

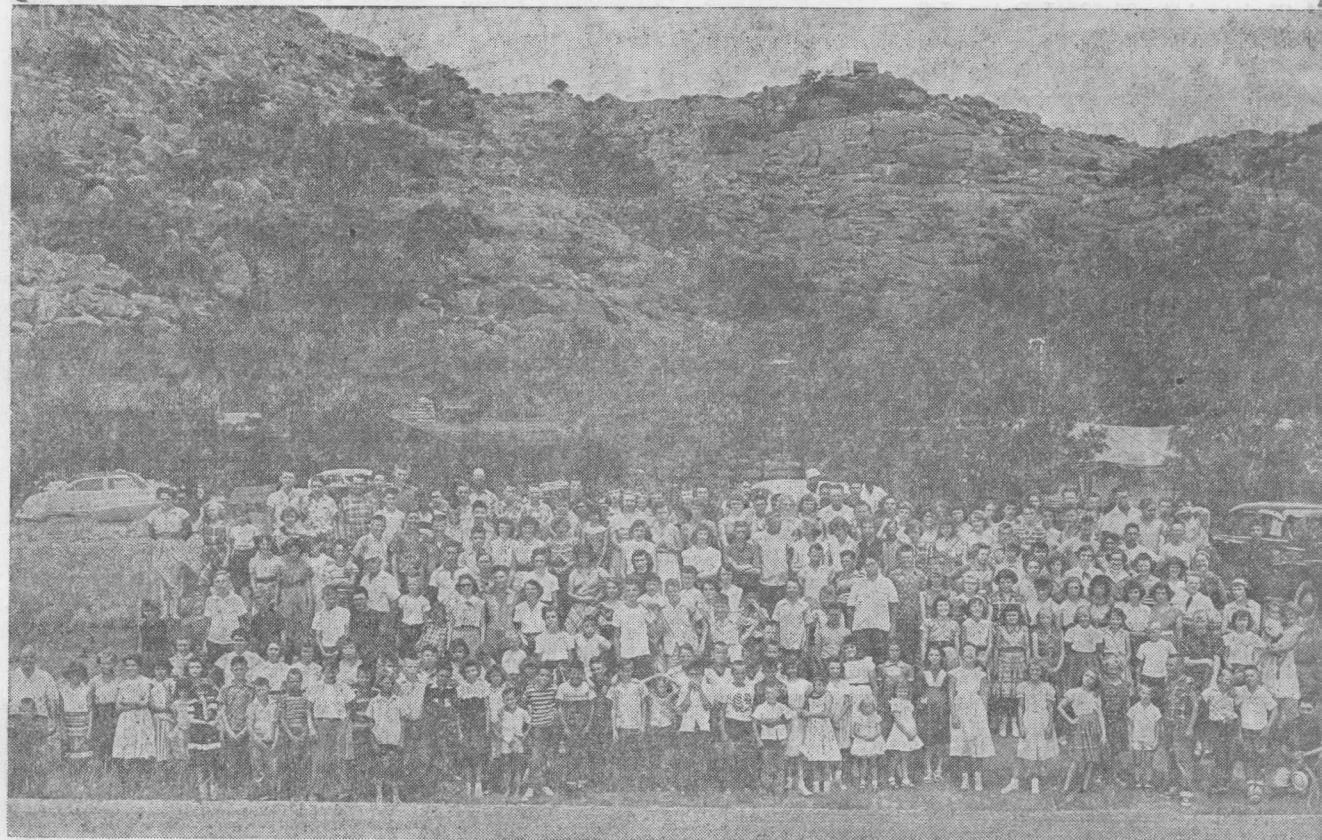
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Youth Camps



..1954 Apostolic Faith YOUTH CAMP, Quartz Mountain Park, Oklahoma..

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TRI-STATE YOUTH CAMP
Baxter Springs, Kansas
2 miles SE of Baxter Springs
June 19th through 25th

PINE CREST YOUTH CAMP
18 Miles E. of Quitman, Miss.
June 27th through July 2nd

MID-WEST YOUTH CAMP
Laverne, Oklahoma
July 10th through 15th

SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH CAMP
Lost Pines Camp Ground
Warda, Texas
June 6th through 12th

BE SURE TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE CAMPS

God's Husbandry

I CORINTHIANS 3:9

By Robert Girouard

The Amplified New Testament renders I Corinthians 3:9 as follows: "For we are fellow workmen—joint promoters, laborers together—with and for God; and you are God's garden and vineyard and field under cultivation; you are God's building." Other names for God's people in the New Testament are: The Church of God, The flock of God, God's heritage, and the body of Christ. Acts 20:28; I Peter 5:2, 3; Ephesians 1:22, 23.

One cannot over estimate the importance of remembering the price God paid for the redemption of His Church. May every Christian never forget that he is not his own, that he belongs to God, and that as God's purchased possession he was bought with a price. I Corinthians 6:19, 20. And what a price—the blood of the Son of God. Acts 20: 28; Ephesians 1:7; I Peter 1:18, 19; Revelation 1:5.

Since the Lord has such a fabulous investment in His heritage, it is only reasonable to expect that He would provide His own chosen workmen to oversee the work in His garden, His vineyard, His field and to feed His Church. And such we find to be the case in our study of the Scriptures.

The Scriptures show that in this dispensation of the Holy Spirit **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD IS LEFT TO MERE HUMAN JUDGMENT AND SELF-CHOOSING.** The Lord chooses His own ministers and designates their field of service. Jesus chose, ordained and commissioned His Apostles. John 15:16. It is the Holy Spirit who appoints the true elders to office whether or not they labor in the word and doctrine. Acts 20:17, 28; I Timothy 5:17. The Amplified New Testament renders Acts 20:28 as follows: "Take care and be on guard for yourselves and the whole flock over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you bishops and guardian to shepherd the church (that is, tend and feed and guide the church) of the Lord God which He obtained for Himself—buying it and saving it for Him-

self—with His own blood."

In Acts 13:1-4, we are told that the Holy Spirit called and sent Saul and Barnabas on a missionary journey. Our thoughts on this incident are that the Holy Spirit had made known to Saul and Barnabas that they were to leave the church at Antioch and do missionary work for a while. But the church felt that they could not get along without them and begged them not to go. So a prayer meeting with fasting was called. The Holy Spirit confirmed to the church His call of these ministers to missionary work. We believe that it is safe to assume that the Holy Spirit made known His will to the church through the spiritual gift of prophecy or the gifts of tongues and interpretation of tongues.

On his second missionary journey Paul had Silas as his companion and helper. The Scriptures make it plain that even the Apostle Paul was not always allowed to choose his place of service. "Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, after they were come to Mysia they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not." Acts 16:6,7. The Lord gave Paul a vision which indicated to him that He wanted him to work in Macedonia. Acts 16: 9, 10.

Sometimes the Lord providentially selects the place of service of His ministers, rather than through the direct leading of the Holy Spirit. Such was the case when the church at Jerusalem heard that many people at Antioch were being saved. The church sent Barnabas to minister to them. No doubt both the church at Jerusalem and Barnabas knew that they were acting in God's will. When Barnabas saw the mighty way in which the Lord was working at Antioch and the magnitude of the work to be done, he felt that other help was needed. A man full of the Holy Ghost, as was Barnabas, would soon know what to do. He went to Tarsus to seek Saul, who later was better known as Paul, to ask him to help minister at Antioch. So we see in this case a door of service was

providentially opened to Saul. It may well be that at this very time Saul had been praying for guidance. This incident would correspond to a church inviting a minister to become its pastor. Acts 11:19-26.

What does a church desire in its minister? A church certainly has a right to expect its minister to be a consecrated man of God who seeks first and foremost to please God and to do His will. II Timothy 2:4; Acts 5:29. A church would like for its pastor to be a man of prayer and of faith, and one who carries a burden for the lost and for the spiritual interests of the church. It is not too much for a church to expect its minister to be a faithful and diligent student of God's Word, and one who preaches the Word in love without fear or favor. In addition to these basic qualifications it certainly would be in a minister's favor if he is not too young nor too old, if he has a pleasing personality, is a good mixer, makes a good appearance, and is a soul winner and church builder!

Of course many ministers come far short of having all the qualities that the exacting members of some of our churches would like to see in their ministers. Yet God has a place in His vineyard for every minister whom He has called. Ministers preach, not because they feel that they are God's superman, but because they have the call of God on their lives.

There is a passage of Scripture which sheds light on Christ's purpose in giving His ministry gifts to the church. Ephesians 4:11-16. We shall give Weymouths' rendering of verses eleven and twelve. "And He Himself appointed some to be apostles, some to be evangelists, some to be pastors and teachers in order fully to equip His people for the work of serving—for the building up of Christ's body." In addition to being soul winners, the ministers' chief function is to equip through teaching and preaching the people of God for their work of serving. And their work of serving contributes to the building up of the church.

It is a great mistake for a church

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DEAR READERS OF THE APOS-
TOLIC FAITH REPORT:

I have been thinking of the grace
of God and what I must do about
it. My life must have some objec-
tives. There must be a full under-
standing of God's will and a com-
plete surrendering to that will.

I must take my stand for cer-
tain personalities, such as God and
Christ and the Holy Ghost and their
place in my life. His Word must
be my guide and sword. The true
church purchased by the Blood of
Jesus must be my church choice.
My kinsmen must be of that fold,
and to serve the elect must be my
desire.

There are standards by which I
must abide. I must hate sin and
disown Satan and sin and the
works and foolishness thereof. It
is up to me to cultivate righteous-
ness, faith, charity, unity, and the
fellowship of those who have de-
parted from sin and confess His
Holy Name.

I can be enriched by His grace,
mellowed in time and God's service.
I must be a true yokefellow, with
courage, patience and tolerance in

We are now coming to another
printing of the Report. We are so
grateful to the Lord for making
another issue possible. As you look
through its pages you will find and
see the great workings of the Lord
in our different areas. Our perm-
anent Youth Grounds are a great
work, showing hard long labors
and prayers, and above all a vision
of some one. These are visions that
have come alive in our day. May
we all get behind this work in our
part of the country.

I am sure if we could sit down
and talk a little together there are
problems in our lives that we won-
der why. "It seems like the Lord
has put more on me than I can
bear" you may say. We then hear
coming down through the corridors
of time our Lord's echo in II Cor.
12:9, "And He said unto me my
grace is sufficient for thee: — ."
What wonderful words in this day

these days of stress and pressure.
I must be a careful watchman, in
good Faith and standing, so that my
light is not dimmed, nor my faith
marred until He comes or my re-
lease comes from on High.

I feel very humbled in His sight.
My sheaves of ingathering of souls
are so small. I have given my voice
to speak for Him, yet it has gone
unheeded so many times. He has
given me every thing, has supplied
my need for spirit and soul and
body many years of service in His
cause and calling, yet my return
offering has been so little. Failures
have mounted and designs gone
astray, however my one aim has
been to bring glory to His Name.

I can and do offer Him praise,
not by force nor constraint, but
willingly, freely and lovingly. My

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of the
Editors



in which we live.

Paul the great man of God faced
a thorn in the flesh. He sought God
thrice. Jesus prayed in the garden
three times that "this cup might
pass from me" . This cup was a
cup of sorrow. The Lord had the
sins of all of us on His back.
Yet in all this He was faithful.
Sometimes we do not understand
the buffeting of the devil but the
Lord knows and says "My grace
is sufficient for thee —". May we
take our cup and bear it for the
Lord until He says it is enough.
We don't know what He has for
our lives but He is still able to
stand by our side.

We say the Lord bless all of you
our many friends. We so appreciate
your backing and fine letters you
send in each month. Your words of
encouragement are so greatly ap-
preciated.

Howard Whiteley

earthly possessions are so few and
my days of abiding limited, so it is
up to me to look for a better city
whose builder and ruler is God.

May God bless you one and all.
Let God be your fear and dread and
seek to go the last mile with Him.
Be a little bigger for Jesus; be a
little kinder one to another with a
forgiving spirit, even as Christ for-
gave you. Be of good cheer for He
has over come the world for us.
Let your light so shine—and your
testimony ring a clear tone of full
decision for God. May the disap-
pointments that come be covered
by His abiding promise, that all
things work together — for our
good.

Above all, pray, pray, pray; I
know no other way.

Gail Schultz

FIRST YOUTH CAMP WILDWOOD DALE

BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS

June 1950 marked a milestone in the history of the Apostolic Faith Movement when the first Youth Camp was conducted by Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Dale on their grounds at Bentonville, Arkansas.

During the two weeks two hundred and three students were enrolled from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, and Arkansas.

Learning about God's Word began with the "Early Morning Chapel Service". Lessons were on the life of Christ. The eleven o'clock rally, handi-craft, afternoon recreation, and the 5:30 "Victory Rally" all sound familiar to us now.

Evangelistic services at 7:30 highlighted each day. At the close of Camp 25 had been saved, 20 sanctified, and 30 had received the Holy Spirit.

Following the camps held in Bentonville, Rev. John Whipple and Rev. Waple Ferguson directed a camp near Ardmore, Oklahoma. These men are talented and used and Laverne, Oklahoma, followed their knowledge for the work of God. Camps at Center Point, Texas,

Men began to feel the need for Youth Camps in several sections of our country since many young people were denied the privilege of attending one so far from home.

In 1958 outstanding results were visualized as the result of this vision as the attendance boomed in several Youth Camps with the total attendance doubling that of only one Camp a year.

The 4-State Camp met South of Joplin, Missouri, with over 160 students enrolled; 41 saved, 58 sanctified, 30 receiving the Holy Spirit, and 32 baptised in water.

In California 43 enrolled with 22 being saved, 20 sanctified, 15 received the Holy Spirit, and 18 were baptised in water.

Laverne, Oklahoma was the scene of the Mid-West Youth Camp. The only information which we could find on this Camp was the enrollment of 187.

We can all Praise God for our

present Youth Camps. Many young people dedicate their lives as they receive knowledge of God at their "Bethel". There they receive strength they need to win the victory in trails that will confront them in school during the next year. At Camp they also meet friends who become life-long friends adding spiritual strength to them as they realize there are other young people living for Christ — fighting the same temptations — and being victorious.

When a child is set right, it is like "saving a stitch in time". Train up the youth in God's ways and he will not depart but will remember his teachings. Surely God is pleased when we sacrifice a little perhaps to see our young people taught His ways. Encourage your child to attend Camp this year—your Home will be Brighter.

CAMP PINE CREST, MISS.—

The Lord has blessed this part of the South with a visitation of His Spirit once again. Bro. C. O. Bard and wife, and Peggy's mother spent a week with us and he had several services here and two at Hinton.

The past ten days, starting April 3, Bro. Polvado and wife conducted a Revival. Only the Lord knows the results but we are praying that this could be the beginning of a move in this community.

Youth Camp and Camp Meeting are just ahead. We have purchased enough roofing material to cover the dining hall and six cabins that have been leaking and plan to put it on soon. Things begin to move swiftly this time of the year.

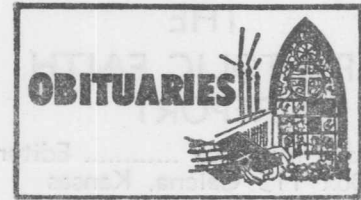
The committee would like for everyone to pray for the Camps this year that we may see a great time in the Lord.

Jerome Crowhurst, pastor

GOD'S HUSBANDRY

(Continued from page two to expect the pastor alone to be a soul winner and to build up the attendance of the church. **God places this responsibility on the church as a whole.** It is the sheep and not the shepherd who give birth to lambs.

(To Be Concluded)



MRS. ELLA WHITAKER

Mrs. Ella Whitaker, 92, a pioneer Northwest Oklahoma lady, died Sunday, April 3, at Woodward, Oklahoma. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon in the Apostolic Faith Church with the Reverends Jack Barker, M. D. Methvin, and Jim Fox officiating. Interment was in Laverne Cemetery.

Mrs. Whitaker had been a member of the Laverne church since 1929 and Faithful always to her Lord. Mr. Whitaker preceded her in death, in 1941. Survivors include her son, Arthur of Laverne, one daughter, Mrs. Helen Banker of Hobbs, New Mexico; two sisters, Hanna Haynes, Elk Grove, California, and Della Baldock, Laverne; four grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

EDDY GLENN BISHOP

Eddy Glenn Bishop was born August 10, 1952, in Ralls, Texas. He passed away March 18, 1966, living thirteen years, seven months and eight days. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. Elvis O. Bishop of 717 Lexington, Wichita, Kansas.

Eleven years ago he moved from Ralls to Wichita with his family. He was a member and very active in the Faith Chapel of Wichita.

Other than his parents he is survived by four sisters: Mrs. LaNeva Ann Peacock of Metairie, Louisiana; Mrs. Glenda Foster of Wichita; Elwanda Gaylene and Terri Lea Bishop at home; and three brothers: Corwin R., of Wichita; Boyce Dean, and Randal Fox at home, and his grandparents, Mr. C. R. Bishop of Ralls, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Corbett Clanton of Big Springs, Texas. He is also survived by many other relatives and a host of young friends.

The family wishes to express deepest thanks to everyone for their letters and calls during this time of sorrow. May God bless each one.



In 1958, Brother and Sister L. J. Ehrlich and gospel party consisting of Lorreta (Bab) Haney, Barbara Haines and Jimmy Echols journeyed to the vicinity of what is now known as the Pine Crest Community, approximately 5 miles north of Thedsville, Mississippi. Brother and Sister Ehrlich had felt a burden to start a church in this community and began by holding a tent Revival in Thedsville, Mississippi. During the meeting, God blessed and souls were won to God. Following the meeting, the Lord led in the direction of establishing a new church.

Day after day and week after week passed and still no doors were opened for a new work. Then one day Brother O. J. Smith, suggested that we build the church 5 miles north of Thedsville at first this seemed ridiculous, however the Lord opened up the doors and made it possible to buy one acre of ground for \$100. Shortly after, work began clearing the land as it was very heavily timbered with tall pine, and poison sumac . . . in fact this job looked practically impossible to one Texan (who didn't know a pine tree from an oak tree, not at least to say anything about using an axe!) . . . however the Lord undertook and on June 14, 1958, the foundation was poured for Pine Crest Faith Chapel.

August of that year, Bro Harold Bollinger came for a Revival and it was during that meeting God moved with burdens on Bro. Ehrlich and Bro. Bollinger to have a Youth Camp the following year. Plans began to materialize and in October of 1958, one more acre was bought for the Youth Camp grounds. Brother Lowell Long was made trustee with Bro Bollinger and Brother Ehrlich.

The first thing that had to be done was to build a cook shack and dining hall. Then we had to begin to plan for a garden to supply

the necessary food stuff for the camp. Brother Joe Smith loaned us about ½ acre and work began on the garden . . . (my how the Lord blessed that garden . . . we dug 1400 pounds of potatoes that year alone).

In the Spring of 1959, Brother Long, Brother Bollinger, Brother Eugene Webster, Brother Jack Hopson, Jimmy Echols, Brother O. J. Smith and some local people completed the girl's restrooms and showers the boy's restrooms and showers, 9 teacher's cabins, one girl's dorm, the kitchen and dining-hall, and erected a tent for a boy's dorm. Memory fails to tell of all who helped in the camp the first year. Brother and Sister Ferry from Chicago helped in many ways to establish the camp for several years. Enrollment the first year was in the forties.

In 1960 another acre was purchased and a boy's dorm was erected. Enrollment that year was in the forties. In 1961 another acre was purchased and a new girl's dorm was erected along with a new office building and a permanent tabernacle (50x92). Enrollment was in the forties.

1962 no major improvements were made, but, beautification on the grounds were in progress.

In 1963, and 1964 Bro. George Hindergardt made many improve-

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Open-air tabernacle where people gather to receive God's blessing.

NEWS from the CHURCHES

FOLLETT, TEXAS—

Rev. Gene Waterbury was our Evangelist for a wonderful Revival which began March 30th and closed April 10th. The Lord was present each night to bless the hearts of those who were present. Bro. Waterbury brought some inspiring, soul-searching messages each night. The church as a whole was revived and the lost were made to stop and consider their ways.

We did not see any of the lost saved but the seed has been planted and we are still praying that God will give the increase in due time. Each morning at 7 an old fashioned prayer meeting was held with Bro. Waterbury bringing the devotional messages that encouraged all to Christian living and service to God.

Easter Sunday saw the old record attendance broken. This has encouraged us and we feel that the Lord is blessing in the church and we will see it grow more. Pray for us and the church as we are trusting the Lord for His Guidance each day.

Jack Cornell, pastor

SUGARLAND, TEXAS—

We are certainly happy to report that the Lord has blessed with a good Revival. We surely enjoyed the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Donald Dibbens. The songs of praise unto the Lord and the good messages from the Word of the Lord were truly an inspiration to everyone. We are glad for the ministry that the Lord has given us here at Sugarland, however, we feel that God leads us on to another work. As of June 26 we are resigned as pastor of the church here. Of

course, we are open for calls that we may go wheresoever the Lord God may lead. After June 26 we may be contacted at Box 78, Waka, Texas, Phone 435-2308. Pray with us and for us that we can know the will of the Lord.

Ollie Kinser, pastor

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO—

We have been blessed with some very good services recently. Last month Sis. Myrtle Carney and her team of gospel workers came by and held a Revival for us, and we could feel the presence of God there.

Last Sunday was our annual Easter picnic after the Easter service. Everyone enjoyed the event. We were especially glad for the good services both Sunday morning and Sunday night, when we had many visitors.

We desire your prayers that we may continue to grow in the grace of God day by day.

Zinnia Clause, reporter
Paul A. Clanton, pastor

GALENA, KANSAS—

Our hearts overflow and words cannot express our thoughts as we think about the Greatness of God and how He has blessed in our midst. We can only ask for your prayers that wisdom will be given to battle the enemy because as God gives victories and people begin to move in the things God, Satan is always about seeking to destroy the work of God. During the past month we have seen people hungry for the deeper blessings of God as one lady prayed through and received the Holy Spirit, some have been sanctified and others saved. Eas-

ter Sunday saw us top goal of 200 with an attendance of 216. We are also pleased with the attendance in our other services but never satisfied as we see those who need Christ and ye turn Him away. Do remember us in prayer as we work for the Master that we can see souls born into His Kingdom and Christians deepen their lives in God.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

WESTMINSTER, COLORADO—

We just Praise the Lord for the wonderful attendance and services we had Easter Sunday. Our previous record of 32 was broken with an attendance of 44. We had worked hard a few days before Easter getting a room downstairs painted and ready for services. We feel our efforts have been well rewarded.

It is a privilege to have the Ed Brening family in our services. Keep us on your prayer list.

Amos Harris, pastor

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA—

Our church enjoyed a Revival recently which closed on Easter Sunday. The church was spiritually refreshed and one man accepted Christ as Saviour.

Austin Morgan, pastor

CROSSES, ARKANSAS—

We still appreciate the Report and the efforts of the Editorial Staff. The Lord is good to His people. There is new interest here and some new ones have been coming recently. We want to be faithful and trust that God will give the increase as people let Him have His way in their hearts. Pray for us.

Jim Morris, pastor

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PAMPA, TEXAS—

We are looking forward to a Revival starting April 27, with Rev. Jack Barker. One of our young men, Henry Wayne Neff, is serving in the U. S. Army in Vung Tau, South Viet Nam. He is a clerk in the Ordance Room and only 5 miles back of the fighting. Anyone wishing to write to him: PFC. Henry W. Neff, US 54352544, 553 Ord. Co.: A. D. O. 96291; San Francisco, California Please remember our church in prayer that the Revival will be a real blessing and we'll see our church progress in the things of the Lord.

Mrs. Leota Neff, reporter
Robert Girouard, pastor

SHATTUCK, OKLAHOMA—

Rev. Marcus Adair of Canyon, Texas, just closed a seven night revival assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Earl Malone and others. We want to thank each one who had part in the services! The interest was good, and each one was encouraged and blessed. Now we want to work just a little harder for the Lord. We were glad Rev. and Mrs. Earl Malone felt the call to stay with us as Youth Directors and assistant Ministers.

We are looking forward to Rev. Gene Waterbury being with us Sunday evening, April 10th. We always welcome Ministers or Gospel workers to stop and help us. Please pray that our new work in Sattuck Oklahoma, will grow in interest and number and in such a way that the world will see Jesus in US.

L. J. Ehrlich, pastor

SNYDER, TEXAS—

Evangelist and Mrs. Donald Dibbens began a Revival with us Easter Sunday. Though we have been plagued with another seige of sickness every service has been good and as we enter the second week we feel interest is growing. We are asking God for a greater hungering and burden around the altar. Each message has been an inspiration and the good special singing is well received.

We were privileged to have visiting this week-end Rev. and Mrs. Hap Blythe, Rev. and Mrs. Danny

Robinson, and Bro. and Sis. Clifton Ware of Seagraves. Rev. John Blythe preached for us on Wednesday night recently. All have been a blessing.

We have recently redecorated our auditorium. The walls have been repainted and the floors sanded and finished. We are waiting now to get carpet down and new drapes up to the windows. We are thankful to God for all the improvements. We have also painted our church pews a lovely ivory. Plans now are to paint the outside in the next few weeks.

Pray for us that God will have His way in all that is done. We welcome the ministers of the faith to come by for services.

Louise Sutton, pastor

**MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH
LOGAN, OKLAHOMA—**

Our church is still enjoying the blessings of the Lord. We had a week of services through Easter from April 6 to April 13 with Rev. and Mrs. Bill Allen of Denver, Colorado, as Evangelists. Bro. Allen brought some wonderful inspiring messages and Christians were drawn closer to God in these services for which we are all thankful.

Bro. Wiles' radio program over KSIW in Woodward, Oklahoma, each Friday at 8:35 A. M. has been a blessing to those who have been listening the past few months. We feel this is a way the gospel can reach some people that never attend church.

Our pastor will be absent from the church on April 20th due to a business trip. Rev. Gene Cornell is to fill the pulpit that night. The church enjoys it when Bro. Cornell comes by for services. We are looking forward to more of the Lord's blessings. Praise His Wonderful Name.

Edith Lamunyon, reporter
Doyle Wiles, pastor

FAIR OAKS CHAPEL, CALIF.—

Rev. George Palvado closed a Revival with us on March 6th. A man from the Luthern Church was sanctified and spent all one week making restitutions and apologies. We had others that are interested and plan to make this their church

home now. Only eternity will reveal all the good that was done. We thank God for all the blessings He poured out upon us. We appreciate those from the San Diego area that came and helped in the singing. Also those from Imperial Beach.

Bob Taylor, pastor

PINE HILL, ALABAMA—

We are thankful to report the blessing of the Lord in our services here in the South again. There are some new folks attending the services that we are very thankful for each of them.

Our Youth Group worked and earned money with which they purchased "Melodies of Praise" songbooks. These were given in memory of Mr. Clue Champion who passed away in March. We are so pleased to have such a fine group of young people. We desire your prayers as we labor here.

Jim Arnall, pastor

PERRYTON, TEXAS—

Rev. and Mrs. Jim Fox conducted a good Revival for us from March 21 through April 3rd. We were all blessed by the good messages, and there were many victories won around the altar.

The Perryton people were hosts recently to the area youth for a spaghetti supper and singspiration. Approximately 80 young people were present.

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

HUFSMITH, TEXAS—

We count it a pleasure for the many blessings that have come our way and for the work with the young people. We are planning a Revival with Rev. Donald Dibbens starting May 1st. On May 8th, "Mother's Day", will be a basket dinner and singing in the afternoon, with regular Evangelistic Service that night. Everyone is welcome. Pray for us.

A. B. Stanberry, pastor

GEM OF TRUTH

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might". Eph. 6:10.

Four-State Youth Camp

By Mrs. Paul Clanton

The permanent site of the Four-State Youth Camp grounds is a fulfilment of prayer, faith, and works. With an abundance of these, especially works and finance thru faith, we have made another step forward in the work of the Lord. Our thanks be to God for permitting us to have this, another monument of Faith.

In 1957, after traveling over 600 miles to take a few young people to Youth Camp, several ministers and laymen felt the need for a camp in our own area. Where twenty youth had been able to attend the camps, there were five times this many who were never privileged to attend. So in the spring of 1958, a committee was formed to secure a place to have an area Youth Camp. The Latter Day Saint's grounds, South of Joplin, were secured — the results outstanding! God blessed in every way. This started a fire of enthusiasm burning in the hearts of young and old alike. This same committee began a search for available land for a permanent Camp.

After looking at several different

acreages, a meeting was called to report the findings, and it was at this meeting in Galena, that Bro. and Sis. Ray Michner donated the present site of the Four-State Youth Camp grounds.

In order to get started, Bro. Otis

Wade donated some money, and the Bard boys donated a bulldozer, dump trucks and men to begin clearing the trees and undergrowth. From this time, each Saturday was work day for anyone who could come and donate his or her labor. Men, women, and children, burned brush, picked up rocks, and raked the grounds or anything there was to be done. Many who couldn't work, donated money and materials. The ladies of the different churches close-by, fixed the noon meal and served it to all who were there. Everyone was anxious to see the camp operational for the coming summer.

For the first encampment the grounds were cleared, a well drilled, a dinning hall and two rest rooms with showers were completed. God blessed with over 160 youth enrolled to study His Word and to enjoy the fellowship of each other. Needless to say, everyone who had even a small part of this endeavor, were blessed beyond measure for their time, prayer, and finance.

After the camp was over, work continued the year around. A large

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There's a time to have fun, fellowship, and food. Above it a view of the dining room in use - the kitchen is at the far end.



Looking across the grounds from the tabernacle, you see several classes in session under the trees.



Children's Hour . . .

— Kathryn Cornell

TED'S MONEY PROBLEMS

TED MARLOW sat on the front step, his head in his hands.

"I'm beat!" he moaned aloud. "Who beat you?" Ernie Sykes squatted on his haunches in front of Ted, "You do look pretty grim."

Ted smiled weakly. "Well, I'm not sure what to do. That paper route backfired, you know. Then it's the three dollars I promised to earn for 'literature month' at church. Our class is going to buy Gospel tracts to give out to people who don't know about God. And then, here it's almost Mother's Day, with the party for our moms at school. I haven't been able to dig up more than twenty-five cents so far!"

With a flying leap Ernie bounced on the step beside Ted. "I know what you mean. Miss Webster let that silly Emma Wilson talk her into this party for our moms. And then she suggested that we buy them gifts with money we earned ourselves!"

"What would you do, if you were me, Ernie?" muttered Ted.

"Do?" Ernie scratched his red head thoughtfully. "What I'll do myself. Get out and earn it. Or, since you're a Sunday school boy, maybe you could pray." Ernie gave Ted a sly wink.

"Pray?" Ted echoed in surprise. No, he had to earn it somehow and not bother God with such a little thing.

Later, Ted sauntered into the house and asked his mother casually, "Need anything from town,

Mom? Or, can I do the dishes?"

Mrs. Marlow looked for a moment as though she didn't believe her ears. Then she smiled. "Yes I do need a few things from the grocery store. If you'll get them for me I'll give you twenty-five cents."

That would swell his bank account to fifty cents. Of course, if he could have that paper route he'd figured on, he would've earned the three dollars for the tract project easily, as well as money for Mom's gifts. He'd never know why J. P. Wilson, Emma's dad, had changed his mind and hired Jimmy Smith for the paper route. It would take a long time to earn all that money at this rate!

Wearily he dragged himself home and dropped the groceries on the kitchen table.

By the end of the week Ted had earned eighty-five cents. Well, it would buy a nice handkerchief for his mom, or a flower to wear with her blue suit. But the three dollars for the tracts seemed as far away as ever.

He was just ready to go to the store to pick out his mother's gift when the Red Cross lady stopped by. Mrs. Marlow searched through her purse and sighed. "Oh, dear! I don't have a cent in the house!"

MAY BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

- 15 DANNY BARKER
- 20 JOY BOLLINGER
- 30 KENTON PATZKOWYSK
- 31 YVONNA KAY CORNELL

Here, Ted, would you lend me some change?"

Ted hesitated. "This is all I've got, Mom," and he dumped the eighty-five cents into her hand and stalked out of the house.

He knew he'd be the only one in his class at school without a gift for his mother. And he'd probably be the only one at church who wouldn't show up with the tract money at the end of the month!

Maybe he should have prayed about it after all.

As he started across a vacant lot, Ted suddenly stopped and bowed his head. "Dear God, You know why I need the money. Could You answer this pretty quick? I surely need it!"

As he opened his eyes, he spied a flash of red on the ground in front of him. He stooped over and picked up a beautiful pin, set with a deep red stone in gold. The perfect gift for Mom! That was one answer God had handed to him in a hurry!

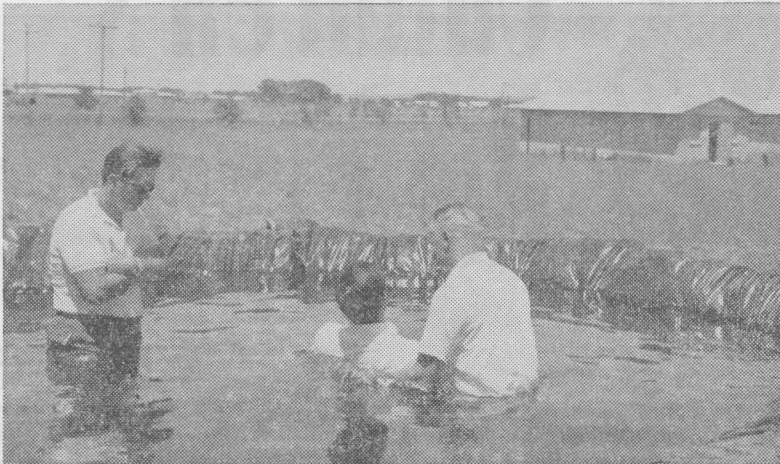
The day of the party arrived. The mothers were coming in now and seating themselves in the seats along the side of the room, waiting for the program to begin.

After the last number, Miss Webster rose to her feet. "We have a surprise for you mothers," she said. "Each boy and girl has earned a Mother's Day gift for his or her mother."

Ted saw his mother's face redden. She was probably remembering that she'd forgotten to repay

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Mid-West Youth Camp



Rev. Edwin Modrick and Rev. Jim Fox baptizing one of the student campers. In the background you can see one of the dorms which consist of a large open room for the bunkbeds, and across one end a dressing room-closet combination, and a rest room and shower room.

Early in 1961 the churches of the Mid-West began looking for a suitable camp site. Several were inspected but all seemed to have some draw backs. A number of meetings of church delegates and ministers were conducted. After much discussion it was decided that we find a location near a town even if it meant buying bare ground. After more looking and meetings on August 15, 1961, a camp site near Laverne, Oklahoma, was selected.

On August 29, 1961, at a meeting at Balko, Oklahoma, three men, Gene Hibbs of Liberal, Kansas; R. C. Jones, Hardesty, Oklahoma; and Rev. Jim Fox then of Laverne were elected to begin the transaction for a tract of land owned by Mr. and Mrs. Les Rambo of Laverne. The tract of land is located 1 mile south and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile west of Laverne. On September 22, 1961, the 20 acre tract of land was purchased. Late in 1962 construction was started in the buildings at the camp.

Work went slow at first but as Youth Camp neared in the summer of 1963, progress of work quickened. The men of the area left their work undone and turned out in full force to see the camp completed by the beginning of Youth Camp

which was in July of that year. Much of the work was completed the opening day of camp.

By beginning day of the first camp eight dormitories and a large cafeteria and kitchen were complete. The dorms are 20x33 with rest room and shower facilities in each, and a dressing room-closet combination. Each dorm will accommodate 20 campers. The dining room which is 40x60 will seat over

200 at one time. There is also a 20x40 kitchen connected to the dining room. A hall provides access to the rest rooms with either the kitchen or dining room.

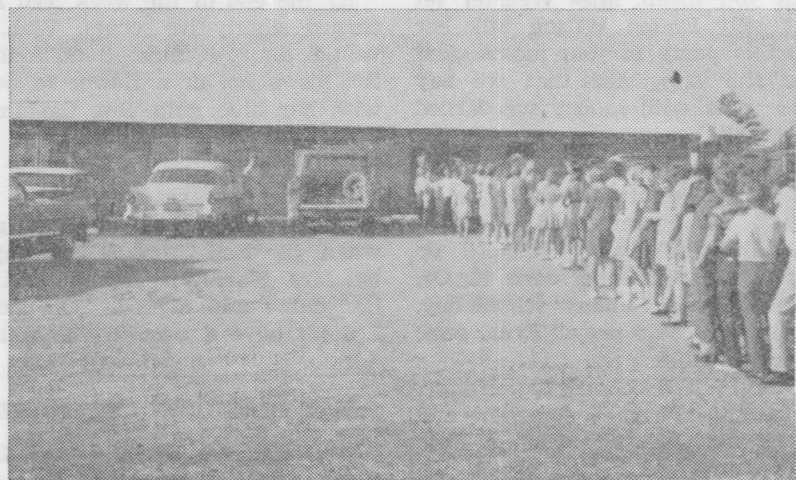
The first camp was marked with some heartache and disappointments. The first Friday night of the camp which had begun on Thursday, a high wind blew 4 big tents down and damaged them beyond repair. The next morning a tent was rented from Hutchinson, Kansas, for a tabernacle and the camp went on. Before the camp came to a close, everyone felt repaid for their labors because the Lord showered us with many spiritual blessings. The young people were greatly blessed.

Since the first year only two buildings have been added to the camp. A public rest room and shower facilities has been built to accommodate those who camp in trailers on the ground. Also a concession stand has been built which is for the enjoyment of the campers.

Between 400 and 500 trees have been set on the grounds and are now making some good growth.

Today after much hard work by many people we have a camp that

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Always ready to eat, the campers line up to enter the dining hall. This building has a well equipped kitchen and the office is also located at one end of the dining area. Public rest rooms are found in this building, too.

Items of Interest

Philadelphia, India. Once again we are glad to contact you through the pages of the Report. The Lord is with us and He is blessing us in the work here. Recently the Lord enabled us to start a new method of work for evangelizing the villages around this city. Our young people and I go on our bicycles to the villages on public holidays, going from house to house distributing Gospel tracts and speaking to the people about Jesus. We plan to continue this type of work on each public holiday.

During these visits, many people told us that they heard the Gospel for the first time and expressed great desire to hear more.

The Lord is also blessing our Bible Correspondence Courses and other phases of work. We are thankful to all of you that share with us the burden of the work here. We do pray that the Lord will bless you. You may continue to send your gifts to either the Follett Chapel, Follett, Texas, or to Rev. Marcus Adair, Box 844, Canyon, Texas, and it will be forwarded to us. May the Lord bless and reward you abundantly.

Above all, continue to remember us in your prayers as we need it more these days.

In His Service,

Bro. & Sis. T. S. Abraham

Card Of Thanks . . .

To the Ministers, Churches, Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We take this way to express our deep and grateful thanks to all of you for your prayers, letters, and many get-well expressions, which we received during our time of hospitalization. Every prayer, visit, letter, or card was a great blessing to us. Thank you each and all in Jesus Precious Name. God was so good to us. Come to see us at our home.

Lloyd A. Schrimpf
Pampa, Texas

BIBLE STUDY TOUR PLANS FINAL

Plans are completed now for the Bible Students Tour of the Holy Land and Europe with arrangements made through KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. The total cost of the tour will be \$890 with an optional extension tour to Berlin and Moscow for an additional \$195.00. The flight will leave New York on Tuesday, October 18, 1966 and will return Tuesday, November 1st. Those going to Berlin and Moscow will remain in Rome for the day arriving in Berlin on the 2nd and back to New York the 7th.

Anyone wishing to see the brochure or desiring more information may contact Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Spencer, Box 521, Perryton, Texas, 79070. Asking for a brochure will not put any one under ANY obligation whatever.

Greetings in the Lord:

The Lord has been richly blessing us in our work for Him. It has been a great joy to work in His service in this capacity.

Thus far our travels have taken us over 8,000 miles. We have seen a lot of beautiful country and have enjoyed some wonderful experiences, but the most beautiful scene is to see a soul walk down the isle and kneel at the foot of the Old Rugged Cross.

The grandest experiences are those moments together around the Altar of Prayer.

We ask in interest in your prayers that we could see greater things done for the Lord.

Prayerfully,
Myrtle Carney and party

We have taken up residence in Shattuck, Oklahoma now and will serve as Youth Directors and Assistant Pastor. Your prayers will be appreciated that we might be lead of God in our work for Him.

Earl and Carol Malone
Box 482
Shattuck, Oklahoma

TED'S MONEY PROBLEMS—

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his eighty-five cents. The mothers all received such lovely gifts.

Ted overheard some whispering behind him. "No gift could make me happier than if I'd get back the valuable brooch I lost . . . It happened when I sent Jimmy Smith to the jeweler with it to have the stone reset . . ."

He turned his head slightly. Emma Wilson's mother! No, this couldn't be her brooch — not after he'd found it to give to his mother!

Ted closed his eyes and prayed silently, "God, what shall I do?"

When it was his turn, Ted rose slowly to his feet. He cleared his throat. "I — well, I don't really have a gift for my mom . . . I kinda asked God about it, and when I found this . . ." he held up the brooch, "I thought I had the answer. But just now I overheard Mrs. Wilson say something about having lost an expensive brooch—" Wordlessly, he stepped forward and thrust the brooch quickly into Mrs. Wilson's hand. Maybe he shouldn't have bothered God about such a little thing after all.

Then, Ted was aware of Mrs. Wilson's shining eyes when he realized she was speaking to him.

"—and would you like to have Jimmy's paper route, Ted? He took it just long enough so he could pay for the brooch he'd lost. But now that it's been found, he won't need the job any longer. And I can't think of anyone more deserving than you for the job! Could you start tomorrow morning?"

A guilty feeling nudged him. God had answered his prayer in a lot bigger way than he'd figured. There was a verse about it some place in the Bible — about God's doing above all that we ask (Ephesians 3:20). It showed that He wasn't too busy to bother about little things, if one went about asking in the right way.

Ted caught the gleam of pride shining in his own mother's eyes, a look that said "I have my gift from you."

"Yes, Ma'am!" he beamed at Mrs. Wilson. "I'll be there in the morning early!"

REPORT ON CAMP PINE CREST

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ments on the grounds, refinishing the cabins, etc. Also that year Bro. and Sis. Hosler helped much on the grounds. Enrollment these years was in the forties.

In 1965, a new well was drilled, the dining hall was completely remodeled, new restrooms and showers were built, and many new improvements were made. Enrollment was in the forties.

Since its beginning the Lord has made wonderful showings to his people who will trust in Him. Presently there are plans being made to buy another acre on which family cabins will be built by different families. As of today, the churches in that community number 5, that is Snell Apostolic Church, Dorothy Anderson pastor; Hinton Apostolic Faith Church, George Hindergardt, pastor; Pine Crest Faith

Chapel, Jerome Crowhurst, pastor; Pine Hill Chapel, Jimmy Arnall, pastor; and Neddleboro (a new work) Apostolic Church, Dennis Huff, pastor.

Those who have visited the Camp from different states will readily admit that God surely has "blessed nightly in this place, and frequently comment that ", Camp Pine Crest is one of the most beautiful camps found anywhere as far as God's beauty is concerned. The camp ground is graced by tall pines, that reach their arms toward heaven in Praise to God.

For a heart felt religious experience, make your plans to attend the camp ground that has plenty to offer. Please forgive us if your name has been left out, it is a sign that we are human and do forget. I am sure there are many more who have helped in many ways that were not mentioned in this article.

FOUR-STATE YOUTH CAMP

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steel tabernacle was added, along with dorm's for both boys and girls the well was deepened to supply more water. Since that time, the dorms have been enclosed, cement floors poured, and partitions made to separate the interior to accommodate the different tribes.

A little added here and there each year, has made this dream of hope come true. Even though the Board of Trustees couldn't thank each one for their efforts, everyone in this area is happy to have been even the smallest vessel used of God for His Glory, and for the guidance in the wonderful lives of our Youth.

MID-WEST YOUTH CAMP

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we of this district as well as the movement are very proud. Again we are reminded of what God can do when people have a mind to work. To God we give all Glory for that which has been accomplished throughout the feeble and weak efforts of his people.

Directors for the camp have been: Years 1963 and 1964, Lowell Long, Doyle Wiles, Jack Cornell, Edwin Modrick. Year 1965, Lowell Long, Doyle Wiles, M. D. Methvin, Edwin Modrick. Year 1966, Doyle Wiles, Lowell Long, Jim Fox, L. J. Erlich.

LOST PINE YOUTH CAMP

We're sorry that information on this camp has not been received.

CHILDREN—

Send your Name and Birth date To: Mrs. Jack Cornell, Follett, Texas.



Girls class session (1964 Camp) Boys' dorm is seen in background with the tabernacle to the right.

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