

# The Apostolic Faith Report

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*John 11:25*  
*I am the*  
*resurrection*  
*and the life:*  
*he that*  
*believeth*  
*in me,*  
*though he*  
*were dead,*  
*yet shall*  
*he live.*





### MARK, Chapter 16

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

2 - And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

3 - And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

4 - And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

5 - And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

6 - And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

7 - But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

8 - And they went out quickly and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

9 - Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

10 - And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

11 - And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

12 - After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.

13 - And they went and told it unto the residue; neither believed they them.

14 - Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

15 - And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 - He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 - And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.

18 - They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19 - So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

20 - And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

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## I AM THE CROSS OF CHRIST

Yes, I am the cross of Christ, the accursed tree. I bore Him, but He bore the sin of the world. By me, He was lifted up. But He draws all men unto Himself. I held Him while He prayed forgiveness on His enemies and then opened the gates of paradise to those who seek to be remembered. On me He was suspended while God forsook Him and man rejected and disowned Him. I trembled when He cried aloud, "My God, my God, why has Thou forsaken me?" I am the cross of Christ - a dead tree. But He used me; He honored me, for He sanctified me. And 'twas on me the cleansing stream of His priceless blood first flowed. On me He finished His redemptive work. Here He breathed His last, commending His Spirit into His Father's hands. In death His victory was won. I marked forever the spot where God and man were reconciled - where full atonement for sin was made.

I kept the watch until, on Easter morn, the trembling earth gave forth the living, triumphant Conqueror of all the minions of darkest hell. I am the cross. Two pieces of wood formed me. One pointed upward to God and His love; the other reached out toward all men.

# AFBC NEWS

## From the Superintendent



We are well into our Spring semester of school and by the time you read this will be approaching the closing services. Please mark the dates May 9th and 10th and plan to be here to fellowship and be an active participant in the activities.

We especially call your attention to Wednesday, May 9th 1:00 P.M. This is the day and time of our annual Business Meeting. You have a responsibility to be here and do your part. Two new board members will be installed to the Bible College Board. The terms of Jacob Regier and Gene Hibbs have expired and they ask not to be reinstated.

We are happy to report the spiritual blessings of the Lord continue to be poured out upon us. His presence has been felt in every class and all of our activities. We have been blessed and trust as we go out, we may in turn bless others.

Our "thanks" again to all who so faithfully support the work here. The load has been extremely heavy at times but our Lord through His people never fails to meet each need.

We pray the Lord to bless you as you remain faithful to Him.

If you have names of prospective students for our fall term please send their names and addresses to us soon. We need your help to see our school grow and new interest to be drawn by all.

We have enjoyed many visitors over the past several weeks. Your visit is always enjoyed and we welcome you.

Supt. Jack Cornell

## Boy's Dorm

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." (Colossians 1:9) We praise the Lord this semester for many reasons, but one of the most important is for the Lord showing us the knowledge of His will. The greatest knowledge that one can attain is the Lord's will for his or her life, but also the wisdom and spiritual understanding that comes with knowing god's will. We have seen many victories won in the Lord but just the fact that each day God's Word is being presented to the hearts and minds of each student is a great victory in itself. God's Word is so precious and each day we want it to be the number 1 priority in the day. But, we pray that along with the

imparting of God's Word that wisdom and spiritual understanding be given to each student that they truly might have the knowledge of God's will in their life. Pray for us in this aspect. God bless all of you for your prayers.

Danny M. Robinson

## Girl's Dorm

Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow. God has been so good to us here at the girls dorm. He has supplied every need that we have had. We just recently enjoyed a revival with Brother Ted Barker. It's good to know that even though Brother Ted is not here preaching the Word of God, revival can still live on through us.

It's test time here at A.F.B.C. and it has been kind of quiet around the girls dorm. The girls have been studying in their rooms, in the lobby, lining the walls in the hallway, and even in the laundry room. We will all be glad when our tests are over or as Brother Jack says, "our opportunities". If you were at our choir concerts last semester you heard him tell what tests are. He said that they were opportunities and really that is what they are. It's an opportunity to see what we have learned or an opportunity to see what we have not learned.

We really enjoyed a terrific choir tour. We feel confident God had His mighty hand in control of this choir tour. He has worked so many things out for us, there is no way we can doubt it. We ask each of you to pray that we can speak to lost souls and win them to Christ, after all, that is our main purpose and goal. We also want to thank you for your prayers, we feel here at the school each day. We ask you to keep remembering us.

Love in Christ,  
Janis Mathis

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## TAKE HEED TO YOUR SPIRIT

by Rev. Bob G. Taylor

"Therefore, take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously" (unreliable)...Malachi 2:16. Paul in addressing the church (Heb. 3:1-3) said: "Holy Brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider Jesus Christ, who was faithful unto Him (God) that appointed Him (Jesus)." Revelation 17:14 tells us that those of the end time church that will be with the overcoming Lamb (Jesus): for he is Lord of Lords and King of Kings; and they that are with him are CALLED, CHOSEN AND FAITHFUL.

Ephraim and Onesimus are only mentioned once in scripture and the only thing mentioned about them was that they were faithful. If there could only be one thing said about me, I would rather it be said that I was faithful than any other thing that I can think of. I fear that the average professing Christian is far too lacks in this area. It is perhaps because we do not realize how important faithfulness really is.

Our spirit is the inward person that motivates the actions of the person that we see when we look into a mirror. What does it really mean for you and I to be considered faithful. There are at least four major areas upon which our faithfulness will be judged. The first area we would like to discuss is that of KEEPING FAITH IN GOD. Far too often our faith reminds us of a yo-yo, which is either up or down rather than consistent. Circumstances seem to alter our faith. I'm reminded of Elijah, often times when I look at my life...Elijah was a great man of faith but when Jezebel spoke and threatened his life...He went a day's journey and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die. Too often we find ourselves in a juniper tree experience with our faith very weak. Let us take lessons from Abraham (Rom. 4:20) ...."He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God:"

The second area is that of worthy of trust. Job, even in the midst of real testing still maintained his integrity with God. The Lord could even ask Satan if he had considered His servant Job, "that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" Can the Lord depend on us to trust Him under all circumstances of life? The majority of the church world can trust God for some things and yet nearly all of us fail to be like Job...."Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him."

The third area is being honest....open, above board, respectable and genuine..A faithful person is very open, living a very respectable life, regardless of events of the day. Paul said, "behold I go bound in the spirit of Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Area number four, a faithful person is loyal or consistently faithful to the authority of God. It is customary, with the natural man, to challenge God's authority over us. However, "by faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house:" A loyal person is sensitive to the small still voice of the Lord.

To identify with Christ in this end time age, we must be "called of God; be His chosen who are consistently

trust-worthy, honest and loyal. It is a must that we take heed to that which motivated us, lest we become unreliable.

John records the thoughts of God concerning the church located at Sardis, by saying: "Thou hast a few names, even in Sardis, which have not defiled their garments and they shall walk with me in white (signifying holiness): for they are worthy (trust-worthy or reliable). God has always had a few followers who are faithful and now God is looking for you to stand in the gap and make up the hedge (Ezek. 22:30).

Regardless of the age, in which man has lived, God has required faithfulness as the number one priority. The early church became unfaithful because they lost their first love. The church, since that time, has had it's problems, becoming discouraged. In order to receive the crown of life, faithfulness is required. The church has been admonished to hold fast the name of the Lord. Not all the church has accepted this challenge, yet a segment of the church will be faithful unto the end. Will we be a part of that group?

Prior to the return of the Lord, the church will experience a real trying time but we can be assured of God's help if we have maintained a consistent and faithful christian life. It is unfortunate that the church (generally speaking) is lukewarm, not feeling any need of Christ nor His help in their lives. God is sending out His final call for those who "take heed to their spirit"; those joining the ranks of the overcoming church are those who are called, chosen and faithful.

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. I Cor. 4:2.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25:21.

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## CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.

If he lives with hostility, he learns to fight.

If he lives with fear, he learns to be afraid.

If he lives with pity, he learns to feel sorry for himself.

If he lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.

If he lives with jealousy, he learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.

If he lives with encouragement, he learns to be confident.

If he lives with acceptance, he learns to love.

If he lives with approval, he learns to like himself.

If he lives with recognition, he learns that it is good to have a goal.

If a child lives with honesty, he learns what truth is.

If he lives with fairness, he learns justice.

If he lives with security, he learns to have faith in himself and those about him.

If he lives with friendliness, he learns that the world is a nice place in which to live.

With what does your child live?

# THE CRUCIFIED LIFE

If God has called you to be really like Jesus, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility and will put upon you such demands of obedience that you will not be able to follow other people or measure yourself by other Christians, for in many ways He will seem to let other good people do things which He will not let you do.

Other Christians and ministers, who seem very religious and useful, may push themselves, pull strings, and work schemes to carry out their plans; but you cannot do it. If you attempt it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely penitent.

Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their successes, and of their writings; but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing. If you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

Others may be allowed to succeed in making money or may have had legacies left to them; but it is likely God will keep you poor because He wants you to have something far better than gold- namely, a helpless dependence upon Him so that He may have the privilege of supplying your needs from an unseen treasury day by day.

The Lord may let others be honored and noticed, but may keep you hidden in obscurity because He wants to produce some choice fragrant fruit for His coming glory which can be produced only in the shade. He may let others be great but keep you small. He may let others do a work for Him and get the credit for it, but He will make you work and toil, without your knowing how much you are doing. And then to make your work still more precious, He may let others get credit for the work you have done, thus making your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes.

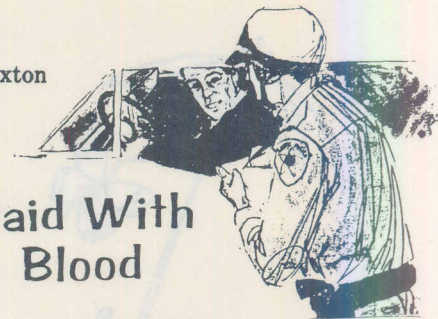
The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings, or for wasting your time, over which other Christians never feel distressed. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign and has a right to do as He pleases with His own. He may not explain to you a thousand things which puzzle your reason in His dealings with you; but if you absolutely sell yourself to be His love slave, He will wrap you up in a jealous love and bestow upon you many blessings which come only to those who are in the inner circle.

Settle it forever, then, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit and that He is to have the privilege of trying your tongue, chaining your hand, or closing your eyes in ways that He does not seem to use with others. Now, when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of heaven.

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**WE  
NEED  
YOUR  
CHURCH NEWS**

By Clyne W. Buxton



## Paid With Blood

A policeman stepped in front of my car and motioned me to a halt. "The speed limit on this boulevard is thirty miles per hour," he stated brusquely. "According our electronic timer, you were traveling forty miles per hour. I will have to give you a ticket for seventeen dollars and fifty cents, which you can pay in cash at the city hall, or you can pay with blood." "Pay with blood?" The statement stunned me. "Yes," he explained, "you can pay by giving a pint of blood to the American Red Cross."

When the Red Cross had drawn the blood, I was given a slip of paper showing that I had given plasma. I was told to take the slip and the ticket to the city hall. At the proper window I presented the papers. Without any questions, the clerk wrote with red ink across the ticket: Paid with blood.

Here I could not help but reminisce of Calvary. I remembered how Christ had suffered for my sins, how He had been crowned with cruel thorns; how He had been beaten; how He had labored up Golgotha with His cross; and how He had been nailed to that cross for me. I had been "speeding" toward destruction and had been "fined" with eternal death, but Christ paid my fine with His blood.

As the clerk blotted the wet red ink, I thought further. I looked forward to the day of judgment. I saw myself standing tremblingly before the majestic, dreadful court of heaven, guilty of many sins. I knew that there sins were punishable by death. I could offer no defense; I had done all of which I was accused.

Then Christ, my Mediator, stepped forward and proclaimed unwaveringly to that heavenly court, "It is all right! I paid for his sins at Calvary with My blood. The account was fully settled long ago." The account is settled because I have repented of my sins and Christ has forgiven me. This brings me to think about you.

As you read these words, I wonder if your sins have been forgiven. If not, you should ask Christ to forgive you now. Though He died on the cross for your sins, you must repent in order for His death to be effective for you. Do you know how to have your sins forgiven? Let me tell you.

First, you must realize that you are a sinner, for the Bible says, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Then you must realize that "the wages of sin is death" (6:23) and that you cannot save yourself (cf. Jer. 13:23). Next, you must know that Jesus can and will save you (Luke 19:10).

Then, tell Christ that you are truly sorry for your transgressions (Luke 13:3) and that you believe He can and will save you (Acts 16:31). Believe on Christ as these Scriptures reveal, and you will be saved (John 1:12)!

This formula for finding Christ is timeworn, yet ever new; it is God's way for you to come to Him. Ask the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive you this moment. He not only gave His life at Calvary for me, but He shed His blood there for you also.

The Lighted Pathway



## Midway, Okla.

We at the Midway Church are enjoying the new year of 1984 so far, and the Lord is blessing and blessing. Praise His wonderful name.

Bro. Gene Cornell has visited our Church recently on Sunday night, and we were glad to have him. Visitors are always welcome any time.

Feb. 4 Bro. and Sister Marcus Adair had our morning services, and it was like old times to have them back at Midway, as they started the little Country Church at Midway and spent several years there, working in the church and community. They are real dear to us. Bro. and Sister Adair do hurry back and see us again. It brought back lots of memories to us all.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, the Spares and Pairs entertained all the church family with a Valentine Banquet, having pot luck supper, the only price to be paid was a wedding picture of each couple. "Guess they are going to put out a garden". Ha!Ha!

The weekend before Valentine's several of our church young people went to the Bible School in Baxter to visit and for the Valentine's Banquet. They reported a good time.

We, as a church family, give our sympathy to Bro. and Sis. Galen (Casey) Mills in the loss of his sister. The funeral was at Midway Church Thursday, 9th.

Remember our church when you pray, as we have souls that we are all burdened for. Some need salvation and some need healing. Just help us pray for whatever the need is to a lost and dying world.

Bob Taylor - Pastor

## Amarillo, Texas

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. I John 4:8.

February reminded us of Valentine's Day and the love we have for our family and friends. To celebrate Valentine's Day we had a sweetheart banquet. We enjoyed dinner, fellowship and then a message from Bro. Don Mitchell on the origin of Valentine's Day and scriptures on love.

We have had several out with illnesses. We have been praying for our congregation knowing that God hears and answers our prayers.

We invite you to come and worship with us anytime you are in the Amarillo area.

Brent Blythe - Pastor

## Enid, Okla.

We want you to know how much we appreciate the labors of those that keep the Report coming month to month. We always enjoy hearing from the family of God. The articles fill our souls with joy as we see our Saviour drawing near.

We are rejoicing in the Lord for answered prayer. The two men in our church that lost their jobs due to the Champlin Refinery shut down, have both found good jobs. Thank the Lord for His faithfulness to His children.

We are really enjoying the ministry and dedication of our good pastors. They were host and hostess to the congregation for a chili supper recently. A good time of food, fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The Ladies missionary group is starting a contest to try and encourage attendance records. We have some young families that we are trying to contact that they may worship with us and have their children in service. They need the church and we need them.

Sis. Euteva Gregory was a recent visitor in our services. It was good to have her and feel like she was back home.

We welcome visitors that come through Enid to stop and visit anytime.

Robert and Dora Beydler - Pastors  
Ramona Phares - Reporter

## Rockdale, Texas

We have finished our first year as pastors in Rockdale. God has blessed us in so many ways.

The winter has been unusually cold but God's presence has been here to warm our church and our hearts.

Our Christmas program was a special happening. A play was presented by the church. It was written and directed by Sis. Peggy Hosek. The story reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas.

A Valentine party was arranged by Dora and Warren Haney. Twenty-four children and young people were present.

A very special guest was in our service for the first time Feb. 12. Our little grandson, Steven John Haney attended his first service. His parents, Sandy and Marty dedicated him to the Lord. We thank God for this special blessing He has sent to us. We had a revival in March with Bro. Doc Methvin as our evangelist.

Roland Haney - Pastor

## Pattison, Texas

Just want to say that we enjoy the Report very much. We enjoyed our visit at Webb City, Mo. church with Bro. Otto Busch and congregation at Thanksgiving time.

Sunday, Feb. 12 was a special day at our church. Evangelist Troy Boulware from Webb City, Mo. brought two wonderful sermons. We thank God for the fire of God in the young people.

The Lord has blessed us in many ways.

John Scruggs - Pastor



#### Haney

A gift is as precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it; whithersoever it turneth it prospereth. Proverbs 17:8.

The gift our family has just received is indeed a precious one. Steven John was born to his proud parents, Marty and Sandy Haney of Killeen, Texas on Feb. 3, 1984. He weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 in. long. Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Robert Danley of Julian, Ca. Paternal grandparents are Rev. & Mrs. Roland Haney of Rockdale, Texas. Thank you all for your prayers for baby Steven and his family.

#### Oakes

Mr. & Mrs. Darrel Oakes of Neosho, Mo. announce the birth of their first child, Jacob Lee. on March 7, 1984. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 in. long. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Virginia Wilton of Joplin, Mo. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. F. L. Oakes of Neosho, Mo.

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### PASTOR NEEDED

We are still seeking a full time Pastor for The Apostolic Faith Church at Galena, Kansas. Any Minister feeling a burden for the church we ask you to pray about this. You may contact any of the Board; Ted Jackson, Galena, Ks. - Chairman of the Board, or Wayne Collins, Galena, Ks. or Carl Hall, Riverton, Ks. Please make this a matter of prayer.

Ted Jackson

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### THERE IS NOTHING TOO HARD FOR THEE

Dear Sis. Karen,

I receive the Report each month and it is such a blessing to me. It helps me to keep up with the movement and fellow ministers. I enjoy it very much. Thanks for your dedicated service to this job as editor. I am writing this testimony with much prayer and burden, with one purpose and thought in mind, that it will be a blessing to all who read it. Some one may be battling and struggling for health. May their faith and hope be inspired to receive healing. God is still in the healing business. Praise His precious name!

When I left Olympia, Washington the morning of May 4, 1983, I drew the promise from our promise box found in Jeremiah 32:17. Ah, Lord God! Behold thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm and there is nothing too hard for thee. In January 1984 it was 52 years since I began my ministry and during those years I have had many battles that were too hard for me that I couldn't handle but thank God in those 52 years I have never found anything too hard for my precious Lord.

Thanks to my daughter and son-in-law, Lela and Albert Walls, I have a very comfortable place to live here at the retirement center. I have a private room, maid and laundry service and three good meals a day. When I first came here I had arthritis so bad that my hand was swollen and I had

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much pain. I couldn't hardly dress myself but through much prayer and determination and effort the Lord brought me through it with victory. Many a time I told the Lord the battle was too great for me but not for Him and the Lord brought me through. Praise His precious name! I worked very hard and prayed much to regain my health. At first I walked what I could but I have gained much strength by walking. I also ride an exercise bike and take exercises every morning. We are surrounded by mountains here in Lucerne Valley. The air is so pure and no smog. I also practice deep breathing which has helped.

A beautiful scripture found in Romans 4:20 says - He staggered not at the promises of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith giving glory to God. How many times have I staggered at the promises of God? The believing make the differences.

Thank God I feel great! I have no pain, no swelling in my hands for which I give God all of the glory, honor and praise. II Cor. 2:14. Now thanks be to God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. I want to call your attention to "which always causeth us to triumph in Christ". This doesn't mean defeat to a Christian but victory. The Lord didn't deliver the Hebrew children out of the fiery furnace but he went with them through the fire. Praise the Lord!

If I continue to gain in strength I want to come to camp meeting in Laverne, Oklahoma this summer.

Continue to pray for me that I might do His precious will and obedient to Him for soon He will say it is enough. I have so much to be thankful for when I think how bad I was when I first came here. I could have been confined to a wheelchair with much pain and suffering but praise the Lord I can walk without pain.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who prayed for me. God bless you. It means so much to have Christian friends who will stand by you in the trials of life. God bless you all.

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# EASTER NEWS FLASH

Jerusalem, A.D. 30 - It is now definitely established that the crucified Nazarene is alive. Reports to this effect have been circulating among His followers since early yesterday morning. They were started by certain women who claimed to have found His tomb empty, and who said they had actually seen and talked with Him. Their story was not generally believed, although investigation revealed that the tomb where He had been buried was empty.

However, during the day the accumulation of evidence rendered further disbelief impossible. Mary Magdalene actually saw Him and talked with Him in the garden early in the morning. Peter the fisherman says - and no one watching him can doubt he tells the truth - that he and Jesus had a long conversation together during the afternoon. Cleopas and a friend started on their way home late yesterday, but are back and report that He met them and walked with them much of the way to Emmaus. He went in to have supper with them, and while there He took up the bread and blessed and broke it as he had always done. Last night, ten of the disciples were in the upper room, and He came to them there, spoke with them, and ate some food.

Your reporter talked this morning with members of the guard who were on watch at the tomb. They all say that they fell asleep, how did they know what happened? One of them, who was not willing to be quoted, admitted privately that something strange had happened. He would not go into detail, but confessed that they had already talked with the Sanhedrin about it.

It is now being remembered that in addition to His miracles, which everyone admits, Christ Himself said that He would rise from the dead on the third day. It was what He had said along this line that moved the Sanhedrin to have a watch placed at the tomb.

One cannot tell what this will lead to. Certainly many of those who would have little to do with Him before will have a definite change of heart. Probably the disciples will soon be telling everybody what has happened. One can even see the possibility of a great new movement developing. In fact, it is also being recalled that He declared He would build a church that nothing could destroy. Just a few days ago, He said that if He were to be lifted up, He would draw all men unto Himself.

Perhaps this is true. Perhaps we have the privilege of living in one of the greatest days the world has ever known. At least, that is the conviction of your reporter. He believes that Jesus is the Messiah, promised of old by Moses and the fathers, and that He has now done what they said He would come to do!

Hallelujah!

"Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures...he was buried, and...rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3-4).

Leslie W. Sloat,  
*The Presbyterian Guardian.*



## CHRIST IS REAL TO ME

Frances Speicher

"I may never walk the shores of Galilee,  
Or feel the breeze from off the sea.  
But Christ is real to me.

I may never have His presence by my side  
While I do in this life abide.

I may never walk the road,  
That Jesus walked for me,--  
From Bethlehem to Galilee.

But Christ is real to me.

I may never see the tomb,--  
Where they laid Him to rest,  
From the crucified tree,--  
But this one thing I know,  
This way is best for me.

I'll never see the tree,--  
To whom Jesus said, "From this day on  
There shall no figs be."  
I'll never touch the pierced side,  
That bore the crown for me.  
Or hold that hand that was nailed to the tree.

But this one thing I know, --Is  
That Christ is real to me.  
I'll never see the leper, --  
To, whom, Jesus said, "Be thou clean,  
And go free."  
Or speak to Zacchaeus while in a tree.  
As Jesus did, saying, "Come today,  
I must dine with thee."  
Or speak to the woman at the well,  
And say, "All is forgiven thee."

I'll never see Peter, James, or John,  
This side of Galilee,--  
Or talk to Andrew, while fishing in the  
deep blue sea.

I'll never see Mary face to face, --  
Who was first at the sepulcher place,  
Whom Jesus healed and set free.--  
But this one thing I know, is.  
That Christ is real to me."



## THE LIVING WORD

The spoken word of faith is the living word. Ro. 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. We believe in our hearts, then we confess with our lips. The heart confession must agree with the lip confession. We cannot doubt in our hearts and confess victory with our lips, neither can we have faith in our hearts and confess defeat with our lips. The heart confession must agree with the lip confession.

Dead faith is faith without confession, hypocrisy is confession without faith.

The initial step after believing, in receiving a miracle is speaking it into existence. Ro. 10:8 but what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.

Our words create our future. Pr. 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

The natural is subject to the supernatural. Words inspired by the Holy Spirit are not natural. John 6:63 "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." Jesus declared.

Words are more powerful than natural weapons. David cried to Goliath—"This day will the Lord deliver thee into my hands and I will smite." I Sam. 17:46.

David's confession defeated Goliath long before the sling stone struck his forehead. The battle was won in the Spirit before it was fought in the natural.

Matt. 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

We are living beneath our privileges if we fail to activate this promise in our lives many times everyday.

When we have faith as a grain of mustard seed -- Living Faith -- We can speak to our mountains and command them to be moved. Matt. 17:20.

Living faith necessarily involves confession which eventually becomes praise.

Praise creates inner confidence in God, and brings forth total authority. The authority of the Word.

We see in this four steps toward victory in the natural. Confess, Praise, Command, and Possess.

John 1:46 Jesus confessed the resurrection of Lazarus seven times before He commanded and the miracle actually took place.

Then first told of his sickness, living faith arose in the heart of the Messiah as He spoke, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified.

When all the disciples began to draw back to unbelief, Jesus said, "Lazarus is dead, and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent that you may believe.

Martha fell before Him weeping, utterly defeated. Jesus' confession again pushed back the dark clouds of depression, "Thy Brother Shall Raise Again."

He was calm, assured, steadfast, unmovable. Everyone around Him was full of fear, but Jesus knew the power of words.

Finally His confession burst forth into Praise, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me and I know that thou hearest me always, but because of the people that stand by, I said it, that they might believe."

Although Jesus final command had not yet been uttered in the realm of time -- He knew the Father, eternally dwelling in the future, had already heard and answered. Praise became Authority -- A command was given -- "Lazarus, come forth."

The spoken word was stronger than the clutches of death. Darkness had to yield to the voice of light.

The foundation had been properly laid, seven stepping stones to the resurrection of Lazarus. Seven confessions to the authority over the devil. The miracle had to transpire.

Rev. 12:11 Jesus was our forerunner, our example. Now we overcome three ways, By THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB, BY THE WORD OF OUR TESTIMONY, AND NOT LOVING OUR LIVES UNTO DEATH. All life, all miracles, all healings, all gifts of God have already been purchased by the blood. The Blood is our foundation, the Life of God is in the BLOOD of Jesus Christ.

But the Blood alone is not enough to move our mountains.

Our MOTIVES must be correct, SELFLESS, Loving not our own lives but loving God more, OBEDIENT. The Blood and the right Motive are powerless though without the right testimony.

A blood-washed sincere hearted christian may totally fail without the right confession.

The bible teaches that we, "overcome by the word of testimony," not words, plural, but word, singular.

We don't overcome by occasional scattered words of theory, or dogma, creed, nor confessions of victory, but by every word that we allow to proceed from our hearts. The all inclusive WORD of our TESTIMONY. This is a three-fold combination which will create miracles in astonishing abundance in the Believer's Life.

Living Faith feeds on the Written Word to produce the Living Word.

Brothers and sisters we must grow in boldness to speak the Word of Faith -- The Living Word -- The Living Bread from heaven. Time is so short, souls perishing, nations under satan's seige, blood bought christians losing ground or becoming stagnate without any vision excepting what they've acquired years ago, no fresh anointing, nor Spirit directed revelation.

Where is the Prophet? Where is the Man of God that raises the wrath of hell, that puts satan on the defensive, that stirs up the comfortable settings. Where is the intercessor that weeps between the porch and the altar whose voice is heard in the wee hours and power is felt across the realms of hell? Where is the Man of God fearless enough to boldly proclaim the message for this hour, no debate, no half-heartedness, only "THUS SAITH THE LORD."

Brothers and sisters I challenge you to trust God, to speak the whole counsel of the Holy Ghost. God will watch over His Word -- His written Word and His Living Word -- to perform it.

Lord we accept a miracle today. We speak it into existence in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

James R. Routh

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TO REJECT THE DELIVERER  
IS TO INVITE THE DESTROYER!

# AGAINST GREAT ODDS

taken from Easter 1983  
Sunrise Service

Mark 16:1-6

1 - And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

2 - And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

3 - And they said among themselves, who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

4 - And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

5 - And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothes in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

6 - And he saith unto them, Be no affrighted; Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen; He is not here: behold the place where He lay.

We are here this beautiful morning, at the rising of the sun, to worship a risen Lord, to reaffirm our love to Jesus who is alive. To bear record that we recognize an empty tomb - not because His disciples came and stole Him away as the religious leaders advised the keepers to tell - but because God raised Him from the dead and did not allow His body to return to dust.

There is something very sacred and very precious about worshipping in the early morning hour at the rising of the sun. It is a beautiful way to begin Easter Sunday. Here in the open air amongst the beauty of the hill country is a perfect setting for inspiration and strength to be given to us by the Holy Ghost whom Jesus sent back to earth to be the Comforter while He is making intercession for us, seated at God's right hand. So for the next twenty minutes, let the Spirit of God flood your heart as the sun floods the sleeping hill sides.

I have chosen the heading, "Against Great Odds", for this Easter thought. Let us journey with Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome this early morning hour. They loved Jesus very much. They had endured the terrible rigors of the mock trial, false accusation and crucifixion. Some of the heart hurt was soothed when they learned Joseph of Arimathea had persuaded Pilate to let him take the body of Jesus and bury it in his own tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. At last tender hands were doing right by their wonderful Lord.

Things had settled down from all the turmoil of these happenings and they wanted to do something special for their Saviour so they had brought spices and they would take these spices and anoint the body of Jesus for burial. They just had to do something for the one they loved so much. No one would mind and no one would notice - especially if they went early in the morning and these spices for burial were in agreement with the law of Moses. I doubt that they slept the night of the Sabbath. They had agreed to meet at an hour before dawn and each was there early. They checked again to be sure they had the spices and that all was in readiness. With no light they began making their way to the sepulchre site not far from Golgotha or the "Skull Hill." It is generally thought they had to walk about a mile from their homes. They talked of various happenings of the trial; the terrible crucifixion; the darkening of the skies for three hours when He died; and how they admired Joseph of

Arimathea for securing the body and placing it in his own newly hewn tomb. The trail had been upward and the path was rough. Light was coming from the rays of the rising sun. They were nearly there. They could do for Jesus a special anointing with the spices. All of a sudden one of the ladies said, "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?" They had figured for everything they thought. Here they were - all this effort. Everything had gone well. No one had contested them. Just one more turn in the trail and they would be there but what disappointment. All of a sudden they realized a great stone had been rolled to seal the sepulchre. There was no way three women could remove the stone. Also the government had placed a seal. All their effort was for naught. One small - actually a large item - who would roll the stone away? They were up against great odds.

They were crushed. One said, "Let's go on and see, we've come this far." They rounded the last curve in the trail - the last steep climb. The day was brighter as the sun appeared. And wonder of all wonders - THE STONE WAS ROLLED AWAY. Frustration vanished as they hurried into the tomb only to encounter an Angel or young man clothed with a long white garment. He calmly told them be not affrighted. Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth - He is risen. He is not here - come see the place where He lay.

Matt. 28:2 "and, behold, there was a great earthquake: For the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat on it."

God more than answered these ladies great question, "Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?" These women are an inspiration to me, this beautiful Easter morning. If they could make preparation to anoint the body of Jesus and carry it through against great odds (and they never did get to anoint the body of Jesus) then we can aspire to do things available to us in life's unfolding days against great odds. We will not be afforded the possibility these ladies had because Jesus is alive forevermore, but there are many things that we can do for Jesus "against great odds." Could I challenge you to be inspired by Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome. Find some task to do for Jesus and this will be to your fellowmen; then just get with it and do it. You don't need to have a church organization lay it out for you. You don't need to talk it over with church leaders. Just talk it over with Jesus. Let the Holy Ghost inspire you. Let the Bible be your guide and do it. Life is always against great odds. Our wonderful risen Lord will help you. His grace is sufficient. HE OVERCAME AGAINST GREAT ODDS --with His help we too can overcome AGAINST GREAT ODDS.

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**Deadline!**

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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. The 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.

A Ministry supported by tithes and offerings.

These basic doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

## THE PRAYER TRACK

In a certain West African village the native Christians had no privacy for prayer in their huts, so each one made off to the bush behind his bungalow for seasons of prayer at regular intervals. After a while there was a worn track from the hut to the place of prayer. If it ever happened that the track became overgrown from want of use, another Christian villager would admonish his neighbor, "Brother, there is grass on your prayer track!"

MARK THESE DATES!

**Lost Pines Youth Camp**  
Warda, Texas  
June 3-8

**Mid-west Youth Camp**  
Laverne, Oklahoma  
June 11-16

**4-State Youth Camp**  
Baxter Springs, Ks.  
June 17-22

**Mississippi-Alabama Youth Camp**  
Camp Pine Crest, Quitman, M.S.  
June 23-28

**Camp Meeting 1984**  
Laverne, Oklahoma  
July 23-29

### FOUR WAYS GOD ANSWERS PRAYER:

1. "Not yet."
2. "No, I love you too much."
3. "Yes, I thought you'd never ask."
4. "Yes, and here's more."

## EASTER

"Mommie, when is Sunday?"

"Just two more days, Jane. Today is Friday."

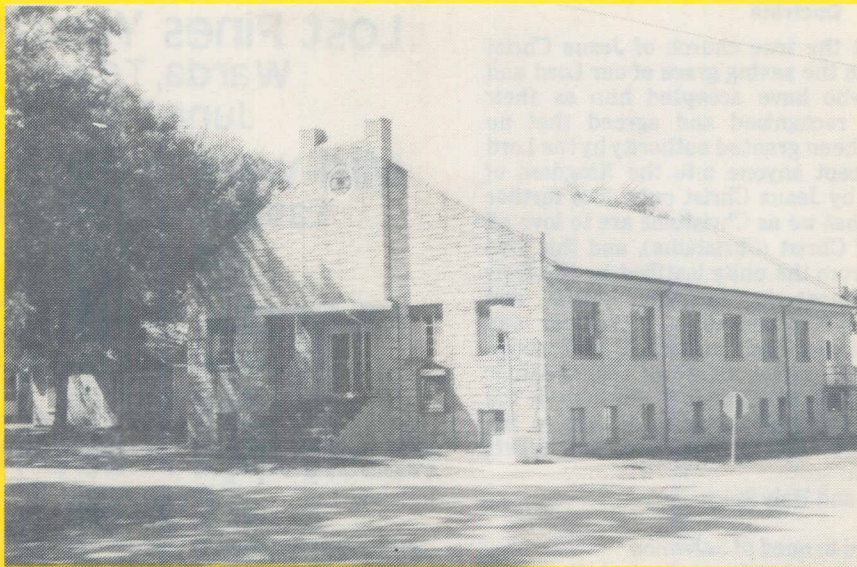
"And then will it be Sunday? And am I going to Sunday School?"

It wasn't so much the desire for Sunday School as it was those brand - new shiny slippers that was bothering Jane - those Sunday slippers.

(Of course, there never was a grown-up who looked forward to Easter with one eye on that delectable hat on the closet shelf or the new suit on the hanger.)

And how shall I greet Easter? With all the joyousness of a heart aglow with love for the risen Saviour, with a solemn awareness of all it meant to Him and to you and with high anticipation of that day when we shall see Him face to face, our risen, victorious Lord.

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## ANNOUNCES Commencement

MAY 9 - 10

**CLOSING SERVICES  
OF THE  
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May 9th and 10th, 1984**

Wednesday, May 9th - 1:00 p.m. General Business Meeting.

Wednesday, May 9th - 7:30 p.m. - Closing concert by the  
1984 Bible College Choir.

Reception following-Dining Hall

Thursday, May 10th - 10:00 a.m. Ordination/Dedication  
Service

Thursday, May 10th - 2:00 p.m. Welcome Home;  
Homecoming Service

Thursday, May 10th - 7:30 p.m. Commencement Service

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