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to
the
Memory
of
Sister
Lula
Parham

The righteous perisheth,
and no man layeth it to
heart: and merciful men are
taken away, none considering
that the righteous is taken
away from the evil to come.
He shall enter into peace:
they shall rest

Isaiah 57: 1, 2a



Editorial . . .

STANDING AT THE BRINK OF THE NEW YEAR

"But the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins." I Peter 4: 7, 8.

Another year has been granted us — another new clean page to write our history upon. We stand at the edge of our new year with gratefulness in our hearts for past blessings which are too numerous to mention, and with a little apprehension at what the new year may hold for us. God in his wisdom keeps the knowledge of the future from us. He deems it best for us to take one moment at a time, and his strength and grace for the trial comes just that way. How often have I heard people say, "We don't know what we can go through and how much we can take till its forced upon us" and "If I had have been told ahead of time about this situation I'm faced with I would have said I can't stand up to that." But in the hour of need his grace is sufficient and we find "He giveth, and giveth and giveth again."

Things are happening so thick and fast in this day and time that we hardly have time to recover from one shock till another has hit us. I believe we are living in the time "when the very elect will be deceived if possible." We desperately need to heed Peter's admonition to be sober and "watch unto prayer" and to "have fervent charity among ourselves". We need each other and we need each others prayers and encouragement. So often the thing that we have been so verbally hard on others for looks so very different to us when we meet it face to face, either for ourselves or those that we love the best. Much too often we have to eat our words — words too hastily spoken — judgments too quickly made; and usually from the viewpoint of a spectator rather than from first hand knowledge. In our sports oriented society I think we all know how easy it is to be an "armchair Quarterback" calling the plays, making judgment from the comfort of the "recliner." Unless we've been in their shoes we are not qualified to make the decisions. Our attitude should be of prayerful concern lest we be tempted in the same or a worse way. We find reasons for the failures and shortcomings of those we love and we seek to restore them with patience and understanding — but we too often find "absolutely no excuse" for others. Charity finds no pleasure in the misfortune of others; charity prays for the fallen; charity pleads for mercy and employs restoration and forgiveness. With what measure we meet it shall come back to us again. If we are critical and harsh of judgment we can expect critical harsh judgment in our darkest hour of need. But on the other hand mercy, kindness and understanding begat more of the same.

Peter warns "the end of all things is at hand" and I believe it. We haven't time to let the devil defeat us even for a moment — for that may be the moment that God chooses for His Son's returning. The saddest thing in all the world is not to be ready for the "Coming of the Lord". It will be sad for those who have never given

their hearts to Jesus, but the saddest stories of all will be of those who gave up at the last moment after having spent their entire lives in the Lord's service. Not one of us is safe outside of the blood of Jesus Christ. Without Him everyone of us will fail. Let us "watch unto prayer" and have "fervent charity among ourselves" and above all hold fast to His hand who shall never let us fall. May this be the greatest year of our lives because He is at the helm of our ship and His Spirit is guiding us to be a blessing to others.

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Beneath-the-surface Trouble And Its Answer

"THERE ARE THOUSANDS HACKING AT THE BRANCHES OF EVIL TO ONE WHO IS STRIKING AT THE ROOT" — THOREAU



"REPENTANCE AND REMISSION OF SINS SHOULD BE PREACHED IN HIS (CHRIST'S) NAME AMONG ALL NATIONS" — LUKE 24:47

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING report:

(held December 15, 1972
at the
Bible College)

In the business meeting of the Apostolic Faith Ministers and Laity held in Baxter Springs, Kansas, December 15, 1972 these issues were voted upon and resolved as follows:

I

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

(1) A candidate for Trustee shall be nominated by a nominating ballot. A nominating ballot shall be sent to the existing Bible School Board by all eligible voters by August 1st. This name submitted will be their personal choice for Bible School Trustee. The nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be contacted as to their willingness to serve. Two persons names, willing to serve and receiving the most nominating votes, will be placed on an election ballot. All eligible voters will vote for their choice for Trustee of the Apostolic Faith Bible School.

(2) The Board of Trustees will have official ballots printed and all eligible voters must write for or ask Trustees for official ballot.

(3) Each Apostolic Faith Minister has one (1) valid vote. Each Apostolic Faith Church has two (2) valid votes.

This election procedure shall be in effect for one year only, and if not satisfactory shall revert to original procedure.

II

ORDINATION OF MINISTERS AND GOSPEL WORKERS AT BIBLE SCHOOL

Any candidate for Ordination as a Minister or Gospel Worker of the Apostolic Faith Movement should have a period of active ministry of one (1) to three (3) years before enjoying the privileges of ordination. Recommendations from home church boards and pastors would influence this time period. The Trustees of Apostolic Faith Bible School would offer "letter of activity" to Draft Boards stating actual ministerial activities of applicant.

III

TRUSTEES TERM OF OFFICE

An overwhelming majority felt that the term of office should not be restricted to any period of time. May they serve as long as God wants them to.

IV

THE BIBLE SCHOOL PROPERTIES USED MORE

- (1) A great majority would like to see a longer school term.
- (2) Many would like to see a singing school conducted.
- (3) A Sunday School Workshop conducted.
- (4) A Soul-winning workshop appeals to many.
- (5) Sunday School literature would be helpful.

V

APOSTOLIC FAITH REPORT

(1) An editorial Board for the Report was voted down, because the majority felt that the Bible School Trustees could and should handle job.

(2) Reports from churches, revivals, special activities, news, sermons are responsibilities of churches and pastors. Trustees or Editor cannot help this situation. **Your paper needs you.**

(3) Sermons of Apostolic Faith Truths and Doctrines will be forthcoming.

VI

ADVISORY BOARD

The idea of an Advisory Board to be appointed each year by the Trustees was accepted. The Advisory Board members are to be appointed from different areas of the country to serve one year in the promotion of the Apostolic Faith Bible School. To advise when called upon in the construction, repair or purchasing of building facilities, supplies, and the help required to promote the spiritual growth of the School and paper. And in general to help promote this Gospel — to "Rescue the perishing, care for the dying", to sound aloud the Trumpet for Christ's Coming is at Hand.

Bro. Ted Barker will again be the Superintendent of our Apostolic Faith Bible College. He does plan a tour of the churches again this year. He is working on a tentative schedule that will be printed next month after he has confirmation on some dates. At the present he thinks the tour will start in February and will be completed in the first part of May. Those former students traveling with him this year will be; Shari Cook, Janee' Girouard, Carolyn and Glowanda Quesenbury and Joe Randolph.

Bro. Jim Fox of Balko, Oklahoma was elected to the board of trustees to succeed Bro. Doyle Wiles who retired from this position this year after serving several years in this capacity. Our thanks and appreciation to Bro. Wiles for his untiring service to the Apostolic Faith Movement.

In our study of Jesus Christ in prophecy, we find the first mention in the Bible of a redeemer of man from sin, is found near the beginning of the record we have of the history of man. As we know man was placed in a beautiful environment, but did not retain his sinless state with God. At the time man sinned in the sight of God, he was promised a plan whereby he would be redeemed from sin if he chose to do so. Gen. 3: 15 tells us the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head, and his seed would bruise the man's heel. Here begins the highway of the seed — Seth, Noah, Shem, and then came the promise to Abraham. Gen. 12: 1-9 describes the setting forth of the promise to Abraham, "in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed".

Abraham went forth to do God's will. The faith of Abraham is the faith all have sought for. It was counted unto him for righteousness. The promise was carried out in the seed of Abraham.

Isaiah tells us more, there will be healing for the body. Isaiah 35: 5 "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed."

Why and how the stripes, we are to find out, seven hundred years later, yet through faith they received their healing. We find that the one to rule God's children is told of in Micah's description given of the town of Bethlehem, also, Psalms 132: 5 "Until I find out a place for the Lord, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob."

"The prophecies of our redeemer reach out to include the forerunner of the redeemer. Isaiah 40: 3, "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exhalted and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain."

JESUS CHRIST

in prophecy

(AFBC 1972 Prophecy I Term theme by Harlan Clarke, Amarillo, Texas)

Isaac was assured of the promise. In Gen. 26:4 God told Isaac, that in thee all nations shall be blessed. Isaac went his way to follow God's plan and in his seed Jacob received the confirmation from God. Gen. 28: 12-15 says "in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed". We find Gen. 35: 10 God changed the name of Jacob to Israel and gave the promise that, "a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins".

The promise of a company of nations went to one of the sons of Israel. Gen. 48: 10 tells us "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come, and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." The prophetic promise is carried on through the lineage of David, 2 Samuel 7: 12-13 tells us that in the seed of David, "I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever."

The where and how of the redeemer is told by the prophet Isaiah approximately seven hundred years before the birth of Christ. Here we find the description of the redeemer makes us to believe he will be like unto man. Isaiah 7: 14 "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel". Micah 5: 2 tells us the place of the redeemer on earth. "But thou Bethlehem Ephratah though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to rule in Israel, whose going forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

We are now to see that a redeemer born of woman, named Immanuel, born in Bethlehem will make a way to restore man to a sinless state in God's presence.

As we move on toward the time of the coming of the redeemer we find that there are fulfillments of some prophecies of the forerunner and prophecies as to who is to be the virgin that shall bare a son.

Matthew 3: 3. "For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Then came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judah, telling of the one that was to come after him, who was before him, whose shoe latches he was not worthy to unloose. John preached repentance of sin and water baptism for the remission of sin, he told of the one to come that would baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

The prophecies of the one to bring forth the redeemer were being fulfilled. Luke 1: 22-35 tells of the angel Gabriel's prophecies to the virgin Mary. Matthew 1: 21, "And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." We see now so many prophecies concerning the Saviour redeemer were being fulfilled. Matthew 2: 1-20 an angel appeared to Joseph. Matthew 2: 1-2 Prophecies to wise men telling them where to find the new born king. As we move toward the birth of the promised redeemer, we find that God reveals the redeemer. Luke 2: 9 "And lo the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shown round about them and they (the shepherds) were sore afraid." Some feared the coming of a redeemer; there were those that feared lest he would be the king of the Jews. Matthew 2: 3 "When Herrod the king had heard these things he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him."

As prophecy had pointed out, Jesus was born in Bethlehem. The Son of God was born of the virgin Mary. We find that God rules in the lives of men, even rulers, to fulfill his promise to his children. Joseph, the husband of Mary, was visited by an angel in a dream at the time that the life of Jesus was threatened by the order from Herrod to slay all males two years and younger, and told him to take the child and his mother into Egypt. They were to stay there until the time of safety for Jesus to live in the land of Israel was accomplished. Jesus was revealed to be the Son of God as the light of God came unto men. Matthew 16: 17 Jesus told Peter, that to be known as the Son of God was revealed unto him by His Father which is in heaven.

Healing was told of Isaiah in chapter 53: 4-6 "by his stripes ye were healed." 2 Peter 2: 24, 25, tells us, "Who his own self bare our sins in his in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." We find in God's plan where is healing include in the giving of the redeemer.

The prophecies of preaching and teaching by Jesus are many and show to us the fullness of the plan of redemption. Isaiah 62: 1 - 2 prophecies about the Spirit and anointing of God that was fulfilled when Jesus stood up to read — Luke 4: 18 in part, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, to set prisoners free." Luke 4: 21 Jesus began to say unto them, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

Jesus taught the people by parables as written in Matthew 13: 35, "I will open my mouth in parables telling things that have been secret." We find that Jesus spoke to the people in a way that they were able to understand things not otherwise understood.

In prophecies pertaining to Jesus being accepted of man, are found Matthew 21: 1-11, As Jesus entered Jerusalem the multitude cried Hosanna to the Son of God. In Zechariah 9: 9 it was told the king cometh unto you. We see also that some rejected the one that many had hoped would set them free. It was told in Isaiah 53: 12 He was numbered with the transgressors, and in Mark 15: 13 the people cried out crucify him. Other incidents of rejection of the Son of God are in John 1: 11 - 12, "He came to his own and his own received him not." As we look for his second coming we see the rejection by those living. Luke 17: 25 says he must first suffer many things and be rejected. We know that at his second coming salvation and pure holiness will not be the rule of the day. Many will wax cold and not be concerned about being saved from their sins.

Jesus told his disciples about being received by false Christs and false teachers. Matthew 24: 4 - 5 "Take heed that no man deceive you. . . . Many will come in my name." Luke 17: 23 - 24 When they show you where he is, believe them not. We find the signs of the second coming of Jesus in the word that are worthy to believe and follow. Matthew 24: 6 - 13 reads, ye will hear of wars, famines and many kinds of trouble. We find several scriptures telling of the things we should watch for.

Mark 13: 24 - 25 tells of those days after the tribulation. Luke 21: 11 tells of great earthquakes. Timothy 4: 1-4 we learn of spiritual and moral decline, in 2 Peter 1: 21-22 false phophets and unbelievers will confront us, and in Jude verses 17-19 we are told about mockers.

As we look at the prophecies being fulfilled as to financial and labor problems, we read in James 5: 1-6 the rich man will weep and howl because the riches are corrupted and behold the hire of the labourers is in trouble. Men will be lovers of self and wrong doings. 1 Timothy 4: 1-5 then the scoffers, walking after their own lusts, will be encouraging ungodly living.

Jesus gave unto us life and that more abundantly. He told his followers, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

God's plan of redemption through the blood of Jesus included all people of all ages. We feel sometimes that God's chosen people that rejected Jesus as their Messiah have turned away of the Lord. As we look into the word we find "The Jesus Christ" in prophecy paid the price for salvation, eternal life in God, and the people God dealt with so many years are not, neither will ever be, forgotten of the Lord. Jeremiah 23: 7-8 says the Israelites will dwell in their own land. This has not been since the carrying away into captivity in 587 B. C. until 1948 A. D. Ezekial 37: and 38 chapters tell us that Israel shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all. So we see that the everlasting throne of David shall be established again. Amos 9: 14 and 15 says they shall build and be one nation.

We look today at the nation Israel and see the fulfillment of many prophecies. The world today is hearing about Jesus, his peace, his salvation, more than in past years. One of the prophecies of the returning of Jesus is found in Matthew 24: 14 "And the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." We live in the time, as we understand it, of Daniel's 12: 4 writing when they shall run to and fro and knowledge be increased, as we see the increase of knowledge we see the increase in immoral and sinful living. The great attempt to solve the national troubles, causes us to hear the cry "Peace, Peace," yet in God's word he tells us that there will be no permanent peace before the second coming of Jesus. We eagerly look for his soon return.

All of the prophecies of the first coming and second coming of Jesus speak of the Christ that loves us and gave himself a ransom for us. Surely all praise is due him for his wonderful love.



Time spent in prayer
is never lost.

—Simon Lindberg



LULA A. PARHAM

OBITUARY OF REV. LULA A. PARHAM

Lula Ann Parham, 74, of Baxter Springs, Kansas, was born January 4, 1898 at Seneca, Missouri and passed away December 1, 1972 at the Baxter Springs Memorial hospital, where she had been a patient for three weeks. She lived all her life in the Tri-state area. She was married February 20, 1918 to Claude Parham, son of Charles F. Parham, founder of the Apostolic Faith Movement. Her husband passed away in February 1941.

Sis. Lula gave her heart to the Lord at an early age and was active in the ministerial work of the Apostolic Faith Movement most of her adult life. She and her husband worked together till his death, then she carried on in the work alone as long as her health permitted. She had served in Alvin, Galveston, and San Leon, Texas and at Spring Grove Church in Galena, Kansas as a minister. She was assistant Editor of the Apostolic Faith Report for 10 years, and she spent many years conducting Youth Camps and Daily Vacation Bible Schools all over the country in many of our churches. She was loved and respected by all the Apostolic Faith Movement, and an inspiration to all of us.

She is susvived by a brother, J. Lance Wene, of Baxter Springs; four sisters, Mrs. Lela Hoops, and Mrs. Maude Dinger, both of Baxter Springs, Mrs. Edna Anderson of Grove, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Nora Smith of Springfield, Missouri, several nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Services were held in the Apostolic Faith Bible College Chapel at 2:00 p. m., December 5, 1972. Officiating ministers were Rev. Roland Busch, Rev. Marcus Adair, Rev. Ted Barker, and Rev. Paul Clanton. Bro. Jack Barker and Sis. Louise Sutton both offered prayers. The Bible School Quartet, Joe Randolph, Rick French, Craig Waterbury and Barry Methvin sang "Not a Shadow Land". Mrs. Naomi Busch was the organist. Burial was in the Baxter Springs Cemetery under the direction of the Purdy Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Volley Rose, Gene Cornell, Bill Yeakel, Ronnie Martin, Ted Barker and Paul Clanton.

Sis. Lula enjoyed several weeks of restored health in the late summer and early fall, after having spent six months (from early February through July) in the hospital and rest home. She was so happy during those weeks and seemed her old self again. This last siege of sickness preceding her death began in the later part of October. We have lost a faithful warrior of the Cross and we will miss her greatly. She filled what could have been a very lonely 31 years, after her husband's death, with service to others, always with a smile and cheerfulness. The Apostolic Faith Movement and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ were her whole life. Her battles are over, ours are yet to be fought. May we take courage from a life well lived.

I wanted to share with our readers these two small pictures of Sis. Parham and Sis. Barker. Sis. Barkers was taken just five days before her accident. I know that those who loved them will cherish these pictures as I do. Ed.



HAZEL M. BARKER

NEW ARRIVALS



Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Satcher are the proud parents of a baby boy who arrived December 21, 1972. They named his Christopher Donn. He weighed in at 9 pounds. Rev. and Mrs. Hap Blythe of Rockdale, Texas are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Satcher of Quitman, Mississippi are the paternal grandparents. C. H. and Donna are now living in Rockdale, Texas.

Milford Bryan, new son of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Flock, Joplin, Missouri, made his appearance on January 2, 1973. He weighed 7 pounds, 14½ ounces. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roland Flock of Darrouzett, Texas, great grandmother is Mrs. Verden Haines. Little Milford's brother, Mark, is 17 months old.

Mr. and Mrs. Volley Rose of Galena, Kansas are the proud parents of a new little daughter, Meredith Sue, born January 5. She weighed 7 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Barker's new son, Channon Dale, was born December 9, 1973, which was also their first wedding anniversary. Cliff and Lynette are now living in Quitman, Mississippi. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Long of Quitman, Mississippi. Cliff is the oldest son of Rev. and Mrs. Winston Barker, now pastoring in Spearman, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Irmal Barker are the great grandparents.

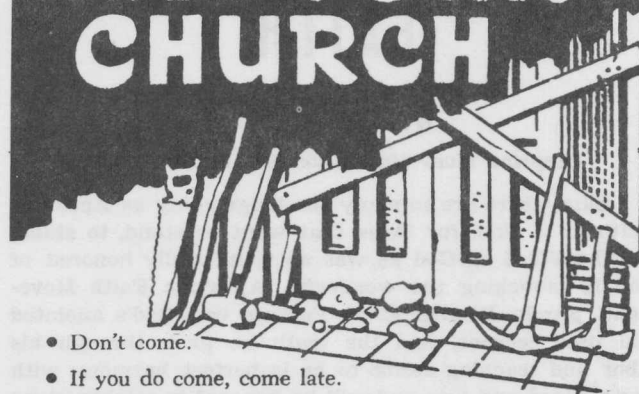
On October 5, 1972, William Christen Madsen, Jr. joined the family of Dr. and Mrs. William C. Madsen, Sr. Mrs. Madsen will be remembered as Marilyn Elkins, daughter of Kenneth and Mary Jo Elkins. Great-grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Joe B. Dewees. Little Master Madsen weighed eight pounds and five ounces at birth. He resides with his parents at 10807 Carvel, Houston, Texas.

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How to ...



KILL YOUR CHURCH



- Don't come.
- If you do come, come late.
- When you come, come with a grouch.
- At every service ask yourself, "What do I get out of this?"
- Never accept office. It is better to stay outside and criticise.
- Visit other churches about half of the time to show your pastor that you are not tied down to him. There is nothing like independence.
- Let the pastor earn his money; let him do all the work.
- Sit pretty well back and never sing. If you have to sing, sing out of tune and behind everybody else.
- Never pay in advance, especially for religion. Wait until you get your money's worth, and then wait a bit longer.
- Never encourage the preacher; if you like a sermon, keep mum about it. Many a preacher has been ruined by flattery. Don't let his blood be on your head.
- It is good to tell your pastor's failings to any strangers that may happen in; they might be a long time finding them out.
- Of course, you can't be expected to get new members for the church with such a pastor as he is.
- If there happens to be a few zealous workers in the church, make a tremendous protest against the church's being run by a clique.
- If your church unfortunately happens to be harmonious, call it apathy or indifference or lack of zeal, or anything under the sun except what it is.

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To:
**THOSE
CONTENDING
FOR THE
FAITH**

BY S. W. DITTO

(Reprint from 1932 Apostolic Faith Paper)

Since there are so many teachings going as Apostolic Faith, it is time for those that want to stand, **to stand**, for the Word of God as was so wonderfully honored of God in launching the wonderful, Apostolic Faith Movement. Surely Brother C. F. Parham was God's anointed and used servant, and the truth he gave through his labor and teaching seems to be in perfect harmony with God's Word and was and will be honored in mighty signs and miracles, also with the seal of the Father, (Eph. 4:30) the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:4.

There is a letting down from many of the precious truths we loved so much as a movement twenty-five years ago. One I wish to speak of at this time.

Ye Must Be Born Again. All teach the new birth, but few teach it as the Apostolic Faith Movement taught in the beginning. Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, confessed Jesus as Rabbi, teacher from God, God with him. Jesus said, except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God. St. John 3:3-5.

Nicodemus ask, how can a man be born when he is old? The same question is in the mind of many today.

Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Some take the water birth to mean water Baptism and some the natural birth. It is not my purpose to discuss that here; but take the sixth verse, That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. The first man was made a living soul, flesh man, not spirit but natural life. Afterward that which is spiritual. 1 Cor. 15:45, 46.

Because of Adam's transgression, death passed upon the natural or flesh man. Disease is a weapon in the hands of Satan, the enemy of the human race, to torture and kill them until nearly all go before their allotted time. God so loved the natural man, born of the flesh, under the sentence of death; (with no spirit or resurrection power, not able to save or heal themselves, or retain the breath of life in the day of death) that He sent His only begotten Son; a Saviour, Healer, Sanctifier, Baptizer, glorious Lord and coming King. We were helpless for we were only natural being under the power of a spir-

itual foe. Jesus the **Son of God** a spirit Deliverer came to our rescue. All hail, Praise His name, the only begotten of the great Father. He came to save His people from their sin and disease. Before He could become our Redeemer He must take upon Him our nature; therefore He was born of woman.

He was tempted in all points as we, yet without sin. He overcame in all things, even the death of the cross. Now if He must be born of the flesh to become our Saviour as all Christians believe, for to disbelieve in the miraculous conception and virgin birth is the spirit of Antichrist. Then if we become sons of God with Him, we must be begotten by the word and born of the Spirit for the natural man is dead in sin and has no life. 1 John 5.12.

Christ is the life. St. John 14:6. Paul says I have begotten you through the Gospel. 1 Cor. 4:15. Of His own will begat He us. James 1:18. Though Paul was in bonds, yet the gospel is not bound. Philemon 10. In the beginning was the Word. St. John 1:1. Endureth forever. 1 Peter 1:25. And this is the Word preached unto you. 1 Peter 1:25. Impossible for the unregenerate to be spiritually born. All flesh is as grass and passeth away. 1 Peter 1:24. James 1:11. How can we be born again? Not of natural or corruptible seed but of incorruptible seed. 1 Peter 1:23. His seed. Matt. 1:23, 25. Came to His own and His own received Him not. St. John 1:11. But to as many as received Him to them gave He power, (spirit life, his seed begotten) to become the sons of God.

The natural man has not power to become the son of God till he receives it in conversion when the begetting or spiritual conception takes place. The first spark of spirit life, thus making the new birth possible. The Son of God was begotten of the Father, conceived in the natural and born of woman. For us to become joint heirs with Him we must be born again. Begotten by the word that liveth and abideth for ever, and that word is **Christ**; and born of the spirit or God's seed not many seeds but one.

"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." The law was added 430 years after the promise, because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made. Read carefully Gal. 3:16 to 22. This promised seed was Christ. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." 1 John 3:1.

Since Adam, the father of the human race, was only natural, and had no spiritual or immortal life, it was needful that the spirit seed should come to redeem a lost race. "And so it is written. The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." 1 Cor. 15:45. In due time Christ was born, the seed of Abraham, the son of God, the only begotten of the Father. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." St. John 3:16. Verse 17: "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him

might be saved. Verse 18: He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." We find in Tim. 6:15, 16: "Which in His times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords. Who only hath immortality dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see, to whom he honour and power everlasting."

Men teach us that all men are immortal, but the Bible says in verse 16, "no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see." In II Tim. 1:10 we read, "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: He gives us power to become the sons of God. If we already had that power he could not give it to us. He only gives it to those that receive him. To recognize we are lost, dead in trespasses and sins and accepting him as the only begotten of the Father, conception of spirit life takes place in the soul. Before this grace takes place we have no uncorruptible seed; only natural not spiritual. After conception of spirit life, then the "born again" experience is possible and not until then could we be born again of incorruptible seed, according to I Peter 1:23! "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

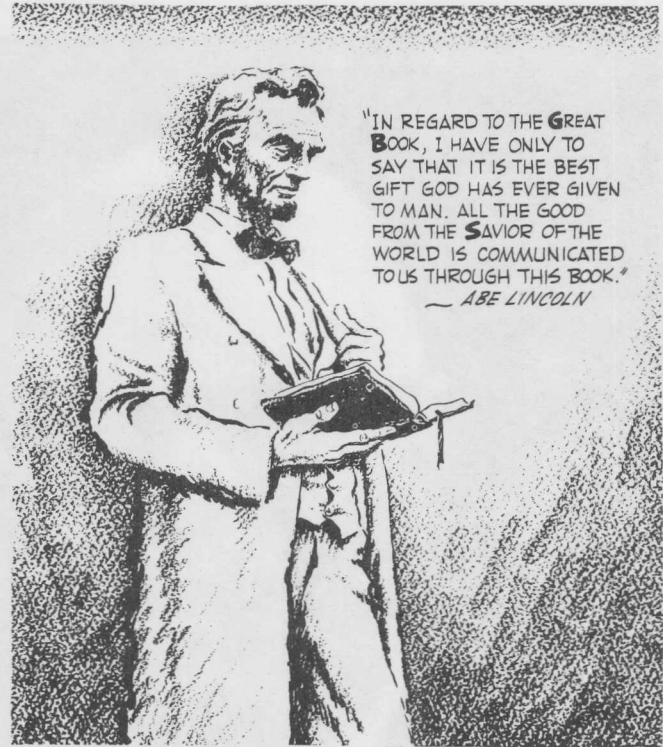
Sanctification makes us one with Christ. "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren." Heb. 2:11. Then and not till then can we prove ourselves newborn babes by obeying from the heart. "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings," I Peter 2:1. Neither can we develop spiritual life. I Peter 2:2; "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." Eph. 4:13, 14.

"And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you. To the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints." I Thes. 3:12, 13.

To accept pardon as the "born again" experience gives to the natural man spirit life or seed. If that be true then Christ was not the one seed or only begotten. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all MEN unto ME." He is lifted up in that he is the way the truth and the life, the only begotten Son of God.

S. W. Ditto



A President's prayer

DURING THE CIVIL WAR a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln spent three weeks at the White House as the President's guest. He recalled later: "One night—it was just after the Battle of Bull Run—I was restless and could not sleep. From the private room where the President slept I heard low tones, for the door was partly opened. Instinctively I wandered in and there I saw a sight I have never forgotten. It was the President, kneeling before an open Bible . . . his back toward me. I shall never forget his prayer: 'O Thou Lord God, that heard Solomon in the night when he prayed and cried for wisdom, hear me. I cannot lead these people, I cannot guide the affairs of this nation without Thy help. . . . O God, hear me and save this nation.'"

Prayer is still the answer to our nation's salvation. God has promised: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

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GREATNESS AND GOODNESS

by Bennie Stanberry

Goodness, simplicity, greatness — these three in one, is a trinity of perfection, unseparable. Greatness springs from goodness, and goodness is quite simple. Without goodness there is no greatness. Some men pass by as destructive forces, maybe like the tornado, or the avalanche is to the mountain. Greatness comes in endurance and preservation, and not in destroying.

Bro. Swanson learned in early life, that the toils and burdens of life became easy when the heart was pure. The pure hearted are as lilies of the field, which toil not, yet are protected by the storehouse of God. He built a structure and framed it with happiness. He lived in the shadow of His own happiness.

In Lansing, Michigan, 1926, as teenagers, we became buddies. He traveling with Bro. Willey Bacon, Bible teacher, and myself with Bro. Chas. F. Parham, in a city-wide tent revival campaign. His ministry continued all his life. He and his wife, Nora (Nora Ditto) attended our church the last three years of his life. We love them and will miss him so very much.

OBITUARY OF

REV. CARL RUSSELL SWANSON

Carl Russell Swanson, Sr., 72 years of aged, passed away Sunday, Dec. 24, 1972. He was a retired Apostolic Faith minister whose home address was 1039 Louise, Houston, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Nora (daughter of the late S. W. Ditto) of the home; one daughter, Edith E. Winslow of Dallas, Texas; four sons; Delbert Clinton, Albert N., David L., of Houston, and Carl Russell Jr. of

Spring, Texas. A fifth son, Wesley E., preceded him in death. One sister, Edith Coughenour of South Bend, Indiana; a brother, Reuben Swanson of Chicago, Illinois and 15 grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Swanson were held in the Heights Chapel in Houston, Texas with A. B. Stanberry Sr. officiating, assisted by Roland Busch and Olen Bachler. Music was furnished by the Stanberry Sisters, accompanied by Dorothy Scott. Burial was in the Memorial Oaks Cemetery.

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OBITUARY OF CHARLES ERNIE SHIFFLETT

Funeral services for Charles Ernie Shifflett, 25, of Snyder, Texas, were at 2 p. m., Wednesday, November 29, 1972 in the First Baptist Church in Snyder. He passed away at 3:50 p. m. Sunday, November 26, in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, Texas, following a long illness.

The Rev. Louise Sutton, Rev. Vester Clanton and Rev. Ken Andress officiated at the services. Burial was in the Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder.

A native of Ralls, Texas, Ernie had been a resident of Scurry County for 21 years. He was a graduate of Snyder High School, attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College of Baxter Springs, Kans., and Howard County Junior College and received a bachelors degree in 1970 at Texas Tech. Ernie was faithful to his God and his church.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shifflett of Snyder; a sister, Mrs. Karen Fennell of Snyder; four brothers, David and Dale Shifflett, both of Snyder, Kenneth Shifflett of Lubbock and Tommy Shifflett of Abilene, Texas; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Shifflett of Snyder and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Gregory of Snyder.

CARD OF THANKS

1 Thess. 3:9

"For what thanks can we render to God again for you for all the joy" . . . and abiding comfort your concern has been to us in our time of bewilderment. Our appreciation goes far beyond a feeble "thank you" for the sustaining strength that has come to us from your many deeds done in kindness and Christian love.

May the Lord bless you and keep you . . . and give you peace. Num. 6: 24, 26.

The E. Ernest Shifflett Family

January - February 1973

OBITUARY OF FRED J. BARTLETT

Fred Jarvis Bartlett, 76, of Rockdale, Texas, was born January 5, 1896, and went to be with the Lord on November 24, 1972.

At the end of a near perfect Thanksgiving day, he had retired for the night, when suddenly he became ill, and was rushed to a local hospital where he died less than an hour later of a heart attack.

He accepted Christ as his Saviour more than forty years ago and was a faithful member of the Apostolic Faith Church of Rockdale. The day he died, his ten year old grandson remarked, "Granddaddy never did say much. I guess it's because he didn't want to answer to God for all those extra words." He was a man of action rather than words.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Adel Bartlett, 512 W. Belton, Rockdale, Texas; a son, Jimmy Bartlett of Snyder, Texas; three daughters, Mrs. Darrell Carroll of LaMarque, Texas, Mrs. Joy Furby of Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Melba Ressel of Rockdale, Texas; two brothers, Ed Bartlett, and Lee Bartlett; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held November 25, 1972 at 2:00 p. m. with the Rev. Van E. Blythe and Rev. Paul O. Carroll officiating. Songs were rendered by Norma Jean Doty. Pallbearers were E. B. Coldiron, Wallace Brooks, Jim Galloway, Willard Kornegay, Jerry Hosek, and James Doty.

OBITUARY OF EDITH M. RANGLES

Edith M. Randles, 91, passed from this life in Perryton, Texas, December 23, 1972.

The daughter of A. F. and Mary Pierce, she was born at Elkhart, Indiana, September 19, 1881 and married John F. Randles on September 24, 1904. They homesteaded land at the present sight of Hardesty, Oklahoma where she resided until just a year before her death.

Mrs. Randles was a faithful and active member of the Hardesty Apostolic Church as long as her health permitted. She was one of the workers that helped to see the church established, and her home was open to many ministers and gospel workers through the years.

Survivors include five daughters: Mrs. John (Lola) Fox; Mrs. James (Alpha) Arnold, both of Hardesty; Mrs. E. H. (Evelyn) Geahard and Mrs. Wayne (Goldie) Stump of Guymon; and Mrs. Roy (Vera) Faries of Delta, Colorado. Two sons, James and Dean Randles of Hardesty.

Of the 24 grandchildren surviving is the Reverend Jim Fox, minister of the Balko Apostolic Church, 31 great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter also survive.

Funeral services were conducted December 27, 1972 from the Hardesty School Auditorium with the Reverend Howard Whiteley officiating, assisted by the Rev. Jim Fox. "Farther Along" and "Does Jesus Care" was sung by the Reverends, Jim Morris, Howard Whiteley, Jack Cornell and Ted Barker, who were accompanied by Mrs. Howard Whiteley. Burial was in the Hartville Cemetery at Hardesty, Oklahoma.

Del City, Oklahoma

We want to report that God has been blessing His work here.

Bro. Bill Allen and his family have been a blessing to our church people and to many in the city who do not attend our services. Christian counseling has been given in the pastor's study to many different people who have called for appointments with Bro. Bill.

The church interior has been completed with paneling in the foyer, nursery, study, and carpet in this area, including the sanctuary. The men of the church along with Bro. Bill did this improvement work in the evenings during the summer.

Bro. Elbert Poole conducted a spiritual revival in the church in September. The Bible College choir sang in concert on November 17. They were a great blessing to the people. The church ladies prepared and served a Thanksgiving dinner to the choir and the congregation that evening. We enjoyed having Sis. Edna Shultz speak for us on Wednesday night before Thanksgiving. We feel we have an abundant number of things to be thankful for. God has been good to us all.

Several people have been saved in the regular services in the past months and some new young families are attending. Three people were baptized in water Sunday night, December 3.

Bro. Allen was privileged to attend the lay witness seminar conducted in the Perryton Full Gospel church several weeks ago. This proved to be a real blessing to him. Two lay witness teams have been formed and others are being planned. These people are receiving a blessing and being a help to others as they go into homes twice a week to witness of God's love for salvation and sharing His blessing in everyday living. They are visiting in the homes of new people who attend church and also have asked the names of contacts anyone may have who would be interested in this type of a visit by Christian people.

By the help of the Holy Spirit we hope to see this work grow as the commission "Go into the Highways and Hedges" is fulfilled.

Jan Huff and Dee Bruce directed a Christmas musical.

Bill Allen, Pastor
Julianna Huff, Reporter

Big Spring, Texas

Greetings in the name of the Lord. Looking back over the past year, I stand in awe at the blessings of God shown unto us, and expecting even greater things in '73. The holiday season was a memorable occasion for us with the presentation of the Christmas program by the Nursery class and youth group. I was very pleased to see 27 visitors in our congregation for the program.

We are beginning a revival Jan. 21st with Bro. Otto Busch, and we ask an interest in your prayers in behalf of this work.

All ministers and workers of the Faith welcome.

Myrtle Carney, Pastor

Bayard, Nebraska

After an unusually cold Fall and Winter, our warm, Spring-like Christmas was a welcome relief. December was a busy month and our attendance has been good.

Our Christmas program was held Wednesday night, December 20. Each class presented songs and recitations and the Young Teen Class and the Senior High Class had a three act play.

"The Christmas Stranger" was directed by Ruth Brown and Ruth Laeger. These teachers and young people worked very hard and did a great job. They reminded us again of the true meaning of Christmas. Marie Frakes added some lovely decoration to the church for this season, and it was enjoyed by all who attended the special services.

Sunday morning we had several visiting families. Esther Barker arranged two special numbers. We always enjoy visitors from other churches, and like to have them help in our services.

Sunday night was a Candlelight Communion Service. Marie Frakes led the congregation in Christmas songs, and Ed Brening led in songs of Christ's life and Resurrection. This was a wonderful service and God's presence was very real to all who came forward for communion.

This year all classes decided to bring money and gifts for missions rather than draw names for gifts. Even the smallest children participated with real joy in giving.

The people of Bayard are hoping everyone has a good 1973.

Paul and Carolyn Wilkerson, Pastors



Arnett, Oklahoma

The Lord has been gracious to us in many ways. We are really thankful no one was seriously hurt during the ice and snow we have experienced. Our Christmas Program was presented December 17, at 7:30 by the children of the Church with each class presenting numbers and some combined class numbers. We appreciate the efforts of the Teachers working with their classes to bring us the good program. A time of fellowship was held following the Christmas program. The children in the program had great pleasure in decorating our Christmas tree. We appreciate the fine job they did. Each Monday evening the youth of the church, accompanied by their Pastor, Rene Heil, play Basketball at the school gym.

We are very proud of Terry Range and Mike Hoskins who attended 13 Sundays without missing and their teacher, Sister Hinnant, awarded each a Living Bible. We were happy to have Reverend Heil's mother visit during the Christmas Holidays with us. We plan to continue our fifth Sunday Offering for Mission work. In the past it has gone to Brother Sonny Brown and family. Several attended watchnight services at Laverne. Sunday evening, January 14, Reverend Heil and other officers gave a financial report for 1972. We appreciate the effort of each one to make this 1972 year a success. A farewell supper was held for the Hinnant family who are moving to Roosevelt, Utah. We shall greatly miss them but trust they can find a place to serve the Lord. The Junior and Young People's Class are starting an attendance goal for 1973. We appreciate their enthusiasm. We want to say a Special Thank You to Sister Killion who so faithfully mailed out our weekly Church Bulletin. We are proud to announce that Mr. and Mrs. John Briggs, who have toured the Bible Lands, have agreed to show the slides they took. We appreciate Mr. and Mrs. Briggs giving of their time for this.

Ruby V. Kibbe, Reporter
Rene A. Heil, Pastor

Rockdale, Texas

The church in Rockdale is enjoying having Bro. and Sis. Van Earl Blythe and family with us. We have experienced some wonderful times in the Lord. Some Christian workers who have been with us recently were: Bro. and Sis. Qualls and family. Sis Trout from Hempstead, Bro. and Sis. Paul Carroll from Houston, Bro. and Sis. Douglas Springer and gospel party from Houston. All were a real blessing to our church and much spiritual progress was achieved.

We have been saddened by the death of a faithful and dear member, Bro. Fred Bartlett. He departed this world in November, leaving us to grieve his physical presence but knowing he has entered a better state.

The church is in the process of purchasing drapes for the sanctuary. There are plans to remodel the front of the building later on. Please remember our church in your prayers.

Mrs. Jerry Hosek, Reporter
Rev. Van Blythe, Pastor

Spring Valley, California

When we took the church in September, the attendance had dropped to an average of some 16 or so. The church finances were low and they were just able to keep their head above water. This pastor went to work to help meet the church needs and those of his family. My job and transportation to and from work takes from 5:30 a. m. to 7:00 p. m., and this leaves little time for pastoring a church as it should be pastored.

We held a three day visitation seminar in October to show the congregation their need of visiting and winning the lost. We have had some real good results from our church visitation program. We have several new families attending regularly.

The spiritual growth of the church is progressing as is shown by seven saved and three sanctified since September. We have had two children, three teen-age boys, and two men saved for which we are all thankful. We have started family night on Wednesday with a program for the boys, a program for the girls, and Bible Study for the adults. We are studying Bro. Jacob Regier's book on Bible Doctrine. We are now averaging 34 in Sunday school.

We have combined with the Dearings in Las Vegas, the Allens in Imperial Beach, and the Browns in San Ysidro to have a two day Youth Retreat here in San Diego; and are expecting great things from God for our youth.

The church was given \$25.00 toward the purchase of a duplicator of some sort. We have now purchased a spirit duplicator for the preparation of lessons, church papers, bulletins and the like. We are very thankful to God for his goodness and mercy.

We enjoy the paper, keep up the good work.

Rev. and Mrs. Max Pennington
and Family, Pastor
Fair Oaks Chapel

Enid, Oklahoma

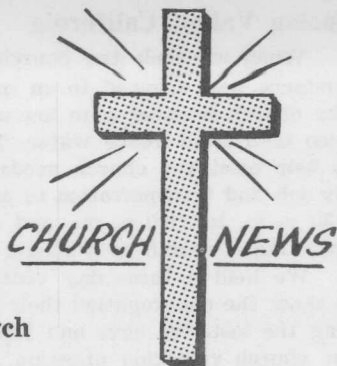
We have been privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. George Hintergardt as our recent visitors. Our services have been good. We have had some wonderful Bible lessons on the "Gifts of the Spirit" by our pastor. Our young people had a Christmas program Wednesday, December 20 titled "To All People".

The Ladies Missionary Group had their annual Christmas supper Saturday night, December 16. The whole church was invited and a good time of feast and fellowship was had by all.

Mrs. Mitchell Modrick is very much improved. We praise God for this victory. We also thank everyone for your prayers in her behalf. Please continue to pray for her complete healing. Her right side is paralyzed, but she is starting to have some feeling in that side. She is home now, still bedfast, but gaining each day. It seems like we have gone through a hard trial, but God has been good to us. Just as the song says, "I've learned to trust in Jesus Through it All" Praise His Name!!

Elmer Christenson, Pastor
Ramona Phares, Reporter

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Midway Country Church Logan, Oklahoma

Greetings from a cold snowy community. Our attendance has been down due to snow and icy roads. We are thankful to the Lord for the moisture though. We are glad to have our young ladies back home from Bible College. Sunday night, December 17th they had charge of our entire service. We all enjoyed the messages in song, testimonies and sermon by Brenda Sanger, Glenda Bensch, and Lois Harper. They gave a good report of the Bible College and we're so thankful for the spiritual help they received. We should all be thankful for our Bible school and the help our young people receive there.

Our Christmas church supper was Wednesday, December 20 and our program was Sunday, December 24 at the 11 o'clock service. This was by the children of our church.

We Praise God for all the blessings He has given to our church this past year. We are looking forward to serving God in the New Year and want to be drawn closer to Him each day.

Doyle Wiles, Pastor
Edith Lamunyon, Reporter

Dear Sister Busch,

We are moved into our home here in Perryton and comfortable, although when the cold and snowy weather lets up, we'll have much more to do to be really settled. We are thankful for a nice place to stay and a friendly helpful church to worship with. The church here at Perryton gave us a hearty welcome the first Wednesday night we were here by having a food-shower and time of fellowship in the church Fellowship Room for us.

The Lord willing we plan to answer whatever calls we get to be the ministers of Christ we were called to be years ago.

We will be filling the pulpit at Spearman, Texas church January 14 and 21 while the pastor is away. We also plan a revival with the church at Denver, Colorado where Rev. Bob Taylor is pastor. The dates are March 25 - April 8.

We felt quite rewarded in spirit over the work the Lord gave us at the Bible College this term. I truly felt the Lord's help and presence. Our new address now is: 1518 S. Drake St., Perryton, Texas 79070. Ph. 806-435-4601.

Sincerely,
Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Regier

January - February 1973

Roswell, New Mexico

Bro. and Sis. Eugene Cornell were here for revival the week after Thanksgiving. In spite of sickness resulting in small crowds, those of us who could attend were blessed by the good messages he brought.

Dwayne Wilkerson arrived home from Bible School in time to help in the Christmas program and to put in practice some of the things he had learned by bringing the Wednesday night Bible lessons in the pastor's absence.

Pastor Crowhurst and family went to Joplin for Christmas. While there he filled in for Bro. Ollie Kinser. We were happy to have Bro. Ken Priest and his family here one Sunday to fill our pulpit.

Other visitors to our church in recent months have included Bro. and Sis. Wm. Yeakel; Bro. and Sis. Hickman; Sis. Marian Price; Bro. and Sis. Ware and their son, Charles; Daniel Clanton with his wife and her sister; and Bro. Hossler who preached one Wednesday evening. We appreciate visitors so much and welcome any of you coming by this way.

Our prayer for the New Year is that our church will grow and that we will be able to minister effectively to both those inside and outside the church to see them saved. Won't you join us in that prayer?

Jerome Crowhurst, Pastor
Helen Hammock, Reporter

Spearman, Texas

Just a line to say hello and that we are enjoying the Report.

The church here is doing very well, we have had some very good spirit-filled services of late for which we thank God. Bro. and Sis. E. K. Cornell were with us before Christmas. Bro. and Sis. Jacob Regier and their entire family were here for our Christmas Eve service. This was an outstanding service. Bro. and Sis. E. W. Dickson and Bro. and Sis. Harold J. Bollinger were here in service while we were gone to convocation in Kingman, Kansas. We thank the Lord for His presence with us.

May the Lord bless your work for Him.

Winston and Alberta Barker, Pastors

Joplin, Missouri

We are so very thankful to God for the many blessings He has given to us. We appreciate very much all who have been in services with us the past several weeks including Bro. O. A. Busch, who held us a good revival the first part of November, Bro. Jacob Regier, Bro. Delvin Wiles, and Bro. Jerome Crowhurst. The ministry of the word has blessed our hearts.

The Lord has been very good to us in our regular services as well. We have had some real good prayer and altar services. Recently the Lord blessed us as we were gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Demery for a cottage prayer meeting. We are looking forward to a wonderful year as we begin 1973. We extend an invitation to all to come worship with us.

Ollie L. Kinser, Pastor

Hardesty, Oklahoma

The Lord has really blessed the Hardesty Church and we wish to give honor and praise to Him. During October we had one of our teenage boys sanctified one Sunday. Then the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Barker conducted a revival for us in November. Every sermon including the last night was anointed by the Holy Spirit and people received spiritual strength for the days ahead. Two testified to healings which were needed and one was refilled with the Holy Spirit. God has indeed been wonderful to us.

We've enjoyed having Barbara and Glowanda Quesenbury in our services this fall. They've been a real blessing to us. Sis. Glowanda has started a Junior Choir for us recently which we're praying will reach out-of-church youth.

A year ago in January our church began a remodeling program which as you know included complete new furnishings, wall-to-wall carpet, paneling, decorator windows and the new drapery across the front. When finished in April a bank note for \$9,000 was taken. This has been entirely paid for except \$500. How we thank the Lord for faithful people to the cause of Christ.

Another year has passed and with its passing, we should set new goals to be obtained during the year of 1973. What will we accomplish for Christ this year? Will we spend time in prayer that our close unsaved friends will find Christ? How deep is our burden . . . will it be one hour a week of prayer . . . two hours a week or only 5 minutes? Only through our prayers will the Holy Spirit speak to them and the work of the Lord will progress. Let's not leave it all up to the pastor but each one fulfill his own Christian obligation.

God has been good to us in our services and we've enjoyed His blessings and His presence. Miss Carolyn Quesenbury and Mr. David Stump have returned from Bible School and we're certainly glad to have them home again.

Vicki and the Royalheirs were with us in December for a special service. God's presence was very sweet and wonderful to us. Gary and Karen Crouse and Lois Riley have been visitors of late and we enjoyed their singing so much. We ask that God will continue to bless each one and lead them in His Ways.

We would like to extend our sympathy to the Aaron Gowens' family of Galena. He served as publisher of the Report during the editorship of Bro. Gail Schultz and then for five years of our work for the Report. We ask for God's comfort and peace to fill the void left in the hearts of his wife and children.

Howard Whiteley, Pastor

Apostolic Faith Church, Snell, Mississippi

Pastor, Dorothy Anderson

Begins a Revival January 21, 1973

Rev. and Mrs. Winston Barker, Evangelists.

Dear Sister Busch:

We are writing to give you the name and address of our Church. We are now the Apostolic Faith Church of San Diego, California, formerly known as the Silver Strand Country Church or the Palm City Church or the Imperial Beach Church.

New classrooms, a Church Office and an activity hall were built in 1972. We are looking forward to using them to capacity in the coming year.

Six of our Young People were saved at the Youth Retreat. One was filled with the Holy Spirit. The following Sunday, our Church and the Spring Valley Church baptized nine Young People in our baptistry.

We have started the Evangelism Explosion visitation program and are working to reach as many for Christ in our community as we can. A Missionette and Royal Ranger Program for the children has been started with Sis. Margaret Butz in charge. We also sponsor a Boy Scout troop in our Church.

God has opened many doors for us and has made it possible for us to put the church before the community. We are looking forward to seeing a great moving of the Spirit in our midst and reaching many with the Gospel of Christ.

Homer Allen, Pastor

Apostolic Faith Church

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Pampa Chapel Pampa, Texas

We, the Church of Pampa Chapel, really did enjoy the timely messages that Bro. Otto Busch gave us for ten days. Our attendance was not what we would have liked to see, but the Anointing of God was in every service. We had special Thanksgiving Services on Wednesday night before Thanksgiving, Thursday. The Kingsmill Church met with us and Bro. Arnall had the sermon and we enjoyed it immensely. After the service we had refreshments in the basement of the church. We have had good Wednesday night services as our pastor leads us. The choir from Canyon was an inspiration to all of us, too. There have not been any unusual happenings in our church, but we are thankful that everyone is as well as they are. Mr. Ray was able to be in services Sunday morning and we are grateful for answered prayer.

New Years Eve we were privileged to have the Amos Harris Jr. family with us for both services. Amos preached for us in the morning service. Several attended the watchnight service at the Amarillo church. We enjoyed it so much. It was a great blessing to pray the old year out and the new year in. We also heard two great messages, the first by Louise Sutton and the closing one by Gene Cornell.

**Edwin Waterbury, Pastor
By Anabel Simmons**

More



Pine Hill, Alabama

God has been very good to us this past year and has been everything to us He has promised to be. The prophet Isaiah foretold that the Saviour would be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace and it is true. Very often we sing in the choir "He's all I Need" and truly there is no area of our lives that He cannot meet that need and fill it. He has opened up another field of ministry for us this year, as Bible Instructor at the Catherine Academy Private School. We have approximately 70 students each day and God has really blessed us together in the Study of His Word. We are seeing new growth in our church here, and we appreciate the good folks God has given us to labor with.

Bro. Otto Busch came our way for Revival the first part of December and his ministry was such an inspiration to all of us. We saw much accomplished and we are so thankful for it.

Continue to remember us in your prayers.

Bro. Jim Arnall, Pastor

Leakey, Texas

The Lord is blessing in our services with His presence. Bro. and Sis. George Polvado and others from the Vanderpool church have been coming over on Tuesday night for services. Bro. Polvado has been bringing good doctrinal messages backed by God's Word. Last Tuesday night we also had Sis. Myrtle Carney and Bro. and Sis. Marvin Boyd of Big Spring, Texas with us for a service.

It is a privilege to be serving God in these days when we see Bible prophecy being fulfilled so rapidly. Surely Jesus is coming soon.

**Laura Thompson, Pastor
Edith Alexander, Reporter**

Center Point, Texas

We praise God for His wonderful love and blessings throughout 1972. He is a great, big God. Recently we had a baptismal service with two following our Lord in water baptism.

We have ended our study of the book of Revelations on Wednesday nights and we studied the Lord's birth before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davenport hosted a Christmas supper for the church people with our pastor and his wife as the guests of honor. A time of Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all, as well as a lovely meal.

**Donald Dibbens, Pastor
Marilyn Buchanan, Reporter**

Your Community Chapel Westminster, Colorado

We are so glad to get Sis. Gail Greene back with us. We have all missed her so much and can hardly wait to hear all the wonderful experiences in Jesus she has had at Bible College. We love her so, and know she is going to be such an asset to our little church.

We have been having lessons, taught by Bro. Bob, the last several weeks on marriage and children in the home. They have been very interesting and helpful in our daily lives. Also there have been lessons on tests and trials in a Christian's life. Thank God for the rough spots, for they strengthen us for the times ahead.

In our Thanksgiving mid week service we wrote down all the things we were thankful for and read them. It was a beautiful service! The Lord has been so good to each of us, meeting all our needs. Praise God!

The sister of one of our members from Pennsylvania is having open heart surgery in January. Please pray that God will see her safely through this operation and strengthen her by it.

We had a watch night service on New Years Eve from 8:00 through the New Year. Each of the members had their own special part in this service — A truly rewarding experience.

**Bro. Bob Taylor, Pastor
Sis. Kathy Storm, Reporter**

Guymon, Oklahoma

On Sunday nights and Wednesday nights we are studying the letters of Paul which are very interesting and enlightening. We will soon start the letters to the Thessalonians.

Our Christmas Pageant was put together by David Lively for all ages from nursery through High School. We commend him for this venture. It was a lot of work.

We have a Sixth Grade Girls' Ensemble that sang on Sunday morning for us, recently. Mrs. Dwayne Colvin is their director.

Bad weather caused our Young People's Thanksgiving Banquet to be late, but we were glad to have been able to have it on the following Saturday night at Liberal.

God is blessing in our services and we are grateful.

Edwin Modrick, Pastor

Goodwell, Oklahoma Student Center

This first semester at Panhandle State College has gone quite fast. The Student Center has helped and encouraged us in many ways. We have enjoyed getting to know Kenny and LaDonna Priest. Their concern and sincerity as directors here is quite evident. We have received many blessings in our Wednesday night vesper services. Kenny and LaDonna have worked very hard in planning activities for us and we appreciate it immensely. Please remember us in your prayers.

**Sincerely yours, Debbie Grimmer,
Sharon Cates and Luan Randles**

Taneyville, Missouri

Greetings in the name of Jesus! The Bible School Singers were here November 10th and we had a wonderful concert with Rev. Ted Barker in charge. A revival meeting began the following Monday night with Rev. Ronnie Martin the evangelist. We had good sermons and singing each night, with several praying through to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and other victories and healings. We thank God for this revival. The last Saturday night we took the Sacrament and had a feet washing service and a wondrous time together. We have had lots of sickness but our attendance has been real good and we're thankful. Pray for the church here that God will have His way in all our lives.

Sister Edna Schultz is home and her sister Gladys Russell is with her at the present time. She's a very sick woman. Several of the people went by after church Sunday night and had prayer with her. God is still able to heal His people. Do remember her in your prayers.

We enjoy the Report. May God richly bless you in your work for Him. Pray for the church that nothing will stand in the way to keep us from doing our duty in His service.

Danny Robinson, Pastor
Clara Pierce, Reporter

Granby, Missouri

I have had a hurting in my chest for a month or six weeks. On the Wednesday night before Christmas we were called into the altar to pray and I felt I should be anointed and prayed for. Bro. Ronnie did just that and that spot left like a whirlwind and I have been getting better ever since. I can walk farther without getting short of breath and I want to praise my Jesus for healing me. The Lord has been impressing me to write this testimony. I pray it will be a blessing to someone.

Sister Bess Allman

REPORT FROM CONVOCATION

Kingman, Kansas

by Carl Jelsovsky

On Tuesday, Dec. 26 at 7:30 P.M. about 75 people gathered in the sanctuary of the Apostolic Faith Church in Kingman, Kansas to mark the beginning of six days of special services at 'Convocation 1972'. Rev. Jack Cornell of Canyon, Texas served as the opening night speaker, and from the very outset, the presence of the Lord was felt in our midst. This, above anything else determined the success or failure of Convocation. We felt that God provided for every phase of Convocation; and because of His Blessings and His presence, we feel that we can definitely rate 'Convocation 1972' a success—and that to the Glory of the name of Jesus. Attendance at the two daily services ranged from 40 to 80. Most of the evening services were attended by approximately 125 people. And we closed out with a wonderful Watchnight service that 75 or so attended.

This year we arranged for two daily Bible Studies and the committee selected certain subjects that we felt there

was a particular need for in this day and age. The morning lessons were directed to several different thoughts and subjects while the afternoon Bible Lessons were all directed to the working of the Holy Spirit. The evening services were designated strictly for an evangelistic outreach in Kingman and surrounding area.

Wednesday morning Rev. Winston Barker brought a Lesson on Prayer and Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Paul Clanton introduced the week long series on the Holy Spirit by bringing a lesson on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Thursday was a day off from the regular schedule as the committee agreed to designate both daytime services to the special subject of Divine Healing. Rev. Doc Methvin preached both services; the morning service on Communion and Divine Healing, and the afternoon service on Divine Healing, specifically the broken body of Jesus. Immediately after the preaching, there was a special healing service, and there were several people in the congregation that came forward for prayer. In addition to this, there were any number of handkerchiefs anointed and prayed for to be sent to those sick and afflicted and unable to attend the special healing service. Friday we were back on schedule. In the morning, Rev. Howard Whitely brought the lesson on the 30-60-100 fold Christian. In the afternoon, Rev. Onal Nunn brought a lesson on the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. Saturday morning concluded the special pre-determined lessons. In the AM, Rev. Jack Barker preached on the Second Coming of the Lord, and in the PM, Rev. Jake Regier brought a lesson on the Gifts of the Spirit.

Each of the evening services commenced at 7:30 and there was a continuing and wonderful Spirit throughout all of the services. Rev. Keith Barker led the choir singing each night, and the different ministers brought messages that were so much in keeping with the Spiritual needs of the Church today. Wednesday evening, Rev. Gene Cornell brought the message. Thursday night, Rev. Neil Ragan; Friday night, Rev. Ted Barker; and Saturday night, Rev. Paul Wilkerson preached.

For the Services Sunday, we asked the ministers again to bring evangelistically oriented services. In the morning, Rev. Jake Regier brought the message, Rev. George Hintergardt preached in the afternoon, Rev. Paul Wilkerson brought the 7:30 message, and Rev. Winston Barker concluded 'Convocation 1972' with a Watchnight message on the Soon Coming of Jesus. Between the two Sunday evening Services, we observed a Communion Service, and the Convocation was closed with a wonderful season of praying in the New Year.

And through the six days, were continued testimonies of personal victories. And this is what really made Convocation worthwhile. God answered prayers, both for the physical needs of the Convocation, and for the Spiritual hungering of individuals. And for this we Praise the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. It was a wonderful experience and a real pleasure to have had Convocation in Kingman, Kansas. We trust and pray that all who came and visited found Jesus to be present and real. God Bless each and every one, and our thanks to all of you who remembered us in prayer.

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Closing Exercises

Baxter Springs, Kansas

The 1972 term of the Apostolic Faith Bible College came to a close on the 14th day of December, 1972. Much to the surprise of many of the students, all of a sudden it had come time to say good-bye to some of the best friends we have here on earth. Until one has experienced this, words seem so empty trying to explain this feeling. To most of us, we leave with mixed emotions — glad that the grueling schedule has finally come to an end, and yet, sad that such a good thing has so quickly ended.

We also are aware that the studies that we thought to have been difficult, seem now to be a "prized possession". We are now realizing we have embarked on a brand new challenge and it seems now that the days back on campus of A.F.B.C. were a very pleasant dream.

On December 13, at 2:00 p. m. at the "old home" some 50 or 60 former students and faculty gathered together to hash over their days at the school. Bro. Delvin Wiles was in charge of this reception and it certainly was enjoyed by everyone present, in spite of the bad weather. At 7:00 p. m. the night of the thirteenth, the Bible School choir gave it's final concert for the year. It was a very moving meeting and certainly a blessing to everyone in attendance. The house was full even though the weather was so very bad.

On December 14 at 10:30, the dedication sermon was delivered by Bro. Jacob Regier, the Prophecy instructor at the school. There were eight young people that came to the front of the building at the close of the service to leave a silent testimony that they were ready to do service for the Lord. This was done so our people could see those whom we need to put to work in the vinyard. Let us, as ministers, use these young people in our churches as singers, youth directors, and preachers. They have felt the call, dedicated themselves, and are now ready to serve. Let us never be guilty of saying, "we have no gospel workers", for here are eight that are ready.

At 2:00 p. m., the annual home-coming service was set in motion with all music arranged by former students. Bro. Kenny Priest, who was a student in this school some years ago, brought the sermon. Bro. Priest

spent several years in Alaska and helped to establish a work at Willow, Alaska. He is presently director of the Apostolic Student Center, on Panhandle State College Campus at Goodwell, Oklahoma.

The night for graduation arrived at 7:00 p. m. with the invocation being given by Bro. Doyle Wiles who has served so faithfully on the board of directors of this school for nine years. Bro. Wiles retired from the board this year. Several special numbers of music were furnished from the College ensemble. The presentation of a beautiful plaque was made to Deanna and me from the student body of the school. This plaque now hangs on my office wall with much pride, that I have had the privilege to associate with such a fine bunch of young people.

The faculty members were recognized and thanked for their unselfish and dedicated labors given to the school.

The presentation of 58 diplomas was made by the superintendent. The students then went to the lobby of the Boy's Dorm where they said their final farewells to their classmates.

I can only summarize the school year by saying it was just great. Granted, there were numerous problems, but none so big we couldn't surmount them by God's help. I feel this year was one of the most spiritual years we have had since I have been at the school. There were five saved, twenty-one baptized in water, several sanctified, and a big number prayed through to a wonderful experience in the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Testimonies were given of miraculous healings. Chain prayer and fasting were going on during a big part of the school term.

So, from my vantage point, I can only say, "Thank you God, for being so very good to let us have another good year of Bible School.

Sincerely,
Ted Barker, Supt.
Apostolic Faith Bible College
Baxter Springs, Kansas

The following are the eight young people who were dedicated to work for the Lord at the close of Bible School and are now open for calls to help in our churches.

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Former Student's Reception

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Facing the New Year . . . *One Day at a Time*

One day at a time, with its failures and fears,
With its hurts and mistakes, with its weakness and tears,
With its portion of pain and its burden of care;
One day at a time we must meet and must bear.

One day at a time to be patient and strong;
To be calm under trial and sweet under wrong;
Then its toiling shall pass and its sorrow shall cease;
It shall darken and die, and the night shall bring peace.

One day at a time—but the day is so long,
And the heart is not brave, and the soul is not strong,
O Thou pitiful Christ, be Thou near all the way;
Give courage and patience and strength for the day.

Swift cometh His answer, so clear and so sweet;
"Yea, I will be with thee, thy troubles to meet;
I will not forget thee, nor fail thee, nor grieve;
I will not forsake thee; I never will leave."

Not yesterday's load we are called on to bear,
Nor the morrow's uncertain and shadowy care;
Why should we look forward or back with dismay?
Our needs, as our mercies, are but for the day.

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.

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