

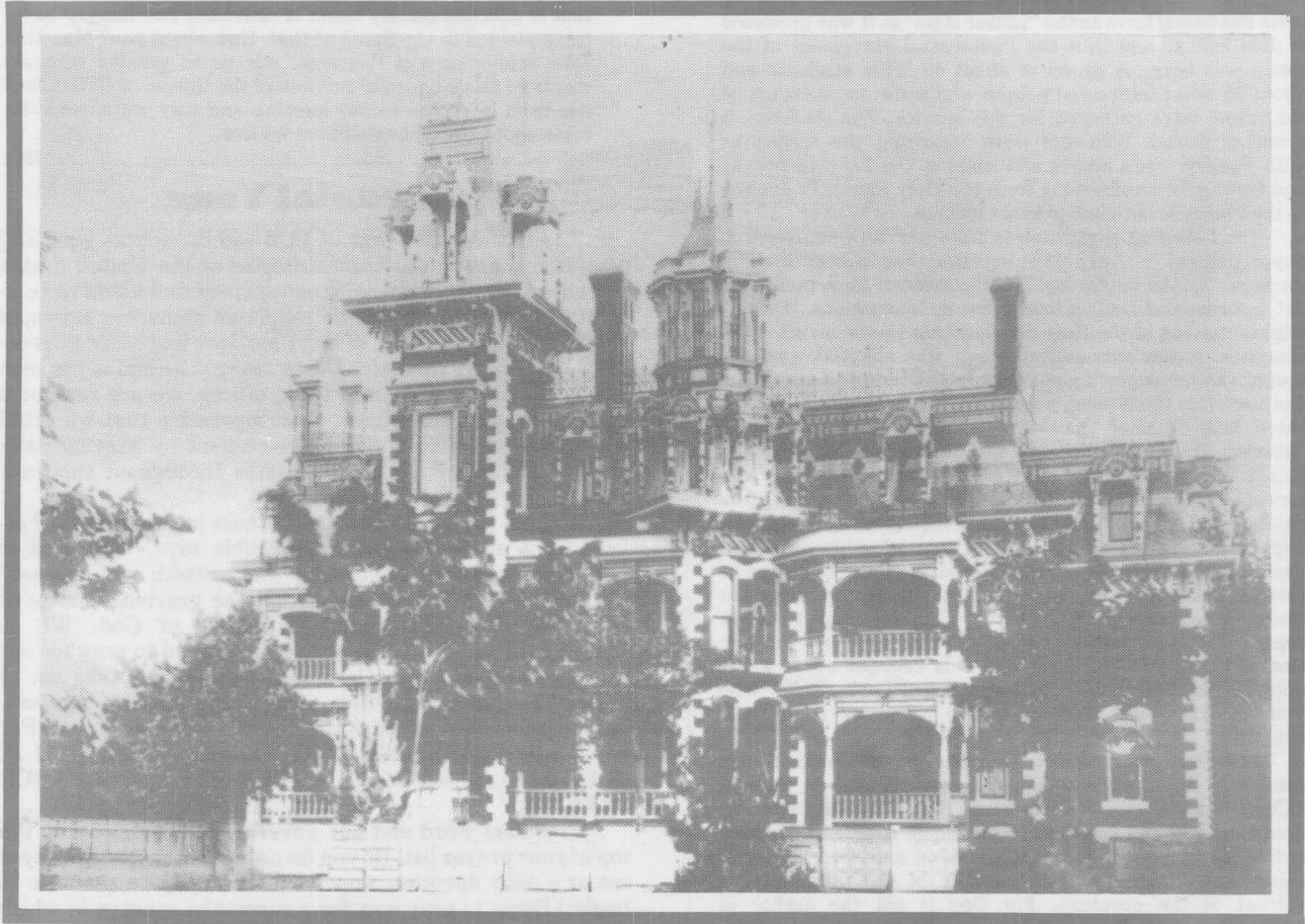
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**report:**

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## Big Spring, Texas

Just a few lines to report from Big Springs. We are rejoicing in the Lord as He is blessing abundantly here. New Year's eve Bro. and Sis. Michner began a revival and every night was heaven on earth. Truly it was holy ground that we walked on as we daily walked with God and enjoyed the services each night. Local talent enhanced the services as it was ministered in song.

We feel that the ground work for this revival was laid by Bro. O. A. Busch as he ministered to us a few weeks ago. We appreciate each visit that he makes to give us an encouraging hand.

We request the prayers of the saints of God in behalf of Sis. Lavenia Boyd who has been battling for health for nearly a year. We have seen God intervene many times and we thank God for each and every victory.

We appreciate all the prayers in behalf of Hazel's mother, Sis. Clarence Shepherd. We feel very grateful to have her with us and that she is as well as she is. We certainly give God all the praise.

We covet the prayers of every child of God in behalf of our work here. We have recently purchased three lots across the street from the church to use for parking area and for youth activities. We feel God has blessed us in this adventure. Pray that we may see a harvest of souls. We are grateful for the hunger that we have seen in this revival among the christians for the deeper blessings of the Lord.

God bless you and O. A. as you labor for the Lord, Sis. Naomi.

Sincerely,

Bro. Bob and Sis. Hazel Taylor, Pastors.

## Last Rites Held For Mathis Sister and Brother

Funeral services for Miss Katie Mae Mathis of Hempstead, Texas, was held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 19, 1975. "Sis. Katie" was born in Waller County, February 1, 1893. She passed away in her home December 17, 1975, at the age of 82 years.

Funeral services for Harry Hesecia Mathis of Hempstead, Texas, was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 3, 1976. "Bro. Harry" was born in Nelsonville, Texas, September 27, 1890. He passed away in the home of his brother, Eddie Mathis, January 2, 1976, only two weeks after the death of his sister; both of them suffered from a heart condition. He was 85 years old, a World War I Veteran and a retired farmer.

Both services were at the McWilliams Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Joe B. Dewees officiating and assisted by Rev. A. W. Ferguson. Interment was in the Salem Cemetery in the Howth Community.

Harry and Katie were converted and believers of the Apostolic Faith teachings and for several years had prayer meetings in their home. Survivors are two brothers, John and Eddie Mathis of Hempstead and a number of neices and nephews. They were preceded in death by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Mathis, a sister, Mary Mathis, and a brother, Seab Mathis. Pallbearers were their nephews, Bryant, Raymond, Donald and Woodrow Mathis; also Robert McDonald, Sr., all of Hempstead and Earnest and George Mathis of Houston, Texas.

CAMP  
MEETING

Laverne, Okla.  
July 23—August 1  
Committee Chairman—Delvin Wiles

## HINTON, Alabama

It is time again to count our blessings over the past months of time and we find we have been most richly blessed. For this we give our Lord all our praise and thanks.

We were also very thankful to have the Bible School evangelism groups down in our area again this year. The team at our church was a tremendous blessing to all of us. We appreciate their efforts and dedication to God and send our prayers with each one of them.

It is with much gladness and relief to know that our pastor is back with us again. We felt the Lord has blessed her in her work at Bible School this term, and know the Lord has blessed and kept our church during her absence and for this special attention from the Lord we are most thankful. We wish all of you a very happy New Year in Christ.

Myrtle Carney, Pastor.  
Betty Carney, Reporter.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Barker are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Stephen Wayne Barker was born on January 13, 1976 at 1:30 p.m. He weighed 9 lb. 13 oz. and was 21½ inches long. His grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Don Russell of Pharr, Texas and Rev. and Mrs. Winston Barker also of Pharr. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Wilma Russell of Pharr, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Ermal Barker of Beaver, Oklahoma. Jerry, Lavonda, Krystal, his 2-year-old sister and little Stephen have recently moved to Liberal, Kansas, to be Minister of Music in the church there.

Lucas Judd Methvin is the new son of Ron and Judy Methvin of Guymon, Oklahoma. He was born November 17, 1975 and weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces. His grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Methvin and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Terrel all of Follett, Texas. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Millie Mears of Alvin, Texas and Mrs. Clara Methvin of Kerrville, Texas.

Don and Cindy Payne of Wellington, Kansas, are the proud parents of a baby boy. Little Christopher Willard was born on December 2, at 4:30 a.m., weighing 7 pounds and 3 ounces. Don and Cindy attended Bible School in 1972 and are formerly from Liberal, Kansas.

Our Thanks to the following churches who have sent in offerings to the Apostolic Faith Report during 1975. May God richly bless you.

Balko, Okla.	Baxter Springs, Kansas
Cave Springs, Ark.	Purcell, Missouri
Pattison, Texas	Granby Missouri, Willing Workers
Laverne, Okla.	Pampa, Texas
Westminster, Colo.	Rockdale, Texas
Galena, Kansas	Alvin, Texas
Dumas, Texas	Stockton, California
Baxter Springs, Kansas, Missionary Group	
	Midway Country Church, Logan, Okla.
Crosses, Ark.	Bayard, Neb.
Hardesty, Okla.	Center Point, Texas
Snell, Miss.	Pine Crest, Miss.
Union Chapel, Stella, Mo.	Amarillo, Texas
San Diego, Calif.	Dickinson, Texas
Hempstead, Texas	
	Apostolic Faith Church, Beaver, Okla.
	Perryton, Texas Ladies Group

## Kingman, Kansas

After a full year of many special blessings, in service to our Lord in 1975, with our new and wonderful Pastors, Rev. Johnny Arnall and wife, Kathy and little daughters, Teresa Lynn and Johnna Sue, doing a precious work among us. We desire to give an account of the fine close of the year and the beginning of the New Year 1976. The "Watch Night" service was so wonderful with our Pastor as Master of Ceremonies giving throughout the evening many precious exhortations from God's word. Much time was enjoyed in singing the sweet songs by the congregation, with seasons of prayers and special songs. Then our young minister (Jack) John E. Wimer, Jr., brought a good message on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, with a praise service following. We then took part together of the Lord's Supper, so very sacred and sweet as given by Paul in I Cor. 11:23-26. After a few minutes of refreshments, our guest speaker, Rev. Carroll Heller of Arlington, Kansas, brought a blessed message good for every day Christian living. Followed by the Lord's sweet example, as our Master and Lord, in washing one another's feet. That we should do as He had done. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his Lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. (John 13:16). That glorious night Jesus could say all but Judas were clean. To the Christian it is a lesson of love and humility and holy, clean walking before the world. John the beloved said, "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk, even as he walked. (I John 2:6)

We would like to ask our Christian friends to agree with us in prayer in behalf of our Pastor. He is entering the hospital for a back operation on February 13.

We would like to extend an invitation to all our Christian friends to come worship with us. Our doors are always open.

**Rev. Johnny Arnall, Pastor.**  
**Sis. Pearl Menke, Reporter.**

## Spearman, Texas

Although we had our trials and some members of our church suffered loss this past year. We began the New Year with the beautiful wedding of Cynthia Berner and Ronny Smith on January 3. Cindy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wally Berner. Bro. E. W. Dickson, grandfather of the bride, read the vows assisted by Bro. Jacob Regier.

We welcome Bro. and Sis. E. W. Dickson to our community and look forward to them worshiping with us and assisting in the work of the Lord here. We are happy for the revival that began here January 11 with Bro. Ted Barker and his gospel party.

In October a group of the Evangelism class from Bible School conducted the service on Sunday morning. We were blessed by their ministry and the young people did a good job.

Bro. Alvin Buschman preached here on Sunday morning December 14.

We are indeed grateful for the way the Lord meets with us in every service. For the good messages and Bible lessons we are privileged to hear. Surely his mercy endureth for ever, and we do need to be faithful to his work.

**Jacob C. Regier, Pastor**  
**Susan Delk, Reporter.**

## Perryton, Texas

We would like to thank those who have filled the pulpit while our pastor was in the hospital. Those were Bro. Ted Barker from Laverne, Oklahoma, Bro. Calvin Klaus and Bro. Ron Siex from Liberal, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Snyder were united in marriage on Friday, November 21, and are residing at 1115 S. Drake. Mrs. Snyder is the former Kathy Pribble.

Sunday morning, December 21, our children presented a Christmas program coordinated by Joan Pletcher. We also had a Cantata, "Love Transcending" directed by Bro. Tommy Simmons.

Congratulations to the Apostolic Faith Church of Guymon, Oklahoma! Early in the year, Pastor Edwin Modrick challenged the congregation to be out of debt before the year ended. Contributions during the year were generous with something less than \$30,000 coming in. The exciting victory came in their JUBILEE SERVICE last Sunday night when close to \$40,000 was given which retired the entire church debt. We join them in praise to God.

We are now having KIDS CLUB on Thursday afternoons at the parsonage. Sis. Dale Stollings and Sis. Rhonda Wood are in charge. Pray for the children and for the Kids Club leaders, and thanks to the mothers who bring their children each week.

**Harroll Waterbury, Pastor.**

## Liberal, Kansas

"I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord according to all that God hath bestowed upon us. . ." (Isa. 63:7a).

The Lord is continuing to honor His name in this church family. Some have recently accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. On December 28, 1975, there were six small children dedicated to the Lord. The Lord has in the past year blessed our fellowship with several young families. In November we began a special type of intercessory prayer where all the church people are praying for other members of the congregation. This has proven to be helpful.

We continue to have two services on Sunday morning. Our average Sunday morning attendance is about 125.

On Wednesday evenings we meet at 7:14 p.m. to claim the promise of II Chronicles 7:14 which states, "If my people which are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." This time of prayer before the service is especially designated as a time to pray for the governments of our land.

There has been an increase in the number and interest of our young people. A ski trip is planned in February.

The name of Jesus is a strong tower. We praise Him.

**Harold Bollinger, Pastor**  
**David Turner, Youth Minister.**

## Katy, Texas

As of January 1, 1976 Bro. and Sis. G. K. Kerr ended their pastorate here and are now open for calls, for revivals, weekend services, or fill in work. Bro. and Sis. Lee Brock will be filling in for us starting January 18, 1976.

## MORE CHURCH REPORTS

### Amarillo, Texas

During the month of November Rev. Roland Busch conducted a revival in the church. His sermons were appreciated, as they stirred our minds in the way of remembrance of the true work of God. The gospel went forth with power and authority from the Lord, and we were reminded never to put our own will against God's will, our human ways against the divine way, or material and temporal things above the spiritual and eternal.

Dorothy Kinser and Paula Bushman helped in the services. Their singing was a blessing to each one.

The children of the church presented a Christmas program. At this time our hearts were centered on the birth of Christ, and our hopes were lifted as we entered a New Year, which will bring us closer to His coming.

**Neil Ragan, Pastor.**  
**LaVonna Mitchell, Reporter.**

### Arnett, Oklahoma

We are glad that the Lord is still doing things for those who will serve Him. Not only does He do things for those who serve Him but He will save a sinner who will come to Him. T'is wonderful to feel the presence of the Lord.

Rick French and some of the youth from Laverne, Oklahoma, came down and had fellowship with our youth. God has a great love for a young person who will follow him in daily living. The Lord is no respecter of persons. It's wonderful to know that the Lord can do for others the things He does for us and that the number of persons makes no difference, as He is always ready to help one in need who will call upon Him.

A fellowship dinner was held at the church, Sunday, December 14 and everyone brought a basket lunch, enjoyed the morning service, and then joined in the festivities.

A Community Christmas Contata was presented December 21, 1975. Our own Christmas program was the same evening but started at 6:00 o'clock so that we were through in time to attend the Contata.

Rev. Earl Malone attended the closing services of the Apostolic Faith Bible School at Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Our goal is to do more for the Lord in 1976 by winning more souls to Him.

All ministers of the faith are extended an invitation to come by and worship with us at any time.

May the Lord bless you as we start the year 1976.

**Earl Malone, Pastor.**  
**Ruby V. Kibbe, Reporter.**

### OPEN FOR CALLS

I have been in the Bible School for two years and have felt the call of God on my life and wish to answer it. I will be available for weekend services through March 1, 1976. After that I will be free to hold revivals or services anytime I am needed.

**Jack Wimer**  
**R. R. 1**  
**Murdock, Kansas 67111**  
**Phone: 316-297-3846**

### Guymon, Oklahoma

Last April Bro. Edwin Modrick spoke to our congregation of a revelation he had recently had concerning our church. The message was taken from the 25th chapter of Leviticus. From this Bro. Edwin was inspired to ask the church to become debt free. He then put a banner across the front of the church quoting from Matt. 9:28 "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" From Leviticus 25:10 we then set December 21st as our Jubilee Sunday. On that day at 6 p.m. around 400 people of our church gathered in the activity building for our Jubilee service and answered Matt. 9:28 with a loud "Yea Lord" by retiring a debt of \$68,000.00. We are now praying and fasting that we might continue in the Lord's will for our church. The whole church took part in an all day fast on January 12th. "To God be the Glory".

**Edwin Modrick, Pastor.**  
**Kathy White, Reporter.**

### San Jose, California

We always enjoy reading the Apostolic Faith Paper. My sister, Mrs. Ted Tannehill, has been sending her copy to me for several years. We would like to have you send it to us direct if you will.

We, ourselves are missionaries to the Chinese in the Bay area of California. We, also have done missionary work with the Indians of Arizona, Oklahoma and California. We began our ministry with the Apostolics back in 1932. I first traveled with Homer Coberly in revival meetings and then was with Millard Brown for some time. After Pauline Mansfield and I were married in 1934 we moved to areas where there were no Apostolic churches and in order to continue our ministry we have had to work with other churches. But our hearts are still with you dear people of the Apostolic Faith Movement. May God bless you greatly as we all work for the cause of Christ.

**Glenn and Pauline Harris.**

### Ashland, Alabama

The Lord has been so good to us in our labors here the past few weeks, and we are looking forward to great things in this new year. Our church family is growing and showing new enthusiasm. We are planning a Youth Retreat for our youth group soon, and trust God will pour out His blessings on this endeavor. We covet your prayers for our ministry and may God bless each of you.

**Bro. Jim Arnall, Pastor.**

### Thoms Station, Missouri

Thoms Station Full Gospel Church has enjoyed the blessing of the Lord the past several weeks. We have enjoyed having the different groups of students from the Evangelism Class who have ministered each Wednesday. We can say that each team that came our way did a very good job. We invite all other ministers to come any time.

**Ronald Day, Pastor.**

# Don't Read This!

— unless you are interested  
in the Bible College Programs —

Since Bible College has closed I have looked back on the year and tried to reevaluate the programs that God permitted us to carry out. It is with profound thanks to God that this article can be written. We would like also to express our appreciation to all the Churches who participated in the Evangelism programs.

Our watch word was SERVICE. Jesus said "IN AS MUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ONE OF MY LITTLE ONES YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME". There were many times I am sure when the students have preferred to do something else but instead they carried out their assignments to do what ever they could for God. They conducted services far and near. They went into Nursing Homes when it was hard to do so. They took their turns at visiting in the hospital when it was not always convenient for them to do so. They did a good job at whatever they were assigned to do and usually did so with a very cheerful attitude.

It has been my burden the past two years that the Evangelism program would support itself. Making as many trips as we do can be very expensive and I did not feel that the school should carry this burden. Also I realize that the students needed to be supported many times. I expressed this desire to the students and am happy to say that the school has not been out one single penny on any of the projects the past two years. The Churches that we have served have been most generous and their offerings have paid the expenses of the trips and have also given to our students that their needs might be met. Several have felt a burden to send for this need and we appreciate your thoughtfulness so very much.

At the close of school the evangelism class decided that we would like to contribute something to the school that would be a lasting testimony of the work of the class. It was decided to purchase swinging doors to be placed at the back of the auditorium. This has been needed for a very long time. It cuts out lots of noise from the entrance hall and will make our classes more private. We took enough money from our Evangelism Fund to pay for the doors and Bro. Winston Barker was kind enough to hang them for us while he was here. The balance in the account was banked to pass on to the 1976 Evangelism Class to begin their programs. We thank God because He has met the need.

A number of the students are currently working for God in various ways and various places. Several are in a revival in Alabama at this present time. Some are serving in Churches as youth workers and Childrens church workers. Some have returned to their own Churches to work for the Lord. Should you need someone to work in your Church we would recommend that you use these young people. We feel you will find them dedicated to the work of the Lord in every way.

Please remember the Bible College each day as you pray. Our young people need to be taught the truths of God's word.

Again we say thank you for all your help this past year in seeing the work of God go forward.

**Louise Sutton, Instructor.**

## From the departing Superintendent!

Greetings from the Bible College. This will be our last time to greet you from this position as superintendent of Bible School.

The past three years have held some wonderful memories for us which we shall long remember. The Lord has been good to us with some great spiritual blessings here at the school. We have had some of the most wonderful teachers and helpers to work with. The students have been great. We shall miss all of this but feel it is the Lord's will for us to move on. On July 15 of last summer we notified the Bible School Board of Trustees of our decision. The Lord gave us a wonderful term of school to close with. We have enjoyed working with the Board of Trustees. They have been great to us.

Long before we accepted the job as Superintendent of the Bible School the Lord gave us a burden for this work. When we took the job I had a burden to see two classes launch out in a new step with a vision of training students for the Lord's work. I shared this with my wife and it became a reality. I desired to see the Evangelism and Child and Youth Evangelism classes become working classes. When Sis. Sutton accepted the job as teacher of Evangelism she had the same burden. My wife had the same burden for Child and Youth. These ladies have done a tremendous job in carrying out our vision for these classes. I hope next year they will go even deeper with what can be done for the Lord in training our youth.

The other classes in the school continued to be a real spiritual blessing.

There is much we could say but time and space won't allow so I must close this letter to you.

Let me thank you once again for your prayers and support of us during this time. You have made the school what it is. Please stay behind the school and the new Superintendent whoever he may be.

We shall always work for the school and stay behind it with our prayers and support and do what we can to see it grow even more.

Our burden is to get back into pastoral work as the Lord may lead. Please pray for us.

**God Bless You All,  
Jack Cornell and family.**

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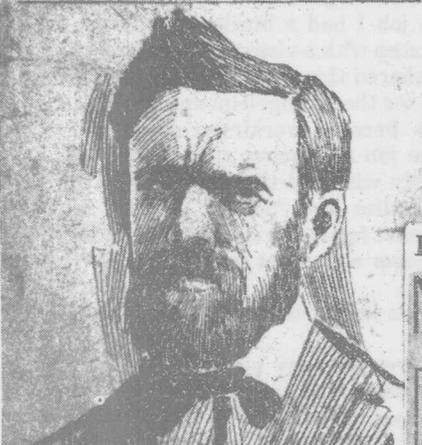
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KANSAS CITY TIMES JANUARY 27, 1900

## PARHAM'S NEW RELIGION PRACTICED AT "STONE'S FOLLY"

Evangelist Who Recently Attracted Attention in Kansas City Has Established a Gospel School in an Old Mansion at Topeka. Where He Teaches Forty Students His Strange Doctrines—Converts Get What They Pray For, and, by an Inspiration, Speak in Languages Unknown to Themselves—The Tower of Cont...

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 25.—The Rev. Charles Parham, evangelist, who lately has at-



...own language, they do not speak the authority for the  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
FEBRUARY 6, 1901

## IN TOWER OF BABEL.

Occupants of Topeka Mansion Talk Queer Jargons—"Parhamites."

Members of Religious Sect Tell of Latter-Day Miracle—Dwellers in "Stone's Folly" Declare Prayer Enables Them to Speak in Unknown Tongues.

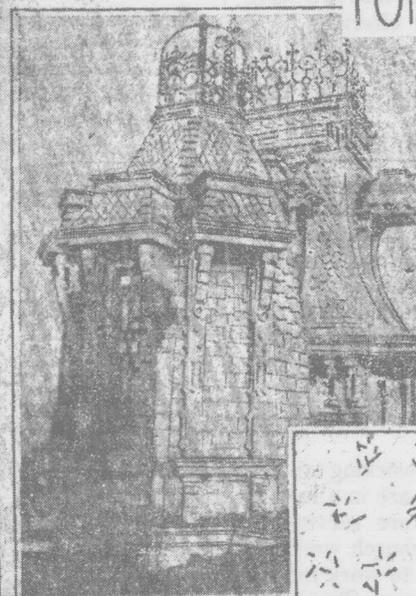
TOPEKA CAPITAL  
JANUARY 14, 1901

## A QUEER FAITH.

Strange Actions of the Apostolic Believers.

POST DISPATCH, KANSAS CITY, JANUARY 26, 1900

## NEW SECT IN KANSAS SPEAKS WITH STRANGE TONGUES



THE PRAYING TOWER  
OF BETHEL GOSPEL SCHOOL

Bethel Gospel School at Topeka, the Members of Which "Toil Not Neither Do They Spin" Preach New Doctrines.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 25. Special Correspondence of the Sunday Post-Dispatch

TOPEKA  
OCTOBER 20

## HE GOT MONEY.

Unusual Journey of Rev. Chas. Parham of Topeka.

Had No Funds When He Started on His Trip.

## PRAYS FOR RESOURCES

Cash Handed to Him in Response to Supplications.

Went From Kansas to Maine and Back.

## STRANDED IN WINNIPEG

POST DISPATCH, KANSAS CITY, JANUARY 26, 1900

## NEW SECT IN KANSAS SPEAKS WITH STRANGE TONGUES



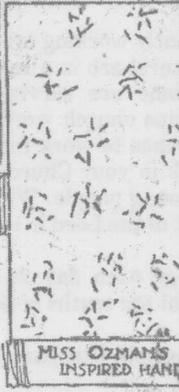
MISS LIZZIE  
OZMAN

KANSAS CITY WORLD

## CLAIM A STRANGE "GIFT OF TONGUES"

People Who Say They Are Able to Speak Foreign Languages by the Lord's Inspiration.

## REMARKABLE RELIGIOUS SECT.



MISS OZMAN'S  
INSPIRED HAND

## HISTORY OF THE ORIGINAL APOSTOLIC FAITH MOVEMENT

FOUNDER: REV. MR. CHARLES FOX PARHAM

QUOTATIONS GIVEN FROM THE BOOK  
"LIFE OF CHARLES FOX PARHAM"  
WRITTEN BY HIS WIFE  
SARAH E. PARHAM

AT A VERY EARLY AGE, GOD BEGAN TO DEAL WITH CHARLES FOX PARHAM AND TO PREPARE HIM FOR THE WORK HE WANTED HIM TO DO.

He was born in Muscatine, Iowa, June 4, 1873. He was not a strong boy but was weak and sick a good part of the time. His mother passed away when he was only twelve. As the family gathered around her bed as she was dying, she turned to Charles and said: "Charlie, Be Good." He never got away from those words.

"The words, "BE GOOD" made a deep impression on his heart, and influenced him in later years to consecrate his life to God and the work of the ministry."

### CONCERNING HIS POOR HEALTH:

"At six months of age I was taken with a fever that left me an invalid. For five years I suffered with dreadful spasms. At nine years of age I was stricken with the first case of inflammatory rheumatism, virtually tied up in a knot; with other complications I suffered much. I took medicines of various kinds and one of them destroyed the lining of my stomach and dwarfed me so that I did not grow for three years."

### OF HIS CALL TO THE MINISTRY HE WROTE:

"The earliest recollection I have of a call to the ministry was when about nine years of age, and though unconverted, I realized as certainly as did Samuel that God had laid His hand on me, and for many years endured the feeling of Paul, "Woe is me, if I preach not the gospel."

As our parents had emigrated to Kansas in an early day in a prairie schooner the library was of small proportions. It contained, as I remember: "The letters from Hell, a Natural History, a few antiquated school books, a dictionary, a history of all nations, recording facts from early historic times until 1878; and last, but not least, the Bible. The last two books were the most valuable in preparing me for the work which has now developed upon me.

The Bible was almost a constant companion, and though unconverted, time and again I used to round up the cattle and give them a rousing sermon on the realities of a future life.

Thus with no preconceived ideas, with no knowledge of what creeds and doctrines meant, not having any traditional spectacles upon the eyes to see through, I scarcely knew anything about church and Sunday School. These facts are stated to show that any early scriptures were entirely unbiased. I became thoroughly familiar with it, reading it just as it says. I don't remember to have ever heard but one or two preachers before reaching the age of thirteen years; and was then converted in a meeting held by Bro. Lippard of the Congregational Church. Other scenes and memories may fade, but who shall ever forget the place where God spoke peace to the soul."

### HIS CONVERSION:

"The preacher who was holding meetings in a school house, said on Thursday evening that unless someone made a start, the meeting would close on Sunday. So on the road home, I decided to start the next evening. There were several reasons why this decision was made; first and uppermost, was to keep the meeting running, as it was quite an innovation and enjoyable place to spend the long evenings and although I had never decided in my mind when I should become a Christian, that was in the vague future, sometime. I stood up, and was immediately marked down as a convert. No interest seemed to be shown whether I was really converted or not, but the idea seemed to prevail that if a person made a strong resolution and did the best they could, that was all to be required.

On the road home that night, the Holy Spirit wrought deep and pungent convictions on my heart; and from the knowledge already obtained from the Scriptures, I knew it would be utterly impossible to live a Christian life, without a real conversion. Some people may try it, but in all the years of experience since, I have never known a single individual who made a success of the Christian life, who did not have deep and pungent conviction for sin, repenting with a godly sorrow for the same, with the restitution to fellow creatures of all wrongs. So on that night when weighted down by mighty convictions, being unable to pray, I tried to sing, (which was an impossibility to do until years afterward, when in answer to prayer God supplied the need, and gave me the ability to lead the hymns in the meeting); so humming that old familiar song,—"I am coming to the Cross", and had reached the third verse, when with face upturned, and meaning every word of it; "HERE, I GIVE MY ALL TO THEE, FRIENDS, AND TIME AND EARTHLY STORE, SOUL AND BODY THINE TO BE: WHOLLY THINE FOREVER MORE."

While repeating the word, "wholly", there flashed from the heavens a light above the brightness of the sun; like a stroke of lightening it penetrated, thrilling every fibre of my being; making me to know by experimental knowledge what Peter knew of old, that He was the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

At the age of fifteen he became a Sunday School worker and held a few meetings. After teaching a short time he entered Southwestern Kansas College at the age of sixteen. At this time he backslid and began to drift far from God. It was suggested that he become a Doctor so he planned his studies in that way. However, he was never able to get away from the call God had placed upon his life. Again his health began to fail and his suffering was very great. A doctor who visited the family said he could only live a short time but he knew much of what he was enduring was because of his rebellion against God's Will.

"The next morning there came to me so forcibly all those wonderful lessons of how Jesus healed; why could He not do the same today? All through the months I had lain there suffering, the words kept ringing in my ears, "Will you preach?" "Will you preach?" I had steadfastly refused to do so, if I had to depend upon merchandising for my support, but on that morning when the physician said I would last but a few days, I cried out to the Lord, that if He would let me go somewhere, someplace, where I would not have to take col-

lections or beg for a living that I would preach if He would turn me loose. Then I tried to pray. With mind beclouded with drugs, I was unable to frame my thoughts satisfactorily, but soon began to repeat the Lord's prayer. With this and similar prayers upon my lips, every joint in my body loosened and every organ in my body was healed. And yet, after having the use of all my body my ankles remained helpless, the sinews and bindings as useless as though tin cans were tied to my ankles. After some time through great necessity I learned to walk upon the sides of my feet, or rather upon my ankles with my feet thrown out to the side. In this manner I went back to college, though unable to walk except on smooth surfaces. I wondered all those months why, if God had healed the rest of my body, why not the ankles? Now readers, this may help you. Perhaps some of your afflictions remain with you for the same reason. If you have made a vow or promise to God, and have not kept that vow, we will have to perform such a vow unto God before we get complete healing. I had promised God my life in the ministry and woefully failed Him.

Then one night while praying, under a tree, to which I had crawled on the old College campus, God instantly sent the virtue of healing like a mighty electric current through my body and my ankles were made whole, like the man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple."

From this time forth he went forth proclaiming not only that Jesus saves and sanctifies but also that He heals. He preached in schoolhouses, homes or what ever was open for the gospel. Preaching to many of various faiths. A little later he pastored in some of the Methodist Churches. He preached Sanctification as a second definite work of grace, as taught by John Wesley and the early Methodist.

He soon left sectarian Churchism, as he termed it, and entered the Evangelistic work where he saw hundreds saved, Sanctified, and healed by the power of God.

"In 1898 a Divine Healing Home was established on the corner of Fourth and Jackson Streets, Topeka, Kansas, which was called Bethel. The purpose of the Bethel Home was to provide homes like comforts for those who were seeking healing, while we prayed for their spiritual needs as well as their bodies. The Apostolic Faith Report was first printed here. In the beginning it was published twice a month. The Report is still being published and is now put out once each month.

At the Bethel Home special studies were given to ministers and evangelists, and many workers were instructed in Bible truths, and trained for Gospel Work. They taught Salvation, Healing, Sanctification, the Second Coming of Christ, and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, although they had not then received the evidence of speaking in other tongues, they did later in the College of Bethel.

They practiced water baptism by immersion, and partook of the Lord's Supper."

Some time later the work at Bethel was left in the care of two Holiness preachers while Bro. Parham visited the works of some other men in other places. When he returned he found they had taken the work for themselves and he was all but set out in the street.

#### **BETHEL BIBLE SCHOOL, TOPEKA, KANSAS**

"Many of his friends had desired him to open a Bible School and soon Stone's Folly, a great mansion patterned

after an English castle, one mile west of Washburn College in Topeka, Kansas, was obtained for this purpose. The hand of the Lord was with them."

"We opened the Bible School at Topeka, Kansas, in October, 1900. To which we invited all ministers and Christians who were willing to forsake all, sell what they had, give it away, and enter the school for study and prayer, where all of us together might trust God for food, fuel, rent and clothing. The purpose of this school was to fit men and women to go to the ends of the earth to preach, 'This Gospel of the Kingdom'. Matthew 24, as a witness to all the world before the end of the age.

Our purpose in this Bible School was not to learn these things in our heads only but have each thing in the Scriptures wrought out in our hearts. And that every command that Jesus Christ gave should be literally obeyed.

No one paid tuition or board, the poor were fed, the sick were entertained and healed, and from day to day, week to week and month to month, with no sect or mission or known source of income back of us, God supplied our every need and He as our all sufficiency in all things.

In December of 1900 we had had our examination upon the subject of repentance, conversion, consecration, sanctification, healing and the soon coming of the Lord. We had reached in our studies a problem. What about the 2nd chapter of Acts? I had felt for years that any missionary going to the foreign field should preach in the language of the natives. That if God had ever equipped His ministers in that way He could do it today. I believe our experience should tally exactly with the Bible, and neither sanctification nor the anointing that abideth taught by Stephen Merritt and others tallies with the 2nd chapter of Acts. Having heard so many different religious bodies claim different proofs as the evidence of their having the Pentecostal baptism, I set the students at work studying out diligently what was the Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that we might go before the world with something that was indisputable because it tallied absolutely with the Word.

Leaving the school for three days at this task, I went to Kansas City for three days of services. I returned to the school on the morning preceding Watch Night services in the year 1900.

At about 10:00 in the morning I rang the bell calling all the students into the Chapel to get their report on the matter in hand. To my astonishment they all had the same story, that while there were different things ocured when the Pentecostal blessing fell, that the indisputable proof on each occasion was, that they spake with other tongues.

Sis. Agnes N. Ozman asked that hands might be laid upon her to receive the Holy Spirit as she hoped to go to foreign fields. I laid my hand upon her head and prayed. I had scarcely repeated three dozen sentences when a glory fell upon her, a halo seemed to surround her head and face, and she began speaking in the Chinese language, and was unable to speak English for three days. When she tried to write in English to tell us of her experience she wrote in the Chinese, copies of which we still have in newspapers printed at that time.

We removed the beds from a dormitory on the upper floor, and there for two nights and three days we continued as a school to wait upon God. We got past any begging or pleading, we knew the blessing was ours with ever swelling tides of praise and thanks giving and worship, interspersed with singing we waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit."

## **OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ACCORDING TO ACTS 2ND CHAPTER**

"On the night of January 3rd, I preached at the Free Methodist Church in the city of Topeka telling them what had already happened, and that I expected upon returning the entire school to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. On returning to the school with one of the students, we ascended to the second floor, and passing down along the corridor in the upper room, heard most wonderful sounds. The door was slightly ajar, the room was lit with only coal oil lamps. As I pushed open the door I found the room was filled with a sheen of white light above the brightness of the lamps.

Twelve ministers, who were in the school of different denominations, were filled with the Holy Spirit and spake with other tongues. Some were sitting, some still kneeling, others standing with hands upraised. There was no violent physical manifestation, though some trembled under the power of the glory that filled them. I was told that just before I entered the room tongues of fire were sitting above their heads.

I fell to my knees behind a table unnoticed by those upon whom the power of Pentecost had fallen to pour out my heart to God in Thanksgiving. All at once they began to sing, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" in at least six different languages, carrying the different parts but with a more angelic voice than I had ever listened to in all my life.

After praising God for some time, I asked Him for the same blessing. He distinctly made it clear to me that He raised me up and trained me to declare this mighty truth to the world, and if I was willing to stand for it, with all the persecutions, hardships, trials, slander, scandal that it would entail, He would give me the blessing. "And I said, 'Lord, I will if you will just give me this blessing'. Right then there came a slight twist in my throat, and glory fell over me and I began to worship God in the Swedish tongue, which later changed to other languages and continued to until the morning. Just a word: After preaching this for all these years with all the persecutions I have been permitted to go through with, misunderstanding and the treatment of false brethren, yet knowing all that, this blessing would bring to me, if I had the time and was back there again I'd take the same way."

"No sooner was this miraculous restoration of Pentecostal power noised abroad, then we were besieged with reporters from Topeka papers, Kansas City, St. Louis and many other cities that sent reporters who brought with them professors of languages, foreigners, Government interpreters, and they gave the work the most crucial test. One Government interpreter claimed to have heard twenty Chinese dialects distinctly spoken in one night. All agreed that the students of the college were speaking in the languages of the world, and that with proper accent and intonation. There was no chattering, jabbering, or stuttering. Each one spoke clearly and distinctly in a foreign tongue, with earnestness, intensity and God given unction. The propriety and decency of the conduct of each member of the Bible School won the warmest comment from many visitors.

Our first public appearance after others had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit was in Kansas City, in the

Academy of Music, about January 21st. The Kansas City papers loudly announced our coming. Two columns appeared in the Kansas City Journal, with large headlines on the front page. These headlines, being the largest on the front page, attracted the attention of the newsboys, and they, not knowing a Pentecost from a holocaust ran wildly up and down the street carrying their papers crying loudly, Pentecost, Pentecost, Pentecost, read all about the Pentecost."

## **QUOTATIONS FROM NEWSPAPERS THAT CARRIED STORIES ABOUT THE BETHEL BIBLE SCHOOL:**

STATE JOURNAL, January 15, 1901:

"**Prayer Tower**" "Bethel College has a prayer tower in which some one stays all the time. The prayer tower is reached by climbing the spiral stairs of the tower to the house top and walking out over the roof to the door in one of the turrets of the building. The room is about six foot square and has a little stove inside to keep it warm and it is quite warm in the room even in the coldest weather. On the floor is a rug and a chair which has been provided for those who watch and pray at night. The women are assigned to the tower during the day time and the men during the night. Each one who goes to the tower remains there until relieved. The time each one stays is usually about three hours."

## **KANSAS CITY PAPERS, February, 1901:**

"At the academy of Music, Rev. Chas. F. Parham of the College of Bethel, to conduct Revivals in Up-town Hall.

Mr. Parham is the leader of the Topeka sect which has started out to induce the world to return to what its exponents call, the early Apostolic Faith. Mr. Parham and several of his followers claimed to have conferred upon them the speaking in tongues, and other powers the early disciples were said to have had, among them the power of healing.

Six hours of Prayer. Parham and students hold Service at Shelly Park. C. F. Parham, with seven students from Bethel College Bible School at Topeka, Kansas, held a session of prayer yesterday in a tent at Shelly Park. The session lasted six hours. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during which time over 100 persons offered prayer, including many of the students, who prayed in foreign tongues by means of the Spirit. Last evening the Evangelist held a regular prayer meeting and several different languages were used by the people. The Bethel Bible School, according to its founder and present head, is the only religious institution in the world to the students of which the speaking in tongues has been given from God. 'We are not working for money,' said a student last night. 'We do not ask for money from anyone. The Lord will provide. If we are worthy, we will have plenty to eat and plenty to wear.' When asked to explain the gift of tongues, a student said, 'It came to the students January 1st, last, direct from God. We could none of us speak any other language beside English. When the gift came from God, we could speak different languages, and by the grace of God we teach nothing that is not proven by the Bible. Our religion is the religion of truth, not the religion of fashion, as practiced by the churches.'

Rev. C. F. Parham tells of his followers hardships. He spoke of the persecutions that have always attended every

great reform, which he and his followers were experiencing in some degree. Our work is set for the restoration of faith and power and unity among believers. Mr. Parham claims that he and his followers thru their faith are able to preach in different languages. The sect has a school. The College of Bethel, Topeka, Kansas."

#### LATER ARTICLE FROM KANSAS CITY WORLD:

They believe in a personal God. The Apostolic Faith as taught by Chas. F. Parham of Topeka. Speaking in Tongues.

1. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, and the Spirit gave them utterance. These verses give foundation for a new 'The Apostolic Faith.' It was founded by Rev. Chas. F. Parham at Topeka, Kansas. This faith, takes the Bible literally, and it is taught in the Bible School called "Bethel College" near Topeka. These people have a faith almost incomprehensible at this day. Prevailing prayer, that's the sole tenet of their faith. They have exercised this faith so patiently in unusual ardor and continued prayer that they now claim to have received the 'SPEAKING IN TONGUES' which means that they believe they can speak in many tongues."

#### GALENA, KANSAS—1903

"As Mr. Parham had been shown, this gospel of the baptism of the Holy Spirit should go through a testing time for about three years, before this wonderful power should again be manifest in any remarkable way. We had experienced our years of trials and testings and now the time had come when God was going to visit His people in Mercy and the Holy Spirit again be poured out.

We came to Galena, Kansas, in the fall of 1903, and began meetings in the Arthur home, which (though large and commodious) soon proved to be too small to accommodate the crowds of hungry people who came to hear the message of the full gospel, which Mr. Parham had brought to them.

A large tent was pitched on a vacant lot nearby and the revival continued until after Thanksgiving. Here the blind, lame, and all manner of diseases were marvelously healed and great numbers saved. I remember the joy and thanksgiving that filled the tent one day when a lame man was prayed for and walked off and left his crutches.

As cold weather was approaching, the "Grand Leader Building", an immense double store room was secured and seated to continue the meeting. Though the building would accommodate a large crowd, the doors were many times thrown wide open as the crowds overflowed into the street. Two meetings were held each day and all the city was moved. Large numbers came from the surrounding towns and God stretched forth His hand to heal by the hundreds and many signs and wonders were wrought. Hundreds were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit.

There was deep conviction, heart-searching, great humiliation and wrongs were righted as the believers sought the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some would receive the Spirit while Mr. Parham was preaching, and others in their homes while at work.

A great crowd attended the watch night meeting, and about four hundred remained in service till morning. It was a meeting long to be remembered by all who attended."

#### SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE ST. LOUIS GLOBE DEMOCRAT:

Galena, Kansas, January 1, 1904.—"The Evangelistic meetings which have been held at this place by the Rev. Parham for the past six weeks celebrated the New Year by baptizing the converts in Spring River this afternoon.

These meetings have been a success from the beginning and fully 500 have been converted. Some have already been immersed, but today's list counts 250. Many of the most prominent people in town have professed to having been healed of blindness, cancer, rheumatism and other diseases, and it has been such a spiritual revival as Galena has not experienced in years, if ever.

#### CINCINNATI ENQUIRER AND JOPLIN NEWS HERALD:

Galena, Kansas, January 27, 1904.—It is doubtful whether in recent years anything has occurred that has awakened the interest, excited the comment or mystified the people of this region as have the religious meetings being held here by Rev. C. F. Parham, familiarly termed "The Divine Healer".

Over three months have elapsed since this man came to Galena and during that time he has healed over a thousand people and converted over 800. When Rev. Parham first began to attract attention he was holding services in a large tent and soon the streets in that vicinity were crowded nightly with people who were anxious to see and hear the wonderful man who was healing the sick, the maimed and the blind without money and without price. When it was found that the tent was utterly inadequate to accommodate the crowd who assembled, a large double storeroom that would shelter 2,000 people was procured, a platform was built at one end, stoves were set up, rough pine boards were installed to be used as seats. Here the past six weeks Parham has preached to a crowded house and the interest shows no sign of abatement. During the services there have been as many as 50 people at the altar at one time seeking to be restored in soul and body. Here people who have not walked for years without the aid of crutches have risen from the altar with their limbs straightened that they were enabled to lay aside their crutches, to the astonishment of the audience.

#### BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS 1904:

"Mr. Parham and a number of workers then held a meeting in Baxter Springs, Kansas, and the same spirit and power was manifested, and scores were brought to the light and accepted the blessings of the full gospel."

"Meetings were held in Melrose, Kansas, a small village twelve miles west of Baxter Springs, Kansas. As a result of this meeting, the first Apostolic, Pentecostal or Full Gospel Chapel of all modern movements was erected at the cross roads at Keelville, Kansas, ten miles west of Baxter Springs, Kansas."

#### JOPLIN, MISSOURI 1904:

"In the fall of 1904, Bro. C. F. Parham came to Joplin and held a tent meeting on 15th and Joplin St. From the very first meeting a great interest was manifest. Deep conviction came upon the people and many were saved, sanctified and healed. The power of God came down our souls to greet and glory crowned the mercy seat. Blind eyes were opened, the sick healed and God confirmed His Word with signs following.

The revival continued in the tent for about four weeks, then the meeting was moved to the Roosevelt Flats, at 9th and Main St. Here the good work went on several weeks longer."

#### **THE GOSPEL CARRIED TO TEXAS ORCHARD, TEXAS 1905:**

"Mr. and Mrs. Walter Oyler, of Orchard, Texas, attended the meeting in Galena, Kansas, and both of them received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They also attended his meeting held in Joplin, Mo. in the fall of 1904, where they met Mrs. Hall, who accompanied back to Orchard, Texas March 21, 1905. Here they told the people of the "full gospel" which had meant so much to them for both soul and body.

They prayed that the Lord would send Mr. Parham there for a meeting, and God answered prayer. While God was preparing the hearts of the people at Orchard to receive the Gospel, God also laid it on Mr. Parham's heart, and definitely showed him to go to the south-land. He preached his first sermon on Easter Sunday, 1905, at Orchard, the birthplace of the Apostolic Faith Movement in Texas.

A glorious wave of salvation swept over Orchard, and whole families were swept into the blessings of full salvation. Even to the A.T.S.F. Railroad Section crew No. 13, every man got saved that was not already saved.

So many were healed, saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit that there seemed to be scarcely one left to plead the cause of the evil one. The whole community had been transformed, restitutions had been made, lives had been changed and led into the deeper things of God. The vicinity of Orchard was awakened out of their dead forms and were now alive with the mighty power of the Holy Spirit."

#### **BRO. PARHAM WROTE OF THE ORCHARD REVIVAL:**

"I came to Texas on an excursion of twenty-one days, and stopped at Orchard where the people all begged for meetings.

There were only five or six Christians here but in two weeks there were only about that many sinners. In the whole section, from far and near they came and were converted."

Bro. Parham returned to Kansas to fill some appointments after the revival at Orchard. He held revivals in Melrose, Kansas and Keelville, Kansas all the time gathering a group of consecrated workers to return to Texas with him.

#### **HOUSTON, TEXAS, JULY 10, 1905:**

"Mr. Parham, now with twenty-five workers, went on to Houston to begin the revival meeting, to lay seige to the city of Houston in the name of the Lord, July 10, 1905.

Bryan Hall had been secured for the meeting which cost fifty dollars a week, and a company of twenty-five were provided with board and lodging without any known source of income. Without soliciting and begging they trusted God to supply all their needs. Henry Aylor sold a mule and donated the money to help in the opening expenses of the meeting, and so they laughingly said, 'they were riding in to Houston on a mule.'

They preached on the streets, visited from house to house, until a mighty revival swept the city and surrounding towns, such as had never been known before. Many scores were converted, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Spirit. Many were healed in answer to the prayer of faith, and others possessed with evil spirits were delivered."

#### **QUOTES FROM HOUSTON PAPERS:**

**THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE, August 13, 1905—** Houstonians witness the performance of miracles. Mysticism surrounds work of Apostles of Faith—Speak in All Tongues Known to Man.

Among the languages spoken by the professors of the Apostolic Faith the government interpreters have made investigation and authoritively report that all known languages have been demonstrated, including 20 Chinese dialects.

And so is esemplified the doctrine of the band of followers of the Apostolic Faith, it was given to the apostles not only according to the teachings of a given school, but to speak all the languages of the world as spoken by the most lowly in their corruption of the vernacular or as used by the most classic scholar in the retreat of his library. He may command the classics of a Homer or talk the jargon of the lowest savage of the African jungle."

#### **AGE OF MIRACLES**

"And yet more marvelous than the story of many languages are the rumors that are being shed abroad of the marvelous healings that are being performed at the instance of Dr. Parham.

The members of the faith declare the age of miracles never passed away, but that the power was lost through waning faith. There are many who profess to having been present when these works of Faith were wrought. One reputable resident of Houston who claims to have seen a woman restored to health, declares it to have been a fact but does not pretend to solve the mystery."

"Mr. Parham being forced to return to Kansas to fill other engagements, the meeting in Houston was closed, although still in the heights of victory and power. Some of the workers accompanied him while the rest remained in different parts of Texas to continue the work.

The town of Brunner had been on continuous flame of revival power. Meetings were also held in Richmond, Katy, Alvin, Angelton, Needleville, Crosby and many other places and the power of God was present to save, sanctify, heal and baptize with the Holy Spirit.

#### **GALVESTON, TEXAS 1905:**

"In October 1905, a meeting was held in Galveston, Texas. As they held meetings on the streets, men came and listened in amazement to the wonderful truths of the gospel of the kingdom and saw the signs follow. One night, Bessie Tuthill prayed in an African dialect, and a man in the congregation told what she was saying and was so convinced of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that two nights later he came to the altar and was reclaimed.

The newspapers in Galveston heralded the revival held in that city. A paragraph of one of the papers stated:"

"The work in Galveston is being done by Mr. Parham and about twenty-five student workers. A feature that distinguishes the Apostolic Faith workers from other religious bodies, is that a collection is never made, or money solicited for any purpose. The defrayment of the expenses is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions."

"Several of the workers were taken very sick. We felt sure they had been poisoned in some way. In answer to prayer they were all healed and delivered from pain and suffering.

At another time, Mr. Parham took a drink of water

from a glass back of the pulpit as he had been in the habit of doing after preaching. He had only taken a swallow when he was struck with an awful pain. He began to pray, saying, "Oh, Lord, Thou hast said"—and the pain instantly left him. The glass with the water that remained was taken to a chemist who said that there was enough poison in it to kill a dozen men."

#### **BIBLE SCHOOL IN HOUSTON, TEXAS 1906:**

After the Galveston revival Bro. and Sis. Parham returned to Houston, Texas to spend the winter and hold a Bible School. This was accomplished in the year of 1906.

#### **CONCERNING ONE OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

"W. J. Seymore, the colored man who had attended the school so faithfully, had received all the truths and teachings that we had held from the beginning, though he had not yet received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

It was expected that he would take this teaching to his own people in Texas as he had formerly had charge of a small church in the suburbs, and we were rather surprised when he said he felt led to go to California. So early in the spring of 1906 Mr. Parham made up his car fare and we bid him God's speed to the western coast."

#### **ZION CITY, ILLINOIS 1906:**

"Every night they had five meetings running which lasted from 7:00 p.m. until about midnight, and the large residences were crowded upstairs and down. Hundreds of ministers, evangelists and workers went out from Zion City after these meetings, with deeper truth and a fuller gospel than they had previously known and some of them are still among the leading preachers of the world today."

#### **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 1906:**

"K Brower, a godly Christian man, who was a resident of Los Angeles, also wrote an article concerning this meeting for the paper."

"The teachings here came by a colored man, (Seymour) and a mulatto woman, (Lucy Farrar). Both came to bring the blessed teachings they had received in Houston, Texas, of Brother Charles F. Parham, to the "black race" here, but found no open doors among the colored people; but a door was opened among the Holiness people, where both black and white held cottage prayer meetings in a house of one of the members.

The writer was very anxious to see the real man called of God to this wonderful work. I wrote to Charles F. Parham in Zion City that I longed to see him. When he came to Azusa Mission, Seymour introduced Charles F. Parham to the Azusa people as his Father in this gospel of the Kingdom. The next day he closed the door against his father."

"Those who have had experience with fanaticism know that there goes with it an unteachable spirit and spiritual pride, which makes those under the influences of these false spirits feel exalted and think that they have a greater experience than anyone else and do not need instruction or advice. This seems to be as a protection of the enemy to hold his power, yet how sad it looks to us, for it puts them out of the reach of those who see their error and would willingly help them if possible."

"Mr. Parham wrote: I hurried to Los Angeles and to my utter surprise and astonishment I found conditions even worse than I had anticipated. Brother Seymour came to me

helpless. He said he could not stem the tide that had arisen. I sat on the platform in Azusa Street Mission, and saw manifestations of the flesh, spiritualistic controls, saw people practicing hypnotism at the altar over candidates seeking the baptism; though many were receiving the real baptism of the Holy Ghost."

"W. J. Seymour, in his first paper gave a true account of the origin of the work, but after he failed to receive the message Mr. Parham brought, he was possessed with a spirit of leadership and sought to prove that Azusa St. Mission was where the baptism of the Holy Spirit first fell. Mr. Parham went to him and plead with him to repent to God and man for trying to deceive the people, and reject leadership and exalting of self or God would humble him. We may deceive man, but we cannot deceive God.

With workers from the Texas field we opened a great revival in the W.C.T.U. Building on Broadway and Temple Streets in Los Angeles. Great numbers were saved, marvelously healings took place and between two and three hundreds who had been possessed of awful fits and spasms and controls in the Azusa Street work were delivered, and received the real Pentecost teaching and many spake with other tongues."

#### **A WORD OF WARNING:**

"Let me speak plainly with regard to the work as I have found it here. (Los Angeles). I found hypnotic influences, familiar-spirit influences, spiritualistic influences, mesmeric influences, and all kinds of spells, spasms, falling in trances, etc. All of these things are foreign to and unknown in this movement outside of Los Angeles, except in the places visited by the workers sent out from this city.

There are many in Los Angeles who sing, pray, and talk wonderfully in other tongues, as the Spirit gives utterance, and there is jabbering here that is not tongues at all. The Holy Ghost does nothing that is unnatural or unseemingly, and any strained exertion of body, mind, or voice is not the work of the Holy Spirit, but of some familiar spirit, or other influence brought to bear upon the subject."

After this time Bro. Parham went to Canada to preach the gospel there and then turned to the eastern part of the country with the gospel. He revisited many of the places where he had preached the gospel earlier to find many still rejoicing in this wonderful gospel. This gospel has been spread to many states and countries by those who heard the preaching of Bro. Parham and those that heard the message from them and it is still going on today the very same gospel of the kingdom. In time, many many churches were erected, Bible Schools have been held, Camp Meetings in various parts of the country and convocations to carry on the work that was begun so many years ago.

Charles F. Parham said of himself, "Whatever has been wrought through this instrument of clay, which is of righteous, benefit or worth, twas none of self, but all of Christ."

A wonderful dream of Bro. Parham's was realized when on December 3, 1927, he set sail to visit the Holy Land that he had preached about so much. He firmly believed in the restoration of this land to God's own children. We are seeing this come to pass today.

Charles Fox Parham passed from this life January 29, 1929 having fought a good fight and kept the faith unto the end.

Many of those who heard him preach during his early ministry have carried the work of God on to this day. Some of the early ministers probably best remembered and some still working today include: Bro. S. W. Ditto, Bro. Waterbury, Bro. John Hockersmith, Bro. Homer Coberly, Bro. Alford Whiteley, Bro. Ben Barker, Bro. Jack Barker, Bro. John Modrick, Bro. F. P. Copeland, Bro. Gail W. Schultz, and so many others that it would be impossible to name all of them. The gospel has been handed down from generation to generation but it is the same gospel with the same power that it had in the early days. Thank God it is still carried in the same way as the Lord supplies the need as the Bible teaches us. Let us arm ourselves with the gospel and go forth to stand for Him and be used to His glory.

**BIBLE SCHOOLS:**

In the year of 1900-1901 the Apostolic Faith Movement was born in a Bible School called the Bethel Bible School conducted in Topeka, Kansas.

There was a Bible School conducted in the city of Topeka itself and also one in Kansas City, Mo., following the Bethel Bible School.

In 1906, a Bible School was conducted in Houston, Texas.

In 1937 and 1938 Bible Schools were conducted in the Old Parham Home in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

In 1945 a Bible School was conducted in Wichita, Kansas.

In the fall of 1945 a committee was appointed to investigate property to be secured for a permanent Bible School. The present BIBLE SCHOOL HOME was secured as a result of this investigation. The Bible School grew until this building could no longer accomodate the enrollment.

In the spring of 1950, work began on the new Bible School Chapel at 1009 Lincoln Street. Construction began with very little money in the treasury, and as the building went up, God supplied the need.

At the dedication of the new Chapel building, enough money was donated to free it of all debt. Down through the years other buildings have been added such as the parsonage, teacher's apartments and many improvements have been made. God has supplied the need in every instance. Surely praise, honor and glory belongs unto Him.

Bible Schools have been conducted each year in Baxter Springs, Kansas, since the permanent buildings have been purchased.

It is marvelous to behold how God leads His children on year by year and so graciously supplies the need.

During the years of Bible School many dedicated men and women have carried the burden for the school and worked to see it grow and be a blessing. Our thanks go to those who have given of their time so freely to serve on the board of trustees, serve as superintendent of the school and teachers and workers in the school year by year. Also to those who have supported and prayed for the school. Now let us take our part of the burden and help to carry the work of God on.

This history of the Apostolic Faith Movement was basically taken from the notes of Lula Parham and have been updated and was used in Sis. Louise Sutton's Doctrine classes in the early 70's at AFBC. We hope you enjoy it on this our 75th birthday.

**List of Superintendents and years of service  
In Baxter Springs, Kansas**

Robert Parham.....	1937-1938
Tica Tabor.....	1946-1947
Floyd LaMunyon.....	1948-1950
Elvis Bishop.....	1951
Charles Mahan.....	1952-1953
Roy Wooster.....	1954-1958
Robert Girouard.....	1959-1960
Gail Schultz.....	1961-1962
F. E. Waterbury.....	1963-1965
Paul Clanton.....	1966-1969
Ted Barker.....	1970-1973
Jack Cornell.....	1974-1975

**THE APOSTOLIC FAITH REPORT**

The first issue of the Apostolic Faith Report was published at the Bethel Healing Home, 4th and Jackson street, in Topeka, Kansas, in 1898. The first paper was somewhat smaller in size than it is now.

Charles Fox Parham was the first editor of this paper, giving it the name it has continued under since that time.

Francis Rolland Romack, came to Baxter Springs, Kansas, in 1911, as managing editor, with Bro. Parham as editor. For seven years they stood side by side in the work of God. April 25, 1918, Francis Romack was called to the service of our country. In about a month he was sent to France. Many hearts were sad when the news reached us that Francis Rolland Romack had been killed in action September 19, 1919.

Bro. Charles F. Parham continued as editor until his death in 1929.

After Bro. Parham's death his wife, Sarah E. Parham, was editor and her sons, Claude and Robert Parham, assistant editors for about 9 years.

In 1939 Robert Parham, editor and Claude Parham, assistant editor.

1944 Pauline Parham was editor and Lula Parham assistant for approximately ten years.

In 1954 Bro. Gail Schultz was editor and Bro. Harrol Waterbury assistant editor for two years, then Bro. M. D. Methvin was assistant editor with Bro. Schultz for three years.

1959 Bro. Jacob C. Regier became editor with Bro. Jerry McClenagan as assistant editor. They served for two years.

In 1961, Bro. Donald Dibbens, editor, Floyd and Grace LaMunyon associate editors.

In 1965 Bro. Howard Whiteley became editor with Bro. Gail Schultz as associate editor.

In November 1971 Sis. Naomi Busch became editor of the Apostolic Faith Report and is faithfully carrying on this publication. The Mobile Office building is located on the campus of the Bible College.

This paper has been a blessing to millions of people.

**Obituary of Mabel Patrick**

Mrs. Mabel Patrick, 91, Carterville, Missouri, died at 7:45 p.m. Monday, November 10, 1975 in a Joplin, Missouri nursing home where she had been a patient the last year. She was born February 12, 1884, at May, Missouri. She resided in Carterville, Missouri 35 years and was a member of the Frisco Church, Webb City, Missouri.

Rev. G. K. Rees, pastor of Frisco Church, Webb City, officiated.

### Oklahoma City Business Meeting January 19-20

The January 20th business meeting held at the Del City Church in the suburbs of Oklahoma City was well attended by over 200 delegates from all over the nation including some from California, Alabama, Mississippi, as well as the 4-State area, South Texas and the Panhandle area.

The following board and advisory board members were present for the Monday, January 19, meeting which preceded the Tuesday meeting that was open to all interested persons of the Apostolic Faith Movement. Written amendments and suggested changes were considered at this earlier meeting and other changes and amendments were made from the floor at the open meeting on Tuesday. Those present for the Monday meeting were Bill Hollis, Jim Fox and Roland Busch, our board of trustees and the following: Lee Oakes, Paul Clanton, Doyle Wiles, Danny Robinson, Ollie Kinser, Jack Cornell, Ted Barker, Bob Howard, Gene Hibbs, Harrol Waterbury, Marcus Adair, C. W. Zuck, Jack Hopson, Jim Arnall, Olen Bachler, Hap Blythe, Malcolm Peck, and Ward Stanberry.

The amended Incorporation and Bylaws were passed by a large majority of votes in the Tuesday meeting. At the present time they are being typed up and copies being made for each church and minister. They should be available as soon as possible and if a copy isn't made available to you please request one from one of the Trustees or the Bible School. It was announced that Ollie Kinser will be the new Superintendent of the Bible School for 1976.

At the business meeting at the close of Bible School Jim Fox was reelected to the office of Bible School Trustee for a three year term.

It was announced at the Oklahoma City meeting that the balance in the building fund for the Bible School is at the present \$5,030.00. Our note or payment of \$8,600.00 is due February 23, 1976; also the general fund balance is \$330.00 with the closing electric bill yet to be paid. So this fund is in urgent need. We feel confident that God through His people will supply these needs. Please pray for the school and all those in responsible positions that carry the real burden of this work for our Lord.

### AFBC Closing Business Report

The Lord met with us in a gracious way at the closing exercises of the 1975 term of Bible School. We felt the Spirit of the Lord in the Ordination Service Thursday morning especially. The following were dedicated as Gospel Workers: Celia Massoni of Kismet, Kansas, Rick Myers, and Brian Cox both of Galena, Kansas.

Those dedicated as Ministers were: Billy Largen II, Jack Wimer, James Routh, Ernest Hinshaw, Alfred and Ruth Allison of Katy, Texas and Gary and Jean Cloke of Nacoma Park, Oklahoma. Those ministers that had fulfilled the required two years of active service in the ministry and were ordained at this service were: Frank and Corrie Arnall, the new pastors of the church in Westminister, Colorado, Tom and Connie Day, pastors of the Prosperity, Missouri Church, Calvin Klaus of Perryton, Texas, and Jim Russell of Shattuck, Oklahoma. Jim's wife, Kathy, is a dedicated minister's wife although she was unable to be in the ordination service with him. All of these young ministers and Gospel Workers desire your prayers in their endeavors for the Lord. May God bless them. The Home Coming and the Commencement services were also outstanding, and a great number of people in attendance from many parts of the country.

### Obituary Of Eunice Alma Caudill

Mrs. Eunice Alma Caudill a resident of Lovington, New Mexico, was born in Mississippi on June 30, 1882, and departed this life October 24th, 1975, at her home near Lovington, New Mexico, following a sudden illness.

Mrs. Caudill was united in marriage to the late William Everett Caudill December 25, 1907, at Seminole, Texas. She and her husband moved to Lea County, New Mexico, and homesteaded four miles northeast of Lovington in February 1909, where they engaged in farming and ranching. The Caudill's maintained their residence on the original homestead.

Mrs. Caudill was converted at the early age of fourteen years and lived a devoted Christian life, and a true blessing to her family and all who knew her. She was a faithful member of the Apostolic Faith Church of Lovington.

Mrs. Caudill is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Velma Boland and Mrs. Eunice Hudgens both of Lovington, New Mexico and Mrs. Gertrude Langlitz of Carlsbad, New Mexico; two sons, Alva L. and Elmer W. Wright, both of Lamesa, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Hester Williams of Lamesa, Texas and Mrs. Elsie Burrows of Antioch, California; 15 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 26th at 2:00 p.m., in the Smith-Rogers Chapel with Rev. Alvin Eason of Lovington, New Mexico and Rev. Marcus Adair of Canyon, Texas, officiating. The music was furnished by Rev. Alexander Wisnoski of Lovington, New Mexico, singing three solos with Mrs. Becky Elms at the piano. The songs were "Life's Railway to Heaven", "How Great Thour Art", and "Rock of Ages".

A daughter, Elsie Mozelle, preceded Mrs. Caudill in death December 8, 1931; her late husband, William Everett Caudill, passed away February 6, 1975, and a son, Kiah Voyde Daudill, passed away July 3, 1975.

She was laid to rest in the Caudill plot in Lovington, New Mexico Cemetery. Her grandsons acted as pallbearers.

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