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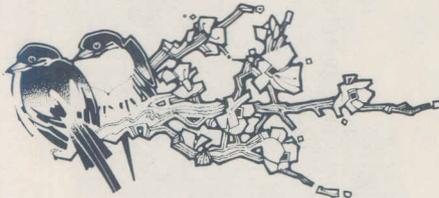
## MY KINGDOM

I am queen of a beautiful kingdom,  
God gave it to me for my own.  
A rambling old house is my castle,  
And a low rocking chair my throne.  
My subjects are dear little children  
Who willingly come at my call;  
The king is the husband and father  
Who furnishes bread for us all.  
Sometimes when I mend little stockings,  
Or hear a short prayer at my knee,  
I marvel that God in His wisdom,  
Presented this kingdom to me.  
I often feel weak and unworthy  
To guide little footsteps that roam,  
To keep them all safe and contented,  
In our beautiful Kingdom of Home.

## Editorial

During the past year my husband and I have been privileged to go on three choir tours with the Apostolic Faith Bible College. We were so thankful that the Lord gave us this opportunity. We were able to meet new friends and visit with old friends. As we traveled from church to church we found that people are pretty much the same everywhere. Each church building was different, but the one thing I noticed in all of our churches were the altars. They all looked different as far as the construction but they were all alike in the fact that they were tear stained. I've thought about those tear stains and couldn't help but wonder what they represented. I remembered the altar in my home church in Joplin, Mo. I saw tear stains where mothers have plead for the souls of their children, fathers seeking guidance and wisdom from God, wives and husbands praying for the salvation of their mates. I saw tear stains when one of our little girls finger had been cut off and God healed. Tear stains were left there by a young 5th grade girl for the salvation of a friend who later became a member of her family as well as the child of God. Some of the stains reminded me of the time that God had healed a little boy who had drank furniture polish and when another little guy's feet were burned so badly and God intervened. I see the stains where we as a church have prayed for revival and God has sent the needed refreshing. There are stains where two of our young men were in serious accidents, both unconscious for days and even though it seemed hopeless to man God saw those tears and heard those prayers and intervened. I saw the tears left a few months ago when we prayed for one of our little girls who had a hole in her heart and birth defects and I also saw the tear stains of rejoicing when the victory was won and the hole completely healed. There are also stains that have been shed by all the faithful pastors we've had in our behalf. Tears have been left as we have prayed for our pastors, and for our Bible College, youth camps, VBS's, and other churches in need of pastors. Yes, the altars in our churches are tear stained where burdens have been taken to the Lord and where victories have been won. What a wonderful testimony for our churches—tear stained altars. May we as Apostolic Faith believers never let our altars become just another piece of furniture but may we keep them precious to us by our tear stains. Thank God for answered prayers at those tear stained altars.

—Karen



### Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.

#### ARTICLE VII Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Saviour. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the

Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. These common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows:

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

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation

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

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

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

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.

A Ministry supported by tithes and offerings.

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

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# AFBC News

Dear Friends,

Graduation has marked the close of the 1981-82 terms of school. It is very nice to have so many visitors come and share in these special events. The time we spend in prayer and worship together is always uplifting and encouraging.

It has been a privilege of mine to minister at the school and your support and backing has been greatly appreciated. May God bless each one who continues to carry a burden and concern for the school. Your gifts are an investment in the lives of young men and women, and their future will be overshadowed by the Word they have hidden in their hearts.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Camp Meeting time. May God bless you.

Sincerely,  
Lyndel Arnall,  
Superintendent

## Girls' Dorm

Praise the Lord for his goodness to each one of His children. The Lord has been so good to us here at Bible School this last semester. May He always guide us in the direction we should go.

We have had a good time of fellowship here in the dorm this semester. In singing praises together, to sharing with one another or studying with each other. The Lord has touched us and helped us through many hard times, but mostly good times. I praise the Lord for leading and guiding me and for taking care of me this year here at school. The Lord has blessed me in so many ways. He shows us we never have to be alone. He always gives us friends to be around and friends that we can depend upon. He has really shown me here lately how many friends I have that really care. I pray that I can always be the friend that I should always be. I thank the Lord for His friendship that He has shown to me and for the friends He has given me.

I also thank the Lord for each girl that has come to Bible School this semester. They have really been an inspiration to me. We have had a lot of good times together and I pray that the Lord blesses each one of them as they leave here. May they always let the Lord lead and guide them. God bless you girls.

Love in Christ,  
Tony Bartel

## Boy's Dorm

It is a beautiful spring day here in the edge of the Ozarks where our Apostolic Faith Bible School is located. The flowers are so beautiful after so long (it seems) a cold, hard winter. As we see new life emitting from the ground and the new leaves on the trees it reminds us of the greatness of God who made Heaven and the earth and all things therein.

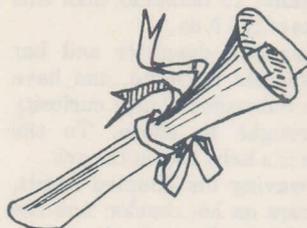
Another term of Bible School is coming to a close and in a few days will be history. This has been a good term of school and the students have learned that there is more than just reading the Bible to understand the deeper things that there are to be learned. Much study has been done by the students and God has a place for everyone of them when they leave

the school here to go to their home churches or whatever they plan to do.

There is a need for everyone to be able to give an answer to those that ask us what we believe and not be ashamed of the Word that we have hidden in our heart. That faith and Word needs to be exercised in order to grow strength and knowledge. It has been good for me to be here to see young people to grow in the Lord. They can be assured that I will be praying for each of them.

I, as the Dean of Men, want to thank each of you and the churches for holding the school up to God in prayer as well as we, the faculty. God bless each of you.

R.C.B.



Congratulations  
Graduates  
of 1982

## SPRING CHOIR TOUR NEWS

Our tour started on March 19. We traveled to Rockdale, Texas, for our first concert and had a wonderful time of fellowship afterwards. On the 20th we traveled to Hempstead, Texas, and were greeted with a big welcome and a nice meal. The fellowship at each church and home was a spiritual uplift. On the 21st we held a morning concert at Katy, Texas. The Katy church then blessed us with a nice meal of our choice in Houston at one of the malls. Our evening concert was held at Alvin, Texas. The following day, the Alvin church treated us to a day of fun. We toured the Astrodome, then had a picnic at a beautiful park in Clear Lake. Afterwards we went to NASA for a tour. We really enjoyed ourselves and finished off the day at Red Lobster.

It was a short but very nice choir tour. Our motto is found in I Corinthians 3:7-9. We've planted and watered, but God will give the increase. For we are labourers together with God.

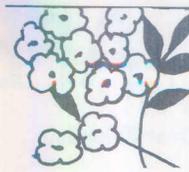
We would like to thank you for your financial support in tithes and offerings, and for your support in prayers. Without you, this choir tour would never have been possible. Our prayer is that God will bless everyone for being so thoughtful.

Tena Cornell



Choir group at NASA

# Mother's Reward



It was an Egyptian princess who said it, but the words sound like an echo of the voice of God speaking to every mother with a newborn babe: "Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages" (Exodus 2:9).

This text relates to one of the big events of history. It is doubtful if all the decisive battles of the world taken together were of greater importance to mankind than this event that took place on the banks of the Nile.

Yet it is a simple story. Pharaoh's daughter and her attendants have come to the riverside to bathe, and have found a crudely built ark in the bulrushes. Their curiosity aroused, the little boat is brought to shore. To the amazement of the princess, there is a baby boy in the ark.

Picture the scene—the baby waving his dimpled hands, kicking his chubby feet, with tears on his cheeks; and the princess drawing him to her, speaking soft words of comfort, trying to quell his fears.

There was a young girl watching, and as she saw the princess fondle the little bundle, a glad and daring thought crossed her mind. Running from her hiding place, she said, "Shall I go call a nurse?" Surely the Lord was working in the heart of that princess, because she accepted her offer without question.

The decision that the child should live was indeed important. But something equally important took place when the princess decided WHO should care for the child. Suppose, for instance, she had determined to train him herself—she would have made him a heathen. Moses was destined to be an emancipator and a genius, but wrongly trained his genius might have been as destructive as the lightning's flash, though just as brilliant.

Unwittingly, the woman chose to have the child nursed by his own mother who loved and believed God. What emotions must have gone through Jochebed's heart as her son was

handed to her. The princess spoke proudly, haughtily, as became her rank: "Take this child away, and nurse it for me." But the Israelite slave heard this as the voice of God.

When God wants to train a leader, He gives him a good mother. Moses' mother was not working for the princess, but for God. She was a woman of faith, for in Hebrews 11 we read that Moses was hidden by faith. Notice she was eager for her task. She knew hardship was in store for her but she accepted gladly and willingly the task God gave her. Unfortunately, there are some today that look upon the responsibilities of motherhood as a kind of prison.

Home is of utmost importance. Today's civilization is what the homes of yesterday made it. Without Christian homes, we cannot have a Christian civilization. So when God raised up this man Moses to remake the world, He put him in a pious home.

What was Jochebed's task? She was not to govern the world, nor was she to lecture before great crowds, but in training her child for God she had the highest and holiest of all tasks.

Observe that this woman was to be paid for her services. But she received much more than the wages the princess sent down each week. First, she was given the privilege of loving this child. Second, she had the privilege of serving—the blessing of giving rather than receiving. Then, in the third place, there was the joy of seeing the effect of her training on the character of her son.

Oh, it is a blessed reward, the reward of success in the high enterprise of motherhood. The privilege to love, to give, and to bless—there can be no richer reward. Mothers, you can have the same joys as this old-time mother. While your children are about you, listen for the voice of God saying, "Take this child away, and (train) it for me, and I will give thee thy wages!"

## A Mother's Creed

I believe in God and in Jesus Christ.

I believe the Word of God as given in the Old and New Testaments.

I believe in family prayer.

I believe in the sanctity and responsibility of motherhood.

I believe in having a deep concern for the spiritual welfare of my children.

I believe in making the home attractive, so that my children will not seek enjoyment elsewhere.

I believe in an intimate companionship between myself and my children.

I believe in pointing out the moral dangers to which my children are exposed.

I believe it is my privilege and duty to know the companions of my children, and to be familiar with their forms of amusement.

I believe in teaching my children, by precept and example, to know and follow Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

—Adapted from the Christian Evangelist [The Pentecostal Evangel.]

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Guiding  
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ence.



# Kids of the Kingdom



One beautiful spring afternoon Amy was walking home from school and she was in a hurry so she could play with her new puppy. As Amy came to the street that she crossed to go home, she saw an older lady with a bag of groceries. The woman couldn't walk very well, in fact, Amy thought she saw the woman using a cane. All of a sudden, the groceries went flying out of the lady's hand and on to the street they spilled. But Amy didn't have time to stop and help the lady, she just went on. Everyday Amy passed by an old rundown house on the way home. Today, as she walked by she saw a baby kitten caught between two boards, that had once been a pretty fence. For a minute Amy thought about helping that poor kitten, but instead she remembered her own little puppy that was so soft and cuddly and she couldn't wait to get home to play with her very own puppy. So she hurried on. Amy was almost home and she saw one of her schoolmates playing jump rope on the sidewalk.

"Come and play with me, Amy," the little girl called.

But Amy was still in a big, big hurry to get to her puppy. "I can't play today, I have to get home." Amy said as she went running by.

Finally, Amy made it home. Quickly, she flew upstairs to put her books away. As she set them on her desk she glanced at last week's Sunday School paper, the one the teacher had read to them in class. The story in the paper was one right out of the Bible. It was the time a little boy had given his lunch to Jesus so the people who were listening to Jesus would have something to eat. And Jesus had blessed that food, which was only five loaves of bread and two fishes, and fed more than five thousand and there was twelve baskets of food left over. (John 6:5-14) The teacher had told the class that we should be like the little boy who was willing to share what he had. No matter how little it may seem to us God can bless it and it will be more than enough to meet whatever need there is. It may not be food, or money that we share with others, the teacher said it could be our time, or even a smile.

Oh no! Now Amy felt terrible because she had really listened to the teacher Sunday and she even remembered the verse that they had learned. 'Give and it shall be given unto you; . . .' It was found in Luke 6:38. Amy knew that if she would give some of her time to other people than somehow in some way she would be repaid. She knew that she had passed up three chances to give, and she did want to give because Jesus lived in her heart and she knew that giving was something Jesus wanted her to do. Suddenly she knew exactly what she had to do. She knelt beside her bed and asked Jesus to forgive her for being so selfish with her time and for not putting others first. As quickly as she could, she explained to her mother what had happened and asked if she could go out and do some things over again, the right way. As fast as she could, she ran outside to where the little girl was.

"If you still want me to, I would very much like to play with you," Amy said, "but first I have to go run a few quick errands. I promise I'll be back soon. I want to tell you about Sunday School and my friend Jesus and . . . Oh! Do you go to Sunday School?"

"No", replied the little girl.

"You could come with me sometime. You would like my teacher and we would have fun learning about Jesus. We can talk more when I get back. Please wait for me." Quick as a flash Amy was bending down by that baby kitten carefully pulling it away from those boards. By this time the kitten's mother was there looking for her baby and as Amy let the kitten go it ran to its mother so fast it almost fell down.

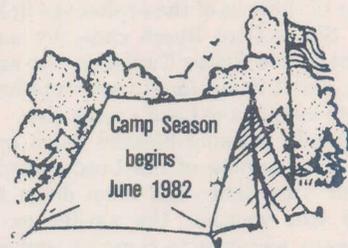
Now, to find the lady with the groceries. Of course, by this time the lady had picked up her spilled groceries but Amy wanted to help in some way so she looked around until she found the lady. She hadn't made it home yet with those groceries and Amy was almost glad. She ran up to her asked if she could carry them for her to her house. The lady was more than happy to have someone young like Amy help her out.

Amy felt so much better now and she knew Jesus was pleased with her. After she got home she realized how much she liked helping and making other people happy.

by Carla Braden

## Bible Facts

Did you know that Ezra 7:21 contains all the letters of the alphabet except one. Look it up and see if you can find the letter that's not there. Also, in Daniel 4:37. There's a different letter missing. Find that one too.



Kids of the Kingdom, it's camp time! Please check with your parents and pastor and find out when camp is. Make plans to attend. It will be the greatest week of your life. We need to be thankful for our summer camps and we need to go and learn more about Jesus.

### FROM UNCLE BEN'S QUOTE BOOK . .

God is before me, He will be my guide;  
God is behind me, no ill can betide;  
God is beside me, to comfort and cheer;  
God is around me, so why should I fear?



## The MAIL BAG



### JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Our church has been blessed with a wonderful revival held by Brother and Sister Paul Clanton. There was a lot of sickness but God met and blessed with good attendance. Two young ladies have found the Lord as their personal savior, one previous to and one during revival. God certainly blessed and each of us felt the revival was "just for me."

Plans are being made for Vacation Bible School to begin on June 28. We are looking forward to Youth Camp on the 13th of June. Several from our church will be helping and we're hoping for a good number of our young people to attend. Our pastor held a revival in Hempstead, Texas which began on April 12.

Sister Mittie Bard and Sister Ina Demery are recovering from injuries they received from falls recently. Please remember them in your prayers.

May the Lord bless each of us with a great summer filled with His blessings.

**Neil Ragan, pastor**

### MIDWAY CHURCH

Our church family was blessed with Brother and Sister Marcus Adair having services for us on February 28 giving a report on the missionary work in Mexico and also having several pictures to show us of the orphanage in Mexico.

Brother and Sister Otto Busch came by and spent the night with Brother and Sister Taylor in the earlier part of March but they didn't have time to stay and have a service for us as they are busy in the Lord's work also.

Our church family is being blessed much by some very timely subjects, the coming of the Lord, given by Brother Bob Taylor. Our attendance has been down some due to some cold and wet weather the earlier part of March. Visitors are always welcome to come by and worship with our church family.

**Bob Taylor, pastor**

### SPEARMAN, TEXAS

Greetings from the Apostolic Faith Church of Spearman, Texas! Our services the last month have been about as usual and we felt we needed someone to encourage us to press on in the things of the Lord. After praying for direction we felt led to call Brother Donald Dibbens of Vanderpool, Texas. Brother Donald accepted the invitation and came to Spearman on Saturday, March 28 for nine straight services. He preached to us the Word. Our hearts and souls were blessed and challenged service after service. When he, with the help of the Lord, finished we all felt we had been in a revival. Several visitors came from night to night. We praise the Lord for being so good to us. We at Spearman feel that God used Brother Dibbens many talents to encourage us to fight the good fight of faith. We are looking forward to God's continued blessings and working among the people of our community in the future.

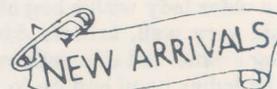
We invite ministers and laymen of the faith to come by and worship with us any time.

**Leland Grimmer, pastor**



### CARR-HAINES

Miss Fay Carr and Mr. Rene Haines were united in marriage on April 13 at the Miami, Oklahoma Courthouse Chapel of Marriage. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Carr of Joplin, Missouri and Mr. and Mrs. Don Haines of Follett, Texas.



### ROTH

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Wayne Roth of Houston, Texas, announce the arrival of their son, Nicholas Wayne Roth, on January 28, 1982. He weighed 5 pounds and 6½ ounces and was 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Spence of Houston, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Roth of Houston, Texas. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rosenberg of Houston, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roth of Los Angeles, California.

### DAVIS

Monty and Jeanie Davis are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Grace Marie on March 4, 1982. She weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Max Pennington and Mr. and Mrs. Max Davis. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Maxine Long, Taneyville, Missouri; Mr. E. R. Pennington, Canon City, Colorado and Mr. E. E. Daugherty of Leakey, Texas.

### OBITUARY

#### **Mrs. Walter [Leota] Jacobs 1922-1982**

Ivah Leota Jacobs was born to Hal and Jessie Chitwood, February 11, 1922 near Adrian, Missouri. She married Walter C. Jacobs of Elmwood, Oklahoma on April 20, 1947 in Baxter Springs, Kansas. She died in the University Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri on March 25, 1982 at the age of 60.

Leota's parents and three sisters preceded her in death. Leota was buried near her parents in the Crescent Hill Cemetery near Adrian, Missouri.

She made her decision for the Lord at the age of seven and was very active in church work as a teenager. She was a minister and teacher of the gospel in many churches throughout the central and southern United States.

Leota Jacobs entered the nursing field in the 1950's. The past 14 years she was involved in office nursing for Dr. L. E. Dorman and Associates in Kansas City, Missouri.

Survivors include her husband, Walter Jacobs, her daughter and son-in-law, LeFern and Dennis Pike, four grandchildren, all of Oak Grove, Missouri; her sister, Rosalie Regier, Perryton, Texas and her brother Harold D. Chitwood, Kansas City, Kansas.

## Divine Healing

—Ted Jackson

Isaiah 53:5, But 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.

I Peter 2:24, Who his own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

These two passages of Scripture gives a perfect picture of God's plan for the healing of His people. Isaiah said we are healed; Peter said ye were healed. Many church organizations cannot see the difference between spiritual and physical healing. According to St. John 3:16, For God so love the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Now what we are trying to do here is to separate the different atonments that are made both for the literal healing and also the spiritual.

God gave His son that we might have spiritual life. But Jesus gave His own body freely at the whipping post of Pilate and was beaten with 39 stripes to fulfill the two above prophecies so making the double atonement for both body and also for everlasting life. How do we claim the promise for salvation? Simply by repentance and an act of faith in believing that Jesus died for our sins. So how do we receive healing for our bodies? By believing that Jesus really fulfilled the double atonement and Isaiah's prophecy when He allowed them to whip Him with the lash at Pilate's judgment hall. Later, Peter repeated what had already happened there. Divine healing is one to the things like a lot of other things that is sadly being neglected in teaching our people. Some way people are just not as enthused about Divine healing as we were in the past days. I have been asked the question many times, why is it much easier to trust the Lord for salvation than it is for healing? That is a question that I cannot answer. Is it because we have more faith in man than in God? Or because of pain or fear? I do not know. When we were pastoring a church one time we were called one morning to pray for a lady of the church which had taken ill suddenly. When we got there we found out that she had already called the doctor. We began to pray and seemed like we were getting no where. While we were praying she suddenly raised up and said, "Where is the doctor? Why doesn't he get here?" I wonder who her faith was in, God or the doctor. One time when Jesus was ministering to the people He said something that should show us the healing power of God. Luke 5:17-25. I will not try to write out all of these scriptures, but the thought of it is in the 23rd verse, Jesus said whether is the easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, rise up and walk? Too many church people today think that all miracles of healing passed away with the disciples, but what did Jesus say to the people in Mark 16:15-18? And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; *they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.* James 5:13-16. Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing

him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

## Testimony

Seven months ago I had surgery on the aorta of my heart at St. John's Hospital in Joplin, Missouri. I thought I wouldn't get through it, but I did. If it hadn't been for the Lord I wouldn't have made it through. I praise the Lord and I love Him very much. He is my shepherd.



Kelly Whitlock,  
Age 10

## Anniversary

Evangelist Homer and Pearl Coberly will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary June 6, 1982. Evangelist and Mrs. Coberly reside at 1307 30th Street in Lubbock, Texas 79405.

### 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.

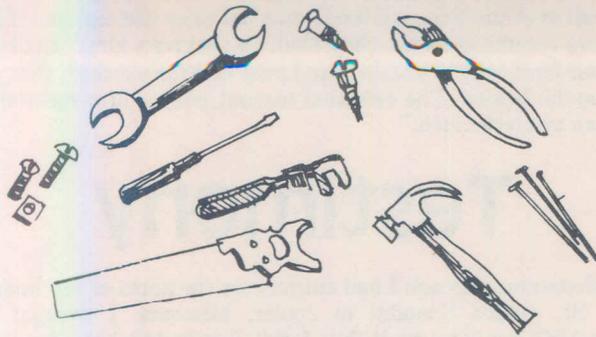
The fact is, his father lost him. Being too busy to sit with him at the fireside and answer his trivial questions during the years when fathers are the only great heroes of the boys, he let go his hold upon him.

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

AF Report



### THE TOOLS QUARREL

**"For we are laborers together with God." I Cor. 3:9**

The carpenter's tools had a conference. Brother Hammer was in the chair. The meeting had informed him that he must leave, because he was too noisy.

But he said, "If I am to leave this carpenter shop, Brother Gimlet must go too, he is so insignificant that he makes a very little impression."

Little Brother Gimlet rose up and said, "All right, but Brother Screw must go also, you have to turn him around and around, again and again, to get him anywhere."

Brother Screw then said, "If you wish I will go; but Brother Plane must leave also, all his work is on the surface, there is no depth to it."

To this Brother Plane replied, "Well, Brother Rule will also have to withdraw if I do for he is always measuring folks as tho' he were the only one who is right."

Brother Rule then complained against Brother Sandpaper, and said, "I just don't care, he is always rubbing people the wrong way."

In the midst of those discussions the carpenter of Nazareth walked in. He had come to perform His day's work. He put on His apron, and went to the bench to make a pulpit from which to preach the gospel to the poor. He employed the screw, the gimlet, the sandpaper, and all the other tools.

After the day's work was over, and the pulpit was finished, Brother Saw arose and said, "Brethren, I perceive that all of us are laborers together with God."

**Author Unknown**

How often we make the mistake of fussing and finding fault with others because they don't do or see things the way we think they should.

There was not an accusation against one of these tools but what was absolutely true: Yet the Carpenter, Jesus Christ had need of everyone of them; and there was not a place where He used anyone where any of the others would have done at all.

How careful we should be in finding fault with one of God's tools.

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many." *I Cor. 12:13-14.*

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**TWO CRIPPLES** Sent by the Children's Mission Class  
Two cripples entered a church one day; **Amarillo, Texas**  
Crippled—but each in a different way:

One had a body strong and whole,  
But it sheltered a warped and twisted soul;  
The other walked with a halting gait,  
But his soul was tall and fair and straight.  
They shared a pew, they shared a book,  
But on each face was a different look:  
One was alight with hope and joy  
And faith that nothing could destroy;  
The other joined not in prayer or hymn,  
No smile relaxed his features grim.  
His neighbor had wronged him—his heart was sore—  
He thought of himself and nothing more.  
The words that were read from the Holy Book  
Struck deafened ears and a forlorn look.  
To one came comfort—his soul was fed;  
The other gained nothing from what was said.  
Two cripples left the church that day;  
Crippled—but in a different way;  
A twisted foot did one body mar,  
But the twisted soul was sadder by far.

**— Author Unknown**

## Testimony of Jason Phillips

I came to know the Lord as my personal Saviour last year. I was working at a hospital in Houston, Texas where I met a young lady by the name of Cheryl Phillipp, a private duty nurse who led me to Christ. Now I have been born again; I have new goals, new ideas, and above all a new friend, Jesus Christ who can teach me, well, just about anything I will allow Him to. You see I found that God wants to give all His children the gift of life, a life free from SIN. A new way of living is all He wants from me; I thank God for His mercy, and His special undying LOVE. I didn't know there was so much love around. A love that forgave sins. I couldn't forgive myself. Not a man or woman in this life known to me gave me the knowledge of living as a Christian. They may be able to tell you how you are supposed to do it, but God gives you the love to do it.

To realize that the Lord has need of every individual person who calls on Him, was hard for me to accept in the beginning. But with the most important privilege I could ever dream of having, God has made each day here at Bible School a growing experience with the privilege of prayer, and a close fellowship with my peers. I might add that I have been taught by each one the meaning of God's love for me through them. Here at school is a young lady by the name of Mary Turner who, when I first met her, found out she was only 17 years old and I said to myself, "What could she do for me?" Well, I want to say Mary has done so many things with the help of the Lord, I just have to say she has been a real inspiration to me. Indeed, a real wonderful experience has been the changes that God has made in all the lives around here. I just want to give my best to the Lord.

Thank you, to the Bible School, for your patience and love with me. I'm so happy to be a follower of the Word that I want nothing more than to tell all who don't know Jesus about Him. He can and will make the difference as to whether you live or die.

In the name of our Lord and Saviour, thank you and God bless you all.

# Happy is the Home . . .

How would you complete the sentence, "Happy is the home . . ."?

Here is one good answer: "Happy is the home where each lives for the other and all live for Christ."

Home is more than a place to eat, sleep and change clothes. Madame Schumann-Heink said home is "the laugh of a baby, the song of a mother, the strength of a father. It is the warmth of loving hearts, the light from happy eyes—kindness, loyalty, comradeship."

Money can't buy happiness. It can fill the house with beautiful things but never fill the heart. Happiness depends on love, the kind that really cares and puts the interests of others first.

That's the kind of love God has for us. It's a love that's always giving—and the home that's filled with this kind of love is like heaven on earth.

William F. McDermott, a Chicago newspaperman, said:

"Home is hell or heaven—just as you make it. Nowhere else can there be such misery or such happiness.

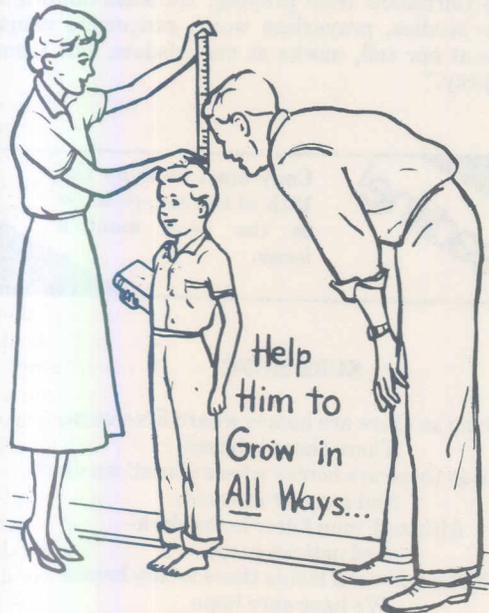
"Home is more than a man's castle. It's the place where the world is shut out and where our innermost selves are revealed.

"Home is where we see each other face to face and come to know each other for what we are. Here the pattern of life is established, destiny determined, ideals crystallized.

"I have been in mansions costing millions, yet the interior was cold as ice and the people who dwelt there were strangers to each other.

"But I have visited a walk-up flat in a blighted section of the city and found it to be a home rich in love and devotion, with children radiating the fine spirit of a true home."

The truly happy home is a Christian home, where the faults and failings of humanity are covered by the beautiful garment of love.



... with SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

It's a place where the small are great and the great are small.

It's a home with a world of strife shut out and a world of love shut in.

It's the place where we sometimes grumble the most but are always treated the best.

The trouble is, we don't always let our love show at home. We get caught up in such a busy schedule that we hurry through the week without enjoying it.

We don't share ourselves as we should. Husbands and wives begin to take each other for granted. Parents forget their children's hearts need to be fed as well as their bodies.

How often do we tell our children that we love them? How many times do we express admiration for the things they accomplish? Parents need to take time with their children; to listen to them; to share in their activities; to laugh and play and pray together. The child who knows he is loved and appreciated is the one who will make his parents proud of him.

"A Christian home," McDermott continued, "is one where Christ dwells. It is not the home where the Bible is brought out and dusted off when the preacher calls, but where the Bible is opened daily and lovingly read together. It is the place where father and mother and children humbly and joyfully talk with God about their love for each other and for Him, and where they learn from His Book.

"The Christian home is where motherhood is honored as heavenly, fatherhood is revered as a reflection of the Fatherhood of God, and childhood is glorified as the fulfillment of love. Here even the drudgery of household chores takes on brightness because doing dishes and cleaning house are to help make a happy fireside.

"In the Christian home there is mutual trust and unflinching courtesy. Not that misunderstandings won't come, for they do; but there is forgiveness to heal any breach and to make the way smooth again.

"It is the place where honest effort is made to live the Christian life—the life that tolerates no jealousy, no malice, no hate, no harmful gossip or wounding words. It is the place where good for others is plotted, where friends may come and enjoy a pleasant welcome, and where strangers may find refuge.

"The Christian home is not determined by its furnishings or decorations, not by its conveniences or its gadgets. It is true that the Christian home seeks the bright and beautiful things of this life—but it is not the glitter that makes the gold. It is the atmosphere, the spirit, the intangible something that impresses you as you cross the threshold—delicate perfume from flowers across which the breeze has flown into an open window, instead of the stale odor of a place long closed up."

The Christian home is open to the world and to God. Happy is such a home.

The family that prays  
together stays together.

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# No Easy Way To Win Souls

by Alvin Buschman

"Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." (Isaiah 66:8)

Travail defined: 1. painful work or exertion; toil 2. Agony, torment 3. Childbirth, Labor syn. work, drudgery.

We live in a fast food society made up of instant coffee, fast hamburgers, instant milk, quick pizza, instant oats with throw-away plates and silverware. And we find many in our affluent country are suffering from malnutrition. Yet we wonder why the new easy instant gospel has not produced strong, healthy Christians.

We have seen the no work, get rich quick schemes come and go, and realize that financial wealth does not come without hard work. Still we expect the true riches, spiritual blessings, to come with little or no effort on our part.

We want to see souls brought into the kingdom, young Christians to grow and mature in holiness, and we desire to draw closer to our Lord. These will never happen without much travail in intercessory prayer.

The apostle Paul who has probably won more to Christ, either directly or indirectly, than any other Christian, gives us his example of travail. "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you," (Gal. 4:19). "For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail; for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God." (I Thess. 2:9, II Thess. 3:8,9)

Paul's love for souls was such that he was willing to work day and night that sons and daughters would be brought into the kingdom. He reminds the people of his labour (physical work) and travail (spiritual work).

Many of us today find our prayers filled with asking for the physical and the financial. Paul's prayers were filled with his desires for the spiritual growth of others. (I Thess. 3:9-13; Eph. 3:14-21) Is there not room in our prayers for more unselfish intercession of Paul's kind?

May we also remember Paul's exhortation; "Pray without ceasing." (I Thess. 5:17)

There are those of us who feel that the two or three minutes we spend in daily devotion and the time we are in church every week is enough to promote healthy spiritual growth. Let us take a look at Christ's prayer life. "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and prayed." (Mark 1:35)

"And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray." (Mark 6:46)

"And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." (Luke 6:12)

Jesus Christ, the very Son of God, felt the need for intense, consistent, and sometimes lengthy times of prayer. In times of great pressure, weariness and stress He renewed His strength by spending time alone with God. (Isa. 40:28-31)

Do we, His servants need the strength and courage that comes from waiting upon the Lord any less?

Jesus said we are His friends if we keep His commandments. (John 15:14) Throughout the Gospels we find the command to pray and to "watch and pray."

Jesus said to look around us and see the abundant harvest of souls which are ready to be brought into the kingdom. Then He said to pray for labours to be sent into the field of harvest. (Matt. 9:37-38).

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, He included the phrase: "Thy kingdom come,..." He said to pray that His kingdom would come into the hearts and lives of individuals. Christ wants us to pray for a lost and dying world. Christ desires that we would lift the unsaved up before the throne of God. Praying that the enlightenment and conviction of the Holy Spirit may rest heavily upon them, that they would be saved." The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:13-20)

Isaiah 66:7, 8 says; "Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things: Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day: or shall a nation be born at once: For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children."

A few years ago, just before our first son was born the doctor told my wife; "You are getting ready to do the hardest work you have ever done in your life." There is no easy, effortless way for children to be born in the natural, and there is no way effortless way for children to come into the Kingdom of God. We can witness, preach and beg, but it is all useless unless we have first done the real work, fighting the spiritual battle on our knees before the Lord. The sincere intercessory prayer of Christians is the most important earthly element needed to see individuals come to Christ.

Friends, you cannot be a consistent Christian witness unless you walk in the Spirit. You cannot walk in the Spirit unless you are a man of the Book and of prayer. You cannot be a man of the Book without much time in Bible study, nor a man of prayer without much time in prayer.

Samuel Chadwick once said, "The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religions. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray."

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## SURE HOPE

So long as there are homes where fires burn,  
Where there is bread;  
So long as there are homes where Christ can dwell  
And prayers are said;  
Although men falter in the dark—  
And nations grope—  
With God himself inside these loving homes  
We have sure hope.

— Author Unknown

# How Can You Know?

An infidel was lecturing to a great audience and, having finished his address, he invited any who had questions to ask to come on the platform. After a short interval, a man who had been well known in the town as a notorious drunkard, but who had lately been converted, stepped forward, and, taking an orange from his pocket, coolly began to peel it.

The lecturer asked the converted drunkard to propound his question, but without replying to him the man finished peeling his orange, and then ate it. When he had finished his orange, he turned to the lecturer and asked him, "Was the orange I ate sweet or sour?" Angrily the infidel said, "Idiot, how can I know whether it was sweet or sour when I never tasted it?" To this the converted drunkard retorted, "And how can you know anything about Christ if you have not tried Him?"

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**Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

— Romans 5:1

## RELIGION ISN'T ENOUGH

There is one verse in the Bible so important that it should be engrained on every heart. I refer to Acts 4:12: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Note that it does not say, "neither is there *religion* in any other," for that would not be true. There is religion in the names of Mohammed, Buddha, Confucius, and others. There is religion in Judaism, in Catholicism, and Protestantism.

But there is no *salvation* in any of them, neither in the Eastern nor the Western religions of the world. Salvation is found in Christ, and in Christ alone.

*Religion* is what man does for his God. *Salvation* is what God does for man.

A man may be a good churchman. He may partake of the sacraments. He may be an officer in the church and a conscientious worker. He may be present at every service. But all this, if taken as a basis of salvation, is useless. If he does it with the expectation of being repaid by having salvation bestowed upon him, he is deceived. His faith must not be placed in what he does for God, but rather in what God has done for him.

I would point you to Christ. If you are relying on Christianity instead of Christ for the salvation of your soul, turn at once to Him for He alone can save you. Religion will not suffice. You must have Christ.

—Oswald J. Smith

## LIGHT—LOVE—HOLY SPIRIT

*By Albert Wayne Blythe*

I watched the beautiful sunrise as it brought light to the city of Jerusalem and I thanked Jehovah for His creation. There was a feeling on the inside of myself that I did not understand. I just tried to ignore this and started to think about the day before me. I wondered almost aloud to myself what would take place at the Sanhedrin Council this day.

As I entered the City I heard a loud commotion of voices. As I got closer to the crowd, I saw they were arguing with one of the religious fanatics. This new religion taught that the Messiah had already come and we had put him to death. I knew this to be false for I had studied the Law from my youth. No one was more learned than Saul of Tarsus. As I entered the arena of people, I noticed something different about this man they were calling Stephen. There was a glow about his face that reminded me of the beautiful sunrise I saw this morning. He started to expound on the Holy Scriptures talking about Abraham and the other patriarchs of old. I had heard this many times in my life, but it seemed different this time. The man Stephen was not just speaking with wisdom but also with Spirit. Some of the things I would write about in the future, I was learning today. One thing this man said really startled me. He accused me of resisting the Holy Spirit. I knew then what was going on inside of me this morning. Quickly, I was awakened from my own thoughts and realized the crowd was going to stone Stephen. I just brushed all the inner thoughts aside and consented to his death. As he was dying the Light was still on his face and he spoke not just wisdom but with the Spirit. As this man died there was another thought came to me. Stephen was actually praying for me as he died. This love I could not understand. I started to picture it all together with this morning. I saw in the creation Jehovah's love. I saw the beautiful light of daybreak and I felt the Holy Spirit knocking at my heart. I saw all three in the man Stephen and I wondered.

After a few days of pondering this over in my mind, I became more restless than ever. I started entering every house and committing men and women to prison. I was not satisfied with just the fanatics in Jerusalem, so I asked permission to go to Damascus. As I got up early this day, I felt the same sensation inside of me that was there the day we stoned Stephen. I could not understand what was going on inside of me, but was determined to go to Damascus. As we were walking on the road, the Holy Spirit kept knocking at my heart. All of a sudden I saw a bright light that was brighter than the noon day sun. Then I heard a voice accusing me of persecuting Him. I asked who he was and he replied, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting, it is bad for you to keep offering vain resistance." I saw Jesus the same as the morning experience and Stephen. I was Light, Love and felt His Spirit. All I could say was, "Lord what do you want me to do?"

I left the Damascus road experience and took the message of Light, Love and Holy Spirit to my generation. Will you do the same?

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**Prayer is the mortar that holds our house together.**



# SUMMER SCHEDULES

## Youth Camps

Lost Pines Youth Camp June 4-11  
Warda, Texas

Chairman: Savoy Grimmer  
4601 E. 41st  
Dickinson, Tx. 77539  
Oh. 713-534-3983

Panhandle Youth Camp June 13-18  
Laverne, Okla.

Chairman: Leland Grimmer  
120 S. Barkley  
Spearman, Tx. 79081  
Ph. 806-659-2870

4-State Youth Camp June 13-18  
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Chairman: Edwin Waterbury  
Box 205  
Granby, Mo. 64844  
Ph. 417-472-6203

Pine Crest Youth Camp  
June 26-July 2  
Quitman, Mississippi

Chairman: Frank Arnall  
Box 248  
Pine Hill, Ala. 36769  
Ph. 205-963-4742

Pine Crest Chalet July 25-30  
Pine Crest, California

Chairman: Ross Briles  
603 Floyd Ave.  
Modesto, Calif. 95350  
Ph. 209-529-2127

Chairman: Ken Priest Jr.  
804 S. Drake  
Stockton, Ca. 95205

## Camp Meeting 1982 Laverne, Okla. July 22-29

### SOME PARENTS SAY

"We will not influence our children in making choices and decisions in matters of religion!"

### WHY NOT?

The ads will! The press will! The radio will! The movies will! Their neighbors will! Their business will! Their politicians will!

We use our influence over flowers, vegetables, cattle.  
Shall we ignore our children?

— The Trumpeter

