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Except the Lord build the
house, they labour in vain
that build it: except the
Lord Keep the city, the
watchman waketh but in
vain.

Psalms 127:1

Editor's Notes

The last song's been sung, the last message given, and the final opportunity for prayer is gone for Camp Meeting 1982. Only eternity will reveal the victories won around those old fashioned altars. Our hearts are filled to overflowing when we recall the presence of the Lord in every service as God's faithful servants ministered to us in so many different ways. Some shared their musical talents with us while others gifted with writing abilities shared with us in poems or readings. Men under the anointing of the Holy Spirit gave to us the precious Word of God, words of encouragement telling us that God is still all powerful and able to meet our every need if we but trust Him completely. Then there were those that helped to carry others burdens as we gathered around the altars seeking guidance and help from God. Others ministered in still different ways as they laboured physically to see that meals were prepared for us that we were all comfortable whether staying in the dorms or in our own little homes on wheels.

We thank the Lord for all of those that labored so faithfully that all may enjoy the blessing of God. May we all do our best in the days to come even though we all have different ministries, to work together to see God's work go forth that lives be drawn closer to Him for His coming is so near.

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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.

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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.

Report from VBS Group

What a special summer! The Lord had burdened our hearts for His work. We, Tony Bartel, Donna Kinser, and Tom and Carla Braden started out on our journey on May 24, at Taneyville, Missouri. Our first V.B.S. was great. Carla, Tony and I had music classes. Those 103 little Tanyvillites sure know how to sing. Tom had a class of teenage boys. They had some real good discussions together.

We'll never forget the rain, and the mud and the mud and the mud and the mud! Also, Tom took us to the creek, a good place where there is never any snakes. There were three of them just waiting for us to wade out and run into them! We probably scared the snakes as much as they scared us!

Next we were off to Pampa, Texas. We waited til Tuesday to start here because Monday was a holiday. We started with 10 kids, but they worked hard inviting friends and we ended up with 25. We had a good response here. It makes all the efforts worthwhile when you see children praying around an altar together.

We also surprised Tom with a birthday party here. These special times helped to draw us closer together.

We enjoyed Sunday morning service at Pampa Chapel and then we were off to spend a night and a day at Tony's home at Balko. It was a day of relaxation and then to Laverne for Youth Camp.

We had a really good week. We had a chance to minister and also to take in some good spiritual food. The Lord blessed us as Bro. Andy Perry preached the Word to us.

We were on the road again Saturday; off to Baxter Springs for another Youth Camp. Again we enjoyed a week of good fellowship. Tony especially liked sleeping out under the trees—you never know what those teenagers are going to do!

Off we go again— this time to Alvin, Texas for V.B.S. We took off Friday afternoon and drove to Sherman, Texas to spend the night.

The Alvin kids were ready for us and we were ready for them. We had around 40 kids. They were a real handful, but we felt like it was a profitable week as we again had a good response as we saw them gather around to pray.

Friday came and we all enjoyed a trip to the park and zoo in Houston, in spite of the rain. The grown-ups had as much fun as the kids!

Our fun times weren't over with the trip to the zoo. That night we had a great time watching the Houston Astros beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in the Astrodome.

Saturday, as always, was traveling day again. It was a long trip this time— all the way to Pine Crest, Mississippi.

Youth Camp was great. We had some great messages and saw some terrific response from the kids. Our responsibility was noon rally. We found that as we gave of ourselves to the Lord, He gave back to us more than we could ever imagine.

We took off with a van full of riders on Friday at about 1:00 p.m. We pulled into the Dennie Oakes house around 3:30 a.m. Saturday morning. We appreciated the baths and beds they graciously let us use. By 7:30 a.m. we were leaving Baxter Springs for Bayard, Nebraska and another V.B.S.

We were rested and ready to start by Monday morning. These 13 kids that were started out with were real workers. Our total number was 60.

Here we had 2 very special experiences. We got to be in on the excitement of the arrival of Bro and Sis. Harris' first grandchild, Jerremy Paul. What a Fourth of July celebration!

We also helped conduct a service in the rest home. Those people were a real inspiration. They sang with us and we could tell that they knew what they were singing about. One gentleman told us, "I take Jesus with me everywhere, cause He live right here," as he patted his chest. We knew, beyond any doubt that he had Jesus in his heart.

Also, during this week, we toured A and L Construction and drove up to the Bluffs. What a beautiful sight those hills were. Surely no one can say that there is no God when they view His wonderful creation.

Next, we traveled to Enid, Oklahoma for the last V.B.S. of the summer. We were not to be disappointed here as we started with 25 kids the first day. We grew some each day. Tony and Tom ran a "bus" route and picked up kids. They again responded to the teaching of the Gospel.

We ministered in the Sunday and Wednesday night services. We appreciated the Lord using us in any way He could.

We also enjoyed some time cooling off in the Stubblefields' pool.

From here we went our separate ways. Tom and Carla went home and Tony and I went to Camp Meeting to have Children's Church. These services were really a blessing and the kids were really good.

The Lord was really good to us this summer. He supplied all our needs. We could not thank Him enough for taking care of us through all the miles we traveled. We pray that a seed has been planted everywhere we have been. We know that the Lord can take and multiply that seed for His use.

We need to pray for our children and our teens. They need our help. They are asking for something and we need to be there to help them.

We want to thank all the churches and camps that opened their doors for us this summer. We found good people everywhere that love the Lord.

May God richly bless all of you as He has us.

**In His service,
Tony, Donna, Carla, and Tom**

A Burden cannot be on our shoulders and at Christ's feet at the same time.

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Building a house with Wisdom

By Floyd LaMunyon

"Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars." (Proverbs 9:1). Solomon, the wise man, speaks often and much about wisdom, by which he means an understanding heart. "Through wisdom is an house builded: and by understanding it is established." (Proverbs 24:3).

We note that Solomon mentioned seven pillars upon which the house of wisdom is built. From a Bible standpoint, seven is a complete number, and we wish to point out seven thoughts representing the seven pillars upon which a spiritual house may be built which we may inhabit in eternity.

The first "pillar" we wish to consider is "Purpose." In studying the lives of many great men we see that they were men of purpose; we can write "purpose" following their names. However, I do not feel that this quality of purpose is some human power in one's life that merely needs to be released; it must come from God. For none of us can accomplish anything of spiritual value without the help of God.

Which brings us to this thought: Before one purposes to "do" he must first purpose to "be." In Daniel 1:8 we read that "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat," Daniel purposed that he would be undefiled; he had the backbone, the strength of purpose, to refuse that which Satan offered him.

We think of another man called Joseph, who, then tempted by Potiphar's wife, purposed to be undefiled, and he stood for God and right. And the Apostle Paul, when he was on trial before the High Priest and was smitten on the cheek by the High Priest, Paul said, "I wist not that he was the High Priest."

Why did not Paul recognize the man as a priest? Because the High Priest was not conducting himself as one in his high office should. He had not purposed in his heart to be what he should be. Consequently, Paul did not know that he was the priest of God. Let us purpose in our hearts to be real Christians and live that others may recognize us as such.

The second "pillar" is "courage." "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might." (Eph. 6:10). Martin Luther, the great reformer, was faced with many decisions; and who could deny that it took great courage to preach to the world that men shall be free and that "the just shall live by faith?" This teaching was directly contrary to the teaching of the controlling religion of Luther's day. Paul also displayed courage when he said, "This one thing I do—I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." It is true that even God can do nothing with a coward; it takes courage to live for God. "Fear not but let your hand be strong." (Zech. 8:13.) We must face the world with courage to stand for God today.

The third "pillar" is "Be genuine." We must be genuine Christians, not merely professed Christians. We are living in a world of substitutes and synthetics. I once read a jewelry advertisement that went something like this: "Artificial gems set in pure gold." But the pure gold setting did not alter the fact that the stones were artificial. As Christians, we may put ourselves in a good "setting" but still be only a professed Christian. We often hear of someone making

counterfeit money. Government men who are trained to catch these counterfeiters can immediately detect counterfeit money. Let us remember that the world in general is a "specialist" that can detect a substitute religion from the genuine salvation that comes through Christ Jesus. We must have the genuine thing, given us from God, to furnish proof to the world.

My mind goes to the story of the two Arabs who visited the United States and saw a water faucet for the first time. They were intrigued by the fact that water ran from the faucet merely by the turn of the handle. Thinking that all that was needed for unlimited supply of water was a faucet, they each bought one before they returned to their homes. They hung the faucets up as nearly as they could to the way they had seen them here. But, much to their disappointment, when they turned the handle no water came forth. A faucet is of value only when connected with the main source of supply. May I say that our Christian profession is of value ONLY when it is connected with the source of supply, which is Christ Jesus the Lord. A great price was paid for our salvation, and we must pay the price in order to share that which God has for us; we must be "genuine." And we must keep ourselves pure. (I Tim. 5:22.)

The fourth "pillar" is "Unselfishness." How many of us would have heard of David Livingstone if he had not unselfishly given himself to take the gospel of Christ to Africa. How many would remember General Booth if he had not unselfishly taken the message to the slums of the cities by means of the Salvation Army? How many would have heard of the Apostle Paul if he had not unselfishly taken the gospel to the Gentiles? How many of us would remember even Jesus Christ if He had not died on the cross unselfishly for our sins?

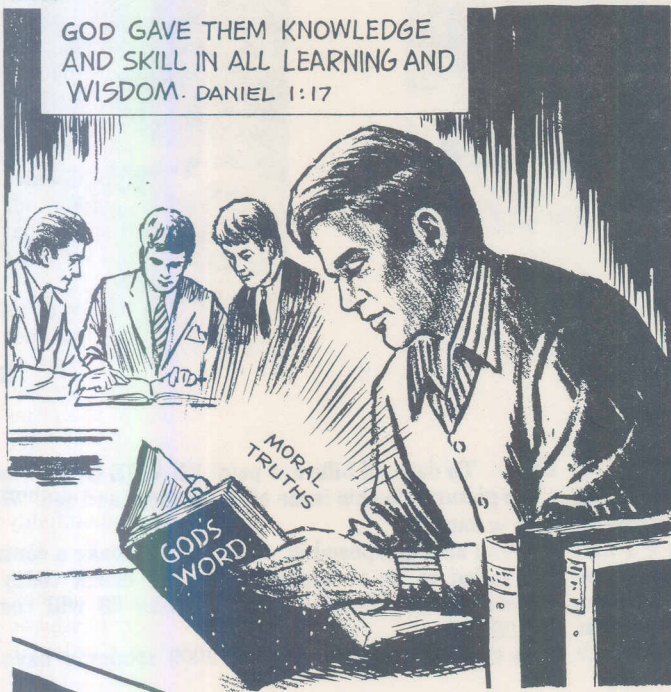
The fifth "pillar" is "Work." Thomas Edison was once asked to define genius, and he replied that genius was 99% sweat. Perhaps one of the greatest blessings ever bestowed upon man was given to Adam as he left the Garden of Eden. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground." (Gen. 3:9). In another word, "Work." May I say to all of us who are called to be preachers and gospel workers: Let us not think that our call makes us immune from work. Two things that are important in life, one is to find one's work and the other is to do that work. We can receive a lesson from Proverbs 24:30-34, "I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; and lo, it was grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well. I looked upon it, and received instruction. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: so shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man." We must WORK if we are to build the house of wisdom.

Sixth, let us consider the pillar of "Right Thinking. In Proverbs 23:7 it is written, "For as he THINKETH in his heart so is he." Man becomes very much like the things he associates with, and like the thought he harbors in his heart. That is why I feel we should live as we are instructed in the first Psalm: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful, but his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he MEDITATE day and night." So let us keep company with "Right Thinking."

Our seventh and last crowning "pillar" is "Faith." Where should we put our faith? Perhaps it would be best for us to

take the word of Jesus as an answer. "Have faith in God." (Mark 11:22.) We are quick to have faith in our automobiles and in our ability as drivers. We drive down the road at a high rate of speed, meeting another car also traveling at a high rate of speed, and death is only approximately two feet away as we pass. Yet sometimes we find it hard to put faith where it belongs. Jesus said, "Have faith in God." Many go to the hospital and tell the doctor, "Go ahead, cut me up, I have faith that you will somehow get me back together again." But Jesus said, "Have faith in God." Seriously, we have faith in almost everything in this world but lack faith in God.

GOD GAVE THEM KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL IN ALL LEARNING AND WISDOM. DANIEL 1:17



We have spoken to you of the Seven Pillars upon which the House of Wisdom is built; they are: Purpose, Courage, being Genuine, Unselfishness, Work, Right Thinking, and Faith. Read with me from I Corinthians 3:10, "According to grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon, but let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon." Also Matthew 7:24-25, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rains descended and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

In closing, may I relate the story of the young contractor who was engaged to build a house for a very wealthy man, who told him, "I want the best house built that money can purchase—bar no expense." The young contractor, who had recently married, thought within himself, "I will use some inferior material where it cannot be seen; thus, I can save money for myself." And he did use inferior materials in many places. After the house was completed he handed the key to the owner and said, "This is the best house I could build." The rich man who had become very fond of the young contractor said, "My wife and I have become very fond of you and your wife, and we have decided to give this house to you as a wedding present." The young man was very sad to

think that he had used such unwise judgment, not knowing that he was to live in the house he had built.

Let us remember we are building a house that we shall inhabit for Eternity. Let us take heed how we are building. Build so that your house may have the approval of the Great Inspector of all mankind: God. Build with wisdom and an understanding heart.

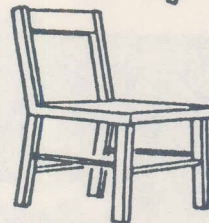
Pearls of Promise . . .

As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

Psalms 18:30

Without God, man is nothing. Without man, God is still God.

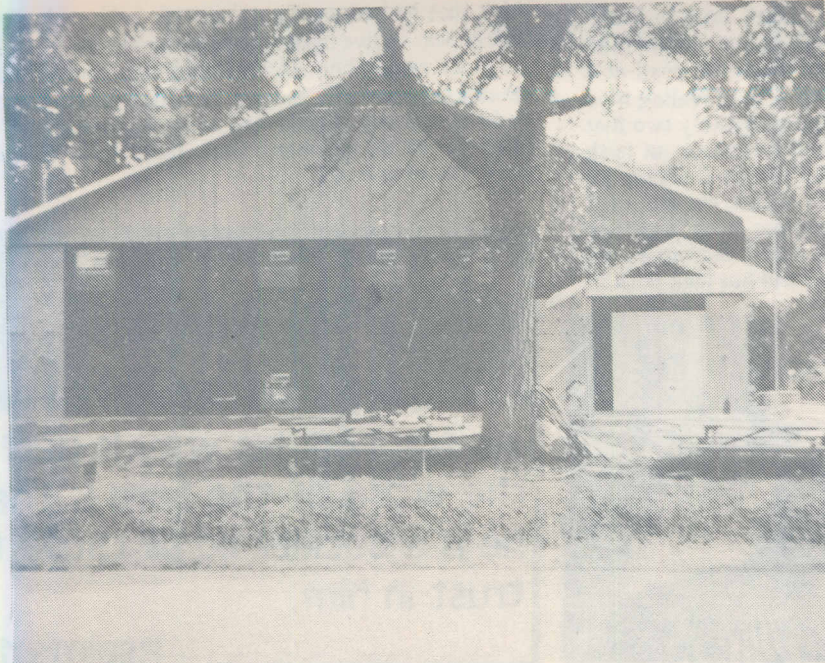
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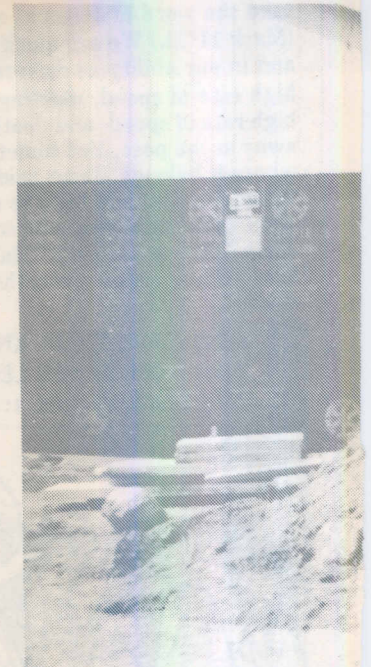
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Dear Faithful Ones;

The Lord has been so good to us. Our building program under the guiding hand of Bro. Dennie Oakes has progressed so well, that I am glad to report to you that phase # 1 and phase #2 has been completed. We are now working on phase # 3 of our building which includes the bricking of our building and the electrical wiring and plumbing on both of the first and second floors of the building and sheetrocking of both

floors. To date all bills are paid! PRAISE GOD! Please look at the pictures in this issue of the Report and see "What God hath wrought."

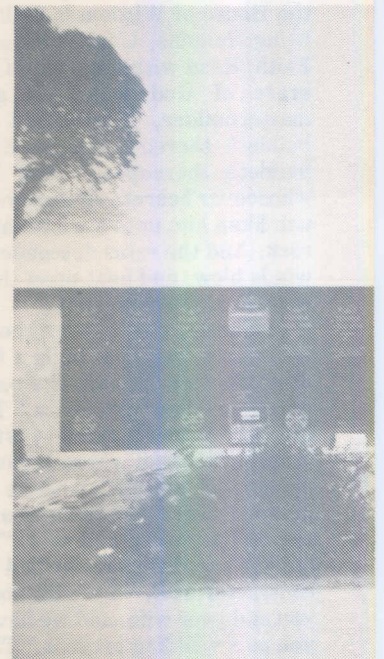
If you have purposed in your heart to make a contribution and failed to do so please mail your check today to Apostolic Faith Bible College. Phase #3 will cost about \$15,000.00.

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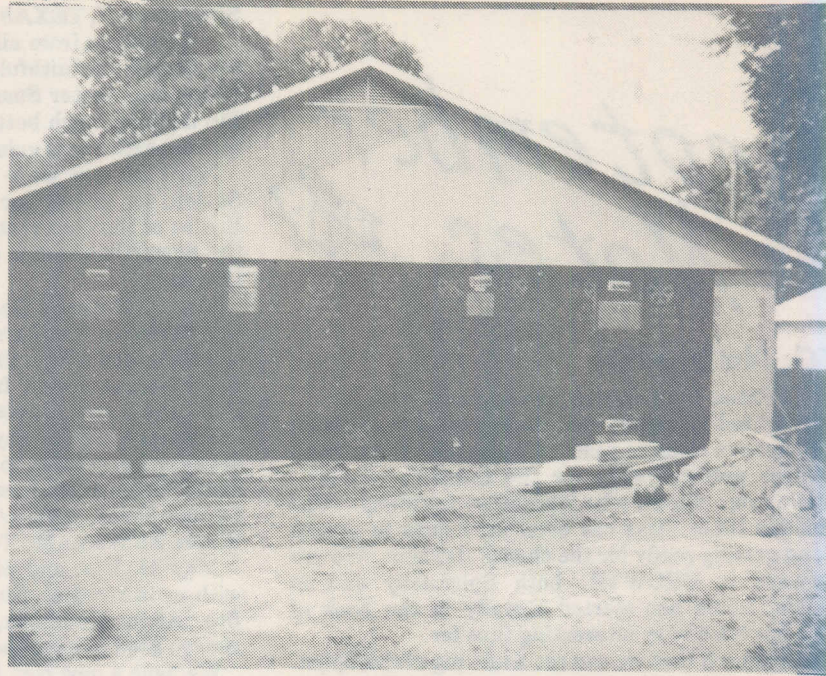


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Back

ough the halls of our school. Surely, surely with this vast
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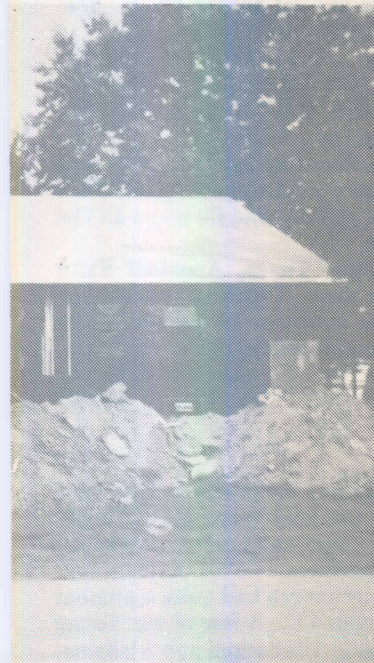
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Work for God at this time in this "Home Mission field!"
 God will bless you for it. He has never forgotten me-He will
 will also remember you!

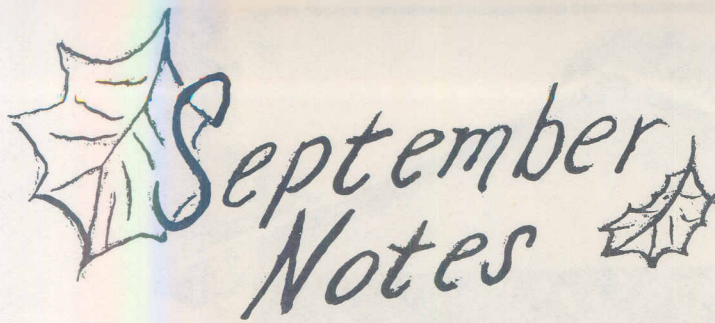
**May God bless you all,
 Roland E. Busch**

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September Notes

Bayard, Nebraska

Praise the Lord for prayers answered.

We are delighted to report that Kevin and Tena Cornell and son Joshua have come to pastor the church. It has been a busy summer getting ready for the Cornell's coming. Thanks to all in our church who labored so faithfully. Our Ladies Sunshine Bible Class has been very busy in church Activities and getting ready for the church Bazaar. We are looking forward to GROWTH, both Spiritually and in Number. Bro. Kevin has started a study in the book of Daniel which has been very interesting thus far.

Pray for our church that we can see a moving of the Spirit. God is Good and we are expecting great and mighty things from HIM.

Violet Harris reporter
Kevin Cornell pastor

Kingman, Kansas

Greetings from Kingman Kansas! We pray the Lord is blessing and meeting the Needs of his people.

We're thankful for two of our children who attended the Laverne, Okla. youth camp this summer and for what they received from the Lord.

In our Wed. night Bible meetings we're studying the sermon on the mt. which is proving very beneficial to all.

All who wishes to participate have begun memorizing scripture and have pledged what they feel they can learn in the next few months. How important it is to have the Word of God hid in our hearts.

We welcome two new additions to our church family; Jennifer Wimer, John Jr. and Jane Wimer's baby daughter; and Jeremy Myers, Rick and Nyla Myers baby son.

Mike Brening-Pastor
Nyla Myers-Reporter

Pine Crest, Miss.

Greetings in the name of the Lord from the Magnolia State. We have had a good year here. God has blessed. The devil has been busy but we are more than conquerors through Christ our Lord who hath loved us and redeemed us from our sins. It was indeed a privilege to go to convocation and close of Bible College in the month of May. We are blessed with a good revival in May with Bro. & Sis. Otto Busch. It was a real pleasure to have them in our home. Bro. Jim Arnall came for revival in Jan. but we had to close it because of an ice storm. We enjoyed the fellowship of the other area churches in these revivals. We had a large representation of our family in youth camp.

May God richly bless you. Come see us when you can.

Bro. & Sis. Anderson

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

Greetings from all of us in Spearman, Texas. We are rejoicing in the faithfulness of our Lord.

Our dear Sister Susan Delk, had a serious sick spell, but she is doing much better and we are praising the Lord, for the strength she is gaining. She still needs our prayers.

April 24, we were so appreciative to Sister Kathleen Sutton, for giving her time to our ladies and some of the Ladies of the Perryton church in showing us how to make the butterflies to put on the refrigerator. We all enjoyed the art.

May 9, Mother's Day. It's always a privilege to honor our Christian mothers on the special Day. The following were honored with a little gift. Sister Elma Greever, Sister Mary Lorane Jones, from Denver, Colorado. Sister Susan Delk, and Sister Kathleen Sutton.

Always glad for any visitors to come by our way. Its always a boost to all to have company come in. Brother and Sister Owen Earl Jones and family were with us. Sister Lorane Jones, favored us with a song "I'm Going To Live Where He Wants Me To".

May 23, Bro. and Sis. Alvin Buschman and family were with us in service. Sis. Glenda, sang for us "Remind Me." Bro. Alvin Buschman, brought the message for us. Its always good to have these kids come home.

We have a new rest home here in Spearman, Texas. It's called the Hansford Manor Rest Home. Our time for our church to have service was the week of May 24. You were to meet at the home at 10:00 a.m. for a 15 min. service. Would like to thank the ladies of our church that were so faithful to help at this time. Sis. Kathleen Sutton, Lesa Scroggs, and Edna Lee Grimmer.

May 30, Sunday night service Bro. and Sis. Carl Banks and Daughters were in service with us. We appreciated their music and testimony for the Lord, very much.

June 14, I'm sure the Spearman people won't forget for a long while, We had a tornado and a hail storm. Many windows, roofs and etc. were demolished. Bro. and Sis. W.R. Greever's home had a lot of damage done to it. But through it all God was good. No one got hurt or killed. We feel we would be happy people in the Lord.

June 20, is another special day. Father's Day. Again its a privilege to honor our Christian fathers. The following were honored with a little gift, Bro. E.W. Dickson, Bro. Ted Scroggs, Bro. James Riley, Bro. Irwin Delk.

We enjoyed the Laverne Youth camp, and Camp Meeting and appreciated all the blessings the Lord gave to all. Feel its time that all meet at a filling station and fill up on all the good things the Lord has for us.

We will be here at Spearman, Texas, Apostolif Faith Church, as pastors for another year. Trusting that we can be a real blessing. Any of the ministers or laymen of the faith we invite you to come by and worship with us any time.

Lealand Grimmer
Pastor

Joplin, MO.

This summer has been a busy one for our church as most summers are. A picnic supper was held in late May in honor of the Jim Witlock family, who now have moved to Colorado. Our church will miss them.

Youth Camp was next and our church had quite a number of children and adults who attended it. A few of our Young People also attended the camps in Mississippi and Alabama.

The end of June was our V.B.S. There was a record attendance of 70 children enrolled. Then came Camp Meeting which was attended by quite a number from our church. We wish to thank Bro. Paul Clanton and Bro. Onal Nunn, who filled in for our pastor while he and Billie Ragen were at Camp Meeting.

We have a new addition to our congregation by the name of Brandon Mikeal Dorris, son of Jody and Lisa Dorris, born July 23 in Claremore, Oklahoma. He was dedicated to the Lord Sunday, August 1.

I am thankful that I know the Lord in Spirit, Truth, and Reality. My husband and I had the opportunity of going to Italy in late May. After visiting some churches and the Vatican, I can truly say I am thankful that I know Jesus as my Saviour.

We are looking forward to the special night services to be held at the Camp in Baxter Springs, Kansas, September 1, 2, 3 and 4. Bro. Floyd Lamunyon will be the speaker. For those of us who were not at Camp Meeting in Laverne this year, this will be appreciated.

Neil Ragan, pastor
Vivian Bard, reporter

Midway, Okla.

The Midway Church Family along with the Logan Community helped Grandma Gertrude Beck celebrate her 90th birthday with a reception at the Fellowship Hall 2 miles south of the Church. Hope you have many more Sis. Beck.

Also we have some new additions to our Church Family, Bro. and Sis. Randall Bensch and their two daughters. Also we are expecting Bro. and Sis. Steve Arnall and baby to join our Church Family the last of this month, as they are moving to the Logan Community, this is home to Kathy.

Several of our young people attended the Youth Camp at Laverne earlier part of this month, all come back reporting a good time, as well as a spiritual time of refreshing. Also Bro. Bob and Sis. Hazel helped in the Youth Camp.

We have had several visitors in our Church Services this month, and we hope they visit us again sometime. We have been happy to have Alfred Littau and family from Oregon, and also Bro. and Sis. Terry Littau from Perryton, Texas. Also sister Hazels' two sisters and husbands and a niece and her husband. From Amarillo, Texas, Headlee Tex., and Wichita, Kansas and her daddy Mr. Shepherd from Perryton, Tex. There have been others, but earlier, and I can't think who, so forgive me.

The Board of Midway Church has asked Bro. and Sis. Taylor to be our Pastors for another year, and they have consented to do so.

Sunday night June 20th there was a film of Billy Grahams show at the Midway Church, and the Fairview Methodist Church, Mountain View Baptist Church, and the Clearlake Baptist Church come to join us at Midway to see the film. We are glad for the fellowship with our neighboring churches. God bless all of us together.

The Family of the Midway Church would like to extend our sympathy and love to Rev. Winston Barker and sons and their families in the death of their wife, mother, and grandmother. May God bless and comfort you at this time.

Sunday night, July 11, our Church had an old fashioned singing. There was Choir singing, duets, solos, and quartets, the Lord blessed in message with song, hope we do

this again soon, as I think all enjoyed it.

Our Church started a contest on July 11, and will last until the end of the year, the winner getting a nice prize, but Bro. Bob and Sister Hazel won't tell us what. This will all be done on the Honor system, keep our own points.

Here are the rules and points for the contest.	
Sunday School and Worship Service	50 Pts.
Sunday Night Worship Service	50 Pts.
Wednesday Night Services	50 Pts.
You Brought your Bible	30 Pts.
Time spent in prayer [per each 10 minutes]	50 Pts.
Shut-In Visitations	50 Pts.
Persons Invited to Church and Sunday School	50 Pts.
Persons brought to Church	100 Pts.
Verses of Scripture Read	5 Pts.
Verses of Scripture Studied	20 Pts.
Verses of Scriptures memorized	50 Pts.

Some of Sister Eileens, Paulines, Rita's, and the Taylors, grandkids have been spending some of the summer with them, and have been attending Church and Sunday School, we are glad to have them, and wished they could live here and come all the time.

Sunday July 18, there was Dedication Services for Little Deniese Day (daughter) of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Bensch. Those coming to take part were Mr. and Mrs. Borroughs (parents of Mrs. Bensch), also Mrs. Dixon (the great grandmother) from Booker, Tex. along with the Glenford Bensch family of our Church. Praise the Lord for those people who dedicate their children to Him.

Thank You, Lord

I'm so glad I'm a Christian and know Jesus as my Saviour, He is so precious to me. I can count on Him when troubles of life come my way. Some people say God is dead, I know better because He lives in my heart. He is there every hour, every minute and every second of the day. I'm so glad I know Jesus and that He chose me to be one of his own. It makes me glad to know He lifted me out of a world of sin. I want to always do my best for Jesus. I want to thank the Lord for the Christian background I've had and for being taught the truth, but most of all for salvation that he has sent my way. I don't know what all this means to you but to me it means life eternal. May the Lord richly bless you all.

Love in Christ,
Janis Mathis

To the Bible College Board Members,

This is only a small way of extending a helping hand to the building addition to our memorable Bible School, where the Lord brought my husband and I as well as my brother-in-law and sister-in-law together. More than that, as far as our spiritual lives were concerned three of us were filled with the Holy Spirit there, and all of us drew closer to the Lord and Maker, while we grew closer to each other.

For me, I found something at Bible School that saved my life physically as well as spiritually. And now, we try our best to help other young people come to God in total commitment. We want to see the Bible College carry on so that others might have the same chances we had to learn to be mirrors of Christ.

God bless you in all your efforts and labors.

In His Love,
Sandy and Marty Haney
Crosses, Ark.
AF Report



Jennifer Lynn Wimer

Mr. and Mrs. John Wimer, Jr. of Murdock, Kansas announce the arrival of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, on May 16, 1982. She weighed 6 lbs. and 12 oz. and was 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Woods of Dumas, TX. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Wimmer, Sr. of Murdock, Kansas.

Jeremy Keith Myers

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Myers of Murdock, Kansas announce the birth of their first child, a son, on May 29, 1982. Jeremy Keith weighed 5 lbs. 4 ozs and was 18 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Smith of Englewood, Kansas. Paternal grandmother is Barbara Myers of Galena, Kansas.

Jacqueline Danielle Dancer

Brian and Nancy (Smith) Dancer wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Jacqueline Danielle, on June 26, 1982, in the Shattuck Newman Memorial Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs. 4 1/2 oz. and was 22 inches long. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Jack Dancer of Shattuck, Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Smith of Englewood, Kansas.

Jerremy Paul Harris

Send up the rockets, light the fireworks! Just for Jerremy Paul Harris.

Jerremy arrived at 5:12 p.m. on July 4, 1982. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Paul and Julie Harris are his proud parents.

Grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Amos Harris, Mrs. Donna Leever and the late Jerrold Leever.

Jerremy's great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kildow of Scottsbluff, Mrs. Verna Harris of Pampa, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leever Jr., of Bayard and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Schmidt of Scottsbluff.

Mr. Fred Leever Sr., of Bayard is Jerremy's great-great-grandfather.

Brandon Mikeal Dorris

Mr. and Mrs. Jody Dorris of Joplin, MO. announce the birth of their son, Brandon Mikeal, on July 23, 1982. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Oakes. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dorris of Purcell, MO. Brandon was dedicated to the Lord on August 1, 1982, at the Original Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO. "... as long as he liveth, he shall be lent to the Lord..." I Samuel 1:28.

*Lord, you've given us this beautiful child
And now we give him back to you,
Just help us to be an example
So that he'll grow to love you too.
We thank you for the love
That you've given us to share,
We pray you'll help us understand*

*And teach us to always care.
We praise you for everything that you've done
And the blessings you have for us,
And on this day we want to thank you Lord,
For Brandon Mikeal Dorris.*

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Our Faith is Showing

by Jacob C. Regier

The Apostle Paul was preaching the Gospel in Lystra. A life-long cripple steadfastly beheld him as he preached. Paul perceived the cripple had faith to be healed. Acts 14:10 states that when Paul shouted, "Stand upright on thy feet," the man leaped and walked. The cripple's faith to be healed was obvious to Paul... "his faith was showing..."

Christians often unwittingly let their faith show. Often our faith may be easily seen and again often our faithlessness also can be easily seen. We show what we are and we show what we believe. The wise man wrote (Proverbs 20:11): "Even a child is known by his doings."

The believer's conversation and works are mentioned in I Peter 2:12, "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles (unbelievers): that whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation." The word conversation means: "... manner of life" which certainly includes the way we talk. James agrees with Paul, "Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom." James 3:13.

When Jesus stood before Caiaphas the high priest, Peter was on the outside of the palace warming himself by the fire. Peter could not hide his faith, in the midst of his vehement denials. He was saying the wrong thing but try as he might he was known. His questioners said to Peter (Mark 14:70): "Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaean, and thy speech bewrayeth thee." Bewray means to malign, to accuse or to expose. Peter's speech exposed him... accused him and maligned him. Peter's faith (or faithlessness) was showing.

A great statement from Jesus' sermon admonishes and challenges every believer: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Outsiders and unbelievers (Gentiles) often have difficulty understanding our beliefs and teachings. They may not fathom what we mean by "a sanctified life" or even "a Spirit-filled life." They do not have any difficulty, however, understanding our conversation and works. Our life-styles are transparent. Our faith is showing!

Jesus said (John 13:35): "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

The Church Triumphant

By Peggy Brening

The Church of Jesus Christ is not allowing their God-given power over the enemy to be manifested! In Mark 16:15-20 it says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature...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...And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following." This scripture brings these promises to us today--"them that believe"! When Jesus chose His twelve disciples, he "gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick." Luke 9:12 in Luke 10:19 the Lord, speaking to the seventy appointed disciples said, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: a nothing shall by any means hurt you." The Word testifies of the power of the Church of the Living God and also of the promise of protection from the author and finisher of our faith, Jesus Christ. We are told in Mark 16:15 "to preach the gospel to every creature." We find that Paul, in I Corinthians 2:1-5 declares his manner of preaching: "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." Paul, in being used of the Lord, remained humble, realizing his complete dependence upon the Lord in preaching the Word. He preached not by his own power but in the demonstration of the spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6 Too many times we hinder the work of the Lord in our lives by relying on our own wisdom or power. We find the source of this power in Luke 24:49: "And behold, I send the promise of the Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." In Acts 1:8 we learn that "ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." We can receive the power to witness of Jesus and the Word to the whole earth. Also, in Mark 16 it refers to "speak with new tongues" which, of course, is related with receiving power to witness or the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, of which the evidence is to speak in another language. Also, one of the nine gifts of the Spirit is divers tongues. Another sign that would follow them that believe is "in my name shall they cast out devils." Of the signs, this is probably the most neglected; however, one of the most needed. We find many examples in the Bible of Jesus and then the apostles casting out devils--girl with spirit of divination (Acts 16:16-18), two Gadarene demoniacs (Matthew —;28-34). Another sign is power to heal the sick and cure all diseases. In James 5:14-16, it tells us to call the elders of the church and anoint them with oil (those who are

afflicted) in the name of the Lord and the sick shall be saved. If we would allow the Lord to "work with us and confirm the word with signs following" we could see a revival as never experienced before! In John 14:12 we are told: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also: and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." Jesus went to His Father so that the Spirit of truth, the Comforter, could come--through the Holy Spirit we can have power over the enemy and power to glorify the Lord!

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

As Christ was taken up in the clouds into Heaven, so shall he come again. This advent of Christ is a future event, yet close at hand. His second coming is a Bible theme and a Christian's hope. The descent of Jesus will bring about the end of sin and sickness, and will usher in a reign of one thousand years of peace and righteousness.

The Presence of God

In II Sam. 6th chapter we read the story of the moving of the ark of the covenant, which represented the presence and power of God. Because of a rough spot the oxen shook the cart and Uzzah reached forth his hand and took hold of the ark and God smote him. This should be a lesson to us that which is sacred to God we should consult Him about its use. So the ark was turned aside because of David's fear. It was placed in the house of Obededom the Gittite, and it continued there for three months. God blessed the house and all its occupants. God blesses anyone that will accept His commandments which the ark contained, it represented the power and presence of God.

St. John 14:6, Jesus said, "*I am the way the truth and the life. No man cometh to the Father but by me.*" In reading this scripture we realize that the same presence and power is in Christ. We can not climb up some other way. If we do He said we are the same as a thief and a robber. Today the world has pressured so many to conform to their mold and let down on their consecration. Many of our church doors are closing because people think they want great things and to be recognized by the world. They don't talk much about a true relationship with Jesus.

St John 14-16-17, Jesus speaks of the infilling of the Holy Ghost who he explained would represent the presence and power of God within us. II Cor. 4-7, Paul writes to the church at Corinth, "*But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power maybe of God and not of us.*" God doesn't need us to take command, he needs willing Soldiers to obey. It is when man tries to do it in his own might that the works fail. I feel many of our churches fall apart because those elected or appointed to carry on church businesses are not filled with the Holy Spirit and are carnal minded. God help the ministers who have to labor in a church where board members, Sunday School Superintendents and teachers do not feel the need to tarry and wait around an altar of prayer for that infilling of the Holy Spirit, who is the representative of the presence and power of God in the world today. Do we want power? or do we want an excuse for failing?

by Dorothy Anderson

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