

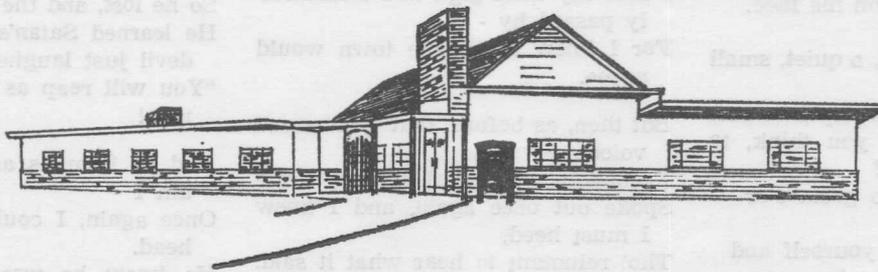
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Dedication Service



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Dedication service is scheduled May 19, 2:00 P.M. for the recently purchased church, located at 23rd and Del Road, Del City, Oklahoma. Rev. Amos Harris is to deliver the dedication sermon.

Unable to enlarge the church building on East Reno because of building codes and lack of space, the old property was traded in on our present facilities.

The Church has a sanctuary seating 200 which has been completely paneled; also a new ceiling was installed. There are 15 class rooms

plus nursery and pastor's study. A parsonage also adjoins the church. The outside walls are cement block and brick.

We appreciate the vision and burden which this church has to reach out with the Gospel message of the Apostolic Faith to the people of this city.

A special invitation is given to all to attend services with us when in this part of Oklahoma.

Rev. Edwin Waterbury, pastor.

There, But For Jesus, Go I

By Ione Simmons Pampa, Texas

I saw a man who was bowed down
with sin -
And I watched as he staggered and
fell -
Watched as he struggled to go on
his way -
And failed - He was drunk, one
could tell.
And I said to myself, "What a
shamful disgrace!
I would never be found in his
place!"
And I watched in disgust as he got
up again -
And again as he fell on his face.

But as I turned away, a quiet, small
voice
Seemed to suddenly whisper to me -
"You're immune, do you think, to
temptations to sin? -
Or perhaps you're too great e'er
to stray -
You have conquered yourself and
the world with it's charms,
And have risen above common
men?"

Ah - the shame that I felt, for I
knew I was wrong -
I could not by myself overcome!
And I bowed low my head and I
cried in my shame
And the pride that I'd felt left as
quick as it came -
And I soon knew the answer - and
TRUTH was its name -
FOR, THERE, BUT FOR JESUS,
GO I!

Yes, there, but for the grace of the
Master go I!
There, but for His mercy I stand -
I, too, was guilty and destined to
die -
But for Christ, Who is holding my
hand.
For He loved me with love I cannot
comprehend -
And He made of me, not just a
servant - a Friend!
And I know I am safe and secure
in His hand -
BUT, THERE, BUT FOR JESUS,
GO I!

I knew of a woman whose name
was well known -
She drove a fine car, and she owned
a large home -

And her name, tho' oft spoken, was
never respected -
And often as not, some man's was
connected.
Her husband and children neglected
resented -
She seemed not to care - and she
never repented
For pleasures in which she indulg-
ed.
"I'm glad I'm not like that!" I said
to myself -
And I felt so much better than she -
I held my head high and disdainful-
ly passed by -
For I knew the whole town would
agree.

But then, as before, that quiet small
voice
From somewhere inside of my head -
Spoke out once again, and I knew
I must heed,
Tho' reluctant to hear what it said.
And these were the thoughts I
could not force away -
"Who made you so kind or so
good?
Who taught you the difference
between right and wrong?
Or have you, yourself, made the
rules all along -"
And then, though I'd failed, I again
understood -
THAT, THERE, BUT FOR JESUS,
GO I!

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And I know I am safe and secure
in His hand -
BUT THERE, BUT FOR JESUS,
GO I!

A young man who'd known of the
Lord in his youth -
Accepted God's plan and had once
lived the truth -
Somehow got involved in some
"small, trifling" theft -

And soon with his thieving he came
to be deft.
For the thrills that he found in not
getting caught -
Tho' he knew it was wrong - he'd
not lived as he ought.

But the tempting of Satan caused
this man to weaken -
And he went from just "petty" to
"grand" -
And his friends offered liquor -
made him feel so much bigger -
And more courageous the risks to
withstand.

But his luck didn't last - (Has it
e'er in the past?)
So he lost, and the law took its due -
He learned Satan's craft - but the
devil just laughed -
"You will reap as you sow" is still
true!

And as humans are - and human
am I -
Once again, I could just shake my
head.
He knew he was wrong - yet he
went along
With the crowd, and I couldn't see
why!
He had a great chance to move up -
to advance!
Yet he'd chosen the wrong path in-
stead.
Then the thought came again - and
my eyes were not dry -
For I knew without doubt, and I
could not deny -
THAT, THERE, BUT FOR JESUS
GO I!

Well, I'd pass every test, tho' I'd
off' hung my head
In regret for the things I had
thought.
Still, the path that I chose and the
way that I tread
Usually led me the way that I
sought.

For I did not drink! - (Then the
thought came to me.
"How often I staggered and fell -
And had not Christ held me up,
how could I go on?"
Tho' I try, in my mind these
thoughts dwell.

I was never unfaithful to husband
or child -
Yet to God have I failed to be true?

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Associate Editor

Dear Readers of the Apostolic
Faith Report:

Greetings to you and yours in
the name of our risen Lord.

Has it ever occurred to you that
among such things as love, service,
faith, obedience and hope, there is
a place for fear?

Let us therefore fear. Heb. 4:1.

There were those of the past, that
is the Israelites of the wilderness,
souls of Egypt that did not enter in
because of fear and unbelief. This
mixture has torture, because the
fear is misplaced. They missed the
promised land. If we do not take
warning, and claim the promise by
faith, we too, may never enter the
1000 years reign with Jesus. Make
a close study of Heb. 4.

Let Him be your Fear. Isa. 8:13.

So many conditions upset men in
their progress. Often those who are
best informed loose faith first, and
let the fears of this old world crowd
out the love of God. Fear of things
present and worry about to-morrow
and maybe the fear of personal
failures and the harvest of sins un-
confessed and unforgiven leaves
helplessness in command. First
fear God. Let Him be your dread
and in so doing establish a rela-

I have been thinking a little the
last few days about persecution. I
just wonder how well we will be
able to stand under real fire. I was
talking to a man a few days ago
and he made this statement, "there
isn't a thing that can ever shake my
faith in the Lord." Peter made this
same statement in Matthew 26:33,
35. "Peter answered and said unto
him, Though all men shall be of-
fended because of thee, yet will I
never be offended. (35) Peter said
unto him, though I should die with
thee, yet will I not deny thee. Like-
wise also said all the disciples" Jesus
said to Peter that before the cock
crows you will deny me three times.

I fear when I hear men make
their brags as to what they will or
will not do. We only live one day
at a time. I draw strength from the
Lord for this present day. We do
not know what tomorrow holds for
us. The Bible tells us "the just shall
live by faith." I can pray for grace
for tomorrow but must trust Him
for strength needed for today, the
present.

We have never as yet seen real
persecution. Things are going very
well for all of us. But the Bible
says that in the last days men's
hearts would fail them for fear. In
the last days everything that can
be shaken will be shaken. In the
last days there will come a falling
away. I believe real soon we are
going to see a real shaking. We as
true Christians are going to be

relationship of trustfulness that will
out ride the snare and the trap of
the Devil and that will leave you
with a rewarding confidence. In
Him will I abide.

Spirit of Fear II Tim. 1: 6-7

I have known people whose fear-

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Pens

*of the
Editors*



shaken from every force possible.
How is my Faith? Can I trust the
Lord Now for small things that
come? If I can't I won't be able
to stand the trials of tomorrow.

In Matthew 5:12, "REJOICE and
be EXCEEDING GLAD for great
is your reward in heaven: for so
persecuted they the prophets which
were before you?" He said rejoice
and be very glad. Can we do this?
In my own strength, No, but in the
that strength I draw from the Lord
each day, I can. May the Lord help
us to keep our eyes on Him and be-
lieve Him.

We appreciate the articles that
Bro. Cornell has been writing for
us. These are in answer to some
questions that different readers
have written in. We chose this way
rather than a question and answer
column which several have wanted
because many times it would be im-
possible to answer the question in
just a few sentences. We hope they
prove to be a blessing to you and
help each of you to be rooted and
grounded in God's Word. We must
hide God's word in our hearts NOW
while we are still able to read it
freely, then when the tribulation
comes, God can bring His word
back to our remembrance for the
strength we need and we won't fall
or be deceived by Satan's prophets.

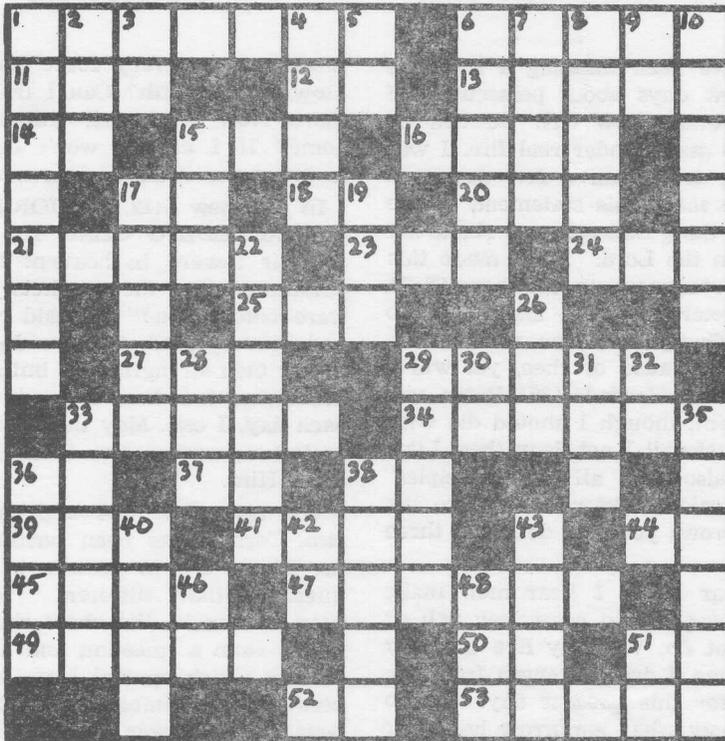
Thank you once again for your
continued support and backing us
with your prayers. May we all join
together in this Day of our Time to
see souls won to Christ. That should
be the goal of each of us for when
we loose that vision, not only will
the lost perish, but we too will per-
ish as our faith will not be active
in the Lord.

May God bless each of you indi-
vidually and send a great revival
spirit in the midst of each of our
churches.

Howard Whiteley

Crusaders for Christ

HOW A FORTUNE TELLER GOT SAVED AND TWO PREACHERS WERE THROWN IN JAIL ACTS 16



Clues Across

- 1, 41 "And they said, _____ on the Lord Jesus Christ, and _____ shalt be saved"
- 6 "Therefore loosing from _____ we came with a straight course"
- 11 what Paul was beaten with (II Cor. 11:25)
- 12 a memorial (Josh. 22:34)
- 13 severe
- 14 "And _____ the sabbeth we went out of the city by a river side"
- 15 "These men are _____ servants of the most high God"
- 16 "assuredly gathering that the _____ had called us for to preach the gospel unto them"
- 17 initials of two churches established by Paul (Acts 16:12; 19:1)
- 18 initials of two friends of Paul (Romans 16:13; I Cor. 16:17)
- 20 "After I have been there, I must also _____ Rome" Acts 19
- 21 "And suddenly there was a _____ earthquake"

- 23 "contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder _____ from the other" Acts 15
- 24 "woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe the mint and _____ and all manner of herbs" Luke 11
- 25 "when _____ masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone"
- 27 automobile
- 29 Sarah's name before God changed it (Gen. 17:15)
- 33, 34 "I command thee in the name of _____ to come out of her"
- 36 "These men, being Jews, _____ exceedingly trouble our city"
- 37 "it came to pass, _____ we went to prayer"
- 38 "_____, everyone that thirsteth" Isa. 55
- 39 "at midnight Paul and Silas prayed _____ sang praises unto god"
- 41 see 1 across
- 44 "and the Father in me: _____ else believe me for the very

- works' sake" John 14
- 45 "the king's merchants received the linen _____ at a price" I Kings 10:28
- 47 "Looking unto Jesus the _____ and finisher of our faith" Heb. 12
- 49, 52, 53 "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou _____, and thy house"
- 50 "So were the churches established _____ the faith"
- 51 "Then _____ called for a light, and sprang in"
- 52, 53 See 49 across

Clues Down

- 1 "And _____ them to the magistrates"
- 2 a period of time
- 3 initials of friends of Paul: one who stayed with him, and one who forsook him (II Tim. 4:11, 10)
- 4 to swerve aside
- 5 same as 12 across
- 6 "the magistrates sent the sergeants, saying, Let _____ men go"
- 7 "it is a _____ thing that the king requireth" Dan. 2
- 8 "he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in _____" Acts 18
- 9 "And _____ they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees"
- 10 "the foundations of the prison were _____"
- 15 a hot beverage
- 17 "now therefore depart, and go in _____"
- 19 "_____ they knew all that his father was a Greek"
- 22 "have cast us into prison; and now do they _____ us out privily?"
- 26 "They do always _____ in their heart" Heb. 3
- 28 a godly king of Judah (I Kings 15:9)
- 29 a soldier sent out in war to reconnoiter, such as the two spies Joshua sent into Canaan
- 30 "_____, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days" Mark 15
- 31 "and cast off their clothes, and

- threw dust into the —— Acts 22
- 32 "seeing that he —— Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples" Acts 17:24
- 33 the prophet swallowed by a great fish
- 35 "But Paul, being grieved, —— and said to the spirit, I command thee"
- 36 "And this did she many ——"
- 38 "he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his ——"
- 49 "of your own selves shall men arise . . . to —— away disciples" Acts 20
- 42 "He saith among the trumpets, ——" Job 39
- 43 father of Simon Jeter (John 1: 42)
- 46 initials of the man who survived the flood, and his father (Gen. 5:30)
- 48 "he drew out —— sword, and would have killed himself"
- 51 "—— took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes"

Answer in next month's issue.

THERE, BUT FOR JESUS, GO I
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And I know that a thief I never could be -
 Yet, Lord, have robbed time from You?
 So I know once again, that tho' hard I may strive
 For perfection, I cannot contrive
 To do more than to run my life's race to my best -
 That I must, tho' I fail, oh, so often the test -
 I can never forget when I'm asked to reply -
THAT ALL THAT I AM,
THROUGH MY JESUS AM I!
 Yes, there, but for the grace of the Master go I -
 There, but for His mercy I stand!
 I, too, was guilty and destined to die -
 But for Christ, Who is holding my hand.
 For He loved me with love I cannot comprehend -
 And He made of me, not just a servant - a Friend!
 And His promise is true - He'll be near to the end!
BUT, THERE, BUT FOR JESUS,
GO I!

Associate Editor

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ful state kept them in bondage, and for them liberty had flown. We were not given a spirit of fear, but of power, and love and a sound, serving, believing mind. Besides this we are to stir up the gift God has given us. How wonderful, what a challenge, and of what great worth to our souls to walk and talk with the King. Do not fear, but trust Him. He knows the way—He can make a way and He is the way. God supplies the need of the hour, the strength and the knowledge and the courage. Make me fleet of foot, O Lord, that I may run the race which you have set before me. To fear God brings obedience and faith. Perfect love casts out fear.

With fear and trembling. Phil. 2:12

There is a work for every soul to perform. Besides this, we first must work out our own salvation. How busy most of us are working out the salvation of others. May I tremble at His Word for me. May I stand fast in the liberty granted me. Move at His command, serve in the field He has chosen for you. The battle is the Lord's but we are His soldiers and footman. May the Lord grant each of us strength to hold the fort and occupy til He Comes.

Fear not little flock. Luke 12:32.

Many are the rich nourishing promises of our God, but this one is most gracious to me. To the small in number, even where two or three are gathered together in His name the promise of the Lord is stedfast and unmoveable and there need to be no fear. Ours is the Kingdom and we should never be demoted or derailed in God. Out of the nothingness of our lives He has created a person in Christ for eternity. Let us cherish our faith, pray one for another and fear God.

Thanks be unto God, who has opened many doors for the preaching of His Word, who has given us souls for our hire and restored my health. Remember us in prayer in the Crosses, Ark., revival which is the next on the list in the very last of May or first of June. God bless you all.

Gail Schultz

REVIVAL REPORT

It was our privilege in the month of February to work in two revival meetings with Rev. and Mrs. Ted Barker. We first went to Gause, Texas, where we enjoyed a wonderful time in God's presence as each service was spirit filled. The people were wonderful to us. We especially enjoyed the kindness of the Carringers who opened their homes to us and treated us as Kings. We encourage the ministers of our faith to go by Gause and help these fine people in the battle for souls for Christ.

We next went to Katy for a few services with the host pastor, Rev. Harrol Waterbury. The Lord met with us in these services and I can say for each of us, we never enjoyed ourselves more than while here. The hearts of people were open to each message and a good spirit of unity prevailed.

Our thanks to our parents who preached in our pulpits during our absence, Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Cornell, and Rev. and Mrs. Jack Barker. Our churches enjoyed their ministry.

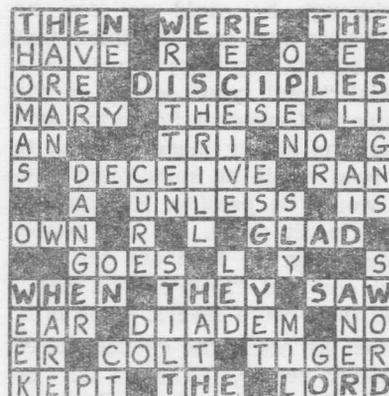
Rev. and Mrs. Jack Cornell
 Rev. and Mrs. Ted Barker

OPEN FOR CALLS

If the Lord wills it for us, we would like to pastor a church the coming year. We may be reached at this address: Bill Allen, 7630 Greenwood Blvd., Denver, Colo. 80221. Phone: code 303; 428-0797.

LOST PINES YOUTH CAMP
WARDA, TEXAS

Enrollment June 16 Classes Begin
 June 17 Ending June 22



Answer To Last Month's Puzzle

Children's Hour . . .



—By Lois Riley

When Jesus Passed By

How sad to be blind in such a pretty city!

In the long, long ago days, Jericho was a pretty village. There were orchards with beautiful date-palm and fig trees, and gardens in which oranges, melons, grapes, and other delicious fruits grew. It was a busy place too, for many roads crossed there, and travelers and merchants passed through.

Blind Bartimaeus lived in Jericho, but of course he could not see the beautiful trees and gardens. No one would give him a job because he was blind, so he had to beg for money to buy food.

All day long he sat by the roadside calling out to people as they passed by, "Pity a blind man," and sometimes a kind person would drop a penny in the bowl he held out to them.

Although he could not see, he could hear very well. He knew that on a certain day there was to be a special "thank you" service in the temple in Jerusalem. So on the days before he slowly made his way to the road where he knew many people would be passing. He found a place to sit down. As the people came along, he held out his little bowl, and said, "Help a blind man." Soon there were several coins in it.

Then he heard the excited voices of many people. "What is it?" he asked. "Who is coming?" Someone standing nearby told him, "It is

Jesus and his friends going to Jerusalem, and a great crowd is following Him."

Jesus was coming! Bartimaeus knew about Jesus, and the wonderful things He was doing to help the sick and needy people, because as he sat by the highway side day after day begging, he heard news of all the things that were happening. "Jesus is coming! I know He can make me see again."

He called out loudly, "Jesus, have mercy on me." Some of the people said, "Be quiet Bartimaeus." But he called out, all the louder, "Jesus, Son of David, the promised Savior, have mercy on me."

In the middle of all the noise and shouting, Jesus heard him. He stood still and said, "Bring this man to me." A man said, "Jesus is calling you to come to Him." Kind hands lifted him up, and helped him to come near to Jesus. How excited he must have been!

Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" The poor blind man said, "Lord Jesus, please let me see again." Jesus answered, and His voice must have been very kind, "Go on your way, Bartimaeus, because you trusted me, your eyes are well."

And Bartimaeus could see! He looked at the beautiful blue sky, the lovely flowers, the trees, the people,—and then he saw Jesus! He must have shouted, "Thank you, Jesus!" As Jesus and His friends went on to Jerusalem, the crowd followed Him, and so did Bartim-

aeus! How happy he was to see again! Now he could get work, and would not need to beg. And he must have been glad that he knew Jesus, and that Jesus was his friend.

Gem Of Truth

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." Col. 1:10

Birthday Calendar

MAY

- 8 RANDY BRUCE
- 15 VICKIE BROWN
- 15 DANNY BARKER
- 19 DARWIN MILLIGAN
- 24 MATZI REDDICK
- 27 DONNA STUMP
- 29 GARI ANN ROLLINS
- 30 KENTON PATZKOWSKY
- 31 YVONNA KAY CORNELL

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Easter Marks First Service In New Modesto Church

We occupied our new church building for the first time Easter Sunday with an attendance of 95, just 5 short of our goal of 100. We're very thankful for those present and with God's help we hope to see many of them become regular in attendance.

God has been very gracious to us during the time of our building program. We want to say special "Thanks" to everyone that helped in any phase of the building pro-

gram here. May God richly bless you is our prayer.

Even though the building itself is considered completed, there is still much work to be done. We will have to re-landscape, extend our parking lot, pave it, etc., get the old house moved away. Therefore, we plan to wait until at least fall to have our dedication services. Please continue to remember our work here in prayer that we may see souls born into God's Kingdom.

Ross Briles, pastor

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is good to be able to report victory in our church at Rockdale. I came here February 6th to work in the church and to take charge of the young people's activities. Since the day I arrived the Lord has blessed me and granted me the kind of burden I needed to carry out my duties.

We began a Revival March 13th with Rev. K. Kerr assisted by Ronnie Martin, Mike Nine, and Gary Kerr. The Lord blessed richly in every service. Eight souls were won to the Lord, several sanctified, and four received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

It was a wonderful time of refreshing to sit in the presence of the Lord as the message went forth

with the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

We invite all ministers and gospel workers to drop in anytime they are in our area.

Dorothy Kinser, reporter
Winston Barker, pastor

Dear Bro. Whiteley,

Today, I am praising God for His work in our lives. As a Gospel party (Ronnie, Gary Kerr, and Mike Nine) we have been in the following services since the first of the year;

Immediately following Convocation we came to South Texas.

January 6 - 7 We were in Youth Rally and then in services at Katy and then came to Alvin the following week.

January 13 - 20 It was our privil-

ege to hold services in Granby, Mo. during the absence of Bro. Gene Waterbury.

January 21 - 31 We were in a Revival in Hinton, Ala. The Lord certainly blessed in these services. Souls were saved and added to the church. Interest was stirred among the Lord's people.

February 4th. We helped Bro. Vester Clanton as he conducted a revival in Amarillo, Tex. Assisting also in these services were Sandra Bachler and Sherry Cook. We enjoyed the Christian fellowship for two weeks with these people as the Lord richly blessed.

Following this - We came to South Texas and were in regular services in Alvin the following two weeks. While there we helped on some repairs of the church, remodeled the Young People's classroom etc. staying busy with our hands also while in the work of the Lord. While there we visited some of the surrounding churches.

March 8 - 9 We were privileged to attend the South Texas Churches' Youth Retreat. These were wonderful days in His presence. The guest speaker, Rev. Joe Mulford from Louisiana, stirred our hearts, as well as the young peoples, with his timely message to youth and his ministry in song.

March 13 - 24 We helped Bro. K. Kerr in a revival at Rockdale. Souls were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit in this meeting.

March 25, 26, 27 God met with us in youth services in the Alvin Church. We appreciated His goodness and the interest of the young people.

April 2 - 6 We will be conducting special services at Big Springs; beginning April 7 we start a two week revival in Snyder, Tex.; Sis. Sherry Cook will be in charge of the music. We are looking forward to a great time of revival and desire your prayers that we may be used of God for salvation of souls.

I surely have appreciated Mike Nine and Gary Kerr traveling with me this winter, God has blessed us in every effort that we have put forth and He supplies our every need. I feel that in the last couple

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NEWS from the CHURCHES

PAMPA CHAPEL PAMPA, TEXAS—

Once again we would like to report briefly on the work that has been going on with the building of our church here. Most of the work on the exterior of the basement has been accomplished, and the sub-flooring laid. We would like to be able to report that we have been able to secure a loan by this time, and that we were going to be able to go on and finish the whole structure; however, we have had much difficulty in seemingly every effort that has been made to secure the money which we will need.

The Word promises that "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.", and we know that if we do put our complete trust in Him, He will not fail us in our need. Perhaps we become too impatient, and God only wants us to wait in faith for His perfect plan to be worked out, and that is what we must do.

Sometimes it would be easy to become discouraged, but we are admonished to "encourage ourselves"; therefore, we are sure that God, who knows all of our needs, will supply in His own time.

Let us keep the faith, for we know that God is able and will not withhold any good thing from them that walk uprightly before Him. Our praise and honor still belong to God for His graciousness to His children.

Mrs. Paul Simmons, reporter
Amos Harris, pastor

CAMP MEETING
LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA
JULY 26 — AUGUST 4

FAIR OAKS CHAPEL SPRING VALLEY, CALIF.—

God has certainly been here in our midst with the growing attendance and handing out the blessings.

On Palm Sunday Bro. Paul held a Communion Service to impress on us the importance of the week to come.

We had a wonderful Easter service. The church was appreciative to Bro. Carl Jelsovsky for the time and interest he put in to working with our choir. Bro. Cliff Barker had a solo part in our choir. We have enjoyed having Bro. Cliff and Bro. James Jones in our church.

After services our church and the Imperial Beach Church joined together at a park and had dinner. It is always good to spend a day with Christian friends.

We request your prayers for our church.

Nelda Seward, reporter
Paul Wilkerson, pastor

PERRYTON, TEX.—

The Lord blessed us with two very good services Easter Sunday. His presence was felt in all the singing and the preaching of His word. Conviction was heavy. Sunday morning Bro. Busch brought the message on the Resurrection. Sunday night Rev. E. K. Cornell preached for us. We are praying for a revival in the near future. Several of the church ladies have begun a chain prayer until the revival. Already we are seeing results of this earnest prayer, and we're expecting souls to be won to God.

Mrs. Bill Cornell, reporter
O. A. Busch, pastor

PINE CREST, MISS.—

We were very glad to have Rev. Roy Wooster with us for some special services March 10-13th. The Lord blessed in each service and everyone enjoyed the services very much.

The Lord gave us a wonderful All-Day service the 5th Sunday in March. Rev. Jack Hopson brought a good message in the morning and Rev. Leon Smith delivered the inspiring afternoon message. There were several good special songs in each service. Good fellowship was enjoyed also at the basket dinner during the noon hour.

Good progress is being made in the building of the new church at Snell. The Lord willing another girl's dorm and more cabins are to be built at the Camp before Camp Time to meet the demand of the increased number of people.

George Hintergardt, pastor

JOPLIN, MISSOURI—

We appreciate the Apostolic Faith Report very much, and may God bless those that work on it so faithfully. We are praising God for the good services He has given us. He has been present to save, to heal, and bless in the ways that are needed when we call on Him. Our attendance has been good. Bro. and Sis Dennie Oakes are now working with our young people. We desire your prayers that God will continue to bless in every service. Also we invite you to visit us anytime.

Onal Nunn, pastor

CAMP MEETING
MISSISSIPPI YOUTH CAMP
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PINE HILL, ALABAMA—

We are thankful to report a "wonderful refreshing" in our church here. Bro. and Sis. Charlie Hick and Mrs. Carolyn Vick were in charge of Cottage Prayer Meetings which preceded our revival recently. These prayer meetings proved to be a real blessing in preparing the Christians for revival.

Rev. Roy Wooster was our evangelist and God gave us an "Old Fashioned Revival" with seven souls being saved. We thank God for sending Bro. Wooster our way and for all the blessings and spiritual growth we have witnessed.

The Ladies' Bible Study group has installed carpeting and new drapes in the church for their project. We are thankful for all their labors and dedication to see this improvement in the church.

We do covet your prayers for the guidance of the Lord as we labor here.

Jim Arnall, pastor

WOODWARD, OKLAHOMA—

The Lord has been blessing in the church here. Rev. Doyle Wiles and gospel party consisting of Misses Lois Riley, Peggy Sutton, and Marilyn Lemons, and Rev. Delvin Wiles recently conducted a revival for us. We enjoyed the inspiring sermons and special singing.

Our congregation is increasing and new interest is being shown. We are making plans for a V.B.S. in June.

Roland Haney, pastor

FOLLETT, TEX.—

The Lord has blessed our church with a wonderful revival. Rev. and Mrs. Ben Barker assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Roy Matthews conducted this revival and God certainly blessed their ministry to us. Each service was spirit filled and the messages were wonderful food for our souls. Bro. Barker used his chart, "God's Plan of the Ages", each night and these sermons were an inspiration to hear. The ministry of music by Bro. and Sis. Matthews was also a blessing to us. Bro. Matthews was also in charge of our morning prayer and devotion and brought an inspiring devotional message each morning.

Our church is progressing for which we thank the Lord. We thank God for the people here with which he has permitted us to work. Recently our church enjoyed having the Youth Group from the Canyon Student Center bring us a service of music. This group has a wonderful choir and was a real blessing to hear. We are certainly glad for the youth of our movement and the talent they are using for the Glory of God.

Jack Cornell, pastor

**MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH
LOGAN, OKLAHOMA—**

Our church has been enjoying the blessings of the Lord with the attendance averaging 70 thus far in the year of '68. Easter Sunday we had 97 in attendance. It has been the endeavor of the church to reach those families in our community who have become lax in their attendance in church and in their service to the Lord. Pray with us that we might see those people become concerned with their souls.

Several of those from our congregation have received rich blessings from revivals which have been held in the communities of Beaver and Follett.

Pray with us in our endeavor to see lost souls won to Christ.

Doyle Wiles, pastor

PROSPERITY, MO.—

Another month has come and gone and we say Praise God for His goodness to us during this month. At the March Youth Rally of this area we were thankful to see a young man from Granby give his life to the Lord.

We were privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. Gail Schultz come to Prosperity March 31st and be in service with us. Sis. Schultz ministered on Sunday morning and Bro. Gail in the evening service. May the Lord richly bless them in their labors for Him.

Earl Malone, pastor

**WAYSIDE CHAPEL
EDNA, TEXAS—**

We have enjoyed our ministry at Wayside Chapel the last three years but now we feel God's Will is to leave and go to minister in another

place. God gave us a burden to come here and we always want to be in His Will. I am open for calls to pastor; if you want to contact me, my phone number is 657-2702, area code 512, Edna, Texas. My address is Star Route, Edna, Texas, 77957. I certainly covet the prayers of all who know the worth of prayer to be led by the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Danny E. Robinson

**SNELL CHURCH
QUITMAN, MISSISSIPPI—**

May we try to express in a small measure the goodness of our Lord. Words fail us when we try to speak of His graciousness to us. Our building is going up faster than we anticipated but that is God's way . . . exceeding, abundantly above that we are able to expect.

We're thankful for the moving of the Spirit of God in the midst of the church laity. As you know for several years only two services a month were held, now we have twelve monthly. Bro. Robert Sanders was chosen to replace Bro. Cooper on our board after Bro. Cooper's death.

We wish to thank everyone that has helped in any way. Please pray for us and come to see us when in this area.

Dorothy Anderson, pastor

GALENA, KANSAS—

We thank God for His many blessings poured out upon His people daily. We see His convicting spirit move in the lives of people and are praying to see them move for the Lord soon. Easter Sunday we topped our expected goal of 200 with an attendance of 211. Our new classroom on the front was certainly a blessing with so many present. God blessed in our services and one found the Lord at the close of the morning service.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

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The Holy Spirit As A Gift

By E. K. Cornell

THERE are some prophecies in the old testament on the Holy Spirit we would like to bring on this subject. In Hosea 6:3. "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." The former rain was the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the people on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4) and the latter rain was the time of outpouring of the Holy Ghost in Bro. Parham's Bible School in Topeka, Kansas, in the month of January, 1900.

This is as the Prophet Joel prophesied in Joel 2:23 where Joel said "he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain in the first month." The latter rain of the Holy Spirit fell in Bro. Parham's Bible school in the first month of the year just as the Prophet Joel said it would.

Let us consider the scriptures in Joel 2:28-29. "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit." In these scriptures God has promised to pour out His Spirit upon ALL flesh; surely this has been fulfilled on the day of Pentecost and the many hundreds that have received this wonderful Gift in their lives through the years.

Some people teach that the experience given in the second chapter of Acts was only given to the Apostles, and that no one else will receive the Holy Ghost, but Acts 2:38 & 39 reads, "Then Peter said unto them, repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the PROMISE is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as the Lord our God shall call."

Surely by these scriptures we know that the promise of the Holy Ghost will be given to every one, to you, and to your children, and to as many as the Lord God has called. Not just the Apostles, not the ministers, or a few that God might pick out, but to as many of God's people that have **FIRST BEEN SAVED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS, AND THEN HAVE BEEN SANCTIFIED.** These are then a candidate to seek the Holy Ghost, letting Him come into your life as the Heavenly Guest, as a divine gift from God. But we must first be saved and Sanctified before we seek or tarry for the Holy Spirit, as the Word of God tells us in Heb. 10:36 "For ye have need of patience, that, **AFTER** ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the **PROMISE.**" And in I Thess. 4:3 "For this is the Will of God even your Sanctification." So after that we have been sanctified we have every right to tarry until we are filled with Him, the Holy Spirit. God is no respecter of persons but any and all that will first do God's will and then will tarry and seek God and pay the price, can in these last days of this age receive the Holy Spirit into their lives. We find again the Word of God tells us in St. John 14: 15-17, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be **IN** you."

The thoughts we share with you from these words are that the Holy Spirit is **WITH** us and bears witness when we are saved. He also is **WITH** us when we consecrate our lives to do God's will. The Holy Spirit witnesses to our experience of Sanctification; but when we receive the Holy Spirit, He, the Holy Spirit, comes into our lives to abide **IN** us. He, the Holy Ghost, is not a work of Grace but He is a **GIFT** from God. And if God desires to give you a wonderful Gift, you

don't have to beg God for the gift; but when you meet the condition and ask God He will give you the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

We also notice the Holy Ghost is called by several Names: Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Holy Spirit, and teacher. When the Holy Spirit comes into our lives He will testify of Jesus or he will speak in another language as the Spirit gives utterance. St. John 15:26 tells us that this is the only Bible evidence that is given showing that we have received the Holy Spirit in our lives, that is the speaking in another language. So we believe that when a person receives the Holy Spirit, he will speak as the Spirit gives utterance. It will not be a stutter or a stammer but as you yield to Him, the Holy Ghost, He will speak through your lips a clear and distinct language so that if there would be a person there to hear you that knew that language, he would understand every word you spoke.

Many pentecostal people go to seed on speaking in tongues. They ask, "do you have the tongues?" I do believe in speaking in another language and I do not do away with the fact that it is the Bible evidence that you have received Him into your life. But to me, this is only a minor thing. There are more important things than speaking in tongues. What denotes that the Holy Spirit is working in your life is that **AFTER** that you have received him, you have the **POWER** of the spirit working in your life.

Now this Power will not put you **OUT** of business, but the Holy Ghost will put you in business. This **power will NOT cause you to fall under the power as many people** believe. Neither will he cause you to fall down and roll around, neither dance in the spirit or jump over seats or around the church. Acting this way is not of the Spirit at all. But as in Acts 1:8 tells us "But ye shall receive **POWER, AFTER** (not when, but after) that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and into the uttermost part of the earth." This power

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will give you boldness to witness or to preach the Gospel to any and all people.

He will not put you out, or in a trance, and he will not cause you to do any thing unseemingly, but you will do all things in decency and in order. I Cor. 14:40 tells you this. It is in order for a person that is Blessed of God to shout or to lift their hands to worship God, if they are lead of God; but not because someone else is doing that neither because some one may tell you to do it that way. When the Holy Ghost comes in He will not care what position your body is in; whether you are kneeling in prayer or sitting and praying, or you might be standing in prayer when you receive. You MUST be living a clean, Holy Sanctified life for the Holy Ghost will not come into an UNCLEAN temple. If you invite the Holy Spirit into an unclean temple, He will not come and you will get another kind of spirit, a spook or fanaticism. This is what causes fanaticism in churches. But if you have been cleansed and Sanctified you need not fear fanaticism for the Holy Spirit wants to come into a clean vessel. Praise God for the truth of the word of God.

The 2nd chapter of Acts tells us that when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were in one accord in one place and there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting. This says they were SITTING, not falling down under the power. No doubt they had been kneeling before this but when the time came they were SITTING, and praying. There appeared unto them cloven tongues of fire, and it sat upon each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. There were 120 people gathered there and they were all Galileans and yet they spake in many different languages. The wonderful works of God as verse 8 tells us there were many different people there, of many parts of the country, yet each heard someone speak in their own tongue - "wherein we were born."

These were not drunk or full of new wine, nor acting undecently, but they were filled with the Spirit of God and were speaking in a clear and distinct tongue that was understood by people of many nations. Peter stood up and said this is that what was spoken of by the Prophet Joel.

Another aspect of the POWER of the Spirit is to be lead daily by the Spirit. He may forbid you to go or do things you might desire. Even though it may not be sin yet it may not be God's will for your life. As in Acts 16:5-10 they were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia. And when they assayed to go into Bithynia the Spirit suffered them not to go there, but to go to Macedonia. Again in the 10th chapter of Acts we find Peter having a vision or trance and God by his spirit, revealed to Peter that the Gentiles were not common or unclean. After Cornelius had been fasting and praying God told him to send to Joppa and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter and when he cometh he shall speak to thee. Then by the spirit of God he spake to Peter to go with these men. Peter said of a truth God is no respecter of persons. Surely we know of a truth that regardless of race or color God will give unto any person the gift of the Holy Spirit if they will meet the conditions and be a Christian that has been Sanctified. They can be filled with the Spirit of God. How imperative it is for us each one to have this gift in our hearts.

It is not right for us to say it is not necessary for us to have this experience in our lives and if I want to I will tarry for the Holy Spirit and if I don't want to I don't have to. But it is a must if you Obey God's word. And it is imperative that you do tarry until you receive the Holy Spirit in your life. For Jesus said in St. John 14:15 "If ye love me keep my commandments." Then in St. Luke 24:49 Jesus said: "And, behold, I send the PROMISE of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." This is a command from Jesus.

In St. John 14:26 Jesus said, "But

the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost whom the father will send in my name, He shall Teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you." These words make us to know another aspect of having this power in our lives. It will be our teacher and bring the words of Jesus to our remembrance. It is the Power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives every day such as being lead of the Spirit, forbidding us to go or to do things that are not God's will, revealing things to us, being our teacher. Comforting etc. To me this denotes we have the true Spirit more than the fact that we speak in another tongue.

Another phase we want to discuss about having the Holy Ghost in our lives and speaking in other tongues, is the way we conduct our lives using this gift when we are in a church service. The Bible teaches us that all things are to be done in decency and in order. Go to your Bible and read what Paul said to the brethren in the Church of Corinth. I Cor. 14:21-28. We are instructed by Paul in these scriptures concerning speaking in another language in a church service. He said tongues are for a sign to them that believe not, but prophesying is for them which believe. If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say ye are mad?

He said when we are come together how come everyone of you "Hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God." As Paul wrote in this chapter to this church he tells us that the entire service is not to be taken up with some one speaking in other tongues and some one else interpret-

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ing. But that only two or at the most three in any one service and that by course or one at a time and that there must be an interpreter or you are to keep silence in the church service; that is unless some one interprets, either you or some one else in that service.

I feel that we have been slack in teaching this to our people in our churches as we do some times have people speak and there is no one to interpret. This entire 14th chapter of 1 Cor. is wonderful instructions for people of God on how to conduct our lives when we have the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives. Paul says in verse 18, "I thank God, I speak with tongues more than ye all. V. 19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in a unknown tongue." So my dear ones this is the reason I say that speaking in tongues is not the important part of having the Holy Ghost in our lives but it is the minor part, it is the Bible evidence that you have received this gift and speaking in tongues will come when you do receive Him, but not to say, "Do you have the tongues?" "Do you have the tongues?" Most of us have too much tongue, it is loose on both ends and floping in the middle. I don't want to do away with speaking in tongues; it is necessary and I feel we should pray through quite often and allow the spirit to speak through us. Above all we should allow the POWER of the spirit to work in and through our lives every day.

I pray that these words will cause a real hunger to come into the lives of every one that does not have this wonderful gift in their lives. It is not hard to receive the Holy Ghost. God said he would give this gift to them that obey Him. All it takes is simply to ASK God, believe that He will give it to you, and the Holy Ghost will come into your life. God wants to give it to you and He is waiting for the opportunity to fill you; so TARRY ye until you receive this gift in your life. May God bless you with the fullness of the blessings of God

is my Prayer unto God for each of your lives.

OBITUARY

Services for James M. (Abb) Smith, 87, who passed away at the Golden Sunset Rest Home were held at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church with Rev. George Hindergadt and Rev. Jim Arnold officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Allie Jane Smith; two daughters, Mrs. Hub Roberts, Mrs. Eula Mae Fleming of Quitman; four sons, Cecil of Laurel, Paul of Stonewall, Leon of Pine Hill, Ala., and Leroy of Tuscaloosa; one brother, Nate Smith of Quitman, one half sister and one half brother.

SPECIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD

Dear Bro. Whiteley,

After Sunday the twenty-first of April, Bro. Claude McLeod, Jr., and I are leaving Center Point to make a tour of the churches of the Faith. To all the pastors we would like to say that we will try to give you a few days notice prior to our coming, but if it is not possible we ask that you understand and receive us into your church.

We are making this tour as the Lord directs us and not of our own planning. We feel we have a message to preach. We only want to be a blessing and a help to the churches.

It is our desire to become acquainted with every pastor of the Faith, and as much as possible, with every believer.

If you feel lead of the Lord to contact us for a revival, and you don't know where we are at the time, you can contact us at this address: Box 196, Center Point, Tex. 78010 or phone 634-2418. God bless you and we will see you soon.

John W. Blythe, Sr.
Claude McLeod, Jr.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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of months I have gained a new height in the Lord that I had not reached before in my short ministry. We desire the prayers of the Movement concerning our further activi-

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ties until Youth Camp time. We will be open for calls immediately following the revival in Snyder, anytime after April 21st.

May God richly bless everyone is our prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Ronnie Martin