

APOSTOLIC FAITH

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Editorial . . .

DON'T OVERLOOK HEROD!

It is Christmas time again. A time of joy, sending greetings, warm greetings, to friends and loved ones, who perhaps we have not heard from since this time last year. A time of giving and receiving gifts and of singing. A time to light the world with beautiful lights (it looks like this could be curtailed in the near future, however) and to ring bells. A time to tell of the shepherds, the wise men, the manger, Mary, Joseph and the Baby. It is time to proclaim with the angels, "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men"—but let us not overlook Herod! He was there you know, Oh, not in the center of things like the rest, but his ugly grim shadow falls black over the stable and Jesus Birth. We can't forget the innocent little babies he destroyed, who were not opposed to him, in an attempt to reach and blot out the one life that challenged his strength.

It is right that we should sound bells, sing songs and give gifts, but in the midst of our merriment let us keep a sharp lookout for Herod. Satan saw that the evil shadow followed Jesus throughout His ministry. It met him at the manger, nagged at Him through Judea and Galilee, and drove Him to Calvary.

Some would attempt to do with Christmas what they do with religion. They make it all sweetness, joy and love, with no disturbing side-effects. They push all the ugliness out of their minds and underscore the loveliness. Browning put it this way "God's in His heaven. All's right with the world." Many things are right in the world, a baby's smile, a mother's love and concern, a strong man's courage. But many things are far from right in this world of ours today. It would take a library to record all the good things that happen on earth, but it would also be a vast report to tell of the wrong. Antichrist reaches far across the earth—his reign is nearing. We have the energy crisis, Watergate, and the loss of confidence in our government, and there are still wars and rumors of wars. Herod still haunts our merry-making. He is real and a cruel foe. It was not by accident that God let him in the pages of His Holy Word. Ignoring him does not make him less deadly. Let's face ourselves with a question. Do we want a God we can use? Must He be at our beck and call for every whim we take to Him in prayer? Or do we have faith to look on a God who keeps record books, a God of Judgment, who commands us to take up our cross and follow Him, who demands that we surrender ourselves completely to His will.

Of course, we are needy. We are weak, disturbed, confused, lonely and often poor and desolate. We need strengthening, hope, we need power from heaven above to see us through. But we also need to hear His words: "Marvel not that the world hate you!" Or this: "In the world ye shall have tribulation!" And even this: "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

On the other hand we must not make Herod too

great! He is real—but so are the Wise Men, the angels singing, and God's Son, Jesus—How real He is!! He is coming back again and at last Herod and those like him will go down. But until that day **Do Not Overlook Herod!** To ignore him is to be defeated by our enemy, Satan. Our victory is in God's gift to the world, His only begotten Son. We can conquer all evil through Him.

God has made a Christmas. Herod is angry! But—let men and angels sing, "Joy To The World the Lord is Come!!"

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CHRISTMAS "PRESENCE"



THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL, WHICH BEING INTERPRETED IS, GOD WITH US. MATT. 1:23

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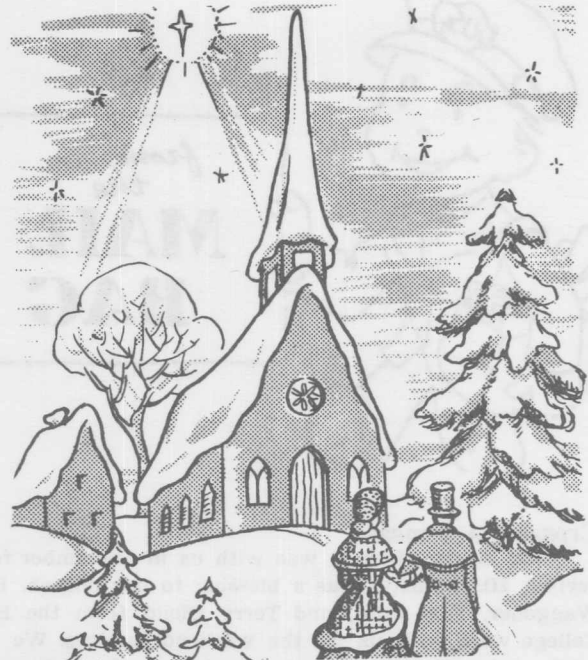
*I wish thee joy! much joy, around this season;
Not joys but joy—joy deep and strong and true;
Joy—inward joy—since surely heart hath reason
To taste much joy where He hath made things new.*

*I wish thee joy! the joy of sins forgiven;
The joy which comes from having Christ as thine;
The joy of knowing after earth comes heaven,
For evermore the Father's house divine.*

*I wish thee joy! the joy of His near presence,
Though shadows fall, and trials tend life's way;
He is Himself, of joy, the changeless essence,
Joy ever fresh and new; joy every day.*

*I wish thee joy; yea, something more than gladness,
That quiet joy the Holy Spirit gives;
The joy which, e'en through things and days of sadness,
Upsprings within; flows on; sustains and lives!*

—J. DANSON SMITH in "Sharing"



TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS

1. Thou shalt not leave Christ out of Christmas.
2. Thou shalt not value the gifts by their cost, for many shall signify love that is more blessed and beautiful than silver and gold.
3. Thou shalt give thyself with any gift; thy love, thy personality, and thy service shall increase the value of thy gift an hundredfold, and he that receiveth it shall treasure it forever.
4. Thou shalt not let Santa Claus take the place of Christ, lest Christmas become a fairy tale rather than a spiritual reality.
5. Thou shalt not burden thy fellowmen. The shop girl, the mail carrier, and the merchant shall have thy consideration.
6. Thou shalt not neglect thy church. Worship, evangelism, and stewardship shall be preeminent in the Christmas season for thee and thy family.
7. Thou shalt not neglect the needy. Let thy bountiful blessing be shared with the many who will go hungry and cold unless thou art generous at Christmas.
8. Thou shalt be as a little child. Christmas is the day of the Christchild; not until thou hast become childlike in spirit art thou ready to enter into the kingdom of heaven.
9. Thou shalt prepare thy soul for Christmas. Verily, most spend many hours getting other things ready, but few seconds in preparing their souls.
10. Thou shalt give thy heart to Christ. Let thy Christmas list have Christ at the top and thy heart as the gift. In so doing thou art as the Wise Men who brought gifts to Christ.



Crosses, Arkansas

Bro. Barry Methvin was with us in September for a revival. His ministry was a blessing to our church. Billy Waggoner, Tom Lord, and Terry Cloud from the Bible College were with us for the weekend services. We certainly enjoyed their special singing and testimonies. Souls were saved and Christians blessed during the revival. Our attendance has improved, and the Lord has been blessing in our regular services. A singing convention was held in our church in October. A good crowd attended and enjoyed singing praises together to our God.

Roland Haney, Pastor

"I thank God that I have such a large family of Brothers and Sisters in the Lord. It was through your prayers that God performed a miracle on me, I have no scars on my face or ears and my hands look good."

Thanks to all of you for cards, letters of encouragement, phone calls, but most of all your prayers.

May God Bless You

Richard Barker

Centerton, Arkansas

We were greatly blessed in September with a revival conducted by Sis. Myrtle Carney and Sis. Agnes Satcher. Three were saved and two sanctified. Each service was truly an outpouring of God's blessings. The messages and special singing were greatly anointed of the Holy Spirit. During the revival we were privileged to have several of the Bible School students over a week end. Their personal witnessing was a blessing to the church.

We are so thankful for Bro. and Sis. Max Pennington as our pastors. We are already seeing an increase in attendance. During the absence of our pastor for several weeks, Bro. and Sis. Darrell Townsend, associate pastors, have been a great blessing through the anointed messages and special singing. We praise God for the new drapes and other improvements that we have been blessed with.

Max Pennington, Pastor
Wanda Townsend, Reporter

Ralls, Texas

Greetings in Jesus' Name. Just a note to express our thanks to you for the fine job you are doing in editing the Apostolic Faith Report. We enjoy it every time we receive one. We are thankful for every one who makes it possible to be published, God bless all of you of the "Faith".

We were glad to stop by and be in the service at the Bible School recently, even though we had to hasten home. We appreciate every teacher and everyone who is making the Bible School a success, and above all — the presence of the Lord. Keep up the good work. God bless you is our prayer.

Robert and Dora Beydler, Pastors

Arnett, Oklahoma

The Lord has been blessing and we are going forward for the Lord under the leadership of Reverend and Mrs. Cornell.

Our building project continues to progress. The car patio at the parsonage was partly enclosed to better protect the minister's car from the winter weather.

The church wishes to express their sincere appreciation to Brother John Briggs and his wife for his volunteering a gift of carpet to the church as a memorial to his mother, Lena Benbrook, recently deceased. We know the Lord will bless Brother Briggs for his kindness. This will greatly add to our sanctuary and we are looking forward to our new furniture in February, which is being somewhat delayed due to shortage of labor and materials, but they promise to get it as soon as they can, ready for delivery to the church.

On Saturday night before Halloween, the church youth gathered at the annex for a Halloween party. There was 21 youth present to enjoy an evening of christian fellowship.

We have learned there are several who have not received copies of the Apostolic Faith Report and their names are being sent in separate letter so that they, too, may enjoy the blessings of the Lord when the paper arrives in their home.

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

Pampa, Texas

Greetings to you from the church at Pampa, Texas. Our hearts are rejoicing over the three souls that made their way to the altar this past month. We are also happy to have had Vicki and the Royalheirs for three services and Valsam Abraham for two services. They were certainly a blessing to our church.

Our young people are publishing a bulletin for our church every two weeks. We are so proud of our dedicated group of young people. Our attendance has built up since the first of October. Several of our church people attended the Bible School Choir concert at Amarillo when they were on tour. We desire your prayers for our church.

Edwin Waterbury, Pastor
Anabel Simmons, Reporter

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR CHURCHES

As another term of Bible School comes to a close, approximately 65 students face one of the most important decisions of their lives. "What do I do now?" Some are thinking of college or business schools. Others are contemplating the ministry or mission fields. But the majority of these students have thoughts of going home. And with these thoughts of home come the question, "What will I do when I get there?" Many times the real turning point in a young person's life depends upon the reception they receive after returning to their home church. A few will just plunge right in and begin working, but most will hesitate until they receive an invitation and encouragement from the people they respect as the leaders of the church.

These students leave our churches in August as young, inexperienced and often times weak Christians. They come to us now still young and inexperienced but seldom weak for they are rooted and grounded in the love of God and the principles of Christianity. They leave in need of teaching and spiritual help, and are returning to us able to teach and give spiritual help. Praise God. No, let us use them. Let us put them to work as Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, assistant pastors, prayer meeting leaders, song directors, and musicians. The zeal and enthusiasm of their youth could be the spark to start the fire burning once again in our churches. Let us make sure that each of our Bible School students has a place to work for God if they want to. Starting right there at home, first. We have prayed and supported the Bible School for the past four months, now let us not forget the product of this prayer and support.

These are some of the finest young people in the world today and they have something to offer that will thrill your church. Receive them and use them. May God bless you all as you labor in His service.

Keith Barker,
Youth Director and Asst. Pastor
Faith Chapel, Wichita, Kans.

Midway Country Church Logan, Oklahoma

The Lord has blessed us of late with some real good services. Our revival the first part of October, was a blessing to our church. Bro. Jake Pletcher brought us some very inspiring messages. Sis. Pletcher's chalk drawings and solos were enjoyed by everyone. Those assisting for the first part of the revival were Rev. and Mrs. Dewey Flock and Rev. Barry Methvin. The church people assisted in the special singing also.

On October 28 Bro. and Sis. Olen Bachler were with us in service on Sunday night. We enjoyed Bro. Olen's message. On November 4 Bro. and Sis. Cook (she was formerly Neola Moore) from South Texas were with us. Her singing and message were enjoyed by all who attended. We thank God for hearing and answering prayer. Victories have been won for healings and for this we praise the Lord. A new rug has been laid in the parsonage, which adds beauty to the house and we are thankful for it.

Doyle Wiles, Pastor
Edith Lamunyon, Reporter

Dear Friends in Christ:

We ask ourselves these questions often. Am I following in the perfect will of God? Has there been an answer? It has truly been hard for me to know and understand God's will in my life. I haven't really been sure of, or felt God's call so strongly until now. Since graduation from high school in 1967, the Lord has led my life in many avenues and in many directions, but never has there been such a definite call to follow God in His will, as now.

Everything that I've done has shown me that the leading of God is great and powerful. Toward the middle of September I began to realize that God had a special work in store for me. Through prayer and time, God led me to more knowledge of this work — the mission field. Two weeks later Bro. Don Russell of Missions to Mexico called me and asked if I had ever thought of working in this field. God has worked in a great and wonderful way to show that this is His will for us.

Lavanda and I will be working to the best of our ability with Missions to Mexico. We will remain in Amarillo until the arrival of our first child, due around Christmas time. In late January we will move to the Valley to make our home and do God's will as He leads.

We hope to be involved with Bro. Russell, in God's work there, in every way possible. The Lord willing, we may enter language school in the fall.

Missions to Mexico will be helping all they can, but we do pray that you, as God's people, will feel free to give us your support through prayer and as God leads.

Jerry and Lavanda Barker
5700 Canyon Dr. No. 37
Amarillo, Texas 79109

Later address: c/o Missions to Mexico, 119 West Gore, Pharr, Texas 78577.

Hardesty, Oklahoma

It Pays to Pray! For the past two and one-half years a number of our church ladies have met every Tuesday morning for prayer. No service or a lot of talking . . . just praying. And God does answer prayer.

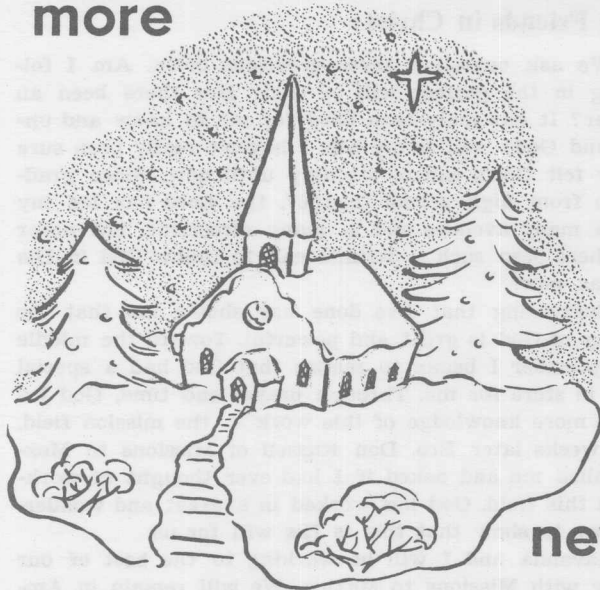
We've just concluded a real revival with the Rev. Jack Cornell as evangelist. Four or five were saved, Christians deepened their lives and rededicated themselves to God's service, and some were sanctified. Every sermon was anointed by the Holy Spirit; God's Word going to the hearts of men, sharper than a two-edged sword, dividing and cutting asunder. God did all this in answer to prayer.

Special music was provided by Doug Hibbs of Liberal and Duane Methvin, Student Director of the Apostolic Student Center in Goodwell. These dedicated young men used their talents to add inspiration to our services. May God bless them in their work for Him and may their lives influence other for Christ.

We're looking forward to the next few months as we believe that God will continue to bless in our midst as we continue to pray and ask for His guidance and help.

Howard Whiteley, Pastor

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Enid, Oklahoma

Greetings in the name of our most wonderful Lord. We are rejoicing in His great love. It was a year ago the 12th of November that Eva got sick. She has been improving steadily but slowly all this past year. Many thanks to those that have come to visit and prayed and sent get-well cards. Only God knows how much we appreciate it.

You are doing a wonderful job with the paper. It is a great blessing to us. We hope to be able to go to a convocation this year.

Yours in Christian love,
Mitchell and Eva Modrick
2506 Everitt Dr.
Enid, Okla.

RECENT REVIVALS

- O. A. Busch Des Arc, Ark., Elbert Poole, Pastor
Roswell, N. Mex. Jerome Crowhurst, Pastor
- Jack Cornell Hardesty, Okla. Howard Whiteley, Pastor
- Ollie Kinser— Dumas, Texas. Austin Sutton, Pastor
- Winston Barker Galena, Kansas. Paul Clanton, Pastor
- James Hosler .. Purcell, Okla. George Hintergardt, Pastor
- Barry Methvin Crosses, Ark. Roland Haney, Pastor
Bayard, Neb. Amos Harris, Pastor
- Ronnie Martin Milano, Texas. Billy Sparks, Pastor
- Jake Pletcher Follett, Texas. M. D. Methvin, Pastor
Arnett, Okla. Gene Cornell, Pastor
- Harroll Waterbury Baxter Springs, Kansas
(three nights) Ted Barker, Pastor
Wichita, Kansas. Paul Bailey, Pastor
- Ray and Edna Michner Big Spring, Texas
(Without a pastor at present) (weekend services)
- Roland Busch Pine Hill, Alabama
Carl Jelsovsky, Pastor

Paula Buschman has helped in several of these revivals recently. She is open for calls, contact her at the following address if you need musical help in your revival: Box 539, Stinnett, Texas 79083.

Roswell, New Mexico

We're looking forward to the arrival of Bro. Otto Busch and revival beginning November 9th. We feel the necessity of drawing closer to the Lord now more than ever. Just observing the current events makes one realize the Coming of the Lord must be very soon! We've been having early morning prayer meetings as people go to work and already God has blessed us. Please pray with us that the Spirit of God will have His way with us — that we will be blessed, be made stronger and that lost souls will be reached.

Jerome Crowhurst, Pastor
Helen Hammock, Reporter

Katy, Texas

The Bible College Choir program was great! We really enjoyed it. There was a reception in the home of the Raymond Barkers afterward. The ladies of the church brought covered dishes. Bro. and Sis. Kerr took a trip to California to visit their brothers. Bro. Barker, Bro. Pruitt, Bro. Sutton and Bro. Flock filled in while they were gone. We are glad to have Dewey and Sandra Flock and the baby back in Katy. We are looking forward to having Vicki and the Royalheirs with us for a service December 9. We are making plans to have our "Singing Christmas Tree" again this year.

G. K. Kerr, Pastor

Guymon, Oklahoma

We enjoyed having the Bible College Choir in concert at our church Tuesday, October 16. Our mid-week service was changed from Wednesday to Tuesday that week. In the two weeks prior to this service we had six people give their hearts to the Lord. We are so very thankful. We are very happy to have Bro. Modrick home again. Please continue to remember him in your prayers that God may completely heal him. He has an ulcer. Recently we have had approximately 30 in both Mrs. Mason's Children's Church and in the Young People's Sunday School Class. This thrills our hearts.

Bro. Duane Methvin reports that things are going well at the Student Center. Please continue to pray for him and his work there. Bro. Gene Waterbury had a Bible Study for us November 11 through 15. There were two classes each evening. From 7:15 till 8 p. m. was a class in beginning and intermediate doctrine. From 8:15 till 9 p. m. he conducted a class in prophecy (Israel). A question and answer period followed each session. We have started a prayer chain for our church. Please remember us in your prayers.

Edwin Modrick, Pastor

DEADLINE MOVED UP!

As of this issue, copy for the Report must be in the Editor's possession by the 15th (instead of the 20th) of the month preceding the date of the issue it's to be in.

OUT OF THIS LIFE

Out of this life I'm unable to take
 Things of silver and gold I make.
 All that I cherish and hoard away,
 After I leave, on earth must stay.
 All that I gather, and all that I keep,
 I must leave behind when I fall asleep.
 And I wonder often what I shall own
 In that other life, when I pass alone.
 What shall they find and what shall they see
 In the soul that answers the call for me?
 Shall the great judge learn, when my task is through
 That my spirit has gathered some riches, too,
 Or shall at last it be mine to find
 That all that I'd worked for I'd left behind.



MUSINGS IN THE NIGHT

by Henrietta Holdeman

I lie in bed at night
 And look, and think, and wonder;
 I look into the velvety blackness —
 Soft, dark and very still.
 I look, and I feel a Presence
 So real, so calm, and I am secure.

I think and I listen to night sounds —
 A dog's bark in the distance
 Answered by my neighbor's hound.
 Little birds twittering softly,
 Katydid and crickets chirp their tunes —
 The music of the night, a symphony
 And peace floods my heart.

I wonder as I lie there
 About so many things —
 What lies ahead? How will it end?
 Where will my loved ones be?
 Then out of the soft, still night
 The Presence seems to say,
 "I know. Just trust, and leave it all to Me."

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*Join the blessed unoffended
 Who, understanding not,
 Still praise the Lord in all their ways,
 Whatever be their lot.*

*"Oh, who will show us any good?"
 Is not the question here.
 They lay them down in peace and sleep;
 They know that God is near.*

*With vision bright they see the Lord:
 They know that He is just;
 For He maintains their right and cause,
 And thus in Him they trust.*

*Join the blessed unoffended
 In all your weary ways!
 For God will fill your heart with joy
 If you will give Him praise.*

—from *Poems of Personal Experience*



'TIS CHRISTMAS TIME

In the Heavenly country bright,
 The Guiding Star to behold, to our delight
 Christmas is the Birthday of God's only Son;
 The one thru which man's heart may be won.
 Wise men and Shepherds that came from afar;
 Seeking the little Lord Jesus, guided by a Star.
 This Precious Child, the rarest jewel that ever graced
 God's earth;
 Praise be to God for this Holy Child's Birth.
 This Precious Babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes
 No place prepared for Him to repose.
 There was no room, no room in the Village Inn, only a
 manger of hay
 For the little Lord Jesus, His Precious Head to lay.
 The light of the Christmas Star — is the light of a new
 day;
 Leading the way — guiding us up to Heaven some day.
 No wisdom that the Lord Jesus, does not possess
 And He alone — our hearts can bless.
 No problems that Jesus cannot solve;
 If around Him, our lives revolve.
 God, himself came down from Heaven to set us free;
 On a hill far away — where Jesus paid our debt on
 Calvary.
 Willing was He, to descend from His Throne;
 For He was born our Redeemer to be.
 The Star that is shining far, far away;
 If we follow it — we cannot go astray.

Essie V. Sturm — Christmas 1973



Joann at piano practice

Greetings from the Apostolic Faith Bible College once again. It is a pleasure to come to you by means of the Report to start to numerate the blessings God has given us this year at the school. In so many ways we have seen the hand of God move in our behalf. The Lord has blessed us with a wonderful faculty that have given themselves so unselfishly in helping make this a wonderful term of school.

There have been trials and some hard places, but they are so easily overlooked when we consider the good times and the spiritual blessings that have been poured on us so bountifully. God has been more to me than what I have asked. The school is going real well and it seems an impossibility that the 1973 term has almost been written in the books of history in its entirety. Again we face graduation with mixed emotions: happy that the labors are almost done, but saddened that soon my "big family" shall be separated.

The 1973 Choir Tour was a great success as far as I could see. The students were just superb and carried a real burden for this part of their service to God. I feel that we were able to take Bible School to so many

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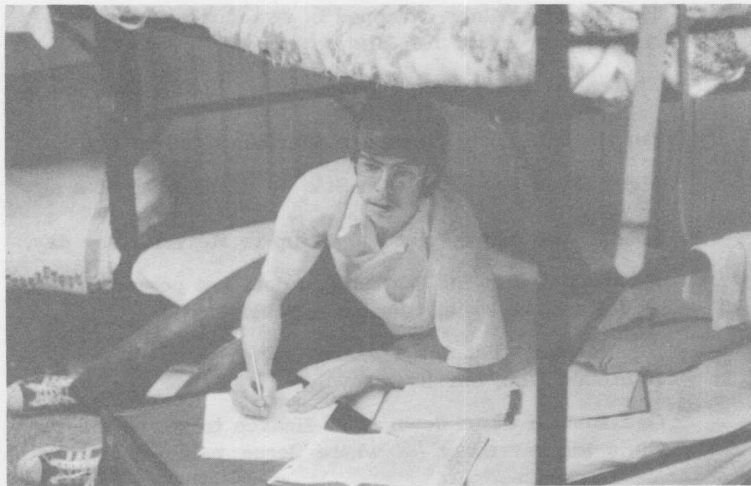
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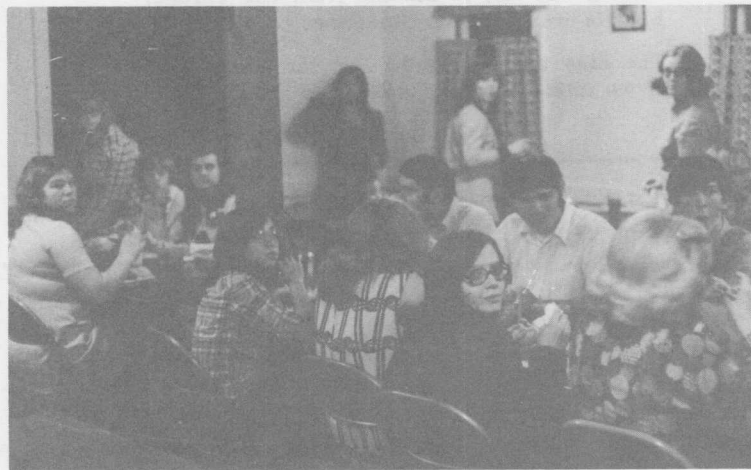
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J. J. at study



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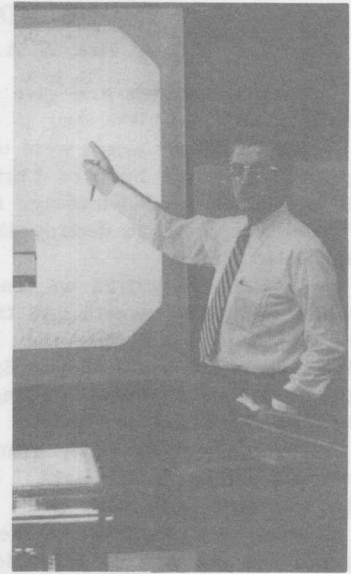
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Special music
 Rev. Jim Fox
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God has so graciously given us the privilege to record another long play stereo album of the Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir and specialized musical groups. This album was made live in concert in Katy, Texas, on October 20, 1973. We now have records of the 1972 and 1973 choirs. We feel this new record is really a great record. They can be purchased by ordering from the Bible School office for \$5.00 or both choir records for \$7.50.

The newest record is entitled "The Family of God". Also our school Male Quartet; the two Girls' Trios; and the Ensemble has made an 8-Track tape entitled "My Tribute" which will sell for \$5.00. We also have two different 'College Vibration' records and 8-Track tapes entitled "Keeps Pouring It On" and "Old Camp Meeting Time".

You may order any or all of these albums or tapes from the Bible School at Box 110, Baxter Springs, Kansas 66713.



Bro. Regier in class

Sincerely,
Ted Barker, Supt.
 Apostolic Faith Bible College
 Baxter Springs, Kansas

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Detail



Doctrine II class

TROUBLED SOUL

by Mrs. E. A. Greever

Hear O heavens and give ear O earth for the Lord hath spoken.

Though these words were uttered over seven hundred years before the birth of Christ by the prophet Isaiah it is a much needed message for today, and Jesus said "I did not come to destroy the law and prophets but rather to fulfill."

In Romans 8:22-23 we read. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now and not only they but ourselves also which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves waiting for the adoption to wit the redemption of our body.

As a sinner saved by grace in Missouri at the age of 20 I walked in the light I had but was still hungry for a deeper walk with God.

Fifty two years ago in the old Waka school house I heard the message of sanctification, here I gladly surrendered my life to Him, He accepted my gift and sanctified, setting me apart for His glory.

My heart was so happy for the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus, that perfect praise rewarded me. Two years later, 50 years ago last November I received the glorious gift of the Holy Ghost. This was in the home of Bro. Joe Davis near Range, Oklahoma.

He not only being a Comforter, but a teacher and the seal unto the day of redemption.

This wonderful teacher the Holy Ghost has shown me things to come, and at the command of the Lord I've been laboring for him in the field, and in this article a burden is upon me to warn you of the coming of the Lord. With the outpouring of the Holy Ghost as the latter rain this was and has been the message by spirit filled messengers, and the warning, to be ready.

For these many years the love of God that was perfected in my life by the abiding presence of Him has given me a great burden and zeal burning within to tell all of God's great love and compassion for all who are weary and heavy laden.

I was drifting down in sorrow
No hope of a tomorrow
A true Shepherd found me weary, sick and sore
With a voice so clear He called me
Saying by my blood I bought thee
Whispered, "weary child O come to me and rest
Gladly I fled to Him and now,
On His strong arm I'm leaning
For me He's interceding
To Him I'm ever clinging
He's a friend of friends to me.

My dear friend, whatever your burden, troubles or trials may be when bowed down under the load remember this call is Universal and His call is from heaven today, a charge given before he went away. Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature: and as one of his messengers I'm gladly telling the story of God's great love, his message of the common salvation, and exhorting that we creatures of dust contend for

the faith once delivered unto the Saints. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16. And Christ so loved the Church (including all whose sins have been forgiven, with their names recorded in Heaven in the Lamb's book of life) that He gave Himself for it that He might present it to Himself a glorious Church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing but that it should be Holy and without blemish. Eph. 5:27. And in Col. 1:22 we are told Christ suffered that we could be presented holy, unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight.

Isaiah the prophet of old also tells us of Christ's mission in Chapter 61:1-2.

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek, He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God to comfort all that mourn.

And God's word tells us Behold today is the day of salvation, if ye hear His voice harden not your hearts.

Friend the Lord can solve your problems no matter how small or great, His compassions fail not. And you can have a peace that flows on as a river, yes one that passeth all understanding of we weak creatures of dust, and before going to Heaven He told His disciples, My peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.

We have almost fulfilled two of God's days since Jesus came as the Saviour of the World. The year 2000.

When finished we are promised a 1000 year reign with Him on earth, if we have made ourselves ready for a day with the Lord is as a 1000 years and 1000 years as a day, so I'm looking up for redemption draweth nigh of the day and hour knoweth no man but of the times and seasons.

Here let me warn you dear ones before his return we will have a time of trouble such as was not since there was a nation even to that same time and at that time thy people shall be delivered every one that shall be found written in the book. Daniel 12:1.

Daniel the man who dared to stand and was delivered from the den of lions had a vision of the time in which you and I are living and daily that we will see more and more of and was so burdened that all his strength was gone. God spoke to him saying, "Go thy way Daniel for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end". Chapter 12 verse 9 and in verse 13 we read but go thy way till the end be for thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

Please let me warn you by the word of the Lord that all our troubles and problems locally and nationally are only the beginning of sorrows so seek the Lord while he may be found and call upon Him while He is near let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts and turn unto the Lord who will have mercy and to our God who will abundantly pardon.

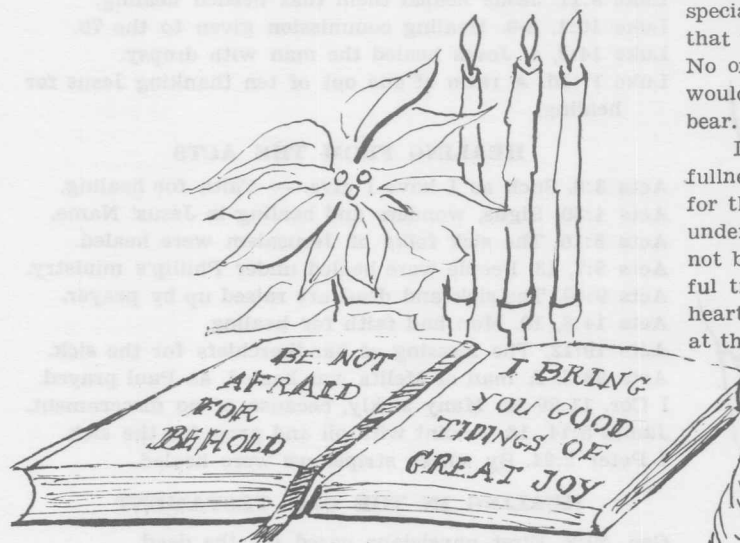
As the days of Noah were so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day that Noah entered unto the ark. Matt. 24:37-38.

The marriage vows in our day generally speaking are no longer sacred and often not kept, this being one of the sure signs of Christ's return.

A revival is not only for the unsaved but to stir up the pure minds of all. That we remember what the old prophets, Jesus and his messengers have told us about.

The command to repent is for all and all other commandments for the ones who have repented and Jesus said if ye love me keep my commandments and I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive. John 14:15-17.



I MUST GO SHOPPING

One of these days I must go shopping! I am completely out of self-respect . . . I want to exchange self-righteousness I picked up the other day for some humility, which they say is less expensive and wears better; I want to look at some tolerance which is being used for wraps this season. Someone showed me some pretty samples of peace . . . we are a little low on that and one can never have too much of it.

And, by the way, I must try to match some patience that my neighbor wears . . . it is very becoming to her and I think it might look well on me.

I might try on that little garment of longsuffering they are displaying. I never thought I wanted, but feel myself coming to it.

Also, I must not forget to have my sense of humor mended and look around for some inexpensive everyday goodness. It is surprising how quickly one's stock of goodness is depleted.

Yes, I must go shopping soon.

(Author Unknown)



The most joyous season of the year is here again. Christmas tree lights glow from windows everywhere. Carols fill the air. Stores glisten with lovely gifts and decorations designed to entice weary and footsore shoppers. Sweet spicy fragrance wafts from many kitchens along with pungent odors of ham and turkey. Children are anxious and dreaming of longed for gifts. The very atmosphere seems changed with mystery and excitement.

Why is the Christmas season so wonderful? It is because we give and receive gifts, have special dinners and parties? No. For none of these joys of the Christmas season would be ours were it not for the birth of a very special baby so many years ago. No one could know then that those tiny hands would one day be nailed to a cross. No one could guess that 33 years later that small heart would break from the agony of the weight of sin it would bear.

In the manger in Bethlehem that night "dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily". God is love. And His love for the human race was manifested in Christ. We cannot understand how this can be. Many people in the world do not believe it, but it is true. When we accept this wonderful truth as God's Word and believe it with our whole hearts then we know the true joy of Christmas, not just at this one season of the year but every day of our lives.

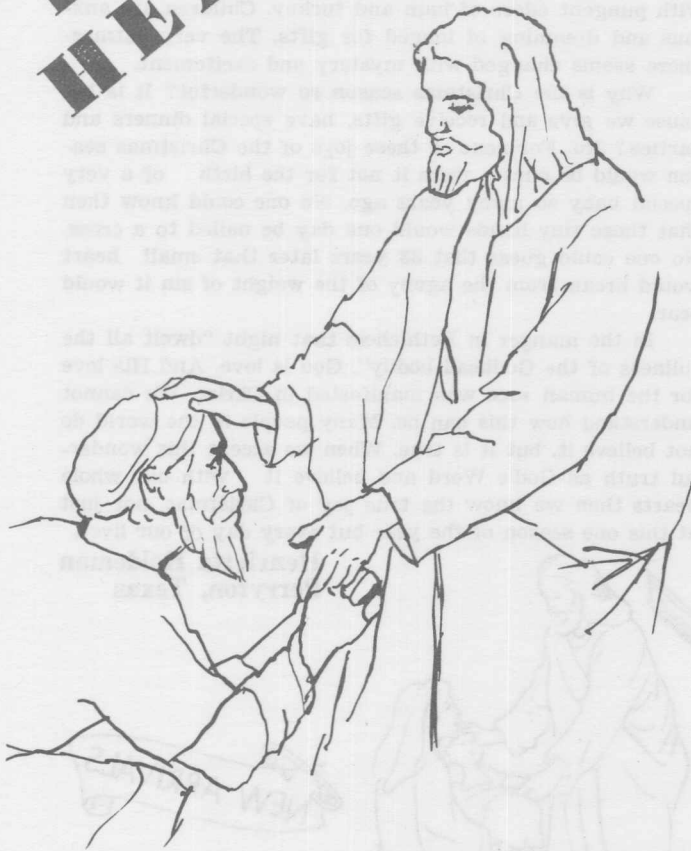
Henrietta Holdeman
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Mark and Iletha Bard of Joplin, Missouri announce the arrival of the new little son, Grant Alan Bard. He made his appearance at 5:21 p. m. October 31, 1973, weighing 9 lbs. 9 oz. His little brother is Travis Wayne. Grandparents are Clay and Vivian Bard and Lee and Mary Oakes.

Keith and Charlene Barker are the proud parents of a son, born Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 1973. He weighed 9 lbs. 8 oz. and has been named Christopher Dane. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Dorcas Spicer of Wichita, Kansas and paternal grandparents are Winston and Alberta Barker, now pastoring in Spearman, Texas. Keith and Charlene are the Youth Directors and Assistant Pastor of Faith Chapel in Wichita, Kansas.

DIVINE HEALING



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DIVINE HEALING IS THAT ACT OF GOD, whereby the sick, afflicted, and demon possessed are brought back to health, without the assistance of medical aid. A miracle, or process of health. It is direct from God and comes by FAITH.

December 1973

JESUS HEALED THE SICK

Matt. 4:23. Healing all manner of sickness.
Matt. 8:17; Isa. 53:4-5. Jesus took our sickness.
I Peter 2:24. By whose stripes ye were healed.
Matt. 10:1, 8. A commission given to heal.
Matt. 14:14. Jesus healed the sick of the multitude.
Matt. 15:30-31. Diversified cures are wrought.
Matt. 21:14. Jesus healed the sick in the Temple.
Mark 1:34. Jesus cast out devils.
Mark 5:25, 34. The touch, by Faith made whole.
Mark 6:12, 13. The disciples were anointed with oil.
Mark 9:23, 24. By believing the tormented child was delivered.
Mark 16:15, 20. Go preach with signs and confirmation.
Luke 4:18, 40-41. The prophecy and the result.
Luke 5:17. Wise men of many cities were healed.
Luke 6:17. The people of a wide country were healed.
Luke 9:11. Jesus healed them that needed healing.
Luke 10:1, 8-9. Healing commission given to the 70.
Luke 14:2, 4. Jesus healed the man with dropsy.
Luke 17:15. A ratio of one out of ten thanking Jesus for healing.

HEALING FROM THE ACTS

Acts 3:6. Such as I have I give. — Faith for healing.
Acts 4:30. Signs, wonders and healing in Jesus' Name.
Acts 5:16. The sick folks of Jerusalem were healed.
Acts 8:7, 13. People were healed under Phillip's ministry.
Acts 9:40. The sick and dead are raised up by prayer.
Acts 14:8, 10. Man had faith for healing.
Acts 19:12. The blessing of handkerchiefs for the sick.
Acts 28:8. A man of Melita was healed, as Paul prayed.
I Cor. 11:29-30. Many sickly, because of no discernment.
James 5:14, 16. Anoint with oil and pray for the sick.
I Peter 2:24. By whose stripes we were healed.

HEALING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Gen. 50:2. First physicians cared for the dead.
Exodus 15:26. I am the Lord that healeth thee.
Exodus 23:25. I will take sickness away from thee.
Deut. 7:15. Will take sickness and disease.
Deut. 32:39. I am He, I make alive, I heal.
II Kings 20:5. I have seen thy tears, I will heal thee.
II Chron: 16:12. Asa died because he did not turn to God.
Psa. 30:2. I cried unto the Lord for healing.
Psa. 107:20. He sent His word and healed them.
Jer. 17:14. Heal me, O Lord, I shall be healed.
Isa. 53:5. With His stripes we are healed.

DEMONS

Mark 5:9. There are many demons.
Luke 7:21. Evil spirits can be cured.
Luke 8:36. One possessed with devils was healed.
Mark 9:25. Dumb and deaf spirits.
I Tim. 4:1. There are seducing spirits.
Luke 8:29. Some demons are driving.
Luke 4:35. Some demons throw and hurt people.
Luke 9:42. The devil threw and tore him.
Acts 19:13, 15. Evil spirits may talk and resist.
Luke 9:1. Authority has been given over them.

DIVINE HEALTH

Prov. 22. Health to all that find thy Words.
Prov. 3:7, 8. Health given to the children of the Lord.
Isa. 58:8. Thine health shall spring forth speedily.
Jer. 30:17. I restore health to thee.
Jer. 33:6. I will bring health and cure.
III John 1:2. Be in health as you are spiritual.
Joel 3:20, 21. Jesus will cleanse blood when He comes.
Mal. 4:2. Jesus will come with healing in His wings.
I Thess. 5:22-24. To be sanctified in spirit and soul and body.
Rom. 12:1-2. Present your bodies to the Lord.
I Thess. 4:3-4. The will of God for sanctification.

Though many may be afflicted, tormented, and sick today, it is the will of God that we should put our trust in Him, be healed and walk in the light of body deliverance, as well as for soul. Redemption is for this body — so let us live holy unto the Lord, looking for the blessed hope, and acknowledge Jesus as the great I AM, the same yesterday and today and forever, and realize that He is no respecter of persons. Be sure and trust God fully for complete Healing.

PURPOSE — To help to realize and understand that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever — He has not changed. What He did and does for others He will do for US. The healing ministry did not stop when the Apostles died but healing for our bodies is for us today.

HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR HEALING

by Rev. Winston J. Barker

Almost everyone who is sick desires to get well. It is natural that when word gets around of the miracles of healing that are taking place, that there should be a rush to get prayed for. But we must remember that this is DIVINE HEALING — The deliverance comes entirely from God; consequently there are some conditions to be met before the individual may receive his healing. Even Christ the Son of God, usually did not heal the afflicted person who came to Him without first giving him some instructions. To one whose faith was weak, He said, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23.

To a woman who was not an Israelite, and therefore outside the household of faith, He said, "Let the children first be filled, for it is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it unto the dogs." Mark 7:27. Jesus said this not to hurt the woman, but to get her on healing grounds — eventually He healed her daughter. To another who perhaps intended to continue on in a sinful life, He charged, "Behold thou art made whole; sin no more lest a worse thing come unto thee." John 5:14. Faith must be founded on the Word of God. One of the first steps in receiving your deliverance is to know something of the Bible teaching concerning healing. One's faith must be thoroughly founded upon. Thus saith the Lord.

HEALING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Under the Mosaic law, Divine Healing was given as a promise to Israel, with certain conditions attached to the fulfillment. Exodus 15:26.

"And He said, if thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord that healeth thee."

Although the children of Israel's faith was weak along many lines, it certainly was not in the matter of healing. The Psalmist declares that, "there was not one feeble person among the tribes." Psalms 105:37. The book of Hebrews informs us that in all things the New covenant under Christ was much better than the old covenant under Moses. If then we find the promise of healing under the law of Moses, how much more would we expect to find it under the better covenant of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Again, the book of the Psalms, that book of inspired worship which has always brought great blessings to the devoted Christian, declares that the Lord is the Healer of all our diseases. Psa. 103:2-3.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases."

We know that we must never forget to praise the Lord for pardoning our iniquities, but we are also commanded not to forget the benefits of the healing of all our diseases.

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

We are informed that healing is part of the Atonement. Nor could we hardly expect otherwise, for Christ came to save men, and the body is a part of man. Christ's 'body was broken.' for our body and "By His stripes we were healed." Matt. 8:16-17.

"And when even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the Spirit with His word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses."

Healing has therefore been brought to us by Christ's victorious sufferings; it is already ours and needs but to be appropriated by FAITH.

Furthermore, Christ in the Great Commission expressly stated that healing of the sick, among other things, was one of the signs which was to follow believers. Mark 16:15-18.

"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

The Great Commission which authorizes the preaching of the gospel thus identifies true believers by declaring that the healing of the sick is one of the signs which shall follow their ministry.

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(HEALING - Cont.)

Finally, let us mention that the book of James makes Divine Healing practically an ordinance in the church. James 5:13-16.

"Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; And if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

In view of these many definite promises concerning healing, there can be no doubt in the reverent reader's mind that healing is the will of God for those who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

SATAN, THE CAUSE OF SICKNESS

Sin opens the way for disease and afflictions to come upon us, but from where does sickness come? If there is anything that is really clear in the Bible it is this truth: disease and affliction comes from Satan and the Kingdom of Darkness. Let us give a few scriptural illustrations.

First, Job. There was a hedge about Job, and the devil could not touch him. (Job 1:10). Then came the time that God permitted Satan to afflict the patriarch. Notice that while God gave the permission, yet it was Satan who laid the boils on Job. Job 2:7.

"So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown."

Second, the woman with the infirmity. This woman had been bowed over for eighteen years with a Spirit of infirmity. The Pharisees protested against Christ's healing the woman on the Sabbath Day. The Lord, in answering the Pharisees' Hypocritical complaint, also revealed the cause of her sickness. It was Satan who had bound the woman. John 13:16.

"And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham whom Satan hath bound, lo these eighteen years, be loosed from this band on the Sabbath day?"

Note again when Peter is speaking of Christ, he connects the ministry of healing with deliverance from Satanic oppression. Acts 10:38.

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him.

Thus we see that healing was in effect, liberating people from the oppression of the devil. Nor is this just poetic language. As we witness and study the miracles of our Lord, we usually find that evil spirits were involved in the cause of sickness. These had to be cast out before the person could get well. The Bible speaks of deaf spirits, dumb spirits, insane spirits, infirm spirits, deceiving spirits, seducing spirits, lying spirits, familiar spirits, a spirit of divination, perverse spirits. All of these have different ways of afflicting or deceiving people.

Really Christmas

By EVA M. CARTER

I AM FLORENCE. Next month I will be 92 years old. I live in a county home for the aged. They are good to us here, but we miss having our own places with our children and grandchildren around us. If only it could be that way again! I used to have a little apartment of my own. Yes, I liked that best.

The neighborhood children would bring me their dolls, and I would make doll clothes for them. When I would bake pies and cookies they would come from all over. And sometimes they would come just to sit and talk.

Before my eyes got bad, I used to do some dressmaking for folks in the neighborhood. I was pretty good at it too. I had a friend who used to come for lunch, and I would sew for her. Mae even came to see me a few times here at the home; but one time when she started to leave, I clung to her hand and cried. It seemed I just couldn't bear to see her go. She came only once after that.

Weekends were the best in those days because sometimes my daughter Annie or my son Tom would come with their families. But Tom got a good job and moved away, and Annie lived in a city 80 miles away and didn't come often. They are busy, but they used to come—sometimes.

One day I fell. I didn't break any bones or anything like that, but I lay on the floor quite a while before the children came to visit after school and found me. As I lay there, I kept thinking, over and over, that this would be it. And I was right. I couldn't keep my little apartment any longer. I just wasn't capable, they said. Too old.

I packed away my keepsakes, dishes, and pictures. Just a few things—I really didn't have much, but I wanted them saved for my son, Andrew. He went away a long time ago, and we hadn't heard from him for years. We heard that he had visited a distant cousin once in another state. Somehow I was sure, well, I hoped he'd come back.

When I first came here, I used to look forward to Sunday afternoons. That's the time for chapel services on the sun porch for the ones who are able to walk and those who are in wheelchairs. How we all loved to sing the old hymns and talk about the good Book. We would forget, for a while, that we are old and useless. I don't go out to the sun porch anymore. This old bed keeps me here most of the time.

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Sometimes on Sunday afternoons I can hear the others singing and can tell what the song is. And I strain my old ears. Maybe I'll get to hear "Rock of Ages" again . . . sometime. Andy always liked "Rock of Ages." When he was little, we would sit by the fire in the evenings and he would sing it for me.

In the afternoons, when the weather is nice, a group of ladies sometimes come from a church or club to see us. My, they smell so nice and look so fine as they move quickly along. Some of them stop to talk to us, but most of them don't know what to say. I guess there isn't much to say. They give us artificial flowers and pretty scarves, jewelry, and hankies. I usually pick out a comb or a ribbon from their box. My hair is thin and soft; most combs won't stay put, but some will. And ribbons are so pretty. I used to put ribbons on the doll clothes I made.

One sweet young lady stopped to talk to me one day. She gave me a pretty ribbon from her box. I tried to tell her I felt I was slipping in my wheelchair, but my old bones were hurting so, I couldn't talk. I clutched her sweater and her eyes grew big with fright. A nurse soon noticed and put me back in my bed to rest. I hope that experience with an old woman won't stop that young lady from visiting us again. Those ladies are about the only people most of us see anymore except for the good nurses and doctors here.

You know, all my life I have felt that Christmas is the nicest time of the year. I still think so. It is so good to remember why we celebrate it, but it is hard on those who don't get to see their families. Christmas was usually a very happy time. One of my children would have all the family over for Christmas. There was so much excitement and my little grandchildren would chatter and their faces would light up as they opened their gifts. Now they are grown and some of them have children. I miss the little ones most, I think, at Christmas time.

One year they all came to my apartment for Christmas. It was so exciting. I planned and cleaned and cooked and baked. I was so happy! They never came again like that. It was too crowded, they said. I guess maybe it was, but I was so happy.

I have had nine Christmas Days here. Sarah, in the next bed, has been here 13 years. Her daughter comes to see her every Christmas and even sometimes in between. Some of the others have friends or a family who come once in a while, but not many come often. Most of us belong to the "forgotten" club. I keep hoping. . . . I would like to see all three of my children and their families once more before I die.

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A few days before Christmas last year I saw a lady come through the door. She seemed to look straight at me, and I felt my heart pounding. I leaned forward and tears started down my cheeks. Could this be my daughter? Was it really Annie? Then as she came closer and I could see her better, I sank back against my pillow, and I felt as though I had stopped breathing. It wasn't Annie at all. I thought, *Maybe I'll never get to see Annie again. Never again.*

I closed my eyes and I felt ill. I could hear voices, anxious voices, that came and went. I seemed to drift, float, sink. For a time it was dark, then lights shone dimly through a mist. Finally, warm friendly darkness surrounded me. I remember it was comfortable and I felt rested.

"Mom!" I could hear a familiar voice. It seemed a long way off. *It must be a dream*, I thought. I wouldn't open my eyes. I wanted to hear the voice once more. "Mom," the voice spoke again. Then a large gentle hand closed over mine and I knew it was no dream. Slowly I opened my eyes.

"Oh, Andy," I gasped. Yes, it was Andy's smiling face there close to me. He looked strong and well, his eyes were clear and untroubled.

I wondered at the change in Andy. He stayed by my bed and talked until the doctor said he must go so I could rest. Andy told me of the long struggle with himself, how he had found help through a friend, how he had come back and searched for his brother, his sister, and me. Now, he said, he would try to find work nearby so he could come to see me often. He promised that soon Annie and Tom would come too. I told him I hoped so.

As Andy got ready to go, he leaned over my bed, gently punched my pillow, and whispered the words I had whispered to him when he was small: "Be good, now, and go to sleep."

I could sleep well. This would really be Christmas!
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God has a right to a definite part of my time—*He has the power to take all of it.*
 God has a right to a definite part of my money—*He has the power to take all of it.*
 God has a right to be glorified through my tongue—*He has the power to take all of it.*
 God has a right to be honored through my influence—*He has the power to take all of it.*
 God has a right to my life—*He has the power to take all of it.*

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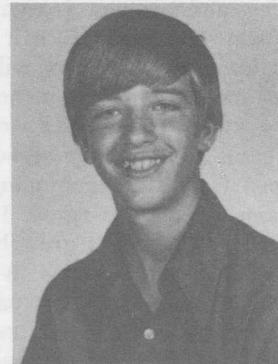
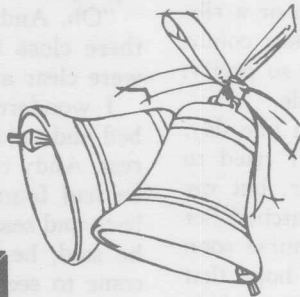
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