



Risen to reign

Born to die

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Season's Greetings

IN THE DAYS OF MODERN SOCIETY, behold, there came wise men from the East, saying, "Where is he whom we seek? For we have seen his antenna reaching high into the sky."

When the authorities heard of this, they were troubled, and all the economy with them. And when the network presidents and vice-presidents and rating experts had gathered together, they demanded of them aid in making their spirit of Christmas known to every home in the land; for thus it was written by the Profit:

"For thou, New York, in the land of Modern Society, art not the least among the cities, for lo, there is Hollywood also, and out of you will come the rulers of the minds of the people, the TV programs."

Then they inquired diligently what time the stars would appear, and were told, "Every few minutes, between commercials, and they shine very brightly, as they have little clothing to cover their bodies."

And, lo, there were in Modern Society parents keeping watch over their flock by night, and each morning both of them were off to work to earn a bundle, so they could fulfill the needs and demands of their lambs."

And, lo, the voice from the East came upon them and announced wondrous hoards of fine things which were shown to them on the "big tube," and they immediately began to tremble, for fear they would never be able to afford all the things they desired of those they saw there.

And the announcing angel said unto them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all viewers: for unto you this day, in the shopping center where our store is located, there is help for you.

"There will be a sign unto you, pointing the way to the Credit Office, and there you will find the manager, wrapped in a red suit, having a big stomach and wearing false whiskers. He is often mistaken for Good Ol' Saint Nick. He will be on his throne in the Credit Department, and he will help you charge everything you desire, with nothing down, and no payments for 60 days!"

And suddenly there was with the announcer a host of actors and dancers, singing the praises of the store and saying, "Glory be to Santa, the Spirit of Christmas, and we're open daily until 9 p.m., from now to Christmas, even Sundays!"

And it came to pass, as the TV announcer faded out and the children's program came on, that the parents said one to another, "Let us now go even unto that supermart and see the wonders which the announcer has made known unto us."

And they came with haste, and were amazed at all they saw: everything to fulfill the greedy heart's desire. And they saw the man in red, even as it had been promised, with his false whiskers and happy smile; and, later as he watched them sign on the dotted line, he merrily chuckled, "Ho, ho, ho!"

And when they had checked off every item on their shopping list, they hurried home, so they could make known to all their family and friends what a wonderful Christmas they would have; while the red-suited "Santa" rang up their sales contract and locked it in his safe, dreaming of all the interest he would make off those gullible customers.

And when the time had come for the paying of the contract, the true spirit of Christmas had been forgotten, and only a bitter memory of the hypocritical good cheer of the man in red remained.

And there was little "peace on earth, good will toward men" in the souls of these inhabitants of Modern Society.

—The Christian

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And most of all, to God for being with me everyday, meeting every need for spirit, mind and body.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.!

—Karen Oakes

Study Revelation

We still have more of my Commentaries on the Book of Revelation. Some have been using them in Sunday School Class study.

—Dora Beydler

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AFBC NEWS



Dear Readers,

It is with grateful hearts that we approach the Christmas holiday. I am truly thankful for the way the Lord has provided for the schools every need. We are quickly drawing near to the close of our Fall Semester and will be resuming our classes on January 12th of 1981. The Lord has been blessing in the classes and in our church services. It is so wonderful to see these young men and women preparing themselves with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are looking forward to the remainder of the school year, with closing graduation exercises in the month of May.

Continue your prayers for us, that we may always follow the direction of the Lord. We will continue our prayers for you, our churches and our Movement, that God will bless and His name be uplifted.

Sincerely,
Lyndel Arnall

FROM THE BOYS' DORM

In Psalms 118:24 it says "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." We, in the boys dorm are truly glad each day in the Lord; and thankful for all the prayers from all the Brothers and Sisters we have in Christ throughout this movement.

A young couple in the church are glad new parents of a baby girl. As an on looker, I've watched the couple, and close family wait for this baby's arrival with anticipation and love. Each day has been made special because of the coming of this baby.

God has given us His Son that we might be with anticipation and love for each new day. It says in John 3:16, "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." God is stating here, "Because I love you I gave you my Son and everlasting life."

God sent His Son into the world not to condemn the world, but to save it, through His Son. In John 10:10 it says, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Satan has come as a thief to destroy this day that the Lord has given us. Satan tries to put a veil of darkness over our hearts so that we cannot see this love, that God has purchased for us through His Son Jesus Christ.

We, in the boys dorm are in great anticipation of God's Son that He sent to us about two thousand years ago, to die on the cross to purchase our salvation, that we might through Him, Jesus Christ, purchase the greater Spiritual heights, and learn to be a "living sacrifice" giving our lives for His Glory and purpose.

We praise the Lord for the arrival of a new student. All of us in the Dorm have found him, Tony Jacobs, to be a real blessing to us and the school. Welcome to our family, Tony!

—Kenny Keeling

FROM THE GIRLS' DORM

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name." Psalms 103:1.

Praise God for the things he shows us each day of our lives. God has been blessing each one of the girls in our spiritual lives. I would like to praise God for giving me the opportunity for coming to Bible School. I feel the working of God in my life. I have realized the importance of praising and glorifying our God. As the Psalms of David says, "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalms 34:1.

The girls in the dorm have been a special blessing to me. We have become a family of God. We share our problems, pray for our needs, and wait on God to show us His working hand. In our daily lives we live for one purpose, and that is to seek first the kingdom of God.

—Julie Satcher

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

Life is a mixture of sunshine and rain,
Good things and bad things, pleasure and pain,
We can't have all sunshine, but it's certainly true
There is never a cloud the sun doesn't shine through . . .

So always remember that whatever betide you,
The power of God is always beside you,
And if friends disappoint you

And plans go astray
And nothing works out in just the right way,
And you feel you have failed
in achieving your goal,

And that life wrongly placed you
in an unfitting role . . .

Take heart and stand tall
and think who you are,

For God is your Father
and no one can bar

Or keep you from reaching
your desired success,

Or withhold the joy
that is yours to possess . . .

For with God on your side
it matters not who

Is working to keep
life's good things from you,

For you need nothing more
Than God's guidance and love

To insure you the things
that you're the most worthy of . . .

So trust in His wisdom
and follow His ways,

And be not concerned
with the world's empty praise,

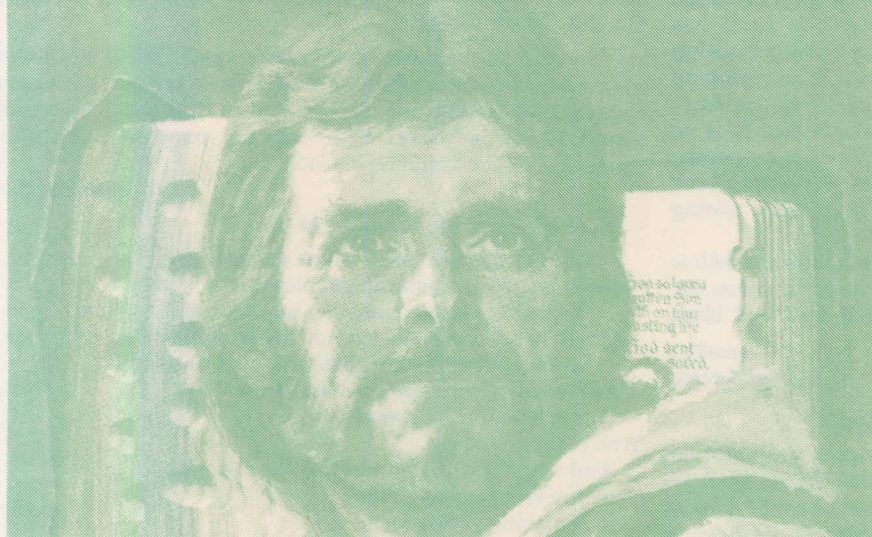
But Seek First His Kingdom
and you will possess

The world's greatest riches
which is true happiness.

—Helen Steiner Rice
taken from "Climb Til Your Dream
Comes True."

Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child he shall not enter therein. [Mark 10:15]

the Word
was made flesh,
and dwelt among us.



CHRISTMAS



WHAT MAKES CHRISTMAS?

"What is Christmas?" I asked my soul, and this answer came back to me: "It is the Glory of heaven come down in the hearts of humanity—Come in the spirit and heart of a Child, and it matters not what we share at Christmas; it is not Christmas at all unless the Christ child be there."

—Author unknown



When my Christmas joy freezes into a snow job
and my holiday plans elaborate till I'm wrapped in the
trappings, trapped in the wrappings
Lord untangle me help me get the tinsel out of my hair
refresh me with a look at the gift of Your Son.

—Nancy Spiegelberg

PEACE

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth PEACE, good will toward men." This was the joyous declaration of the angels announcing the birth of the Prince of Peace. Now 20 centuries later, human hearts still cry for fulfillment of that ancient promise. As we observe it, Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ, and of the foundation of a religion which proclaims one of the foremost philosophies of human conduct. However, the roots of Christmas observance go deeply into the history of many ancient nations. Some of which have introduced many practices and symbols that steer greatly from the proclamation made to the shepherds by the angels near ancient Bethlehem . . . PEACE

This nation of ours finds itself in the midst of protest-with-placards, sign-carrying, riots, violence, bloodshed and rebellion. But I believe there can be peace. Not through politics, committees, governmental agencies or even "heads-of-state treaties". The source is still the same, The Prince of Peace.

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you"

Acts 10:36 "the word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus: [he is Lord of all]"

II Chron. 7:14 "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND."

by Myrtle Carney

The Birthday of HOPE!

In this reading I tell the story of a dream—a day dream . . . The time was drawing near the anniversary of the birthday of Christ. There were sprigs of holly upon my mantle and cards from friends on my desk. Through the window there came the sound of distant church bells, while in the street below carolers were singing, "O Come All Ye Faithful." As I sat before the fire in my study that night my mind was full of thoughts of Bethlehem and of the little child.

My New Testament was in my hands open to the 15th chapter of John. I read the familiar words quietly, mechanically almost, until I came to this little phrase: "If I had not come." I had never contemplated that possibility. Oh the terrible protent of that "If!"

I could read no longer. If Christ had not come—what? The Testament dropped upon my knees and I began to dream of the world in which Bethlehem had no place, the world which never heard the angels' song nor saw the star, the world into which Christ had not come. And this is what I saw in my dream:

I have said the time was drawing near to Christmas. This was the first thing I noticed about the Christless world—it was a world without Christmas. Christmas, the glad season welcomed by sons and daughters, mothers, and fathers, old people and children alike—Christmas beloved by rich and poor, business men and laborer. Christmas had disappeared from the earth.

At Christmas more than at any other season, the rich, out of their abundance give to those that lack. Many people who are hard and miserly at other times catch the infection of generosity at this blessed season of the year. The result is that Christmas Day is the brightest of the year for thousands of the poor. so, full of expectation, I wandered on the morning of this Christmas Day into the courts and alleys where the poor spent their dull and monotonous lives. The houses into which I looked gave no evidence of any unusual festivity, no parcels of provisions for Christmas dinner, no presents on the table, no sign that the rich had been caring for the comfort of the poor. The fare set out was scanty, the children's faces pinched and pale. I asked myself, "Where are all the gracious and kindly gifts men and women offer to the needy to gladden their Christmas,"—until I remembered—He had not come, and in the Christless world there is no Christmas.

Sick at heart, I dreamed I turned my footsteps homeward, and in my walk I stared abruptly. St. Peter's Church had vanished from the street. I looked up to the hill on which our great cathedral had stood like a giant eagle. The hillside was desolate and bare. Every tower and spire, every church and chapel had gone. I held my breath in consternation, until I remembered—I was in a world into which Christ had not come. My attention was drawn to the men and women passing me in the streets with signs of weariness and distress upon their faces. In looking closely I saw that all carried a burden upon their shoulders, a burden which they could not shake off, although the weight crushed them to the ground. I realized that these were the burdens of sin, and I

marvelled that they did not do as Christians did in Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. I wondered why they did not go to the cross where their burden would be loosed and would fall from off their backs and tumble into the sepulcher never to be seen again. As I was about to cry out I remembered with a shudder that in this world there was no hope of pardon or release, for I was looking upon a Christless world.

I quickly sought escape from wretchedness of the world in the quiet of my room, but changes had also taken place there. Whole rows of books had disappeared from my bookshelves, leaving great yawning gaps. I took up my Bible and found that it ended with Malachi. My books of poetry, Shakespeare, my Milton, My Tennyson, my Browning, had been mangled beyond recognition. It seemed as if someone had effaced the finest passages, through sheer wanton mischief. I sat down before my books, dazed, and tried to puzzle out what it meant. Then I remembered—I was in a world without Christ, and without my Lord, the noblest of my literature had been taken away.

I was sitting in my chair before the fire brooding gloomily over my losses when there was a rap at my study door. The maid entered with a message, "Please sir, a little girl downstairs wants to see you." In the dim light of the hall I could see that the eyes of the child were red and swollen with weeping. "Please, Sir," she sobbed, "Father's very ill. We want you to come."

Sickness is always pathetic, but I never realized how heartbreaking it can be until that night. The patient lay in his agony, sick unto death, and around the bed stood the weeping wife and children. Now I had visited sick beds before and had spoken to those in mortal pain about Jesus and His pity and power, of God and His boundless love, and I knew these things brought comfort and peace. I put my hand in my pocket for the Testament I always carry, but I didn't have it. I tried to speak, for the eyes of the man were fastened in mute appeal upon me. I could speak no word of comfort. I sat beside that bedside in helpless despair, for I had no Christ to speak about. I was silent in the face of a tragedy I could not avert and a sorrow I could not comfort.

The sufferer died, and in my dreams I thought I followed the mourners to the grave, with no ray of light to cheer us, no shred of hope to comfort. I stood by that open grave in dull despair. There was no Christ; therefore, I could not read, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." The only words repeated as the coffin was lowered into the grave were those that chill the heart, "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

With that I awoke to find tears upon my cheek and a sob in my throat. I awoke to find that there were sprigs of holly upon my mantel and Christmas cards upon my desk. Through the frosty night came the sound of the carolers. My books were all on their shelves, the church spires outlined themselves sharply against the winter sky and my New Testament was upon my knee. I never knew how much the world owed to Jesus Christ until I dreamed of the world into which He had not come. That vision of the world in which life was misery and death and despair makes me thank God that I live in a world into which Christ has come. I realized that pity and sympathy, love and hope, the things that make life glad, were born with Christ in Bethlehem.

And so, when Christmas morning broke bright and frosty and clear, my heart was full of Christmas joy. The bells chimed out their gladsome peals and they found an answering music in my soul.



C H U R C H news

Bethel Church Ashland, Ala.

God has been so very good to us and we are so thankful for His blessings.

He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and will meet *every* need in our lives that we commit to him.

We are glad to have Hank and Debbie Pacher in our church since they have moved back into our community. Their lives are a real blessing to us.

Our Ladies Bible Study Group has been re-organized and we are meeting at night and studying the Gospel of Matthew. We had 13 ladies to meet with Mrs. Judy Dich this month and the Lord really gave us a wonderful time of study and fellowship.

The Youth Group has a new Pevey Sound System that has really been a help in our services. This project was started by Mr. and Mrs. Walt Griffin and we really appreciate their thoughtfulness. We have also purchased a new duplicator to use for our church bulletins and Bible lessons that have been a great help in our work.

We had a water baptismal service last month and Brother Marvin Lanthrip, Beth Lanthrip, and Richard Blair, Jr. followed the Lord in water baptism.

We are expecting God to do great things in all of our lives in the days ahead. We desire your prayers as we labor for the Lord here.

—Jim Arnall, pastor

Galena, Ks.

Greetings from Galena! God is still blessing. We recently had two souls who came back to the Lord. We should never get discouraged if the answer to our prayers is delayed because the answer will come in God's own time. I'm glad we are serving a God who hears and answers prayer. We have been enjoying the blessings and good sermons of each service. "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens," Lamentations 3:40, 41.

We have been glad for our visitors lately. Brother and Sister Paul Clanton were here Oct. 15; Todd Comer of Parsons, Kansas, grandson of Brother and Sister Ted Jackson, visited us Sunday, Oct. 25; also Sister Mollie Lewis and Sister Tony Bartel, Brother and Sister Austin Sutton and their children from the Bible School have visited with us.

A nice group of young people attended our Halloween party and on November 8th, the Bible College Choir presented a concert which was enjoyed by all.

Proverbs 24:3 says, "Through wisdom is a house builded; and by understanding it is established;"

Our prayer list includes: Anna Wade, Grace Meyers, Goldie Myers, Mae Tackett, Otis Atkins, Ruth Archer, Birdie Noe, and Bernice McCumber.

He that overcometh shall inherit *all* things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

—Elmer Christenson, pastor
—May Rowland, reporter

Spearman, Tex.

Greetings to you in the name of the Lord. We are enjoying His many blessings. Praise His name!

October 13, the Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir was in service with us. We enjoyed their testimony and singing.

Sunday, November 2, Brother and Sister Alvin Buschman and family, pastors of the Apostolic Faith Church in Big Springs, Texas were in service with us. Brother Alvin brought the evening message. November 2, was Brother and Sister Benny Buschman's 30th wedding anniversary. We trust that they will have many more anniversaries together. May God bless you dear ones.

Again, we urge you to pray and come for Convocation. Seems people are beginning to get excited about Convocation. Several have been making room reservations.

Plans for the schedule are the following:

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Prayer Service: 9:30 a.m.

Morning Service: 10:15 a.m.

Noon Meal: 12:00

Afternoon Service: 2:00 p.m.

Supper: 5:00 p.m.

Evening Service: 7:00 p.m.

The meals will be served at the Home Demonstration Building, 400 block on north Bernice Street. The first service for Monday morning, December 29, 1980, will be at 10:15 a.m.

We are looking forward to seeing you!

—Leland Grimmer, pastor

Crosses, Ark.

God has been so good to us, that I would like to share with everyone some of the blessings He has been pouring out on our church. New people have been attending our services and we are thankful several of them are making this their church home.

In October, Brother and Sister Beydler brought an Evangelism team from the Bible School, and conducted the Sunday morning service. It was so nice for the pastor, the teachers, the pianist, and the song leader to sit back and enjoy the service. We just turned it over to them, and they really were a blessing to everyone.

A few weeks ago, one of the young men of our church, Tony Jacobs, was saved, and is now attending the Bible School in Baxter Springs, Ks. We have three of our young people attending Bible School. We sure miss them, and are looking forward to the future when they will be working in the church.

The Choir from the Bible School presented a concert for us Sunday morning, November 9th. It was so inspiring to hear the beautiful singing and the testimonies of these young people. Remember our church in your prayers.

—Roland Haney, pastor

Granby, Mo.

Praise the Lord for the "Times of Refreshing" from the presence of the Lord. That's a good definition of Revival, and we experienced it!! Look in Acts 3:19. Thanks to all who helped in so many ways to help God's cause.

Our Evangelist, Brother Ted Barker, shared with us from the word of God in a straight forward way, the things that God inspired him to bring. May the Holy Spirit continue to illuminate our hearts, "lest we forget".

Brother and Sister Ollie Kinser, and their sons, Delvin and Darrin, were such a blessing to all of us. We appreciated so much the ministry in music that the Kinsers shared with us.

On Friday night, Nov. 7 we had special singers, Special Delivery; Shelly and Rhonda Shepherd, and Sharri Porter. We welcome them back again sometime. Thanks for sharing with us, girls!

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 9, we helped celebrate a very special time with very special people: Mr. and Mrs. Houston Cook. Present to help celebrate their 50th anniversary were daughters Chloe, Faye, and Shari, and their families, and many more friends and kin folk. Thanks for letting all of us share in your special day, Houston and Geneva, and may God continue to bless you with His happiness!!

—Edwin Waterbury, pastor

Kingman, Ks.

Season's Greetings to our brothers and sisters of the household of faith!

We appreciated the Bible College Choir coming and ministering to our church in song and testimony and for their help in cleaning up after the meal. The Lord met with us in a special way when Brother and Sister David McCance and Lesa were with us in a Sunday service in November. May God continue guiding and using them to His glory. We're still believing the Lord to meet our need for a pastor.

May our hearts be lifted up together this Holiday Season in the true celebration of Christmas.

—Nyla Myers, reporter

Joplin, Mo.

Greetings from the people of the Joplin church!

The Lord is still blessing and several have been seeking the Lord for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Pray for these hungry souls!

Several new families have started coming to church and we're praying that they'll feel the love of the Lord as well as a "welcome" here.

It's getting close to the Christmas Season and we are making plans for our church Christmas program. Our young people will present a play and our children's choir will be presenting some Christmas carols. We are looking forward to this "Very Special Season."

—Neil Ragan, pastor

—Billie Ragan, reporter

Purcell, Mo.

The Lord has been blessing greatly in our services at Purcell. Victories have been won around the altar as men, women, boys and girls called upon God. Sister Edna Michner has been bringing some very inspiring messages from God's word as well as our pastor, Brother Carl Pitts.

Brother and Sister Austin Sutton were with us in services recently. We enjoyed the sermons and the special singing.

We thank the Lord for His Holy Spirit and His word which will guide us into all truth and righteousness.

—Carl Pitts, pastor

Dorothy McCance, reporter

Doctrinal Teachings Of The Apostolic Faith

Trinity of the God—Head

I John 5:7

Repentance [Act of Man]

Mark 1: 14*-15

2 Peter 3:9

Acts 3:19

Conversion [Justification] [Act of God]

Matt. 18:3

Acts 13:38, 39

II Cor. 5:17

Consecration [Act of Man]

Romans 12: 1,2

Sanctification [Act of God]

[A second definite work of grace]

Heb. 13:12,13

Ephesians 5: 25*-27

I Thess. 5:23

Baptism of the Holy Ghost

Luke 3:16

Acts 1:5

Acts 2:4

Acts 10:45, 46

Divine Healing

Matt. 4:23

I Peter 2:24

James 5: 14-16

Ordinances

Water Baptism [by immersion]

Matt. 28:19

Romans 6: 3,4

The Lords Supper

Matt. 26: 26-28

I Cor. 11: 23-30

Feet Washing

John 13: 4-5, 14

NO Divorce and Remarriage

Luke 16:18

I Cor. 7:39

Second Coming of Christ

John 14:3

Acts 1:11

Matt. 24:30

Thousand Year Reign of Christ

Rev. 20:6

Rev. 20:4

Conditional Immortality

[Life through Christ]

John 10:10

I John 5:11, 12

Romans 2:7

Destruction of the Wicked

Matt. 7:13

II Thes. 1:7-9

Romans 6:23

Mal. 4:1

Tithes and Offerings

Mal. 3:8, 10

Luke 11:42



Robert Cooper

Robert James Cooper was born December 17, 1908 near Grove, Oklahoma, to Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper. He departed this life October 12, 1980, at Sale Memorial Hospital, Neosho, Mo.

On December 19, 1929, he married Stella Myers; to this union were born 4 children.

He was converted at Union Chapel over 35 years ago. He served as Pastor at Union Chapel on two different terms, the first was approximately seven years, and recently he completed 14 years as Pastor, resigning this past July. He also pastored Gospel Tabernacle, Granby, Mo., the Apostolic Faith Church at Joplin, Mo., Prosperity, Mo., and Snyder, Texas. Brother Cooper was also a very gifted evangelist and held revivals in many of the Apostolic Faith Churches. His ministry also reached out and touched a great number of people at McDonald and Newton Counties, Mo.; both in singing and preaching.

Services were conducted at Union, near Stella, Mo. by Rev. Edwin Waterbury. Musicians were: Chloe Suman, Shari Cook, Faye Neff, Patsy Waterbury, and Lee Oakes.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, a grandson, and a great-grandson. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Stella, in 1978.

He was married to Hazel Bemiss, August 2, 1979.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel, of Neosho, Mo., three children: Minnie Sherman, of Adair, Oklahoma, Geraldine Daniels, of Joplin, Mo.; and Bobby Cooper of Carl Junction, Mo., nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, also five step-children, and five step-grandchildren, two step-great grandchildren, three brothers, two sisters, and many other relatives and friends.

The following verse was read at his service, and was written by Patsy Waterbury.

The Voice is stilled

That welcomed sinners with a lilt,
That calmly comforted a dying Saint
Throughout the long hours of the morning,
That vehemently rebuked sinners for their wrong,
But lovingly called upon them to Repent.

The Voice is Stilled

That with Wisdom opened the Word of God
And reached way down to help a brother
Understand the way He trod,
Yet shared with his family in merriment.

The Voice is Stilled

That thundered on the hills at a Fox-hunt,
Or sang the Brumley songs across the years-
The Voice is Stilled that Echoed
God's message with humor and love,
But the message it brought lives on, and on, and On!



Lillian Clanton

Lillian Clanton passed away on August 12, 1980 in Snyder, Texas at the age of 80. Survivors include her husband, Vester, two daughters, Pauline Broyles, Ft. Worth, Texas; Euteva of Myrtle Creek, Oregon; three sons, G.H. Clanton, Post, Texas; Bob Clanton, Ft. Worth, Texas, Royce Clanton, Fairbanks, Alaska; two sisters, Sallie Blythe, Pearly Clanton, and one brother, Leo Heath of Snyder, Texas, and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted August 15, 1980 with the Rev. Paul Clanton and Rev. O.A. Busch officiating.



Claude C. Mcleod

Claude C. Mcleod of Center Point, Texas passed away October 29, 1980 in a Houston Hospital. Brother Claude was born in Sutherland Springs, Texas, September 26, 1907. Surviving him are two sons, Claude C. McLeod Jr. and David Gayla McLeod, both of Alvin, Texas. Also one daughter, Mary Dale Cropper of San Antonio, Texas.

Brother Claude had been away from Center Point, Texas for quite some time due to his illness. He loved the Lord so very much and lived for God to the best of his ability. Center Point was always his home and we that are yet here to wait for our Lord's returning will miss his spirit of love. We will remember him as one of God's handymen willing to do anything and all he could. A greater reward has he in the arms of Jesus.

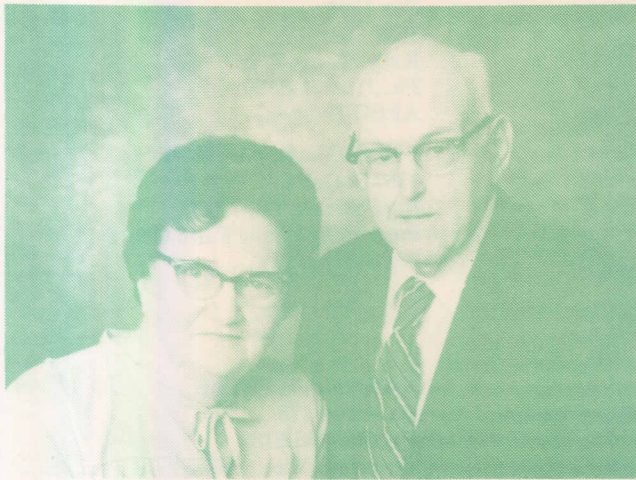
Carl Clopton

Carl Louis Clopton was born April 29, 1895, and passed away June 11, 1980 at Baxter Springs, Kansas. Survivors include his wife, Nellie, of the home, a daughter, Rosalie Ayers, Hemet, California, a son, Floyd Stoney, El Monte, California, a nephew, John Smallwood of Carthage, Missouri, and a sister, Mildred Guinn, Chetopa, Kansas.

Brother Clopton had been a believer of the Apostolic Faith since the early 1940's. He attended the Spring Grove Mission at Galena, Kansas for several years. He was a former board member and Sunday School superintendent. He attended other churches at times but in his heart he was of the old time Apostolic Faith.

Services were held on June 13, 1980 at the Bethel Community Church in Baxter Springs with interment at the Baxter Cemetery.

Golden [50th] Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Arnold will celebrate their 'GOLDEN' Wedding Anniversary, January 20, 1981. They have three daughters, Helen Maker, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Laura Galloway and Marie Briles, Modesto, California, who will host their reception at Sherwood Bible Church, Modesto, California.

Dad and Mom Arnold moved to Modesto, California, in January, 1973.

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They were married in Bureson County, Texas, and made their home there until 1950 when they moved to Rockdale, Texas. God gave them a ministry in the Rockdale Apostolic Faith Church for 22 years. During those years, they cooked at the Apostolic Bible College, Baxter Springs, Kansas, 7 different years; for summer youth camps and convocation in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

They are presently faithful to God's Work and Service at Sherwood Bible Church, Modesto, California.

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"New Creation"

Lora Louise Essley made her arrival Saturday, November 8th at 8:40 p.m. She was 20 inches long. Lora is the daughter of Marvin Essley and Lea Ona Arnall Essley. Everyone of the Apostolic Faith Church and the Bible College here in Baxter Springs join with her parents in welcoming her.

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At last he reached the goal of his journey—the crossing of his last stream. That crossing was impossible without a foot bridge. From the shore he could see the palm trees and palaces of the city of his dreams. He could even see the happy dwellers of that city.

But there was no foot bridge to cover the gap from shore to shore. Then he bethought himself of his cross. He laid down the cross on the edge of the stream to make a foot bridge to the other side. To his astonishment, the cross was too short to cover the full chasm. The missing length was just the length of the piece he had sawed off to make his burden lighter.

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PRAYER

Scripture: James 5:16

"The effectual fervant prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Prayer is powerful. True prayer must be unto God of all power. This scripture calls attention to the man of prayer, the manner of prayer, and the result of prayer.

"A righteous man". The person who prays effectively must be righteous. Righteousness is to be found right. The person that is found right with God will be found right with all men—in the home, church, community and nation. He will also be right in his thoughts, desires, purposes, character and conduct. A righteous man has no reason for being ashamed or embarrassed in any company anywhere.

"The effectual fervant prayer." The manner of your prayer is important, it must be earnest. The fervant prayer will be serious, sincere and submissive. It must also be persistent, personal and powerful. It must also be faithful and forceful. Your prayer will be guided by the Holy Spirit and offered in the name of Christ. This will be for the glory of God. Such eager and earnest prayer will reach the Father and bring down His power and connect it with the problems of men.

"Avaleth much". The Lord God will hear a fervant prayer of a righteous man and will answer it. The results of fervant prayers are too many to number. Our heavenly Father simply wants us to ask, and He says, it shall be given.

—Pamela Allen

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STANDING GRACE

by Jacob C. Regier

The Bible teaches that the Christian should live a life of holiness. A study of the Bible will reveal that this holiness is obtained through the blood of Christ by the Word of God, Jesus said, "*Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.*" He spoke to those that believed in him. There was a freedom that they did not have. This shows that there is a difference in Conversion and Sactification. Conversion is a definite work of God's grace. Sanctification is also a definite work of God's grace. If one can understand the difference in "sins committed" and "sin nature", then the difference in the two works of grace is not difficult to understand.

When Nicodemus visited the Lord one night, he was puzzled when Jesus said, "Ye must be born again". The Lord explained to him that God loved the world so much that He gave his only begotten Son to save the world from sin. Nicodemus understood the story of Moses and the brazen serpent. Jesus said, "*As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted up*". This explained to Nicodemus that God gave his son for man's salvation. This explained God's gift to the world.

It is not difficult to understand that Jesus, the son of God, was God's gift to the world for Salvation. Jesus said, "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." This is conversion! This is redemption! This is Salvation! This is life through Christ! Neither is it difficult to understand that man does not obtain this salvation, redemption, or conversion against his own will. It is understood that the individual must believe. It is understood that he must repent of his past sins. It is understood that he must follow the Lord in water baptism as the Lord instructed. But this salvation is the gift of the heavenly father. This salvation comes through faith in the sacrificed Son of God.

The Bible tells of another gift of divine love. This is Christ's love-gift to the Church. The grace that comes through this love is Sanctification. The grace of Sanctification is equally as definite, equally as genuine and equally as precious as Conversion. There are many facts concerning true Christian living that show us that in order to live the life that God expects a Christian to live, he must be order to overcome Satan's temptation, he must be sanctified in order to stand the criticism from the world, he he must be sanctified. In order to endure the trials of hardship and privations that often come, he must be sanctified. There are so many things that are possible only through the grace of God, that the Christian believer must be submitted to God in consecration and must be sanctified by Christ's blood. In Ephesians 5:25-27 we are told. "*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water by the blood That he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be without blemish*". This was Christ's gift to the Church . . . giving himself to sanctify it. Then in turn he will be able to present unto himself a church that is cleansed, without wrinkle, spot or blemish. God, the heavenly father gave His Son for our Conversion, but Jesus, the Christ gave himself for our Sanctification.

Christ's gift to the Church is further explained in Hebrews 13:12-13, where we read: "*Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach*". Here we see Christ suffering for the Church so that the Church could be sanctified through his blood. This is Christ's contribution to God's plan for the salvation of mankind. In God's plan of Salvation we see, first, Conversion from Sin through God's gift of His son, and secondly, Sanctification through Christ's gift of Himself. How much did Christ love the church? He loved the church so much that he gave himself for it. He was not compelled to do this, but he did this because of his love for the church. He could have been freed from this suffering. It is understood that just one word from the Lord, during his

great trial, and angels would have rallied to his defense. But he did not call the angels. He went all the way through the suffering, all the way through the shame, and all the way through the agony to fulfill God's plan. Why? So that He might sanctify the Church and present it to himself. This Church will come forth a glorious church. This Church will come forth a pure Church, without spot, or wrinkle, or blemish. Jesus gave himself that he might sanctify the Church.

The Church is composed of all those that follow Jesus. The Church is composed, not by any group that isolates itself and makes claims of being The Church, but by those that follow Christ. This includes every Christian. Christ suffered that every Christian could be Sanctified.

Christ died that every one might be saved. Not every one is converted, because not every one has repented. In order for any one to receive Salvation through Christ, he must first repent. By the same token, not every Christian is sanctified, although Christ suffered that every Christian could be sanctified. There are certain things that precede this sanctification. These things that precede Sanctification can come under the general heading of Consecration. The Christian presents himself to the Lord in a complete surrender of dedicated service in Consecration to God's will. Paul once wrote that we were workers together with Christ. Whenever the Christian cooperates with Christ, the work is done. This was true in Conversion also. When the sinner cooperated with God . . . when he came with repenting heart . . . when he came believing in Christ . . . the work was done. We are workers together with Christ in the experience of Conversion. Likewise, we are workers together with Christ, in the work of Sanctification. As we dedicate, surrender, and consecrate ourselves to him; as we believe in the work of His cleansing blood; the work of Sanctification is wrought.

The question is often asked: "Must every one be sanctified? Do I have to be sanctified? Many Christians try to convince themselves that Sanctification is not required. This is a trick of Satan. Satan attempts to convince Christians that a holy life is not possible. Satan attempts to convince Christians that they must sin every day. But Sanctification is required. God requires Sanctification, without doubt. In Hebrews 12:14 we find the word "Holiness": *"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."* Again in I Thessalonians 4:7 we find the word, "holiness": *"For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto Holiness."* Let us take special notice how the word "holiness" is used in Romans 6:19 *"I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto righteousness and holiness."* In each of the cases mentioned here, holiness is the exact word as "sanctification" in the original Greek. Holiness or Sanctification is the kind of life that God demands of His people. We cannot say that holiness is an alternative or choice . . . that we can take it or leave it . . . accept it or reject it at will, but that it is a requirement. To reject Sanctification would carry the same consequences as it would to reject God's grace for Conversion. If Salvation is necessary, then by all means, Sanctification is also necessary.

Conversion deals with sins committed. Conversion deals with change from death unto life. Conversion brings about the new birth and a record of one's name in heaven.

Conversion is redemption from our mortgaged state. Conversion brings the first love and the joys of Salvation. Conversion is the state where man has passed death to life.

Sanctification deals with the SIN nature. Sanctification brings about the change of the carnal mind to the spiritual mind. Sanctification gives the standing grace that helps the Christian to overcome temptation, trial, and hardship. Sanctification frees the Christian from bad habits and appetites. Sanctification enables the Christian to hold his temper and "turn the other cheek."

Romans, chapter seven, paints a word-picture of the Christian that is unable to live the holy life he knows he should live and the life he really wants to live. Paul mentioned the "law of sin warring against the law of the mind". This law of sin is the carnal nature (or carnal 'fleshly' mind) that Paul testified was enmity with God. He said, *"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."*

Romans, chapter seven is answered in Romans, chapter eight, verses one through four: *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit."* The bondage to the law of sin no longer exists in the Christian's life, if the "law of the Spirit of life" has made him free from the law of sin and death. This must be the work of Sanctification. In any generation, any honest Christian will admit his inability to do God's will without God's aid. God's grace is administered to man in the work of Sanctification.

Conversion is the grace that justifies the Christian before God. This is explained in Romans 5:1, *"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."* This does not justify the sinner for sinning. This shows God's grace to the sinner to forgive him and put him in a position, as far as guilt is concerned, as though he had never sinned. We believe God's forgiveness is so definite that no remembrance is ever recalled of it again. The verse immediately following explains the grace wherein we stand. Let us call it "standing grace." This standing grace is Sanctification: (Romans 6:2) *"By whom also we have access into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."*

If we understand the difference in sins committed and inherited nature to sin, we can also understand the difference in Conversion and Sanctification. When the individual is saved, God deals with the sins of his past, the sins committed. When the individual is sanctified, God deals with the inbred nature to sin. Conversion is forgiveness and pardon, while Sanctification is cleansing and purification.

God forbids the continuance in sin. He considers us dead to sin if we have been sanctified by the blood of Christ. Many a Christian can testify that the things that once were his masters, no longer impede his progress because of the grace of Sanctification. Romans 6:1-2, *"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein."*

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