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## Editorial . . .

### TRIALS TO TRIUMPHS — BURDENS TO BLESSINGS

The Christians' constant dream and hope is looking with great anticipation to the "day without clouds", when there will be no more burdens, no more trials. We'll be safe at home where all is peace and tranquility. And Praise God! that hope is not in vain that dream will come true for our Father has promised us everlasting life in heaven with Him if we keep His commandments. But what about between here and there — what do we do with the trials and burdens now?

Paul had the answer for us in 2 Cor. 12: 10 "I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." As Christians we have no right to allow ourselves to stagger into spiritual defeat beneath the burdens laid upon us, crushing as they may seem at times. Our trials and burdens are to make us rejoice, for we should realize that God is showing us our weakness and inabilities so He can manifest to us the Power of Christ. He wants us to be aware of our inadequacies so we'll trust in His Almighty strength alone for our needs!

The story is told of a "grandfather clock" that had stood for three generations in the same corner, faithfully ticking away the minutes, hours, days and years. In it was a heavy weight on a chain that was pulled to the top every night in order to keep it running. A new owner decided that such an old clock should not be burdened down with such a heavy load and proceeded to remove it from the clock. Of course, it immediately stopped ticking and when the repairman was called to fix it he saw at once where the trouble was and replaced the weight with the admonition "Madam, please don't ever remove the weight! That's what keeps it going."

Too many now are looking for an easier way. They would make us believe that the victorious life is one free from trials and burdens. A sheltered life is one of the "hot house plant". A life only used to pleasantness and ease wilts and dies in the heat of the noonday sun. A minister once said, "A Christian is made for trouble like a ship is made to sail the waters. As long as the ship keeps the water on the outside it will float. So the Christian only sinks when he lets the trouble on the inside." Trials are to make us grow and become strong. The weight of trials give our spiritual feet traction on this road from earth to Glory.

The 11th chapter of Hebrews, "Gods Hall of Fame" is the best reading I know for encouragement in the heat of the battle. All the great men and women of the Bible endured much harder afflictions than you and I and yet with ultimate victory. They turned their burdens to blessings and their trials to triumphs by trusting in God's strength and power. Is He less concerned for you and me than He was for them? I think not!

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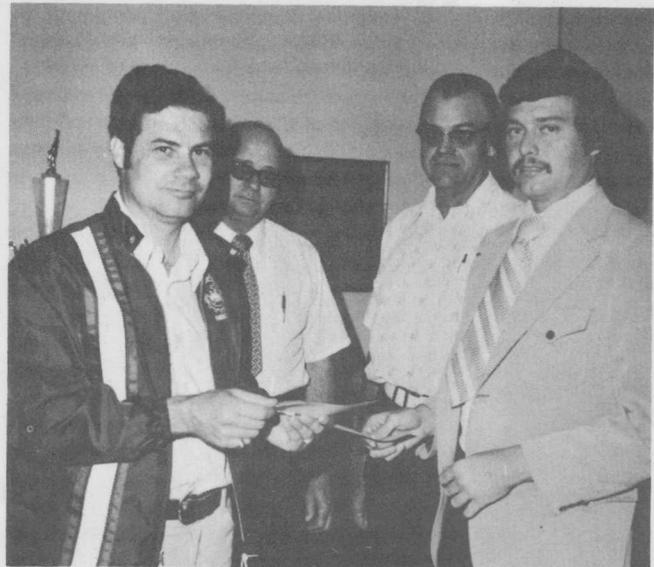
"Your present burden is but the weight of the Potter's hand forming you for His eternal purpose." G.W.

One day at a time, and the day is His day  
He hath numbered its hours, though they haste or delay,

His grace is sufficient; we walk not alone;  
As the day, so the strength that He giveth His own.

— Annie Johnson Flint  
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## AFBC BUS PAID IN FULL



Left to right, Ted Barker, board members Bill Hollis and Roland Busch and banker, Lynn Hartley — Paying off the AFBC bus.

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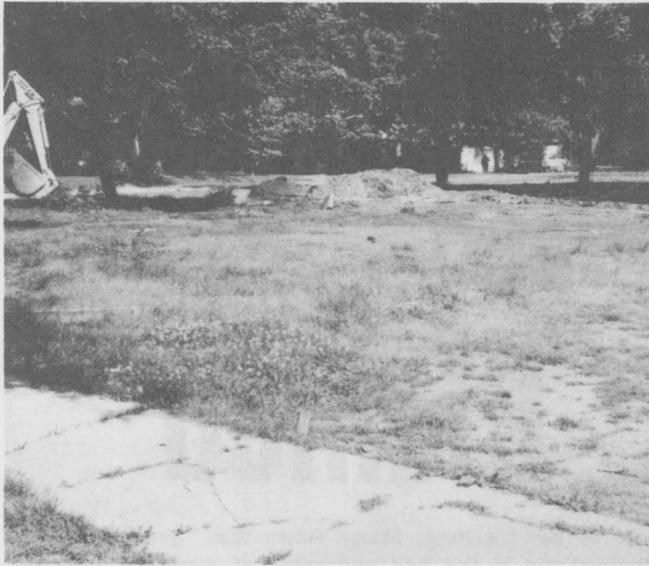
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# Supt. Cornell Reports on AFBC Progress



**Property is Cleared**

## **Baxter Springs, Kansas**

Greetings from the Apostolic Faith Bible College. The tour is now past and we are settling down to the work around the school getting ready for the start of the fall term. We would like to say the tour was a big success in every way. Applications for enrollment are still coming in and at this point we expect a full house. We again want to say thanks to all the pastors, churches, and people for all the kindnesses you showed to us while we were in your churches. Thanks for the financial support you gave to each of us, and the help given to the school.

I want to say a word of thanks to the young people who traveled with me on this tour: Janeece Randolph, Karen Crouse, Teloa Stanberry, Jimmy Botter, Marlan Sparks, Gerald Oaks, and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Arnall. These young people did a great job and were great to travel with the entire time.

After all expenses of the trip were paid, it was the desire of the Bible School Board to apply the balance of the money on the note still owed on the bus. There was a balance of \$3,000.00 and when we completed the trip, Bro. Bill Hollis, Rev. Roland Busch, Rev. Ted Barker and myself went to the bank and paid the note in full. This was a happy day for all of us. Just 19 months ago this bus was purchased at a price of \$13,000.00 plus interest. We feel the people of the Apostolic Faith Movement and other interested people have done a tremendous job in paying this note off so soon. The bus is of great value to our school and movement and already over 45,000 miles have been put on it on trips with the Bible School Choir and the annual tour each year. Thanks to each of you and may the Lord Bless you in a special way is our prayer.

A special work of thanks to Bro. Ted Barker for all

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**Dorm Construction Started**

his efforts, not only on the bus, but the burden he has carried for the entire school. He and his wife and children have done a tremendous job in leading our school the past four years. Thanks to them and may the Lord bless them is our prayer.

The following is a list of teachers who will be working with us the coming months of school:

Bible Doctrine: ..... Jacob Regier  
Phophecy: ..... Jerome Crowhurst  
History: ..... Lyndel Arnall  
Evang.: ..... Louise Sutton  
Child, Youth and Sunday  
School Training: .... Kathryn Cornell  
Music: ..... Shari Cook  
Head Cook: ..... Molly Lewis  
School Helpers: ..... Peggy Crowhurst,  
Rosalie Regier, and Kathy Arnall

Please pray for these people as they come to work in the school. We need wisdom that only God can give. Pray for the school that it will be a spiritual house for all who attend. That is my desire above all else.

The building project of the dormitory is coming along well. The steel for the building is on the ground ready to be put up at the time of this writing. Please pray that the building will be complete in time for use at enrollment time. We need this space to be able to take care of the increase of students. Thanks to all who have sent in contributions for this need. At the present time we still owe \$21,000.00 on the new property recently purchased, plus the cost of the new building which is estimated around \$35,000.00.

**Supt. Jack Cornell**

**ANNUAL WORK WEEK FOR AFBC  
AUGUST 12 — 16**

By Mary Lou Arnall,  
Catherine, Alabama

**Bloom  
Where**

# You Are Planted

Have you considered how important the beautiful things of God's creation are to our lives? After the long grey cold winter, it is so wonderful to see every tree and flower begin to bud and bloom and literally "decorate" our world, from the busiest city to the most forgotten field or pasture.

While reading an article recently by Mrs. Ruth Peale, in which she stated the importance of us "blooming where we are planted", a special message was brought home to me as I realized that surely God has a special purpose for every daisy and buttercup as well as the orchid or the gardenia. He desires beauty from our lives regardless of "where we are planted".

Are you "planted" in a home, an office, a classroom, factory or business?" God has a special purpose for you being there. Often the statement is made "oh, I'm just a housewife" — but let me tell you, this is the highest calling of a woman's life. My family, that God has entrusted me with, are the most important people in all the world to me. Remember the home and family were instituted before any other career and if I can give of my best to my family and children I believe God will honor and bring greater joy to my life for that than any other thing in the world.

What about the preparation we make in serving a meal to our families? Do we save the good table cloth and the best china for company? Shouldn't we treat our family as company; after all they should mean so much more to us than any guest we could serve. There is something special about putting a candle on the table every now and then — that can make even left-overs seem like a banquet. Talk about "blooming where we are planted" — God has planted us housewives and mothers in the most beautiful and coveted place of His garden.

But maybe you are planted in an office or classroom — still God has a special purpose for your being there. Our youngest daughter has been privileged to have a wonderful dedicated Christian school teacher this year. She has taught for over 30 years and gave her testimony recently that she had found "love" to be the greatest

tool in her teaching. Many times this year she has stopped me in the hall and asked if we could pray for one of the children in her class, and in a few days she'd come to me excited about the improvement in the child's work or attitude and the change which the Lord had brought about. Not only has Mrs. Hickey bloomed where she's planted, but she has cultivated and helped to produce precious plants and blossoms from every life she has had to enter her classroom. This makes me search my own life; "Lord, what about the lives that I come in contact with each day? Do they see the rose bud or bloom or do they remember being caught by the thorns of my words and actions."

I have thought of several places of business that God has "planted" some of His special people. These lives have bloomed and given off such a welcome fragrance that we almost hunt for a reason to go into their place of business to share the inspiration from their lives.

When you really stop to think about it — Is there really anywhere on earth that God couldn't use the beauty of a dedicated life to bring joy and happiness to others? Do you want to be a missionary? God has a mission field all around you! Get busy, start blooming.

Last spring during the severe illness of one of our loved ones, I recall a nurse, who we looked forward to seeing come on duty because she shared the beauty of love and compassion with us as we longed for every hour of life to bring back health to the one we loved so. And as I sat in that hospital room one night and looked at all the beautiful flowers that had been sent in — somehow the radiance of that nurse's life outshone every blossom in the room.

How important is our lives? Regardless of where the Lord has seen fit to "plant" us — there is a special reason He has for wanting us to bloom there. Let us pray that God will use our lives to bless and enrich the lives of others, for we may be the only blossom He has in that particular spot. May God's Name and Kingdom receive the glory due Him because "We Have Bloomed Where He Has Planted Us."

## OBITUARY OF BESSIE BELL DEPEW

Bessie Bell (Wade) Depew was born to James Dixon and Mattie Wade on December 17, 1894, near Moody, Texas. She grew to womanhood in the Sanger community. She was married to James Aaron Depew on July 5, 1914, near Bolivar, Texas. To this union two sons were born, Wade and J. W.

She was converted as a young lady and joined the Baptist Church near her home town; after moving to Ochiltree County she changed her membership to the Full Gospel Church at Perryton.

During the years, when they lived in the Huntoon Community, she was postmistress and ran the telephone switchboard in Huntoon.

Jim and Bessie had celebrated a 59th Wedding Anniversary in July; before his death on October 13, 1973. Others that preceded her in death were her father and mother and four brothers.

Leaving behind to mourn her passing are the two sons and wives, Wade and Dora of Beaver, Oklahoma, J. W. and Ethel of Perryton, Texas, seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Marie Wade, Perryton, Texas; Pearl Wade, Temple, Texas; two nieces, Eulene Brilhart, Perryton, Texas; and Ruth Johnson, Dallas, Texas.

There was always a welcome in their home for all those in the ministry. She was a Sunday School teacher and a worker with the young people for years.

Mrs. Depew was a devoted companion, mother,

grandmother and great-grandmother, a dedicated church and community worker and a great friend to all.

Services for Mrs. Bessie Depew were held in the Full Gospel Church in Perryton, Texas on April 13, 1974 at 3:00 p. m. with Bro. Harrol Waterbury in charge. She was laid to rest in the Ochiltree Cemetery. Casketbearers were her grandsons: Donald, Walter, Roland, James, Ralph, and Clinton Depew and Glen Woodruff.

### "FOR FRIENDS OF THE AGED"

*Blessed are they who understand  
my faltering step and palsied hand.  
Blessed are they who know that my ears today  
must strain to catch the things they say.  
Blessed are they who seem to know  
that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.  
Blessed are they who looked away  
when coffee spilled at the table today.  
Blessed are they with a cheery smile  
who stop to chat for a little while.  
Blessed are they who never say  
'You've told that story twice today.'  
Blessed are they who know the ways  
to bring back memories of yesterdays  
Blessed are they who make it known  
that I'm loved, respected and not alone.  
Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss  
to find the strength to carry the Cross.  
Blessed are those who ease the days  
on my journey Home in loving ways."*

## QUALIFICATIONS OF A DEACON

A DEACON MUST BE A MAN OF -

1. GOOD REPORT (Acts 6:3)-He must be a man of good reputation among those in the church as well as those outside the church.
2. "FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT" (Acts 6:3) - Littleness in the church is harmful. Churches should choose "big men" as deacons; men who have experienced redemption through Christ; men whose lives are directed by and surrendered to the Holy Spirit.
3. "FULL OF WISDOM" (Acts 6:3) - More than human wisdom is needed. What is needed is wisdom that comes from the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit.
4. "FULL OF FAITH" (Acts 6:5) - A man who is filled with faith is confident of the ultimate triumph of righteousness.
5. "GRAVE" (I Timothy 3:8) - He should be able to consider seriously the important things of life. He places great value on spiritual matters.
6. "NOT DOUBLE-TONGUES" (I Timothy 3:8) - He is dependable and responsible.
7. "NOT GIVEN TO MUCH WINE" (I Timothy 3:8) - Not only is total abstinence required, but disassociation from any connection with the alcoholic beverage industry.
8. "NOT GREEDY OF FILTHY LUCRE" (I Timothy 3:8) - His business dealings must be honorable and fair and considerate.
9. A HOLDER OF THE FAITH (I Timothy 3:9) - The deacon must be a man of conviction. He believes the basic Bible doctrines as his church interprets them.
10. TESTED AND PROVED (I Timothy 3:10) - He should, through his life and practice, prove himself qualified and worthy for the office of deacon.
11. "BLAMELESS" (I Timothy 3:10) - His life and service should be so exemplary that no charge can be brought against him.
12. HOME LIFE (I Timothy 3:11, 12) - All qualifications will find their best expressions in the home where every man has his best opportunity to be a Christian influence.
13. "HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE" (I Timothy 3:12) - The deacon's home is to be an example of unity and solidarity in God's will.
14. RULE THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR HOUSES (I Timothy 3:12) - He will manage his home well. He is loved and respected by his wife and children. He should be firm, but with the compassion and tenderness of Christ.



### Spearman, Texas

We are thankful that the Lord has promised to meet with us if we meet in His name. We have had some guest speakers in our services. Bro. Jacob Regier has been in our services several times. The Bible School group was here on a Monday night. Their program was enjoyed and was a blessing. A group from the Faith Student Center of Canyon was here one Sunday night to sing and testify. Bro. and Sis. Keith Barker of Wichita, Kansas, Bro. and Sis. J. E. James of Amarillo, Texas and Doug Hibbs of Liberal, Kansas were here for week-end services the first week in April. Then Bro. Don Russell and his wife from McAllen, Texas of Missions to Mexico were here for Saturday night and Easter Sunday.

We are praying for revival and trust some evangelist will have a burden to minister to us. There is a reward to the faithful and there are many ways to be faithful so let us all be doers as well as hearers of the word.

**Bro. Winston Barker, Pastor**  
**Mrs. Irwin Delk, Reporter**

### Westminster, Colorado

Greetings in Jesus' Name. We are glad for the wonderful presence of the Lord which has prevailed in each service since we have been here. Hazel and I have enjoyed our labors in this area but we feel our work is through here and we have resigned. Our future plans are indefinite; we are seeking to know God's will. We are open for calls and we can be reached at the following address or phone number:

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Thornton, Colo. 80229  
Ph. 303-287-4788

Anyone feeling a burden for the church here and wishing to work with this people should contact Ed Brening.

3014 Victor  
Aurora, Colo. 80010  
Ph. 303-366-0918

**Rev. Bob G. Taylor, Pastor**

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### Taneyville, Missouri

We want to let everyone know how much God has blessed here in Taneyville. We moved into the new parsonage January 14th and we are really enjoying it's beauty as well as it's extra space. It has four bedrooms, two baths, utility room, living room and combined kitchen and dining area. The pastor and the members of the church are well pleased with the uplift it has given to the church and community, but most of all we are thankful that God moved in mysterious ways to enable us to acquire the property and then to allow us to build it by moving upon hearts of men, women, boys and girls to support a most worthy project. We appreciate our young people here at Taneyville, who have been very faithful to help make money in various ways and give the proceeds to the parsonage fund.

We have been praying for a revival for several weeks, and after contacting several with no results, we asked God to send whom He wanted. On Sunday morning April 28th Bro. Otto Busch walked into the church. No one knew he was coming except the Lord. He was certainly anointed of the Lord in his message that morning and the revival started then, although he didn't officially start it till the following Wednesday night. Two young ladies received the Holy Spirit that night and on Wednesday night several were saved. I could hardly wait for each night's service to begin for the anticipation of what God was going to do for us. Only God knows for sure all the accomplishments but when we took our own personal account, we came up with 12 saved, 10 or more sanctified, 3 received the Holy Spirit, plus several testifying to receiving freedom in the Holy Spirit that did not have it before. We appreciate Bro. Busch following the leading of the spirit. He planted and watered and the Lord gave the increase. Sis. Naomi and Brad were also with us for one week-end during the revival and blessed us with their testimony and songs.

In the near future, hopefully by the next issue of the Report, we plan to send in pictures of the new parsonage and give the date of the dedication service and open house. We would like to extend an invitation to everyone in this area to attend this service. I would like to encourage everyone who reads this to continue on in the service of the Lord. Surely Jesus is coming soon and since we do not know the day or the hour, it will pay us to keep our lives ready.

**Pat Robinson, Reporter**  
**Danny Robinson, Pastor**

### Guymon, Oklahoma

Our pastor and his wife will be leaving June 19, the Lord willing, for the lifetime dream of a tour to the Holy Land. They will return on July 4. Our Easter Cantata, "Alleluia" was well received by over 400 in the morning worship service. That night we enjoyed having a concert by the "College Vibrations" of AFBC. Our Activity Center is nearing completion and we're thanking God for it. We have a new organ and the young people are taking on the responsibility of making the payments on it. God is blessing in our services.

**Edwin Modrick, Pastor**

## Las Vegas, Nevada

During the past two months the Lord has done so much for us here. We had a testimony from a young married woman in which the spirit of the Lord blessed and showed the power of the testimony of Jesus in a life.

We had a three day youth retreat. Some youngsters were saved and they have been attending church regularly, praise the Lord! Bro. and Sis. Regier were here and held a revival for us. They were really a blessing and the services were outstanding. During the revival we had the Maranatha Joy Singers come and sing for us. We also had a youth choir concert during that time. The revival lasted for two weeks but the spirit of it is continuing on in our regular services. Bro. and Sis. Roland Busch visited us during the revival and shared with us what the Lord is doing at the Bible College in Baxter Springs. Sis. Pshigoda left shortly after the revival started. We hated to see her go, but it was necessary.

Our youth choir has sung at the rescue mission twice, and they are sounding pretty good. The Lord has opened the door for us to start building a new church. He has provided a building lot for us and we are really looking forward to starting a building on it. God Bless you.

### Francis Dearing, Pastor

A testimony from Tom Lord, a former Bible School student now attending church at the Full Gospel Tabernacle of Las Vegas, Nevada:

After I left Bible School I went home to Los Angeles, California. I wasn't doing much for the Lord; in fact I wasn't even going to church. But then the Lord called me here to Las Vegas and things are just right between me and the Lord once again. Since I have been here He's done a lot for me. Calvin Klaus and I are living together, and thank God for our own place that He has provided for us. Just last Sunday night the Lord healed me of a cough that I've had and also took away the pains in my chest. He's not only saved my soul but He has healed my body, Hallelujah. He's just so good to me! On April 30 I celebrated my first birthday; I've been a Christian for a year now. The Lord has a lot more to change in me yet, but I know He won't give up no matter what may come. He has solved a lot of problems and hang-ups that I had. I still have a few problems and hang-ups but they won't be around very long because Jesus is taking them away. Hallelujah! May the Good Lord Bless you.

### Tom Lord

## Katy, Texas

We enjoyed having the College Vibration Singers with us Sunday morning, April 28. Dinner was served for all at the Elementary School Cafetorium. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner and a good time of fellowship. Our VBS will be held May 29 through June 1. The Christian Neighbors group made German hamburgers for the Youth Camp at Sis. Marilyn Stanberry's house recently. We continue to have very good attendance in our regular services.

### G. K. Kerr, Pastor

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## Midway Country Church Logan, Oklahoma

The Lord is blessing in our church and it seems we are all busy at this time of year. Our DVBS will be conducted from May 28th through June 1st. The theme we will be using is "Good News Is Jesus". Sis. Lois Harper is our superintendent this year and she has been faithfully working on it for several weeks. June 1st our church will host the Youth Rally. We like to see our young people active for God. Sunday, May 5th Bro. and Sis. Floyd LaMunyon were with us for the service. Their singing and Bro. Floyd's messages were anointed by the Holy Spirit and everyone was blessed.

Bro. and Sis. Wayne Messner just recently returned from a trip to the Holy Land. They have shown some of their pictures to the church and have plans to show some more. The reports they bring back make us realize more how soon the "Coming of Jesus" is. Our church people will be joining with others of the area in a clean-up at the camp grounds May 20 and 21.

### Rev. Doyle Wiles, Pastor Edith Lamunyon, Reporter

## Granby, Missouri

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Philippians 4:4, Praise God because we can rejoice and live victoriously now!

Our church people are trying to believe God for bigger and better things. We were instructed about this during our recent revival with Rev. and Mrs. George Bollinger. God blessed abundantly thru their ministry to us.

The College Vibrations were with us one Sunday night during the revival. Their singing inspired and blessed us. There was a large crowd and lots of visitors to hear them.

Sis. Dale and the Wesley Westons also visited the revival with the Bollingers. We enjoyed the Westons' singing and testimonies of a living faith in God.

Bro. and Sis. Martin and Erran are leaving us the last week of May. We will miss them but know that God has other work for them to do.

### Ronnie Martin, Pastor Faye Neff, Reporter

## Rockdale, Texas

Our church enjoyed a good revival held by Bro. and Sis. Bennie Stanberry the first part of April. Bro. Stanberry's daughter and son-in-law (Norma Jean and James Doty) assisted him in the revival. We appreciate their work for the Lord.

The Youth Rally was held the night of May 11th and even though the crowd was small we had a good service. Bro. Tim Pitts and Miss Fran Carter will be married the last day of May. Our prayers are with this fine young couple for years of married happiness together. Pray also for our church people. Mrs. T. M. Lanford passed away in March. The church will miss her as she was such a faithful Christian sister.

### Bro. Van Blythe, Pastor Mrs. Jerry Hosek, Reporter

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## Catherine, Alabama

The Lord has been so very good to us this spring and we have much to praise Him for. The church at Ashland is showing new interest and growth and we are looking forward to the coming year and our work there. We had a week of Religious Emphasis here at the Academy the week before Easter and the Lord really blessed our hearts each day. We had different speakers from the colleges and academies in Alabama to share their testimonies with us. Then on Friday our own students and faculty members gave their testimonies. Our 55 minute session lasted for two hours — but it was a very touching and most inspiring time. It has been one of the greatest joys of our lives to work with the students and faculty and share Jesus Christ with them.

The week following Easter each of the 76 Bible students wrote a theme on "What God Means To Me". These themes are treasured testimonies of ours and made our hearts rejoice to see some fruits from our labors. We desire your prayers for the work here, that God will continue to bless.

**Bro. and Sis. Jim Arnall**

## Dumas, Texas

Greetings from Dumas. We want to report that God is blessing us here. We have ordered the material for our new church. It will be September before we can get them, but they are ordered, and we're looking forward to having a new building. Help us pray that God will supply every need as we build. We're trusting Him to see it through and we know He will.

We extend an invitation to ministers and gospel workers of the movement to be with us in service.

**Austin Sutton, Pastor  
Nina Traylor, Reporter**

## Stockton, California

We had a gracious revival with Bro. and Sis. Roland Busch. Shari Cook and Carolyn Quesenbury were a real blessing to all of us with their music. Each service was outstanding. There were four or five sanctified during the week. The entire church was blessed and strengthened. Each service seemed to be a melting time.

Our "fill in" time here is fast coming to an end. June 23rd will be our last service. We are grateful to God for the months we have had here. The church people have been wonderful to us. We will certainly go away refreshed for having been here. We plan to be home in time for Camp Meeting and then on to Bible School. Sherman has not been feeling well at all. We would appreciate your prayers for him.

**Sherman and Louise Sutton, Pastors**

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Catherine Academy Awards Night was held April 23 in the High School Gymnasium. The Bible Department, headed by Bro. Jim Arnall, awarded a Thompson Chain Reference Bible to Randy Dunnam. "Most Outstanding Bible Student of the Year." He was selected by the Faculty and Student body on Character, attitude and by a theme "What God Means To Me."

Randy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunnam, Linden, Alabama.

Randy's theme is reprinted below.

## WHAT GOD MEANS TO ME

God means life everlasting, a friendship that no one can take away, a Savior that was willing to die for me that I may live for ever. God means so much to me that it is hard to put into words. He is a friend where there are no friends, and a Lord above all lords to guide me through my dark and trying moments and to bring me to the clear, clean days that I may live for Him. He shows me right from wrong and good from evil. He turns me toward the paths of righteousness, so I may never be misled by this world. He gives me courage where in life of the earth it would be fear. He gives me the eyes to see the beauty that He has given to me and the thoughts that make me rejoice because I know that I have a God that loves me so much that he gave his son, so that I would have life and a home to go to after this world, that no suffering, pain, or sorrow will ever be with me again, but peace, love, and happiness will be mine if I will be changed from the ways of this world, to the ways of everlasting happiness for everyone.

When you accept Him as Lord and Savior, He will reveal to you the wrong in your life, that you may ask Him for His forgiveness, that you may have the joy and happiness and a life that will be filled with the Spirit of God.

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Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Christenson

**Enid, Oklahoma**

We're really feasting on the blessings of the Lord here. God has sent us a good revival through the labors of Barry Methvin and David McCance. The meeting closed Friday, May 3 after 13 days of spirit-filled services starting the evening of April 21, but we pray that the revival will continue and grow in the hearts and lives of all who attended. We saw five saved and Christians were revived and blessed around full altars. We praise our God for the way we have seen Him work and move among our young people and the older folk alike.

We're thankful to have Sis. Paula Buschman helping us in our church. She has taken charge of our young people's services on Sunday nights.

The picture enclosed was taken April 20 at the housewarming held for Bro. and Sis. Elmer Christenson at our recently remodeled parsonage. Gifts were brought by the church people as a token of thanks to them for all the hard work, time and effort they had put forth on the parsonage. The work was started last summer and three rooms and two baths have been added plus remodeling of the living and dining room areas, with plans to remodel the kitchen later on. The people of our congregation have all been great to donate their labor and finances for this badly needed project. We thank Bro. Doc Methvin for his important contribution of putting the finishing touches on the walls and ceilings.

**Elmer Christenson, Pastor**  
**Sue Phares, Reporter**

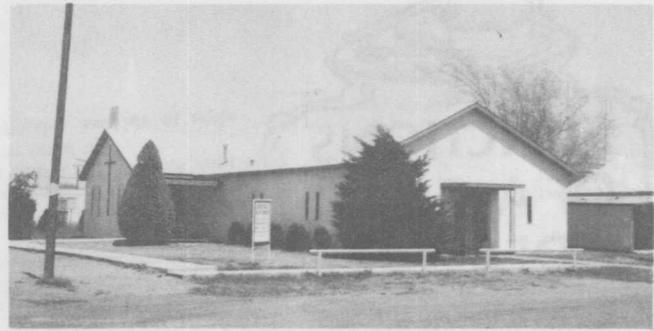
**Perryton, Texas**

We at Perryton are rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord. There has been a steady growth in number the past number of months, including several Christian families who have recently moved to Perryton and already have been a blessing to the church. A number of unsaved are also in attendance every Sunday, and we are all praying these will be reached by the Lord's conviction.

We have seen several saved the last few months. The Sunday before Easter we broke the all time Sunday School record with 171 people present and close to 250 in the morning worship service.

The week of April 5 through April 11, we had a "prayer revival". About 65 people signed the list, choosing one hour to pray each day for a week of chain prayer. A number also participated who did not sign the list. It was a great week in the Lord, and some of the prayers have already been answered. We are all excited at the prospects of what God is going to do,

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A. F. Church, Arnett, Oklahoma

for we know God honors His Word, and God does answer prayer.

**Rev. Harrol Waterbury, Pastor**

**Arnett, Oklahoma**

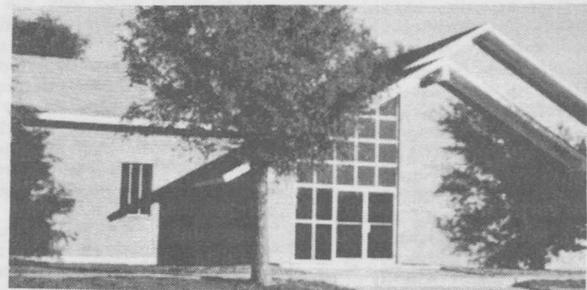
We had a very wonderful day of Anniversary Services on Sunday, April 28. Many ministers from the area came for the day and four of the former pastors were present. Bro. and Sis. Jake Pletcher, who started the work here began a revival for us April 24th and it closed May 2nd. The church was blessed by their ministry.

For our Anniversary Services Bro. Lealand Grimmer preached the morning service, Bros. Rene Heil and Geo. Vassar shared the afternoon service and Bro. Jack Pletcher brought the evening message. Bro. and Sis. Bill Cornell from Perryton came and had charge of the singing and special numbers. There were around 150 for the basket dinner at noon. We are very encouraged in the church and are expecting great things from God. One lady received a very wonderful experience in the Holy Spirit. We really feel refreshed in the Lord.

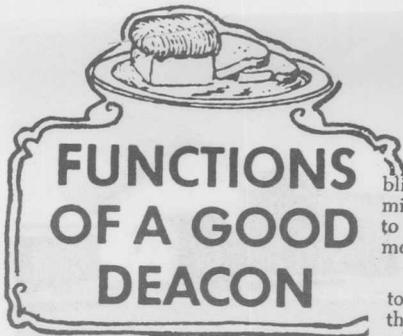
The following is a list of the pastors of this church from its beginning to date:

Jake Pletcher .....	1939 - 1944
Harold Cooper .....	1944 - 1945
Frank Stimpson .....	1945 - 1950
Ted Jackson .....	1950 - 1951
George Vassar .....	1951 - 1952
Jim Weiss .....	1952 - 1956
Harold Bollinger .....	1956 - 1958
Roy Wooster .....	1958 - 1959
Louise Sutton .....	1959 - 1962
Leland Grimmer .....	1962 - 1966
Hap Blythe .....	1966 - 1970
Rene Heil .....	1970 - 1973
E. K. Cornell .....	1973 -

**Bro. and Sis. E. K. Cornell, Pastors**



Full Gospel Church, Perryton, Texas



# FUNCTIONS OF A GOOD DEACON

by John Eller

The office of deacon is almost as old as the church (Acts 6:1-7). Though preceded by the clergy in both history and position, the opportunities for service are many at this level of lay participation.

Some pastors experience communication failure with their deacon boards and vice-versa. A contributing cause may stem from a lack of understanding the role of deacon.

### Purpose

The Early Church recorded phenomenal growth. As the disciples continued to multiply, a complaint arose from the Grecians who felt their widows received less food than the Hebrews in the daily distribution.

The church initiated action to select a committee of capable men to resolve this conflict and bring unity between factions. The qualifications, destined to stand the test of time, would require men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost, and endowed with wisdom.

These laymen would fulfill a supporting role to the clergy, complementing the work of the ministry. Appointed to the business at hand in serving tables, they would release the spiritual leaders to give full attention to prayer and propagation of the Word.

The individuals chosen were men stable in the faith as were their pastors. They were temperate, earnest, with character and abilities already proved by lesser responsibilities. It was required that they have good wives and families as examples to the congregation. Men of like caliber are still in demand 20 centuries later.

### Practice

Duties of deacons are multiple and may vary with each assembly. However, several basic principles guide their activities toward common goals—the glory of God and the welfare of the church.

*Faithfulness* is the prime quality looked for in men who serve the house of God. Regular and special meetings of the official board require their presence, punctuality, and participation. The pastor finds these occasions beneficial as he seeks their advice and counsel.

Confidence is mandatory in certain matters under discussion or review, while a steady hand is necessary in problem areas. As good stewards, deacons are often called

upon to approve expenditures. In many assemblies they serve as the pulpit committee in times of pastoral change to interview applicants and recommend a candidate.

*Loyalty* is another important factor in good deacons. Respect for their position begins with acknowledgment of the pastor as the spiritual leader of the church. They support him publicly and privately.

In making decisions, the board looks for the most good for the most people, and what is *best* in God's will. Never would they act because of anger or duress, but always prayerfully, making decisions with respect and support for majority rule.

*Responsiveness* is an admirable trait in religious leaders, especially deacons. They should always be sensitive to the needs and opinions

of the congregation, and inform the pastor when called upon. Their perspective should be an objective overview unaffected by personal prejudice.

Good deacons give attention to the maintenance of physical facilities while aware of growth needs and future planning. They also seek ways to better care for the temporal needs of their pastor, with an annual review of salary and benefits. Alert laymen can spare their minister embarrassment with awareness of his financial situation in light of changing economy.

### Privilege

Deaconship should be regarded by all who enter as an open door for Christian service rendered unto the Lord and the church. It must never be looked upon as a burden. As an act of appreciation for the confidence of his fellow members, the deacon should be regular in church attendance.

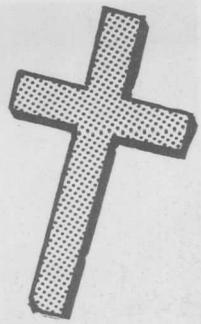
The deacon should acquaint himself with the local constitution and and acquire a general knowledge of current bylaw agreements and related precedents. He should always be willing to serve the church within this framework but should not be offended if awarded a sabbatical through a rotating system or by choice of the voting constituency.

The office must seek the man, not the man seek the office. Regard for this unwritten law has spared many men the frustrations found in roots of bitterness springing up from political intrigue. At any point of their service or the cessation of it, good deacons encourage support for present church leaders, promote unity, and build an atmosphere of optimism in the work of God.

Deaconship requires those exceptional individuals who refuse anything which may be contrary to scriptural precepts, but are equally unwilling to reject categorically everything that does not immediate-

ly conform to their own personal tastes. These must be godly men, subordinate to the pastor, subject to the people, yet sensitive to the will of God. They thus become true servants of Christ's kingdom on earth.

The *Living Bible* paraphrases well the benefits and dividends of this ministry: "Those who do well as deacons will be well rewarded both by respect from others and also by developing their own confidence and bold trust in the Lord" (1 Timothy 3:13).



**How To Start The Day**  
**MORNING PRAYER**

From crown of my head to soles of my feet  
I give to Jesus my being complete,  
For guidance and wisdom throughout this day,  
Every step that I take, every word that I say.

Cause me to meet the ones I should see  
Help me to speak the words I should say,  
Keep me from folks, Whoever they be,  
Unless I can help them or they can help me.

Help me treat others as I'd have them treat me  
And as I forgive others, Dear Lord forgive me,  
Temper each word and act with Thy love  
And give me the wisdom that comes from above.

Keep me from sickness, accidents and sin  
And help me be patient and kind to all men,  
Give faith and hope, I humbly pray  
With courage and strength throughout the day.

I thank Thee for life, for home and love,  
For food and raiment — gifts from above —  
For Jesus who died to save me from sin,  
For life everlasting through His name. — Amen

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## Surprise In Heaven

*I dreamed death came the other night  
And heavens' gate swung wide;  
An Angel with a halo bright  
Ushered me inside.*

*And there to my astonishment  
Stood folks I'd judged and laveled  
As "quite unfit; of little worth"  
And "spiritually disabled!"*

*Indignant words rose to my lips  
But never were set free  
For every face showed stunned surprise . . .  
NOT ONE EXPECTED ME!*

### NOTICE

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Editorial Board

A. F. Report

**The**

# **Call**

**of**

# **GOD**

**Janece Randolph  
Perryton, Texas**

'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' John 1:1. But God sent His Son into the world, to give his life that we might each one accept salvation and have eternal life.

If a person will accept Christ and be saved, many times God puts a "call" on their lives to do a special service. There are many different phases in which a person may be called: ministers, musicians, missionaries, witnesses, gospel workers, or maybe a prayer warrior and altar worker. Each one is very important.

A person doesn't have to have a very extravagant talent for God to call and use them. In Acts 26:16 speaking to Paul, Jesus said, "But rise and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in which I will appear unto thee." In himself Paul was unable to do the things that lay ahead, but with the Lord to help him, he was a wonderful minister and servant of God. Ephesians 3:7 says, "Whereof I was made a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power." Ministers are "called" of God if they are truly a minister of God. Paul was given power and wisdom through the Lord.

When Jesus was on earth during his ministry, He just chose his disciples to come and follow Him. They were chosen in an audible voice from Jesus, but today, the Holy Spirit calls us to service. This is sometimes difficult, because we worry whether it is the definite call of God or our own personal desires.

God calls many to service for Him, but not all are willing to accept the call. "Then Jesus said unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24. Following after God is not an easy task by any means. The path is straight and narrow, but a person can never be happier than when he is in the perfect will of God, answering the call of God.

We cannot completely answer the call of God unless we are willing to give up the earthly things and concentrate on the divine things above. The Lord must have complete control of our thoughts and actions. That means leaving all behind. Luke 14:33 states, So likewise whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

Each person has a different capacity in which he is called of God to do. As in the parable of the talents, some are given more talents than others, but we are to bear fruit in each talent the Lord gives us, or that talent may be taken away. John 15: 8 says, Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciple." Man is not given his talents in order to glorify himself, but in order to glorify his heavenly Father which is in Heaven. After all, we have absolutely nothing except what God has given us. Therefore, everything should be done in a manner in which to glorify God, our Father.

Many times people are called of God, but they are not willing to do what the Lord has in store for them. This can be a tragic thing, because not only are they refusing God, but their lives will not be in tune with Him, making life miserable, John 5:40, "And ye will not come to me, that ye may have life. Therefore, my God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: . . ." Hosea 9:17.

To answer the call of God, we must do it to the best of our ability and with whole heartedness. We should want to do this out of love. "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Deuteronomy 6:5. If we love the Lord with a whole heart, that means we also trust Him. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Proverbs 3:5. Maybe things are confusing to a person when God calls them to do a work. If the Lord asks you to do something, He's going to give you the understanding and wisdom needed at the time. After all, He knows about everything and the best way to solve them. It's wonderful to serve an all-knowing God!

No matter what the call of God may be on your life, never take it lightly. Count it a privilege and honor to serve the Lord. Each one has a special purpose in the family of God, whether they are weak, strong, rich, or poor. He is no respecter of persons. That's wonderful! "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15:58.

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**CAMP MEETING SERVICES**

At the last ministers' and laymen's meeting, it was decided to have Special Camp Meeting services, for the people of the tri-state area, at the Camp Grounds, at Baxter Springs, so those who are unable to go to Laverne, can still be in this type of services.

These will be night services only, except for the last Sunday, which will be all day services. Starting Monday night, July 1st, and closing with all day services with basket dinner on July 7th.

Those coming to camp will find accommodations in the dorms at the Camp Grounds, and also motels are available. O. A. Busch was elected to be in charge of the services.

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**ANNUAL APOSTOLIC FAITH  
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**ALL MINISTERS AND CHURCH OFFICIALS**

You MUST obtain an official ballot from the Apostolic Faith Bible School, P.O. Box 110, Baxter Springs, Kansas 66713 in order to vote in the primary election for the Bible School Trustee.

You MUST cast your vote by this official ballot by August 1, 1974. Mail to Box 110, Baxter Springs, Kans. 66713, c/o Jack Cornell.

These are the rules approved by the ministers and church officials at our Annual Business Meeting last December at the close of Bible School. (refer to the January-February 1973 issue of the Apostolic Faith Report page 3 under the title Annual Business Meeting Report under the sub-title 1. Trustee Elections, for full information).

Trustee William T. Hollis' term expires December 15, 1974.

Annual Business Meeting will be at Camp Meeting in Laverne, Okla. Date will be announced later.

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