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Report

I asked Jesus
How much do
You love me?

And Jesus said, "This much-"
And He stretched out his arms
-and died.

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THE YEAR AHEAD

A NEW YEAR'S TEST FOR SELF-EXAMINATION

-Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?

-Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?

-Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in confidence?

-Can I be trusted?

-Am I a slave to dress, friends, work or habits?

-Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?

-Did the Bible live in me today?

-Do I give it time to speak to me everyday?

-Am I enjoying prayer?

-When did I last speak to someone else of my faith?

-Do I pray about the money I spend?

-Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?

-Do I disobey God in anything?

-Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?

-Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy or distrustful?

-How do I spend my spare time?

-Am I proud?

-Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican?

-Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?

-Do I grumble or complain constantly?

-Is Christ real to me?

These are the 22 questions that members of John Wesley's Holy Club asked themselves each day in their private devotions over 200 years ago.

1 Corinthians 13

CHAPTER 13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2-And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3-And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4-Charity suffereth long, *and is kind*; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5-Doth not behave itself unseemingly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6-Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7-Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8-Charity never faileth: but whether *there be prophecies*, they shall fail; whether *there be tongues*, they shall cease; whether *there be knowledge*, it shall vanish away.

9-For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10-But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11-When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12-For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13-And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

NEVER AGAIN

Author Unknown

Never again will I say, I can't for "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me". Phillipians 4:13

Never again will I admit lack, for "my God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phillipians 4:19

Never again will I fear for "God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and of a sound mind." II Timothy 1:7

Never again will I harbor doubt and lack of faith for "The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalms 27:1

Never again will I allow supremacy of satan over my life for "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." I John 4:4

Never again will I admit defeat for "God always causeth us to triumph in Christ." II Cor. 2:14

Never again will I be worried and frustrated. "Casting all my cares upon Him for He careth for me." I Peter 5:7

Never again will I be in bondage for "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." II Cor. 3:17

Never again will I feel condemned, for there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit." Romans 8:1

Sent in by the
Children's Mission Class
Amarillo, Texas

APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE COLLEGE NEWS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

The spring semester of school is well under way and God is blessing each day with His holy presence. We gained 8 new students at semester break. With the 6 that left we have a total enrollment of 38 for our spring semester. This is great and they all seem to have a real desire for God's word.

On Feb. 9th the Bible College will again host the annual Valentine Youth Banquet for all youth, youth sponsors and pastors of the Apostolic movement. The Royal Heirs Quartet of Tulsa, OK. will provide the program. This is always a highlight of the year.

Our school recently purchased a cassette duplicator with money given as memorial offerings for loved ones and friends. This is a machine we have needed and are grateful to finally have. It will be used in several effective ways.

We express our thanks to all of you who continue to support the work of our school. With the coming of winter weather the fuel bills become bigger along with other responsibilities to keep the school operating so it takes everyone doing their best.

There are 9 people serving on the faculty of the school and each one says "thanks" for your support to them. Please keep us all in your daily prayers.

In His Service,
Supt. Jack Cornell

Girl's Dorm

If walls could talk they would have plenty to say about the 18 girls who returned to AFBC for the Spring semester! Lots of laughter and warm greetings rang through the dorm as we all unloaded our new treasures from Christmas and shared together about the holiday experiences. We welcomed a new housemate and made her feel at home from the very start. Old friendships carried on and new friendship started developing. Dorm devotions are a highlight of our daily activities and what joy we have had in the Lord as we praise Him together in our own "homey" atmosphere. It is great to be back at AFBC. We are all looking for and expecting wonderful blessings in our lives as we study His word and draw closer to Him in 1985.

Shari Cook
Dorm Mom

Boy's Dorm

Greetings from the Boy's dorm. We are excited about the beginning of a new semester. As we begin this year, we have gained five men in the dorm. We're glad to have each of them with us and already we are beginning to become a close-knit family in the dorm. Unity is an essential element of any aspect of Christian living, and we are certainly seeking that vital principal here in the dorm. Each room has at least two men in them, and some have three. Sometimes these living quarters become quite small and it takes more than just a strength in your ownself, but it takes a strength from God. Please pray for each of these young men. God has a special calling for each of them, and they need your prayers to help find their place in the body of Christ. Please carry a burden for the school. It is dependent upon your prayers.

Danny Robinson

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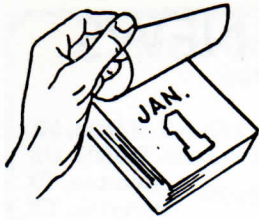
Expense Report Apostolic Faith Report

The total expenses for operating costs for 1984 were \$12,793.10.

Total offerings for 1984 were \$10,062.23.

Your continued prayerful and financial support during 1985 will be greatly appreciated.
May God Bless You.

K.O.



Starting A New Year

I have been at this for 70 years. The first through the twelfth year were more or less routine. I'm not sure at what year I came to full accountability, so I'll select year twelve. I should have begun to make some small decisions about the direction of my life by this time. So for some fifty-eight years I have set the course for a New Year. I shall not review each of these years but in a bird's eye view, I have slept the new year in, I have revelled the new year in. I have played in a dance orchestra the New Year in. I have prayed the New Year in. I must confess that I have prayed the New Year in more than all the others combined and I am pleased about that. I have asked the Lord for guidance through the New Year more times than I have faced it on my own and again I am pleased to tell you this.

Many years ago I quit the New Year's Resolution attitude. New Year resolutions are made mostly to be broken. As a professing Christian I ask the Lord daily for guidance -- daily to show me what to -- daily to show me what not to -- daily what to lay aside -- daily what to accept to make me more like Jesus. I maintain this is much better than New Year Resolutions.

This does not dampen your resolve to do better. That should be a daily resolve. Why would anyone, especially a professing Christian, resolve to do worse? We may do worse but God forbid anyone would resolve such.

This is one good way to start a New Year. Don't resolve once and then encounter failure. Resolve every day and Jesus can and will help us more.

Again pray the New Year in...a most satisfying way to start the New Year. If you are tired and need the rest and your heart is right with God, then sleep the New Year in. This the next best way to praying the New Year In. The other much less desirable ways I'll not mention -- just pray or sleep the New Year in and much discomfort and sin will be avoided.

I cannot tell you every detail of what to do and not to do as the New Year unfolds. I can tell you it is best to do the divine will of God each day. Following our own desire will bring pitfalls. Doing the Devil's will is sure death. I don't feel like anyone would intentionally do the Devil's will. However many do. Judas Iscariot gave himself to do the Devil's will. There is a small percentage who fall into the number. The larger number that do the Devil's will are enticed. This is the great pitfall of doing our own will. I give you the benefit of the doubt. I think you would will to do good, however we are just not smart enough to not get entrapped by the Devil. In spite of your good intentions and your good judgment the Devil will outsmart you. The only safe course is to seek, find, and do the Father's will. That is a daily operation. Every unfolding day of 1985.

Sometimes you'll do it. Sometimes you'll fail. Let the failures be the lessons to bring you quickly back to God's will. This is another good attitude to start the New Year.

Don't forsake the old paths: the tried and true methods that have worked for you in years gone by. Why should I forsake the old, simple keeping the commandments, that has brought me through trial, discouragement, success, and

pleasure? I would be most foolish to try some new human charisma, hallelujah way that comes along -- when the simple way of truth has brought me through the trial, the loss of a loved one, need of financial help, and problems of life. Don't forsake the old path and the love of the truth. Another good way to start the New Year.

In closing I want to read the words of Paul to the Thessalonians. I Thessalonians, Chapter 5, verses 1 through 28. I shall not dwell long on any of these thoughts but they are wonderful thoughts to put into practice as the New Year unfolds.

(1) But of the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

(2) For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

(3) For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

(4) But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

(5) Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

(6) Therefore let us not sleep, as do others, but let us watch and be sober.

(7) For they that sleep sleep in the night: and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

(8) But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.

(9) For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by the Lord Jesus Christ.

(10) Who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

(11) Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as ye also do.

(12) And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

(13) And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

(14) Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

(15) See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

(16) Rejoice evermore.

(17) Pray without ceasing.

(18) In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

(19) Quench not the Spirit.

(20) Despise not prophesyings.

(21) Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

(22) Abstain from all appearance of evil.

(23) And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(24) Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

(25) Brethren, pray for us.

(26) Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.

(27) I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

(28) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Donald D. Dibbens

I AM A DEBTOR

By Rev. Bob Taylor

Using a portion of the quotation of the Apostle Paul's writings found in Romans 1:14...."I am debtor".....causes us to stop and reflect back upon our own life and realize we too are a debtor.

Webster says, "a debtor is a person, company, nation and etc, that owes something to another or others." Paul realized that he owed a lot to many people and he is now ready to exact that obligation, unashamed of the Gospel of Christ, realizing it is the power of God unto salvation (a plan or way of rescue and deliverance for humanity) unto everyone that believes, exercising faith in God.

The body, that we live in, regardless of shape, or condition is given to us by God. The spirit or the inward person (the real you and me living inside this body) is also given to us by God. Both, our body and our spirit, are just loaned to us for a brief time (I Cor. 6:20). We are certainly debtors to God for this loan and we must carefully consider how we are taking care of God's property.

We are often inclined to say, "Look what I did!" If we did it, it was not because of us but because God permitted it. We are, what we are by the grace (unearned favor) of God. Boast not of your accomplishments and leave God out. No one has figured out life until they figured God in. "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say. If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boasting: all such boasting is evil" (James 4:14-16).

If you have heard and accepted the gospel, finding Jesus Christ, able not only to forgive sins but able to also cleanse from all unrighteousness (the sin nature) (I John 1:9) you are a debtor. By faith, a grace (ability) to stand (live like a Christian ought), enables you to now rejoice in the hope of the glory of God (Rom. 5:2).

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same, one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (I Peter 4:10-11) As a Christian, you are obligated to minister the gospel that you have received. Freely received, freely give! You are a debtor and remember the gifts and callings of God are without repentence (Rom. 11:29). When the going gets rough, you can not lay aside your callings of life to please yourself and remian justified before the Lord. "Moreover, it required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2). "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). Jesus taught a parable in Luke 16:1-13 about a man who found himself asking the question of life, "what shall I do?". He was called upon to give an account of his stewardship and he was found guilty of wasting that which had been entrusted to him. Now he was no longer considered a steward because he had not been faithful..You are a debtor, do not waste what God has invested in you!

Everything you are and everything you have must be accedited to God. (I Cor. 4:7). Paul reminds all the church world, thru out the ages (Eph. 2:11-22) that they ought to remember that once they were aliens, strangers from the covenant of the promise, having no hope, without God in this

world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ and are fellow citizens with the saints. We as Christians, are part of the building of God, tightly framed together, established on the principals of the gospel recorded by the Apostles, with Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. himself, and no man dieth to himself" (Rom. 14:7). Everyone of us will give account of himself to God. "Let us not therefore judge one another anymore: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way" (Rom. 14:12-13). We are a debtor to "follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another" (Rom. 14:19).

We are debtor to the Lord and rest of the body of Christ, to "not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is;"because our gathering together is a time of exhorting one another, provoking (challenging) others unto love and to good works. It is a must that we hold fast our profession of our faith without wavering. We owe it to God and to our fellowman. Our neglect to assemble ourselves together on a regular basis is certainly hurting ourselves plus we are hurting the heart of God. It is killing our testimony among the believers and is without doubt placing a stumbling block in the way of the unsaved for which we will have to give an account.

We owe a lot to God, His Son Jesus Christ, and to the blessed Holy Spirit! We have an obligation to our brothers and sisters in Christ! We owe love, compassion and the good news of the Gospel to the unsaved! Let us join David in asking ourselves the question "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" (Psa.116:12). I am a debtor to God and "to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 1:1). I AM A DEBTOR to "Go into all the world amd preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).....I AM A DEBTOR!

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JANUARY



FEBRUARY

Midway, Oklahoma

Oct. 31 Brother Gene Cornell had our midweek prayer services, as Bro. and Sister Taylor took off a few days and visited in Ark. Thanks Bro. Gene.

Bro. and Sister Taylor have the Church's deepest sympathy for her niece that passed away. The funeral was Nov. 21 in Amarillo, TX.

Nov. 4, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Reddinger and Mr. and Mrs. Lyndal Bensch from Vici, Okla. visited our Church on Sunday morning, and showed pictures on Haiti and the conditions of that place at present time.

Nov. 11 there was a Community singing in the Midway Church. It was enjoyed by all who attended and the Lord blessed in song. The next singing was on Dec. 9, and was also enjoyed by all of us that attended.

Nov. 12 thru Nov. 16 Brother Richard Morris held a Revival, and it was a time of refreshing and drawing closer to the Lord, the services were great. Those that didn't come missed a great blessing.

There have been several deaths in the Logan Community these past weeks and our sympathy goes to those families. Those passing were Wesley Beck, Willis Winchester, Leola Wynn, and Hazel Jones.

Visitors are always welcome at Midway, so stop by and worship with us any time you can.

Our Church has had a new face lift. It looks real nice and we are proud of our place to worship. Thanks to the Lord.

Bob Taylor - Pastor

Union Chapel, Anderson, Mo.

It's good to have started another year for the Lord. We have seen some growth in our church the last months of 1984 and do thank the Lord for the growth.

Thanksgiving Bro. Ferguson went to visit his children. We were sorry that he was sick while he was there but he reported a good time anyway. We were glad to have Bro. and Sis. Elmer Christenson with us for services while Bro. Ferguson was gone. We were also glad to have their daughter and son-in-law, Ronnie and Sandy Hoskins and baby daughter. We are thankful for these people and what they have come to mean to us at chapel.

On Sunday night, Dec. 23, some of the members of the church presented a Christmas play entitled "The Shepherds led the way." Each of us that took part received a blessing and hope that it was a blessing to those that came to watch.

On the last Sunday night in December Bro. Ferguson asked for testimonies on things the Lord had done for us during the year. It was a touching service with everyone praising the Lord for all of His goodness to us. What a wonderful way to close the year.

Remember us at chapel in your prayers in 1985 that we might continue to grow and work for the Lord. Our prayer is that God will richly bless each one of you.

A. W. Ferguson - Pastor
Beth Williams - Reporter

Alvin, Texas

Greetings and Happy New Year from everyone here in Alvin. As we step into another year, it makes us to realize we're just that much closer to our Lord's return to earth again.

Looking back over the past year we can say, "Praise the Lord, it has been a wonderful year." There has been much progress made here in the Alvin Church. Souls have been saved and baptized and new people added to our church family. Isn't it wonderful to be a part of the family of God!

We love and appreciate Brother Neil and Sister Billie Ragan, and are so thankful for these faithful and dedicated pastors that God has sent to us. Also for our Sunday School Superintendent, Sister Sissie Urick, our teachers, and helpers who have worked so diligently this past year.

God has truly rewarded us with revival. We have had such wonderful Sunday services, Wednesday night prayer meetings, song and music concerts, revival meetings and good fellowship.

Through all the holiday festivities, our pastors, teachers, helpers and children took time to present us with a beautiful Christmas program and a live outdoor Nativity scene which was enjoyed by the entire community.

As we make our New Year's resolutions, let us make Christ our number one priority, keeping our affections on things above and not on things on the earth.

We're expecting great things to happen here in Alvin in 1985 and invite you to visit and worship with us at anytime.

Pastor - Neil Ragan
Reporter - Corrie Coates

Galena, Ks.

God has been so good to us throughout the past year of 1984. My prayer is that we've done our best for Him.

On Dec. 19, the E. K. Cornells were with us. Brother Gene preached a wonderful message under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Bro. Cornell also preached for us on Dec. 23 and brought Bible lessons on Dec. 26. We really enjoyed them being with us. Our church enjoyed our Christmas program very much this year.

The Apostolic Faith Bible College presented a concert in November which we enjoyed. After the concert refreshments were served in the recreation hall.

We are so thankful that God has spread a bountiful table for His children this past year. He is wonderful! Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart. Psalms 119:2.

Please remember these in your prayers-Ruth Brown, Florene Munson, May Rowland, Sarah Jefferies, Jack Coberly.

Howard Whitely - Pastor
May Rowland - Reporter

Enid, Oklahoma

We thank the Lord for many blessings that have come our way. He always knows just what we need then gives a little bit more.

Brother Maple Phares is still on the prayer list but he is home again. We miss him in the services but he is still not able to be out. Mrs. Phares is managing pretty good and caring for him at home.

The holidays were busy for everyone here. We had a good attendance at the church Fellowship supper between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We all want to invite anyone who can come by and see us to come any time. We need visiting ministers any time as well as friends just for a visit. Do come and stay for services. Our people enjoy company.

Robert and Dora Beydler,
Pastors

Webb City, Mo.

We have certainly been enjoying the presence of God in Webb City. He has blessed in many ways. We have seen prayers answered. Recently we saw two people that were looking for work find jobs after special prayer was offered for those situations. It is so good to know that God cares about every part of our lives.

Our church family have become very close. The word says to "Bear One Another's Burdens". Praise God because we can depend on the prayers of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We enjoyed a beautiful candlelight Christmas program. Our hearts were stirred as we heard the wonderful story of our Saviour's birth.

We have had several visitors in recent weeks. We enjoyed having the Apostolic Faith Bible College choir in concert in November and we appreciate their ministry. We also appreciate the ministers that have been with us in services. Bro. Roland Busch, Bro. Gene Cornell, Bro. Jack Cornell, Bro. Lyndel Arnall, Bro. Tom Day and Sis. Dorothy Cook have all added to our services. We also enjoyed sermonettes from some of our A.F.B.C. students, Valerie Oakes, Vanessa Oakes and Doug Forbes.

We would like to say that we appreciate the Apostolic Faith Report. We are glad to be able to keep in touch with other churches through this ministry. God is so good! May He bless each one of you.

O. A. Busch - Pastor
Donna Kinser - Reporter

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Our love and thanks to all of our friends who sent cards, phone calls, flowers and especially prayers. My thanks for the ministers who carried a burden for my healing.. God was merciful to me and I give Him all of the Glory and Praise. May God bless each one of you.

In His Love,
Wayne Messner - Logan, Okla.

25th Anniversary



Rev. & Mrs. Homer Allen, pastors of Community Full Gospel Church, San Diego, California, celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on December 11, 1984. They were taken to dinner by their children, Pam Keeling, Beverly & Frank Carroll, Todd and Scott Allen, also Georgia Mohler and Lois Allen. They are also looking forward to the birth of their first grandchild in March.

30th Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Amos Harris were honored with an open house on the occasion of their thirtieth wedding anniversary. The event was held on December 22, 1984 in the Bayard, Nebraska Elementary School from 2:30-5:30 p.m. The event was hosted by their children: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harris and Janae Harris.

The room was decorated with blue and yellow and featured a table of wedding pictures and family pictures. A program was given in mid-afternoon. Several family members and friends gave thoughts and comments about the couple and remembered funny and serious events from the wedding and the past thirty years. The couples' favorite scriptures were read and a prayer was brought. Two songs were sung by the Harris children.

A banquet was held following the reception. Many family members attended as well as members of the wedding party and their families.

Amos and Violet were married on December 22, 1954 in the Bayard Apostolic Faith Church, Bayard, Nebraska.

New Addresses

Sister Marjorie Haire of Cave Springs, Ark. has recently moved to a rest home. She is one of those that were in the early ministry groups under Charles F. Parham. She would appreciate hearing from everyone. She has been a faithful servant of God since 1916. Her address is:

Marjorie Haire
c/o Heritage Park Rest Home
1513 S. Dixie Land Rd.
Rogers, Ark. 72756

Several have recently requested the address of Tica Taber. It is 312 Marr St., Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 87901.

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS

Jacob C. Reiger

Men of every walk of life know that we are living in dangerous times. Troubles and distress is written on the faces of all. Humanity would like to hide as it were from the troubles as they exist, but there is no place to hide. We must face the truth. **"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away"** (2 Tim. 3:1-4). This scripture shows us that in the last days we would have times such as we are seeing today. The term "perilous times" certainly could be interpreted to mean, Dangerous Times. Instead of fretting about the terrible conditions of our times we should rejoice as Christians, because we know we are living in the **Last Days**. The **Last Days** will bring Redemption to the Elect of God and usher in the Return of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, **"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."** (Luke 21:28). To the true believer in Christ, the dangerous (perilous) times in which we live, is the prelude to the most glorious episode to the saints of God recorded in all the story of mankind: **REDEMPTION DRAWETH NIGH!** What did Jesus mean when he said, "And these things begin to come to pass,"? We find the context to this verse of scripture: **"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."** (Luke 21:25-27). It is quite plain to the believer in Christ that we are living in the times of the signs of which Jesus spoke. There are signs in the sun, moon and stars; there is indeed distress upon earth. The nations are indeed in distress and in perplexity. Men's hearts are failing them as never before, especially so, as they look after those things that are coming upon the earth. Men are worried about economics, politics at home and abroad; fear of enemy attack from within and without. Men are worried about the advance of science in warfare, fearing even that civilization will eventually wipe itself from the earth. Men are worried about their own imaginations. Only the saints of God have true peace of mind. To them, Redemption Draweth Nigh-Lift Up Your Heads!!!

True, redemption is drawing nigh! Year after year since we have been hearing the preaching of the full-gospel truths, we have seen prophecy after prophecy fulfilled. Each year we see more and more Bible Predictions coming to pass. This would seem to awaken men to the realization that "Jesus is Coming soon", but not so, men are seemingly asleep. Jesus said, **"And take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares"** (Luke 21:34). Is it possible that the people of God will permit the cares of life, drunkenness, and surfeiting keep them from being ready for redemption? Oh

no, some will not stoop to drunkenness; but consider surfeiting, are we so bent on eating that it will keep us out of the kingdom? Surely most of us will shun drunkenness, but do we allow the menial tasks of making a living (or cares of this life) cause us to miss redemption? Is it possible that God's people would be asleep and the day of Christ should come upon them unaware? Evidently the Lord knew it would be so. He warns us to be ready: **"But ye brethren, are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober."** (1 Thess. 5:6)

In the parable in Matthew chapter 25, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven with ten virgins that went out to meet the bridegroom. We are told that five of the virgins were wise and five were foolish. Those that were wise had oil in their vessels, but the foolish had no oil. When the cry went out, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him"; the foolish virgins discovered they had no oil and their lamps had gone out. It was then too late to get oil and prepare lamps. It was too late!!! Could it be true that some of us as Christians are foolish virgins? Have we permitted time to go by and we have not earnestly sought God in prayer and obedience for the oil of the Spirit: Are we ready for redemption? Lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh!!!

The masses are asleep to the facts of the future. However, not everyone is asleep, because some of God's saints are looking for the coming of Christ. While the world is mocking, scoffing and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming?" A few unnoticed saints of God are preparing their hearts for Redemption and the return of Jesus Christ. Peter wrote in 2 Pet. 3:3-4, **"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming: for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."**

It is the duty of ministers and Christian believers to warn the people. Among the thousands of humanity, there must be at least a few that are honest of heart. Surely, if they knew the way, they would walk in it. There are many believers who have believed unto salvation, but have never sought God and prepared their hearts for the filling of the oil of the Spirit. Will their lamps go out? It is indeed a challenge for us to tell the glorious news of the Gospel. Jesus is coming soon!! Redemption draweth nigh!!

There are three points that we can observe faithfully so we will be ready for Redemption.

FIRST: Jesus said, **"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."** If we sincerely put God first in everything, he will in turn supply all our needs. SECOND: Jesus prayed, **"I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."** (John 17:15-17). Thorough sanctification will help us meet the problems and issue of these troublesome, dangerous, perilous times. Sanctification will make us overcomer over temptation. Sanctification will guard us against selfishness, covetousness, and emulations. Sanctification will enable us to do the Will of God. THIRD: Jesus said, **"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."** **"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 for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will shew you things to come." (Luke 24:49; John 14:15-17 and John 16:13).

Meeting these three requirements will make us ready to meet the Lord when he comes. Being cleansed and sanctified, we will work earnestly and zealously until he calls for us. Being filled with the Spirit, we will hear His call to duty. We will shun the evil. We will be ready for redemption, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." *Reprinted- Apostolic Faith Report 1952*

THE BIBLE—*a Book without precedent*

The historical accuracy of the Bible, its enormous and beneficent influence upon mankind, and its unparalleled circulation through the centuries are without precedent.

This Bible is the only volume produced in the whole ancient world that gives us a reasonable account of the creation of the world and the origin and earliest history of the human race.

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-Wilbur M. Smith

WHAT I OWE MY PASTOR

I owe my pastor the protection of kindly silence by refraining from repeating, in his presence, the slander or gossip that would worry him and prevent him from doing his best.

I owe him prayer, that God may make his service a blessing to everyone with whom he comes in contact.

I owe him enough of my time to help him in his work, whenever he may need me.

I owe him encouragement, when vexations and annoyances make his work difficult.

I owe my pastor consideration, not to interrupt and hinder his work by financial worries.

I owe my pastor attention when I go to church, that he may not be troubled by seeing my careless inattentive actions, indication that I am not interested in what he is saying.

HAPPY AND FREE



Ollie L. Kinser Ministries announces the release of a new album through Gusto Records, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee. This is the first album recorded by Ollie and Anna Kinser although they have plans for others in the future. Several of the songs on this album were written by Anna. It is our earnest prayer that the message of this album will bring blessings to all who hear it. We have asked God to make it a tool to save the lost, heal the sick, and minister to the needy in every way.

Record albums or cassettes are \$8.00 each. Order from Ollie Kinser, Box 133, Hardesty, Oklahoma 73944 or phone 405-888-4555.

WHAT ABOUT HEALING?

Is healing available for us today? If it is, why are so many Christians bothered with illness? If salvation is for us today, so is healing. Healing and salvation have been provided for us simultaneously through Christ's sacrifice at Calvary. The scourging Jesus suffered was for healing, and the crucifixion for our redemption.

Under Roman law, scourging was considered a form of capital punishment along with crucifixion. The victim of scourging was tied to a post in such a way as to prevent him from either standing or kneeling. He was then whipped mercilessly with a flagellate made of small appendages having balls made of bone and lead attached to them. Each blow brought bruises and wounds, stripping the skin away in ribbons leaving bare bone and muscle. Within 1 1/2 to 2 minutes the victim was whipped to unconsciousness. He was alive yet not alive, dead yet not dead. The Romans were not subjected to a limited number of blows as many have thought. The beating ended when the person was at the point of death.

Christ actually received two death sentences: one for our healing and one for our redemption. Pilate had hoped it would end with the scourging, but it didn't.

Considering all that Christ suffered for us to have the privilege of healing and of living in divine health, it only seems rational that we walk in all the fullness of God and His blessings.

When we realize that: (1) God is able to heal, and (2) God is willing to heal, we can partake of that healing virtue.

Renewing our mind or our "state of mind," as pointed out in Romans 12:1-2, is replacing the negative thinking with which we have been conditioned for so many years with what God's Word says about us. Instead of "I don't feel good," "I'll just have to live with this illness," "I just can't seem to get any better," we will be able to speak the truth about ourselves and our standing with God. I Peter 2:24, "...by whose stripes I am healed;" Matthew 8:17, "...Himself took MY infirmities, and bore MY sicknesses;" Isaiah 53:5, "...with His stripes I am healed;" Psalms 103:1,3, "...Bless the Lord Oh my soul who forgives all MY iniquities and heals all MY diseases."

Isaiah 53:4-5 holds a wealth of promises about healing. The whole chapter is a prophecy of Christ, our Healer and Redeemer. According to Hebrews, He has borne (conveyed) our "griefs" (Choli-meaning sickness and disease) and our "sorrows" (Makob - meaning pains). Through His death we have salvation, peace, and healing.

When you've prayed the prayer of faith and a symptom, pain, or negative doubtful thought arises, you know you are healed, and out of your innermost being will flow the truth and life of God's Word that you have stored in your spirit (heart).

God's desire is that you "Prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers," III John 2. The prosperity of the soul is contingent upon our acting on Romans 12:1-2, pulling down the negative and replacing it with God's Word. It's a daily walk with the Lord and a never ending process. Just as we feed our bodies everyday, we must also feed our spirit man everyday with the Word of God.

As we learn to perfect the love walk (I Cor. 13, and I, II, III John), we will also walk in divine health - God's best.

Living a life of victory over all that the enemy comes against us with is God's highest and best will for us. He has made ample supply and provisions for us because He loves us and watches over us with care and concern. His sustaining grace is sufficient.

Healing is for today! It is for you as a child of God - a joint-heir with Christ. It is His gift to you.

GOD'S WHOLLY DAY!

A little girl, trying to learn the Ten Commandments, was told by her mother to write them out. When she brought the result for inspection she had written, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it **wholly**."

The mother said, "Don't you know how to spell better than that? The word should be 'holy,' not 'wholly.'"

The grandmother who was sitting by said, "Maybe the child has not made a mistake. At least her idea of holy is preferably to that of many who think they keep the Lord's Day if they go to church in the morning and spend the rest of the day feasting, lounging, or pleasure-seeking."

OUR CHURCH NEEDS NO MONEY

We have discovered a way for a church to function without money. Will you cooperate?

Each member will come to church during the week with a broom and mop to keep his part of the building presentable. Then a paid janitor will not be necessary.

Each member will take his turn playing the organ and directing the choir. No organist or choir director will be needed.

Each member will bring materials and tools to repair and remodel the building. Here we can really save money.

Each one must agree to spend at last a year as a missionary at his own expense on some foreign field. This will dispense with missionary offerings.

Each member will go to school for the required years and fulfill all the qualifications to become a pastor. Then he will take his turn preaching, leading the service, conducting the funerals, performing marriages, calling on members and prospects, visiting the sick, and guiding the administration of the church. This will save the expense of a pastor.

Each member will spend some time working in the church office. And, of course, each member will bring his own hymn book and a candle to light the building for the evening meetings.

Isn't it a great idea? A new day is dawning for our church! Would you really want it this way?

If not, give God ten per cent of your income and the church can operate in the scriptural manner.

But actually - your church needs no money! You are the one who uses the heat, light, water, and music; you are the one who calls on the pastor when you are in need; you enjoy the services of the janitor and the office staff. You are the one commanded to go to the ends of the world to bring the gospel to every creature. Your missionaries go for you.

So, which will it be? The weekly candles and mops, or the weekly envelope containing the tithe?

*"Somebody did a golden deed,
Proving himself a friend in need;
Somebody sang a cheerful song,
Brightening the skies the whole day long-
Was that somebody you?"*

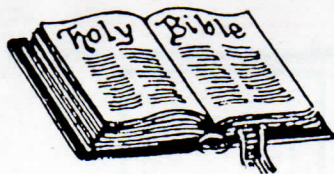
*"Somebody thought 'tis sweet to live,
Willingly said, 'I'm glad to give';
Somebody fought a valiant fight,
Bravely he lived to shield the right,-
Was that somebody you?"*

*"Somebody made a loving gift,
Cheerfully tried a load to lift,
Somebody told the love of Christ,
Told how His will was sacrificed,-
Was that somebody you?"*

*"Somebody idled all the hours,
Carelessly crushed life's fairest flowers;
Somebody made life loss, not gain,
Thoughtlessly seemed to live in vain,-
Was that somebody you?"*

*"Somebody filled the days with light,
Constantly chased away the night;
Somebody's work bore joy and peace,
Surely his life will never cease,-
Was that somebody you?"*

*Only one life, 'Twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.*



Marva Jo Gibbs

Marva Jo Turner was born February 26, 1943, to Leonard and Jo Turner at Hardesty, Oklahoma and passed from this life November 20, 1984 at the age of 41 years, 8 months and 24 days, after an extended illness.

Marva was united in marriage to Doyle Gibbs on December 5, 1964. Two daughters came to bless this home, Rena and Faye, who both live at home. Besides her two daughters who leaves to mourn her passing, her husband Doyle, her mother, Jo Turner Wiles, and one she thought of as a second father, Doyle Wiles, both of Decatur, Ark., sister, Marcena Clark of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and also a number of nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Marva was preceded in death by her father in 1970.

Marva attended schools in the Panhandle of Oklahoma and Texas. She then moved to Arkansas where she graduated from High School at Siloam Springs in 1961. Marva then attended 2 years of Bible College at Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Marva was a loving wife and mother. She was saved at an early age and was faithful to the Lord and attended church faithfully until her illness prevented her from doing so.

Willia Lea Zuck Arpoika

has gone to be with the Lord. Willia was born into this world in Woodward, Oklahoma on October 27, 1955 and left it just outside of McAlester, Oklahoma on October 5, 1984 in a one car accident.

Upon hearing of the death of his aunt, 14 year old Paul Dean Zuck wrote the following poem.

Why does she have to be dead?
Why does thoughts of her keep running
through my head?
She was so nice to me,
Yet I never let her see,
That I loved her and cared
for her very much.

Why does it have to hurt so much,
Now that we're out of touch?

What's that!
I thought I heard her voice
Saying, "Don't be sorrowful,
be full of joy, for I'm at
a better place now!"

Why can't my mind conceive,
Why can't my heart believe
that she's gone?

Why won't the pain go away?
Maybe because we still had
so much to say - but didn't,
Please tell my WHY.

Pastor Ed Modrick answered Little Paul's questions so beautifully in her services as he shared John 14:1-3, as Jesus told us He had gone to prepare a place for us, a prepared people and how He needed help to be ready for His soon return. God is so wise and could not have taken home a better helper than Willia. Carol Huff-Wright sang two of the songs she, Willia and Kayla Waterbury sang as a trio in times past; "Pass It On " and "He". God blessed us in a special way.

All of Willia's childhood and youth she attended the Apostolic Faith Church of Del City, Oklahoma. Willia was also a December, 1972 graduate of the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas. After that she attended Panhandle State University in Guymon, Oklahoma.

Willia had strayed from God for awhile but had returned to Him. The last thing Willia was working on in this life was fund raising for a gymnasium for Mid-Del Christian School where she had 3 nephews, 2 nieces and a step-daughter attending school.

Willia is survived by her husband, William Lee Arpoika, 2 sons, C. W. Buffalo, age 4, and William Eagle Lee, age 3, also 2 step-children, Islo and Nilaree Arpoika. Her parents, Willis and Mildred Zuck, 3 brothers, Charlie, Paul and Jim, 1 sister, Dayle Graham, all of Del City, Oklahoma. Willia also has 3 grandparents, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and host of friends.

Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.

**ARTICLE VII
DOCTRINE**

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

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Creation and Formation

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

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

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

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.
Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9.

Destruction of the Wicked
Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.
Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.

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

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THE BIBLE AND T.V. GUIDE

On the table side by side
The Holy Bible and the T.V. Guide.
One is well worn but cherished with pride,
(Not the Bible, but the T.V. Guide).
One is used daily to help folk decide,
No! It isn't the Bible, it's the T.V. Guide.
As pages are turned, what shall they see?
Oh, what does it matter, turn on the T.V.
Then confusion reigns, they can't all agree
On what they shall watch on the old T.V.
So they open the book in which they confide
(No, not the Bible, it's the T.V. Guide).
The Word of God is seldom read
Maybe a verse e're they fall into bed.
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be,
Not from reading the Bible...from watching T.V.
So, then back to the table, side by side,
Is the Holy Bible and the T.V. Guide,
No time for prayer, no time for the Word,
The plan of salvation is seldom heard.
Forgiveness of sin so full and free,
Is found in the Bible, not on T.V.

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