.

"Do not have your concert first and tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all in harmony with Him." — J. H. Taylor



Lord of all

Christ is the Lord of the smallest atom,
Christ is the Lord of outer space,
Christ is the Lord of the constellations,
Christ is the Lord of every place;
Of the farthest star,
Of the coffee bar,
Of the length of the Berlin Wall

Of the length of the Berlin Wall, Of the village green,

Of the Asian scene, Christ is Lord of all.

Christ is the Lord of the human heartbeat,

Christ is the Lord of every breath, Christ is the Lord of man's existence.

Christ is the Lord of life and death.

Christ is Lord of our thoughts and feelings,

Christ is Lord of all we plan,

Christ is the Lord of man's decisions,

Christ is the Lord of total man;

In the local street where people meet,

In the church or the nearby hall, In the factory

In the family

Christ is Lord of all.

Christ is the Lord of our love and courtship,

Christ is the Lord of man and wife,

Christ is the Lord of the things we care for, Christ is the Lord of all our life.

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Minuets of Meeting

APOSTOLIC FAITH MOVEMENT

January 20, 1976 At

Del City, Oklahoma

Approximately 150 people met in the Apostolic Faith Church at Del City, Oklahoma January 20, 1976 in a meeting called for the purpose of voting on Incorporation of the Bible College and accepting Bylaws for Incorporation. According to registration list, there were 54 ministers present and 34 churches represented.

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 A.M. by Chairman, Roland Busch. He expressed thanks to the Del Cilty church for use of their facilities, to the large crowd for such good representation of the movement, and to the advisory board for their many hours of work the day before, Meeting was opened with prayer around the altar and prayer for the sick.

Announcement was made that Bro. Ollie Kinser would be Superintendent of the Bible College for the 1976 term. And people were reminded that the Real Estate note at Bible College would be due February 23rd in the amount of \$8400.00. Present balance in Building fund is \$5034.71.

Bro. Busch briefly restated the reasons the incorporation had been pursued, and that Rockney Plecther, Attorney of Dallas, Texas had volunteered his services. Copies of the bylaws were read and people were asked to write into their copies the revisions as rewritten in the meeting of January 19th.All Articles were discussed and changes made by vote of the people were as follows:

Re: ARTICLE II, 1 (f)

After discussion in regard to appointment of Advisory Board members, motion was made by Louise Sutton that each church appoint one person each year to serve as member of Advisory Board. This motion was seconded and carried.

Re: ARTICLE II, 1 (a)

Quite a number expressed their opinions and desires in regard to expanding number of persons to be on the Board of Trustees. Many felt three was enough. Many felt that a seven person board would give more represention and less responsibility on each individual board member. Harrol Waterbury made motion that board be expanded to seven. Motion was seconded and vote was taken. Majority voted against seven man board. This was contested, as some felt the same voting procedure should be used as in voting for board members. ie: each church gets two votes and each minister one vote. The vote was taken in this maner and was counted 39 against and 38 for. The vote was again contested as some allegedly not representing their church board had voted. Again the vote was taken and the final was 54 for and 53 against the seven man board. So bylaws were changed to read 7 instead of 3 persons elected to Board.

This change to go into effect after application for incorporation has been filed and corporation is in being.

After much discussion, vote was asked for on Articles of Faith, ie: ARTICLE VII. 104 voted to accept Articles of Faith as written. 4 voted against.

Edwin Waterbury made motion that we Incorporate the Bible College. Motion was seconded by Robert Beydler. Vote as counted was 105 for Incorporation and 15 against. (10 of these were absentee votes, cast before bylaws were revised.)

Vote to accept Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation carried 83 to 2.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P. M.

Lela Kathryn Busch - recording Secretary Approved by Roland E. Busch, Chairman

From The

Superintendent of AFBC

From the Superintendent of AFBC

I am glad to report that we are receiving word from our faculty and that the faculty is nearing completion. The Lord is helping us and those whom He would use in Bible School as we continue our preparation. Volunteers to work on some of the remodeling projects have reassured us of your burden for the school and your desire to keep the facilities in good working order. Thank you for what you have done and for what you will do as God leads His dear children along.

Yours in Christ, Ollie L. Kinser

OPEN FOR CALLS:

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For the next few months of time, I will be available to conduct a series of lessons on 20th century Israel. These lessons consist of four nights of services.

1st night—A slide presentation of Israel 2nd night—Israel from 1900 to 1948

3rd night-Israel's achievements since 1948

4th night—The Arab nation- The Isarael-Arab conflict, and how it is rapidly leading to Russia's destruction.

If your church would be interested in such lessons please contact me.

Rev. Lyndel Arnall Box 110 Baxter Springs, Kansas (316) 856-3986

HOSANNA SON OF DAVID, SAVE US WE BESEECH THEE

By Jacob C. Regier 120 S. Barkley Street Spearman, Texas 79681

HOSANNA, SON OF DAVID, SAVE US WE BESEECH THEE

"And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their ciothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way. And the multitude that went before and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the Highest. And when he was come to Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee." [Matthew 21:6-11]

This account of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem taken from Matthew's writtings is an account of the Savior's entry. This took place one week before Jesus' resurrection. Little did the worshiping throng know that this Jesus, Son of David, to whom they were shouting "HOSANNA" was soon to be crucified for the sins of the world. Oxford's King James version of the Bible has a marginal note on Hosanna. It explains that in Hebrew it means, "Save, we beseech thee". The Oxford University Dictionary explains that it was an exclamation meaning 'save Now' used by the Jews as an appeal for deliverance and an ascription of praise to God.

Those that followed Jesus had been told that He would die and rise again. They could not grasp the meaning of this. They could only understand that this was their deliverer and Savior. They were ready to proclaim him their king. Actually, the Lord was on His way to the cross, He was making preparations to become the Savior, the sacrifice, the propitiation for man's sins.

Jesus had sent two of his disciples into the nearby village to get an ass (donkey) for Him to ride upon as he would enter into Jerusalem. He anticipated that the disciples would encounter some difficulty so He instructed them:

"And, if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straight-way he will send them." [Matthew 21:3]

Prophecy was being fulfilled. These disciples did as Jesus commanded them and what he had predicted came to pass. Once Jesus told the Jews that wanted to kill him,

"Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." [John 5:39]

The prophecies were being fulfilled that day, a week before Christ's resurrection when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey:

"All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, [Zechariah 9:9] saying, Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, they King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass." [Matthew 21:4-5]

As the people thronged around Jesus that day, prophecy was being fulfilled before their eyes. They were seeing it happen. Not only so, they were part of that fulfillment. No longer would these people or any people need to look forward to the fulfillment of this prophecy. No longer need they ask, "When will this prophecy come to pass?" Matthew's account states, "A very great multitude spread their garments in the way,..." A very great multitude! who comprised this very great multitude? Who was this throng that went before Jesus in this historic procession. Who were the people that followed after? Why were they there? Why were they shouting, Hosanna — Save Us We Beseech Thee — Hosanna, thou Son of David, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord?

We read about the public life of Jesus. In the life-time of Jesus there was a period of obscurity. He lived a private life until he was about thirty years of age. He as any other ordinary citizen, was obscure and unknown, except for a few neighbors and kinspeople that lived around and near him. But after the Lord healed a leper one day that we read about in the first chapter of Mark, his fame began to spread. After

that time, He did many miracles, healed many people, cast out demons, raised the dead, cleansed the lepers, fed the multitudes and preached the Gospel to the poor.

But the real purpose in the coming of Jesus, was not to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons, or feed the multitudes. His purpose was to save the lost and write their names in heaven. Although he did many miracles to and for the people that thronged about him, He came to be the Savior! The prophecy in Matthew 1:21 states, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." Christ is SAVIOR. Jesus! Immanuel! God With Us!

There are some of mankind's problems from which he can free himself....but not his sins. Only Jesus can save his people from their sins. Only Jesus can write our names in heaven. Some men have liberated themselves from bad habits and evil companions. Men have improved their circumstances by using their knowledge and abilities. But only Jesus can save us from our sins. For this purpose Jesus took upon himself the form and flesh of man to suffer as man suffers and die as man dies....but to die for the sins of man. For this purpose he lived and died and rose again.

The prophecies concerning Jesus also foretold Him to be King of kings and Lord of lords. That prophecy is still to be fulfilled and it will be fulfilled when He returns. Although the people that thronged around Him did not understand it at that time, He had come to be their Savior from sins. He is at the right hand of the Heavenly Father now, waiting for The Heavenly Father's orders to return as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The last healing miracle that Jesus did before he was crucified, was to restore the severed ear of Malchus....but that was a few days after His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The last healing miracle that Jesus did before his triumphant entry was to heal two blind men. As Jesus and the throng that surrounded him were passing by, these two blind men began to shout, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David." (Matthew 20:31b) The multitude attempted to silence the blind men but they kept on shouting. The Lord heard their cries and asked them what they wanted. They simply answered, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened". Matthew records:

"So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him." [Matthew 20:34]

This is the person, the divine person, that was entering Jerusalem. This is the one to whom they cried, "Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

There was a great host that entered into Jerusalem with Jesus, some of whom went ahead and some of whom followed behind. They waved the branches and shouted, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." This great sight and these sounds did not please everyone. Even the Lord and Savior could not please everyone. The scriptures relate:

"And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

Upon his arrival in Jerusalem, Jesus immediately entered and cleansed the temple of the money-changers and their wares. He told them that they had changed the house of God from God's House of Prayer into a Den Of Thieves. All the city was moved by this prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. Some believed and others doubted. Some were healed and blessed. Others rejected and hated Him. Matthew 21:15 states, "And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased". Some were pleased with Jesus but others were displeased.

Who were the people that loved, honoured, worshipped this man that rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Who were the people that strewed their clothes in the path of the donkey and that waved branches and shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David....Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord"? They were people that Jesus had fed. Jesus is the bread of Life....Yes He is The Way....Yes He is The Truth....Yes He is the Life. These were people that Jesus had taught. Jesus was the greatest teacher of all time. He taught with God's authority. He answered the mysterious questions that plagued the souls of men. These people were people that Jesus had healed. These were people that Jesus had delivered from the demons that possessed them. These were people that Jesus had raised from the dead. These were people that Jesus had forgiven of sins. Jesus was the one of whom Peter later spoke of:

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with Power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." [Acts 10:38]

These people included the twelve that Jesus had sent out that preached, anointed with oil and healed the sick. Jesus had commissioned them, "And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." (Matthew 10:6-7) The people that thronged about and shouted, Hosanna to the Son of David, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, included the seventy that he had sent out two by two with a similar mission as the twelve apostles. The seventy had returned to Jesus with this report:

"And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." [Luke 10:17]

Jesus had acknowledged that he had given the seventy power over all the power of the enemy and that nothing should hurt them. Futhermore He told them:

"Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written heaven." [Luke 10:20]

The most important mission in the ministry of Jesus was to save people from their sins and record their names in heaven.

"And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." [Matthew 21:9]



Guymon, Oklahoma

We have had a great time in the Lord this month. On Friday, February 20, Big Ed, loaded with 60 adults left for Deer Valley, Colorado for an adult retreat. A great time physically and spiritually was enjoyed by all. Several were baptised in the swimming pool Saturday evening. Before loading up to leave Sunday morning we had a worship service closing with a Communion service. It was a very spiritual weekend. Praise His name.

Bro. Edwin left March 4 to travel to Ecuador, South America. He feels our church needs a greater missionary outreach and so knowing the Bob Adams' family there he will travel with them down the Amazon River and see first hand the needs and works to be met by missionaries. We are very thankful for a pastor like ours and for the call God has put on his life.

The young people recently held a (rocking chair) Rock-a-Thon, some of which rocked for 30 hours raising \$1,000 for the church organ fund.

Edwin Modrick, Pastor Kathy White, Reporter

Roswell, New Mexico

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. I am so glad for that promise.

God is still on His throne to bless if we will only trust in Him. We recently had a revival where we felt God's Spirit in a special way. Brother and Sister Jake Pletcher and Sister Alice McCloud came and were with us. We thank God that He sent them our way. During the revival Brother and Sister Ware and Brother and Sister Hickman came to visit us.

We have once again witnessed God's protecting hand. My little nine year old girl, Penny, was in an automobile accident. The car was completely torn up when it collided with a fire truck, but of the four passengers none were hurt seriously. Thank God for his protection.

We enjoy the report and thank you for your efforts as the editor.

Pray for us in Roswell.

Joann Hall, Reporter Brother Bill Yeakel, Pastor

Canyon, Texas

Valson Abraham was the guest speaker at the retreat in Deer Valley Lodge, Colorado for the Apostolic Faith Church young people from Liberal, Kansas. Bro. Harold Bollinger is the pastor. Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Kerr had a profitable workshop at Faith Chapel on Sunday School education and edification. Faith Chapel, Faith Student Center and several WTSU philosophy classes recently heard lectures from P. C. Thomas, uncle of Valson Abraham, who resides in Sedalia, Mo. He served as associate pastor and Christian education director at Maplewood Church there from 1971 through 1975. Our spring business session trustees and advisors meeting was April 9-10. The Ministers Seminar was April 5-8. A good response from the ministers to come was appreciated.

Marcus Adair, Director Rene Heil, Instructor Ron Martin, Pastor

Alvin, Texas

We enjoyed our revival with Bro. Ted Barker and party. The Royal Heirs were with us Sunday morning March 28, 1976. March 14 at our business meeting an overwhelming majority declared their desire to build a new sanctuary with classrooms. A permanent building committee was appointed consisting of Gordon Methvin, Charles Leflet, Gail McLeod, Bob McGee, and Jim Swan. Also, a finance committee was formed composed of Alvin Barker, Junior Methvin, Stacy Botter, R. J. Methvin, Fred Urick and Kenneth Doty.

James E. Wallis, Pastor

Purcell, Missouri

The Lord continues to meet with us in each service to bless and to meet the needs of His children that trust, serve and obey and believe Him for His good promises.

We appreciated Bro. Jerome Crowhurst coming over and giving us some very interesting Bible lessons on the chart on the Plan of The Ages.

We appreciate the good job and your faithful labour on the Apostolic Faith Report, very much, Sister Naomi.

We are so thankful for the way the Lord is convicting some of the unsaved in this community and hope to see them saved in the near future.

> Pastor Geo. Hintergardt

Perryton, Texas

Sunday night February 29th we were happy to have the Gray Community Church and their pastors, the Lealand Grimmers with us. He preached for us and baptized a young lady from their church after the service. Recently Bro. O. A. Busch visited in our services too. We had our Graduates banquet Tuesday March 2, 1976. The program was presented by Phil Dietz and Steve Davis members of the Royal Heirs. Hardesty, Oklahoma had a revival March 3-7 with Bro. J. D. Ray of Anchorage, Alaska as the Evangelist. Some of our church people were able to attend.

We've had several deaths in the families of our congregation recently; Elaine Littau's sister Mrs. Wanda Harrison passed away suddenly, Jim Bill Dodson's uncle passed away in Oklahoma City; Lois Taylor's stepfather passed away in Guymon, and Elrick Wilson's sister passed away in Canadian, Texas. Our sincere sympathy to these folks.

Harrol Waterbury, Pastor

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

We always enjoy reading our wonderful paper, and we wish to thank the editor, Sis. Busch, and all the people who make it possible.

We are happy to report the good progress of our Pastor, Bro. Arnall. We appreciate your prayers in his behalf. On the Sunday morning of March 7th, Bro. Arnall brought a great soul stirring message: A special warning both to the lost, and to all of us who watch for souls. The message was taken from Matt. 7:23 when Jesus said, "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." I feel these will be the saddest words on that great day: when once the master of the house has risen shut the door with many left out. In Jer. 9:23 the Lord said, "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight." I am delighted in the glorious day of Grace, we can know Him as our personal Saviour and Lord, which is Life eternal, and joy unspeakable.

Brother Jack Wimer has been filling in for Bro. Arnall while he convalescing, and is doing very fine work. Sister Shari Cook is a rich blessing in the church. We are enthused to see the Young People taking an active part each Sunday Evening under the leadership of Sis. Sharolyn Cox.

We wish to invite all to come by and be with us in our services at any time.

Reporter: Sis. Pearl Menke Pastor: Bro. Johnny Arnall

Rockdale, Texas

It has been sometime since we have sent in any news for the Report, so it's a little dated. In January Bro. O. A. Busch held us a good revival, and the church was greatly blessed with some inspiring messages. There were some rededications during the meeting. Bro. David Juarez has been appointed Youth Leader and is doing a very fine job. Remember him in your prayers.

Sis. Claude McCoy's husband passed away in December, 1975, and Mrs. Myrtle Dreher was buried on New Year's Eve. Tim and Fran Pitts had a little daughter in January. Sis. Pearl Busch was in the hospital the first part of this year in serious condition. She has been home now for sometime and is improving but still needs prayer. Floyd and Judy Pletcher and their girls visited her folks over the holidays and it was good to see all of them. Dona Satcher is fine now after having broken her wrist and having it in a cast for sometime. A Youth Rally including the Full Gospel Church and the Guase Full Gospel Church was held in February here at the Apostolic Faith Church and a large group attended.

Van Blythe, Pastor Mrs. Jerry Hosek, Reporter

Baxter Springs, Kansas

March 7-14 Bro. Jim Fox of Balko, Oklahoma and his Gospel party, Gayla Rose, Deanna Russell and Celia Massoni held us a very good revival. The church carried a real burden for this meeting and there were cottage prayer meetings as well as a chain prayer in the ladies group before it began. Each day of the revival we had two prayer services one at 9 a.m. at which Bro. Fox brought us a short exhortation from the Word of God before the prayer service and another one at 7 p.m. before service time each evening at 7:30. We hate to lose several people who have been with us for a long time. GaylaRose and Deanna Russell will be living in Liberal, Kansas helping in the work there. Shari Cook is working in Kingman and helping in the church there. Carolyn Quesenbury and David Lively plan to be married April 24. May the Lord bless these in their new fields of labor. We appreciate the Jack Cornell's so much and all they have done for the Lord and our church during their stay with us. We will really miss them when they leave when school is out. We also would like to extend our welcome to the Ollie Kinser Family as they prepare to be our new pastors and the Superintendent of AFBC. Please remember them in your prayers. The Sherman Suttons have purchased a home here in Baxter. Their new address is 526 E. 17th St. We are happy to have them.

Jack Cornell, Pastor

The Ralls, Texas Apostolic Faith Church is asking for a pastor, now for their church. They have new board members a new secretary, and a three bedroom parsonage. If you have a burden for that place please call 253-2993 or write Box 321, Ralls, Texas. They also need some Gospel Workers. Thank you.

Liberal, Kansas

We want to thank you each one of the Apostolic Faith Church and those connected with the AFBC for your kindness during our stay in Baxter Springs. We also thank all of you who helped support us during the Bible School term. May God's greatest blessings be upon you all. Our stay was very much worth taking advantage of. The term of school was tremendous and God blessed.

The Lord has blessed our ministry with the music in the Liberal Apostolic Faith Church. The choir is doing a great job singing as unto the Lord. Sunday morning, March 7 we sang "Bless the Lord, Oh! My Soul" by Andrae Crouch. The spirit of the Lord blessed in a very great way.

Thank God for all His love and benefits. Do you know that with only a few days of being in Liberal we had a house to rent and a job with Flowers by Turners. God performed a miracle in this as you would know by moving to this area, with the high cost of living. We have reasonable rent to pay for a very nice house and a good paying job. Praising the Lord enough is impossible. By the time you read this we hope to have had our gathering of all the area 1975 AFBC term kids, planned for the first Saturday in April. It will be at our house. We're looking forward to a real time of sharing. We are happy to have Gayla Rose and Deanna Russell living in Liberal and helping in the work of the Lord. Come see us any time.

Jerry, Lavanda, Kristal, and Stephen

Obituary of O. J. Smith

On August 26, 1975 our beloved brother O. J. Smith departed this life at Watkins Memorial Hospital in Quitman, Mississippi. He had been sick for several months, a burden which he bore with patience and serenity, always saying, "The will of the Lord be done." As he lived, so he died with dignity and complete faith in God. Except for a short time, he spent his entire life in the Pine Crest Community. He numbered his friends by his acquaintances. His beautiful expressions in art adorn many churches in this area. He also contributed one to the Apostolic Faith Bible College while he was in school there and it hangs at the front of the Chapel today.

He was preceded in death by his father, a sister, and an infant brother. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Kate Smith of Quitman, Miss.; two brothers, William Smith of Detroit, Mich., J. T. Smith of Quitman; four sisters, Laura Roberts and Berta Mae Anderson of Quitman, Loreane McPherson of Mobile, Alabama, and Mae Jewel McGee of Kingman, Kansas; a host of nieces and nephews and many friends.

The funeral was conducted in the Chapel of Wright's Funeral Home in Quitman by Sis. Dorothy Anderson and Bro. Jack Hopson. Mrs. Nadine Allen and Sis. Hopson sang "What a Day That Will Be" and Mrs. Allen sang "Beyond the Sunset". Graveside services were conducted by Sis. Anderson in the Cedar Creek Cemetery. Nephews served as pallbearers.

As I watch the sun rise on a beautiful day, I also watch life ebb from a beautiful brother.

Through his short life, God showered him with many talents,

That he used to make his world a lovelier place to live.

To be in his presence is almost hallowed.

Whatever tomorrow holds for him, he faces with courage and hope.

To have known him has been a pleasure,

But to have been his sister is blessed.

I try and search his thoughts

I can see no fear of tomorrow, only concern for those around him.

Our hearts are sore and bleeding at the thought of losing one so dear.

Surely, as he enters into the new heaven and new earth A new star will take its rightful place in the firmament To light the way for those of us he leaves behind. Life will be a little less rewarding without him, And a new thorn will enter our hearts But even now when those moments seem darkest I can hear all about me, birds singing A gentle reminder that life goes on.

(The above was written by Loreane McPherson, sister of O. J. Smith on August 24, 1975.)

DEADLINE!

Copy must be in by the 15th of the month to be in the next month's issue.

BUSY BODIES

Tom Nobody, Dick Anybody, Harry Somebody, and Bob Everybody were all church goers, but not like you and me; of course, they were odd people and all four went to the same church.

Everybody went fishing on Sunday, and stayed home to watch TV on Wednesday night. Anybody wanted to attend, but was afraid that Somebody wouldn't speak to him; so guess who showed up for church services?..uh-huh..Nobody.

Nobody was the only faithful one in the bunch, Nobody helped the Pastor, Nobody studied his Sunday school lesson, Nobody visited the sick, and Nobody prayed. Everybody thought Somebody would do it, Somebody thought Anybody would do it, and you know who did it? That's right.....Nobody!

Now it happens that a faithful saint had been ill for quite some time and missed church services for several weeks. Everybody thought Somebody would send her a card and Somebody thought Anybody would go visit her. Well you can probably guess who finally came through....Nobody!

So, it's plain to see if we leave our duties for Anybody, Somebody or Everybody, Nobody will do it. Let's all do our part and share the load, so we can be Somebody doing something for Everybody and Anybody, and leave Nobody alone.

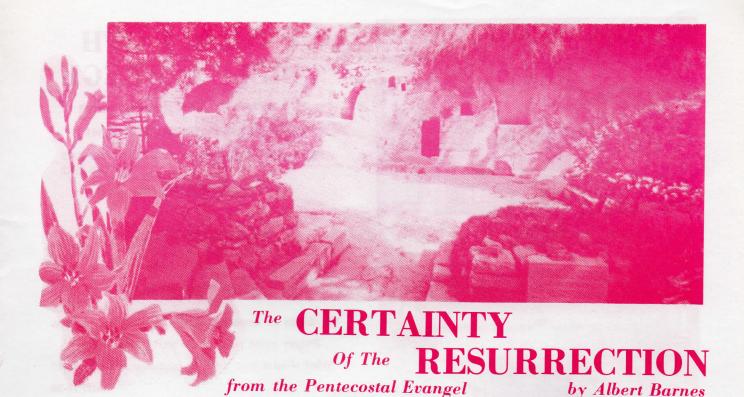
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Noveta Scroggs of Waka, Texas and Randy Backstrom of Fayetteville, Arkansas were united in marriage Saturday, March 20, 1976 in the Perryton church. Noveta attended AFBC 1975 and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scroggs of Waka, Texas. Randy's parents are Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Backstrom of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Miss Glenda Bensch of Logan, Oklahoma and Alvin Buschman of Stinnett, Texas were united in marriage in the Midway Country Church on Saturday March, 20th. They will make their home in Bayard, Nebraska where he is pastoring the Apostolic Faith Church now. Glenda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bensch of Logan, Oklahoma and Alvin's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Buschman of Stinnett, Texas. They both attended AFBC in 1975. Glenda was on the faculty last year, and came as a student in previous years.



which an account is given in Matthew 28, is one of the them? most important doctrines of the Christian religion and of any ancient fact. Notice:

- 1. Jesus had foretold His own death and resurrection.
- 2. There was no doubt He was really dead. The Jews, Romans, and disciples all agreed on this.
- 3. Every proper precaution was taken to prevent His removal by stealth.
- 4. On the third day the body was missing. All were agreed on this too. The high priests did not dare question this. They labored therefore to account for it.

The disciples affirmed that Jesus was alive. The Jews hired the Roman soldiers to affirm that He was stolen while they slept.

This account of the Jews is filled with the following difficulties and absurdities:

- 1. The Roman guard was usually composed of 60 men, and they were stationed there for the express purpose of guarding the body of Jesus.
- 2. The punishment for sleeping on guard in the Roman army was death. It is incredible that these soldiers should expose themselves in this manner to death.
- 3. The disciples were few in number, unarmed, weak, and timid. They had fled before those who took Jesus in the garden; how then can we believe they would dare to attempt to take away from a Roman guard what they were expressly set to defend?

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus, of they remove the stone without awakening even one of

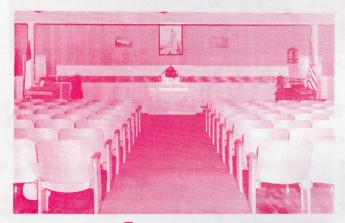
- 5. Consider the regularity and order of the graveis attested by the strongest evidence adduced in favor clothes. When men rob graves they do not leave the clothes in order.
 - 6. If the soldiers were asleep, how did they or how could they know that the disciples stole the body? If they were awake, why did they permit it? The whole account, therefore, was intrinsically absurd.

On the other hand, the account given by the disciples is perfectly natural and credible:

- 1. They account for the reason the soldiers did not see Jesus when He arose. They were terrified by the
- 2. They affirmed that they saw Him. All the disciples affirmed this, and many others.
- 3. They affirmed it in Jerusalem, in the presence of the Jews, before the high priests and the people. If the Jews really believed the disciples stole the body, why did they not apprehend the apostles and prove them guilty of theft and falsehood-things which they never attempted?
- 4. In regard to the Saviour they could not be deceived. They knew Him three years. They ate and drank with Him; they put their fingers into His hands and side. They conversed with Him, and were with Him 40 days after the Resurrection.
- 5. They gave every possible evidence of their sincerity. They were persecuted, ridiculed, scourged, and put to death for affirming this. Yet not one of them 4. How could the disciples presume they would find ever expressed the least doubt of the truth. They bore the Roman soldiers asleep? Or if they should, how could everything rather than deny that they had seen Him.



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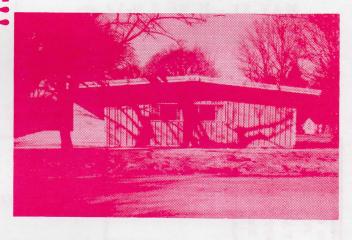
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