

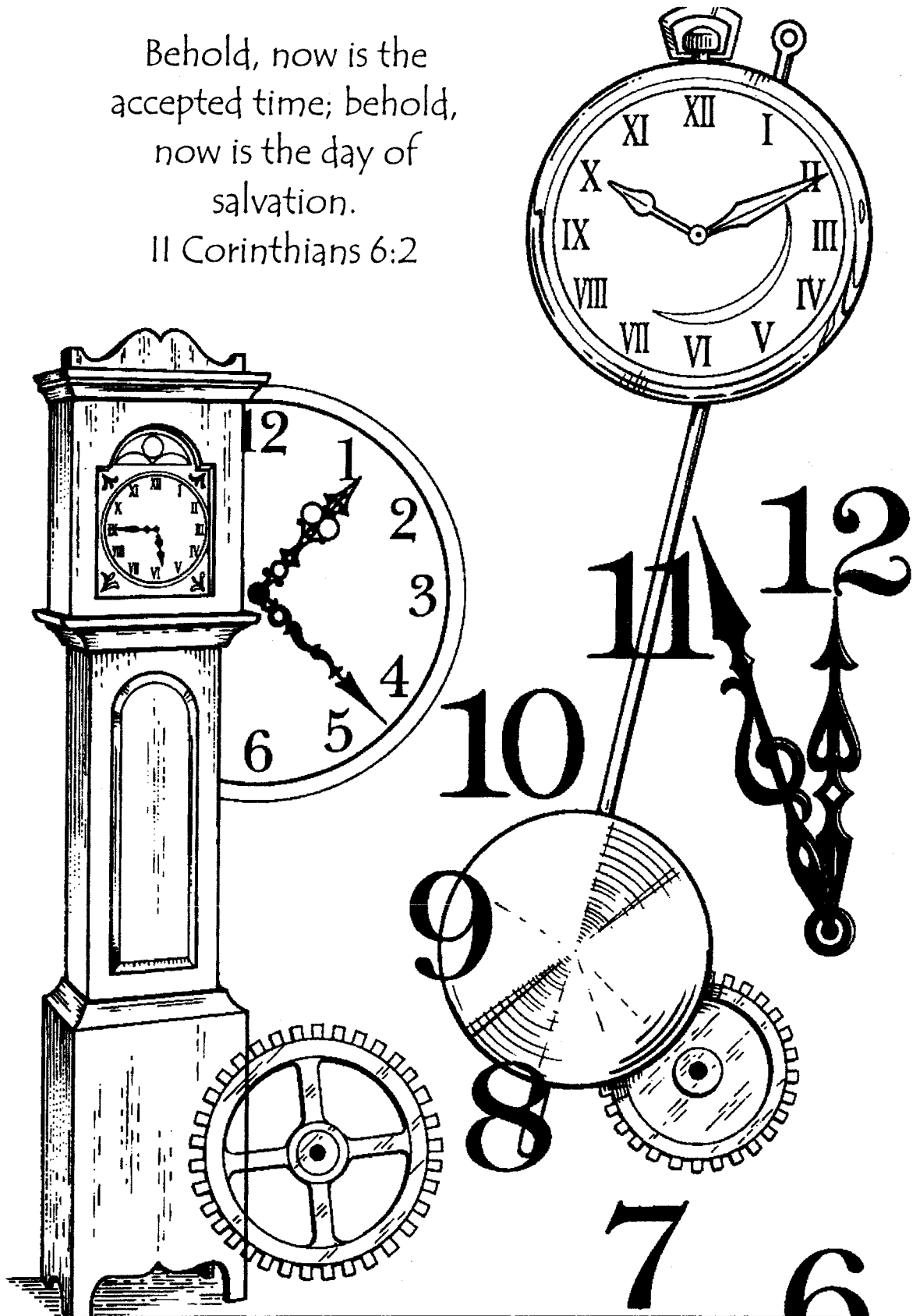
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Behold, now is the
accepted time; behold,
now is the day of
salvation.

II Corinthians 6:2



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

- * Triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- * Creation and Formation
- * Man is basically sinful and in need of salvation
- * Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior, 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 the 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
- * Destruction of the wicked
- * Conditional Immortality
- * Rapture of the Man Child Class
- * Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly
- * A ministry supported by tithes and offerings

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

Crosses Community Church Update

We would like to send greetings from the Crosses Community Church in Crosses Arkansas. The Lord has been so good to us. Out of all of the blessings we have enjoyed, none can compare to the Lord's presence we have felt in every service. What more could we ask for?

There have been several exciting things going on here. Brother Jack and Sister Katherine Cornell came by to see us. We enjoyed the time we got to spend with them!

We had a revival the week of Oct. 24-27th. Brother Roland and Sister Loretta Haney brought the services for us, and we truly experienced REVIVAL! We saw healings, lives rededicated to the Lord, and our spirits were refreshed and inspired. Brother Roland preached with such an anointing, and new seeds were planted, as well as harvested. We pray the Lord will bless them for the work they do to further His kingdom!! We had a church dinner on Oct. 27th and enjoyed the fellowship, and of the course all of the food. Especially those home-made pies!

On Nov. 1st we had our first Youth Lock In. Have you ever been "LOCKED IN" with 31 youngsters aging from 8 to 19 for an entire night???? It was so much fun playing games, crafting, watching movies, and eating pizza. We had a very special devotion time, and then finally around 3:00 a.m., they wound down long enough to take a short nap. We all agree that we need a bigger building!!!!

We have welcomed one new baby into our congregation. Wess and Kristal (Waggoner) Gano brought Quinton Wesley into the world on August 18th. We are all going to enjoy spoiling him rotten! He is the first grandchild for our pastor, and we want to congratulate them.

The Lord has also blessed us with several new families. The Bible says to "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. We are praying with expectations of seeing more souls being harvested. We pray for your churches also. Our time is short, and if ever there was a time for the laborers to be called to action, it is now!!

- Keep us in your prayers.

Honor the King

By: Darla Oakes

The hosts of heaven were assembled and the Almighty One sat proudly on His throne looking over all of His creation. All waited with bated breath for the great God to speak. At last, He moves and stands before them.

Like a great thunder His voice booms across the heavens. "The time to honor the king has come. Whom shall I send? Who will go for me?" No one moved or said a word, for they did not fully understand. Then, one by one the angels stepped aside as a man, clothed in white linen, approached the throne. Power emanated from every pore of His being and everyone He passed bowed in reverence to the only begotten Son of God.

God looked lovingly down at His precious son and beckoned Him to His side.

Jesus remained where He stood, stretching His arms wide. "I will go Father. I will bring honor to your name, and teach others to do the same." A shadow of sadness passed over the Almighty's face as He beheld His son. Then, with a nod of approval, God sent Him to earth, where Jesus taught men to love, honor, and obey. There were those that mocked and refused to believe, and in the end killed God's most precious gift. Yet through it all, Jesus remained true, and entered heaven once more.

"It is finished my Father, the work has been done. A vessel of honor each one will become. Let me fill them with power and strength to go on; for I left them on earth to finish what I have begun."

God looked on His son with love and with pleasure, and gave Him a vessel of oil. "Good work, my dear son. I shall grant your request. To those who accept us, give this my bequest." Jesus obeyed and poured out the Holy Spirit; fulfilling His mission to all; for a living example and a future unending. It's time to Honor the King.

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At The Beginning of a
New Year

OUR TASK IS TO GO.....
OUT from the warmth and joy of fellowship in
our church
OUT because He commanded us to go
OUT because He made us His ambassadors
OUT in obedience because we love Him
OUT because we do care for the lost

INTO THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES.....
WHERE a baby is born every two seconds
WHERE parental and juvenile delinquency is
rampant
WHERE an immigrant crosses our borders every
two minutes.
WHERE life's highway leads to school, shop,
office, store or farm
WHERE people are groping for reality

AND COMPEL THEM TO COME IN.....
THAT the seeker may find truth
THAT the sorrowing may find comfort
THAT the weary may find rest
THAT the troubled may find peace
THAT the sinner may find eternal life
THAT the Christian may train for service.

HELP US, LORD

HOW DOES THE CHURCH GROW?

I am sure you have asked yourself this question many times. I know as a Pastor, I have heard this question many times. I have heard that this question faces 98% of the Churches of the world today.

One day I was meeting a friend of mine, who attended Apostolic Faith Bible College, with me in 1968. His name is Rev. Robert Hill, who now pastors an Assembly of God Church in Spiro, Oklahoma. In our conversation the subject of Church growth came up. He leaned across the table and asked, "How many sinners do you have in your Church."

I began to think about the question, and then I realized the answer to the question of "How does the Church Grow." Since that time I have looked at Church growth differently.

To answer the question what better place to look than in Gods Holy Word.

Christ began His Church by calling two men from their vocations to follow Him. Matthew 4:18-20, "AND Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers, And He said unto them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed Him."

From this encounter the Church had its beginning. Two lives that were changed and their vocation now has a new meaning. From a meager human livelihood that only provided for the physical needs to "...laying up treasures in Heaven." Now look what happens, Christ seeks out others, and ends up with twelve disciples!!!

Christ now has the task of instructing these twelve in the fundamentals that would set the Early Church aside from any other form of worship.

Matthew 4:23-25 "...And Jesus went about all Galilee teaching...preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom...healing all manner of sickness...and diseases...He healed them all...And there followed Him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and from Judaea, and

from Jordan."

In Chapters 5-7 of Matthew, Christ begins the process of teaching the disciples the fundamentals that we still hold in high regard. In Chapter 8, Christ goes to the mount for learning, and comes down to teach.

As John the Baptist taught the people, "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" this same Gospel is followed by Christ Himself. This message is the theme of the Four Gospels. *Without repentance we cannot enter into the Kingdom of God!!!* Martin Luther, in his manifesto, acknowledges that the "Just shall live by Faith." Without humanity recognizing that Christ is the "Way, Truth, and the Life" and accepting Him as their personal Saviour we are still lost, without hope in God's plan to redeem mankind.

John 3:16 states the message for the growth of the Church. "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."

The problem "empty pews." The answer "sinners." We have the great commission telling us to "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." Mark 15: 15,16

This commodity of "sinners" far outnumbers the Christians. "Enter ye at the strait gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matthew 7:13,14 "...The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few: Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." Matthew 9:37,38

Where do we go from here? Should we reevaluate our position? Are we doing a good job in getting the message of Christ to the sinner? Christ told us, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 12:32 The key in this verse is

“Christ lifted up.” Christ instituted the Church in the beginning of the New Testament age. He gave the Gospel of the Kingdom to the Church, showed us how to put the Gospel into practical work, and then gave His life for it.

Many times we, as Christians, are so bound by past feelings, hurts, and Church politics that we are consumed in defending the Gospel. Did God call us to **defend** the Gospel or to **spread** the Gospel? How many sinners did we invite to Church last week? How many sinners did we share the Gospel of the Kingdom with? Have we been so preoccupied with preserving instead of finding new life that will make even the “Angels in Heaven Rejoice, when one sinner comes to Christ?” What is the value of one soul?

In Matthew, 13, our Lord gave us a parable of the Tares. We read that the enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat. The question was asked in Verse 28 “...The servant said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them (the tares) up. Verse 20, But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Verse 30, Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them but gather the wheat into my barn.”

The Lord has been given the task of Judgment of all humanity. We have been given the task of preaching, teaching, and spreading the Gospel of Christ. Should we spend more time on the task of spreading than of defending?

Remember Acts 2:47b “...And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved.” Does it not sound like the unsaved are vital to solving the “empty pew syndrome?” Does it not sound like the unsaved are vital in answering, “How Does the Church Grow?”

May I ask you, “How many sinners do you have in your Church?”

What do you think we can do about this?

Until next issue.

Yours in Christ,
Chairman of the Board
Austin Sutton

NOW

By: *the Late Gail Schultz*

NOW is the time to seek the Lord while He may be found and to call upon Him while He is near. To procrastinate only makes bad matters worse. Is there such a thing as passing the door of “Desire to serve the Lord?” Our energy along that line seems depleted so sinning and drifting and forgetting does become fixed habits. We become the servants of sin, the servants of the Devil and in minding him add fault to sin and can come to the place where we feel it is a matter of life to live that way.

But counterwise, in the living present, every soul should put on the entire armor of God in full dress and obedience. The net or web of the devil can be mighty strong and many souls are actually baffled as to the “right Way”, so many voices call, so much advise is given, and different Bible views and interpretations can hinder some. Do not go to many for instruction, a faithful righteous friend or two is enough, and with a repentant heart God will open your eyes, cancel your sins and take you into the house hold of faith. Yet there comes a time when something must be done or the time element and shortness of life can bring us to an unexpected end. Jesus came not to this earth in vain. He is your Saviour to—day and your judge in coming days and acts as one among many brethren in eternity's day. You are the one to accept or reject . Another cannot be blamed . They may be a stumbling block to you, but just remember that stumbling block can become a stepping stone, and heaven is cheap at any price.

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Obituaries

Walter Clark Jacobs

Walter Clarke Jacobs, 79, died Saturday October 26, 2002 at Medicalodge of Atchison Ks. Funeral services were held at 7PM Tuesday, October 29, 2002 at the United Methodist Church, Atchison Ks, with the Rev. Doug Williams presiding. The body was cremated and the inurnment of remains will be at a later date at Crescent Hill Cemetery, Adrian MO. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Walter Jacobs Memorial for the Atchison Elementary School Reading Program and may be sent in care of United Missouri Bank, Atchison KS 66002.

Walter Jacobs was born February 10, 1923 in Elmwood OK, the son of Jess Edward and Pearl Evelyn (Clarke) Jacobs. He attended the Garret School near Elmwood OK and graduated from Beaver High School, Beaver OK. He went to college at Pan Handle A&M, but joined the US Navy in 1943. He was stationed on the USS Steel DE-8, a destroyer escort. He saw action in the Asiatic-Pacific and the Philippines. He was honorably discharged in 1946. After his military service, he first attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College studying ministry and then went to Central Missouri State University graduating in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. He received his lifetime teaching certificate in 1951 from the State of Missouri and taught middle school math, reading and social studies for the Butler County School District R-V and for the Cass County District #17, both in Missouri. Mr. Jacobs resided in Kerhonkson, NY for several years and moved to Atchison Kansas nine years ago. In Atchison, Mr. Jacobs was a member of the United Methodist Church, a hospice volunteer, an Atchison Visitor Center volunteer, a member of the Fleming-Jackson-Seever Post #6 of the American Legion, the Riverbend choir, and was a volunteer for the Atchison Public Schools USD 409 reading program.

He married Leota Chitwood on April 20, 1947 in Baxter Springs, KS. She preceded him in death in March, 1982. Survivors include one daughter, Le Fern and her husband Dennis Pike of rural Lancaster, KS, one brother, Les Jacobs of Cassville MO and four sisters, Pauline Messner, Logan OK, Ilene Sanger, Beaver OK, Wilma Clay, Eagle Rock, MO, and Jean Addleman Adrian MO; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Robert Lee Spicer



Robert Lee Spicer was born on September 20, 1923 in Hutchinson, Kansas. He was the third child and only son of Ocee Owen Spicer and Alma Marie Lefler Spicer's four children. His sisters, Dorothy and Helen, were there to welcome Bob at his birth and Nancy came later. Bob had a relatively quiet upbringing, learning his incredible work ethic from his parents, although that work ethic did not show itself very early. During his early grade school years, he often sat on his teacher's lap crying in distress over his homework, resulting in her doing it for him. This probably began his life long love of seeing how far he could tease people.

When Bob graduated from high school, his baby sister, Nancy, was born. He decided it was time to move on, to Colorado. There he began working as a machinist, which became a skill and great talent of his. Bob loved his newfound life in Colorado, but it was soon abandoned to serve his country. Bob joined the Navy after World War II began and served on the U.S.S. Pierce, for four years.

While stationed in California, Bob met the love of his life, Rachel Dorcas Mahan. He and two Navy buddies went into a malt shop in San Diego, California and saw a pretty waitress. His friends bet him \$5 that he couldn't get a date with her. Never one to back down, he asked her out. She responded to this obvious pick-up by inviting him to church the next day, never thinking he would show. But show he did, much to her surprise and the rest is history, although he never did get that \$5.

He soon became friends with her family, particularly her younger brother, Paul Mahan. Bob and Paul often played pranks together, one of which was hiding in a ditch and throwing rotten eggs on a passing hayride.

Bob and Dorcas were joined in marriage on January 11, 1947 in Wichita, Kansas. Soon they began their family. Charlene Ann was born in Wichita, followed by Charles Owen and Jacque Lynne. The family moved to Dodge City for a short time then back to Wichita where they built a house. While Bob worked at South Western Bell, his family grew. Charlene married Keith Barker and had three children: Christopher Dane, Shannon Beth, and Mindy Brooke. Jacque married Larry Hocking and had Elizabeth Ashley, Bethany Ruth, and Mikayah Mishael. This close knit family spent as much time with one another as possible, seeing each other on holidays, birthdays, and just for fun. Bob delighted in recording these family events with his Beta video camera.

After almost 40 years with the phone company, Bob retired and began collecting and restoring coin operated machines. The grandchildren have many fond memories of their Grandad, from the Magic Penny to dancing to the Oldies and watching videos and musicals together. Bob enjoyed his time with his grandchildren, going to almost every activity they were involved in. He also never missed an opportunity to impart wisdom to them such as: "It takes a big dog to weigh a ton." and "Look up and down before you cross the street."

Bob's retirement years were spent enjoying his family, his home and his hobbies. He and Dorcas made several trips to California, his favorite vacation spot. Bob went to be with the Lord on October 29, 2002. He accepted Christ as his personal savior, an answer to the prayers of family and friends and has since leaned on Jesus to be the Author and Finisher of his faith.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents Ocee and Alma Spicer, his sister Dorothy Kemp and his beloved son Charles Spicer. He is survived by his wife Dorcas, his children Charlene and Keith Barker and Jacque and Larry Hocking; his grandchildren Chris and Lissa Barker, Shannon and Matt Ward, Mindy Brooke Barker, Ashley and Jeremeh Murphy, Bethany and Eric Hughes, Mikayah Hocking and Kozue Yamauchi; his great-grand children Anna Elizabeth and Alex Cole Barker.

Bob invested his life in his family, his job and service to his country. Bob Spicer was a man of integrity, a man of his word who sacrificed so that his family could have a better life. He was a much-loved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. It is our privilege to celebrate his life as it is beginning in eternity.

"He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1: 6

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