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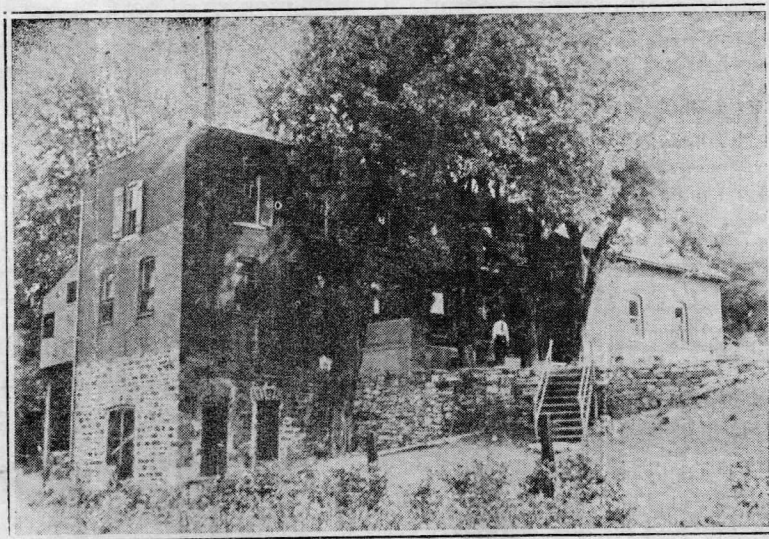
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—A FAITH SCHOOL—

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HOME OF THE BETHEL BIBLE SCHOOL

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The "Parham Home" which has been a consecrated home for God's servants the past twenty-five years will be the home of the Bethel Bible School and a Memorial to the Ministry of the late Chas. F. Parham.

"Earnestly Contend for the Faith Once Delivered to the Saints"
Jude 3

A VICTORIOUS BATTLE



Several requests have come in wanting to know about the progress of the Bible School and how everyone is getting along. I have been requested to make some remarks in this issue of the paper in regard to the Bible School.

We are very happy to send this issue of the paper to you, known as the Bible School edition. I feel that there might be a brief mention of the beginning of the school. When we sent out the circular letter, several thousand copies, the Bible School was at once placed before hundreds of people in this Holy Ghost Movement, and it created a desire to know of the beginning of the Apostolic Faith Movement and the out-pouring of the latter rain. This is a great step of faith and a united, forward move to help spread this wonderful message at this needed hour. We realized the great charge to God and responsibility to the students that would come to the Bible School, and also to the people of the faith. Much work and preparation was done to make it possible for the School to be in the home.

We were ready to start the school for the glory of God and such a wonderful prospect for a beginning aroused the attention of the devil and he came in, in an unexpected way, in sickness, and I was sick with the flu and in bed when the Bible School began. Shortly after the school started Brother G. W. Schultz had the flu which resulted in pneumonia. The Lord came to our rescue and touched our bodies and we are surely rejoicing at this time in the goodness of the Lord.

We have the most eager and earnest students studying the word of God, and a spirit of prayer and love prevail. Some are ministers, evangelists and gospel workers, others are seeking the truths of God to prepare themselves for active service.

Dear reader, do you realize the responsibility that is upon us as a Movement at this time? God so gracious in His love and mercy saw fit, thirty-seven years ago to pour out his precious Holy Spirit upon a Bible School in Topeka, Kansas, under the leadership of the late Chas. F. Parham and God in such a wondrous way blessed his ministry from that time on, being free from denominationalism, creed and ism, that he blazed a trail across the country with a dyna-

mic message, full of fire and power that blessed thousands of people; until today into the tens of thousands have received the precious baptism of the Holy Ghost. It is a well known fact throughout the world today that God so graciously blessed this simple and yet so wonderfully consecrated Bible School thirty-seven years ago in Topeka, Kansas, and as results such a glorious movement was started.

Do you know the responsibility that is upon you and upon me in this movement, bound together by the bonds of love and unity of the spirit, to carry on such a wonderful work for the Lord? Do you know they are looking to us for help and to see the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in our lives and Movement? That I feel it is time for each one of us to go on our knees before God in fasting and prayer until the gifts and graces shall be manifested, that the world, the Apostate Church and backslidden believers shall be aroused to the coming of the Lord.

We truly feel that every undertaking is a battle, but we feel that it will be a victorious battle because we are doing it in the name of the Lord and for His glory. We ask you to hold our hands up in prayer while we are striving to do His will in all things.

Your Servant,
ROBERT L. PARHAM,
Bethel Bible School.



APPRECIATION

We greatly appreciate the teaching of Brother Millard Brown during the illness of Brother Robert Parham and Brother Gail Schultz who came to the Bible School in time of need. His untiring and valuable service rendered will long be remembered in the hearts of the students and the Bible School.



THANKS TO YOU

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to the churches, missions, young people and individuals, who have sent quilts, comforts, blankets, money and food stuffs to the Bible School. We appreciate also the gift of song-books given by Thoro Harris, Gospel Song Book Publisher, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas. May the Lord richly bless you for it, is our prayer.

BETHEL BIBLE SCHOOL.

SOME FACTS CONCERNING TITHING

(By Mrs. Mamie Sutton)

When we come to the realization that we are God's, and all the earth belongs to Him: As we find in Deut 32: 6. "Do ye thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? is not He thy Father that hath bought thee? hath He not made thee, and established thee?"

Also Psalms 24: 1. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."

Psalms 50: 10 He says every beast of the forest is His, also the cattle that are upon a thousand hills."

In Hag 2: 8. He tells us the silver and gold belongs to Him.

We know that in the Old Testament, God required tithes of the land, the seed of the land, the fruit of the tree, of herds, of flocks, etc. They were also to give freewill offerings, according as God had blessed them. There are several scriptures in the Old Testament showing that these were required of God's people and they obeyed.

Some Christians would like to believe that tithing was done away with after Jesus came and fulfilled the law; but we find that Abraham, in Gen. 14: 20, gave tithing to Melchizedek who was priest of the most high God (Christ was a priest after the order of Melchizedek.)

We also find in Gen. 28: 22. That Jacob vowed a vow, saying: If God would be with him and keep him, etc., he would give a tenth of all that God gave him. These happened before the law was given; approximately B. C. 1913-1760. The law wasn't given until about B. C. 1491.

We, not only have many scriptures in the Old Testament, but also in the New. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said: "It is more blessed to give than receive." Acts 20: 35. Also in 1 Cor. 16: 2, "Upon the first day of the week, let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper."

Now, when we study these facts we can begin to see the reason why we should return to God one-tenth or tithing of which God has so graciously given us. I firmly believe that if the Christians would tithe, God would do just as he promised in Mal. 3: 10.

Instead of tithing, many are afraid to trust God, thinking if they tithe they will starve. I

want to say, if we fail in this, we fail in all.

There are many of God's messengers who suffer because we fail along this line.

Furthermore, if we fail to tithe, God will surely let the devil collect, with interest. You may say, in what way? Thieves breaking in and taking more than your tithing amounts to, in repairing your car, in loss of crops, loss of stock, and numerous other ways.

My admonition is: Pay your tithes, also gifts and offerings.

GOD IS STILL ON THE THRONE

I had been tormented with a demon spirit since the time of my mother's death last spring. I would have nervous spells and then it seemed that every time I said or did anything, no matter what it was, I would be tormented. For instance: I would have such thoughts as these: I guess that they think you're fine, you never even spoke to them or you never testified. I was so bound by the devil that try as I might, I could hardly testify at all and if I did I could not enjoy the rest of the service because my testimony was so empty and meaningless. I felt like everyone was making fun of me because I stood for divine healing and lost my mother. I knew this wasn't true, but the devil tried to tell me it was.

I heard about the Bethel Bible School and I prayed earnestly for the Lord to provide a way for me to go and the Lord certainly made the way.

On Jubilee night, January 26, at Bethel Bible School, I heard a sermon on Demonology and after being tormented all night I decided to tell someone and see if they could help me. I told Sister Pauline Parham and she seemed to understand. They had prayer for me and then the next day, Wednesday, we had all-day prayer and fasting service. I went that morning expecting deliverance in Jesus' name. They prayed for me and I felt the Divine presence of Jesus there. I felt that demon force leaving me and I never in all my life felt so happy as I did that day. I rejoiced all day long.

I've grown by leaps and bounds in the Lord since then and I feel so much closer to him and by your prayers and His help I expect to do great things for the Lord in the future.

Your Sister in Christ,
LUCILLE ROBINSON

HISTORY AND PROGRESS OF APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCHES

Alvin Church, Alvin, Texas

In the early fall of 1906 the late Charles F. Parham, with a company of twenty gospel workers, left Columbus, Kansas, for South Texas. They stopped a few nights at the Aylor home in Orchard, Texas, where God wonderfully poured out his spirit. Going from Orchard to Houston it was necessary for them to change trains at Alvin, Texas, with a lay-over of five hours, (it was also such a journey as this, some time later, when the Baptism of the Holy Spirit fell on the train, ten being baptized). They redeemed the time by holding two street meetings, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The citizens of Alvin were so pleased with the meetings that they requested Mr. C. F. Parham to return and conduct meetings there, which he did. As a result of these services, a church was established in the main part of Alvin. This church at Alvin, Texas, has seen many wonderful revivals and many of those that came into the light of the full gospel in those early days are standing firm today, a living witness to what a living Christ can do for men and women who put their trust in Him. Some have passed on, others have moved and many have gone out from this place preaching this wonderful gospel. God sent in others to fill the ranks that the work of the Lord might go on.

In the fall of 1934 while Brother Alford Whitely was Pastor, Evangelist Robert L. Parham and wife, Fred Campbell and wife, with co-workers, held a tent meeting and helped tear down the old church and build the new one and finish the nice four-room modern parsonage.

In May, 1936, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Parham were called as Pastors to the Alvin church, and are the present pastors. They found the church in a fine spiritual condition, the fruit of a revival held the previous winter by Evangelist Millard E. Brown. Alvin is proud of her fine group of young people who are pressing on into the deeper things of God, backed by the pray-



Brother and Sister
Claude W. Parham,
Pastors of Alvin Church

ers of the fathers and mothers and older Christians.

Not only is the Lord blessing in this church but they are reaching out to help others, in many ways. The Campbell family (J. G.) moved from Alvin to San Leon, near Dickinson, Texas, where another church was established for the glory of God. Another place of worship that we wish to mention is the work of the Lord that is being carried on in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Tix in Galveston, Texas. Mr. Otis Brown who was in the first work at Alvin, is assisting in the work at Galveston. These three places of worship are working together with the pastors of the Alvin church, in a beautiful spirit of love and unity. The young people of the Alvin church have a regular service at Dickinson each Monday night.

Only time and eternity will tell of the fruit of that street meeting held over thirty years ago.

(Editor's Note—In order to acquaint our readers with the work of the Lord being done in the Apostolic Faith Movement, we are introducing each month one of the churches or Missions. This is the first of a series to be presented. We want a picture of your church and pastor to use in this series.)

YOUR PAPER

All down through the ages great things have been accomplished, in a national way, in a church way, when there was unity. This is your paper, this is the official paper of the Apostolic Movement. This is a personal appeal to you as an Evangelist to get behind this paper that those saved under your ministry may know from time to time of your meetings. Urge your converts to take the paper for spiritual food after you are gone, also send in your meeting announcements that they may keep in touch with you. This is your paper: Pastor, Christian Workers, in order that, you may know the work of the Lord everywhere, also sending reports of the progress of your church for encouragement and a means of getting acquainted with the family of God. This paper contains spiritual food for Evangelists, Pastor, Workers and Members. Many read this paper year in and year out and do not see the need of supporting it. Let us give you an idea of what your paper has cost and is costing, not only the cost in money. It has to be proof read three times, every word that goes into it. The meaning must be known or looked up and spelled correctly, much prayer must be back of it that it may be spiritually and doctrinally correct. Your Editor (Mrs. Chas. F. Parham) has carried this financial and spiritual burden many years. In fact, she has lost many nights of sleep, many times used her own money; now her eyes, that she has used that you might receive this printed message from time to time, are fast failing. We are calling on you, Christian friends, to rally as one to support this paper regularly with your money, with reports of your meetings and with your testimonies. Pray as you have never prayed before for her eyes and the means to carry on this work for God. We want the names of every reader at once with or without an offering that we may have the mailing list up to date as this paper has not gone out for several months on account of the lack of funds, also unite with us in prayer that God will provide the money for a job printing shop that tracts by the thousands may be provided to our ministers to help spread this wonderful gospel. At this time this paper is coming to you by the help of the Bethel Bible School Students, under the supervision of Robert and Claude Parham.

We especially solicit your prayers at this time as we feel a greater responsibility, both in a spiritual and temporal way than ever before.

REQUESTS

There has been a number of requests on the part of members of the churches and ministers to give in the near future the names, street addresses and towns of the many churches and missions of the Faith. Also in some issue of the paper to give the names and addresses of all ministers, evangelists and gospel workers. This will take the cooperation of each one, by each church sending in its name and address, and the pastor in charge, also each evangelistic and gospel worker send in his name and address. This would be a directory of the churches and ministers for the people. This will in no wise obligate anyone, but will be a benefit to all.

Mrs. Jessie Dibbens of Wichita, Kansas, is music teacher in the Bible School. She is a very capable and spirit-filled teacher.

Rev. S. E. Waterbury visited in the Bible School and gave some messages of instruction and blessing.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.

As this paper goes to press, Lilian Thistlethwaite, who is a sister of Mrs. Chas. F. Parham, has a severe case of the flu. Please remember her in prayer. She has been one of the old faithful ones of this faith.

IF I HAD MY WAY

I should make you content by taking you gently to the storehouse of your present blessings and counting them over with you; I should make you peaceful and patient by leading you to the Council Chamber of the Universe on whose portal is the ancient legend: "All things work together for good;" I would make you powerful and hopeful by kneeling with you at the feet of Him who said: "Be not afraid, I have overcome the world."

ALLYN KING FOSTER

FLASHES FROM THE EVANGELISTIC FIELDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Evangelist Tica Tabor, wife, and a group of students from the Bible School, opened a revival meeting at the Full Gospel Church (Fifth Street) here in Baxter Springs. The second night of their meeting the Lord wonderfully baptized with the Holy Spirit. The fire is falling and people are receiving the Holy Ghost in the services. Brother Tabor is assisted in the meetings by the Bible School Quartet, and duets and special singing given by The Sutton Brothers, Reno Sisters, Brother and Sister Morris, Jack Bard, Marion Corl, Alex Wisnoski, Mrs. Mary King and Mary Mansee. The choir has been under the direction of Allen Broyles of Houston, Texas, with Eloise Arnce, pianist.

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Evangelist E. W. Dickson and wife, of Magnolia, Ark., who are attending the Bible School, have opened a revival at 1314 South Main Street, Joplin, Missouri. Each one is praying that the Lord will bless in a wonderful way. Brother Dickson will be assisted by the talented musicians and singers of the Bible School from night to night.

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The Convocation, at Laverne, Okla., between Christmas and New Year under the direction of Evangelist Homer Coberly and the Barker Brothers, was a great success. Many ministers, workers and believers of Midwest, Oklahoma, and Texas, gathered together in a spirit of unity and prayer. God rained down His Grace and blessing in a mighty way, and everyone attending felt a real spiritual uplift to press the battle on for God and souls.

Gospel Gleanings

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The young people of the Panhandle of Oklahoma and Texas report splendid victory and progress. From month to month their meetings grow in enthusiasm and interest and God is certainly blessing these Young People's meetings. Many of them have a desire to work for the Lord, and in the coming months and years we will see the results of these Young People's meetings. Every young person in this section of the country should make a special effort to attend these Young People's meetings. Paul Bollinger of Booker, Texas, is president.

South Texas Young People

The South Texas Young People, who meet the first Monday in each month in the different Missions in South Texas, report a spiritual uplift and increasing interest and also a wonderful spirit of co-operation. The South Texas Young People have a vision of going forward in the Lord and everyone is praying for their success. Boyce Tucker, of Katy, Texas, is president.

ROCKDALE YOUNG PEOPLE

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The young people of Rockdale, Texas, communities have organized, and each month have their meetings at different central points. Several churches are in this group and they are delighted with the progress of their young people. It always pays best to serve the Lord.

GREAT WEST CAMP MEETING

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The Great West Camp meeting will be conducted at Roswell, New Mexico, with Evangelist Homer Coberly in charge, July 28th to August 8th. (For further information, address Homer Coberly, Roswell, New Mexico.)

MID-WEST CAMP MEETING

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The Mid-west camp meeting will be held from August 12th to August 22nd, near Elmwood, Oklahoma. The Barker Brothers will be in charge. (For further information address, Barker Brothers, Laverne, Oklahoma.)

THE BLESSINGS OF GOD

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Fire falls at Bible School! On each Monday night there is a public service at the Bible School, which is known as a Jubilee Service, conducted by the students. Monday night, February 1, when the young ministers and workers gave their sermonettes they were so anointed by the Holy Spirit, that tears and shouts of praise went up to the Lord during the service. At the close of the service two received the Holy Spirit. Then after many had gone home the students prayed and shouted until midnight. It will be a night long remembered by those that were present. Some of those that had come to the school have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit.

OBITUARY

William H. Higbee was born near Quincy, in Adams county, Illinois, on September 24, 1869, and departed this life December 23, 1936, at his home nine miles northeast of Fargo, Oklahoma, at the age of 67 years, two months and twenty-nine days. In 1896 he was married to Cora Beasley. During his early life he lived at Nardin, Oklahoma, where his only child, Wilda, was born. He was converted when a young man, and in recent years he accepted the Gospel in its fullness; was sanctified and baptized with the Holy Spirit, and lived a consistent Christian life until the end.

Mrs. Lillie Helen Schmidt, wife of the late J. B. Schmidt, Sr., of Dickinson, Texas, passed away at her home, December 12, 1936. Mrs. Schmidt was born in Galveston, May 11, 1858, and had been a lifelong resident of Galveston county. Rev. N. E. Seavey had charge of the funeral services.

Mrs. B. D. Cooper of Cassiday, Kansas, passed away January 16, 1937. She was saved in an Apostolic Faith Meeting, conducted by Raymond Cox and John Peacock. Brother John Peacock had charge of the funeral services. Let each one remember Brother B. D. Cooper in our prayers.

Mrs. Henry Fuller, of Perryton, Texas, passed away and her funeral was held February 2, 1937. Mrs. Fuller was a very devout christian. She is survived by her husband and several children. Mrs. Ed. Grever, and the Rev. Mrs. Edna Long officiated.

NOTICE

There are only a limited number of the Books of the Life of the late Charles F. Parham left, and those who want one, or would like to have another for a friend or yourself should send your order at once. Special price, while they last, \$1.75 postpaid. When this number is gone these books will be at a premium, and cannot be had.

CHURCH ATTENDING

(By Gail W. Schultz, Selman, Okla.)

In Heb. 10: 25 we are given this information. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. "The Day," refers to the Coming of the Lord and with His coming not far away, all Christians are commanded to gather together, "More." But in place of gathering more, many do not go to church much or at all. We are in the day of falling away. II Thess. 2: 3. This is speaking of falling from grace, but many have fallen from worship and the congregating of themselves in the House of the Lord. Some say, "We can listen to the radio," others, "I can worship at home." neither of these will replace the command to assemble together.

If it is hard for you to go to church, read Heb. 10: 32-33. Do you remember in those first days after you were saved, though the fight was hard, the illumination of your experience gave you a great desire to go to church. If you have stopped going to church, who hindered you? Gal. 5: 7. When we are on fire for God, we will have a joy in going to the house of the Lord. The joy of the Lord is your strength. Neh. 8: 10. One time there was a people that feared the Lord and spake often one to another. God heard and a book of remembrance was made of it. Mal. 3: 16.

Psa. 122: 1. I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. It is here that the word of God is preached. Rom. 10:14. That word will not return to God in vain, in it we find comfort, strength and instruction. In public worship, prayers should be offered and testimonies given, for in so doing exhortation will be given one to another. I Cor. 14: 3.

Many times Jesus went to places of worship and the apostles likewise, to hear and instruct in righteousness. These examples should inspire us to go to church. If possible we should go to all regular and special services. It is in the church that revivals are conducted, souls saved, bodies healed and victories gained that makes us stronger in the great cause for which we stand.

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Some times articles can't be printed at once but are saved for future use.

Change of address, if any, should be sent to us promptly, giving both old and new addresses. This is necessary as papers are not forwarded. Please write addresses plainly.

BRIEF MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams, who have been engaged in evangelistic work, are now pastoring the church at Curtis, Oklahoma, while their pastors, Mr. and Mrs. Tica Tabor, are attending the Bethel Bible School.

Evangelist Hattie Ostrander has been in California for several months, and her personal work there has been a blessing to many.

Evangelist E. W. Dickson, wife and daughter of Magnolia, Ark., are attending the Bible School here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scott, Evangelists, and Clara Shackelford, pianist, are engaged in evangelistic work in the state of Washington. All friends of this Faith desiring an evangelist, can get in touch with them at this address, 1301 St. Hellens Avenue, Centralia, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cornell are now pastoring the church at Adrian, Missouri.

Evangelist Ben Barker and party who have been in several meetings in Southwest Texas, are now in a meeting at Center Point, Texas.

Evangelist Homer Coberly is now in Roswell, New Mexico, making plans to start a revival meeting in O'Donnell, Texas, about February 10th.

Rev. A. B. Stansberry and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Stansberry and family, have been in

South Texas in Evangelistic meetings.

Evangelist Edna Mae Long has been acting as pastor at Perryton Gospel Tabernacle, Perryton, Texas, during the absence of A. B. Stansberry.

Rev. Robert Girourd, wife and family, moved to Katy, Texas, the first of the year, where they have accepted the Pastorate.

Brother and Sister Roy Wooster, who have been working with Rev. Alfred Whitely for the past several months, are taking charge of the work at Alvin, Texas, during the absence of their pastor, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Parham, who are attending the Bible School.

Evangelist Jack Regier and party have closed a revival meeting in Wichita, Kansas, where H. L. Watkins is pastor. They are now at Carnegie, Okla., for a few days before going into future services.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Davis of Long Beach, California, are now engaged in active service of the Lord. Mr. Reuben Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, who is well known to many readers of this paper. His wife, Reverend Myrtle Green) has been laboring for the Lord the past several years at Woodlake, California, where a large Gospel Tabernacle has been built. Brother and Sister Davis will be there in the services of the Lord for awhile.

Evangelist S. W. Ditto, wife and son, Wallace, have been engaged in Evangelistic work at Spearman, Texas.

Evangelist John Hockersmith, of Purcell, Missouri, has visited the Bible School several times.

Evangelist Murphy Barnes is a student at the Bethel Bible School, and has been preaching nightly in the district.

Mr. G. L. Surface of Houston, Texas, who is attending the Bible School, is assisting in the Mission over the week-ends in Purcell, Mo.