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Keep Preaching On!

(Dedicated to the Ministers of the Little Flock)

By Naomi Wogemuth

It may be just a little church among the hills or plain
Yet God knows He can use it although hindrances remain;
For scattered here and there He has few children of His own
Who love to gather often there, and come before the throne;
So He sent you and sweetly says, "My servant, feed the sheep,
I know the corner's dark and needy — still you need not weep —
My grace will always keep you strong, so just keep preaching on."

It may sometimes be a question, why God will keep you there
When work looks almost fruitless amid tears and earnest prayer.
Why does God plant the sweetest flowers out in the desert strand
Where sweet perfume seems wasted, few to see His wondrous hand?
He sees with joy and gladness that you can some good impart —
Perhaps the fragrance of your life may lift a saddened heart,
And though you never reach the throng, why not keep preaching on!

The Lord will surely meet you soon and bless the noble work,
The Gospel always brings results, so preach and never shirk;
The Bible says that men should pray — So brother, do not faint;
I seem to know hid from our sight, is some old praying saint.
It was a prayer in former years that brought revivals down.
May we all help to intercede and gain a victor's crown.
That all the preachers know ere long, it pays to preach right on.

Keep preaching the good old Gospel, yes, now keep preaching on.
'Mid modernism and skepticism, sin and every wrong;
The sweetest story ever told to hearts that long for rest,
The Christ who loves and dies to save — that story is the best!
Then hurl it forth a few more years, be faithful in the least —
Until He calls you to the place of that eternal feast
A few more days defeat the wrong, a little while preach on.

Selected by Mrs. T. B. Tucker

SERMON OF THE MONTH

Jesus Christ

By Mrs. Dale Heil

"Conscript Fathers: In these our days appeared a man named Jesus Christ, who is yet living among us, and of the Gentiles is accepted as a prophet of great truth; but His own disciples call Him the Son of God. He hath raised the dead and cured all manner of diseases. He is a man of stature somewhat tall and comely with a ruddy countenance such as the beholder may both love and fear, His hair is the color of the filbert when fully ripe, plain to his ear, whence downward it is more of orient color, curling and waving on His shoulders; in the middle of His head is a seam of long hair, after the manner of Nazarites. His forehead is plain and delicate; the face without spot or wrinkle, beautiful with a comely red; His nose and mouth are exactly formed; His beard is the color of His hair and thick, not of any length but forked.

In reproving He is terrible; in admonishing, courteous; in speaking, very modest and wise; in proportion of body, well shaped. None have seen him laugh, many have seen Him weep. A man for His surpassing beauty excelling the children of men."

The foregoing epistle is said to have been taken by Napoleon from the record of Rome when he deprived that city of so many valuable manuscripts. It was written at that time and on the spot where Jesus commenced His ministry, by Publius Lentulus, Governor of Judea, to the Senate of Rome, Ceasar, Emperor.

This is the One, that I wish to present to you, the Man of Galilee, not as the world's greatest leader, He is that.

Not as the world's greatest teacher, He is that.

Not as the founder of a great religion, He is that.

Not as the perfect being of the world, He is that.

I wish to present to you the Man

of Galilee, as a life force, here and now. Not as a man, who lived two thousand years ago, but as the great principle, a great law, a great force pulsing in the souls of men today as the mightiest force known to man. A personality, yes, but a life, a dynamic.

As there is a life force in nature, producing harvests; as there are forces in chemistry producing laws of action and reaction; as there is a mechanical force within reach of the mechanic, so there is a life force out of which comes character and destiny. This life force is not only the Jesus of history, but an ever present Jesus, pulsing out into beauty of character, loving service and the glories of destiny.

From whence did Jesus come? Jesus said of Himself, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending." Rev. 1-8. He is described in Daniel as the, "Ancient of Days, whose garment is white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool: His throne is like the firey flame, and His wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issues and comes forth from before Him: thousands minister unto Him." Dan. 7-22.

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life." I John, 1-1.

Jesus did not begin with birth two-thousand years ago; He stepped forth from the boundless universe, the work-shop of the universe. He is the appointed heir of all things by whom also the worlds were made. This earth is the masterly touch of the man of Galilee. "For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist." Co. 1: 16-17.

Jesus both measured the waters

in the hollow of His hand, and meted out heaven with the span, comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance. Isa. 40: 12. He laid the foundations of the earth. He laid the corner stone of the foundations when the morning stars sang together. It was Jesus who shut up the seas. He entered into the springs of the sea, and walked in the search of the depth. The gates of death have been opened unto Him. He has seen the doors of the shadows of death. He knows the breath of the earth and the way where light dwelleth. He fashioned the treasures of the snow and hail. He placed the stars in their orbits. He gave the horse his strength and wisdom to the hawk. He caused the eagle to mount and make her nest on high. The mountains and forests show the mark of His rugged touch. Job.

When one sees that the infinite Artist of the universe, the infinite Musician of the universe is this One, the Man of Galilee, with a setting of eternity and boundless universe, one grasps something of the greatness of His personality.

When the time came for Jesus to appear in human form, an angel was sent to make the announcement. He came to the shepherds upon the hillside of Galilee. A great light shone round about them and they were sore afraid. The angel said, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you Good Tidings of Great Joy that shall be to all peoples." This is the first note of democracy. Half the citizens of Rome were slaves with only a few the privileged ones. But this tidings is to all peoples. "Unto you is born this day in the city of Bethlehem, a Saviour, who is Christ, the Lord." A multitude of the heavenly hosts came and sang their glorious song, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

The Man of Galilee might have come in a spectacular way, as in a chariot of fire, or on clouds of Glory. If he had come this way, the meek and lowly would have been in awe of Him. But Jesus came instead in the form of a helpless babe in a lowly, humble manger.

Jesus, as a young man in Nazareth, worked as a carpenter. He was a

woodsman, a plainsman, a mountaineer; He was a sweaty-browed, callous-handed, rugged, toiling man. He loved the stars, because the stars formed the arena where He had worked so gloriously. He had come to earth to gather a people, who are His jewels, to take them back to this arena of stars.

Jesus had the ruggedness of fearlessness, with a small cord, He wielded it with authority and drove the money changers from the temple. He had the ruggedness of swaying eloquence; the multitudes were held spellbound under the magic of His great personality. At one time, the Pharisees sought the arrest of Jesus. They called for some Roman soldiers to go and take Him. Jesus was preaching to the multitudes and the soldiers fell under the spell of His eloquence. After the message was over, the Pharisees asked the soldiers why they had not arrested Jesus, and the soldiers answered, "Never a man spoke like this man."

Jesus is omnipotent. One day He was approaching into the city of Nain. As He and His company came to the city gates, a dead man was carried out. Jesus had compassion on the mother and He said to her, "Weep not," Jesus raised the young man from the dead and delivered him to his mother. Luke 7-11.

During Jesus' humiliation, it was by prayer that He raised the dead. Lazaris had been dead three days. At the tomb, Jesus lifted up His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me. And I knew that thou hearest Me always; but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that Thou hast sent me." John 11-41-42. When Jesus comes again He will raise the dead by His word.

Jesus has power over the winds and the sea. Matt. 8-26-27.

Jesus has power over demons: they are subject to His word.

Jesus is omniscient. In Him are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Col. 2-3.

Jesus did not commit Himself unto men, because He knew all men, and needed not that any should testify of man: for He knew what was in man. John 2-24. Jesus knew the secret history of people. He told

the woman at the well that she had had five husbands. John 4-16-19. Jesus knew the thoughts and hearts of men and their future choices were also known to Him.

Jesus is unchangeable. He is the yesterday, and today, and forever. He is the Preserver of all things, "And upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins." Heb. 1-3.

Jesus had power on earth to forgive sins. The woman, who washed His feet with her tears and kissed and anointed His feet with oil, Jesus forgave her, her sins. Luke 7-44. To the man sick of palsy, Jesus said, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." Mark 2-5.

Jesus explored the depths of human anguish. He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He was a homeless man. "Foxes have holes; the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath nowhere to lay His head."

Jesus was a poor man. He had not money for his taxes. He told Peter to catch a fish and take a coin from the mouth of the fish for their taxes.

Jesus was a lonely man. He had a few friends but even they failed Him. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus was bent with burdens. He needed someone to stay awake and watch with Him for one hour, but His friends dropped off to sleep and He was alone. He was hated and despised. He was surrounded by injustice. There was not one fair thing about His trial. He was condemned upon the testimony of perjurers.

He was mocked. Because He is the King, a crown of thorns was pressed upon His brow; a weed was put in His hand for His sceptre of power. He was smitten and then asked who had hit Him. His mocking royal robes were removed and His back scourged. He heard a familiar voice, the voice of one of His disciples, cursing and denying. The heavy tree, shaped into a rugged cross was then laid upon His mutilated shoulders: now having nearly died in Gethsemane: having put in the whole night of the trial: having been scourged: is it any wonder that when He went to bear the cross up Calvary's steeps, even His strong body went down under the load? Another is thrust under

the cross and together they go to Calvary.

And there His hands were nailed to the tree; His feet were nailed to the cross; a crypt was made in the rock into which the tree dropped with a thud.

He was there, surrounded by thieves; classed as a robber. He who had been surrounded by symphonies of angels and the glories of the universe are now humiliated; to be classed as a robber and a thief.

The hours passed; His fever came up. He called for a drink, but He was given vinegar mingled with gaul.

Even abandoned of God, He perished as a lost sinner. He cried, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

Is it any wonder that the earth trembled, the stars hid their faces and darkness covered the land? As Jesus' head fell upon His bosom in the agony of death, He beheld the Roman soldiers at the foot of His cross, gambling for His seamless robe. He cried, "It is finished." The death of Jesus is mentioned more than one hundred and seventy five times in the New Testament.

Jesus explored all the depths of human anguish. "He hath borne our grief and carried our sorrows. We did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed. The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all; for the transgression of My people was He stricken."

The dream of the creator was to gather unto Himself a group of people to be His forever. He calls not only the high and lofty, but He loves the lost, the ugly, the outcast, the sinful, the wicked, the terrible.

Jesus loves and transforms Peter, the unreliable, the lying, swearing Peter into one with a passion for loving service.

Jesus loves a woman like Mary Magdalene. The soiled, fallen, wicked lost woman of the gutter. She was not only a woman, who had made a mistake in life; she had repeated her mistakes and became

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FROM MY VIEW POINT (EDITORIAL)

By Gail Schultz

GREETINGS to all the readers of the APOSTOLIC FAITH REPORT for the month of May from Calif. Most of you know that we were called here to El Cajon, close to San Diego, because of the illness of my wife's mother. We are glad to report that she is much improved. While out here we are holding a few services with the Palm City church. They have just had a nice revival with Brother and Sister Otto Busch. One night five received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The church was blessed in general and given new hope and courage. As far as we know now we will be returning to the mid-west soon. We have promised some services with Brother and Sister Bailey in Wichita in May and in June we plan to be with Brother and Sister Waterbury in Logan, Okla. We want to thank Brother and Sister Waterbury for taking the responsibility of this publication for this month. We plan to be in and out of Baxter Springs, Kansas all summer, so write us there at Box 110 any time.

Have you ever driven by the sea shore as I did the other day and

watched the mighty waves play? They are so big, so strong and yet under God's control. Then I think of myself, so weak and helpless and without His protection so useless. Then I cry, "My God, make me adequate in Thy sight for the duties of this day." So many are endeavoring to walk in their wisdom, and work in their own strength. In order to be a success in the Lord a child-like dependence upon His grace is necessary at all times. Fear or mistrust must never enter in. There is power for the powerless. Grace enough to match and meet every need. All we ask is to be big enough, and man enough and strong enough and humble enough to follow the Lord Jesus always.

He has given us His Book, the Bible. It is a book of authority and victory and blessing and guidance. It is the only book that is God given and preserved for man's spiritual development. The Bible is God's personal letter to each of us. The information given therein tells me of former days. Of His redemptive plan, and directs me out of sin into His salvation. For today the Bible is my guide, and full assurance for the future lies within its pages.

These words I read the other day, "If the Lord acknowledges the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a sweet smelling savour, could it also be true that the spirit of murmuring and complaining is a stench to His nostrils?" Let us take warning, the Lord wants us to meet our battles in His name. Let us fight our weaknesses. We may not always understand why things are as they are, but they are sure to work together for our good as we trust Him. The Lord knows the way that I take.

My closing thought and remark for you this month is this. Let us lean upon the Lord more, read His Word with greater reverence, and trust Him more every day. Oh yes, don't forget to pray for a revival in your church. Not just the fall meeting, or the once or twice a year event, but often put forth the sowing of the seed by revival methods. Be sure the reaping is coming. May God bless you.

You can borrow brain, but you cannot borrow character.

Lost - A Boy!

Not kidnapped by bandits and hidden in a cave to weep and starve and raise a nation to frenzied searching. Were that the case, 100,000 men would rise to the rescue if need be. Unfortunately, the losing of the lad is without any dramatic excitement, though very sad and very real.

The fact is, his father lost him. Being too busy to sit with him at the fireside and answer his trivial questions during the years when fathers are the only great heroes of the boys, he let go his hold upon him.

Yes, mother lost him. Being much engrossed in her teas, dinners, and club programs, she let her maid hear the boy say his prayers, and thus her grip slipped, and the boy was lost to his home.

Aye, the church lost him. Being so much occupied with sermons for the wise and elderly who pay the bills, and having good care for dignity, the minister and elders were unmindful of the human feelings of the boy in the pew, and made no provision in sermon or song or manly sport for his boyishness. And so the church and many sad-hearted parents are now looking earnestly for the lost boy.—Covenant Weekly.

Definition of a Real Man:

One who has felt confidence, but does not show it.

One who can be courteous in the face of discourtesy.

One who keeps his word, his temper and his friends.

One who wins respect by being respectable and respectful.

One who understands people and can make himself understood by people.

One who has a steady eye, a steady nerve, a steady countenance and steady habits.

One who is silent when he has nothing to say.—Good Tidings



BE NOT AFRAID, ONLY BELIEVE

By Donald D. Dibbens

Luke 5:36, "As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe." These are the words of Jesus spoken to the ruler of the synagogue at a day when this ruler was in the midst of a very serious time. Trouble had come to this home and Jesus had just recently come to this part of the country from his visit to the country of the Gadarenes. Upon hearing that Jesus was near by, Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue, made his way to Jesus and falling down at his feet imparted him thus;—"My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray Thee, come and lay Thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live." Luke 5:23. When trouble comes the best thing to do is seek help from a source that can supply the needed help. Jarius is to be commended on his seeking the proper source of help. There is none greater than the lowly man of Galilee. Not only is he great in consideration of the needs of others but he is also great in supplying the needs for any occasion. Some seek other sources for the supplying the needs especially for this body, but there is not a need of this body that Jesus cannot supply. Jarius made his way quickly to ask this favor of the Lord. This is to be commended as quick seeking will help to bring quickly the relief or supplying of the need that we desire. Jarius showed the proper humility in asking the Lord of this favor. As ruler of the synagogue Jarius could have come with the pomp of his position, but instead he came and presented his case bowing before the Lord. I feel that a remembering of these things that Jarius did will help us, in seeking the Lord for help in the needy times that will come our way on life's road.

Luke 5:24, "And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him." This is the answer to the request of Jarius. No doubt the implicit faith of this man in Jesus helped to get Jesus to come with him. You remember that Jarius

had stated, "I pray Thee, come and lay Thy hands on her, that she may be healed." Surely he knew that if Jesus came upon the scene that his little daughter would be healed. Not only is this true in the days of Jarius but it is also true today. If we can get the Spirit of the Lord on the scene the work will be done.

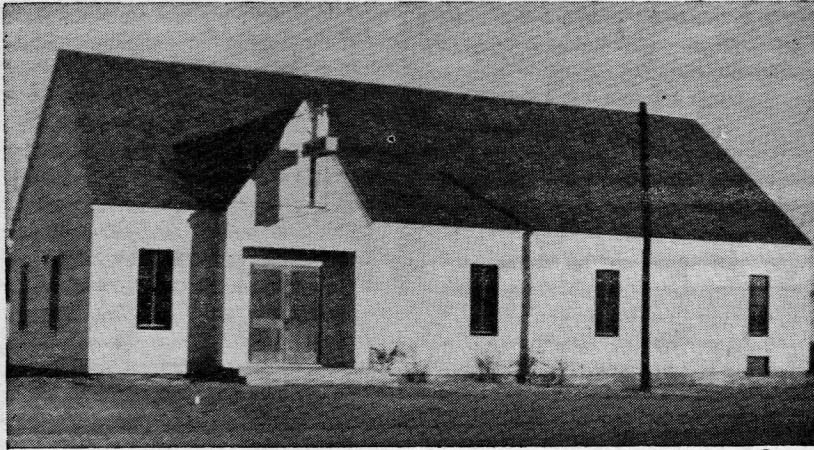
Before they could have traveled far the woman pressed her way through the throng and touched the hem of his garment and was healed of the issue of blood that had plagued her for twelve years. While Jesus was talking to her and assuring her that her afflictions had been healed there came some from the house of Jarius with these words, "Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?" Luke 5:35. Sometimes it may appear that just when the victory is on its way the hindering causes are more at work than at any other time. Surely the human side of Jarius was very much affected by this news. I imagine that his heart sank within him and he tried to be brave under the circumstances. He could have thought that he should have been just a little faster or sooner. The ray of hope had seemed to flicker its last and about the only thing left was to face the bitter sorrow of laying to rest the little girl that he dearly loved. Here is the difference of how humans lose hope in the face of seeming certain disaster and how Jesus shows hope in the face of seeming certain disaster. Verse 36, "As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe." This is the upholding force to the Christian believers. Jesus knows how to meet the situations that arise and bring certain defeat into glorious victory. In this case He took Peter, James, and John and preceded to the house of Jarius. Here they found a tumult. Much weeping and wailing was in progress because of the death of this little girl. Jesus met this sorrowful scene with these words, "Why make ye this ado, and weep? The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth." The reaction was much the same as any normal human reaction would be. "They laughed him to scorn."

Verse 40. How could anyone have the gall to make such a statement in the home of a recent departed loved one? Jesus did. He asked where the damsel was lying and upon being taken to the dead girl he took her by the hand and said, "Talitha-cumi," which is, being interpreted, "Damsel, I say unto thee, arise." "And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years." The weeping and wailing turned to astonishment. The parents were extremely happy and Jesus, James, John, and Peter went on their way after Jesus had given commandment for them to give the damsel something to eat. Here was the Master bringing hope and cheer to a desperate home. This is just like the Master. The most of his ministry upon this earth was spent in bringing hope and cheer to suffering humanity. Either by healing them or pardoning their sins. He healed the sinsick soul and the sick body. The Bible assures us that the Master is ever the same. He is seated at the right hand of His Majesty on high, making intercession for mankind. If Jesus brought hope and cheer to this gloomy home then he can still bring hope and cheer to any gloomy home. In any situation do your best to get Jesus on the scene. This may take some repenting. This may take fulfilling some broken vows. This may take some earnest prayer. This may take some believing the Lord. Whatever it takes it will be well worth that to get the need supplied. Until we feel it is a definite need then we are not likely to be sincere enough about it. To all who have come to the end of the line as far as hope is concerned; I want to give you the words of Jesus again. These are the same words we used at the beginning. "Be not afraid, only believe." With the help of the Lord every problem can be met in this manner and I'm sure that it will work out in the best manner possible. This is the undergirding factor of consistent victorious Christian living. "Be not afraid, only believe."

CAMPWOOD, TEXAS—

Rev. Winston Barker and gospel party are in a tent meeting at Campwood at the present time. We pray that the Lord will give them a real harvest of souls in that place.

25th Anniversary



The Apostolic Faith church people of Laverne, Oklahoma, are looking forward to a time of rejoicing and thanksgiving for the twenty-five years they have been permitted to worship in the church there, and for the way the Lord has so wonderfully met with them in the many services that have been conducted in the church.

Twenty-six years ago, a gospel party consisting of Rev. and Mrs. Jack Barker, Rev. John Modrick, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Bollinger (Mr. Bollinger is now deceased; Mrs. Bollinger is now Mrs. Emil Steffen), Miss Grace Pigg (who is now Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon), and Miss Jo Thompson (who is now Mrs. Robert Girouard), began a revival in Laverne. The Lord wonderfully blessed with an abundant harvest of about seventy souls. Several months later, Rev. Jack Barker felt led of the Lord to build a church there. Through much sacrifice and work, a church was erected, and was dedicated May 5, 1930.

This was one of the first Apostolic Faith churches to be built in that part of the country, and it has stood as a lighthouse to many who have

sought strength, encouragement, and help for their hungry souls.

The church is planning a week of special services in commemoration of the past twenty-five years. The meeting will begin on May 15 with all-day services, and a basket dinner at noon. The afternoon Homecoming Service is expected to draw visitors from many surrounding churches and communities. The gospel party who helped in the first revival twenty-six years ago, except the late Eldon Bollinger, are also expected to be present to help in this service. Rev. Ben Barker, a former pastor, will be the afternoon speaker.

The evening service, which will start the revival meeting, will be held in the big gospel tent that will be erected for that purpose. Rev. Olen Bachler, also a former pastor, will be speaking each evening at 8:00 p.m. The church is looking forward to the cooperation of the Midwest Apostolic Faith churches. There will be many talented singers and gospel workers helping in this meeting, some from other states, so make you plans now to attend and help in these services. Rev. and Mrs. Jack Barker, pastors.

A PICTURE

Art galleries are lined with fine paintings
Of city and country and plain,
Of heroes and kings and fair maidens,
Each a masterpiece worthy of fame.

Our homes, whether mansion or cottage,
Are decked with the pictures it's so;
Of loved ones and friends so beloved,
Or ancestors we may not know.

We cherish them ever so fondly,
Each one has a place in our heart;
We reminisce often with pleasure,
In the past to us they've been a part.

But God who is reigning in Heaven
Has painted a picture so fair,
Of the home that He is preparing,
The faithful, with Him to share.

His word declares that no sickness,
No death and no pain, or such thing,
Can ever be known in that city;
Through eternity, praises will ring.

The river of life flows forever,
The trees bearing fruit are nearby;
Such a harbor in which to find refuge,
Ne'er yet has been viewed by man's eye.

The picture I see of that City,
Far surpasses all paintings it's true;
"Eye hath not seen," our Saviour has said,
All the splendors awaiting for you.

— Delilah Wooster

LEAKEY, TEXAS—

Rev. Winston Barker, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morris, Mr. and Mrs. John Billings, Harold Crane and Steve Welch recently conducted a revival meeting at the Apostolic Faith church in Leakey. The meeting was well attended and the services were exceptionally good. The youth services and children's church each night was a real success. Souls were saved, some reclaimed, and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Rev. and Mrs. James Hosler, pastors.

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PROSPECTS FOR NEW CHURCH IN SPRING VALLEY, CALIF.

Some of the Apostolic Faith believers of this section of the country are interested in seeing a new work started in the little city of Spring Valley, Calif. They have an option on some land and a building until July 1. Brother Allen Long will take the over sight of this work. Anybody interested may at present write Allen Long, Sunray, Tex. Box 425. Pray that the Lord will make this move possible.

DUMAS, TEXAS—

The church at Dumas is progressing nicely with good services. We recently had a good revival with Rev. Tommy VanMeter as the Evangelists, assisted by Mrs. VanMeter. We reached a record attendance since we have been here for which we are very thankful. We enjoy the paper very much and always look forward to the next issue. All ministers and workers of the Apostolic Faith are invited to come by any time. Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Ferguson, pastors.

PALM CITY, CALIF.—

The church here is progressing nicely under the leadership of their pastors, Brother and Sister Aubry Murray. We have been with them for a few special services, which were greatly blessed of the Lord. Edna Schultz brought the Sunday morning message on April 24.

PASTORS NOTICE—

Is there anyone in your church who does not receive the Apostolic Faith Report? If there is and they would like to have the paper, please send us their name and address.



FOLLETT, TEXAS—

A youth revival, which started Wednesday night April 27, is now in progress at the Follett Chapel. Paul Heil of Follett and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Webster of Enid, Okla., are in charge. The Good News Quartet, composed of Harold Bolinger and Jerry McClanegan, both of Hardesty, Okla., Larry Welch of Guymon, Okla., and Truman Summerford of Ralls, Texas, with Martha Summerford as pianist, were present the first three nights of the meeting. Their inspirational Gospel singing proved a real blessing to the services. The Young People's group of the Chapel are furnishing the music and special singing for the meeting. Interest at the Chapel has been good and the attendance is on the increase, and we are looking forward to seeing more souls saved through this revival effort. Rev. and Mrs. Marcus Adair, pastors.

ELMWOOD, OKLA.—

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McKeever and daughter, Sharon, started a revival meeting in the LaKemp school house, which is located five miles south and one mile west of Elmwood, Okla., Monday night, April 25. Sister Lela is doing the preaching each evening at 8 o'clock and she is assisted by Mr. McKeever and Sharon who take charge of the special singing and preliminary service. The Midway church is helping in every way that they can to make this revival a real success.

ALIEF, TEXAS—

We are enjoying the Apostolic Faith Report very much. The services are progressing and we have an increase in our Sunday school also. The Lord really blesses in our services at Alief. We still have our radio program from Rosenberg every Sunday a.m. 8:45 to 9:00 o'clock. Our regular services are: Sunday, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday at 8 p.m. Always glad to have ministers visit us. Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Stanberry, pastors.

The old rugged cross has a great trade in value — trade it some day for a crown of gold.

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Apostolic Faith Bible School Financial Report

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Debt on new building \$1,750.00
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said building \$ 550.00

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BUFFALO, OKLA.—

Evangelists Tommy VanMeter of Laverne and Jim Fox of Hardesty, Okla., started a tent revival meeting in Buffalo Sunday night, April 24, which will continue at least two weeks. The large gospel tent erected for the meeting is located two blocks north of downtown Buffalo, with services scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock each evening. Assisting in the meeting will be four ladies who are featured singers: Mrs. Deryl LaMunyon and Mrs. VanMeter of Laverne, Miss Ruth Edna Busch of Katy, Tex., and Miss Doris Ann Clanton of Big Springs, Tex. Rev. Marcus Adair, Follett pastor, was present on Monday and Tuesday nights, April 25 and 26, to show pictures of the Holy Land. Flannel-graph pictures will be shown each night of the meeting. May the Lord prosper these in this field of labor.

LOGAN, OKLAHOMA—

The Midway country church has been enjoying the blessings of the Lord. Several of the Christians have made definite steps toward God and recently seven souls have been saved in the regular services. We are looking forward to a revival meeting in the first part of June with Rev. Gail Schultz as the evangelist. Mr. & Mrs. Harrol L. Waterbury, pastors.

CAMP MEETING

DATES—

August 4 - 14

LOCATION—

Laverne, Okla.

There Is A Way

By Anna Beth Merten

Proverbs 14:12 tells us, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

All down through the ages there has been a conflict between God's way and man's way. Man in his finite mind has tried to master a plan equal to the one already planned by an infinite God, but has been unsuccessful because "The Way" has already been made.

We might look back to the days of Noah when men were exceedingly sinful, and God, seeing the wickedness of man, decided to destroy him, but He made a "Way" of escape. The ark was God's way then, and no flesh was saved, except that flesh which was found in the ark. It was an unusual thing that happened and an unusual "Way" that was made for escape, and consequently only eight souls were saved because of their obedience to God.

In contrast to God's way we might look at man's way. After the flood the people decided to build a tower to heaven. Genesis 11 — Man's way would be to get to heaven by the works of his hands, but God confounded the language of the people and there was the utmost confusion. There is always confusion when God is left out of our plans — this was man's way and it ended in shame.

Another contrast is found in the life of that great man of God, Abraham. God had given him innumerable blessings and promises which could only be realized through an heir — and God had promised him that heir, but although Abraham was a Godly man, he could not fully comprehend God's "Way", so he made a way himself, and even today his descendants are reaping the result of man's way. Remember our text, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death." God's way is the only true way and the best way. Man's way always ends in frustration or disaster.

God had promised Jacob that he would be the greater of the two brothers, but because he used de-

ception to obtain the blessings, his life was filled with hazards, and even in his old age the same type of deception was used against him. There is always heartache and trouble when we try to help the Lord solve our problems. His way so far surpasses our way, that sometimes we can hardly grasp the unsearchable riches of his care and love.

Moses, chosen of God as a deliverer of his people, tried to help God out by suggesting that Aaron go along as a spokesman. God's way was to use Moses, but man's way was different — Aaron caused much trouble and grief to Moses in their journey through the wilderness. On one occasion when Moses came back to the camp, from talking with God, he found the worship of the golden calf in full swing and it was Aaron that had allowed this idolatry.

Israel, God's chosen nation, had been under the leadership of judges and prophets, but they wanted to be like other nations and have a king. God let them have "their way" and gave them a king, but it was not His way, and they suffered many things because of their choice.

Saul, the first king of Israel, was a great man, anointed of the Lord. When he was little in his own sight God used him greatly, but God had a plan to utterly destroy the enemy, and Saul kept the best things and destroyed only the bad. Then when God called him on the carpet, he blamed the people, but God who knows the heart of man saw where the blame lay, and rejected Saul as king over Israel, even to the extent of having Samuel anoint a lad while Saul was still living. That lad was David of the house of Jesse.

Sampson ran into plenty of trouble because he did not fully follow God's plan, but followed some of his own ways. Sampson was to be a Nazarite from birth and was to be-

gin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines, but Sampson became careless with God's plan, and began to dabble in the world. His life ended in blindness and shame because he did not fully follow God's plan.

Saul of Tarsus was very zealous in persecuting the Saints of God, but God had a way of changing the course of Saul of Tarsus' life, and brought about one of the greatest preachers in Bible history. This happened because Saul, (his name changed to Paul, by the Lord), followed the plan of God. God's plan will always work.

Perhaps we can't understand God's way, but if He has called us to do something for Him, we had best follow close to Him. There can no evil befall us if we walk close to Him — it's only when we lag behind that the Devil has a chance to use us in his way.

Isaiah 35:8, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called "The Way" of holiness: the unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."

We can just place our hand in His, lean hard on Him, and know that He will make a "way," because Jesus has said, "I am the way." There is no other way. He is the door, the only way of entrance. People have tried every conceivable thing to gain favor with God: joining churches, water baptism, sacrifices, forms, ceremonies, rituals of every kind — anything that the imaginations of man can formulate, but in so doing they have by-passed "The Way," Jesus. "The Way" might mean sorrow, heartache, and even death. It did for Peter, James, Nathaniel, and the other apostles. The followers of Christ are not promised a flower-strewn pathway, but they are given this assurance. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end." If we have found "The Way," then He is our life, our hope, our joy, and our all in all. He will be with us all the way, even to the end, and in the end we shall be with Him eternally.

"I had rather fail in the things that are right than to succeed in the wrong."



Sermon of the Month

Jesus Christ

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possessed of seven devils. The devils of the voluptuous life, the devil of anger, of falsehood, of theft, of foul language, of indolence, of disease. Yet here comes this Heavenly One out of eternity with love for such a woman. He comes not only with love, but with power to save, sweeten, cleanse, and transform her into saintly beauty and holiness.

Jesus comes to the Demoniac of Gadara, the spiritually and physically vile. He was vicious with demonical ugliness. He could not be bound with chains or throngs. He no longer wore clothes. His associates were dead men's bones. His hangout was their tombs. He was not only possessed of the devil, he had a legion of devils. Jesus loves even this devil man of Gadara; not only loves him, but comes with power to cast out every demon; cleanse him from every stain; transform every impulse; and have him setting at Jesus' feet clothed and in his right mind.

Confucius has no program for the lost. Budha has no redemptive plan for the outcast. Mohammed has no place for the lost. Thanks be to God, Jesus comes to seek and to save the unloved, the outcast, and the lost.

The supreme thing of the life of Jesus is His vicarious death for the sinner. When His great company shall behold Him as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, it will not be His power, or glory that shall mark Him as the outstanding One of the universe, but His five bleeding wounds; the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. He sacrificed; He lives; He died to save the lost; the Saviour of the world. He died not simply as a martyr, but as the World Redeemer.

Jesus' work in this Dispensation is that of the Most High Priest. Jesus ascended through the Veil of the Clouds, disappearing from earthly view. He entered into the "Most Holy Place." He is now tarrying within the "Veil." "For Christ is not entered into the Holy Place made with hands, which are the figures of the true, but into heaven itself,

now to appear in the presence of God for us." Heb. 9-24.

Jesus emptied Himself of His Heavenly Glory and put on the Linen Garment of humanity in which to minister. He did not offer a bullock for Himself, because He has no sin, but He had to offer a Sin Offering for the world. He spilled His Blood upon the cross for the Sin Offering. He arose from the grave and ascended into Heaven, the Holiest of Holies, and offered His own Blood as an atonement for the sin of the world. He is our High Priest. He is in the Holiest of Holies. He is man's Saviour, the Mediator between God and man. "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all." I Tim. 2-5-6.

Jesus is also the Christian's Advocate with the Father. "My little children these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." I John 2-1. The sinner needs the Saviour; the christian needs the advocate. At the close of Jesus' Priestly work, He will lay aside His High Priestly robes and come forth in His Kingly dress of Glory and Beauty to rule and reign in Kingly Splendor.

Jesus is coming again. The second coming is mentioned three hundred and eighteen times in the New Testament. By far the greater number of predictions concerning Christ in the old Testament are connected with His second coming. His second coming will be personal, visible, and glorious. As Jesus ascended into heaven, angels announced, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1-11.

Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints." Jude 14.

The Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory." Matt. 25-31.

"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto

the west; so shall also the coming of the son of Man be." Matt. 24-27.

"His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth forever. And the Spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of Jehovah; and He shall judge after the sight of His eyes, neither decide after the hearing of His ears, but with righteousness shall He judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth; and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of His waist, and faithfulness the girdle of His loins. And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them — they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah as the waters cover the sea." Isa. 9-6-7. 11-2-9.

Jesus shall come forth. Out of the open heavens He rides on a pure white horse. His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many diadems. He is arrayed in a garment sprinkled with blood and His name is called, "The Word of God." And the armies which are in heaven follow Him upon white horses, and they are clothed in fine linen, white and pure. Out of His mouth proceedeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron. He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of God. He hath on His garment and on His thigh a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

"Behold He cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen." Rev. 1.

I MUST

I must run well the race that is set before me. I know that within myself, that is in my own power, I can never reach the goal of Christian perfection that is expected of me, but I do know that His grace is sufficient, and that since I have been converted I am ready for the race that is set before me. May I stress the point that I must know that I am saved. Repentance with a godly sorrow is so necessary, for until we realize that we are sinners and have come short of the glory of God, we cannot feel that repentance. Sometimes people are more sorry that they have been caught in an act of transgression than they are for the actual transgression, that is why repentance must be real, must be felt, must be something that God understands as a condition of the heart that will turn away from sin and seek righteousness. Often high and mighty in this world, often satisfied with themselves, many travel a road of self justification, not knowing that the Very Word has already condemned them, and that they in that state are lost.

While we are children of the Lord when we are saved, we must go on into deeper blessings. Many people lose out with God because they do not go on into the deep rich blessings of the Lord. After we are saved, there is for us the work of sanctification. A sanctified life is to be admired and honored. Sanctification is obtained by giving your self wholly to the Lord. To say to Him, "Not my will, but Thine be done." At the end of perfect consecration which is our part there comes the knowledge that we are sanctified. We do not have to just hope or long or want for this blessing, but we can go into it. Egypt was a type of sin to the children of Israel. The wilderness a type of salvation and Canaan a type of sanctification. I do not want the land of bondage, nor yet the wilderness journey, for there is for me a land of milk and honey.

From this blessed experience we travel on to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Upon a sanctified life there comes the gift of the Spirit in Baptismal form accompanied with the evidence of speaking in other

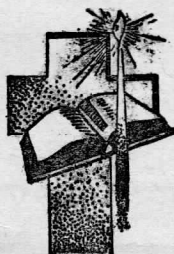
tongues. All of this, we may say, is a foundation work for a life of service for the Lord. We cannot expect to be used to the glory of the Lord when we have not made preparation by making His will our will and by accepting all the qualifications. I know there is a need for study and no doubt the Full Gospel people as a whole are short on natural preparedness, yet it is easy to stress all that we can do without God and not realize that we must let Him give us of His good gifts so that we may know how to serve better. We must know God — we must know His Word, and we must walk in the light as He is in the light.

Yes, I must run well the race that is set before me, I know that time is short, life is shorter, and my course cannot be long, so I must run with speed and correctly so. The natural life span of man is so short that all of us must say, now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation. I will be saved today. I will serve today.

May God bless you every one and give you a vision and hope that dispells all fear and makes heaven nearer and dearer, and will just push the world clear out of sight. I am what I am by the grace of the Lord. Other achievements fade into nothingness when I see Jesus. I must indeed serve Him faithfully today.

RALLY MEET—

Last fall the churches of Sunray, Kings Mill, Dumas and Amarillo organized a Young Peoples Rally. These Rally meetings have proved a blessing and inspiration to both young and old. The meetings are held the fourth Sunday afternoon of each month and meet in the different churches alphabetically. The last Rally service was held at Kings Mill, April 24th.



OBITUARY

Thoro Harris, age eighty-one, died at his home here on March 27th. He was born in Washington, D. C., March 31, 1873. Mr. Harris was well known as a composer of music and as a song writer, and had published a number of song books.

He is survived by his wife, Rubye; a daughter, Margaret Cihak of Berwyn, Ill.; and by two sons, Jesse of Cicero, Ill., and Ulrich of Denver, Colo.

Services for Mr. Harris were held Wednesday, March 30, at 2 p. m., in the Nelson Funeral Chapel in Berryville with the Rev. Homer Coberly; Rev. Harold Cobb; Rev. Beulah Clay and Rev. H. A. Lynch officiating.

Pall bearers were Ola Farwell, John Minick, J. V. Carter, Morris Hull, Neal Walters and Miles Call. Honorary pall bearers were George Nichols, Lee Morgan, Dr. Henry Niblak, Robert Mullins, Paul Miller and Robert Weaver. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, Eureka, Springs.

PERRYTON, TEXAS—

The Perryton church reports good interest and good services. The Sunday school had an increase in attendance of approximately 21% the first quarter of this year in comparison to the same period last year.

A Junior Church has recently been started on Sunday evenings with Mrs. Ira Martin in charge. Also the newly organized junior choir sang for the first time Easter Sunday with 21 boys and girls participating. The pastors recently purchased a new Baldwin Electronic organ that was used in the church for the first time Easter Sunday.

The church has ordered new pews which will be installed in June. They are of beautiful Philippine mahogany in natural finish, and will add a great deal to the comfort of the congregation as well as to the appearance of the church interior. Rev. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon, pastors.

DO YOU TIP GOD?

Somebody has said, "Let us stop tipping God, and go to tithing." Another asked, "What do you mean?" Simply this, that we need to give or pay one tenth of our income to the Lord. In many places this support of God's work is unknown or neglected miserably. Sometimes only a few know the worth of giving to the ministry of the Lord. Somebody somewhere has failed to teach the word correctly, perhaps not only in word, but in action. Everybody needs to be impressed with the joy, glory and duty of giving. This giving should be regular—just as the Lord gives to you by the works of your hands or the increase of your investments. Give and it shall be given to you. Withhold and the stinginess of your heart will close the heavens and make barren the soul. Remember cloudless skies and a parched earth gives no increase. We quote from another, "Tithing on the other hand means the tenth of anything. It is a custom as old as the devotion of the human heart, as laudable as the highest graces of the individual soul, and as binding upon the recipients of God's mercy as any law." Testimonies are many, that God blesses the cheerful giver. Try it and see!

BALKO, OKLA.—

Revival Services have just been completed at the Balko church by Rev. and Mrs. Tommy VanMeter. The church was blessed and there were four saved making a complete family won to the Lord. The Lord is blessing the services at Balko, and the number is still growing. There were 120 present Easter Sunday morning and 106 Sunday morning, April 17. The church at the present time is making plans for DVBS beginning May 23. Rev. John H. Whipple has resigned as pastor of the church, the board awaiting his answer as to the future. We of the Apostolic Faith church of Balko wish to extend all Apostolic ministers an invitation to come by and give us a service or visit us whenever possible or whenever coming through the Panhandle of Okla. Rev. and Mrs. John H. Whipple, pastors.

KINGMAN, KANSAS—

We highly enjoyed a week of special services with Brother Jim Fox. There was one saved and several seekers for more from God. We were much encouraged by the fine messages each evening. On Sunday night, March 27, Brother and Sister Donald Dibbens were with us for a real feast of blessings in songs and preaching. The Christians, referred to as trees by rivers of water, were exhorted to bring forth fruits of the Spirit. On Palm Sunday Brother and Sister Ben Barker were with us for the day. Then on Easter Sunday morning Sister Lula Parham was with us; how our hearts rejoiced as the Easter message was given, praise His dear name. Brother and Sister Mahan and relatives were with us for service Easter Sunday night. We were so glad to have these fine ministers with us, may God bless them. We invite all ministers of the Apostolic Faith to come by for service.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.; and Mid-week prayer, Thursday at 7:45 p.m. Pearl A. Menke, 313 Ave. B. East, Telephone 1159R, Kingman, Kansas.

**"Is your road dry and dusty?
Moisten it with tears."**

HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS—

The Lord smiled toward us with special blessings on Easter. The night service was especially good as we observed the Lord's Supper. During the summer our evening services will start at 8:00 p. m., with the mid-week service on Friday night. The street on the north is being curbed and blacktopped. A nice parking area has been made with recessed curbing and we are now in the process of leveling and sodding the new lawn, this will greatly improve the beauty of the church grounds. The church folk have cooperated with united effort and we feel encouraged with literal improvements and spiritual deepenings. Rev. and Mrs. Donald D. Dibbens, pastors.

HARDESTY, OKLAHOMA—

Rev. and Mrs. Ben Barker, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bishop, Peggy Bishop, and Roberta Johnson, have recently conducted a good revival at the Apostolic Faith church in Hardesty, Okla. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way and quite a number prayed through to deeper experiences in the Lord, and it proved to be a revival indeed. Attendance is growing and the interest is very good. Rev. and Mrs. Mitchel Modrick.

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