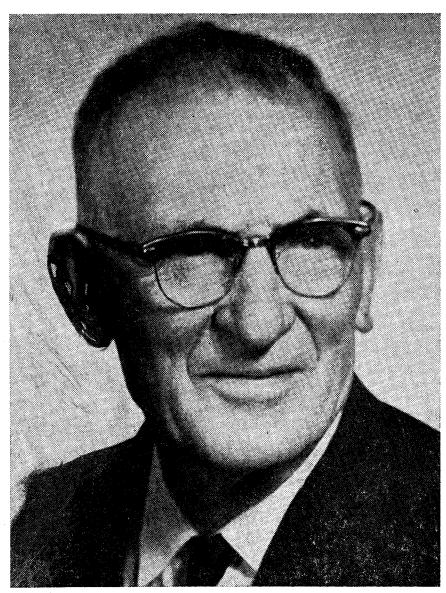
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In Memory



REV. CLAUDE O. BARD

OUR HIDDEN IDENTITY

by Edwin Modrick

The average church has become a mere status symbol. The average church goer seeks this status symbol and consequently has contributed to the poor situation of Christianty in our nation.

The only symbol of value is a Christ-filled church with the true Christian standard. Many church attenders are attracted to church as a result of their beautiful structures, large membership, and social prestige. The only element that should attract individuals to attend church is Christ himself. The Savior has become secondary in the "modern church" as mankind yearns for a name in religion to associate with.

When church attendance, the beautiful structure, and social prestige become the primary basis of interest, the church can easily become a virtual enemy of God.

The identity that accompanies a church name may not be very important. In fact, it is good for identity only. Remember the classical question? "What's in a name?" The name and its identity can be fairly important to a group. Our group of the Apostolic Faith is no exception. Some Apostolic believers are reluctant to properly identify themsevles. We think in terms of Christianity and Protestantism because they are categorically how Jesus would describe that at-majority groups. The word Aposto- titude? Hypocrisy! Can you imalic designates a minority group and hence the reluctance.

We are not able to compete with OTHER churches in membership and prestige, but this is far, far from the initial purpose of soulwinning. The large church has no advantage whatsoever, because God is not a respector of person or church name.

On the other hand, we can become confused when ask some of the following questions. What church do you attend? .. And we possibly say Apostolic, and then this reaction . . What kind of a church is that? That's a new one on me. Apo-what? I've never heard of it. How do you spell it? Or What kind of Baptist is it?

There are even some other groups

larger than we are who bear the same name. We do have the satisfaction of being the original Apostolic group, but let us not make the mistake of sitting on our satisfaction. We have the greatest message on the face of the earth and are responsible to both man and God.

We often refer to ourselves as Full Gospel, Holiness, Pentecostal, or independent. Doesn't the name Apostolic describe us more adequately? Are we not proud to think we pattern our belief after the faith of the Apostles?

The identity of the Apostolic Faith is not lost or forgotten but sometimes is hidden. Since the mapority of the church world is so anxious to annex and merge, does it not make good logic to properly identify ourselves?

When ask what country you are from, do you say the North American Continent? Certainly not! We reply with much pride, "I am a citizen of the United States of America." Why? Because of the identity. When ask the name of the church we attend, what is our answer?

Are some guilty of thinking they will not divulge the name Apostolic because they feel it will be helpful attendance wise? Do you know gine Brother Charles Parham hesitating to explain speaking in tongues, destruction of the wicked, creation and formation, or conditional immortality? Do you think the teaching of speaking in another tongue might be offensive to the unbeliever? Are you afraid to mention other issues of doctrine? This is not the attitude of one church group in our country who teach speaking in other tongues. Incidently, that church has been the fastest growing church in America for the past ten years.

I have never met a stranger who had heard of my name, but I'm not ashamed of my name. I am not going to change my name or drop it as a result. The name identifies me. In spite of this I am contented

to bear the name. How much more should we gladly bear the name of our indentification religiously.

Some Apostolic Faith believers can't spell Apostolic much less explain important issues of the belief. Apostolic or any other name is not sufficient for the soul's salvation, but Apostolic is the identification of the gospel we know to be sufficient.

The name of Apostolic Faith deserves as much respect as Baptist, Methodist, or Presbyterian. Occasionally visitors and travelers have difficulity locating our churches because of several different names in connection. Recently I was asked why our churches used so many different names for the same type church. How would you answer the question? Of course this is not a major point of doctrine, and it is not a matter of heaven or hell, but does it not provoke thought?

Have you ever heard of another church member hesitant in giving the name of his church when ask and telling their beliefs? When we fail in this capacity we tend to show bad character. The worst kind of bad character is bad Christian character.

Perhaps our identity is not lost, our identity is not forgotten, but is our identity Hidden? ??

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It seems to me that we are racing deep into another year, not confused, but penetrating into the unknown by faith. The only thing we do know is the present, plus the revelation and prophecy given by His Word. Also we have the keen power of faith by which we live, and the strong tower of hope in which we dwell. What a bulwark against the enemy of our souls!

Let us all launch out a little further. I know we can only advance as God permits, but are we pulling back, lagging behind, or in the front pushing and charging at every opportunity? I know the Spirit is willing but so often the flesh is weak. Our lack of knowledge, and sympathy and training can hinder. Lack of leadership on our part and the part of others can also restrain us and fear of criticism can block severly.

Of course none of us want to act unwisely, nor fool-hardy, such as to tear down and destroy, but all of us must be led of the Spirit of the Lord, making our desire and conquests known to Him. Our lives must be promoted by love, for here

Pens of the Editors

A Very Special "Thank You"

You will notice we have finished the work of typing new stencils with zip codes for the paper. We appreciated those who helped us as they could with this work. During Bible School Misses Peggy Yeakel, Saundra Bachler, Wilma Glidden, and Joy Bard spent one afternoon until late evening. Also Mrs. Bonnie (Jackson) Comer of Galena and Miss Linda Williams worked as they could. Then the first 2 weeks of this year Misses Lois Riley and Saundra Bachler were with us and during this time we finished the

job.

An additional \$41 was spent for stencils for this work. Our files are in good shape now and we do appreciate those who have spent their time behind the scenes working without fame or glory, typing, and filing, until late in the night.

May God reward them and bless them.

"Thank you" to those of you that have supported this work and have remembered us in your prayers.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Whiteley, Editors

is the foundation stone of success in God.

Let us hear from you. You have the advantage as you hear from us through these pages, but if you do not write, we are left to work in the "Dark". Keep us on your prayer list. Be firm in faith—Be trustworthy for His Cause—Be glad you are one of them that Believe to the saving of the soul. Look for His coming! This hope makes bright your testimony.

May God bless you, In Christian love and keeping, Gail Schultz

CAMP MEETING

Baxter Springs, Kansas 4-State Camp Ground

JULY 27 thru AUGUST 6

First Service Wednesday Night, JULY 26

Addressograph Fund

At the Minister's Meeting held December 8, those present voted unanimously to buy a new addressograph machine for the mailing of the Apostolic Faith Report. The present machine is very old and is beginning to need repair.

It was voted for each church to set one Sunday aside in the month of February for a special offering to pay for this machine. The new one will be electric and fully automatic which requires only 1 person to address the papers which now requires 2 people 3 to 4 hours to complete the job.

Any individual desiring to make a donation for this machine may do so. Please mark your contribution for such as all other money will be put in the paper fund for the cost of printing the paper each month

Jesus is the FRIEND of sinners; but the ETERNAL COMPANION, only of the godly!

Children's Hour...

- Kathryn Cornell



The Rocky Boat

Jesus Calms The Storm

MATTHEW 8:23-27; MARK 4:35-41; LUKE 8:22-25.

Jesus spent all day teaching the people by the Sea of Galilee. When evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us cross over to the other side." The disciples and Jesus went in one boat. Some who saw them leave the shore got into their own little boats and followed.

When they were far out from shore, a storm came up. Great waves dashed against the boat. The disciples pulled at the oars with all their might, but it did no good. If the boat was broken to pieces, they would never see land again.

Several disciples knew the sea well. They had seen it rage before, but this time they were completely helpless in the power of the storm.

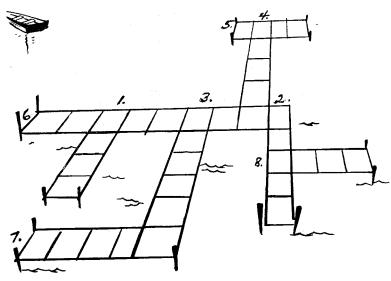
What should they do? Just then a great wave swept over the boat and flooded it with water. Now the boat would sink. How afraid they were!

Jesus was so tired from teaching the people all day that he had fallen asleep. The storm didn't seem to bother him a bit.

At first the disciples did not want to wake him. They knew how tired he was. Now that the boat was about to sink, they ran to him and cried out, "Master, don't you care if we die in this storm?"

Jesus opened his eyes and looked into their frightened faces. He (Continued on page twelve)

By Elvera Douglass



LUKE 8:22-25.

DOWN

- "He went into a with his disciples" (verse 22).
- 2. "He fell asleep: and there came down a———"(verse 23).
- 3. "They . . . awoke him, saying, Master, Master, we——" (verse 24).
- 4. "Then he ______, and rebuked the wind, and . . . The water". (verse 24).

ACROSS

5. "They ceased, and there was a

"He went into a ship with his

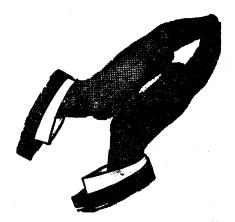
-" (verse 22),

- 7. "He said unto them, Where is your———?" (verse 25).

ANSWER

4. srose ACROSS: 5. calm 6. disciples 7. faith 8. obey

DOWN: Lahip 2. storm 3. perish



Who Are You?

"Every teacher must know his students so he can build his teaching upon their past knowledge. He must know them in order to help them respond to God's Word."

"How can I do this?" you ask. Let us consider this problem first with a Biblical example. Paul taught Timothy not only through words, but with his spiritual relationship. So, the Sunday School teacher must not only teach facts, but also must demonstrate through his relationship with the students what facts mean in a spiritual way in their daily living. This will involve a close tie, a deep level of interaction, between the teacher and the student.

The first step in knowing a person is to know him on the more superficial level. This includes more than just seeing him in one type of situation as the Sunday School class. What is he like at school, at play, at home after a hard day's work?

To know the student on a deeper level of exchange is easier since see and know the teacher. After a student has accepted the teacher, only then will he reveal his true feelings, doubts, and questions. How is this exchange to be brought about?

PRESCHOOLER

With the preschooler the deep level of exchangs is easier since this age has not yet put a mask over his real personality. He is himself and will be in every situation when he is allowed this freedom. Visiting with him at home, after church, at the store, on a picnic, etc. will provide the con-

Teacher's

Notebook

tact needed.

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN

In the years of grades 1-6 children become harder to know and often will conceal their feelings. It is important to have "private time", with these students. They are often sensitive about discussing their problems in front of others. Perhaps you could invite them to a meal, to go shopping (this should be a short trip as to the 5 & 10), or on a hike, hunting, fishing, etc.

TEEN-AGERS

Often teachers of teen agers are afraid to develop a close relationship with their students. Teen agers desperately need understanding and acceptance. This age group is trying to seperate himself from adult authority and control and gain some independence. This often causes them to close the lines of communication with adults.

They need an older person with whom they can have a deep relationship and from whom they can receive guidance. You, the teacher, must first DESIRE to establish this relationship.

First you must be willing to be with teen agers and not let their interests and activities bother you. Many adults feel that youth activities are beneath them; that they cannot take part but must bring the youth to "something better". If you want to gain their confidence and get to KNOW them, you must be willing to become one of them.

You can't participate in or approve everything they do, but you can at least be open to their ideas and accept them for what the are. There is a difference between re-

fusing to approve of doubtful activity and in condemning.

Informal conversion in an informal setting is an excellent way to begin to know the teen-ager. They begin to know you and accept you as you participate in games with them on a picnic, shop with them for supplies for a party, helping decorate for a banquet, or on the riverbank fishing. In these situations the youth sees you as a person that is human, having made mistakes too. As the Holy Spirit leads, you can show them how God's grace has led you and it can lead them. Through informal conversation and through your own example of living, you can lead the student to see what the Word of God means in life.

ADULTS

Obviously a teacher of 30 adults will find it difficult to know every (Continued on page eight)

How Others Do It

To help keep up attendance, make two posters out of heavy card-board with pins to hang name tags of the children. One poster is named "Stray Sheep", the other is "Sheep in the Fold". The absentees remain under "Stray Sheep".

A new child could be given a different colored tag. Punch it for attendance three times before giving them a tag like regular members.

For small children, pictures of children cut from mail catalogs can be pasted on their tags and each one will quickly recognize his own tag.

NEWS from the CHURCHES

JOPLIN, MISSOURI-

Keep us on your prayer list. The death of Bro. Bard has indeed been a great loss to all of us. The Lord has given strength to carry on for which we praise Him.

I want to report the revival conducted by Bro. Homer Coberly of Lubbock, Texas, for us in November. Due to an oversight this report is late. The revival proved a real blessing to many in our church. Especially we thank the Lord for the conversion of Bro. Denny Oakes who is firmly standing for the Lord and growing in Him. He was baptized in water, January 1, 1967. Some other blessings were poured out during the revival and another saved. All this proves that God was indeed with us in the revival.

We had a very good watch night service. Rev. Paul Clanton was the first speaker, and Rev. Onal Nunn the second. We had a lot of good singing and special numbers and testimonies.

The present services are real good and we thank the Lord for blessings in this manner. Come to our open doors of worship any time you can.

Gail Schultz, pastor

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO-

We feel we began the new year just right. Our Revival with Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Huff began and lasted until January 11, 1967. They brought along Sister Carolyn Quesenbury and Sister Margie Kinser.

We saw four souls saved and many were blessed and we could feel the moving of the Lord's power in our midst. We thank God for the victories won in hearts and lives. Although our evangelists have gone their way our prayer is that each of us will keep the Revival spirit burning within our hearts through prayer and studying God's Word.

December 4, 1966, the beautiful new piano the ladies group purchased for the Church was dedicated for the Lord's use. We are so thankful for it.

Young and old alike enjoyed our Christmas dinner and special service December 18.

Leona Winkler, reporter Rev. Jerome Crowhurst, pastor

ROCKDALE, TEXAS-

God has been blessing in our church. Recent visitors in our church since the first of the year have been Bro. and Sister Gene Webster and family, Bro. Ronnie Martin, Bro. Dewey Flock, Bro. Delvin Wiles. Their ministries were a real blessing to our church.

We are looking forward to a Revival beginning January 29 with Lev. Jack Barker as our evangelist, and are looking for God to send us a glorious Revival.

May God continue to bless you in your faithful labors with the Report.

Edwin Waterbury, pastor

GALENA, KANSAS-

Our church is beginning to grow spiritually and in numbers again since our set-back in the loss of Bro. Wade and Sis Jeanelle Williams. We felt the sting deeply but God is faithful to uplift and strengthen those that call on His name. We have had one saved since the first of the year and are looking for a real revival spirit to dwell

in our midst this year with many souls saved and the Christians deepening their lives in the things of the Lord.

We have enjoyed having some visitors in our services in the recent weeks. Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Cornell were with us just before Christmas and Sis Saundra Bachler and Lois Riley were with us the first two weeks of the New Year while working on the typing of the stencils for the paper. We appreciated their help in our services.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

HINTON, ALABAMA-

We are enjoying a good revival at this time with Rev. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon as evangelist. Services have been real good. Several have been under conviction and we hope to see them surrender their lives to the Lord. W appreciate the paper so very much.

George Hintergardt, pastor

GUYMON, OKLAHOMA-

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Girouard recently closed a revival which proved a spiritual uplift to our church. Each message was outstanding and we feel the entire church has been strengthened. Bro. Ronnie Martin will be with us for awhile working with our young people.

Loyce Morgan, reporter Edwin Modrick, pastor

ENID, OKLAHOMA-

We are having wonderful services with one being saved recently. Mrs. Ramona Phares is feeling good and thanks everyone for their prayers. Continue to remember us in your prayers.

Carl Pitts, pastor

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PINE HILL, ALABAMA-

We are glad to report God's blessings upon the work here. We recently published a Birthday and Community Calendar for the church and was able to purchase a new piano with the proceeds. Do remember us in prayer as we begin a Revival this month with Rev. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon as evangelists

Jim Arnall, pastor

FOLLETT, TEXAS—

The month of December has been a busy month at the Follett Chapel. The Lord has blessed in many ways and our hearts are still rejoicing.

Sunday December 18, Bro. and Sis. LaMunyon were with us in services and Bro. LaMunyon brought an inspiring message. The songs which they sung to us were a real blessing. Thursday Dec. 22 our church gave a play entitled "The Living Promise". This program inspired our hearts with the Christmas message.

The ladies of our church have worked hard the past few months on a project to see carpet laid in the church. Due to their efforts, this month, the carpet was laid. January 16 marks the date for a revival with Bro. Harrol Waterbury as the evangelist. A trio of girls will also help: Saundra Bachler, Wilma Glidden, and Carolyn Quesenbury. We are praying for a real spiritual awakening. Please pray for us.

Jack Cornell, pastor

WESTMINISTER, COLORADO—

We are rejoicing in the presence of the Lord; God is good to us and has blessed us beyond measure. We are seeing our little group grow for which we are thankful. Nearly every service we have a few new ones added and we are looking forward to many more in the future.

We are thankful for Bro. James Jones of Longmont who recently returned from Bible School and will be our Youth Director. We are expecting 10 for our first meeting and desire the prayers of God's people for the work here.

We are still conducting services in the parsonage living room though it is very crowded and God is blessing in a great way. We desire the sincere prayers of all the movement that we might be able to begin contruction of our church soon. Under the present conditions of the mortgage on the property that the church owns, we are not able to relocate the parsonage or build any type of public building. Therefore, we are seeking financial assistance from another source to pay this mortgage off and to build a place of worship. The devil is fighting but we know God is mightier.

We wish to thank all the fellow lay-members, ministers and the churches that have contributed financially as well as with prayer to make this church what it is today. Without the help of God and our brothers and sisters in Christ we couldn't accomplish the task that is laid out for us.

Bob Taylor, pastor

MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH, LOGAN, OKLAHOMA—

We are glad to have Bro. Delvin Wiles and Bro. Dewey Flock home from Bible School to help in our services. We are so glad they were able to attend Bible School and bring home such wonderful reports of how God blessed them.

As we begin the new year we all intend to draw closer to the Lord and serve Him to the best of our ability.

Mrs. Deryl LaMunyon, reporter Doyle Wiles, pastor

ALVIN, TEXAS-

We are thanking God this New Year for all His goodness. We have seen Him working in our midst and our hearts almost burst with joy.

We are especially thankful for the monthly APOSTOLIC FAITH REPORT. Its news is always received with eagerness.

We'd ask your prayers for our efforts toward more classroom space and a greater outreach for Him.

Jane Goodwin, Reporter G. K. Kerr, Pastor.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA-

The Lord has opened a work here and is blessing in a wonderful way. Special services were opened on January 5, 1967, with fifteen people present. Praise the Lord, for one saved and one was sanctified. We have out grown our present location and have begun a building fund in order to obtain land for a new church building.

We desire the earnest prayers of all of God's people that we can see the Gospel spread to the lost of this area.

We will be glad for anyone that can come and visit or would like to write us. We would appreciate hearing from our friends in other parts of the world. PRAISE GOD FOR VICTORY!!!!

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PAMPA CHAPEL OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH, PAMPA, Texas—

God is still real to bless His people, and we are thankful. We appreciate the Spirit of the Lord which we have felt in our services and the good prayer services which we have had.

We recently had a short series of services with Brother Otto Busch as evangelist. The church was blessed by this short revival.

We are glad to report that, as God has promised, our faithful efforts will bring forth fruit. We had a record attendance of 53 on Christmas morning, and of 42 this past Sunday. Our Wednesday evening Children's Hour is continuing to be a great success with an attendance of 27 to 38. We are so thankful for Sister Violet's work and her burden to reach the children with God's Word.

We are glad for all who have come, both children and adults, and are praying that the truth which they have heard will cause those unsaved to desire to know our Lord.

The people here have shown good response in a recent decision of our congregation to give regular support to one of our missionaries. Brother and Sister Kenneth Priest

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of Willow, Alaska, were chosen as our church missionaries, and we pray that God will bless both them and us in this effort.

Pray for us.

Mrs. Paul Simmons, reporter Amos Harris, pastor

BUCKHORN, TEXAS-

We have enjoyed so much working with the church here since assuming the pastorate in August. The Lord has been blessing in the services and activities of the church. A group from the church conducts services at the Azalee Manor Nursing Home in Sealey.

James and Janice Orange attended Bible School this term. Both were ordained as Ministers and are now engaged in Gospel Work.

Visiting ministers recently in addition to Brother Barker include Brother Stephen Welsh and Brother James Orange.

Larry Welsh, pastor

Birthday Calendar

JANUARY

3. Kerry Patzkowsky
4 Cheryl Barker
6. Kim Bruce
8 Cindy Patzkowsky
8. Janis Pletcher
14. Chris Steffen
16. Tyler Berry
16. Rocky Gift
20 Danny Bonnet
22. Beverly Allen
22. Larry Gritton
23. Pamela Allen
24. Debbie Keck
25. Ricky Milligan
31 Edwin Paul Simmons

FERRUARY

1	Tony Rasco
3	LaParsha Moderick
5	Beverly Barnes
13	Kathy Morgan
17.	Steve Barker
18	Starla Barker
26.	Keith Waterbury
26.	Mike Barnes
26.	Janis Stubblefield
27.	

1966 CONVOCATION

by Saundra Bachler

Convocation site for this year was in the new church at Katy, Texas. It was truly a Holy Convocation for the Spirit of the Lord was felt in every service. The day began with breakfast served by Bro. and Sis. Roland Busch of Katy. The "Cook Shack" was located in the V. F. W. hall just south of the church. Bro. and Sis. Busch, assisted by many others, prepared three good and nourishing meals each day.

After prayer, which was at 9:00, came our morning Bible Study which rendered both old and new concepts to our Sword and Shield, the Bible. Edwin Modrick, Jimmy Wallis, Jim Fox, Ben Barker, and Austin Morgan brought these inspiring lessons.

Also at 10:30 Children's Church was held under the direction of Sis. LalMoyne Fox of Balko, Okla. There were approximately 30 children attending each day.

Many blessings were also received at the 2:00 service. Eugene Webster, Gene Cornell, Danny Robinson, Jim Arnall, and George Hintergardt brought the afternoon messages.

Young People's meetings were

under the direction of Rev. G. K. Kerr and Ronnie Martin each evening at 6:30. Bro. Edwin Modrick of Guymon, Okla., arranged all of the special songs. The evening choir was under the leadership of Rev. Bennie Stanberry with Sisters Peggy Morgan and Fran Waterbury as pianist and organist.

Each evening service proved to be fruitful. Messages were brought by Otto Busch, Jake Regier, Lowell Long, Bill Allen, and Roy Wooster. G. R. Kerr and Larry Welsh were the speakers for the services watchnight. The last service was concluded with Communion and prayer.

Many victories were gained in the Convocation this year with some being saved, some sanctified and some were filled with the Holy Spirit. Let us all look forward to this New Year and find the place where God would have us serve to win the lost to Him, pressing on to greater victories through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The committee expresses a grateful thanks to all who attended, to the ministers for their fine instruction from the Word of God, and to every one assisting in any way.

Teachers Notebook

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student on a deep level. However, he can have members in for a meal, for ice cream, etc. and try to open himself to them so they will respond in like manner. This level of understanding can then be encouraged between class members also—much like the relationship we find in II Timothy 2:2.

The idea of fellowship is the very heart of the adult program. This fellowship is what actually ran the early church. The people held things in common as they shared life together.

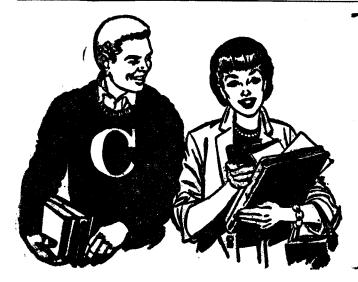
We must develop this fellowship among our adult groups. It is possible only as adults begin to share their real selves with one another, as the Lord and his disciples shared a fellowship relationship. They were one in mind, in work, and in

life goals. This relationship is accomplished only as they share themselves with one another. As Christ shared Himself with us and for us, we seek to share ourselves with others.

As we communicate in our family kitchen over a bowl of steam ing chili, we establish the kind of relationship which can bring about deep changes in other personalities as Christ's spirit works through us. "Ye are the salt of the earth . . . Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Matt. 5:13a, 14.

GEM OF TRUTH

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Eph. 6:11



Crusaders for Christ

12 INCH ANSWER

QUESTION: America is known as a land of Slang. Where must I set the Curb?

ANSWER: "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God." Psa. 50:2.3.

America is well known for its use of slang expressions, a condition which makes it doubly hard for foreigners to learn our language, or rather to carry on a conversation with us.

Slang really covers a vast terrotory. Originally it was the professional jargon of vagrants, thieves, etc. Not a good beginning, is it? In some instances it is popular but unauthorized language regarded as inelegant. It is used colloquial to abuse with vulgar language, etc.

There is much more that can be said about slang, but this is enough to know that in its mildest form, it is not the best to be used by Christians.

David said, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, Oh Lord, My strength and my redeemer." If the words of our mouth are going to be found acceptable in the sight of the Lord they will not be drawn from slang expressions, however mild they may seem.

These expressions are used so freely about us that many fall in the habit of using them thoughtlessly. If we listen to our speech with a critical ear, there may be more of us guilty, at least to a de-

gree, than we realize.

We have been speaking of slang in a general sense, however, there are a few expressions, used among some Christians, that in definition go beyond slang, yet are considered such by many.

I wonder, as I write these lines, if there are any of you who would think of taking God's name in vain, yet hae been fuilty of using such words as "golly" or "gosh". Gosh that one implies the other. Golly, a euphemism for God. A more pleasis correlative of God, or so related ing word used in the place of one that is plainer but might be offensive.

"Gee" is a form of Jesus. Are there those among you who would shrink at the thought of using the precious name of Jesus vainly, yet in anger or frustration habitually use the word "gee".

These and perhaps many more words of near profanity actually come under the definition of "Minced Oaths". Words used to suppress or weaken the force of.

Darn, also durn or dern, is defined as mild profanity. Correlative Damn. Therefore, such words as darn, darned, and darnation are mild forms of damn damned, and damnation.

It is true that these words are spoken without the speaker realizing the true meaning of them, however, the vehemence with which they are spoken denotes a force of fury uncontrolled in the heart. "From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

Long before I knew or thought of the actual meanings of these words, when I heard a Christian use them I felt as if they were not saved they would be a generous user of profanity. In the light of the meanings of them, I am convinced of this fact,

James said, "If any among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain". (1:26).

While these are perhaps the most commonly used there are many more words of near profanity. Often expletives are used with such force that they become out of order. I wonder of minced oaths or strong expletives (words inserted for emphasis) do not come under James condemnation when he said that out of the same mouth proceedeth blessings and cursings. (James 3:8-10).

Back to the verse at the beginning of this article. To him that ondereth his conversion aright some feel that the responsibility of our strength lies with the Lord. True the Lord has promised strength for the day, but we must do our part. We order our conversation, we meditate on the laws of God. we keep our minds stayed on Him. the wicked forsakes his ways, the unrighteous one his thoughts. These and more place the responsibility of the "want to" upon us. God's grace is there, but we must go after it. Come boldly to the throne of Grace. The enemy came against us, but we are told to resist the Devil.

A History and Background of the Pampa Chapel Of The Apostolic Faith — Pampa, Texas

We would like to make a report to the people of the Apostolic Faith Movement as to a little of the background of our Apostolic Faith Church here in Pampa, and to bring you up to date as to what we are doing now.

Various laymen and ministers have made inquiries about the nature of the work of our Church here and about what is currently being done, and we feel that the good people of our Movement are due a report of this nature. In so doing, we are not soliciting contributions but merely giving our people some knowledge about what we have acquired and what things remain lacking before we can proceed further in accomplishing the goals which we have set for ourselves in the future. Our trust is in God, and we know our needs will be supplied in His time.

Approximately three years ago we moved into town from Kingsmill, a little community seven miles west of Pampa. The entire group did not leave the Church there as some felt a burden to continue a work in this community. Otthers of us felt a burden and a real need for an Apostolic Faith Church in Pampa, which has a population of approximately 26,000 people. There were no ill feelings at all between the people of Kingsmill and our people. A Church is needed, we feel, at both places, and we pray that God will bless and prosper both Churches.

In October, 1963, Brother and Sister Floyd LaMunyon came to Pampa to help us begin this work. Through their efforts we were able to rent the Seventh Day Adventist Church for \$60.00 per month, which we are still doing. On October 7, 1963, we stanted our building fund with an initial contribution of \$165.00.

It was also through Brother La-Munyon's efforts that we were able to purchase six lots in a most desirable location. The road running east and west of our lots was not paved, but streets on both sides, that is, north and south, were paved. We made a down payment of \$2,000.00 on this property on October 15, 1963. This property was to cost us a total of \$4,000.00. We paid \$100.00 monthly until November 12, 1964, at which time our debtedness was completely paid off. We feel that this property is now worth at least \$9,000.00.

In December of 1963, Brother and Sister Robert Girouard came to labor with us and continued as our pastors until August, 1966. During this time we continued to add to our building fund through both local and outside contributions. The amount which we now have in our building fund totals \$3,144.02.

As we stated earlier, the street in front of our property was not paved. This appeared to be an expense to the Church of \$1,800.00 or \$2,000.00. Believing that God is the Giver of all good things, we felt that a miracle was worked for us in this matter. The dimensions of our property, were 130 feet by 360 feet, and the City needed to purchase 20x360 feet in order to give adequate width to the street. The City paid \$1,800.00 to the Church for this acquisition; this was the exact amount that we found we owed the City for our paving, so we endorsed their check back to them, paying for the paving in full.

In August of 1966, Brother and Sister Amos Harris, Jr., our present pastors, came to pastor this church. At that time it became necessary to either rent or buy a parsonage. We feel that this, too, was miraculously worked out by the hand of God. A man who was taking a job in another city, needed to sell his house, and he only wanted us to take up his payments, asking nothing for his equity. His payments were \$70.00 per month. With the exemption for church ownership. this amount will be reduced by the amount of taxes. Our payments will run \$60.00 per month. This amount is much smaller than the amount asked for most rental property here in Pampa. (The house next door to the parsonage is of approximately the same structure, size and value as the parsonage and is renting at this time for \$90.00 per

month). Buying this property did not require us to take anything from our building fund, nor did it cost us anything other than simply beginning to make the monthly payments. It is also conveniently located only two blocks distant from our church lots which we own.

Prior to Brother Girouard's leaving the church here, we voted to accept a set of plans for a church building on our lots. We took bids on material and labor, each of the bids being approximately \$31,000.00. (This amount did not include interior furnishings for the church, that is pews, pulpit, etc.).

We checked with various loaning agencies and found that we would need at least \$10,000.00 in cash on hand before we could arrange for a loan. (Loaning agencies have told us, in fact, that it would be necessary for us to have this much cash plus lots free of any indebtedness before they would consider loaning the balance of approximately \$20,000.00.) In addition to these requirements, they would want ten family heads with good credit standing to be responsible for this note. We now have 4 or possibly 5 consistently financial supporters in this church. We are presently striving to win souls to Christ as well as to instruct the people now attending in the blessings of giving in order that we might build up a congregation and look forward to building a physical building.

We are aware, of course, that time and circumstances in the building and loaning companies may change the prerequisites for both loaning money and building, and that we might possibly be able to arrange for loans and building costs with different requirements altogether. We plan to continue looking into this, and of course, if it is possible to make better arrangements in these matters, we will do so.

We are anxiously anticipating the time when we can begin to build a physical structure, and until that time, we are laboring to win the lost to Christ and build a spiritual lighthouse with the truths of the Gospel.

We are encouraged rather than (Continued on page twelve)

Obituary Of Rev. Claude O. Bard

By Gail W. Schultz

Rev. Claude O. Bard has finished his labors and entered into rest from his home in Joplin, Mo., Jan. 4, 1967. He was born near Seneca, Mo., September 9, 1889, thus his life's span reached over three fourths of a century metering out 77 years, 3 months and 25 days.

I recall many interesting events that happened to him in his charted course that he related to me in our many conversations. His child hood was made rather hard and difficult because of the death of his father at a very early age. However his industrious view and determination carried him along a good business career. Especially to him, his life's greatest success was his religious experiences. He was converted many years ago and became a devout adherer to the Apostolic Faith belief. To his convictions he remained steadfast and unmovable over thirty years, to the very end. He was instrumental in establishing the Apostolic Faith Church from which his funeral was conducted. Not only are we reaping the benefit of his sacrifices here, but in other forms of service. He has pastored and evangelized. He conducted many revivals with in the churches of the Movement and in many new fields. His prayer life reached out to many that asked for and depended upon his petitions

to his heavenly Father. We shall meet, but we shall miss him, for there indeed will be a vacant chair.

On June 19, 1915, Mr. Bard was united in marriage to Miss Mittie Hayes. To this union was born four sons and one daughter. Clay, James, Jack, and Max Bard all of Joplin, and Mrs. Bonnie Clanton of Baxter Springs, Kans. He also has 19 grandchildren and 5 greatgrand children. He was proud of his family and guided them and admonished them to be followers of Jesus, even as he had been for so many years. His death was not a defeat, but a release from the vineyard of the Lord. For of these it is written, in Rev. 14:13, "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence forth; yet, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow

Indeed his long and eventful life was seasoned with salt, such as the Master giveth.

Rev. Olen Bachler and Rev. Gail Schultz officiated at the service with Sis. Fran Waterbury, organist. The Joplin Church Quartet sang "In Times Like These", and "No, Never Alone". Members of the Quartet were Bill Forbes, Lee Oakes, Mrs. Faye Forbes, and Nig Forbes.



It's a BOY!

Want to shout it right out loud.

"We had a boy and are we proud!"

Born Nov. 29, 1966, and weighs 7 lbs. 13 oz.

We call him Delvin Mark.

Parents: Rev. and Mrs. Ollie Kinser

Items Of Interest

The Mississippi Youth Camp and Camp Meeting will be combined this year with the date beginning June 25th thru July 2nd. Regular youth camp services will be conducted through out the day with classes for all ages and the regular Camp Meeting Services each afternoon and night.

The Committee invites you to come and enjoy this time of encampment and fellowship.

Committee:
Rev. Jim Arnall
Rev. George Hintergardt
Rev. Leon Smith
Rev. Jack Shanley

Ordination Services

During the Ordination Service on December 8, 1966, at the close of the Apostolic Faith Bible School the following were ordained as minsters: Billy Harris of Roswell. New Mexico; Jay Smith , Willow, Alaska; James Orange, Bellville, Texas; Janice Orange, Bellville, Texas; Cheryl Lohmann, Guymon, Betty Okla.; Ireland, Baxter Springs, Klans.; Delvin Wiles, Logan, Okla.; Janice Burns, Taney-ville, Mo.; Dewey Flock, Follet, Texas, and Keith Barker, Katy,

Of the above group 2 were sons of ministers now on the field; Delvin Wiles, son of Rev. and Mrs. Doyle Wiles and Keith Barker, son of Rev. and Mrs. Winston Barker.

Gospel workers ordained were: Saundra Bachler Katy, Texas; Carolyn Quesenbury, Hardesty, Oklahoma; Ginger Hufff, Okla. City, Okla., Margie Kinser, Hastings, Colo.. Nell Morgan, Hempstead, Texas; Linda Shook, Beaver, Okla., Carol Mathews, Hempstead, Texas; Hazel Burns, Taneyville, Mo.; Lois Riley, Spearman, Texas; and Carl Jelsosky, Roswell, N. M.

Saundra Bachler is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Olen Bachler and Ginger Hufff is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Gene Raney.

Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but doesn't get you anywhere. ——

History at Pampa, Texas

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discouraged, but we are desirous of the prayers of each of you that we will be lead by the Spirit of God; then we know for certain that our efforts, combined with yours, will not have been in vain.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each one outside of our Pampa Church for your generous contributions and also for your prayers.

We believe in the soon return of our Lord, but we are firmly convinced that we must occupy until He comes — and we hold the promise that "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus."

Paul Simmons, Board Chairman Amos Harris, Jr., Pastor

Jesus Calms The Storm

(Continued from page four) asked, "Why are you so afraid?

Don't you have any faith?"
As the disciples watched, Jesus stood up and spoke to the wind and the sea, "Peace, be still." At the sound of his voice the storm stilled. The sea became quiet and calm.

How amazed the disciples were! They asked one another, "What kind of man is he that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

And they thought much about the Master's great power.

The baby helped shell beans to-day;

Saved the waste — threw the good away.

I thought how patient God must be

When I help Him like she helps me.

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Let us remember our boys in service and write to them whenever possible at all. They need our prayers and encouragement. An address with an A. P. O. number in San Francisco should not include the state name of California. Just write "A. P. O. San Francisco" — plus the zip code.

THE WORLD'S BIBLE

We are the only Bible The careless world will read; We are the sinner's gospels We are the scoffer's creed. We are the Lord's last message, Given in deed and word. What if the type is crooked? What if the print is blurred? What if our hands are busy With other work than His? What if our feet are walking Where sin's allurement is? What if our tongues are speaking Of things His lips would spurn? How can we hope to help Him And hasten His return?

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-Selected.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

What would you do if the Lord took your contribution on Sunday and multiplied it by ten, making that your income for the week? How much would you make? Would you be satisfied with your salary?

If the Lord "prospered you as you give" instead of asking you to "give as you have prospered", how would you fare?

It makes us think of an old saying, that maybe you have heard before. . . .

"I'd better start giving to the Lord as He gives to me, lest He start giving to me as I give to Him." —Selected

THE HIGH COST OF INFLUENCE

A student in a certain university enjoyed an influence for good over the student body. The President called him into the office and asked him, "Harry, why do you have such a good Christian influence over the entire school? I would give the world if I could have that kind of influence". The student, replied, "THATS WHAT IT 'COST ME.' I Tim. 4:12.

EXCEPT TO PRAY

I sometimes wonder, at the close of day,

If anything I've done, except to pray,

Has been of real and everlasting worth,

Or sped the coming of God's rule on earth.

I spend so much of time and strength and care

For selfish trival things that fade —but prayer,

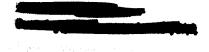
Once prayed endures eternally; like tides,

Perpetually active, it abides

—Selected

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