

ABBA FATHER

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT God is likened to a father who pities his children (Psalm 103:13) and even to a mother who comforts her children (Isaiah 66:13). Yet the idea of the divine Fatherhood in the full, filial sense of the word is limited. Not until we reach the New Testament do we find the revelation of God as Father through the incarnation of God's beloved Son.

The title is so simple that an infant can say it before cutting its first tooth. The mouth is so shaped by the Creator that it is the first word babies speak with freedom and clarity. "Abba Father," perhaps the most satisfying words the human heart can know and the tongue utter, are dividends of the gospel.

In Aramaic the word is Ab-ba; in Hebrew it is Au; or in English Ab. In the Greek it is Pater; but in the original Scriptures it was rendered Abba Father, repeating the same word in Aramaic and Greek. This was for the benefit of Greek-speaking readers who could not understand Aramaic. Even in its origin this cherished title unites believing Jew and Gentile in a common address to Him as Father. It was our Lord Himself who first taught His disciples to say, "Our Father."

By LESLIE S. RAINEY

This word was often found on the lips of the Lord Jesus. His first recorded utterance was, "Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" In the Sermon on the Mount Christ speaks of the "Father" 17 times. In the clearest and dearest of all His teachings in the New Testament (John 14 to 17), the word "Father" is found no less than 51 times. On the cross His first utterance was, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do"; and as He died again used the word, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:34, 46).

Surely this marvelous name expresses the most intimate relationship with Himself into which He brings the redeemed. How blessed that His Father is our Father: ours because His. What comfort to be able to look up into heaven and exclaim, "Father, my Father!"

As a father plans, provides, and protects, so our God and Father loves, cares, and has promised to supply our every need. How blessed to realize, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God"-and we are! (1 John 3:1). -Help and Food

Editorial

Hidden Treasure - Handsful On Purpose

A king once placed a heavy stone in the roadway. Then he hid and waited to see who would remove it. Many who came by loudly blamed the government for not keeping the highways clean, but none assumed the duty of pushing the offending obstacle out of the way. At last a poor peasant stopped and graciously rolled it into the gutter. To his surprise he found a purse of gold embedded in the road directly beneath the spot where the rock had stood. A note informed him that is was the king's reward intended for anyone who willingly performed this needed service. The peasant was richly repaid for his trouble and inconvenience. So, too, under every trial our King has hidden a blessing. The obstacles on our path are placed there for a purpose; by them God tests our faithfulness, turns our attention heavenward, and gives us opportunity for spiritual reward. There is a hidden blessing under the "rock of trial" that has brought you very low. Roll the burden on Him and find the divine favor.

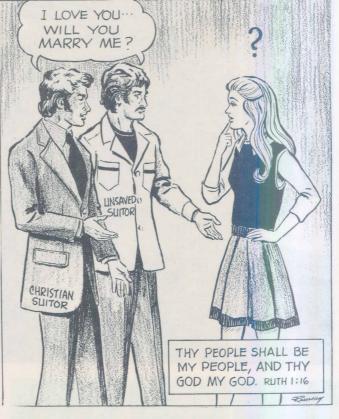
Whate'er thy grief, what e'er thy care, Just bring it unto Me: Yes, in thy day of trouble, call, I will deliver thee.

-S. C. Umlauf

Someone has said that those who live in the cold regions of snow see the stars sparkling with tenfold luster. So it is with us if we would see the full beauties of Jesus, the "Bright and Morning Star," we must behold Him through the frost and snows of adversity, troubles and trials. When all around us seems hopeless and full of distress then our affections turn toward heaven and God, or we drown in our afflictions. For God hath said in our WEAKNESS He would be our strength. In our human frailities and inabilities to cope with earthly sorrows and woe we are made aware of the unlimited power of the God who made us, and He helps us to understand better the yet untapped riches of love in His great storehouse, just waiting for us to claim, unworthy as we are, through His grace and mercy. Show me a Christian who has suffered much, and allowed his trials to be sanctified in his heart, and I'll show you a soul that is happy, mellow, and full of compassion and love for others, and one who has an all abiding love for His Master and a most sincere desire to do His will at all cost. I just finished reading Corrie Ten Boom's book "A Tramp for the Lord". How it thrilled my soul and inspired me to greater things in God. The things she has suffered are almost beyond our comprehension and through it all she's been able to see the hidden blessings of the Lord and now in her late eighties she is still working hard for her Lord Jesus Christ and trying to rescue every lost soul she can. In The Bible, Ruth, the Moabitess, in her hours of deep need, found "handsful on purpose" left for her by Boaz as she gleaned in his fields. Look for the hidden blessings God has planted under your trials. You'll find his "handsful on purpose" all along the line. Your King has left "Hidden Treasures" for those who will endure the inconvenience and trouble and will perform His needed service where e'er God's path leads him. Treasure seekers will not find God's hidden goodies-He has reserved them for His faithful few, who are willing to do His bidding as the needs arise without thought of the reward. Their delight is in the law of the Lord and in His law do they meditate day and night. His approval is all the reward they are seeking; but it is to those that have this kind of spirit that will find the "Hidden Treasures" and the unexpected "Handsful on Purpose"

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SHOULD THERE BE ANY HESITATION?



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God can make your marriage what it ought to be

THIS IS AN ERA of great turbulence in marriage. Experience will reveal that more conflict and sorrow occur about disagreements over religion than in disagreements over anything else.

So many approach marriage with the Hollywood makebelieve-romance idea that "our love is so big that it will overcome religious differences." It's a boobytrap.

No woman is so thoroughly widowed as the woman who is widowed spiritually. She is among the walking wounded. The man in her life enters only "the outer court" of her existence. Her loneliness and pathos are sharpened every time she enters the house of God by herself. Only the strongest can bear up under the accumulated strain of mismatched consciences.

If you cannot meet together at God's altar, where can you meet as one?

Trouble started in Eden when Eve went her own way. The devil holds the same bait before people today. He says it is so sophisticated and so adult to foster this kind of religious preference in marriage—so that each follows his own way without regard or question toward the other. And the results are as pathetic as Eden.

Unless we honor God, how can He honor us?

While religious differences are real obstacles to a happy and complete marriage, it is even graver for the participants in marriage to be irreligious. Irreligious people have at least seven times as many divorces as professing Christians.

There are many benefits religion can bring to the home. And this is why it is time, money, and effort well invested to belong to a church and to be active in your church schedule.

This is why a family altar, besides prayers and Bible studies, pays off. Talk over the needs, the expenditures, and the income with the Lord at your family altar.

This article is condensed from Revivaltime's book, C. M. Ward Talks About Marriage.

We have made this a practice in our home since our marriage. Our complete association with and dependence upon God makes things possible that, if we were to depend upon human advice and help alone, would be impossible.

I believe these words: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5).

God is involved in marriages whether you like it or not. You bring upon yourself moral obligations.

"What God hath joined together." The meaning of marriage is contained in these words. Marriage is not physical attraction. Marriage is not property arrangement. Marriage is not offspring. Any one or all of these are incorporated. But marriage has a grandeur and dimension about it that is more than hurrying to some local justice of the peace for a minimum patter of mumbo-jumbo for a \$5 fee.

The gospel can make your marriage and homelife work. If it cannot do that, it cannot do anything. God wants you to put it to the test.

The gospel will help you to realize that for every blessing there is a price to pay. *Marriage is a blessing*. This world would be poorer without it. It makes home and family possible. *It is not cheap*. It was never meant to be.

Marriage is more than infatuation. Marriage is a contract as the Old and New Testaments are contracts or covenants. Obligations are contracted. Marriage is not something you find in the bargain basement. Marriage is expensive. It is meant to be.

The gospel brings that understanding. Lives and destinies are involved—both in marriage and in our relationship to God. What if God saved me only when He felt like saving me or when it suited Him to save me? What

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E. A. Greever Obituary [Written by Mrs. E. A. Greever]

Edwin Adams (E. A.) Greever, son of William Adams and Lydia C. Greever, was one of a family of eight children and the last one to depart this life. He was born in Lead Hill, Arkansas, on July 20, 1879 and departed this life May 2, 1975 at the Edward Abraham Memorial Home where he had been for 15 months.

When a young man his parents moved from Lead Hill to Carthage, Mo., and in the near future a farm was bought about six miles northwest of Carthage, and in 1906 the parents, Ed and his sister Auta came to the Panhandle to make their home. In 1911 Ed returned to Missouri for his bride. His parents only lived a few years after his marriage and he and Elma have lived in what was the parents home now for 63 years. Throughout the years before his marriage at different times he went to Colorado to work. He was one of the Engineers for the Moffatt R. R., he also worked in Washington State in the big timber, but being a son of a farmer-rancher, this he followed after the move to Texas.

He was the father of two children William Robert (W. R.) and Kathleen, (Greever) Sutton. Since W. R. was grown he has been a partner of his father and now for several years the manager. Ed had quite an interest in the building of the new Panhandle country, and this continued as long as years and health permitted, so we can say he was a good citizen, neighbor, and friend but he always said, "Man needs no praise, for the people where he lives knows his life." Very few of his old neighbors and friends of the old Black Community, Hansford and Ohiltree counties are alive today so to many he is not known now. Enjoying the growth and progress of our earthy environment he also appreciated God's great handiwork and when younger he, with his family, went to the old Rocky Mountains on a vacation trip of a week or ten days to behold the grandeur and beauty of a Divine Master Builder. He respected Christian people and helped in different ways the work of the Lord. The Apostolic Faith teachings (in other words that taught by Jesus, Apostles and Prophets) he accepted. The first of these messages in out vicinity were the three Morton Sisters, when Spearman was just a wide spot in the road. Other of these messengers were Bros. Ditto and Waterbury and Sis. Irene Dillworth and Bro. Charles F. Parham, the founder of the Apostolic Faith Movement. Ed in many ways has been a helper to many who were giving their lives in helping to spread the glorious gospel since the town of Spearman was very young, but not until he was 75 years old did he accept Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and in a meeting conducted by G. K. Kerr held in the garage at his home, he at the close of the meeting with others was baptised by Bro. Kerr and Sis. Greever, his wife, in the reservoir near his dwelling, and since converted, changed from darkness to light, has since walked in the light, and kept a hope of eternal life, so today his loved ones sorrow not as others who have no hope, for he with our beloved Bro. Paul could say, "I have kept the faith."

He leaves his wife with whom he had a happy life of 64 years, two children, seven grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren. Their loss is his gain, because of a weakened body and mind, and the family say "The mercy of the Lord endureth forever." "Thy will be done, O Lord".

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 4, 1975 at the Apostolic Faith Church in Spearman, Texas. Rev. Jacob C. Regier and Rev. E. K. Cornell officiated. Burial was in the Hansford County Cemetery. Ted Scroggs and Ruth Isaacs each sang a solo and Rev. and Mrs. Harrol Waterbury and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Flowers sang a quartet. Casket Bearers were, O. A. Scroggs, Irvin Delk, James Riley, Bernard Byers, Benny Byers, and J. M. Poole. Honorary Pallbearers were Guy Fuller, A. F. Cook, John Bishop, Slim Cates, E. J. Copeland, Edwin Simmons, Jimmy Gilliam, Bill Gandy, F. B. Schubert, J. R. Stump, and Deacon Clement.



Obituary of Bess Allman

Sis. Bessie Carolina Allman, 83, Granby, Rt. 2, died Saturday morning early at the Jane Chinn Hospital in Webb City, Missouri, where she had been a patient for a little over a week. She had been ill about nine weeks. Her homegoing was peaceful, she just went to sleep in the Lord. She had testified to many during her stay in the hospital that she would just as soon go as to stay if the Lord was through with her and she couldn't help anyone anymore. She has been a pillar in the church at Granby for many years and was a blessing to many.

"Aunt Bess" as so many of us affectionally called her, was born January 5, 1892 in Granby and was a lifetime resident of the community. She was a member of the Gospel Tabernacle Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Geneva Cook, Granby; a brother, Cletus Nunn, Stella, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Stella Johnson, Neosho, Mo., and Mrs. Iona Brock, Stockton, California; three granddaughters, Mrs. Harold (Chloe) Suman, Joplin, Mo., Mrs. Ned (Faye) Neff, Granby, and Shari Cook, Baxter Springs, Kansas; and five great-grandchildren. Bro. Onal Nunn, pastor of our church in Cave Springs, Arkansas is her nephew. There was also a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held in the Granby, Gospel Tabernacle Tuesday, May 20 at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. F. E. Waterbury and Rev. O. A. Busch officiating. Music was arranged by the granddaughters' pastors' wives and a former pastor's wife. Naomi Busch, Kathryn Cornell and Anna Kinser sang, "One by One", "Until Then" and "What a Day That Will Be" accompanied by Fran Waterbury on the organ. Burial was in the Granby Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Clark-Shewmake Funeral Home.

NOTICE!

Effective at Camp Meeting time Bro. Paul Clanton will be leaving our Church. We are praying that God will burden the right minister to be our new pastor. We ask an interest in the prayers of all for the work here.

> Spring Grove Mission, Galena, Kansas Board of Turstees (Ted Jackson, Chairman)

From the Superintendent's Desk:

Greetings from the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Sadness fills our hearts, as we write this letter, due to the death of Garold Oakes. Garold had been a student of the Bible College, and a member of the "College Vibrations" the past two years, working as my right hand man, helping with many responsibilities both "on tour" and around the school. He was always willing to do more than his share of the work. The last service he was in at Centerton, Arkansas, he left a beautiful testimony both in song and word telling all he was ready to meet the Lord and encouraging everyone to make sure they were ready. Garold enjoyed what he was doing; singing and working for the Lord. Thanks to all of you who opened your hearts and homes to him and all the team members of the College Vibrations. Our lives are richer because we knew Garold.

His death came Saturday night, May 3rd. We had closed our service and loaded the equipment bus. He and his fiance, Rhonda Sanger, were not going to return on the bus to Baxter Springs, but were planning to spend the night in Bentonville, Arkansas with relatives of Rhonda, the George Clay's. Garold had helped me back the bus out of the church yard and onto the road. I had pulled away and was down the road, out of sight, when the accident happened. We will never really know exactly what happened, but somehow he was struck by a car while returning to the church yard. The rest of the tour has been cancelled due to his untimely death.

Memorial offerings are being received in his honor here at the Bible College. Thanks to those of you who have sent.

We all loved Garold and will miss him greatly when school begins this August, as he had planned to be here for another term.

About the Coming Term of School!

Plans are well under way for the coming term of school. The dates which have been set are August 18 thru December 11. Enrollment will begin at 6:00 p.m. the 18th, and classes will start Tuesday, August 19. We hope you will make plans to be a student this year and enjoy the Lord's blessings with us.

We hope very soon to be able to announce the complete staff who will be working with us this year. Please continue to pray with us and for us that God's will shall be done.

Pray for the Bible School every day, and remember to support the school. Our thanks to all who have done their part both for the Building Fund and the General Fund. We are happy to announce the Building Fund is paid up to date with the **next payment due**, **August 22**, **1975**, in the amount of \$2,000. This payment will be interest only. At present there is about \$500 in this fund.

The note on the general fund has been paid in full. Praise the Lord! However, the fund is now very low insurance on the buildings due in the amount of \$860. This is the first installment due each year and then monthly payments of \$149 for ten months are due on the insurance. Please remember this. These payments are paid out of the General Fund. Please Help!

We are anxious for the school to begin and expect great blessings from the Lord in this term of school.

Everyone please push the school with all your efforts.

Jack Cornell Supt., Bible College



FOR GAROLD LEONARD OAKES

Garold Leonard Oakes was born March 22, 1953 in Greeley, Colorado and passed from this life May 3, 1975 at the age of 22 years. He attended and graduated high school from Neosho, Missouri Public Schools. Garold extended his education at Crowder College at Neosho where he graduated fourth in his class.

Garold gave his heart to the Lord at a very young age and grew in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He never turned from the Lord, but remained faithful all through school. He attended the Original Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin all of his life. Garold attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas in the fall of 1973 and again in 1974. During these past two years Garold has ministered on tour with the "College Vibrations" and also as a member of the "SonRise Singers" touching many lives in song and with the word of his testimony.

A very special date in his life was December 13, 1974 when he was dedicated to the work of the Lord at the Bible College. Another important date for Garold is June 6th of this year when he would have been united in marriage to Rhonda Sanger of Logan, Oklahoma.

Survivors that remain to mourn his death are his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Oakes of Neosho, Mo., two brothers, Carol of Monett, Mo. and Darrel of the home, two sisters, Iletha Bard of Joplin and Anita of the home, three nephews, his paternal grandfather, Mr. Lester Oakes of Joplin and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Cook of Stella, Mo. and Nellie Cook also of Stella. Beside this a host of relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 1975 at the Original Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, Mo. Rev. Jack Cornell and Rev. Ollie Kinser officiated at these services. A duet entitled "Give Me Jesus" was sung by the Stanberry sisters, Twanna and Teloa and a quartet entitled "Blessed Assurance" by Teloa Stanberry, Marlin Sparks, Jimmy Botter, and Frank Arnall concluded the services. Interment was at Union Cemetery east of Anderson, Mo.

We wish to thank you, everyone, for all you have done for our family during our time of sorrow. Thank you for all the cards, flowers, visits but most of all for the many prayers. We appreciate everything anyone has done. We sent personal thank yous to everyone who sent flowers or donations, but we were afraid some wouldn't get theirs because of incomplete addresses, so if you fail to get one, we apologize. Thank you again.

Lee and Mary Oakes Darrel and Anita Carol and Gaytha Mark and Iletha Bard Rhonda Sanger



Alvin, Texas

Our church was saddened to hear of the tragic death of our friend Garold Oakes. We had learned to appreciate Garold because of his involvement with our "SonRise Singers". He had been here several times with the quartet, and had just recently been here with the "College Vibrations" from the Bible School. Although our sorrow is compounded by the fact of his young age, we are, nevertheless, comforted by the even more important fact of his relationship to our Lord. Recently at our altar he shared with me a burden that the Lord was able to take and bear for him.

Our pastors and their children, Randy, Kandy and Roger went to California for a vacation May 19. Bro. Billy Sparks filled in for them on Sunday. It has been nice to have Jimmy Botter and Marlon Sparks home with us for a few Sundays. Marlon has been helping us with the "Youth Aflame" while here. Kathy Barker has found an apartment in Houston and is living there now. Sis. Fern Barker, mother of Roberta Methvin, underwent surgery on her eyes at Twelve Oaks Hospital in Houston the week of May 14.

Max James and Carol Merchant were married Saturday, May 31, 1975 at 2:00 p.m. in our Church. Our best to this couple. Carol attended AFBC a couple years ago.

Duane Methvin with his puppets will be here for our VBS July 7-11. It was changed from the date in June because of Bro. Duane's trip to the Holy Land. We have recently organized a men's prayer breakfast, under the leadership of Bob Garroutte. Over two dozen men met for the first meeting Saturday, May 3 at 6:00 a.m.

Joplin, Missouri

We are glad to report victory and the blessings of the Lord in our church. Brother M. D. Methvin was here for a revival April 9—20. The Spirit of the Lord came down upon us and filled our lives with His goodness. We praise Him from the bottom of our hearts. We are saddened by the loss of Brother Garold Oakes. His death makes us aware of how close we need to stay to the Lord. These are serious times and we must prepare our lives for the coming of the Lord. Our prayer is that God's work will continue to progress and go forward in His Name. May God bless all His children.

Ollie L. Kinser, Pastor

Katy, Texas

Bro. Dickson filled in for Bro. Kerr while he was in a revival in Gause, Texas. Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. April 27 our church had the services at the Rest home. Our Seniors, LaTonna Blonstein, Sharon Stanberry, and Susan Black were honored with a banquet at the church Saturday, May 3, at 7 p.m.

The average attendance in our Church Time Hour for boys and girls ages 4 to 10 is 23. All ages meet for their opening exercises (singing, prayer, specials and announcements). They are then divided into two classes for their morning worship. It thrills our hearts to be able to report that there has been nine children saved in these services. We enjoyed having the College Vibration singers and Bro. Jack Cornell with us for the Bible School service. Refreshments of sandwiches, chips, cakes, cookies, punch and coffee were served by the church ladies after the service. We extend our sympathies to the Oakes' family, Rhonda Sanger and the group in the tragic death of our Bro. Garold Oakes. The Stanberry Sisters and the SonRise Singers helped in his memorial service at Joplin, Mo.

G. K. Kerr, Pastor

Guymon, Oklahoma

The Student Center in Goodwell had a good revival with Bro. Bill Sparks April 14, 15 and 16. Many came forward and accepted Christ. Recently three students from the center were baptised, Dusty Gower, Kay Youngblood and Debbie Fish. The youth group of the Guymon church and students from the Student Center are earning money to send Bro. Duane Methvin to the Holy Land.

Congratulations to Sis. Eula Modrick's mother who graduated from college May 9. Also congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. Gib Dolezal on the birth of their 9 lb. quarterback. They named him Luke Allen. Gib is now coaching in Shawnee, Okla (Ed. note—Bro. Modrick didn't put in his bulletin the date of this birth he only said last Friday sorry about that!) Bro. Modrick spoke at the Junior Senior Banquet for the Goodwell High School this year. We thank Charley Moot for being in charge of a Mother's Day dinner immediately after the 11 a.m. service on Mother's Day.

The two services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings seemed to be about evened out. The Adult choir sings at the 9 a.m. service and the Youth Choir sings at the 11 a.m. service. We were happy to meet the parents of Holli Speak when they visited us recently. The special music that Holli and her sister Rhonda prepared for the 9 a.m. service had a beautiful message and we thank them for using their talents so beautifully.

Edwin Modrick, Pastor

West Purcell Apostolic Faith Church

Greetings in Jesus Name! We are glad to report victory in the services. Frankie Arnall and Alvin and Paula Buschman conducted a revival May1-13. The Lord blessed in the preaching and singing and lives were blessed and encouraged to press on and be faithful to the end. It is, they that endure to the end that shall be saved. So let us fight the good fight of faith and see and receive the reward God has for the faithful. This Gospel party began a revival in Foreman, Arkansas, May 18. Pray for them in this effort.

June, 1975

A.F. Report

George Hintergardt, Pastor

Galena, Kansas

God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1. Praise the Lord. He is still blessing in our services. He supplies our daily needs.

April 23rd we were glad to have Bro. Barry Methvin to sing for us and also to leave his testimony. We thank God for our talented young people, and for their services for the Lord.

We enjoyed Bro. Otto Busch, who brought us a soulstirring message in our Wednesday night service, April 27th.

We were honored to have Bro. Gene Cornell to preach for us on Sunday evening, May 4th. God blessed again.

May 7th, Bro. Calvin Clouse sang and gave a Holy Ghost message. God is so good to us at Galena. We also have enjoyed special numbers in song from our own young people of the church in our services.

We as a church desire your prayers that we may deepen our lives in Him, as our spiritual needs are many. Prayer is the key to heaven but Faith unlocks the door.

> Paul Clanton, Pastor May Rowland, Reporter

Please include the following names on the sick-list for prayer.

Bro. Fred Smith	Sis. Josie Webb
Sis. Tillie Hall	Sis. Rita Robinson
Sis. Alva Shamblin	Sis. Lillus Adams

Pattison, Texas

We had a four day revival the week end of Easter. Many received a blessing and some rededicated their lives to Jesus. Easter Sunday we had all day singing and preaching and dinner on the grounds. Everyone enjoyed the blessed fellowship. Praise the Lord He has met our every need. The College Vibrations were a blessing to us. Our prayer is their faith and good works can continue on for the glory of God.

Many of our people have been ill. Billie Philipp is facing possible surgery again and she asks an interest in our prayers. We would be so happy to have any of you come this way and visit us. Pray for us that we can prepare ourselves and help to prepare others for the soon "Coming of our Lord". God bless each of you.

Johnny Scruggs, Pastor

Bayard, Nebraska

We have resigned from our duties at the Bayard Church. It has been a most pleasant time working with Bro. Amos Harris, and seeing the church taking an upward trend.

An opportunity for me to study in Israel has opened up. I will be spending the time of June 13—August 7 at the Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem, Israel. There I will be experiencing a first hand report of Israel; its customs, its people, its culture and land. I hope from this to present to the Old and New Testament classes of 1975, a more vivid picture of ancient and present times. My wife Katherine and daughter Lynette will be residing with her family at Rt. 1, Box 347, Neosho, Mo. Your prayers and concern for this endeavor will be much appreciated.

Rev. Lyndel Arnall

June, 1975

Perryton, Texas

Our VBS will be June 2-6. Sis. Molly Johnson is the Director this year. Open House was held Sunday, April 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. honoring Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Townsend and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Diehl in the Church Fellowship Hall. Eighteen men were present May 1, 6:00 a.m. for the Men's Fellowship Breakfast at the church. They had pancakes and a good time of fellowship. David Paul was the speaker and shared his faith and all were blessed. Please remember David Sollings, who had heart surgery May 19. April 13 the "SonRise Singers ministered in song for the full hour and what a tremendous blessing they were. That Sunday night our Youth Choir sang. Many of the people shared their water baptismal experiences before the reading of the word by the pastor and a baptismal service followed. Two of our Sunday School classes have initiated visitation projects to say "we care" and "we miss you" to those who are absent or who have no church home. We are glad for the services our Youth and Juniors are having on Sunday afternoons at Senior Village. Our Ladies Group has been having some good times of fellowship too.

David and Dale Stollings will have youth meetings for us for the next few weeks. Dennis and Ginger Huff and their little son from Canyon, Texas filled in for us while our pastors were gone in May.

Harrol Waterbury, Pastor

Spearman, Texas

In February our church enjoyed a week's revival by "Shari's Quintette", A group of young people from the Bible School. They were led by Sis. Shari Cook with Sharolyn Cox, Carolyn Quesenbury, Frank Arnall and Marlon Sparks assisting. We were blessed with good singing and the word preached. Our pastors Bro. and Sis. Regier went to Katy, Texas for a week of Bible Lessons the first part of March and Bro. Alvin Buschman filled in for them while they were gone. Bro. Regier also ministered two nights at the Minister's Seminar in Canyon, Texas in March. Bro. and Sis. Dennis Huff visited our church March 16 and he preached some timely messages.

Our church hosted the area Minister's meeting on April 7, with the ladies of the church serving the evening meal. Bro. Lealand Grimmer is the new president of this group. The ladies had the program for this meeting.

Plans are being made for our VBS to be the first week in June. We are grateful for those who have come to minister to us, and the Spirit of the Lord that is in our midst when we meet to worship. May we all be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

> Jacob Regier, Pastor Mrs. Irwin Delk, Reporter

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Clay of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, Rt. 2, will be honored at an open house for their 50th Wedding Anniversary in the annex of the Assembly of God Church, 808 N. Main St. in Bentonville, Arkansas, where their son, George, and his famfly pastor, on June 22, 1975 from 2-5 p.m. Their children, Rev. and Mrs. George Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Lee (Betty) Weston, Miami, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Pineville, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clay, Aurora, Mo., will host the event and invite all their friends to join them.



Granby, Missouri

Praise God for the times of refreshing when we meet together to worship and praise Him. We are finding Jesus more real every day and that serving Him really pays. The love, joy and peace of the Holy Spirit gives us that extra incentive we need to work harder for the time is so short.

Bro. Waterbury recently gave some lessons on the Holy Spirit and the Gifts of the Spirit. We hope these messages challenged all our people because the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is so essential in our lives today. There is no end to the prayers answered thru praying in the Spirit.

We had a special Easter season this year. It began with a Communion and Foot Washing Service the Sunday before Easter. This was a precious time of worship and praise to our wonderful Lord. Easter Sunday began with Community Sunrise Service at our church with Bro. Waterbury bringing the message. A large crowd attended this service. At the 11:00 a.m. service, our choir presented the cantata "Hallelujah, What a Saviour". Sis. Fran directed this and it was a beautiful presentation according to the full house of people who heard it.

We had a weekend revival in April with Bro. Winston Dinker preaching and the Keith brothers and their wives providing special singing each night. This was well attended and gave spiritual strength to all.

Visiting ministers since our last report include the following: Bro. and Sis. Max Pennington and daughters, Bro. and Sis. Jack Cornell, Bro. Danny Robinson, Bro. Ron Payne, Bro. and Sis. Onal Nunn, Bro. and Sis. Jimmy Arnall and Bro. and Sis. Winston Barker. Also Bro. Jack Cornell and the Bible College Singers were with us one night. The messages, singing and testimonies of all these people were an inspiration to us.

Bro. and Sis. Waterbury announced their resignation from the church on Sunday, May 11. It came as quite a shock to most of us and we will really miss them. Their last Sunday will be July 20, 1975. They are going to People's Church in Fresno, California, where Bro. Waterbury will be Minister of Pastorial Visitation. Sis. Waterbury's sister, Peggy, and her husband, Austin Morgan, are also working in this church. He is the Business Administrator there.

> F. E. Waterbury, Pastor Faye Neff, Reporter

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June, 1975

Anchorage, Alaska

The Ray's will gain a new member to their family but lose a "Ray" in the process this month. Their daughter Joanie will change her name to Phillips Friday evening, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. . . Paul and Joanie Phillips will continue to live in Anchorage.

Last month I told you that Larry and Denise Carver resigned their duties at the Chugach Christian Youth Camp. . This month I'm happy to tell you that Ken and LaDonna Priest will be returning to Alaska. God is really 'NEAT'. . . Ken had resigned his pastorate in Del City, Oklahoma and was waiting on the Lords direction when Pastor Ray felt led to call Ken. Praise God for His direction. The Priest's will be arriving the latter part of May.

It's so encouraging when people take a few minutes from their busy schedules to write to us concerning our tape ministry. The 'Kingdom' and 'Invisible Kingdom' series taught by Pastor Ray have been popular ones. Pastor Ray began a new series 'Demands of the Kingdom' April 13th. and will continue it each Sunday morning for the next few Sundays. If you're interested in receiving this series just write and tell us. The cost of the series tapes are kept at a minumum (\$2.00 per tape) to enable you to order the whole series.

Our last snow (so far) was April 18th. and the sun is shining bright and beautiful today (April 24th.) Our days are long and the gardners are anxious to get their yards in shape.

J. J. and Joy Arnall have a new baby boy, Jason Michael, born May 1, 1975.

J. D. Ray, Pastor Jean Lockwood, Reporter

Arnett, Oklahoma

The mercies of the Lord have been with us and protected us from the harms and dangers of our tumultuous weather that has been so prevalent. It is indeed a privilege to serve this wonderful Lord.

Our revival, April 8 through 13th, was conducted by Reverend Roland Busch. The Gospel Workers were Shari Cook and Carolyn Quesenberry. We appreciated the efforts of all as we listened to the wonderful words spoken and the messages in the lovely songs. The Lord was present to bless in a mighty way. We are looking forward to more blessings from the Lord as we study and hear his Word proclaimed.

We appreciate the work you are doing with the Apostolic Faith Report and we think you are doing a wonderful job. It is such a wonderful means of keeping us in contact with other churches and their activities.

> Eugene K. Cornell, Pastor Ruby V. Kibbe, Reporter

> > A.F. Report

4-State Area

Dear Readers, May God's blessings be upon you.

Our revival at Crosses, Arkansas, closed on April 16. The Lord really blessed and we love the fine people there. Bro. and Sis. Bob Russell are doing a fine job for the Lord. We have been in Missionary Services for Missions to Mexico since that time at Community Assembly, Rogers, Arkansas: People's Church; Trinty Temple, Fayetteville, Arkansas; Apostolic Faith Church, Centerton, Arkansas; Wayside and the First Assembly of God in Bentonville, Arkansas. Then in Missouri we enjoyed being at the Silver Moon Full Gospel Church near Diamond, The Gospel Tabernacle, Granby and the Full Gospel Church, Southwest, City. The Lord willing we will be here in the 4-State area through the rest of May and June. We have our trailer house here at the Bible School at the present time where I am doing some repair work and painting on the school. At this writing (May 12-May 17) about 17 people from the Faith Chapel of Wichita, Kansas are in Reynosa, Mexico building our chapel at the Orphanage. Faith Chapel has furnished all the money and labor for the chapel; all of us at Missions to Mexico and at the Orphanage really thank God for this job well done-Praise the Lord! God bless all of you.

Rev. and Mrs. Winston Barker

Center Point, Texas

We are thankful to again see the sun shining in the Hill Country. We have had quite a bit of rain lately, but we have green grass, beautiful flowers, and growing gardens now.

The work on our new parsonage bathroom has about been completed.

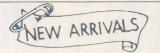
We enjoyed having the Bible College group with us on April 21st. They were a real blessing and inspiration to all who were able to attend. We do want to extend our condolences to the group and to Bro. Gerald Oakes' family. May God be with them and comfort theim in our earnest prayer.

We are enjoying lessons Bro. Dibbens has been bringing from "God's Plan of the Ages" chart. He has been bringing some very outstanding messages portraying the day we are living in. It should make a person take notice of that day and time in which we are living.

We are very thankful for the Report and for Sis. Busch's time and dedication involved in printing it each month.

Donald Dibbens, Pastor Marilyn Buchanan, Reporter

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Mr. and Mrs. David Cass of 4938 9th. St., Lubbock, Texas, are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Daniel David, born April 9, 1975, at 10:27 a.m., weighing 9 pounds and 2 ounces, and measured 21 inches in length.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ed. Cass of Lubbock, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Orange, Sr. of Bellville, Texas. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Wm. Ed. Cass, Sr. of Odessa, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ray of Odessa, Texas, Mrs. D. A. Orange of Bellville, Texas, and Mrs. Ella Schaare of Hempstead, Texas.

The mother is the former Janice Orange of Bellville, Texas.

June, 1975

Midway Country Church Logan, Oklahoma

God is so good to us! We are going to try to keep our attendance up over the summer months. We don't want a summer slump.

Sis. Busch, we sure enjoy the paper each time. It's such a blessing to read a spiritual paper like our Apostolic Faith Report.

On Sunday morning, May 11, we had a special Mother's Day service. A beautiful potted plant was given our oldest Mother, Sis. Minnie Jett and our youngest mother Anna Kitchen. Bro. Whiteley brought a wonderful message about Mothers. We are all so thankful for our Godly praying mothers who are always a blessing to us. We also honored our graduating seniors that same morning. They were presented a Bible from the church with their names engraved on them. Coleen Messner's was white and Bill Howard's was black.

Plans are being made for our DVBS. It will be under the direction of Bro. and Sis. Whiteley. The dates are May 26-30. It will be a "Kids Krusade" and be held at night this year. We are praying it will help bring some new ones into the church.

Our entire church extends our deepest sympathy to Rhonda Sanger and her family in the tragic death of her fiance Garold Oakes; and also to his family in Missouri.

> Howard Whiteley, Pastor Edith Lamunyon, Reporter

Baxter Springs, Kansas

We really miss David and Dale Stollings, who have gone back to Perryton, Texas for the summer to help his father with the farm work while he is incompacitated during his heart surgery. We are looking for them back at the end of the summer. They did a wonderful work in our church for our youth, kids club, and also Dale's help on the report was so appreciated. We've had several visitors in the past few weeks. Bro. Max Pennington preached for us both services the Sunday after Garold Oakes death. Other visitors have been Winston and Alberta Barker, Alvin Buschman, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Cornell and others who were in our service but did not preach for us. Bro. O. A. Busch filled in most of the time while Bro. Cornell was on tour. Our VBS will be June 9-13. Sis. Kathryn Cornell will be the director. The Lord has been good to us and we have felt His presence in every service.

Jack Cornell, Pastor



Daniel and Diann Poffenberger of Bellville, Texas are the proud parents of a baby girl, Shalena Hope, born at 8:08 p.m. on March 11, 1975, weighing 6 lbs. 12³/₄ ozs. and measuring 19 in. long. Proud grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Larry Welsh, Pastors of the Bellville Apostolic Faith Church and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Poffenberger of Bellville. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Audry Baker of Laverne, Oklahoma and Mrs. Freida Welsh of Guymon, Oklahoma.

A. F. Report

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if He walked out on me for another? What if He discarded me because I was no longer as young or as physically attractive as I used to be? No, I have a *contract* with God. And I know that He will honor and abide by that contract.

It is that confidence that brings peace to my soul. Yes, I expect it to cost me; but it is worth the cost. Thus it is with marriage. I expect to invest time and effort, money, and desire in it. Just as in salvation I put my life at God's disposal, so in marriage I expect to put my life at the disposal of my marriage partner. That is what I understand the marriage contract to mean.

You used words like this: "I, John, take thee, Mary, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth."

Marriage, like salvation, is worth the best I have to give.

The gospel will help you realize that the virtue of contentment is necessary for great gain. Marriage was never intended to be an endurance contest. One authority has said: "It would be pleasant for any man to be wed to a woman who has beauty rivaling the charms of a Miss America, the disposition of a Francis of Assisi, the solicitous concern of a Florence Nightingale, and the genius for cooking of a French chef. But even if heaven's gates were left ajar and such a paragon of feminine perfection tumbled forth and were given him to wed, he soon could have a thousand reasons for discontent."

It is not difficult to be unhappy. It is hard not to find fault. Boredom can come quickly. You can be miserable in the midst of plenty.

Contentment is discovered by those who have eyes to see virtues to praise, rather than faults to condemn. Paul said, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Philippians 4:11). Salvation is not a magic carpet, nor is marriage. There are problems to be faced.

The gospel will help you realize you must share in a dedication to the highest. Neither salvation nor marriage is based on "what can I get out of it?"

Marriage must be aimed at a high purpose. Marriage is God's holy ordinance. It was never intended to find fruition in the sordid and impoverished soil of careless, reckless, and godless living. On the other hand, it will quickly blossom and produce joys far in excess of the imagination when it is nurtured in the soil of the Highest and Holiest. Sin destroys marriage as it destroys the soul.

Marriage needs Christ to make it the success it is intended to be-just as the wedding at Cana in Galilee needed His presence to keep the wine flowing.

Give your marriage a real chance! Give it more than an expensive automobile and period furniture. Give it the soil that it calls for, the soil that the church and the Saviour alone can provide.

God instituted marriage. It is not a modern arrangement put together commercially. Only God can make it work for you!

THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FOR YOU

POWER TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS ESSENTIAL Luke 24:49 "Tarry . . until ye be endued with power."

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- THE BAPTISM IS FORETOLD BY CHRIST
- Acts 1:5 "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost." Also Luke 24:49
- THE BAPTISM IS SYNONYMOUS WITH:
- GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Acts 2:38 "Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- PROMISE OF THE FATHER Acts 2:39 "For the promise is unto you." Also Luke 24:49, Ephesians 1:13
- FILLING (initial) WITH THE SPIRIT Acts 2:4 "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

THE BAPTISM IS FOR THE CHILD OF GOD

- Luke 11:12 "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"
- EXAMPLES OF THE BAPTISM IN THE BIBLE (Look up)
- Acts 2:4, Acts 8:14-17, Acts 9:17, Acts 10:44, Acts 19:1-6 YOU SHOULD RECEIVE THE BAPTISM WITH THE
 - SPIRIT Ephesians 3:19 "That ye might be filled."
 - Ephesians 5:18 "Be filled with the Spirit."
- THÊN THE FRUIT OF THE SPÎRIT SHOULD BE EVIDENT
- Galatians 5:22: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."
- THEN THE MANIFEST OF THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU
 - I Corinthians 12:8-11: Wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, tongues, interpretation, prophecy, discernment of spirits.
- I Corinthians 14:1 "Desire spiritual gifts."
- "WHEREFORE (as the Holy Spirit said) TODAY IF YE WILL HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS." Hebrews 3:7, 8

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