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"THANK YOU JESUS, FOR LOVING ME"

If I had to pick the one thing among the many many things for which I am most thankful, I believe it would have to be for love. I am more grateful than I know how to express, for the love of my family, and the feeling grows with each added year of my life. That includes the family in which I was born, and even greater than that is the love of the family of God has allowed me to have. I appreciate the love of my faithful companion and the children God has given us, and I cannot underestimate the comfort and help of the love of the wonderful "Family of God" of which I am so proud to be a member. But my family and friends could all be taken away from me and only the memories would remain. The only thing that I can be assured of forever is God's love and that of His Son Jesus Christ, my Saviour. That is eternal and I can enjoy it here and now, and still be assured of it throughout eternity. The Golden Text of the Bible expresses it best in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." There are many other scriptures that tell me of His love. Eph. 3:19 ". . . the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge. . ." John 15:9 "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you; continue ye in my love." I John 3:1 "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God?" I John 4:16". . . God is love. . ."

Perhaps we have all overlooked the great message in the little song "Jesus Loves Me" that most of us learned long before we were of school age and have mostly considered it a children's song until recently when the Gaither Trio included it in their concerts all over the country for the children in their audiences. Danny Gaither's beautiful voice and the ability of these dedicated singers to sing in the Spirit and to convey to people the God given messages of their songs, revived this song to instant popularity and a new awareness of its full meaning and how much the whole world needs to hear about Jesus' love. People everywhere and of every age began to sing it again with renewed fervor, moving audiences to tears of joy and gratitude for the hope this love affords to everyone.

Recently my husband and I attended the funeral service of the grandson of a minister friend of ours. He, his young wife and their two year old son were killed instantly in an automobile accident. It all seemed so unbelievable and with no seeming answer to the WHYS. The huge church was packed with a heart-broken, shocked, bewildered family and community, but a message seem to come from heaven to comfort every heart as Rodger Bankston stood and sang so beautifully in the Spirit and with the understanding also;

Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong.

Jesus loves me He will stay
Close beside me all the way,
If I love Him when I die,
He will take me home on high.

Yes Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.

I couldn't help but think of another verse to it that someone taught me, and I have taught my children and sung to my grandson as well as many other children;

Jesus loves me when I'm good
When I do the things I should
Jesus loves me when I'm bad
Tho' it makes Him very sad.

In another song that is so precious to me, "Time and Time Again" I am especially touched everytime I sing the words of the last verse, "Time and time again He said He loved me, and Time and time again He's proved it so." And because of that, the chorus says "When I thought I couldn't, He said that I could." With God's love and that of His Son I can make it although I lose family, friends, my work, my earthly possessions and even my health or my life. At this Thanksgiving time I just have to sum up all my gratitude in a very few words, as I look up to the sky and say, Thank you, Thank you, Jesus for loving me. You looked beyond my faults and saw my need. Your love is my most priceless possession. Because you loved me first I can now love you and enjoy your fellowship. "The greatest of these is LOVE."

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Real love is the greatest force in the world. It possesses eternal qualities; it is the secret of spiritual victory; and it is the answer to overcoming the rising tide of evil.

—V. A. MITCHELL, in *Wesleyan Advocate*

Confidence

*There is a Rock the earthquake cannot shake.
There is a Light the shadows cannot hide.
There is a heart that sorrow cannot break.
There is a friendship that is true and tried,
And though I walk the valley dark and grim,
God's Word is sure; I shall have peace in Him.*

—Selected

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Genuine thanksgiving

By WILLIAM WARD AYER

WHEN GEORGE WASHINGTON issued the first presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation, he said: "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection." This is America's imperative duty today.

David in Psalm 116, by the Holy Spirit, translates this duty into personal experience, and so must we: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. . . . I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord" (vv. 12,13,17).

This is the true Thanksgiving spirit. How may we get it?

FIRST: *We should avoid the too prevalent false Thanksgiving spirit*—expressing gratitude only for material blessings. We would find little for which to thank God in the early Pilgrim scene when they celebrated that first Thanksgiving. There were only 11 houses along the village street—hardly luxurious quarters for 50 persons.

Remember, Christianity puts no premium upon material things. Paul said he had suffered the loss of all things that he might win Christ. America has all but forgotten this.

How long has it been since you've knelt down before God with the feeling that you just wanted to be near Him and speak to Him and listen for His word because you love Him?

This prevalent boasting of full-stomach satisfaction while the world bleeds is hardly in keeping with Christianity.

SECOND: *What basis can we find for a true Thanksgiving spirit?* We may have inward peace in the midst of the world turmoil. The Bible tells us to be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let our requests be made known unto God, and the peace of God shall garrison our minds. We may cast all our care upon Him, knowing that He cares for us. (See Philippians 4:6,7 and 1 Peter 5:7.)

We should be thankful that as a people we have ability to comfort and bless a needy world—to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to give liberty to the captives.

Pray and pay to send the gospel, which gives spiritual liberty, into all parts of the world, and praise God for the privilege.

THIRD: *What should be the expression of our thanksgiving?* David says, "Take the cup of salvation." This salvation was wrought out for us upon Calvary's cross, and every sacrifice that men have made is cheap by comparison. In our tragic world, personal salvation is not only of the utmost importance but also *the only power* that will bring us through the hell of men's insanity that may break loose at any time.

God wants folk to bring their sin to Him saying, "Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me." He will save and keep you in the hour of tribulation.

Be sure you thank God for the eternal things.

An out-of-town visitor to New York got out of the subway train at Times Square. He asked the subway guard, "When I reach the surface, I want to find such-and-such a street. Can you tell me where it is?"

The subway employee said, "Don't ask me anything about 'up there,' Mister. I don't know anything about up there. I know all about down here but nothing about up there."

A good many of our professing Christians are like that. Millions in our land care little about anything "up there." Ignoring God, preoccupied with the material things of life, they are destroying our heritage of freedom.

Let us thank God for His "Unspeakable Gift," Jesus Christ, and all material and spiritual blessings through Him.

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AFBC SPECIALIZED MUSIC GROUPS 1975



MIXED QUARTET

Left to right: Glenda Bench, Frank Arnall, Sharolyn Cox—pianist, Kenton Patzkowsky, David McCance and Shari Cook—organist.

ENSEMBLE
L to r, back row: Celia Massoni, pianist; Deanna Russell, Gayle Kendrick, and Noveta Scroggs.
Front row: Jerry Barker, Rhonda Sanger and Frank Arnall.



GIRLS TRIO

Left to right: Lisa Gebhardt, Debbie Davis, Celia Massoni—pianist, Shari Cook—organist, and Sharolyn Cox.

Amarillo, Texas

Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O Lord; thou art great, and thy name is great in might. Jeremiah 10:6.

It is marvelous to know that the Lord is great and mighty and His power is above all other power.

Our church recently enjoyed having students from the Bible College. Sharolyn Cox, Deanna Russell, Kenton Patskowsky, and Frank Arnall did an outstanding job in the morning worship service, and God blessed as His word went forth in song and sermon. Bro. and Sis. Sherman Sutton were also a blessing to us. Sis. Sutton taught the Young Adult Class, and gave some very impressive thoughts.

The District Youth Rally was held here the last of September with a group of young people from the Student Center at Panhandle State University. Their service was very inspirational. GOD BLESS YOUNG PEOPLE WHO SERVE HIM.

Bro. and Sis. Winston Barker visited in one of our Wednesday evening services. Bro. Barker spoke on the work of Missions to Mexico; this was real interesting to the congregation.

During the month of August Bro. and Sis. Austin Sutton directed a Children's Crusade. Their efforts were appreciated and a blessing.

Recently in one of the Sunday morning worship services the children in the Children's Church group, directed by Valorie Ashmead, presented songs, memory work, and a lesson. This was an outstanding service, and we marveled at the way these children had memorized their memory verses.

We are glad to report the paving for the parking lot and street has been paid for. Thanks be unto God.

Plans are being made to build a kitchen in the annex of the church. This is something that has been needed for a long time.

New drapes have been made for all the class rooms; which helps their appearance.

A special effort is being put forth in a visitation program to try to reach more people for the Lord. Truly the fields are white already to harvest.

The church is praying for a revival in the near future. We are trusting this will be a time when our church will grow spiritually and in number. May our hearts be stirred, fed and aroused with a heavenly enthusiasm for God and souls.

Neil Ragan, Pastor
LaVonna Mitchell, Reporter.

IMPRESSIONS

Evangelism Theme
By: Radonna Long

"What has impressed me most in my Evangelism work this year?"

Enthusiasm! Never before have I been so excited about serving the Lord or seen such joy and enthusiasm generated by one group of people.

Serving the Lord is a wonderful, exhilarating experience!

I have been a Christian for several years, but I never fully consecrated my life to God before this year. When a person is not consecrated, it is much more difficult to stand for the Lord.

A feeling of joy and peace comes over a sinner when they are saved. But feelings come and go. Real peace comes when we give ourselves to God and begin to work for Him. The experience of Sanctification is a marvelous work. I have recently come to realize that Sanctification is a door into holiness. Once we are Sanctified, we can begin to learn from God and grow in His grace.

A sense of accomplishment and fulfillment comes when we allow God to use us. We have done nothing on our own, but we know God has accomplished something by using us.

We naturally feel good when we know we are productive. So, we are enthusiastic about serving God.

I have never before been given a job and then left with the total responsibility of it. I had to realize that in myself, I have nothing to offer. Only than can God use me. I would have worried and stewed about carrying out these jobs I had been given, but when I gave them to God, He gave me something to offer.

When I know my problems are in hands more capable than my own, there is joy! It is exciting to be used by God.

It is exciting to work with others who are also used of God. On our trip to the Panhandle of Oklahoma I was discussing this fact with a fellow worker. We were sitting in the church waiting for the services to start and we both commented on the excitement and anticipation we felt for the coming service. It is exciting to know others who share the Christ you serve!

Always before in my Christian life I would serve, sometimes reluctantly, only when asked expressly. I would never do a job when volunteers were asked for. I may not be as talented as some other people in many ways, but God can use me. I have found that a blessing is in store for me when I offer my services to God's work. It is also very exciting to know that God has blessed someone else through me!

Talking a sanctified life and living a sanctified life are two totally different things. I am just now beginning to live a consecrated life. I have made mistakes and will make many more. God is teaching me. There is excitement in learning!

The devil comes as soon as we begin to work for the Lord. He can make things go wrong and throw problems at us. We can become discouraged very easily if we don't turn these trials over to God. We are not able to fight satan alone, he is too powerful for us. But God is even stronger than satan. There is joy in knowing God can protect us from satan's powers!

When someone finds a good thing, they usually want to share it. God's love is good and so much more, we would want to share Him with those around us. Witnessing will come much easier if we are really dedicated to God. Then we can talk about someone we are personally acquainted with. We don't mind letting people know when we are friends of someone famous. How much more eager we should be to share the universal name of Christ. Not only share Him, but share Him enthusiastically!

This is our responsibility. One of my favorite scriptures says "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." 2 Cor. 4:3.

The PRICE We Often Have To PAY

BY THE LATE Garold L. Oakes

(A sermon preached by Garold at the Baxter Springs Convocation 1974 before his death last spring. He was traveling with the 1974 "College Vibrations" for AFBC tour (—taped and edited.)

I, in myself, feel totally inadequate to even begin to read the scriptures. I picked up a Bible this morning and in the front of it I've got a lot of little sayings written down that have been given to me. My eyes fell upon one that went something like this, "It doesn't matter what God wants me to do, all I have to do is do that. Whatever God does with it is left up to Him." We were in Bible School this year and I began to have some problems one week that I couldn't seem to put a finger on. I would pray and couldn't seem to touch God. Finally something seemed to say, "There's something in your life you haven't given me." So I began to search for it. I don't know how long I searched, probably a week. One night I was kneeling over in the corner, something seemed to say, "What you are holding back on is that I want you to be a minister." I threw up my hands and said, "No Way". But, after about four days I gave in. I don't want to, that's one thing I don't want to do, is to minister the Word of the Lord, because I don't feel I'm able. But God has been showing me through reliance upon Him we can do all things.

I was sitting last night trying to think of something to give today. There were some scriptures that came to my mind. They are found in Isaiah 58:8-14. Satan came to me last night and said there's not a bit of sense in getting up and saying what those scriptures mean, because that is everything everyone has talked about since Convocation started. That is the price we often have to pay for the reward that is ahead of us. These scriptures kind of seemed to stand out last night. They said, "If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; and if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light

rise in obscurity." There's a price we have to pay in order to live for Christ. When Christ comes into our heart and lives, that's not the end of it. He doesn't just come in and dwell and do everything for us, we have to put forth a little effort ourselves. It says, "If they take away from the midst of thee the yoke". If we give our heart completely and fully to Christ and let Him fill our hearts, in doing so the promise is "The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy thy soul in drought." The heart is the center of our lives. Without the heart we can't humanely live, without the heart we spiritually can't live. There is nothing that will flourish more than a piece of grass that has had no water and then you start watering it. A few years ago we had behind our house a place where the sewer pipes ran out in the backyard, and it didn't matter how dry the rest of the yard was and withered the grass was elsewhere there was always one strip of grass down the middle of the back yard that was green because of the water that was underneath the ground. This is how it is with Christ when we hit a dry spell in our spiritual living, Christ will satisfy our soul in drought.

In the 13th verse it says, "If thou will call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable, and shalt honour Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words." A lot of times on Sunday morning you get up and think, "Boy, I sure am tired. I hate to go to church, but I guess I'd better keep up the image." You know that just doesn't work, you go to church and sit there on the pew and that's just about all you do, you just warm the seat. You get nothing from the service and you put nothing into it. You can stand up in front and look back at the people and it's a lot different from sitting in the pew and looking to the front, because you can tell by looking at the expressions on people's faces whether they're interested at all in what you are saying or not. There is nothing more discouraging than to look back upon the faces of the people and see them looking about to see what's going on around them or are thinking of something else. I know I'm guilty of this a lot of times. The speaker or the person that has to sing doesn't get much inspiration from his audience when this happens. We have to be willing to sacrifice other things and keep our minds on the things of God and put ourselves in the service. Maybe you don't sing, maybe you don't preach or anything like that, but you can participate in the service by forgetting yourself and let the Spirit of the Lord use you in whatever way He wants to.

We live near an intersection of two fairly major highways. In the summer on Sunday mornings on the way to church, there's no telling how many boats we meet on their way to the lakes. Lots of people feel and say, "well I work all week and so I have to have one day to relax. I need one day just to enjoy myself. Saturday I have to work on the house, so it must be on Sunday." That just won't work because you can make a boat a god, you can make a television a god too. God, himself, said, "Ye shall have no other gods before me." Material things are gods lots of times. Sometimes our own desires are our gods. I myself, feel sometimes, if I'm really not in the mood to go to church, I'll go but that's just about as far as it goes. In its own way that's a god, because you are putting that before your service to the Lord. You should be able to pay the price of putting your ownself, your own thoughts, your own wishes, your own desires, aside to dwell upon the things of the Lord. You know that out of 24 hours

in a day, seven days a week, we go to church only three times usually. On an average week, if we go on Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night, that's only giving God 5 hours out of 168 of the week. That isn't even spending a quarter of one day of a whole week in the service of our Lord by going to church. That's the worship time we spend with Him with others of like precious faith. Shouldn't we be willing to give God those 5 or 6 hours. Sure that's not the extent of our service, it has to be a twenty-four hour, seven days a week job; but, a lot of times we have the attitude, "I just don't want to go to church now so I'm just not going to. I can stay at home and read the scripture and have prayer before I go to bed and that'll be fine." But I really feel we need to give all that is due to God and going to His house is part of it.

Isaiah 60:19-21.

In reading this full chapter the heading my Bible gives, talks about the rewards that are given after a short affliction. We, many times, become burdened by the trials we encounter in life. Like the song, Barry Methvin sings, there comes a time when we'll have tears and sorrows, but the duration of that is only a short time and after that comes the blessings. Sometimes we think the darkness is so deep that it has surrounded us and we can't see daylight. If we look over the darkness, over the period of time we're in trouble and have trials, we can see the light ahead. There was a story told to me about Brother Gail Schultz; one year while he was here at Bible School, he had been heavily burdened. The day was kind of like today, it was cloudy and drab. He said he was walking back from the home over to the chapel he had been praying and meditating, and as he walked along he said he looked up to the sky and saw one little circle of blue where the sun was shining and the thought ran through his mind, "There's my spot of blue and I'm going through." The scripture says the sun shall never more go down. No more does there have to be darkness in our lives, because we have Christ. We've been thinking of the church; not only as individuals do we have darkness, but the whole church itself is going to go through a period of darkness in the end of time, and it seems it has begun.

In our prophecy 2 class we studied through Revelations. I was shocked at some of the things that are going to happen to the people of the church and to the world itself. If there ever is going to be a time of darkness it is going to be then, but after the trials and the troubles comes the light of Christ and the days of our mourning shall be ended. If we totally commit our lives to Christ, if we really give our lives to Him, the burdens, the troubles, the trials we have are going to fade away to nothing, because we can put our faith and trust in Christ and He will give us light that we might be able to see.

Ps. 84:10-11.

That is a beautiful promise. "And no good thing will He with hold from them that walk uprightly." Keep your eyes on Christ, set your affections on things above and not on things of the earth. If you walk upright and follow the statutes and laws of Christ, He won't with hold anything from us that we need. David in writing this said "I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. . ." Being a bell boy is an humbling job to me. I don't think I would like to be a bell boy, because you have to carry everybody's suitcases, and at all times you have to be well mannered and wait on every-

body else. As a doorkeeper, its your job to just stand and open the door and let everyone else come in. What is that. That is service for others. To be successful in a Christian life you have to become a doorkeeper. We have to be willing to humble ourselves to serve others. Christ did that. If there ever was a man that was humble it was Christ. "But I can't be like Christ!" you say. We can. Because when we have committed ourselves to Christ, Christ comes inside us. If we can become like Christs, because we have Christ in us; not in our ourselves, but of the strength and the power Christ puts inside us, because He is in us. Christ humbled himself to death, even the death of the cross. That is the most humble death anyone can have. In World War II, to the Japanese soldiers it was honourable to die on the field and give their lives for their country. They were willing to commit suicide by crashing their airplanes into a ship; commit suicide in a bombs eye raid or anything like that. It didn't matter how they gave their lives, but simply that they were willing to give their lives for their country. It was honourable. The crucifixion was a death that was reserved for criminals and the lowest and most vicious and evil men. Christ humbles himself in service for others. I myself, looking back on my past life, would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than to live a life of sin that others live. Sin holds no interest for me. But if we humble ourselves to Christ and commit ourselves to Christ, the Bible says He will not withhold any good thing from us that we need.

Revelations 7:13-17.

I love that scripture it means so much to me. Just to stop and think that someday God will wash all the tears from my eyes. No more sickness, no more pain, no more death but all is going to be joy in our service for him. We're not going to have to toil by the sweat of our brow and fight Satan every hour of the day to stand as a Christian. For once we're going to be able to relax, we are going to be able to just sit down at the feet of Jesus. That is neat, I really like that! But we're going to have to pay the price. It has been said many many times that a christian life is not a bed of roses. There are hills and there are valleys. You get in your car and take off across the country, everything is not flat. You go up some hills and you go down into some valleys. As we travel the road for Christ we go up some hills and down into some valleys. Some of the most beautiful country in the world, as far as scenery is concerned, is found in the valleys. When you go to the mountains, go up to the top and look down into the valleys its beautiful to behold. Many times we dread the valleys in our christian experience. The valleys are some of the most beautiful places in our lives, because it is in the valleys that we gain strength. The fifteenth verse says, "Therefore are they before the throne of God." Right there with God, right there in front of Him where we can look at Him. There's a song that says, "These Hands of Mine Shall Touch the Hands of God". It's going to be worth it—all the troubles and all the trials that we go through here on this earth, all the heartaches and all the sickness, It is going to be worth it. Someday we're going to be able to look back upon the lives that we've lived and the troubles we've had and we're going to laugh at our ourselves and say, "I don't know why I thought It was so bad." Hindsight is better than foresight, but the Bible, the Word of God, gives us what the end time is going to be like. It gives us the rules that we can lay down in our hearts and our lives so we can overcome. If we're faithful to God, this will be our reward.



Hinton, Alabama

We praise the Lord for His wonderful blessings upon us here at Hinton, and we would like to say a very special prayer of thanks to those of you who are supporting us with your prayers. We were so glad to have Bro. Roland Busch with us for special evening services September 22-24. We felt the Spirit moving and blessing each service as God spoke to hearts and lives.

Along with improvements on our spiritual lives, we have also been making some improvements on our church. We put a new coat of paint on the outside and it looks so nice. We have a new member in our nursery, Chasity Dianne, baby daughter of James and Tywana Morris.

Betty Carney, Reporter.

Lubbock, Texas

Bro. Homer Coberly wrote us a nice letter and included a tract. He expressed his appreciation of the paper and your editor's work as a whole and for the editorials. He used to work with Bro. Parham on the early editions of the paper. He especially mentioned when it was under the title "Everlasting Gospel" and the many days it took to get it out then. He's been preaching for 63 years and says he is next to the oldest living minister of the Apostolic Faith, as far as he knows. He doesn't say who is the oldest. Any body out there claim more than 63 years preaching in this movement? Their address is 1307 30th St., Lubbock, Texas 79405. Phone 806-744-2871.

Beaver, Oklahoma

The Apostolic Faith Church congregation of Beaver is now having services in the Seventh Day Advent Church at the present. Their mid-week service is on Thursday, which works out very well since the Advent church meets on Saturday and Wednesday nights. Different ministers have been coming in to minister to them until they obtain a full time minister. They request an interest in your prayers for them. May God richly bless them. They expressed their appreciation for the people of the movement and for the Report. We appreciate the tenth of their Sunday School offering that they are sending to the paper.

Lela McKeever, Reporter.

Galena, Kansas

Psalms 25:4-5, Shew me thy ways O Lord, teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth and teach me for thou art the God of my Salvation, on thee do I wait all the day.

September 21, 1975

On Sunday night Bro. Jerome and Sis. Peggy Crowhurst were with us. Bro. Jerome preached an old time Soul stirring message. May God bless preachers who will preach God's word as it is printed without fear or favor.

We are praying for a revival which has been scheduled to begin November 2, 1975. Bro. Ted Barker will be our Evangelist. Our Pastor, Bro. Gene Cornell and Sis. Stella attended funeral services for Sis. Veva Stanberry in Katy, Texas. Our sympathy is extended to the Stanberry family. May God bless them in their sorrow.

Psalms 34:3, Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

**Bro. Gene Cornell, Pastor.
Sis May Rowland, Reporter**

Our prayer List:

Sis. Anna Wade has had eye surgery. She is at the St. John's Hospital, Joplin, Missouri, and is reported to be doing fine.

Sis. Tillie Hall
Sis. Josie Webb
Sis. Lillus Adams
Sis. Grace Myers

Sis. Alva Shamblin
Sis. Mildred Jackson
Bro. John Shira
Bro. Fred Smith
Bro. George Hollis

Big Spring, Texas

It seems this has been the busiest summer of our lives. We can report many battles but also glorious victories too. Several have been battling for health but it seems all are on the victory side now. Praise God! God has been so good to us here and when the way begins to look dark, He leaves us some "handsful on purpose" just for us because He loves us so.

Following Camp Meeting we had a wonderful VBS with 87 enrolled. This was the first school to be conducted at this church but we feel it was very rewarding and we have not felt the full impact of it as yet. Our fall visitation program is in full swing and we are expecting great things from the hand of God. This is under the direction of Bro. Marvin Boyd. One of the ministries of our church that has proved to be a real blessing is three rest home services each week under the direction of Sis. Helen Shuman and Bro. Woodie Fowler. Sis. Helen Shuman is carrying a great burden for the youth services and Sis. Carolyn Fowler is doing a good work with the young people.

Sis. Brenda Boyd is working on Thursday evening with the girls and Bro. Omer Shuman is working with the boys to develop them body, mind, and Soul into real men and women for the Lord.

We appreciate the efforts of each one in our church as they work to glorify God and edify the body of Christ and as each one finds their field of labor and faithfully performs their task. We're praying for a special manifestation of Christ's Spirit and a harvest of souls. We covet your prayers as we labor on until Christ shall return.

Rev. and Mrs. Bob Taylor, Pastors.

Midway Country Church, Logan, Oklahoma

We are glad to report victory in Jesus. The Lord blesses in all our services as we meet together. Bro. Whiteley brings us Spirit-filled sermons at all times that are for us to live and abide by. Our Wednesday night services are really becoming more interesting all the time and are so well attended. At the present we are studying the tabernacle and all its parts. Bro. Whiteley brings in both the old and new testament scriptures on the subject. Our people seem anxious to study the Bible along these lines.

We are so glad to have six young people from our Bible College Evangelism Class visit us on Sunday night, September 28. They were Bro. and Sis. David McCance, Barbara Cooper, Mary Barnett, Wanda Collins, and Cindy Patzkowsky. Mary and Cindy had our children's group before church and Wanda and Barbara had charge of our youth service. We enjoyed their singing and testimonies in our regular service and Bro. David's sermon on Sanctification.

On October 6 our church ladies hosted the area preachers to their supper before their monthly meeting. All seemed to enjoy the fellowship together. Every other Sunday night Bro. Whiteley has the young people play their band instruments before church. This is something different and the people who listen seem to enjoy it. There are several of our youth who play in school bands. We are so thankful for their talents and the desire of our pastor to work with them. Sunday night, October 5, we had Bro. and Sis. Winston Barker in our service. We enjoyed a solo from Sis. Barker and a good message from Bro. Barker from Mark, 13th chapter. We enjoyed the Bible College Choir from Baxter Springs on their tour through our part of the country at Laverne and Balko, Oklahoma.

We invite any of our gospel workers and ministers to come be with us in service anytime.

**Rev. Howard Whiteley, Pastor.
Mrs. Deryl Lamunyon, Reporter.**

Hardesty, Oklahoma

We have been blessed by the ministry of several visitors since we last reported from our church.

Those who were with us included Rene Heil, Marcus Adair, a group from Faith Student Center in Goodwell, Calvin Klaus and Joe Randolph from Perryton, and a team from Bible College. The team included Debbie Davis, Jerry and Lavonda Barker, Radonna Long and Jack and Kathryn Cornell.

Our church bus has been painted and looks so nice. A bus load attended the Palo Duro Canyon program of Vicki and Royal Heirs, in addition to other trips. Plans are being made for further use of the bus in our church.

We are so glad to have Sandra, Kristy, and the new baby boy, Ky Lynn, home again.

We would ask and interest in your prayers concerning our church. We want the Lord to have control of every program that is undertaken, and most of all in the lives of His people.

**Pastor, Dewey Flock.
Reporter, Mary Lorraine Jones.**

Arnett, Oklahoma

The Lord has really blessed in many ways and we are so appreciative of his goodness to each of us. We have been more than ever awakened to the fact that we must be up and about the Master's business.

On Sunday, September 28, 1975, a team of five young people from Baxter Springs Bible School arrived to conduct the evening youth service as well as the evening worship service. The Lord met with us in a most gracious way. A fellowship supper was served to a nice crowd. We are happy to report a young person was saved on this particular evening.

It seems like the blessings are all coming at one time. September 29th and 30th we had a marvelous service called "How to Hear God Speak", which was conducted by Wes Bush of Arlington, Texas. Mr. Bush has written this in a book. He also had with him a Mobile Book Store full of Christian books of all types. Many made use of this while he was here. There were people from Canyon, Texas and Laverne, Oklahoma present. If you ever have an opportunity to hear Wes Bush, it is well worth your time for the fine Christian instruction he gives about the deeper blessings of God. Also, he has some wonderful testimonies concerning what the Lord has done for him and how he has been guided by the Lord.

We are looking forward to Youth Rally for this area being at Arnett on November 1, 1975. We trust all the youth in this area will pray about it and put forth the needed effort it takes to make a youth rally a success.

We are looking forward to many more blessings of the Lord.

**Earl Malone, Pastor.
Ruby V. Kibbe, Reporter.**

Pine Crest, Mississippi

Our hearts have been saddened at the loss of Bro. O. J. Smith. The church and the community have lost a great worker and friend. Over the past few months we have some wonderful services. On September 7, we had our first anniversary service with dinner on the ground and singing in the afternoon. We were pleased to have several different denominations present for the afternoon service. It's a wonderful feeling to have your voices unite in songs of praise with other denominations and know you have a common bond with them that we all worship the same God.

We have purchased a new piano for the church. The old one is being used for the youth group and the Sunday School class. The Lord has blessed us so it's almost impossible to tell it all. We do desire your prayers, and would like to extend an invitation to all ministers and Gospel workers of the Faith to come by and visit with us.

**Dorothy Anderson, Pastor.
Lynette Barker, Reporter.**

DEADLINE!

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

CORRECTION:

The article in the October Report entitled "Intercession—The Highest Ministry" was by Bro. David Turner, from Liberal, Kansas. His name was misplaced.

Alvin, Texas

We did so enjoy the AFBC choir in concert here Sunday, October 19, also the group from their Evangelism Class that had charge of our services for Sunday morning. May God bless them abundantly. Bro. E. W. Dickson is improving steadily from his recent surgery. Recent visitors were the Eldon Bollingers from Liberal, Kansas Apostolic Faith Church. Their daughter, Joy, is attending MBI this semester. Several from our church went to Houston to see "The Hiding Place" the film of Corrie Ten Boom's life. Our Youth Afalme went as a group. Our church men have been helping the Gail McLeod's get their new room "dried in" on Saturdays and have been enjoying the fellowship in work. The building committee is busy trying to come up with the very best building for our growth needs. They need your prayers as they work to fulfill God's will for our church. It was nice to have Randy, Roger and Kandy home with the Wallis' over the weekend of October 12.

James E. Wallis, Pastor

Leakey, Texas

Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord. We praise God for His presence in our services. We praise Him for the privilege of still having public worship services. We had a good meeting in September with Bro. George Polvado, he brought such good Bible messages. James W. Shipman was ordained as a minister during this revival. He is a dedicated young man, definitely called of God to work for Him. His love of God's Word and his zeal for His work are inspiring. We request the prayers of all for God's work here. Ministers of the faith are invited to come by for services.

Laura Thompson, Pastor

Pine Crest Youth Retreat:

The Hinton, Snell and Pine Crest churches had a youth retreat at Camp Pine Crest on September 26, 27, under the direction of Agnes Satcher and Betty Carney. There were 32 youth and 12 workers that participated. Opening session on Friday night was a musical service by representatives from the Bible College, Sis. Shari Cook, Glenda Bensch, and Myrtle Carney. Saturday's activities began with funspiration, then Rally by Sis. Shari Cook and a volley ball game at the Hinton church in the afternoon.

Retreat closed out with one of the sweetest services I've ever attended. A large bon fire was built in the center of the grounds and all sat in a circle around this fire where God poured out His Spirit in song and testimony. We feel this retreat was a great success and we say "thank you" to everyone who helped to make this possible.

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Perryton, Texas

Our hearts are so saddened by the death of our dear Veva Stanberry. Recently Ruth Reardon and Carlene Coon both brought good devotionals to our ladies group. Mrs. Rosa Montgomery ministered for us the week-end of October 24-26. There were nightly services at 7:30 p.m. and a "coffee" for the ladies on Saturday morning and she also ministered for us on Sunday morning.

Bro. Calvin Klaus took the Youth services, Bro. Marcus Adair the Sunday night service and Bro. Wick Brown the Wednesday night service while our pastors were gone to the Stanberry funeral.

It was a privilege to have a team from the Evangelism Class of AFBC on Sunday night, September 28. Those ministering in our church were Nyla Smith, Tony and Vicki Bartel, Cindy Givens, David Lively, Gayla Rose, Gaylon, Schultz and Joanie Walker. We so enjoyed them; and then it was good to have the choir concert at Balko October 14 from AFBC. My how we enjoyed their testimonies and beautiful singing. Bro. Jim Morris was a guest speaker for us recently on a Sunday night. His ministry was a blessing. Sam Ames and Greg Shultz students at PSU in Goodwell, Oklahoma, were also visitors in our service and shared with us their testimonies and a good report of the Student Center there.

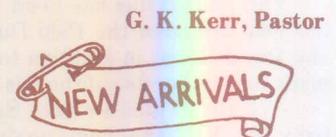
Tuesday, October 14 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. we had a wedding shower for Rhonda (Cornell) Wood in the church Fellowship Hall. May God bless this young couple.

Harroll Waterberry, Pastor

Katy, Texas

We were happy to have Bro. Gary Kerr of Fayetteville, Arkansas, minister for us Sunday, September 28. Our sympathy is extended to the Albert Black family in the loss of his mother and to Lillie Kauhs and her family in the death of her mother also and our continued prayers are with the Bennie Stanberry family in the homegoing of our dear sister in the Lord, Veva. She is sorely missed by her friends of the entire movement and especially here at her home.

We enjoyed having the AFBC choir in concert here at our church Saturday night, October 18. Our church served a meal to them at the elementary school cafeteria after the concert. October 12 the Son-Rise Singers were present and sang for an hour and Bro. Marlon Sparks brought the sermon. Many from the high school pep squad and their cheer leaders were present. Coach Rhoads and Coach Sanders were here with some of their squad. The Volleyball coach and some of her team were present and many from Campus Life.



G. K. Kerr, Pastor

Shannon Beth Barker was born October 8, 1975 weighing 10 lbs. 2 oz. Shannon's parents are Keith and Charlene Barker. Her big brother is Christopher Dane. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer of Wichita, Kansas (Mrs. Spicer is the former Dorcas Mahan) and Rev. and Mrs. Winston J. Barker, of Pharr, Texas.

Canyon, Texas

The Faith Bible Center went to Lubbock, Texas, to hear Billy Graham at Jones Stadium August 29th and 30th. The services were a deep blessing for all. Rev. Calvin Springer of Rockdale, Texas, recently conducted a week's meeting at Faith Chapel with Pastor Ron Martin. He also spoke for the Student Center Tuesday Vespers service. Bro. Harroll Waterbury was one of our guest lecturers for our fall college course of Home and Marriage. Our Fall Business Conference was October 10 and 11, 1975. Our board of Trustees are: Marcus L. Adair, President, Canyon, Texas, Ezra Simpson, Vice President, Elmwood, Oklahoma, Mary Adair, Secretary, Wesley Spencer, Dallas, Texas, Donald Flowers, Perryton, Texas, M. L. Scott, Katy, Texas and Wayne Huff, Canyon, Texas are the other members of this board. Our advisory board are: M. M. Peck, Edna, Texas, Gary Petterson, Canyon, Texas, Raymond Barker, Katy, Texas, Glenn Cummins, Dalhart, Texas, Roland Busch, Katy, Texas, Wilbur Fullbright, Boston Mass., Wallace Ditto, Ganado, Texas, Carl E. Allen, Katy, Texas, Eldon Bollinger, Liberal, Kansas, Jerry Howard, Logan, Oklahoma, Stacy Botter, Alvin, Texas, and Wayne Howard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Rene Heil, Instructor Faith Bible Center

REPORT FROM THE APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE COLLEGE!

The annual AFBC Choir trip was a great success from the first service to the last. The choir began with the annual opening service held in Baxter Springs singing to a full house of home people and visitors. The presence of the Lord was felt and the singing of each group was anointed and enjoyed by all.

Early Monday morning (October 13) 53 excited people loaded the Bible College bus and a nine passenger station wagon, loaned to us by Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Arnall, and began our travels which took us first to Laverne, Oklahoma. When we arrived the ladies of the Laverne Church and the Midway Country Church had a delicious dinner waiting. At 7:30 that evening the church was full of people and again the Lord blessed the choir as they sang praises unto Him and songs about the end of time. This was a good service. Tuesday we traveled to Balko, Oklahoma and sung to about 500 people in the High School Auditorium as churches from all over the Panhandle area met here for the choir service. Our thanks to all the pastors who urged their people to come and hear the choir. This was another great service and the kids sung their hearts out for the Lord. The Balko ladies served us a very wonderful meal.

Wednesday morning we traveled to Canyon and was met by the host Pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Ron Martin who had a noon meal waiting for us. That afternoon the students enjoyed looking around the Campus of West Texas State University, some went to the Canyon, others toured the Museum, some played basketball and relaxed. At 7:00 p.m. we gathered in Faith Chapel and sang to a packed house. After service the ladies of Canyon, Amarillo and Dumas provided a delicious meal for us at the Bible Education Building. A good time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Early Thursday morning (4 a.m.) we loaded the bus and

headed south to Rockdale, Texas. This was a long day of travel and we were tired when we arrived but the Lord rested us and by service time everyone again sang their best and we enjoyed the presence of the Lord in this place. The church was full as people from the area came to hear the choir. After service the ladies of Rockdale and Gause served the dinner. The fellowship and love of these people was enjoyed by all.

Friday we traveled to Katy, Texas. This was a day off so those who wanted to go loaded the bus and went sightseeing into Houston. The group took a tour of the Astrodome and then spent about 5 hours in Astro-World Amusement Park. Many of the kids had never been to Houston before so this was something they really enjoyed.

Saturday our service was held at the church in Katy. The church again was full as the churches from all the South Texas area met here. The Lord really blessed and anointed each one as they sang and testified of His blessings. A delicious meal was served that night by the Katy ladies at the school cafeteria.

Sunday morning the students of the Evangelism class were dispersed to all the churches where they sang and ministered in each church. These services were a real blessing to all these young people as the Lord anointed and blessed their talents they used for Him. Thanks to all the pastors and churches who used these people in their service.

Sunday night was our final service on tour and this was held in Alvin, Texas. This church was as full as you could get it with standing room only. The Spirit of the Lord really blessed in a great way. Conviction was heavy at the close as an altar call was given but no one made a move. Praise the Lord, He still calls people to repentance! Let us all pray that more people will answer that call. The Ladies of the Alvin church served a delicious meal and a great time of fellowship was enjoyed.

Each service consisted of the entire choir singing, testimonies by various students and faculty, singing by the school quartet, school trio, and also the ensemble and introduction of the faculty who were traveling with us. A special word of thanks to Bro. Jerome Crowhurst and Bro. Lyndel Arnall who drove the bus on the entire trip. This took a big load of responsibility off of me and I deeply appreciate them so much. Everyone worked hard. I want to say Thanks to my wife, Kathryn who played the organ, Sis. Shari Cook who played the piano and to Sis. Carolyn Quesenbury who was in charge at each location of seeing that everyone had a place to stay.

Now, a special word of "Thanks" to all the pastors and churches. We can never say too much about you. You were great in your hospitality to all of us. The church you opened for us to sing, the meals you served us were great. Your homes you kept us in and the financial support for the trip and the school and teachers. May the Lord bless and repay you is our prayer. The Bible School kids enjoyed all of you and the love you gave them. You will never really know what this trip meant to all of us.

Please pray for the next 7 weeks of school and come visit us!

Remember the closing of school and plan to attend. December 10 and 11 will be the closing exercises and December 12 will be the annual business meeting. You need to be here!

Yours in Christ,
Jack Cornell, Supt.

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SOUTH TEXAS EVANGELISM TRIP

On Sunday morning, October 19th., there were six Evangelism teams in the South Texas Churches at Hempstead, Alvin, Belleville, Pattison, Tomball and Dickinson. After a week of giving out in song each night all seem to realize the need of a spiritual time of refreshing. This Sunday morning was a filling station for all of the group. Though the students were tired in body they gave their best in the service. Due to illness and other things that were unavoidable there had to be some last minute changes in the teams but they carried on as best they could. We trust they were a blessing at your church and we again ask that you will remember the Evangelism program in your prayers. We have some busy weeks ahead of us and we desire above all to be pleasing to the Lord. We especially want to express our appreciation to Sis. Shari Cook for taking charge of the South Texas teams. As always she did a marvelous job.

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