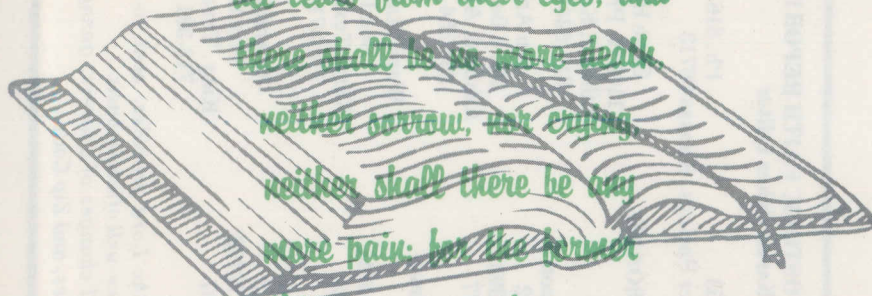
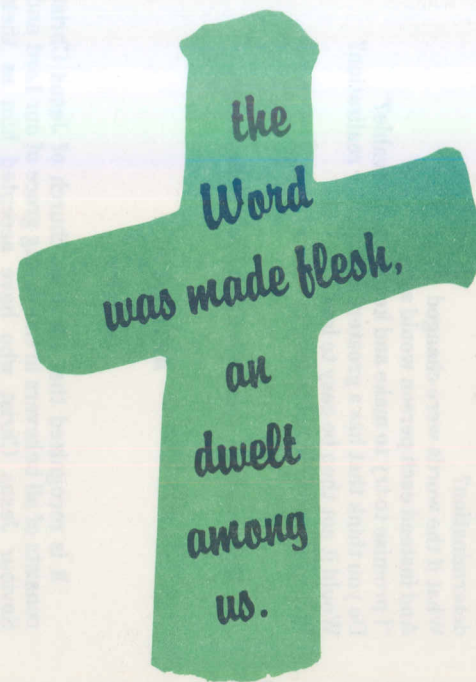


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And God shall wipe away
all tears from their eyes; and
there shall be no more death,
neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any
more pain; for the former
things are passed away.

Rev. 21:4



PSALM 1

1. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law does he meditate day and night.

3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4. The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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'I Promise To Love'

—Author Unknown

Common words in a wedding ceremony, aren't they? But I raise this question: Is loving a matter of determination?

What if the words were changed

And instead each person would say,

"I promise to try to make and keep myself lovable?"

Do you think that has a greater potential for realization?

Would it not then be easy to love?

In fact, impossible not to love in return?

Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.

ARTICLE VII

Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Saviour. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows:

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Creation and Formation

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation

Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.

Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body. A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by speaking in other languages.

Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9.

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.

A Ministry supported by tithes and offerings.

These basic doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

FROM
THE



SUPERINTENDENT

The opening of another Bible College term is upon us and Praise the Lord everything is looking great for a super term of school! It looks at this point like we will have a good enrollment.

As you are aware, we are going back to a two semester school. This was the desire of many people. We will start our fall term on August 22 and go through December 16 and then open our spring semester on January 9 through May 10. We do hope you are planning to be a part of this year's school. Bible College is important to all, so we encourage you to plan now to get involved in some way.

Our staff is complete and we Thank the Lord for all who are coming to work with us! They are: JACK CORNELL - superintendent, doctrine teacher and choir director; KATHRYN CORNELL - teacher training; LYNDAL ARNALL - Bible history and Bible prophecy; NAOMI BUSCH - evangelism; JANA E HARRIS - music appreciation, choir, piano and organ; DANNY ROBINSON - teacher of Book of Acts and Pauline Epistles, and dean of men; DONNA PHELPS - nursery teacher; DEANA FISH, secretary and bookkeeper; TONY BARTEL, dean of women and cooks' helper; BENNIE and LEOLA BUSCHMAN - head cooks.

These people come with a burden and have made sacrifices to be here. I trust you will be faithful in your monthly support of each.

Our choir will travel to the Oklahoma panhandle, southwest Kansas and Texas during the fall term. We will again plan on going to the south in the spring term: Texas, Alabama and Mississippi. Pray for this work.

Each of our operating funds (faculty, building and general funds) are low and need immediate help from you. Please make these a matter of prayer.

Again we ask you to make the Bible College a daily prayer request. We need the Lord and His Holy Spirit to bless each day of study and work here.

Come and visit us anytime you can.

Superintendent Jack Cornell

Report from the Board of Trustees

Dear Christian Friends,

"I Thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Philippians 1:3. We do appreciate the wonderful prayer support that everyone has given the Apostolic Faith Bible College. Superintendent Jack Cornell reports that prospects for the School look great for this coming year. The faculty is complete, and plans are progressing. Please pray daily for the Spiritual success of the School.

Financial needs for the School will include funds for repair of the dishwasher or replacement by a new one. Also, the new Fellowship Hall has proved to be a tremendous asset to the School. The present indebtedness is \$35,000. with a current interest payment due of \$1,657.48. We share this need with you that you may have the opportunity to share in this need. We are praying for the total retirement of this indebtedness.

We are Happy to announce that Bro. Regeir's book, "Bible Doctrine", has been reprinted, and is available for \$3.00 from the Report office, (plus .50 postage if mailed). We certainly appreciate Bro. Regeir allowing us to reprint his book without charge to him. A special thanks also to Bro. Jack Hopson of Butler, Alabama for making printing arrangements.

Due to lack of response from a previous letter, the Old Home is being placed in the hands of a Real Estate Agent to be sold.

We commend Sister Karen Oakes for her responsibility at the Report, and ask you to continue to pray for this work.

May God Bless you all as we work together for Him.

Secretary, Edwin Waterbury
Board of Trustees

Attention . . . Ministers, Gospel Workers

It is time again to gather information for our minister's directory. Will you please help me in this matter? I need your addresses, phone numbers and what type of ministry you are currently engaged in. This information needs to be in by the 10th of September. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter.

Karen Oakes,
Editor

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GEMS FROM PROVERBS

Submitted by
Maxine Long

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: He keepeth the paths of judgement, and preserveth the way of his saints. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He pondereth all his goings. These six things doth the Lord hate: yea seven are an abomination unto him:

1. A proud look.
2. A lying tongue.
3. Hands that shed innocent blood.
4. An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations.
5. Feet that be swift in running to mischief.
6. A false witness that speaketh lies.
7. And he that soweth discord among brethren.

Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord.

Gathered from the first eight chapters of Proverbs by Maxine Long.

VICTORS & CONQUERORS

BY Mrs. E.A. Greever

This article dear friends is concerning we, weak, helpless creatures who were shapen in iniquity and in sin did our mothers conceive us. Psalms 51:5

For by one man's disobedience, of one (Jesus) shall many be made righteous. Romans 5:19. So definitely there is only one way we can become victors and conquerors and this is the love of God and his Son Jesus Christ for us. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Hebrews 11:6. This is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith. I John 5:4.

We are more than conquerors through him that loved us. Romans 8:37. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. St. John 16:33. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. Romans 8:3-4. With Godly sorrow repenting of the sins we have committed we have peace with God. II Cor. 7-10. Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1. Hebrews 10:10. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Hebrews 13:12. Wherefore Jesus also that he might sanctify the people with his own blood suffered without the gate.

By a complete surrender on our part the sin nature with which we were born has been cleansed and we are a new creature born of the Spirit. By much prayer we have this experience giving us an armour to wear that we become victors and conquerors. It is described in Ephesians 6:13-18. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God. II Cor. 10:4-5. Through the application of Jesus blood we are now wearing the breastplate of righteousness, our loins gird about with truth, preaching a message of peace, and our shield is Faith by which we are able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. After our life has been cleansed we are promised that by tarrying we can receive the Holy Spirit, the Fathers seal. By wearing the helmet of salvation we are now beyond doubt equipped to go forth with the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God, and when the enemy hears "It is written," though he may try hard will find he is defeated.

Praise the Lord!

By holding our confidence steadfast we are always victors and conquerors over sin, self and the Devil.

May the dear Lord help us to be real soldiers of the Cross with our full trust in him that not a single battle be lost. This is the victory for he has warned us to never put our trust in man or princes but in him, the living God who giveth us all things to enjoy.

A double minded man is unstable in all of his ways. If we are like the waves of the sea driven with the wind and tossed let us not think we shall receive anything of the Lord. James 1st chapter. God is a jealous God and we are to have none other. Joshua 24:19-20. We are admonished by a song writer "O you must fight be brave against all evil, Never run nor even lag behind. If you would win for God and the right, Just keep on the firing line."

What will be the result by being a victor and conqueror? A life of rejoicing and hope while in these mortal bodies with the same testimony as that of Paul. II Timothy 6:8. For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day and not to me only but unto all them that love his appearing. Whether that be the holy dead of the first resurrection, the holy group kept by God the last three and one-half years before Christ's return (Rev. 12) or the group of 144,000 we read about in Rev. 14. John tells us about our new home in Rev. 21 when all will be turned over to God and Jesus will be the light.

By God's grace and mercy may we all strive to be among the number.

THE BIBLE HAS 8,810 PROMISES

The Holy Scriptures contain a grand total of 8,810 promises. How do I know? I counted them.

All my life I have seen various figures quoted as to the number of promises in the Bible, the one most generally giving being 30,000.

Since this is a round number with four zeros, I have always been a little suspicious about it. Furthermore, since there are only 31,101 verses in the Bible, it would mean that there would be practically one promise for every verse.

I do not guarantee my count to be perfect, but is the most accurate I know of.

The Bible contains eight kinds of promises. There are 7,487 promises that God has given to man. This is about 85 percent of all the promises in the Bible.

There are almost 1,000 instances recorded-991 to be exact-in which one person makes a promise to another person. This is some 11 percent of all the promises in the Scriptures. An example is the promise made by the Chaldeans to King Nebuchadnezzar: "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation of it" (Daniel 2:7).

There are also 290 promises made by man to God. The majority of these-235 of them-are to be found in the psalms, such as, "O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth thy praise" (51:15).

There are 28 promises that were made by angels. Most of these-23 of them-are found in Luke. One example is the promise made by the angel to the women at Jesus' tomb: "Behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him" (Matthew 28:7).

Two promises were made by an evil spirit. "Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will entice him . . ." (2 Chronicles 18:20-21).

There are also two promises made by God the Father to God the Son, and one made by a man to an angel.

One of the 66 books of the Bible has no promises at all-Titus (unless you count Titus 1:2 which antedates creation). Seventeen others contain less than 10 promises each. Even such a outstanding Book as Ephesians has only six promises.

The New Testament has 1,104 promises; the Old Testament 7,706. This means that seven out of every eight promises are to be found in the Old Testament. You cannot afford to skip the Old Testament when you read your Bible.

Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel have over 1,000 promises each-a total of 3,086 in the three books, or more than one-third (35 percent) of all the promises in the Bible. Most of them are of a prophetic nature: "Behold, virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

Many verses have more than one promise. Here is a verse with four: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

Another verse has five promises: "Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished" (Isaiah 51:6).

The chapter with the most promises is Deuteronomy 28. These 133 promises refer to the blessings and cursings God promised the Israelites when they would reach Canaan, according to whether they would obey or disobey His commands.

A somewhat similar chapter is Leviticus 26, which has 94 promises-three-fourths of all the promises in the book.

The most outstanding chapter, as far as promises are concerned, is Psalm 37. Practically every verse in it is a most precious promise. Here are some of these 43 wonderful promises:

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (verse 4).

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (verse 5).

"The meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace" (verse 11).

Last year I read the Bible through for the fifty-third time; but the time I read it counting the promises was one of the most precious. Time after time I have had to agree with Solomon: "There hath not failed one word of all his good promise" (I Kings 8:56).

The question as to which are the greatest promises is one about which there would be a difference of opinion. But if I were permitted to claim only six promises, I would choose the following:

The promise of salvation: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

The promise of the Holy Spirit: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8).

The promise of answered prayer: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

The promise of temporal help: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

The promise of sustaining strength: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" [Deuteronomy 33:25].

The promise of heaven: "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3).

If we had no other promises than these six, how good God would be to us!

THE PROMISES are ours for the asking-7,487 of them made by God himself. They are waiting for us to test and prove them. We go to church and sing, "Standing on the promises," but most us are simply sitting on them!

These are perilous times in which we are living. Recent developments in many lands emphasize this only too clearly. But the reply that Judson gave his mission board when they inquired about the prospects for the future in Burma is still true for all of us: "The future is as bright as the promises of God."

You can count on the promises of God. Why not try some of them and see for yourself?

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PINE HILL, ALABAMA

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is good to be able to write to the Report once again and express our love to our Lord Jesus. He has blessed us abundantly and beyond measure.

We welcomed a new arrival to our church. Billy and Cathy Huckabee became the parents of a new baby girl, Wendy, on June 7.

Bro. Arnall has accepted the church for another year and we are looking forward to a good year in Christ. May God bless each of you who sincerely trust in that unseen hand day by day.

Pine Hill Chapel

HILL COUNTRY of TEXAS

Dear Sister Oakes,

Here we are from the Hill Country of Texas: Camp Wood, Center Point, Leahey and Vanderpool. Our family stays rather busy working in these churches.

Bro. and Sis. Ronald Day have just closed a very good revival in Camp Wood, then we went to Center Point for three services and on to Vanderpool closing out last night. We felt like dry sponges and tried to soak up for days out ahead of us. I am sure it will seem like a far journey even so the end time is drawing nigh.

Marvin and I, with two of our grandchildren go to Camp Wood on Sunday morning and Wednesday night, Vanderpool on Sunday night. Our son, Phil, and his wife go to Center Point for Sunday morning service and on Thursday night we go with help of Ellen and her children, Jim and his family, Phil and Dean. We have new interest in all of the churches. Jim, Brenda and Ellen are working with the youth at Leahey. About 19 people were able to go to youth camp in Pine Crest, Ms.

I do ask for your prayers for our health so we can better serve the Lord and snatch some from the fire.

We do invite our brothers and sisters of the faith to drop by anytime for some services and help win souls for His Kingdom.

One of our prayer warriors was called away; we miss Sister Laura Thompson so very much.

Marvin Boyd, pastor
Lavenia Boyd, reporter

THOMS STATION, JOPLIN, MO.

Greetings in the Wonderful, Matchless Name of Jesus.

It has been a long time since we have written to you. The Lord has been so good to us at Thoms Station Church. We have seen God answer many prayers.

In April we were privileged to have with us Rev. Wesley Shipman of Leahey, Texas. God so wonderfully anointed the preaching of His word.

In June God allowed us to go to Camp Wood, Center Point, and Vanderpool, Texas. We had a wonderful time in the Lord and saw the people yield and be blessed of God in a marvelous way. Many were refilled with the Holy Ghost, healed, rededicated their lives, and personal victories.

May God Bless All of You,
Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Day



AMARILLO, TEXAS

Greetings from the Apostolic Faith Church in Amarillo, Texas. Our church has been praying for revival and the Lord has answered prayer. Bro. and Sis. Floyd Lamunyon will be here August 14 for revival services. We invite all who could come and attend.

Several of our young people attended the Laverne Youth Camp for a week of spiritual growth and other activities.

Our church has been in the process of renovating our heating and cooling system by installing a new central heating and air conditioning system. A special offering fund was established to fund this project. Our church is also fortunate to have men in this congregation who are capable and willing to install this system. Praise the Lord for answering our prayers.

We have a new youth class on Sunday nights taught by Bro. Alfred Trayler. We welcome all to come by and worship with us.

Brent Blythe, pastor
Marietta Heisch, reporter

Deadline!

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15th of the month to be
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SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH CAMP

The South Texas Youth Camp was held the first week of June with an enrollment of 111 students and 35 workers. Brother Videt Polk conducted music classes and Sister Barbara Waterbury taught the Bible lessons on "Christian Living from the Principles of God's Word." About four hours a day an Intercessory Prayer Group headed by Sister Sandy Blythe prayed for the spiritual needs of each camper. This we feel was the key to the success of our camp. Several spiritual leaders also had small group sessions which proved to be a blessing to the teens.

The Junior Camp headed by Sister Betty Welsh was filled with spiritual guidance and exciting activities from morning till night.

We thank the Lord for the privilege of helping young people grow spiritually this summer. We are forming several Intercessory Prayer Groups in our churches to pray for the spiritual needs of the campers all this coming year. Let's all ban together and pray for our young people.

—LaMoynes Fox
—Camp Chairman



Arnall

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Arnall of Logan, Okla., announce the birth of their second daughter, Lindsey Leigh. She was born April 23, 1983, at 7:58 a.m. weighing 8 pounds 15 and one-half ounces and measuring 22 and one-fourth inches. She joins a sister, 2-year-old Stephanie.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Winton Jett of Logan, Okla. Great-grandmothers are Minnie Jett and Coral Gardner both of Logan, Okla.

Paternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Jim Arnall of Ashland, Ala. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bradford of Granby, Mo.

Jacobs

GOD HAS BLESSED US WITH A BRAND NEW BABY!

Sarah Joanna Jacobs arrived at 7:39 p.m. July 13, 1983, weighing 7 pounds 12 ounces. Parents are Tony and Barbara Jacobs of Baxter Springs, Kans. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Frederick of Elkins, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cooper Jr. of Hardesty, Okla. Great-grandparents are Josephine P. Cooper of Guymon, Okla.; Fount Frederick of Fayetteville, Ark.; and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Patrick of Elkins, Ark.

Cornell

Rev. and Mrs. Kevin Cornell of Bayard, Neb., announce the birth of their son, Jonathan David. He was born on July 13, 1983, weighing 9 pounds 1 ounce. He joins a brother, Joshua Dean. Grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. David Keith and Rev. and Mrs. Jack Cornell. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ledford, Mrs. Faye Booth and Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Cornell.

PASTOR NEEDED

Bro. Elmer Christensen has announced his resignation as of Camp meeting as pastor of The Spring Grove Apostolic Faith Church at Galena. The Board would like to ask our Ministers who are moving at this time to pray about this with us. We desire that The Lord will send the right one for our church. You may contact our Church Board by either calling or writing to them. Herbert Toppings, 1714 Galena Ave., ph. 783-5340. Wayne Collins, 2114 Galena Ave., ph. 783-2342 or Rev. Ted Jackson, 1524 Galena Ave., ph. 783-5389. All at Galena, Kansas, 66739.

OBITUARIES

Laura E. Thompson

Mrs. Laura Estelle Thompson, widow of Lee David Thompson, of Camp Wood, Texas, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 1983, in Uvalde Memorial Hospital, Uvalde, Texas. She was 79.

Mrs. Thompson was born June 21, 1903, in Judsonia, Ark., and was married in April 1925 in Leakey, Texas. Her husband preceded her in death in August 1964.

She is survived by a son, B. J. Thompson, Uvalde; seven grandchildren, Lee David Thompson II in Korea, DeWayne Thompson serving with the U.S. Navy in the Indian Ocean, Sue Bates of Imperial Beach, Calif., Lou Ellen Ethridge of Temple, Texas, Twila Wimberley of Camp Wood, Texas, Jean Coffman of Temple, Texas, and Joan Axtell of Uvalde, Texas; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Dora Ryan of Leakey, Texas, Mae Freeman of Pleasanton, Texas, and Ruth Germer of Refugio, Texas.

Graveside services for Mrs. Thompson were held at 3 p.m. Monday in the Leakey Cemetery with Bro. Marvin Boyd officiating and assisted by Bro. Wesley Shipman.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Henry, Ray Henry, Larry Wimberley, Shelby Ethridge, John Axtell and Toben White. Floyd Collinsworth was an honorary pallbearer.

Sis. Laura pastored the Leakey Church for several years. Due to health problems she moved to Camp Wood. She was a real Prayer Warrior and is missed so very much.

Darrell E. Sutton

Darrel E. Sutton was born on January 12, 1911 in Springfield, Mo., and passed away on May 13, 1983 in Houston, Texas at the age of 72 years 4 months and 6 days.

He was married to Lucile Eleanor Corl on March 21, 1943. She preceded him in death on December 21, 1974.

Darrel was converted October 21, 1931 in a revival conducted by Rev. Gail Schultz at Mannford, Oklahoma. He has been a faithful worker for the Apostolic Faith Movement from that date. In the spring of 1933 he entered the ministry with his brothers Francis and Sherman. For the next 15 years they traveled throughout many states holding revivals. Darrel and his brother Sherman were widely known for their gospel singing, as well as the inspiring messages he brought.

In the early 40's he entered pastoral work, pastoring churches at Heights Faith Tabernacle in Houston, Texas; Granby, Mo.; Alvin, Tex.; Wichita, Kans.; Recreation Acres, South Houston, Dickinson, Buchhorn, and Bellville, Texas. The work of the Lord was always uppermost in his mind and plans.

He is survived by his children, Darrel Eugene Sutton and his wife, Sherry, of Wimberley, Texas; Peggy Ellen Sutton of Katy, Texas; two grandsons, Gene and Terry Sutton; two brothers, Homer Sutton of Houston, Mo. and Sherman Sutton of Gardner, Kans.; two sisters, Bess King of Springfield, Mo. and Ollie Farrow of Mannford, Okla.; a number of nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

The funeral service was held May 21, 1983 in the Apostolic Faith Church at Katy, Texas. Interment was in Memorial Oaks Cemetery in Houston, Texas.

VICTORY THROUGH TRIBULATION

By Dora Beydler

There have been many times of tribulation in the past but God has always brought victory out of chaos to those who have kept their faith in Him. Jesus was telling the disciples of things that would come and finished that conversation with, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33. Because the God we serve today is still the same God who was in the beginning, we can claim the same promise He made through Moses to the children of Israel. That promise says, "When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto His voice; (for the Lord our God is a merciful God;) He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which He sware unto them." Deuteronomy 4:30-31.

Let us remember some of those troubled times in history and notice the victories which came after the tribulation. There is much to be learned from the experiences of those people and how they faced their difficulties. They believed God because He promised, "I will not forsake thee."

It must have been a heart breaking experience for Joseph when his brothers sold him to the Midianites, who in turn sold him to Potiphar in Egypt, Genesis 37:13-36. He was taken from his parents and family where he had probably lived a comfortable life and placed among strangers with a strange language and made a slave! But his tribulation became even greater when the false witness of his mistress caused him to be put into prison, Genesis chapter 39. Over two years later, Joseph was called upon to interpret the Pharaoh's dream and through this he was not only released from prison but was made an officer of Egypt, with only the Pharaoh having more authority than he. Genesis 41:1-44. Joseph was 17 years old when he was first sold into slavery and after this 13 year period of tribulation, at the age of 30 years, he was placed in a position of honor which prepared the way for his father and his brethren to be able to move to Egypt where they could obtain food for the seven years of famine. Genesis 42-46:6. When his brothers came to him in repentance after Jacob's death, Joseph, himself, said of his tribulation, "Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring it to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them." Genesis 50:19b-21.

Though the famine only lasted for seven years, the sons of Jacob remained in Egypt where, several years after the death of Joseph (at age 110 years) they became slaves to the Egyptians, Exodus 1:8-11. This time of their slavery was prophesied to Abraham, "And He said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; — But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full." Genesis 15:13-16. Now the iniquity of the Amorites was coming to the time of God's judgment upon them so He began getting the people of Israel ready to leave Egypt. After an approximate 75 to 80 years of slavery God talked to Moses from the burning bush and told him to lead the people from Egypt to their promised Homeland. This was a great assignment. It is estimated that a conservative

number leaving Egypt to be around three million people. God never leaves us unprepared so when the Hebrews reached the wilderness of Sinai, God called Moses up on the Mountain to receive the Ten Commandments and other precepts which were to be their laws as a nation. But they were a rebellious people and refused to believe God after arriving at Paran, the place where they could have entered the land. They would rather have turned back to the slavery of Egypt than to have gone into the land and claim it. God had promised to go with them and help them but they were filled with unbelief. At their refusal to trust God and claim the promised land, God told them they would have to spend another 40 years in the wilderness. This was such a disappointment to them but after all who were over 20 years of age when they left Egypt had died in the wilderness, God led them to the crossing of a flooded Jordan River. They crossed this time and God helped them to obtain the land once promised to them as Abraham's seed. Sometimes we bring trials and tribulation upon ourselves but God is always there with an outstretched hand to help us to overcome the obstacles and turn trials into stepping stones if we will only turn to Him and give Him our trust.

Another time which must have been a frightening experience, one of which it seems hard for us to realize its magnitude, happened many years later. Daniel and his three friends were young boys of about 15 years of age when they were taken by Nebuchadnezzar in the first group of captives. They were boys of the Royal family and that would say they were from the best homes in Jerusalem. II Kings 20:16-18 reads, "And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord. Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon; nothing shall be left, saith the Lord. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace in the kingdom of Babylon." A rigid course of study was given them for three years that they might be made ready to serve the king. Toward the end of this three year period the king had a dream the wise men of Babylon could not receive nor understand. But because Daniel and his friends prayed, God gave both the dream and the interpretation to Daniel and as a reward Daniel was promoted to being governor of the province of Babylon where the city of Babylon was located. His three friends were also given important positions. This was a great honor for boys of only about 18 years of age and so much the more honor for captives so recently taken. The king had chosen these young men because of the abilities he saw in them but God placed them there for the testimonies He wanted them to give. They did testify with their lives in this strange land but of the greatest importance for us today are the prophecies God gave to Daniel which concern our days and our future. These boys went through very anxious times during their lives in this strange land and I'm sure it was not easy but their faith in God left us an example and an insight into our future which we can draw from to strengthen our hope and faith.

The Bible is full of miraculous victories wrought through the faith and trust of people who have gone through great trial and tribulation. History tells us of the severe persecutions of the early christians. Sometimes, because of the sheltered way in which we live, these reports of times past seem far removed from us. In time they are far removed but they were just as real to those people as they would have been to us if we had lived then. History tells us

of the persecutions of the early christians. There were the ten major persecution periods by the Roman Emperors. Many were put to death for their testimony of Christ while others continued to preach the gospel, giving no heed to the dangers to their own lives, that others may know of the saving power through the blood of the Christ. Through the continued faithfulness of the preaching of those early christians, regardless of the dangers they faced, many influential Romans became christians. It is not surprising that when the first seal is broken on the book in Jesus' hand, Revelation 6:2, that it will reveal that down through the ages Jesus has ridden a white horse, going forth conquering and to conquer. Had it not been for these early christians being true to their faith, where would we have been today?

Time and space does not permit to tell all the victories won through the tribulations and persecutions of early christians and those who were persecuted since the Bible times. There were the Huguenots from France and the Pilgrims and Puritans from England who left their native lands, like Abraham of old, in search of a freedom to worship God. These people were instrumental in bringing the gospel to this country. They have left a heritage paid for by toils, hardships and their lives in many cases. Now more than 200 years later we need to consider from where we have come. This country was founded upon a freedom to worship God but today so many are cold and indifferent.

Let us look again at another people who forgot their God. The people of the northern kingdom of Israel were scattered even before the birth of Christ. They had completely refused to give up their idol worship and come to a God who pled with them with an outstretched arm. Then Jesus came to the Jews but they refused to accept Him and crucified their Messiah. Now, they too, have been scattered around the world for many centuries. But God is a merciful God and His hand is outstretched still.

At the end of World War I England was instrumental in the Land of Palestine being given again to the Israelites but by this time it was again as it was in the time of Cyrus, comparatively few returned. They were situated in business and had a comfortable livelihood in the land where they were. The thought of leaving it all behind to go to a land which needed to be rebuilt did not excite the majority.

But this was the land God had chosen for them so as it was when they were in Egypt, God had to send a tribulation to make them willing to go to their homeland. In Egypt, they lived in the fertile land of the delta and were satisfied until the Egyptians made them to become slaves and their lives were miserable. Now, after God had scattered them so many years ago they had made homes in other lands and though there was no doubt a longing for their own land, they were at home where they were and not a great enough desire to leave their adopted lands. World War II came and with it the terrible holocaust in which Hitler exterminated so many of the Jews. This was a frightening and sorrowful time of persecution and many from all over Europe and Asia have fled to Palestine. Israelites (we have given all of them the common name of Jews but it includes all the tribes) from other countries have helped them with finances until they have literally made the desert to blossom as a rose. In 1948 they again became a nation.

There are yet two great tribulation periods to come. The first one will be to all christians and will probably be about the time, or soon after, the forming of the alliance of ten nations which will bring forth the antichrist. Revelation 12:1 speaks of the woman which is the true church. Then in verses 2-5 we read, "And she being with child cried,

travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne." This tribulation is also told in Matthew 24:9-12, 21, 22. It will even be worse than the persecutions by the Roman Emperors when they hunted the christians from dens and caves. This persecution, though, will no doubt be carried on through the false church as well as some of it through governmental powers. It was the religious people who first persecuted the early christians. False prophets, or preachers, shall lead many astray, maybe with promises of an easy way out of their troubles, and others fearing death will turn away from their christian experience. Verse 21 in Matthew 24 says there has never been a tribulation so great. Revelation 12:2 says the church will cry and travail and verse 4 of the same chapter says one-third of the christians will fall. What a dark picture but the darkest part of the night is just before the dawn and God will be there. In that dark hour the child, which is God's Elect, will be caught away. Matthew 24:29-31 reads, "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send His angels with a sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Praise the Lord! Victory will again come after the tribulation.

The period so often called the great tribulation will come in the last half of the antichrist reign. It will be the wrath of God poured out upon the people of the antichrist reign which will include his regime and the false church plus all those who have taken the mark of the beast. Revelation 15:1 says, "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the last plagues; for in them is filled the wrath of God." When we read of these vials and what they contain it makes us to realize it will be better to even lose our lives than to be found worthy of the wrath of God. The 16th chapter of Revelation tells us of the vials being poured out, one after the other. These vials will begin with malignant sores upon people followed by the sea then the drinking water turned to blood. The heat of the sun will be so hot as to char the flesh of man and while suffering from all this it will become so dark it can be felt and people will gnaw their tongues. After all this the armies will gather for the battle of Armageddon and while they are gathered in that great battle, Jesus shall come to the Mt. of Olives, Zechariah 14:4. When His feet touch the mountain, it will divide, making a new valley. This earthquake shall be so great the islands and the mountains shall flee away. On the heels of all this will be a great hail storm with stones of around 100 pounds each. The end of the battle of Armageddon is described in Zechariah 14:12 where it reads, "And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue

shall consume away in their mouth. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the Lord shall be among them; and they shall lay hold everyone on the hand of his neighbor, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor."

When this battle has been fought another milestone will have been passed and the way will have been made for the victory of all victories. The reward to be able to live and reign with Christ for a thousand years upon this earth will have been won for all those worthy of it. God told Joshua, "As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage." Joshua 1:5b,6a. Let us put forth whatever effort it shall cost that we will be able to reach this victory.

SALT AND PEPPER

Life can be summed up in terms of salt and pepper — essentials and extras.

Salt is necessary to life; we cannot do without it. If the body lacks its necessary quota it becomes subject to a thousand ills.

Salt is a preservative; it is a disinfectant. Salt, in correct proportions, enhances the flavor of food. It is a boon to men.

Pepper is nonessential! We can live without it but it does add to our enjoyment. It is not essential to one's diet, but it makes food more tasty.

Salt and pepper! This is life. Work is essential — this is salt; recreation is enjoyable — this is pepper. God's blueprint for living is, "Six days shalt thou labor, but the seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." The seventh day, filled with restful activities, was to add relish to the week of toil.

In family life the humdrum of essential routine is more enjoyable when spiced with an occasional outing or special treat. In church life the regular services are the salt but a crusade or special meeting adds a pungent touch to the normal activities.

Our personal experiences are a combination of the essential and the extra, the prosaic and the pungent, the vital and the vivid, the seasonable and the surprising. We need salt; we like pepper. Thank God for supplying our needful "salt" experiences and for occasionally sprinkling the "pepper" blessings that brighten our days.

—Aaron Linford, in "Redemption Tidings"

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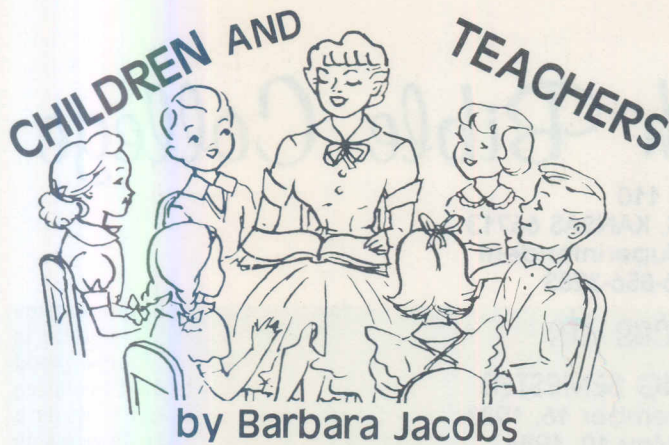
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The promise that I drew for to-day is found in Romans 14:23. Reading as follows, "What soever is not of faith is sin." What is faith? Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith great promises fall into our hands. There is a natural faith and there is a spiritual faith. Natural faith assures you that the auto is safe or you would not enter the machine. You cannot have faith and fear. When fear leaves faith appears. Many one time would not ride in the auto because of fear but natural faith won and they think nothing about it now. So it is in a spiritual faith and way, you must have faith to win. He who diligently believes is rewarded, for he who comes to God must believe that he is and a rewarded of them that diligently seek him. Hebrew 11:6. When you have faith that God for Jesus sake will save you, you may obtain salvation. Sanctification cannot be obtained alone on consecration but the seeker must have a faith that God will do what he said. There is a seal unto the day of redemption; but again if you do not believe that the Holy Spirit can seal you, be with you and in you, and through your lips speak in other languages, how hard it is to please God and obtain the promise as given in Joel and the Acts.

I want you to believe the word from the natural reading and I want you to obtain the promise by faith, for the letter will kill but the spirit will make alive. Faith moves the spirit to give you your hearts desire as it pleases God. All that you possess is by faith and if you claim to obtain it in any other manner it is sin. For all power is of God and through him we live move and have our being. Romans 13:1. You should strive to accomplish your desired goal by faith and not by the natural training. Let the future be ever so dark, faith is all-powerful. Eat your bread and clothe yourself and do all things in a temporal and spiritual way by faith then you will have praise of God and not of man. Have faith in God. Only believe Mark 5:36.

Bring up a child in the way that he is to go and when he is old he will not depart from it. Mothers and Fathers will be held responsible for killing or failing to cultivate faith in God. That their child might know that this is the day when God is still the same and that there is not a shadow of turning but forever there is one that can and will help. If we are faithful unto our trust there is for us a reward. Heading the list of all things that you may will your posterity faith leads; for it is the key that opens up the wealth of the heavens and reserves to you the impossible, for God is able ... to do even more then we are able to ask or to think according to the power that lies within.

Let us be sure that we walk in faith, go in faith and move in faith. None shall be confounded who put their trust in God. There is rest and a hand to lead you forth do that at ever pitfall, faith has over come and lifted you above the world, for greater is he that is within you, than he that is in the world and this is the victory that over-comes the world even our faith. Be not overcome with evil but overcome evil with good.



Why be excited or enthused about teaching Bible truths to children? The success of a child's spiritual life depends on it. Also, children are at the stage where they are most reachable and teachable. Their lives are still being molded and the touch of a loving and caring teacher can shape their lives to be more like Jesus.

The importance of children studying the Bible is that the Word of God has life-changing power. One of the best ways to convey this message is to be an example of what God teaches. Show the children that God is more than just a part of our lives, but is involved in every part of our lives that we will let him be in. The studying required to present the truth to the children will affect the teacher's life and will show forth in that way also.

Children face many critical times for which they need something to stand on. The best way to get through to them in these times is by showing them love without any conditions attached. For a teacher to meet the needs of his students, it will require sacrifice of time, energy, prayer and effort of all sorts. To not meet their needs would be standing in their way when they are trying to get to Jesus. Mark 10:14-16 "But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them."

There are seven basic characteristics a teacher should possess. The first is growing. To impart spiritual life to others, we must be growing ourselves. Secondly, reachable, because no one has everything all figured out. There is always room for learning new ideas. The teacher who can adjust to the circumstances or interest of his students has the third characteristic of flexibility. The next, that of caring, is very important. Students can recognize quickly if there is true and genuine concern on the part of the teacher. Fifth, a teacher must guide students through experiences rather than do it for them and then report the results back to them. The sixth is sometimes the most difficult, that of being a good listener. Sometimes we listen without actually hearing anything so that we could reiterate what was said to us. Lastly, a teacher must show genuine enthusiasm to get the students excited about learning God's Word.

Teachers must accept a child as he is, a child, and with God's help try to guide the child to grow. They are more likely to grow if activities are used that appeal to them, if their learning area is stimulating to growth and if the teacher commends them on their successes. Goals that are

set for their growth must be reachable and realistic because no two students grow at the same rate. Extra interest in the student can be shown by participating with them in ways outside of the classroom.

Even though the size of families is shrinking, family problems seem to be on the rise. The many problems, such as divorce, sometimes result in child suicide. Other problems are both parents working, lack of non-parental relative relationships, electronic communication replacing personal communication and the great mobility of so many families. Children need stability in parents, relatives, friends, home, school and church. Many, because of a lack of this, are insecure. Children need love, acceptance and security. There is security in being truly loved and accepted. When children experience this from adults, such as a teacher, they can better understand what it is to be loved and accepted by God.

One of the greatest privileges of serving as a teacher is to help children learn how they can become members of God's family. It takes leadership from God, knowing each student personally and dealing with them individually.

"Please, Daddy, Won't You Go?"

— Author Unknown

A little girl with shining eyes,
Her little face aglow,
Said, "Daddy, it is almost time
For Sunday School. Let's go.
They teach us there of Jesus' love,
Of how he died for all,
That He might save and purify
Those who on Him will call."

"Oh, no," said Daddy, "not today,
For I've worked hard all week,
And I must have one day of rest.
I'm going to the creek,
For there I can relax and rest;
And fishing's fine, they say.
So run along, don't bother me,
We'll go another day."

Now months and years have passed away,
And Daddy hears no more
The plea "Let's go to Sunday school" —
Those childish days are o'er.
And now that Daddy's growing old,
And life is almost through,
He finds he's time to go to church—
But what does daughter do?

She says, "O Daddy, not today;
I stayed up late last night,
And I've just got to get some sleep;
Besides, I look a sight."

Then Daddy lifts a trembling hand
To brush away the tears.
Again he hears the trembling voice
Distinctly through the years.
He sees a small girl's shining face
Upturned with eyes aglow,
As she says, "It's time for Sunday school;
Please, Daddy, won't you go?"

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