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CONVERTED SINS

If, by nature we must walk,
the lowly ways of man,
To STEAL and LIE and DRINK and
FIGHT and CHEAT who'er we can;

To GAMBLE, HATE, and take a part
in other sins so bold,
Then why not let us use these deeds
as did our Christ of Old?

STEAL away from busy crowds to
some quiet place alone,
And have a word with Jesus there,
and claim Him as your own.

LIE awake at nights and think
of some lost soul to touch,
And tell him all about the God
who loves his soul so much.

DRINK the cup that is so free,
of everlasting life,
Till some glad evening it shall end
our days of toil and strife.

FIGHT temptations as they come
and look to Him to guide
You thru the many trials of life
and keep you by His side.

GAMBLE all that you possess
or ever hope to own,
Upon the finished work of Him
who now is on His Throne.

CHEAT the one whose workshop is
the idle mind of man
By keeping thoughts so pure and
clean and wholesome if you can.

HATE the hour that made you sin,
and look to God in prayer;
Bring all your burdens to His Throne
and He will meet you there.

— Selected.

SERMON OF THE MONTH

"OUR REDEEMER DRAWETH NIGH"

By Ruth L. Laeger

As to the exact time of Christ's coming, we cannot be certain. In regard to this Jesus said, "But of that day that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrow, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." St. Mark 13:32-37 Before His ascension Jesus said to the disciples, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power." Acts 1:7 Paul stated in I. Thessalonians 5:1-2 "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night."

There are many signs, but I will list only a few, that **prove** Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, is coming **SOON**.

Jews. Christ told us that the re-gathering of His chosen people, the Jews, back to their own home land was a sign of His coming. "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is night." St. Matthew 24:32 The fig tree is a symbol of the nation of Israel, and its budding or putting forth leaves symbolizes the revival of Israel as a nation. Thousands and thousands of Jewish people are returning to their home land every year. The fig tree is certainly putting forth leaves because the Jews have caused the desert to blossom as a rose through irrigation. They are able to raise more than one crop on the same ground each year. When

we see these things taking place, then we know that summer is nigh and Jesus shall return.

Earthquakes and diverse places.

There have been more earthquakes in the last 150 years than in all former recorded history. These disasters of nature have come with increasing frequency since 1755. Dr. John Milne has compiled for the British Association for the Advancement of Science an interesting log of data on the destructive earthquakes of the Christian Era. It reads as follows:

First century, 15; second, 11; third, 18; Fourth, 14; fifth, 15; sixth, 13; seventh, 17; eighth, 35; ninth, 59; tenth, 32; eleventh, 53; twelfth, 84; thirteenth, 115; fourteenth, 137; fifteenth, 174; sixteenth, 253; seventeenth, 378; eighteenth, 640; nineteenth, 2,119; and twentieth century, ? ? ? Dr. Milne says that there are on the average of 30,000 earthquakes annually. There have been no less than twelve major destructive earthquakes in the last half-century which have taken a total of more than 600,000 lives and destroyed numerous cities and towns. Their cost in money has pyramided into billions of dollars.

Scoffers. "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." II. Peter 3:3-4 The world is full of scoffers today. They sneer at the message and the people who teach the second coming of the Lord. People who believe this doctrine are thought to be fanatics by the world at large. The world jeers very boldly at the believers. They say the message of the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ was preached to their forefathers and still the things continue as they were from the beginning. The Son of man will come in the hour when the world thinks not.

Unbelievable and unthankful.

Doubt or unbelief is ruling and reigning in the hearts of many men and women. How sorrowful the Lord must be to see so many of

little faith. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. It is impossible to please God without faith. We fail, as the nine lepers did, to give thanks to God for His mercy and many blessings that He bestows upon us daily. "The true Christian is not a person who thanks God that he is better than other men, but who desires in all humility to be better than he is."

Shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. Nations shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. Wars are called the "sick spells" of the world, and it has been sick through much of its history. Of all the years of recorded history, less than 275 years have been without war in some form. The twentieth century has seen two world wars within twenty-five years — spells of awful sickness. The spirit of war and hate is on the increase today, and this spirit is to continue with growing bitterness. Prof. Pitrim A. Sorokin, chairman of the department of sociology at Harvard University, is quoted as saying: "After an analysis of 902 wars and 1,615 internal disturbances in 2,500 years" the war index for the twentieth century before World War II was "a total eight times greater than all preceding centuries."

Covetous. The tenth commandment says, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservants, nor his maidservants, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's." The red signals of warning are flashing before us, telling us not to be covetous. The people are not heeding the warning, but instead they are inordinately desirous of something belonging to another person.

Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof. Church members of so-called Christian denominations are trying to limit the power of God. They go through a form of worship, but actually it is not from the heart. If they served from the heart instead of the hands, they would not limit His power. These so-called Christian church members and the clergy as well use a high percentage of intoxicants and tobacco. The only reason we do not have national prohibition is that

so-called church members do not want it. The church has allowed moral standards to trail in the dust.

Riches. In James 5:1-6, it states that a class of rich men will heap treasure together. They will receive these treasures by fraud. They will use their ill-gotten gain in the pursuit of pleasure and wantonness. God will hear the cry of those who have been cheated of their just share of the profits, and will send a sore judgment upon the guilty. This is an excellent description of the day in which we live.

Iniquity shall abound. As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and destroyed them all; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Also in the days of Lot they ate, drank, bought, sold, planted and builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. Our nation is spending about \$60.00 for alcoholic beverages annually for each man, woman, and child. In twenty years, alcohol has wasted in the United States as much as the total cost of World War II.

Social perils. In the last days, people shall be without natural affection. This results in divorces, murders, wars, etc. In one recent year in America alone, there were 1,763,000 major crimes reported. More than 27 per cent of these crimes were committed by young people. In the same year murder, manslaughter and assault exceeded the 100,000 mark. One marriage in ten ended in divorce in 1900, one in seven in 1919, one in five in 1936, and by 1946 the divorce rate had increased to the appalling ratio of one to three.

Traitors. There are many people like Judas Iscariot in the world today that are betraying the Christ of Calvary for less than thirty pieces of silver. Many shall be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. St. Matthew 10:17-23 states, "But beware of men:

for they will deliver you up in the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child; and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all man for name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come."

The distress of nations. Take a look at our troubled world today. National leaders are kept in perplexity because of one international crisis after another. Nations are distressed because of bankruptcy. The gold standard has been forsaken. International credits are laid upon insecure financial bases. Nations are perplexed because of foreign pressures. The whole world is in a state of unrest because the big nations are pushing and crowding the little nations. Diplomats are eagerly scanning the international horizons for early outbreaks in unexpected parts of the earth.

Hearts failing men because of fear. Heart trouble accounted for over half of the deaths in the United States last year — more than all other causes of death combined. Herbert Hoover, after visiting 14 nations, said, "Fear by nations of one another, fear by governments of their citizens, fear by citizens of their governments, and the vague fear of people everywhere that general war is upon them again. Fear of the promised massacre of civil populations from the air. Fear everywhere!" We read in II. Timothy 1:7, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love, and of a sound mind." It is a wonderful thing to be able to say with the Psalmist: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; who shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm

27:1 There are 365 "Fear Nots" in the Bible, or one for every day of the year.

Education. "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4 We are living in an age of science and invention. The colleges and universities are crowded with 2,500,000 students as they study in almost an unlimited field of subjects. The high school student of today is better educated than many a university professor of past years. When we think of all the discoveries, speed and scientific knowledge that people know about, we wonder how the human mind can be so fertile and yet so blind to the faltering footsteps of a world doddering on the brink of oblivion.

Lacodicean Church. This is the last professing church on earth. Jesus knew this church was neither cold nor hot, in other words they were just lukewarm. Jesus would rather that they would have been cold or hot. Because of its lukewarmness, Christ said He would spue them out of His mouth. A Lacodicean Church will claim to be rich, increased in goods, and have need of nothing. It is really wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked. They leave Jesus Christ completely out of the picture. The world is full of professing but not possessing churches. There are many good Lacodicean Church members in our churches today. They seem to live by the motto — If absence makes the heart grow fonder, how some people must love the church!

Apostacy. "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." II. Thess. 2:3 We are living in the day and age when men and women will not endure sound doctrine. After their own lust they will heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. They are turning their ears from the truth and are turning unto fables. Humanity no longer loves to hear a message on real born again salvation, full consecration, baptism of the Holy Spirit with the Bible evidence, or the second coming of

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From My Viewpoint

By Gail Schultz
(EDITORIAL)

Here it is editorial time again, and we are writing you from Center Point, Tex. First we want to sincerely thank each of you that have sent in offerings, so that we can keep the "Report" coming. Then, too, we have a nice collection of news from the many letters that have come to our desk, just keep the information line moving, it is your help that makes the paper what it is.

As most of you know wife and I are still the pastors at the Apostolic Faith church at Baxter Springs, Kans.. Since I had promised to come to Center Point before I knew that my stay would be lengthened at Baxter other temporary arrangements had to be made, so for the time being Sis. Lula Parham is "filling-in" for us. (Thank you so much, Sis. Parham.)

However we do feel strictly in the will of the Lord here. There are so many real Children of the Lord here, they were discouraged, because the enemy of their souls had buffeted them severely, but the Lord is coming to the rescue. We are now in a revival that may run for two weeks, and every night we have had a nice

WICHITA, KANSAS—

The New York Tab. has as their evangelist Bro. Harrol Waterbury of Laverne, Okla. Bro. and Sis. Elvis O. Bishop are the pastors.

attendance, and a wonderful spirit in each service. It has been so easy to preach, every word has been anointed from on High.

Because of the Directory I feel it will be necessary to return to Baxter Springs to help Bro. Methvin with the final work on the paper and the mailing, so the Lord willing we will leave here a few days before mailing time. Edna and Gaylon will stay here, and we will return here as quickly as we can for a few more services. The Lord willing Bro. and Sis. Brock will take up their duties about Oct. 15th, as pastors here. At that time we will, as a family, return to Baxter Springs and resume our duties there.

Do you have children that you feel would enjoy the Apostolic Faith Report. Please send in their names, maybe they are away at school, or on a job, out on their own, we still want them to get the paper, please help us reach them. Do you have other relatives or friends that need the message of the "Report", if so send in their names and we will gladly add them to the mailing list.

Be a real booster for all Apostolic Faith services—be a regular attendee, and do all that you can to carry a burden for the lost and needy. Be a booster, for the coming Bible School, for the Great Holiday Convocation. Don't forget to boost the paper. Let's be real fighters, not to fight and devour one another but as a unit fight sin and seek righteousness.

Will the services that you attend build for the Faith firmly those that you influence and guide. Will the church be stronger tomorrow, because of your actions today. The religion of real salvation is not a "put on - put off" affair, but is a way of life to be lived out every day.

May God richly bless you one and all and lead you along the rivers of peace and justice, of mercy and love, til He comes again. Pray for the Coming Bible School—pray for the paper, and pray for us. We need so much from our God.

Lines From The Co-Editor

Greetings:

It is a great pleasure to again come your way with the Report. May the people of God be faithful to Him and in His service. If there is anything God delights in, it is His people and their faithfulness. When we think and study about the patriarchs of old who pleased God and were so wonderfully blessed, it was because of their great faith and faithfulness to God which brought the reward. It isn't just to be faithful in our particular duty for a day or month or year that counts up, but it is the constant faithfulness through the years that weighs high in the balance. So let us remember, if we desire to be blessed and find favor in God's eyes, we must be faithful in our service to Him.

Yours in His service,
M. D. Methvin.

PINE CREST FAITH CHAPEL, THEDSVILLE, MISSISSIPPI—

The church is progressing very nicely and services are held in the building each Sunday morning and evening. Bible study is on Wednesday evening. Good interest is being shown in all the services. Pray for this work that God will have his way. The building is ready to be stuccoed on the outside, and finish work is starting in the interior of the building. — Rev. L. J. Ehrlich, pastor.

EL CENTRO, CALIF.—

Bro. Cornell writes that the Lord is blessing in the work here. People seem hungry for the Lord. Seven have been saved in recent Sunday services, and several others are being dealt with by the Lord. Sunday School attendance has increased from 25 to over 40, with wonderful prospects for 100 soon. Mavis and Vonda Van Bentheusen have been assisting with the youth services, with 14 in attendance. This is very encouraging. Pray for this work. They need a building for a church. They are looking forward to a tent meeting soon. — Bro. and Sis. Gene Cornell, pastors.

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OBITUARY**Mrs. Irene Dillsworth**

Mrs. Irene Dillsworth, a well known minister and evangelist, passed away at her home at 411 North Oak street, at Webb City, Mo. She had been a minister for fifty years and many were reached and blessed by her timely message. She loved the subject of Prophecy and gave much thought to it, along with a full message on other lines.

She was born on Jan. 27th, 1879, at Shennadoah, Iowa, and died on Sept. 13, 1958. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Carey.

She leaves three sisters, Mrs. W. A. Major of Webb City, Mo., Mrs. Lily LaTurner of Galena, Kans., and Mrs. Cora Sage of Alexandria, Va.; also other relatives and a host of friends.

Rev. G. K. Rees, assisted by Rev. Madge Robinson had charge of the funeral. Interment was at the Oak Hill Cemetery, Galena, Kans.

KATY APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH—

Greetings in the name of Jesus. The Lord has been blessing in the consistently good services. Sunday, Sept. 14, 1958, was an exceptionally good day of services. The morning service was heart touching with the presence of the Lord and the evening service the setting of the Lord's table. It is always a heart searching time when God's children partake of the Lord's Supper. Brother Amos Harris and family have been in our community and Brother Harris brought a stirring message Sunday night and will speak again this coming Wednesday night. — Donald D. Dibbens, pastor.

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Kingman, Kansas

December 26 - December 31

Common Table

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SCHEDULE OF REVIVALS

Rev. and Mrs. Robert (Bob) J. Cooper of Granby, Mo., has been busy in revival all fall. They had a real good meeting down at Eureka Springs, Ark., with Bro. and Sis. Clay. From there they went to Purcell, Mo. Bro. E. H. Miller, pastor of the Purcell church, reports that the meeting closed Sept. 21 and that it was a blessing to the church and to all that attended. There was such a wonderful spirit in the preaching of the word. One was saved and the church was made stronger with a new zeal.

Sunday night, Sept. 28, is the date set for the beginning of another revival for the Coopers at Cave Springs, Ark. The next meeting is to begin about October 10th at Kings Mill, Texas, where Bro. and Sis Edwin Waterbury pastor. Later meetings are planned for Roswell, New Mexico, and Purcell, Mo.

Bro. S. B. Echols, Jr., is a busy evangelist these days and reports that about fifteen or more were saved in Artesia, New Mexico, revival. This was a tent meeting. He is being assisted by Bro. Harold Clanton. The Artesia meeting was blessed with the labors too of Bro. and Sis. J. T. Rogers. The next revival is planned soon at Hempstead, Texas, and later on Hinton, Ala., will be the place of action.

BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS—

Bro. and Sis. Robt. Girouard are the new pastors here. The Lord is blessing them and they report a lovely people with which to work. Seeds of kindness, words of deep correct teaching and prayers of faith are sure to bring an abundant harvest.

DICKINSON, TEXAS—

Bro. and Sis. Darrel Sutton will continue their work as pastors at this church. Let us pray that the Lord will move upon the hearts of every body in the church for a united effort to see more accomplished for the Lord.

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR THE PAPER ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

OBITUARY**Elvin Elbert Crane**

Elvin Elbert Crane passed away at Anthony, Texas, Aug. 30, 1958. He was born the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Crane, at Mertzon, Texas, Sept. 4, 1911. He was married to Ola Shields Nov. 2, 1935, at Riverside, Calif. Surviving are his wife, one son, Harold of Big Springs, Tex.; two daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Price of Medford, Ore., and Sharon Crane of Artesia, New Mexico. Also his mother, Mrs. Elas Crane, two sisters, Mrs. Leola Carroll and Mrs. Mary Nell Howard, one nephew, Lonnie Howard, all of Big Springs. His father, O. A. Crane, preceded him in death Feb. 10 of this year.

TRI-STATE DIST. YOUTH RALLY

New officers were elected at the last meeting which was conducted at Galena, with a large crowd and good interest. James Arnce is now president, Ray Michner, vice president and Norma Watson secretary. Prosperity was added to the list of rally churches and the officers are to serve for one year.

BAYARD, NEBR.—

Bro. and Sis. Chas. Mahan report that they have taken up their duties as the new pastors, and that they are enjoying the work very much. They were delighted with the new parsonage, which is indeed a fine building.

ANNOUNCEMENT—

South Texas Convocation of the Apostolic Faith

Katy, Texas

December 26 thru December 31, 1958

Closing with a Watch Night Service:

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SERMON OF THE MONTH—

“OUR REDEEMER
DRAWETH NIGH”

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the Lord. Instead, they would rather hear the latest book review or a message on some television program.

Men shall be lovers of their own selves and lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God Sinful recreation is very alluring to humanity. In one large city in the United States of America there are two drinking places, four commercial houses, and eight playgrounds to one church. It is a known fact that America is laughing itself to death. While the church pews are less than half filled, the stadiums, theaters, bowling alleys, and playhouses are overflowing. Nine out of ten youth read comic books while the Bible lies unread. Many churches today have forgotten the vision of lost humanity and have turned their churches almost entirely into a recreation center.

Boasters. What the world needs is more boosters and less boasters. This world is full of boasters who are continually bragging about what they have accomplished. Know this, that pride goeth before a fall. Downfall comes to Christians when they fail to give honor unto whom honor is due. They glory in themselves and not in the Cross of Calvary. Spiritual pride is a great hindrance to spiritual growth. Pride is a weed. “Plants grow only in certain soils, or at certain heights, or under certain lines of latitude. Unlike these, pride is a weed that springing up in every heart, grows at all elevations — as well in the humblest as in the highest stations of life; and under every system of religion, the true as well as the false. — Gospel Herald.”

Obedience lacking in the home. Our land is filled with juvenile courts because children have not been taught to obey. As a result of their disobedience, children have lost all respect for parents, home, country, and God. Parents have lost sight of the true meaning of Proverbs 22:6, which says, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Everything in the modern home is controlled by switches ex-

cept the children. “James T. White has said that perhaps the most effective illustration of obedience is the reply of the mother of George Washington made at the banquet given to the allied officers after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. A distinguished French officer asked Washington’s mother how she managed to rear such a splendid son. She replied, “I taught him to obey. — S. S. World”

Famines. Since 1900 more than 10 million people have died in four major famines. Whole populations have been left on starvation diets because of the two world wars. Malnutrition and diseases have followed this condition in the countries. The Oriental countries are right in the midst of a great famine. Multiplied thousands die yearly because of the lack of food. Americans are not thankful enough that they have never experienced this condition. This is another great sign and warning that Jesus spoke about.

Gospel of the Kingdom. We find that the Gospel of the Kingdom is now being proclaimed in all the world. Gospel means “Good News.” It is being spread all over the world by radio and television. This is the gospel of grace. Ephesians 2:8-9 states, “For by grace ye are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.” Scores and scores of missionaries go out each year to the four corners of the earth preaching Jesus Christ and His saving power. They carry the message of Acts 3:19 which says, “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.” The Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Even with this glorious gospel being preached, we still find thousands who are giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

Oaths being broken. The Bible clearly states that in the last days there shall be many truce breakers. People not only break their oaths with man but also with God Almighty. Many Christians make promises unto the Lord when they consecrate their lives that they never fulfill unto Him. Troubles are rising

PINE CREST FAITH CHAPEL—

Bro. Harold J. Bollinger and gospel party consisting of his wife, Wilburta, Mrs. Coles of Arnett, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brock of Stockton, Calif., just completed a 21-day revival in this new church.

Much interest was shown and 21 found their way to an old time altar where they found God real and true to their hearts.

On the closing day of the revival there was a dedication service and the new church was dedicated. That afternoon there was a dinner with approximately 90 attending. We are looking forward to a real harvest of souls in this community and are thanking God for the ones who have been saved thus far.—Rev. L. J. Ehrlich, pastor.

daily between nations because of truces broken between them. It is far better never to make a vow than to make one and break it.

Deceivableness. Before the coming of Christ, we shall find many false prophets showing great signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.” II. Peter 2:1 Many shall come in the name of Jesus, saying they are Christ; and shall deceive many. Jesus said in St. Matthew 24:23, 25-27, “Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall the coming of the Son of man be.” We are now living in a falling away period, when people are departing from the faith and are following these false prophets, teachers and Christs.

St. Luke 21:28 records this great warning for us: “And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.”

BIBLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

By ROBT. GIROUARD

Dear Brother Schultz:

For the benefit of the friends and well wishers of the Apostolic Faith Bible School, I am sending you some information that you may wish to publish in the "Report."

The next term of School will commence January 5th, 1959, and is scheduled to continue thirteen weeks. Subjects offered by the School are: Bible Doctrine, Evangelism, Prophecy I and II, Character Study, Child, Youth and Sunday School Evangelism, Plano, Voice, Choral, Music Theory, and History in the Light of the Bible.

We feel fortunate in having been able to secure the services of a fine group of capable and consecrated teachers and helpers: The faculty are: Robert Girouard, Superintendent; Jack Barger, assistant superintendent and business manager; Gail Schultz, Doctrine; Mrs. Gail Schultz, Evangelism; Marcus Adair, Prophecy I and II and History; Harold Bollinger, Piano, Voice and Choral; Mrs. Harold Bollinger, Child, Youth, and Sunday School Evangelism; Truman Summerford, Music Theory and Voice; Helen Arnold, Character Study; Jim Morris, Dean of Boys and Study Hall; Mrs. Yvonne Morris, Nursery; Mrs. Frieda Welsh, Dean of Girls; and Marie Arnold, secretary. We need more information before we can announce who our cook will be.

We solicit the cooperation of all the pastors of our churches to boost the School. We also covet the prayers of the saints of our Movement for us and for the School.

Any one of good character who is willing to co-operate with the School and is willing to study is welcome to attend.

WANTED

Preachers of the Faith for services: Qualifications, spirit filled and a burning zeal for God. Pay, not much now, but eternal reward, and a spiritual blessing. Apply any time felt led. Contact Rev. L. J. Ehrlich, Route 4, % Pine Crest Faith Chapel, Quitman, Mississippi.

LET US DO OUR DUTY A CALL OF WORK WEEK

What are you going to do about work week? Come help, send a few dollars, or just forget it. I wish you could see the need, feel the need, and put all your strength into it to make this a "full week of service". It is so easy even in coming to work to arrive Mon. evening, or Tue. noon, and work until about Thur. and then have to get back home. That is not a work week, that is a work day. There are some who can only give a few days, but the lack must be made up some way by some body. Let's all strive to make this a time of building and repairing. Remember the dates. Nov. 3 to Nov. 8, inc.

CENTER POINT, TEXAS—

The good folk here are really working and the Lord is blessing the efforts. There has been a new paint job put on the church, the parsonage is next in line for the same treatment. A new ceiling has been put in the porch in front of the church. A new electric refrigerator in the kitchen, and a new floor cover on the rear room floor of the parsonage, which can be used as an extra bed room or a family room.

The revival now in progress is moving along in good fashion as Gail and Edna Schultz as evangelists. They will also act as pastors until Bro. and Sis. Lee Brock arrive to pastor.

TANEYVILLE, MO.—

Bro. Allen Long is doing some preaching here as the Lord leads, but as last reported to me, there was still a need for a pastor. Let us pray that the right man will be found. All places are difficult if God is not in it, but when the Lord leads and burdens, there is no place "hard or unreasonable". We have many wonderful friends here, many with open hearts for the Gospel, and I know God has a man to work with this people. Who is He?

WOODWARD, OKLA.—

Bro. and Sis. Michner just closed a revival here. The church was benefited and Bro. and Sis. Vassar want all the ministers that can to come by for services.

Please, Come To Bible School, If At All Possible

While the night shades are gathering, just at the close of a weary world day, and the angry nations exchange hot words that may lead to hot war—while there is yet time, for the night is coming when no man can work, it may even be impossible to assemble, while yet you have life and health and strength, make this the time when you will come to Bible School. Come for prayer, for meditation and for waiting on the Lord, for deep study, for one that seeks to be approved of God. These weeks will become precious weeks, as you reach out for the deeper and richer blessings of the Lord. As you read these lines, pray, Lord do you want me to be one that attends the School? Begin to plan now to come. Don't be late, don't miss a day, but with an open mind and a hungry heart, come seeking all the good things that the Lord has in store for you. I am looking forward to Bible School time as a time of great refreshing from the Lord, are you? — By G.W.S.

AMARILLO, TEXAS—

Bro. and Sis. Sherman Sutton are still pastoring in the Amarillo church. They found and rented a much larger home, for which they are very thankful. They can now entertain ministers and friends as they come by.

Bro. and Sis. Amos Harris held an eleven night revival for these people, closing Sept. 3rd. With the exception of one night there was some one new present. The outstanding messages as brought by Bro. Harris was enjoyed by all. It is the hope of this people to do more work on their church soon so that it can reach a stage of completion.

KATY, TEXAS—

The work of the Lord is still progressing nicely from this church group. Bro. and Sis. D. D. Dibbens are pastors for another year. Bro. and Sis. Amos Harris have been visiting at Katy and Bro. Harris brought a timely message of late on the subject, "Ye are the Salt of the Earth."

South Texas Ministers Get-To-Gether of the Apostolic Faith Movement

The regular bi-monthly get-together, of the South Texas Ministers, was at Katy, Texas, September 15th on the hour of 7:00 p.m. The ministers feel this gathering together to pray and discuss the work of the Lord has proved very profitable. Each one of us look forward to the next gathering.

Brother Olen Bachler conducted the devotional and gave us some timely words about the Middle East and Formosa problems as compared to Bible Prophecy. Surely we are living in the days of preparation for the return of Jesus back to earth again.

The next get-together will be December 8, 1958, on the hour of 6:00 p.m. at the Apostolic Faith Church in Katy Texas. — Donald D. Dibbens, chairman of the Get-To-Gether.

MARRIAGE

Rev. Jimmy Echols and Miss Doris Carney were united in Holy Matrimony July 20 at the Pine Crest Apostolic Faith church, with the Rev. L. J. Ehrlich officiating. Best of wishes to these two fine young people, who are now the pastors of the Hinton, Ala., church and extend an invitation to the ministers of the Faith to come by for a visit in their home and church.

A BOY PREACHER

Rolle Dean Spradling, age 15, a high school boy, the son of Bro. and Sis. C. B. Spradling of Haven, Kans., has a fine message, and preaches on certain occasions. I do not know how far he can go from home nor how long he can be away, but pray for him that his ministry will increase, and feel free to contact him through his parents at any time.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.—

Bro. and Sis. Stephen Welsh are starting a new work here in the North and desire your prayers for success. As last reported Bro. Aracus Adair was to begin a tent revival there Sept. 17. Write these good people. All ministers addresses can be found in the directory of this issue.

OBITUARY

Harry Kerst

Harry Kerst of 2709 Crockett Dr. LaMarque, Texas, died at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27 at the age of 69 years and 23 days.

He was born in Galveston, Tex., August 4, 1889.

Mrs. Kerst's loving wife Lida, preceded him in death March 17 of this year.

He left a son, Harold Kerst, and a daughter, Dorothy (Mrs. Bobby Connor) both of LaMarque.

Bro. Kerst will be remembered as a faithful man of God and the S. S. superintendent of the Alvin Apostolic church.

HOW IS THIS FOR AN IDEA

How would it be for all the Apostolic Faith churches and all that are like minded to have a weeks revival at the same time. Either an evangelist could be secured or the pastor could conduct the meeting if another speaker was not available. Maybe one day of that revival week could be set aside as a day of fasting and prayer. Let me hear from you on this subject. We need to wait on the Lord for His favor, in saving of souls, for deeper experiences, more power in the Spirit, for more and greater healings, for an increase of numbers —O we need Him in so many ways, and if all the churches were in unity praying and fasting for the Mighty working of the Lord, I'm sure we could see most gracious results. Are you in favor?

CONGRATULATIONS TO—

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Dewees of Katy, Texas, on the birth of a daughter, to whom the name of Syra Lynn has been given. She was born on September 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmons of Pampa, Texas, on the birth of a daughter who was given the name of Joanie Vondel.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Terrell, Bokchita, Okla. A daughter born Sept. 7, named Terry Ray. Mrs. Terrell is the former Miss Lois Pruitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pletcher, Kings Mill, Texas, a son born Aug. 31, name Kevin Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rogers, Big Springs, Texas, a daughter born Aug. 28. Robbi Dianne.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don McIlmain, presently of Cheyenne, Wyo. A girl born Sept 15th, whose name in Sandra Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Ehrlich, now pastoring near Quitman, Miss., a girl born Aug. 22. Her name is T. Lynn Yvette.

BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS—

Sis. Lula Parham has been "filling-in" as pastor during the absence of the regular pastors, Bro. and Sis. Schultz. The church is doing nicely. There is no service, like the service of the Lord, and no voice to follow that is as sweet as His.

LUBBOCK, TEX.—

Bro. Homer Coberly writes that they are doing fine as a family, and that he is open for calls for revivals at any place, at any time. It is a joy to him to bring the message of the fullness of the truth.

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