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YOUR CHILDREN'S GOD AND THEIR HOME

How much have your children found in their home to make God real to them?

The sacrament might appeal to them more powerfully had every meal at home been given a sacramental flavor through the saying of grace.

The Bible might mean more to them had its great words and thoughts been interwoven with the home life.

Prayer might seem natural to them had they found it a part of the atmosphere of the home.

What does it mean when God says to your son or your daughter, who stands dazed, exalted, yet bewildered before this burning bush of modern knowledge, wondering vaguely what it means at the heart of it, "I am the God of your father and your mother"?

Does it open their eyes to the deep meaning of life? Or does it lead them to set religion aside with other childish things?

William P. Merrill

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EDITORIAL

Hebrews 11:7, By faith Noah being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, . . .". Let's consider two facts of this statement: one—Noah was warned; Two—he moved with fear.

The Bible is full of warnings. We are told to beware, always to watch lest we fall, etc. How many things do we as Christians allow Satan to slip into our lives that steal our victory . . . shady thoughts, carelessness in our daily Bible reading and prayer, carelessness in our attendance to the church, witnessing to others as God opens the way and gives opportunity (this is not only a job for the pastor or evangelist).

Many times people think that they are getting by with God concerning their indifference to church and to their service to God. For three years David thought he had gotten by God with his great sin. Yet one day God sent his servant to David and revealed all things. We are told that every sin and secret will be revealed on the day of judgment. I Cor. 4:5; Romans 2:16. We may think we have things covered up but God knows and takes account.

Men were warned in Noah's day of pending judgement. We as ministers stand today trying to warn men. I'm sure that while Noah was building the ark, he tried to warn the people. I can hear them as I hear people today . . . "since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." We say our fathers looked forward to Christ's

coming and he hasn't come as yet. I have heard my father preach with a shout on his lips of Redemption. He would say, "I'm not looking for a hole in the ground but one in the sky." He thought these things could happen in his time but they didn't. Should I give up? NO! I'm to keep expecting because just as it's recorded in God's Word, IT WILL COME to pass.

The second fact was that Noah moved with fear . . . a fear of displeasing God. Men today have lost this fear of God. This was the reason Israel was in trouble. If we lose our Real love for God, we will lose this fear of displeasing Him and will soon be complacent in our service to Him. This complacency is the reason that we find Christians using any little excuse available to miss church. A few years ago when our services were filled with the power of God and His spirit moved in our services, did the Christians miss church to go to the lake on Sunday, stay home to fix for company or because they were a little weary? NO. . . people attended church regardless of their feelings. If company came, they attended church or else they visited elsewhere while the host attended church. If we love God, as we say we do, then these little things will not keep us from His house. Yes, there are times when a person is truly ill and can't go, and God knows this and understands. We must remember that when we miss church we are only denying ourselves the communion and fellowship with God and the blessings He wishes to bestow upon us. We are not hurting the minister, but just hurting ourselves . . . allowing self desires and pleasures to keep us from enjoying a Full Victorious life in Christ.

Noah knew judgement was coming though he knew not the time. We know the skies are going to roll like a scroll and Jesus will break through bringing this Grace Dispensation to an end. We may leave this world through sickness or accidental death before this event, but it will come at God's time. If we will move with fear as Noah moved with fear, then Christ's coming will not come to us as a thief in the night.

Matthew 24 tells us of trouble that is coming on our land. We

have been warned of God's judgement. Now . . . it is up to each of us to heed this warning and to prepare our lives. We have seen the signs telling us that this wondrous event is about here, our Redemption is drawing nigh. Are we heeding these signs? Are we waiting upon the Lord, trimming the wicks in our lamps and seeing that we have plenty of oil? No one can do it for us, we must attend to this matter ourselves?

Again we thank you for your continuing support of the Report and your prayers asking God to lead us and direct us daily. This is a time when each of us needs wisdom from God to meet the problems of our day. We do appreciate your faithfulness to God and ask that His blessings will be poured out abundantly as you wait upon Him.

Let us all be found faithful in the little things we can find to do for Him. VBS time is here, youth camps will soon be starting. There are many avenues of service to God. Each time we work for Him, we gain victory in our lives. Let's PRAY and be found in the House of God. Pray earnestly, not just a minute or two, that God will bless in each phase of His work. We need His spirit to be poured out in our services, whether it be VBS, youth camp, camp meeting, or our services at home. God bless each of you.

Howard Whiteley

OPEN FOR CALLS

Carl Jelsovsky is now open for pastoral calls. Contact him by writing Box 162, Centerton, Ark. 72719.

The trouble with little sins is that they don't stay little.

NOTICE!

We would like to update our files. If you received a copy of the Report from a friend, and would like to be on the mailing list, please send us your name, address and zip code.

SERMON OF THE MONTH

RAPTURE

By Gary E. Denton



that we needed to strive for it to please God! But I didn't want to offend you, so we didn't preach it!

Oh,—God help me! I am wretched! My daughter! My daughter! Mine own daughter is gone! I sorrow and morn in my own loss, but I sorrow more over you because I have failed, not just in little things, but in great things. My failure is in you!

A new political leader appeared on the scene just yesterday! Beloved children, he is the accursed man of the devil. He shall cause many of us to be put to death. This is the man of the perdition that has been spoken of in the Scriptures. Let us flee! There may be yet a little time. Let us go to Israel. That is our only hope now, for it is too late to hope in the Rapture! We must go! Please, as many as will, let us pool our money and go as quickly as possible. If we do not go in a very few days, we are lost and doomed to enter heaven only by giving our lives up in death, unless we attain to a possible miracle of God to be carried away into the wilderness! If you will, come and go with us!

Oh what chagrin I feel over you! Some of you would be with the Master right now if I had not failed! I must now resign and urge you to come and go with us that we might continue on in the freedom of worship in the land of Israel for at least three and a half years!

He sat down!

"... ; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time, your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness,

and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Apostolic Singers Give Concert

Monday, April 5, the Apostolic Singers, fifty in number, presented an evening of special music in the Alvin, Texas high school auditorium under the direction of Mr. Gene Allen with Mrs. Rita Scott, accompanist. Participants were members of the Katy and Alvin Apostolic Faith Church choirs.

A special feature was the Youth Chorus which was made up of 24 Christian youth of both churches. Their singing rang out a testimony which received an echo of "Amens" from the audience of approximately 600. A few of the singers were given an opportunity to personally testify and God never failed to bless them or those who heard.

Another feature of the program in song was the Men's Quartet, Melvin Scott, Buddy Stanberry, Gene Allen and Ronald Scott with Mrs. Rita Scott, pianist. She also took a special solo part with the background of the quartet singing.

God blessed in a special way and the glory and praise is all to Him, our soon Redeemer. In attendance were people from all the churches in Alvin and others from Katy and Houston.

Shattuck, Oklahoma

We have resigned as pastors of the church here in Shattuck and are now open for calls. We trust that God will lead and bless the church here and that many souls will be won to Him.

Roland Haney
Route 1, phone 806 653 4224
Follett, Texas

When things go wrong—don't go with them!

"Jealousy is a horse which the devil likes to ride."

This particular Sunday morning seemed to most people to be a morning like most Sunday mornings. Most were preparing to go to Sunday School as they had done on so many Sundays for the greater part of their lives. But this one was different in a not very subtle way. It was with a very broken and contrite heart that the pastor of one Pentecostal Church arose that morning and began to speak.

"Beloved sheep of my flock, I failed you. It is with a very heavy heart that I tell you that this morning, our ranks have been lessened by three very dear souls. They have gone! Friday, good Brother Stark, Sister Bates, and my own daughter, Ella,—(a slight pause and a choked back sob), left us for a fairer land. What has happened is that the Rapture has occurred and we are left! Oh, I wish that I knew I could have only one more year to warn you about it. One more year to warn you to make your lives ready for His Rapture. One more year to tell you how to become His will in the flesh! Oh how I wish that I could live it over. But I cannot.

If I could, oh how differently I would live these last few months. For you see; even though I have been very faithful to visit every one of you when you were sick, even though we have had services in the jail, even though we have had a give to the needy program, even though we have had wonderful times of revival, even though we have had many filled with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, I have still failed! A few months ago, I was thinking of giving a series of lessons on sanctification. I put it off. I was going to talk of the Rapture right after I came here, but you see, I felt that I did not know you well enough to know how you would receive it. Oh it was so needful for you to realize

BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

Apostolic Faith Report
Howard Whiteley
Hardesty, Oklahoma

Dear Friends:

Greetings from the Apostolic Faith Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas. It is a pleasure to come to visit with you folks again by way of the Report.

The activities around here are progressing real well and the Lord has been so good to us in so many ways. We have had some rain recently which was so badly needed. The signs of summer are very much present, with the trees and grass being so green and pretty.

The heating and air-conditioning system has been completed and is in operation and working just wonderful. This is one of the big advantages which we have seen come to pass, that has been needed for so long. It became necessary to borrow \$2,000 from the bank to pay for this project. There has been \$1,000 given for this cause. The total cost of the project was \$3,056.99.

The roofing work has been done and most of the roofs at the school are in good shape for several years, we hope.

The prospects for the coming term of Bible School are looking just great at this time. I have received a number of applications already, and there are a number of students which have said they were coming that we have not received their applications as of now. Looks like we could have a full house this year.

May I employ every praying Christian to pray every day for your Bible School. After all, in this is the real success I still need the names and addresses of anyone who might be interested in the school. Please send these names to Box 110, Baxter Springs, Kansas 66713.

Pastors, please remember the "Bible School Appreciation Day" May 23, 1971.

Sincerely,
Ted Barker

ASK FOR THE GOOD WAY AND WALK THEREIN

By Mrs. E. A. Greever

Jer. 6:16, 17. "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

Also I set watchmen over you saying, Harken to the sound of the trumpet, But they said we will not hearken."

Jesus speaking said, "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." John 6:63.

"No man can come unto me except it were given unto him of my Father. After hearing this many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him.

Jesus asked the twelve, will ye also go away?

Peter answered Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." John 6:65-67.

Now, dear friends, we are just people today, just as every generation has been throughout the many years. And God's holy word is still His Holy word and His exhortation in Old Testament times was, "Be ye Holy for I am holy." It is still be ye holy in New Testament times and this cannot be geared with the time in which we are living, as I have heard said by man we are geared to the times. It is the same 600 years before Christ or 1971 years after His birth. We are still to keep his commandments.

Holy men spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. No man or group of men (or women) with their learning and wisdom can interpret the scriptures. "The foolishness of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is stronger than men." I Cor. 1:25.

Christ Jesus is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. The Holy Ghost was sent for different reasons, one was to lead us into all truth that we might tell the world all that Jesus came to do for them.

Under the law God said, be holy,

but continually they had to return asking forgiveness. And God saw the weakness of the flesh and gave us something better... His son that by his blood as we repent we are forgiven. Jesus, His son gave himself for the church that everyone who has repented can have their sin nature cleansed. (It is impossible for anyone to repent of that nature with which we were born) but we can ask for the cleansing blood to do this work for us, and dear friend, let no man deceive you... This work can be done. We are made so clean and the Lord sets us apart (sanctifies) for His glory and service and then will seal our lives with the Holy Ghost.

Now we can live, walk and be led of the Spirit. In the work of the Lord we have no confidence in the flesh, neither do we need any man teach us, for the anointing which we have received abideth in us. O Praise Him!

Before Jesus went to heaven, he stopped evangelism commanding his disciples to tarry until they were endued with power from on high.

This would include all apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers that the Lord places in the church for the perfection of the saints until we are full grown unto a perfect man unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, That we no longer be tossed about by deceitful men.

As we assemble together there are people who need to repent... some need to consecrate, and others need to be filled with the Holy Ghost, and among our number are found the sick, blind, deaf, lame, and demon possessed. And now just what is the sum of what I am wanting all of us to remember?

We are right at the very close of the gospel dispensation and if the apostles of the early church warned us by saying, Evil men and seducers wax worse and worse deceiving and being deceived... Then we in 1971 should warn the people, this same thing continues to be worse and worse. Take heed, and with Joel we should blow the trumpet and sound the alarm.

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TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK



Camp Counseling

Jesus Christ as a Counselor

"His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God" Isa. 9:6.

God's Son Jesus Christ is the master Counselor. Learn from his methods and rely on the Holy Spirit to guide you. When you are sensitive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, He will give you insights far deeper than you own.

Let's consider the counseling of the Woman at the Well. John 4. Christ opened the conversation and made the approach. He began with the familiar, in this case water. Then he involved her in conversation, though never condemning her even though he knew all about her sins. Instead He led her from well water to spiritual water.

When she talked of the feeling between the Jews and Samaritans, He waited until this emotional roadblock was gone. Step by step he led her to the point where she asked for His kind of water. Then He moved into the area of her sin without rejecting her. He clearly disagreed with what she had done, but dealt with her problem. When she changed the subject, He led her in progressive steps to the point of insight.

Compare this chapter with John 3 where the Lord dealt with Nicodemus. This was a leader, a religious gentleman of Good reputation. In this instance, Nicodemus opened the conversation and the Lord began on the level of Nicodemus' understanding. He was different from the Samaritan woman and the Lord dealt with each person and their individual needs.

Help Each Camper

You are to help each camper to face himself squarely in the light of God's word. Don't try to solve the camper's problem but help him to assume responsibility for his own problem and for making the right decisions. Guide him into the word of God where the Holy Spirit can speak to him and where he can find principles for making the right choices. You can't go home with

them to help them all year, but they can take Christ home who has promised never to leave or forsake His own. Heb. 13:5.

All problems don't have spiritual origins but a permanent solution will not be found until the camper is in proper relationship to Christ. Outside pressure may bring outer conformity, but there must be an inner response to bring about a genuine change.

Some behavior problems are of a spiritual origin. Spiritual maladies may be the cause of homesickness, apparent uninterest in what's going on, and as a wise counselor, you will try to find out WHY your camper is acting as he is.

Perhaps you are saying, "But I won't be counseling any problem campers." By living with campers, by being with them through the day, you will be counseling. Everyone has some type of problem. Let's discuss some helpful steps in counseling.

Contact

Be sensitive to the camper who is trying to make contact with you. The camper that lingers in class after everyone else is gone or remains in the cabin when the others leave, is trying to make contact with you. This camper may be trying to watch to see if you are a person he can trust with his deep feelings. If the person tries role acting, go along with it. Show patience and understanding but never reveal alarm or condemnation.

Recognize the fact the camper may be trying to make contact with you so leave the door open to conversation but never pry. If George discusses that a friend cheats on exams use this approach of third-person also, even though it may be George is the guilty one. Remember George is trying to decide how much to confide in you.

Find The Problem

Sue may ask about several surface problems until she trusts you enough to share the big problem. Don't attempt to give pat answers but listen, listen, and listen to

WHAT she says and to HOW she says it. Listen to WHAT she omits. Listen for her feelings ... what does she think about herself? Her parents? Her friends? Listen for distortions. Listen to what she selects to tell you. Listen for emotional overtones, a higher pitched voice, tears, or nervousness. She may be telling you things in addition to her words. Though the problem may seem trivial to you, it may be a mountain to her.

Your job here is to listen, to reflect, and to clarify what the camper is saying. You may need to ask a few general questions to understand her feelings. The statement, "I have a sister two years younger than I," may mean several things: happiness for someone near her age, responsibility maybe not wanted, or resentment for being compared so often with the younger one. Try to reflect what Sue means and summarize what she has said. This is one way of helping Sue define her problem so that she can see it more objectively.

Never forget that just talking about a problem can be needed therapy. Sometimes it's hard for the camper to put his feelings in words but once they do, it's a relief to them. Be careful not to probe and stop them from telling you too much which they might regret later or feel guilty about in the future. Help remove emotional blocks so your campers can be more objective.

Insight

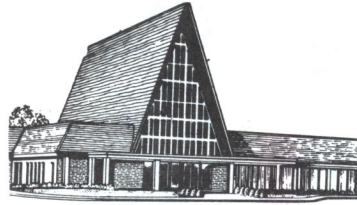
Your job is not to solve the problem for the camper, but to help him gain insight so he can find the solution. Help him take responsibility for his problem. At the point of insight, introduce the Word of God. Direct him to read a passage or a verse which is relevant to his problem.

Don't confuse the camper with too many scriptures, one or two are enough. Help him understand the relationship of this scripture to his own need but take care not to sound preachy.

Remember that God loves your camper far more than you do, and in His Divine Will He placed your camper in that broken home or in that other difficult situation. The

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



Hinton, Alabama

Greetings in the name of the Lord. Things have been going great in this area this spring. Our Church enjoyed a wonderful revival in April with the Rev. and Mrs. Ronnie Martin and the Quesenbury sisters. Our revival started Easter Sunday morning with 92 attending the first service. We were very thrilled to see seven saved, two sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Spirit, and the entire community was refreshed with the splendid singing, readings, and sermons rendered unto us.

We rented an organ for the revival and are so very thankful the Lord has provided for us to keep this beautiful piece of workmanship in our church.

We're looking forward to another fine year at Youth Camp, and cordially invite everyone to come and enjoy the blessing of the Lord with us.

We ask an interest in your prayers in our behalf as we labor for the Lord in this area.

Myrtle Carney, pastor

Taneyville, Missouri

Easter Sunday we broke our attendance record with 127 present. Often our church is well seated but we're thankful most of all for the many blessings which God gives to us. I'm preaching in all the services again now and on Wednesday nights I use a desk and chair out in front and have a Bible School type lesson. I teach besides there are questions and comments. At present we have been studying the Holy Spirit so we're planning a follow-up with tarry services for several that see their need for this blessing.

I wish to thank the many people who prayed for me during the 67 days in the hospital. May God bless you every one. Please still ask God to give me Devine Healing which is the only sure healing and cure. The God we serve is able to do this not only for me but for

all that call on His precious name. Surely the night of sin is upon our nation but we still have our trust in Jesus.

Gail Schultz, pastor

Midway Country Church

The Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Kerr and Gary were with us for a revival April 24-May 5. There were some reclaimed and sanctified. The church was blessed by the wonderful messages going forth each evening. We feel that God's blessings have been poured out on us as a church and we are made to realize how much we owe to Him.

Doyle Wiles, pastor

Laverne, Oklahoma

We're happy to report the Lord is blessing the church here and our attendance is on the increase. This past month we enjoyed a wonderful revival in our church, with the Rev. and Mrs. Kay Kerr, assisted by Gary Kerr, Kenny Barker and the Quesenbury sisters. During the two weeks of inspirational services many victories were gained, some were healed and it was a real time of awakening for the church. The Lord moved on our community and many sinners visited the revival. The church was filled with people nearly every night.

Now, we're trusting the Lord that we will see a harvest of souls in the future and that the church will continue to grow. Pray for us and the work here.

Jack Cornell, pastor

Hardesty, Oklahoma

Our special pre-Easter services with the Rev. and Mrs. Olen Bachler were a blessing to our church. We enjoyed having the Rev. and Mrs. Bill Patterson, Jr. to assist in these services and their special singing made an outstanding contribution to each evening. The students from Goodwell that brought testimonies and other special numbers were also a blessing to us. The

Lord anointed the messenger and our hearts were awakened to a deeper need of God in each of our lives. One high school girl was saved and we trust that this will only be a beginning.

On Mother's Day a special dedication service was held with the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Earl Jones, Tricia Lynette, being dedicated to the Lord along with Angela Summerford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Summerford, and Genese Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elson Miller. God blessed during this sacred service as parents were instructed of their duty in instructing and instilling God's Word in the hearts of their children.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

Cave Springs, Arkansas

We're happy to report that the Lord has most graciously blessed us in our services. During the month of March we had four saved and one sanctified. We praise God for these victories.

Our attendance has been down some due to sickness, but we're praying that it will grow, not just in number, but most of all spiritually. We extend an invitation to ministers and gospel workers any time.

Austin Sutton, pastor

Amarillo, Texas

The church is progressing and moving forward for God, including an increase in our attendance. Our Easter Services were very outstanding with one person accepting Christ. Communion was observed during the evening service which was an inspiration to all present.

We are looking forward to a revival which will be conducted by the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Cornell during the first part of May. Our VBS will begin May 31 under the direction of Joy Watson.

Neil Ragan, pastor

Joplin, Missouri

The Lord has been blessing the Joplin church in recent weeks. We had a wonderful revival with Bro. M. D. Methvin as our evangelist, and Duane and Barry helping. There were some new ones added to the church by conversion, many

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Teacher's Notebook

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Holy Spirit can give your camper insight and make him ready to change and guide him in his life.

Timing is crucial. Beware of hurriedly giving him a verse of Scripture and telling him to pray about his problem before he has gained insight or understands the problem himself. Guide him to the the scripture, let him see how it fits his needs and then guide him into seeing for himself a possible solution.

Perhaps setting up a balance sheet of pros and cons can help him decide on a course of action. Show him how to break down the solution into smaller steps. Allow the camper the luxury of a minor mistake for remember, the process of counseling, is one of solving problems WITH him, not FOR him.

Avoid telling the camper that you had the same problem, as he may feel that your solution must be his too.

Identify with your camper without becoming emotionally involved in the problem. Ask the Lord to help you show empathy and understanding without losing the proper perspective.

Be shockproof. The camper may try to shock you with true or false stories of his escapades to watch your reactions and see if you condemn him as a person. You can disagree without rejecting him. Look at Christ's example and the woman in adultery. "Neither do I condemn you, but go and sin no more."

Keep confidences and resist the temptation to share some tidbit of confidential information, even to "get others to pray about it." What your camper has told you in confidence, is not yours to share. Such information has a way of getting around, and your counseling ministry with that one will end. As well, you will find others won't confide in you either.

Don't jump to conclusions as soon as a camper begins to talk. Wait to get to the root of the real problem.

Recognize a deep emotional or psychological problem. Christian campers are subject to these stresses and strains as well as

others.

Give your unhurried attention when the camper talks. Be a good listener. If you can't talk at the moment, tell him so but make an appointment for a later time when you can spend time alone with him.

Show concern for his physical comfort. Don't keep him standing or in another uncomfortable position.

Be interested in him without being nosy.

Be careful not to identify with one side of the situation. Listen to all sides before passing judgment, in trying to help a camper.

Be honest with him. If he asks, "Did my pastor tell you about me?" If you had a previous conversation with the pastor say, "Yes, but I find it hard to understand any problem secondhand and that you prefer to hear it from him." This keeps the door open and shows you are not prejudiced against him.

Your own example teaches much. Your campers want to see the Christian life demonstrated and that it really works. Prove it to them by your radiant, enthusiastic walk with the Lord. Many of the camper's problems are rooted in the "adults' inconsistent lives".

By faith commit your campers to the Lord and trust Him to work in their lives, to give insight, to motivate, and to change.

LOST PINES

YOUTH CAMP

Warda, Texas

Enrollment May 30

Beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Classes begin May 31

Committee:

Rev. Roy Wooster
Bro. Gayle McLeod
Rev. Danny Robinson

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seeking God for deeper walks, and God was there every night. The last Sunday afternoon we had a baptismal service with 12 following the Lord in baptism.

We are also thankful for the parsonage which has been provided and redecorated, with the help of many of our good people. The parsonage is located at 510 South Cox, across the alley from the church. Phone number 417 781 5761.

Onal Nunn, pastor

Union Chapel, Missouri

We have been having good services at our church. Recently a young man and his wife were saved and then followed the Lord in water baptism. We're praying that others will soon find Christ. Our attendance has been very good with 105 on Easter Sunday. Our regular services have averaged 70-80. We do praise God for His goodness to us.

Mrs. Arvel Kidd, reporter
Bob Cooper, pastor

Rockdale, Texas

We have certainly enjoyed the last 11 days of Revival Services with the Rev. Delvin Wiles and his gospel party consisting of Sheri Cook, Dorothy Kinser, Dan Legg, David Nine, Joe Randolph, and Duane Methvin. They were a blessing to our church and we appreciated the good preaching and singing every night. Our crowds were good and everyone received many victories from God.

Other recent visitors in our services have been Johnny Scruggs, Hempstead, and Bro. Andy Qualls and His daughter Rendy. Bro. James Orange and family were with us in service along with Bro. Dean Harper.

We enjoyed the singing and playing of our niece, Dona Blythe, when she spent some time with us working in the church. We feel God has blessed us so much this year and are looking forward to other blessings as we continue to serve Him.

Danny Robinson, pastor

Spearman, Texas

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all the blessings God bestows upon us, I'm sure there are many blessings we take for granted and that were it not for the goodness of God, we would not experience.

The church had a good youth revival in January with Evangelist Delvin Wiles and gospel party, Sheri Cook, Dorothy Kinser, Joe Randolph and David Nine. Just recently Rev. and Mrs. Ronnie Martin and the Quesenbury sisters of Hardesty were with us for a Wednesday night service. We also enjoy Lois Riley when she is home; she is helping in the church at Denver.

We're always thankful for visitors in our services and hope that we're a blessing to them.

Susan Delk, reporter
Jake Regier, pastor

Arnett, Oklahoma

Oh! What joy and gracious blessings the Lord gave us in that 17 souls were saved during our Revival of March 28 through April 4, 1971. This Revival was conducted by the Rev. and Mrs. Ronnie Martin, assisted by the Quesenbury sisters helping with the youth and special music. We are thankful the Lord saw fit to show a wonderful manifestation of the Holy Spirit in conviction, enlightenment, and healing in the lives of men and women. We were happy to have visitors from Beaver, Laverne and Woodward, Oklahoma.

On March 28, 1971 a very sweet and sacred service was held in that Jerry Hinnant's sons, Jay and Leroy, and Frank Neece's son, Jeffery, were dedicated to the Lord.

Reverend Ken Barker visited in the Arnett area Wednesday, April 7, 1971 and presented the evening message. Reverend Barker is attending Oral Robert's University in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Reverend and Mrs. Dennis Huff and son visited with us Easter Sunday with Reverend Huff bringing the morning message. Our evening service was a blessing as we partook of Communion.

An attendance contest has been in progress among the young people with sides chosen with one being the Adventurers and the

other the Explorers. The Adventurers met defeat and gave a Coke Party for the Explorers.

Our young people are busy with various church activities. They have many get-togethers but their goal is to reach others for Christ. We are proud of our young people and children as they work to win souls for Christ.

The Lord continues to bless as the Bible Lessons are given at the Ioland School. God is no respecter of persons for what he does for one he will do for the other.

Our ladies continue to meet on Friday afternoon for prayer meeting. God is blessing this group though at times it is small in number.

The Wednesday Night Prayer Service is one of the highlights of the week as it is a time of securing help to be a better soul winner and worker for Jesus. Prayer is the key that unlocks heaven's door, so the answer can come through. Remember the Holy Spirit does not anoint plans but men of prayer.

All ministers and other visitors are always welcome. Come and be with us any time you can.

Ruby V. Kibbe, reporter
Rene A. Heil, pastor

Beaver, Oklahoma

Beaver Apostolic Faith Church participated in the local "March To Church In March" effort to bring more people to church. The goal for each church was to increase attendance 20 percent over the December average. Our average was 44 which made our goal 52. We were among the few churches meeting or exceeding their goal for each Sunday.

Bro. Allen attended the Prayer Seminar in Oklahoma City March 9, 10, 11. He reported that it was among the most inspiring and spiritually enlightening services he had ever attended and that he hopes these seminars will be continued.

Bro. Gary Kerr preached for us one Sunday night and Dorothy Kinser and Shari Cook were here to sing during a Wednesday night service. We were glad to have them; it is always a blessing to have those in the Lord's work to stop by for services.

The Faith Chapel Choir from

Canyon, Texas sang to a full house in concert at Beaver March 27. This service was a real blessing to those who came.

Bro. Allen will be in revival at Balko, Oklahoma beginning April 18. Bro. Floyd LaMunyon will take the services at Beaver during Bro. Allen's absence.

Loera Woodson, reporter
Bill Allen, pastor

Galena, Kansas

Easter Sunday completed our Sunday School contest for the spring with an attendance of 196. We had a wonderful Sunrise service after which the young people served coffee, hot chocolate and rolls.

Sis. Peggy Sutton is having a wonderful children's church during our 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning with an average attendance of 15. The church recently purchased a piano for this group and Becky Cole is the pianist.

Rev. Lowell Long will begin a revival with us on April 25. We have been having cottage prayer meetings once a week asking God for a revival and the needs of the church. We desire the prayers of all that we will see souls saved and the church strengthened.

Rita Robinson, reporter
Paul Clanton, pastor

OBITUARY

Rev. Elmer Miller

Rev. Elmer Harvey Miller, 85, of 601 N. Tennessee, Cartersville, Missouri, passed from this life March 26, 1971 at 10:05 A.M. at his home following an illness of four months.

Bro. Miller was born November 15, 1885, in Jasper County. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Miller. He and his wife pastored the West Purcell Mission until his retirement in November 1970. He was a faithful Christian and served God for many years.

Survivors include his widow, Pansy Miller; two sons, Howard of Cartersville and Leonard Miller of Spring Valley, California; and a brother, John S. Miller, Portland, Oregon; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Stringer, Lyons, Kansas and Mrs. Elsie Gordon, Denver, Colorado; three grandchildren and three

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CHILDREN'S HOUR

By Carolyn Quesenbury



Willing To Do God's Will

By Yvonna Whiteley

Do you obey your parents when they ask you to do something for them? Or do you grumble and say "I'm busy, wait a minute"? Often Jesus needs someone to do something Right now and if we say, "wait a minute", the need passes and he doesn't need us. He has looked and found someone ready to do what Jesus asks, at that very minute, and they received the blessing we were to have.

Not long after Jesus went back to heaven to be with His Father, he needed a man to explain the way of salvation to a eunuch who was all alone crossing the desert. Christ looked all around, searched through all the people that claimed to be Christians, and decided that Philip was just the man that could do the job. So he sent an angel from heaven to Philip with the message saying he was to "go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza which is desert".

Wasn't that an awful long way to send a preacher to talk to just ONE man? No! In the sight of God, everyone is important and God wants everyone to become a Christian.

When Philip arrived in the desert, he saw an Ethiopian eunuch reading the Bible. God told Philip to go and talk to this man. So Philip went. He didn't say, "Wait a minute God. I need to take a bath as I got all dusty on my trip." Or "I'm hungry and need to eat first."

The Bible tells us that Philip ran and joined the man and began to ask him questions. He asked the eunuch if he understood what he was reading. The eunuch said that he didn't and then asked how he could understand unless someone would explain it to him.

Right then Philip began to explain to this man how he could be saved. I'm sure he told the man all about Jesus and the way he died on the cross so that everyone could become children of God. As Philip explained the Word of God to this man, the Holy Spirit showed the eunuch that he needed to be saved. And the eunuch answered by repenting of his sin. Then he ask to be baptised. So, right there in the desert, Philip baptized the eunuch.

You see, if Philip had waited while he took care of his own desires, God would have had to call on someone else to go to the eunuch and Philip would not have experienced the joy of leading this man to Christ.

We must be ready to do what God wants us to do ... when he wants us to do it. It's very important because someone may be waiting to be saved and become a Christian.

The little things God asks us to do are often more important than the big things we'd like to do. Philip had just finished a revival in the city of Samaria where many people were saved and now God had sent him to the desert to just one man. In God's sight, that one man was just as important as that big revival

God may ask us to spend several hours a day praying for the church, the ministers and those that are lost. Or He may want you to be a Sunday School teacher or a youth leader. Each is important and each has to be done by a faithful Christian doing God's will at the time God asks that it be done.

Regardless of how little we may think the job is, when God asks us to do it, let's say "yes" ... because God has a reason for asking us.

Find These Answers

Acts 8

1. And the ... of the Lord spake unto Philip.

2. Gaza was a
3. Philip told a ... about God and how to be
4. Philip had been in ... where he had led many to Christ.
5. Philip ... the eunuch in the desert when they came unto a certain water.

Answer:

1. angel; 2. desert; 3. eunuch, saved; 4. Samaria; 5. baptized.

Ask For The Good Way and Walk Therein

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Please listen, this message is not to condemn for we all have an adversary the Devil, who as a roaring lion is walking about seeking whom he may devour.

All God called ministers have to watch and spend much time waiting upon God in prayer to be led of the Spirit in services of all kinds lest the flesh take over.

Do we remember them in prayer?

Now let us remember we are told of the falling away before Jesus returns.

Since being filled with the Holy Ghost 50 years ago, I have striven to be led by him and have worshipped with people who are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets. Jesus Christ himself being the Chief Cornerstone. Thus we go by the name of the Apostolic Faith ... and now for several years in many ways I have been grieved in spirit seeing the demonstrations of the flesh creeping into our services.

Feasting is taking the place of fasting.

Eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage as in the day of Noah. There are more divorces among God's people with every passing day.

More time is spent at the eating and drinking stands than around the altars with burdens too heavy for us to bear for ourselves and others.

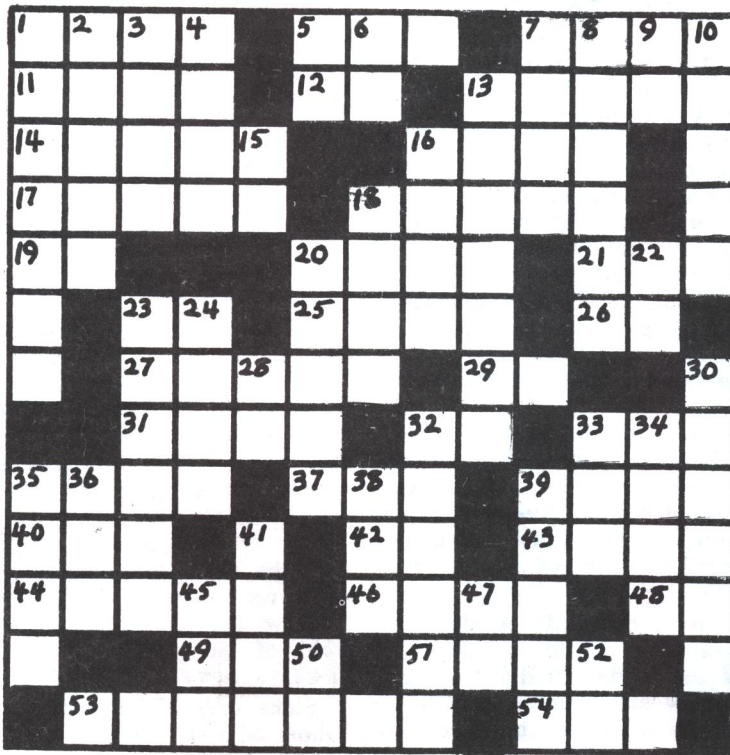
Sometimes it appears people can hardly wait to get there. There wouldn't be one of these on these sacred spots if I were in charge, therefore perhaps, I will never fill such a position.

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CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST

EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH!

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Answer Next Month

Clues Across

- 1 "Mercy...you, and peace, and love, be multiplied"
- 5 "Michael ... durst not bring against...a railing accusation"
- 7 "How...they told you there should be mockers in the last time"
- 11 the time of day Saul saw the great light from heaven (Acts 22:6)
- 12 "keep those things which are written therein, for the time is ...hand" Rev. 1
- 13 article of furniture used for sitting
- 14 "ungodly men, turning the... of our God into lasciviousness"
- 16 a contest or conflict
- 17 "of some have compassion, making a difference: And...(s) save with fear"
- 18 "every vessel of wood shall be ... (d) in water" Lev. 15:12
- 19 initials of two Old Testament, God-fearing women (Judges 4:4; I Sam. 2:1)

- 20 a wooded hill
- 21 nickname for a sister
- 23 "to whom...reserved the blackness of darkness for ever"
- 25. 35, 53 "Now unto him that is ... to ... you from ..., and to present you faultless"
- 26 "when I gave all diligence... write unto you of the common salvation"
- 27 "in which the heavens shall pass away with a great..." II Pet. 3:10
- 29 "If we say that we have... sin, we deceive ourselves" I John 1
- 31 "He goeth after her straightway...Till a... strike through his liver" Prov. 7:23
- 32 initials of two idols for whom houses were built (II Kings 5:18; I Sam. 5:2)
- 33 "the eyes of the Lord run to and ... throughtout the whole earth" II Chron. 16
- 35 see 25 across
- 37 "These are spots in your feasts

- of charity, when they feast with ..."
- 39 "Enoch also, the seventh... Adam"
- 40 city where David ate the hal- lowed bread (I Sam. 21:1)
- 42 first and last letters of the father of Mishael (Ex. 6:22)
- 43 soil with clay, sand, and organic matter in it
- 44 "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to...into the holiest" Heb. 10
- 46 "pass the...of your sojourn- ing here in fear" I Pet. 1
- 48 "For we can...nothing against the truth, but for the truth II Cor. 13:7
- 49 "for neither, if we...are we the better" I Cor. 8
- 51 "an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his...on high" Hab. 2
- 53 see 25 across
- 54 "having their conscience seared with a...iron" I Tim. 4

Clues Down

- 1 "to convince all that are... among them of all their...deeds"
- 2 "mount Zion, on the sides of the ... , the city of the great King" Psalm 48
- 3 the father of Eliel (I Chron. 6:34)
- 4 "ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was...delivered"
- 5 "...; and he smelleth the battle afar off" Job 39
- 6 "was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you"
- 7 "because we...judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead" II Cor. 5
- 8 "Thou lovest righteousness, and ...wickedness" Psalm 45
- 9 small town causing Israel's de- feat (Josh. 7)
- 10 "...whose fruit withereth, with- out fruit, twice dead"
- 13 "ye should earnestly...for the faith which was once delivered"
- 15 father of Elmodam (Luke 3:28)
- 16 "And he said unto him, Take thy..., and write fourscore" Luke 16
- 18 "But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best ..." Luke 15
- 20 "he that is...of spirit exalteth folly" Prov. 14
- 22 initials of: a prophet to Asa (IIChron. 15:8) a prophet to Hezekiah (II Kings 20:1)

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BIBLE PUZZLE

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- 23 "for we also forgive every one that is... (ed) to us" Luke 11:4
- 24 "though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much..." Jer. 2:22
- 28 father of Shuppin and Huppim (I Chron. 7:12)
- 30 "When I gave all diligence to write unto you of the...salvation"
- 32 "He that ruleth over men must be just, ...in the fear of God" II Sam. 23
- 33 same as 33 across
- 34 "And Achish said, Whither have ye made a...today? I Sam. 27
- 35 "I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once... this"
- 36 an age
- 38 "having saved the people... of the land of Egypt"
- 39 "hating even the garment spotted by the..."
- 41 spoken aloud
- 45 a snake-like fish without scales
- 47 "it was needful for...to write unto you"
- 50 initials of Abraham's father, Abraham's son (Gen. 11:31; 21:3)
- 52 "...the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty"

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit with me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Psa. 51:10-12.

Prayer will drive sin out of your life; or sin will drive prayer out!

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Answer To Last Month's Puzzle

Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Coldiron, Rockdale, Texas, were honored on their 50th Anniversary with an Open House which was hosted by their children. The following poem was written in honor of the occasion by Mrs. Susie Garner of Houston, Texas. The Coldirons have embraced the Apostolic Faith Doctrine for many years and have proved to be a blessing in the church at Rockdale.

"The Coldirons Golden Wedding Anniversary"

Fifty years have come and gone
Since Elton carried his bride,
Gertrude, home.
With love, determination, grit
and grind
This young couple was determined
that
This marriage was for all time.

With this wonderful outlook in view
God looked down and said, "I know
what I'll do,
I'll send three daughters and four
sons, as a
Blessing to this woman and man,
To be a family and help toil the
land.

There were lean years, good years,
joy, worry, sweat and tears.
Then came along the nationwide
depression years.
During this time of man's hunger
and strife
Jesus Christ came into the Cold-
iron's life.

And from that very day they have
been a witness of His love and
grace
And they have always been found
willing to fill a servant's place.
Privileged to preach, live and
spread the gospel with out-
stretched hand
Bringing glory to God and help
to man.

They are not ones to speak of
themselves much
But if asked, you could expect their
conversation to be as such
"Oh, no, it has not always been an
easy road."
For they have known sorrow and
woe
But they will testify to you that
Jesus walked beside them and
lightened their load.

So...now that the Golden Anniver-
sary wedding bells are ringing
clear

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Coldiron wish
all their relatives and friends to
them be near...

On Sunday, March 28, 2 to 5 p.m.
as the door of their humble
dwelling swings open wide,
They hope that you will be among
them that come inside.

**Ask For The Good
Way and Walk Therein**

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We certainly do not want to be
as the children of Israel. "Set down
to eat and drink then rise up to
play." In all things written of them
he tells us it is for our admonition
that we should not lust after such
as did they.

Our camp ground services went
from one to the other several years
ago with the time spent around
the altar or with testimonies of
God's dear children and now most
of them are cheated out of what
the Lord wanted us to hear from
their lips.

This could have gradually been
brought about by someone who
took too much time talking with-
out the Spirit of God having any-
thing to do with it. But it would
be bad to cut out all because of
one or a few getting out of line.

Jonah caused many to suffer one
day because he went to sleep.

Modest apparel a few years back
was preached and practiced, and
this is giving over more and more
to immodesty and instead of cry-
ing aloud against it, we are told
God does not look on the outward
appearance but on the heart, so
therefore, we must look upon the
immodest with not the least of
shame facedness: I agree the Lord
looks upon the heart, and sees we
do not love him with all our heart
in keeping his commandment in
this way.

Instead of upper rooms in prayer
and supplication, we have supper
rooms in churches. Instead of cot-
tage prayer meetings we have
social gatherings, many of them.

Jesus is coming, he said he was,
and also added, "Be ye therefore
ready."

Please do not say we will not
walk therein. We will not hearken.

Obituary

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great-grandchildren.

Bro. Miller's death came just 13 days after his and Mrs. Miller's 66th Wedding Anniversary on March 13.

(Editors Note: A picture of Rev. Miller is not available for printing.)

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- V—italizes the work of the Church
- I—ncreases the enrollment
- S—ecures people to Christ
- I—nspires regular attendance
- T—ies the home closer to the church
- A—ffords a soul-winning opportunity
- T—ypifies the loving interest of Christ
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