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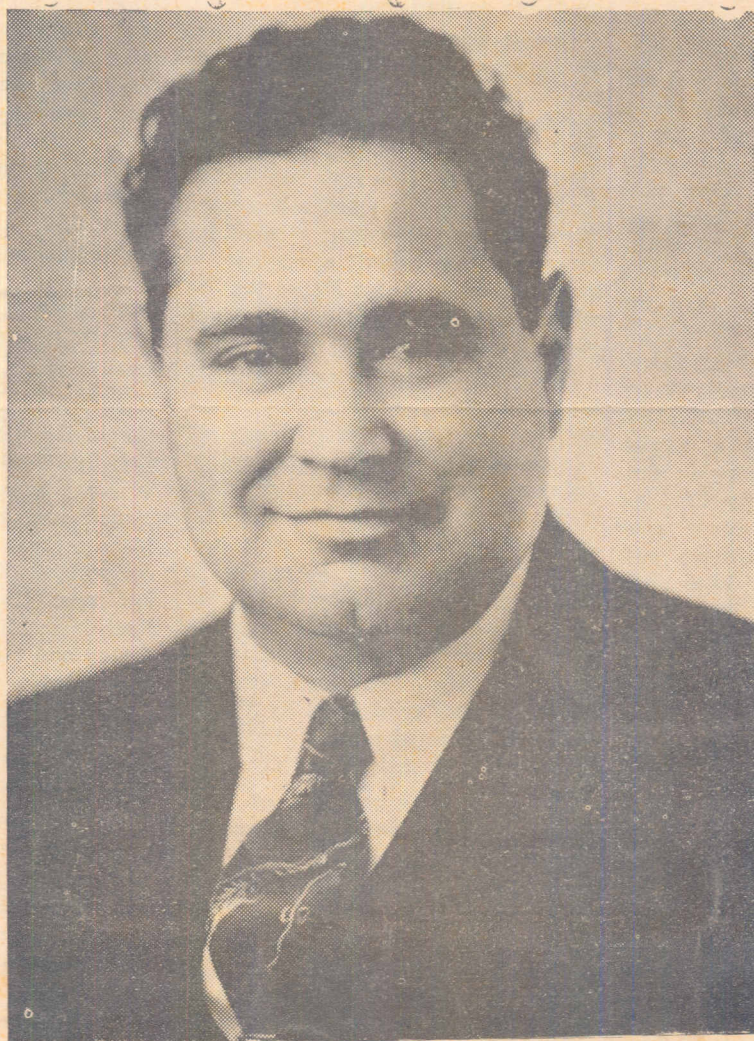
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"WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS JESUS WHO IS CALLED CHRIST?"

In discussing this text, I want to first make a personal application of it to each of you, and to make it so pointed that not one of you will be able to read this without making a decision either for or against the Christ. To bring it so definitely to you that if you fail to take your stand upon the side of Christ that you become as guilty of His blood as those who drove the nails thru His hands. That from this time on you are either on the side of God and righteousness, truth and holiness or willfully taking your stand with all that is ungodly, wicked and unrighteous. You are either taking your stand upon the side of Christ and godliness, or on the side of Barrabas, and all that is low-down. There is no sitting on the fence. You are either on one side or the other.

Many of the unconverted church members sort of compliment and encourage themselves with the thought that they are on the side of Christ. But unless you are thoroughly converted and living a godly life, the community will soon discover your hypocritical profession without possession, and your life will keep more people away from God and Christ than all the rest of your church will win for Him. **Make your decision now... Which shall it be, Christ or Barrabas?**

In the long line of torture and trial, Christ had at last appeared before Pilate, who after careful examination was convinced that He was the Christ. His dignity, His calmness, His majestic poise, the serene look of His eye were all convincing. Truly this Man was a King! His wife had also sent him word not to have anything to do with the conviction of this Man, but Pilate, like many thousands of today, owed his political and social elevation to the public at any cost. Outside the hall the rabble were clamoring for this Man's life. Pilate could hear the incessant cries of the mob. And, by the way, this mob was not composed of the roughnecks or outcasts, or the lower elements of the

city. Out there were the most influential of the community. The highest respected elements of the city, business and society, also the chief priests and the elders, like many a man and woman reading this. Poor, cowardly Pilate, quailed before the demands of public opinion, failed Christ and sold himself for political prestige and standing in the community. Yet, withal, he paid the Christ one of the most wonderful tributes human lips could utter, as he led Him forth, he said to the mob, "BEHOLD THE MAN" but again the cry went up "Give us Barrabas."

Now it was customary at this time of the year to release a prisoner, and no doubt Pilate felt he might turn the decision of the mob and making the last desperate appeal he cried out "But what shall I do with this man?" And they cried the more vehemently, "Crucify Him." Seeking to ease his conscience, he called a servant to bring a bowl of water hither that he might wash his hands of the blood of this man.

Lately in making excavation in Jerusalem they claim to have uncovered the doorway, front porch of Pilate's judgment hall and there is the same stone slab; one end of which is firmly embedded in the building, the other rests upon a stone pedestal at the other end of the porch. It was upon this slab the bowl of water was placed in which Pilate sought to wash from his hands the blood of the Son of God. But he never did. Like the character pictured by Shakespeare it remained a blotch upon his hands, until his tragic death.

The mob seized the Son of Man, a cross that was made of green wood was laid upon His shoulder, and they literally drove Him down the narrow way bearing His cross to Calvary. Outside the gates this howling, crazed mob drove the Son of God, until the human, the flesh side of Him, sank beneath the weight of the cross. Spears were brought into action, fiercely they jabbed His body but to no avail; He could not rise under His burden. Looking quickly about, the captain of the soldiers called a negro and ordered him to lift the cross. And thus it came about that a poor despised negro took His cross, my

cross, and bore it up Calvary's rugged mountain. Quickly they nailed the thieves to the crosses and placed them in the holes, long before made for use in this manner of death for the criminals. Now they took the Son of God, laid Him back on the wooden cross and cruelly nailed His hands and feet to the rugged form. And lifting it they dropped it in the hole, with seeming vicious satisfaction. But as the weight of that loved form of Jesus dropped to test the strength of the cruel nails, methinks, a groan escaped his lips. Then they commenced to mock, to spit upon and ridicule Him. Thus was the Son of God lifted between heaven and earth to bear your sins and mine. To wash them away by the power of His shed blood, as far as the east is from the west and to bury them in the depths of the sea. Whose body was there broken for you and for me, who took our infirmities and bare our sickness, and by whose stripes we are healed. Listen, everyone of you, "What ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS JESUS WHO IS CALLED THE CHRIST?"

Look! Here comes Pilate, poor little cowardly Pilate. Perhaps some of the most influential of the city have sickened and turned from the sight, which perhaps lends more boldness to what Pilate is about to do. Guilty conscience, that makes cowards of us all, is seeking for relief, for mortal fear and terror had seized Pilate, yet with boldness not before evidenced by his actions, he places an inscription above the cross, written in three languages, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. They remonstrated with him and said, "No, Say He said He was" but Pilate feeling some relief to his overwrought nerves more boldly said, "What I have written, I have written." Thus ends the first scene in the tragedy of the ages.

In the next scene, comes the pious, holy priests and others begging Pilate to send a soldier to see if the criminals were really dead. They made for a pretext that tomorrow was the Sabbath day and they had great scruples about criminals hanging on the cross on the Sabbath. They had no scruples about murders

and crucifixions, they were not caring so much about the Sabbath, as they were to know they had gotten rid of this Jesus, who had been such a thorn in their lives.

The centurion was immediately sent, who made short work of breaking the bones of the criminals that they might die. Jesus was apparently dead, but for fear He was only swooned, the centurion pierced His side, thus fulfilling a prophecy in the Old Testament. From this wound there flowed blood and water. Scientists tell us that when one bleeds to death there gathers in the heart the last bit of blood and water. Thus flowed out on Calvary the last drop of blood which was spilt for you and for me. For, "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin."

Now hear the testimony of the centurion. Suddenly as he pierced the side of the Lamb of God, the heavens were covered with darkened clouds, the sun veiled its face, lurid lightnings flashed across the sky, ominous thunders rolled, the earth trembled, and right at his side the immense rocks were rent; falling to his knees, this unbelieving soldier, captain of the guards, cried out in terror, "SURELY THIS IS THE SON OF GOD."

Have you ever heard of what became of this man Pilate, who like many of you sold the Christ for political standing, business prestige and social elevation? Unable to remove the blood from his hands, to forget the look in those eyes, or ease his conscience that continually called him day and night, shortly resigned his king-ship in Judea. He went to Rome where he sought to forget the past, mid the pleasures and gaiety of the capital of the Empire. But the horror of that unpardonable sin of which he was guilty drove him ever onward, like some frail craft before the mighty storm of the night. At last with only one servant, he fled northward thru Italy and threw himself a suicide from Mt. Pilatus, into the lake below which now also bears his name "Pilatus." This ended the life of the man who sold his Christ for earthly advantages and ended in a wretched suicide. **WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS JESUS WHO IS CALLED THE CHRIST?**

My friends, this Christ of God is the greatest figure in human history, most colossal in religious history, as towers the Himalayas above the mountains the Christian religion towers above the religions of the world. As towers Mt. Everest above the Himalayas so towers the Christ of God above the priests and prophets and sages of all ages. What are you going to do about this man who went about doing good, healing all manner of disease among the people, feeding the hungry, comforting the sorrowing, bringing deliverance to the captive, and setting at liberty those that were bound. See Him as He enters the home of sorrow. The hired mourners are already there, the daughter of Jairus is dead. He but speaks the word and she is restored to health and the embraces of friends and loved ones. Again He meets a funeral cortege. A widow's son, her only support is dead and they bear him away to the grave. The great heart of Jesus is touched with sympathy. He but speaks the word and he who was dead is restored to his mother's arms. Sadly Mary and Martha are weeping in a home left desolate by the death of their only brother. They have sent word to Jesus, the dearest friend of many days, hoping for comfort from Him, but some way or other He has delayed His coming. They had hoped that the Master might restore him to life, but days passed and now Lazarus stinketh. At last, but too late, He comes. They remonstrate with him. "If you only had come our brother would not have died. He stopped their complaint saying, "I am the resurrection and the life" where have they laid him? As they near the tomb, the sorrow of the multitude so affect the Master, His bosom heaves with great sobs and tears stream from His eyes. Quickly He orders the stone removed and cries with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." He who was Master over death, hell and the grave spake, and he who had been dead four days came forth. Let me paint you another picture. One evening when greatly wearied by the toils and journeys, the disciples had persuaded Jesus to go away into the mountains and rest. As they were slowly climbing the mountain side, He glanced out over the

plains, from towns, hamlets and villages there were emerging dark objects. There He knew were groups of people seeking Him, and altho He knew they sought the loaves and the fishes more than the spiritual benefit, His great heart was touched, tears welled up in His eyes and He cries "They are as sheep having no shepherd." All the entreaties of His disciples could not persuade Him to continue His journey. He waited until those groups had gathered into one multitude at the foot of the hill; then like a crested wave of the coming tide, rolled up the mountain side and broke sobbing at His feet. Not until He had healed their sick and fed the multitude by wonderfully multiplying the loaves and the fishes and comforting the broken hearted, did He seek rest for Himself.

Oh friends, **WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS JESUS WHO IS CALLED THE CHRIST?**

I would like to wipe away from you your opinion about this or that church, creeds, doctrines, form, ritualistic observances, robes, beads, crosses, sacred relics, and all other religious toggery, foolishly held sacred, and take you back over the hill tops of the ages and let you see Jesus the Son of God, and ask you what are you going to do with Him? You must make your decision. His body is thrown across your pathway. You must trample it beneath your feet, or humble yourself and worship Him. You could take the wings of the morning and fly to the utmost bounds of the earth and there you would be compelled to make your decision; and altho you might willfully go on till you make your bed in hell, yet there you would be convinced of the falsity of your decision. If God be God, He has a right to your service. If Christ be Christ, He has purchased you with His own blood and you are not your own. Your life should be wholly yielding to Him, which will be evidenced by you pouring out your life unselfishly for your fellow men. Christianity does not consist of being a member of this or that church, and loyally pouring out your life for the upkeep of its organizations, but pure and undefiled religion means to be thoroughly converted, born again, and to put into actual practice the

"Golden Rule." The visiting of the widows, the fatherless in their afflictions, keeping yourself unspotted from the world and being able to answer these five cardinal points in loyal righteousness: I was hungered and you gave me meat; Thirsty and you gave me drink; Sick and in prison and you visited me; Naked and you clothed me; Stranger and you took me in. Thus summing up this glorious christianity, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain in this life and in the world to come by accepting the Christ. You are asked to throw away everything that is low and degraded, impure and unholy, and accept that which is grand, beautiful, loving and enabling. **WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS JESUS WHO IS CALLED THE CHRIST?**

I do not come to you after the manner of the usual evangelists, in a selfish or mercenary way, seeking members for this or that sect, seeking to gather you into some church so that some professional, money loving, tithe gathering preacher can gain a living out of you, but as a messenger of the Lord, a prophet of the most high God, calling you back to God and to the power of old time religion; for the faithful accredited minister called and ordained of God holds the highest office known to mortal men. He does not speak of himself, he is the voice of God. The message burns in his bones and springs with dynamic force from his lips.

Thus by Jehovah chosen and ordained, to take in charge the souls of men; and for His trust to answer in that day of judgment, great plenipotent of heaven, and representative of God on earth, fearless of men and devils; unabashed by sin enthroned, or mockery of a prince; unanswered by armed legions; unseduced by offered bribes; burning with love for souls unquenchable and mindful still of his great charge and vast responsibility; high in the temple of the living God, he stands amidst the people and declares the truth, the whole revealed truth, ready to seal it with his blood.

Thus commissioned of Almighty God I come to you demanding your decision as aliens, foreigners to the

common wealth of Israel, Rebels against God, **WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS JESUS WHO IS CALLED THE CHRIST?**

The infidel boldly boasting of his unbelief, sacreligiously blaspheming God, claiming to have the right to be author of his own destiny, if there be any destiny for such a creature; bragging of his intelligence, knowledge and scientific research, bragging shamelessly of his monkey ancestors, boldly declaring that there is no God. Strenuously he seeks to arrive at utter nothingness. Declaring that it is impossible to discover God by any known law, by careful analysis or any laboratorial test, but if he could see God he would readily accept Him. He readily accepts many things that he cannot see. Such as the unseen laws governing cold, heat, electricity and the law controlling the atmosphere, gravity, etc., but refuses the unseen law we call God. Real scientists claim that back of all laws arrived at by analysis, tests or following certain formulas or the laws that govern all things in nature about us, or holding the stars in their particular place in the firmament above, the laws that hold the sun and moon in their well beaten tracks across the heavens, there is a law that governs and upholds all these other laws, which they have never been able to analyze or arrive at by any means yet known to scientists. That law **WE CALL GOD.** "The law of God is perfect, converting the soul, the testimony of the Lord is true, making wise the simple." The discovery of realization of that law is not possible by any analysis known to scientific investigation, but the realization becomes perfect when we seek to know Him **BY FAITH AND BY FAITH ALONE.** You shall find Me in the day you seek for Me, saith the Lord, with all thy heart. "He that cometh unto God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that deliberately seek him."

Why, to me, God is everywhere revealed. The rocks, the rills, the hills, the meadows, the fields of grain, the trees, the mountains, the heavens, all nature speaks to me of God. Often when weary of the multitude and the press, I have longed for solitude. To

leave the busy marts of the city and pass swiftly thru numberless fields where the husbandman sows and reaps his grain. To wend my way thru the foothills finding some great canyon traversing it, arriving in some beautiful vale in the mountain's vastness, where nature sows and reaps her crops. Here perhaps the foot of man has never trodden. Some great amphitheatre where nature worships God. There resting amidst its verdure of gold and scarlet and tan, I listen to the lispings of the leaves, the singing of the birds, the music of the water in the brook that flows near-by or catch a glimpse of summer's fevered sky or of cloudlands gorgeous heaps of broken spires and cathedral domes. I watch the gathering of the storms on yonder mountain peak, the flashing of the lightnings and listen to the thunders roll. And thus in communion with God and nature I am lifted far above things known to mortal man. I wait till the sun has wasted its glorious strength rushing in its flaming chariot across the highway of the skies, while the stars one by one appear. The glorious moon in its silver ship, with God given compass, sets sail from the eastern port across the heaven's ocean blue, fairy hands paint the milky way across the heavens. The night things begin their music in the ear of night, the deer unfrightened from his hiding comes and feeds upon the succulent grasses quenching his thirst at stream nearby. Thus wrapped in communion with God my soul is filled with His sense. And on this elevated tower of God's temple I stretch my hands to the heavens and cry, with the Psalmist David, "Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge." "There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard."

IN CONCLUSION:

I set before you life and death. Permit me to draw a picture of two lives: that like two ships from the same harbor set sail on life's ocean. One boasting scornfully, refuses the compass of God's Word; the Pilot of Galilee; the Captain of our salvation, declaring on boldly that it is possible to sail life's ocean on one's own ability and resources. How proudly forth sails this ship. All

goes well for a season but many things had not been reckoned on, many waves of appetite, of passion and lust rolled high. Many driving winds of loss and gain, ungodly desires, innumerable worldly forces. The lightning flashed in terror. Horrible thunders rent the night air. Without a compass on the uncharted sea, many rocks were encountered and many reefs against which the ship dashes in bitter despair, until a helpless wreckage floated on thru life at the will of the winds and the roll of the tides, until a greater swell than usual hurled this blasted wreckage into some loathsome harbor, where the waters lapped on the slimy sands. Widened gates opened, deformed creatures came out and bore the wreckage in. I read above the portals, as the gates swing to: "Eternal Death."

How beautiful, the other ship, accepting the proffered offer. The compass, the Word of God, inviting the Pilot of Galilee and the Captain of our salvation aboard. Thus fully equipped, the ship sets sail on the voyage of life. Not with earthly pride, but with majestic bearing, born of heaven, the rocks and reefs are passed; the same winds, the same storms, the same waves, the same lightning and the same thunders are all encountered and victoriously passed. Triumphantly outriding the things that wrecked the other vessel, this ship at last enters a glorious harbor. A haven of rest; where waters lap on sands of gold. Pearly gates swing open wide, thru which music from the choir of heaven can now be heard. Angelic creatures come swiftly down o'er the golden sands to welcome the victor to all the life and joys of heaven. To Home forever. This is the heritage of the one that rightly chooses.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH JESUS WHO IS CALLED THE CHRIST?

"What will you do with Jesus — Neutral you cannot be. Some day my heart will be asking, What will He do with me?"

Sermon by the Late Chas. F. Parham.

Evangelist and Mrs. William Yeakel and family and Brother L. West are in a revival meeting in Los Angeles, California.

COMING OF THE LORD

By Murphy Barnes,
Perryton, Texas

11 Pet. 3: 3-4. One of the signs of the last days is that scoffers shall come, or those that will deny the coming of the Lord. For they are walking in their own lusts and not being led of the spirit of the Lord, and they say, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

In this one scripture is proof that the Lord is coming soon, for all around us there are those that make remarks in unbelief when we speak of Jesus' soon return. For they do not know the power of God, they cannot understand His word, the flood is a mystery to them, they are blinded to the signs about us, and will go right into the coming of the Lord without any knowledge of the event.

But to us, who are Christians, it is quite different and we have the scripture, 1 Thess. 5: 1-5. But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For we know that the day of the Lord is as a thief to the unbelieving and unsaved world. The children of light (Christians) can read the signs of the times in earth and all prophesied events such as wars and rumors of wars, Matt. 24:6. Yet they shall cry for peace and safety, 1 Thess. 5: 3. Famines and Pestilences shall come. Matt. 24: 6. Pestilence right now is only a sign of Jesus' soon return.

The hope of every Christian should be the coming of the Lord. 1 John 3: 1-3 informs us that if we have the hope of our Lord's soon return to earth again, we shall purify ourselves even as he is pure. To lose sight of the soon coming of the Lord means that we are dimming our experience in God. Let us be Children of Light and in the face of scoffers give forth the word that "Jesus is coming soon!"

Dr. Edward Clutter, Dean of the American Bible College, 1820 Ida St., Wichita, Kansas, offers a special correspondence course in Bible study. All interested should write to him for further information.

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UNSPOKEN REQUESTS

We have received scores of letters containing urgent unspoken requests for people who are in need of healing and salvation and we make mention of these requests to our readers and trust that everyone will offer a prayer in behalf of each one of these unspoken requests.

Mrs. E. C. Lee of 310 South Yenec, Monterey Park, California, has been having regular prayer meetings in her home. All our readers close by should make it a point to attend.

O, TO BE LIKE HIM!

To my heart hath come a vision of One who is altogether lovely; surpassingly beautiful; abundantly gracious; wondrously kind; and whose mercy is more boundless than the ocean wide. This One is lovable, yea, and He is love; this One is truthful, yea, and He is Truth; He is the Rose of Sharon, the fairest of ten thousand.

It is He who gave up His place at the right hand of God the Father to redeem a lost world; it is He who was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; it is He who came from heaven to earth to save me: It is He who humbled himself, becoming obedient to the death of the cross, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. It is He who brought to earth the Living Water, which giveth life to all who drink, that from within may flow rivers of living water; that others, too, may come to the Fountain of Living Water, and may never thirst again.

It is He who came to heal the brokenhearted, to bring deliverance to the captive, and sight to the blind. It is He who came to bring hope and courage to those who fear; freedom to those who are bound; and pardon to those who are sentenced to death; yea, and life to the dead!

There is noen other like Him; He alone hath power to save; and still today, He is calling, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink." "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Do you marvel that I long to be like this lovely and gracious One who gave His life for me? Have you, too, beheld the Man of Galilee? And do you, too, love Him and long to be like Him? We have a promise: "We know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." Have you found the way? He said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life;

and they are they which testify of Me."

O, to be like Him; Jesus, my Saviour Divine! "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness."

Kittie V. Stockdick

Battery A, 37th F.A.,
Fort Sam Houston, Tex.
February 1, 1941

Dear Brother and Sister Parham:

I just received your letter which I was very glad to get. Especially to know that you all are praying for me.

Brother Parham, I am very sorry to say that I am not a Christian. I was at one time saved at Brother Wallis Ditto's meeting at Hanover, Texas, on June 5, 1938. As I was about to leave two good sisters, Bertha Davidson and Mrs. Alex Kornegay, began to talk to me. I was so under conviction I went back Monday night feeling so well and happy and Brother Ditto preached right at me. I couldn't wait for the service to be over as I fell down at the altar and gave my heart to God. I was sanctified as I was praying in my home and in October 3, 1938, I received the Holy Ghost and I lived a clean, true life never forgetting my precious Saviour and what He did for me. I gave up Christmas Eve Night, 1939, and I haven't gotten back like I want to. I am sorry I did give up for it is hard, very hard, to get back to God. I talk to God yet and I believe He will see fit to use me.

Brother Parham I'm very much in hopes you and the people will not give up praying for me as I'm struggling to get back to God where I will be happy and free.

Please write me and pray for me. I hope some day I can be in some good meeting held by you.

A friend,
DON FISHER.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

The next Young People's Rally of the Panhandle of Oklahoma and Texas, will be held in the Roundtop school house, northeast of Booker, Texas, Sunday, May 4. Brother Wilbur Fullright is president. Everyone is urged to attend.

APOSTOLIC FAITH PAPER INTO TRAINING CAMPS

Many new papers are going into the Army camps to boys who are in training. We would be glad to put names of any of your friends or relatives who are in the training camps, on our list, if you will send us their address. Also we are glad to hear from the boys and will be glad to use a part of the paper in the publication of testimonials or articles of interest from the boys in camp. Please pray for the paper as it goes into Army camps. This is one way of spreading the Gospel among the boys who may not otherwise have an opportunity to hear it. Your cooperation along these lines is greatly appreciated.

BIBLE SCHOOL

There are a large number of people who have been wanting a Bible School, not just a temporary one, but one that might develop into a permanent one operated by the Apostolic Faith Movement and in which the Apostolic Faith teachings would be taught. One suggestion was made that an advisory board of ministers and laymembers be appointed or elected which would have the power to appoint two or three people to take complete charge of the Bible School. Regardless of our ideas about the Bible School there is a great need for Young Preachers, workers and laymembers to be established in the faith and we urge everyone to make this a matter of prayer that some definite decision be reached in the near future. A Bible School would be a great blessing to everyone. We will gladly use the columns of this paper to express your viewpoint. PRAY MUCH about it and let us hear from you.

PURCHASED

We have recently purchased a new automatic duplicating machine which will be a great help in publishing the paper and will save a considerable amount of work and expense. Anyone who would like to have a part in making this possible may send your donation to the Apostolic Faith Paper, Box 300, Baxter Springs, Kansas.

TO OUR DEAR READERS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness, prayers and support to us during our recent sorrow, bereavement and loss of our brother and your servant in the Lord, Claude W. Parham.

So many people have been wondering why the paper was delayed. The reason for the delay is that following my brother's death, I suffered a relapse of my former illness. I was in bed for over four weeks but am very thankful to you for your prayers and to God who has made it possible for me to be up and around again. We are endeavoring to keep the paper going out as long as the Lord provides the means for it. We trust you will remember the paper in your prayers that it may be a blessing to thousands of readers in their homes, hospitals, prisons and Army camps. Surely the paper fills a ministry of reaching people who would in no other way hear the gospel. We earnestly solicit your prayers and cooperation that God will continue to provide the means to print it. May God richly bless you is our continued prayer for you.

Your servants,
Robert and Pauline H. Parham,
Editors.

ACCIDENT

Evangelist Ben Barker of Laverne, Oklahoma, who was enroute from Greenfield, Mo., to Laverne, Oklahoma, had a collision with another car during a storm. Brother Barker had a narrow escape and it was necessary to take 26 stitches in his head. He is getting along nicely considering the shock and hopes to be able to be in meetings soon.

Brother and Sister John Hockersmith of Purcell, Mo., were enroute to Joplin, Mo., when their car overturned twice. The car was badly damaged but the folks were not hurt badly except for a few cuts and bruises. They are now able to be out in the Gospel work again.

Elder George W. Ryder of Arkansas, is expecting to start a revival meeting soon at Hugo, Colorado. Susie Page is pastor.

EXTRAORDINARY ANNOUNCEMENT!

We certainly want to thank everyone for their kindness and support of the paper, especially in sending in their names for the new mailing list. We find that we have many hundreds of names on the list that have been on for years and we do not know whether they receive the paper or not or whether they want it if they do receive it, so we have found it necessary to revise our mailing list. If you have not filled out a blank and sent it in, PLEASE DO SO AT ONCE because this will be the last issue you will receive unless we hear from you and we don't want to leave your name off if you want the paper. This will be greatly appreciated by us. THANKS!

NOTICE

We are anticipating compiling a book of ten of the most outstanding sermons of the late Charles F. Parham. It will also contain a sermon or two of Mrs. Sarah E. Parham. The book will cost about 50 cents. Would you like to have one? If so, please let us now, but do not send the money for it yet. We only want to know how many would like to have a copy, in order to know how many to have printed. If you are interested in this book please drop us a line at once. Thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miss Mona Russell, daughter of Evangelist and Mrs. Elmer Russell, and Mr. Paul Eccles of Booker, Tex., were united in marriage November 17, 1940, at the Full Gospel church in Booker, Texas. Rev. Robert Girouard performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cooper of Granby, Missouri, announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara Nell, born January 26.

Brother and Sister Joe Faries who have been pastoring at Hardesty, Oklahoma, have recently resigned. A surprise service was held for them Sunday, March 9. A large number of the ministers and laymembers attended.

BROADCAST

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Parham broadcast over KGER every morning at 9 o'clock from Long Beach, California. They are now pastoring in Pasadena, California. The church is located at 174 North Harkness Avenue between Colorado and Walnut Streets, one block north of the Junior College. They formerly pastored at Ventura, California.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

In the Wichita Young People's Rally, Kermit McFarland was elected president; Opal Weimer, vice-president; Naomi Harvey, secretary-treasurer; Melvin Scott, choir leader, and Betty Orange, pianist.

A late report of the revival meeting at Katy, Texas, says that much good was done during the revival conducted by Brother Elmer Russell and family. A goodly number were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fullbright's son; Sister Lucy Waterbury's children, Mr. Leonard Peck and Mr. Hill. Others were blessed in the meeting. Brother Russell plans a Baptismal service before leaving Katy. The Russell evangelistic party plan to hold a meeting in the Tavener Community at Tavener, Texas, near Rosenberg.

The Calvary Chapel Congregation of Temple City, California, had Easter service Sunday, April 13, in the home of Brother and Sister Reuben Davis, 1510 Nevada Avenue, Rosemead, California. Brother and Sister Jake Regier and Brother Joe Lilly, Brother Jona Janzen, Brother Paul Harbin, and Miss Hallie Chitwood were in the services. They plan to have a tent meeting soon.

Rev. Mrs. Beagelles of Detroit, Michigan, who was with the late Charles F. Parham during his meetings in the early days in Detroit, has established a great Bible school and also is opening up a large tabernacle in downtown Detroit. It will seat about 600 or 700 persons. All our readers in Detroit should attend these services.

Brief Mention

Evangelist and Mrs. R. J. Eakens are pastoring the church at Leakey, Texas. The Lord is blessing their ministry and the interest of the people of Leakey is increasing.

Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Bollinger are now in a revival meeting in the Panhandle of Oklahoma and Texas.

Brother and Sister Joe Smith of Brookshire, Texas, conduct regular prayer meetings in their home. This meeting is held every Tuesday night.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bailey are pastors of the Union church at Spearman, Texas. Homer Coberly is holding a meeting in the community there.

The Panhandle Young People's Rally met at Clear Lake, Oklahoma. Several ministers were there. Brother Wilbur Fullbright of Spearman was in charge.

Rev. Julia Taylor, pastor of the Ark Tabernacle of Wichita, Kansas, conducts a regular Sunday evening broadcast. Everyone should listen to this.

Sister Mae Hinkley of Kellogg, Idaho, an older minister of the faith, is pastor of the church in Kellogg, and is doing a great work for God.

Evangelist E. W. Durbin of Gravette, Arkansas, conducts meetings in the community there.

NOTE—Mr. and Mrs. J. Schumaker, Jewish Evangelists, have been dropped from the ministers' list of the Apostolic Faith.

Pre-Easter services were conducted in Cheney, Kansas, by the different churches. Sister C. G. Menke gave a talk Friday morning in the city hall.

Evangelist and Mrs. Marcus Adair, assisted by Mr. Wayne Huff are now in a revival meeting in the Roundtop school house, northeast of Booker, Texas.

Evangelist Otto Busch is now in a revival meeting in the new community church at Simonton, Texas.

Brother Anthony Margo is open for calls in the Western states, to any church, mission, or to open a new work. Those desiring his services should write to him at 3905 Deal St., East Chicago, Indiana, or to Box 300 c/o The Apostolic Faith Paper, Baxter Springs, Kansas, and it will be forwarded to him.

Evangelist and Mrs. E. W. Dickson of Waldo, Arkansas, and Brother and Sister J. M. Scott of Magnolia, Ark., plan a tent meeting at Stephens, Ark., the latter part of May or the first of June.

Evangelist and Mrs. Sol Getz, assisted by Brother Bert Hill are now in a revival meeting at Curtis, Okla. The Lord is blessing in the meeting.

Evangelist and Mrs. John Modrick are now in a revival meeting at Bayard, Nebraska. Much interest is being manifested in the meeting and they are looking for an outpouring of the Spirit of God before the meeting closes. Brother George Hindergardt is pastor of the church.

The Sutton Brothers have recently closed a very successful meeting at Gause, Texas. They are now in a revival at Rockdale, Texas, and the Lord is blessing in the meeting there. They are having good crowds and much interest is being shown. The Watkins Brothers are helping in the meeting.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Wooster are pastoring the church at Eagle Lake, Texas, and the Lord is blessing the church there. Brother Wooster has been elected pastor for another year.

Evangelist J. W. Elliott of Lometa, Texas, is now in a meeting near Foreman, Ark.

Evangelist and Mrs. Albert Janzen assisted by Miss Lucille Robinson have recently held a revival meeting in Wichita at the Apostolic Faith Mission on North St. Francis street.

Evangelist and Mrs. Bill Handlev of Webb City, Mo., have recently conducted a revival meeting at Olivet, Kansas.

Evangelist Bill Briles and wife have just recently closed a very successful meeting at Victory school house, near Logan, Oklahoma. Brother James Hosler is looking after the regular services there.

Brother and Sister Faries are pastoring the church on North St. Francis Street in Wichita, Kansas.

Rev. and Mrs. Laverne Johnson are now pastoring the church at Meade, Kansas. The Lord is blessing the church there. Brother and Sister Modrick have recently held a meeting there. They are looking forward to having a meeting in May with Brother Gail Schultz in charge. Regular services are as follows: Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.; preaching, 11:00 a. m.; Young People's meeting, 7:00 p. m.; preaching, 7:30 p. m. on Sunday, and Bible Study on Tuesday evening at 7:30; Prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30, and children's meeting Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

Evangelist and Mrs. Olen Bachler of Joplin, Missouri, plan to leave soon for tent revival meetings in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stark of Rockdale, Texas, recently held a four-week revival at Hoskins Springs school house near Caldwell, Texas. They were assisted by Brother and Sister Reuben Busch and Miss Ruby Schneebeli. Brother and Sister Ed Stark are now in a revival meeting at San Gabriel, Texas, in the new rock school house building. May the Lord bless them in this meeting is our prayers.

Rev. and Mrs. Gene Cornell and family are pastoring the church at Cave Springs, Arkansas. Brother Cornell is also having regular appointments at Greenland, Arkansas.

Evangelist and Mrs. Joe Dewees and family have regular services at Cedar Creek, Brenham, and Hempstead, Texas.

CONVOCAATION

at

Palm City, Calif.

at

NEW MISSION**May 22 to June 1****MRS. H. A. OSTRANDER**

and

JACOB C. REGIER**in charge**

There will be a convocation at Palm City, California, May 22, to June 1. A common table for all will be provided. Tents may be rented on the ground. The church will be dedicated Sunday, June 1. Evangelist Hattie Ostrander has labored very faithfully in this section of California and she is desirous of as many as can to attend this Convocation. Everyone should remember this convocation in prayer. The convocation will be in charge of Sister Hattie A. Ostrander and Jacob C. Regier. Others will assist in the services. For further information write to Evangelist H. A. Ostrander, Box 144, Palm City, California.

Evangelist and Mrs. Jacob Regier, Paul Harbin, Joe Lilly, Jona Janzen and Miss Hallie Chitwood have recently conducted a very successful revival meeting at Palm City, California. The church was blessed in a spiritual way and also was completed on the outside. It will be dedicated Sunday, June 1, with a great time of fellowship of ministers and laymembers. Sister Hattie Ostrander is pastor.

Brother Jona Janzen expects to leave soon for a year's military training in the army.

Evangelist and Mrs. Elvis Bishop have recently made an evangelistic tour of South Texas.

Evangelist and Mrs. J. K. Seber have been conducting meetings in South Texas.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bostrom, formerly of Wichita, Kansas, are now in the evangelistic work on the West Coast. Their new address is 1427 Ridgeway, Los Angeles, California.

Elder W. W. West, one of the older ministers of the faith, is holding regular services at Hawthorne, California.

The Mizpah Bible Class of Webb City, Mo., recently had their meeting at Mrs. A. A. Fowler's in Picher, Oklahoma. A good delegation from Webb City, Keelville, Kansas, and Baxter Springs, Kansas, attended. Mrs. Madge Robinson had charge of the morning service and Mrs. Pauline H. Parham had charge of the afternoon service. They will meet at the home of Mrs. Mary King, in Webb City, Mo., next week. Everyone should attend this Bible Class for spiritual food. Mrs. Lee Wann is president.

Mother Lang of Detroit, Michigan, is still on the battle front and conducts religious services in Detroit, Michigan.

At a recent meeting held at the Full Gospel Tabernacle at Perryton, Texas, Brother Alvin Diehl and Brother Mitchell Modrick were elected as board members.

Evangelist and Mrs. Millard Brown are in a revival meeting at the Apostolic Faith Church, 909 Knox street, Houston, Texas.

ANNOUNCEMENT

IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS TO US SINCE JANUARY, 1941, THIS WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE YOU WILL RECEIVE UNLESS WE HEAR FROM YOU AT ONCE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU AT ONCE WHETHER YOU HAVE AN OFFERING OR NOT, AS WE WANT TO KEEP YOUR NAME ON THE MAILING LIST. PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU.

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MIDWEST**CAMP MEETING**

at

Laverne, Okla.**August 6 to 17****BARKER BROTHERS****in charge**

There will be a Mid-West Camp Meeting of the Apostolic Faith movement at Laverne, Oklahoma, August 6 to 17. Those who have attended the camp meeting at Laverne have always received a blessing. Now is the time to plan to attend this meeting. The Barker Brothers of Laverne, will be in charge.

Reverend Robert Girourard and family are now pastoring the church at Centerpoint, Texas. God is blessing their work there.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Tucker, Misses Wilma and Claudine George and Miss Opal Bollinger of Perryton, Texas, have recently closed a meeting at Hempstead. A number were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit. Everyone was blessed during the meeting. They are now in a meeting at Alvin, Texas. Brother Alford Whitely is pastor of the church at Alvin.

Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Russell and family have recently closed a wonderful meeting at Alief, Texas. The Lord blessed in a gracious way. Twenty-one were saved, 8 were sanctified. One outstanding part of the meeting was that God especially blessed one night of the meeting when 10 were saved. Brother Otto Busch is pastoring the church.

Brother and Sister Harold Cooper are now in a revival meeting at San Leon, Texas. Much interest is being shown and several are under conviction. They are praying for a real breaking through in the meeting before it closes.

Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Russell and family have just closed a meeting at Katy, Texas. The Lord blessed in the revival meeting and much good was done. Six were saved, 5 sanctified and 4 received the Holy Spirit. Rev. Edna Mae Long is pastoring the church at Katy, Texas. The Russell party anticipates holding a meeting at Grand Junction, Colorado, sometime before the Laverne, Oklahoma, Camp Meeting.

Brother and Sister Clifford Thacker, Mr. J. Burton, Mr. R. Handley, and Mr. Robert Anderson, of Blytheville, Arkansas, recently made an evangelistic tour in the Tri-State district.

Evangelist Gail W. Schultz has recently closed a very successful revival meeting at the Full Gospel church in Granby, Mo. A large number were saved and blessed in the meeting. The spirit of the Lord stirred the hearts of the believers. Brother Schultz assisted by Brother and Sister Floyd LaMunyon are now in a revival meeting at Arlington, Kansas. They are praying for a spiritual outpouring in this place.

The Stoehr Sisters of the state of Washington have recently held a special service at Cheney Mission, in Cheney, Kansas. The Stoehr family formerly lived in Cheney. Brother and Sister C. G. Menke are pastoring the church there.

Evangelist Homer Coberly has been conducting meetings in the Panhandle of Oklahoma and Texas. He has recently held a meeting at Clear Lake, Oklahoma. Sister Pearl Thomas is pastor there.

Evangelist P. M. Campbell is in a tent revival on West Washington Avenue, in Houston, Texas.

Brother and Sister Tom Patty of Galena, Kansas, have recently closed a very successful revival at the Empire Mission, Galena, Kansas, and are looking after the work of the Lord, and have invited all to stop by and be with them in services there.

Evangelist and Mrs. Marcus Adair and Wayne Huff have recently conducted a very successful meeting at Roswell, New Mexico, where Evangelist Jennie Evans is pastoring. While there the church was stuccoed on the outside and plastered on the inside. A great deal of improvement was made in the building. Some were saved in the meeting and the Christians blessed. They are now in a revival meeting at Arnett, Oklahoma. Brother and Sister Jake Pletcher are pastoring at Arnett.

The South Texas Young People's rally was held at Alvin, Texas, April 6. A good crowd attended. A spiritual service was enjoyed by all. Brother Jackson Wooster is president; Raymond Reid is vice-president, and Mrs. Steryl Tucker is secretary-treasurer.

The Young People's rally of the Tri-State District was held Easter Sunday at the Spring Grove Mission, in Galena, Kansas. The next rally will be held at Granby, Mo., the second Sunday in May. An election of officers will be held. Everyone is urged to attend.

Mrs. M. E. Babcock of Ouray, Colorado, writes a very interesting letter about her experience in the Lord. She recently came into the light of the Holy Spirit through the teaching and labors of Brother and Sister Lloyd Schrimpf. They are starting a little Sunday school and the Lord is blessing their efforts.

Evangelist and Mrs. Ralph Durham are now in a revival meeting at Greenland, Arkansas. The Lord is blessing in the services and souls are being saved. They conducted an all-day meeting with basket dinner Sunday, April 13. The service was well attended.

Evangelist Mary King has been preaching in the Granby Tabernacle of Granby, Mo., in the absence of Brother Ralph Durham.

The Rees Brothers and Brother Albert Durham are both building a house trailer which they plan to use in the Gospel work.

The Rees Brothers have been looking after the regular services in the Apostolic Faith church on East 7th Street, in Joplin, Mo. They plan to start a revival meeting there about the first of May.

Evangelist Carroll Heller has recently conducted a meeting at Webb City, Mo., and Joplin, Mo. The Lord has blessed in these services. Brother Harold Mills is pastor of the Webb City church, and Brother Audley Hervey is pastor of the Joplin church.

Evangelist and Mrs. Tica Tabor are on an evangelistic tour through West and South Texas. They plan to visit her folks at New Freedom, Oklahoma, and his folks at Pampa, Texas. They will also stop by Dallas and pick up their tent which they have recently purchased to use in the evangelistic field this summer.

Evangelist and Mrs. Lloyd Schrimpf are temporarily looking after the work at Seneca, Missouri, during the absence of Brother Tica Tabor.

Evangelist Otto Busch who is pastoring the church at Alief, Texas, anticipates holding a revival meeting in Austin, Texas, during the summer and plans to have some tent meetings also.

Evangelist and Mrs. Audley Hervey plan to hold a revival sometime in May, in Blytheville, Arkansas. Brother Clifford Thacker is pastor.

Brother and Sister T. B. Tucker were in charge of the music in the revival at Alief, Texas. Their inspirational singing was a great blessing during the meeting.

Brother Guy LeMaster, pastor at Farley, New Mexico, writes the work is progressing there, and that there is still a wide open field for the Gospel and not many workers. He has been holding services and prayer meetings at Gladstone, and souls are finding God in reality and truth.

Evangelist and Mrs. Claude Pruett have recently held a meeting at Summit, Texas.

Brother Ralph Durham, pastor at Granby, Mo., and Brother and Sister Lee Brock closed a wonderful revival at the Full Gospel Mission in Laverne, Oklahoma. Ten were saved, 12 were sanctified and 6 received the Holy Spirit.

D. R. Stephens and Bennie Stansberry and family held a good meeting at Waller, Texas. Much interest was shown in the meeting, crowds were good and several were saved.

Rev. A. B. Stansberry of Katy, Texas, is now serving as temporary pastor of the People's Church in Houston, Texas.

Hazel Hubbard of Hempstead, Tex., is doing a fine work as leader of the Young People and has been a great blessing in preaching the Word.

Evangelist Murphy Barnes and wife are having some special services in Camp Wood, Texas. Brother and Sister Barnes have finished their house trailer and are using it in the Gospel work.

Brother Alford Whitely is pastoring the Apostolic Faith Mission at Alvin, Texas. The work is growing and God is blessing. Brother Whitely also preaches at the Galveston Mission one night a week and at the Sar Leon Mission two nights a week.

Sister W. T. Hazel of Houston, Tex., is being greatly blessed of God as she does personal work in the hospitals and jails of Houston.

Brother and Sister J. M. Scott are having very successful cottage prayer meetings at Magnolia and Stephens, Arkansas. Almost every service souls are saved, and they are having around 47 in attendance.

Evangelist Homer Coberly and family have had a very successful revival at the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Perryton, Texas. The crowds were splendid, 25 being saved, several sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Brother C. R. Dale of Stockton, California, is now entering the evangelistic field, having felt the call of God on his life for a number of years. Brother Dale was converted in one of Sister Dilworth's revivals in Arkansas a number of years ago and has been a firm believer in the Gospel all these years. The family are all talented workers and are open for calls in the evangelistic work. Their address is Route 1, Box 653 X, Stockton, California. Brother Dale plans to be in Springdale, Arkansas, and work out from there for a few months.

Brother and Sister Bill Briles are building a house trailer at Liberal, Kansas, to use in the Gospel work.

Brother Raymond House of Lansing, Michigan, writes the Lord is blessing there. They are having real good meetings and several souls have been saved lately. The church and Sunday school are showing a steady growth.

Sister O. A. Crane and family of Lamesa, Texas, write they are praying for God to send some one there in the spring or summer for a revival that they may be privileged to hear the gospel and have a place of worship.

Evangelist and Mrs. John Hocker-smith and party, of Purcell, Mo., are now in a revival meeting at Foreman, Arkansas, which is a little northeast of Texarkana, Arkansas.

Brother Raymond Cox writes that Brother Frank Atchley has recently held a revival meeting at Old Hickory Grove school house, near Fairland, Oklahoma. Over 30 were saved in the meeting.

Brother Raymond and Sister Etta Mae Peters of Granby, Missouri, are now pastoring the church at Hardesty, Oklahoma. The Lord is blessing in the work there.

Brother and Sister Lloyd Boren have recently conducted a successful revival at Campwood, Texas, and also at Medina, Texas.

The work of the Lord is growing at Booker, Texas, under the direction of Brother and Sister Lawrence Clay. The Sunday school has grown from 51 to 128. Everyone is much encouraged.

Brother Albert Cotton of Gideon, Mo., is pastor of the Union church near Gideon, Missouri. They have a good Sunday school and an invitation is extended to all to stop by.

The church at 1314 South Main, in Joplin, Mo., has recently been redecorated on the inside and some other improvements made.

The Spring Grove church at Galena, Kansas, conducted an Easter Sunrise Service and all-day meeting Sunday, April 13. A basket dinner was served at noon. The meeting was well attended and was a spiritual blessing to all. Brother W. O. Singleterry is pastor.

The Fifth Street Church, in Baxter Springs, Kansas, had an Easter pageant Sunday and Monday nights, April 13 and 14, which was well attended. Evangelist and Mrs. E. W. Dickson of Waldo, Arkansas, started a revival meeting at the church Tuesday night, April 15.

The Holiness Church of the Fairland Community near Fouke, Arkansas, held an all-day meeting with basket dinner, Easter Sunday. A large crowd attended.

Brother Robert L. Williams is in a revival at the Heights Tabernacle, 600 West 20th Street, Houston, Tex. Reverend C. R. Swanson is pastor of the tabernacle there.

Mr. Marion E. Corl left Tuesday, April 8, for a year of training in the Army.

Brother and Sister J. O. Haney of Velmoor, Texas, visited Brother and Sister J. M. Scott at Magnolia, Ark., Easter Sunday.

URGENT REQUEST — Everyone please remember Mrs. Claude Bowen of Booker, Texas, in prayer.

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CLAUDE PARHAM TAKEN IN DEATH

Well Known Apostolic Faith Minister Succumbs at Home After Illness

Claude Wallace Parham, 43 years old, well known minister of the Apostolic Faith Movement, died at his home, 726 East avenue, at 8:45 o'clock Saturday morning following an illness of several weeks.

Although his condition had been critical, it was thought he was improving for several days prior to his death.

He was born September 22, 1897, at Baldwin, Kansas, but moved with his parents, the late Charles F. and Sarah E. Parham, to Baxter Springs when he was a young boy. He had made his home in Baxter Springs ever since that time.

He received his education in the Baxter Springs schools, and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1916. He later attended a business college in Joplin.

He was associated with his brother, Philip A. Parham, in the grocery business for eight years. The store was located on the present site of Reddy's Drug store. Following that, he worked for nine years at the Ray Kirkendoll grocery, resigning this position more than six years ago to enter the ministry which was founded by his father.

He was married February 20, 1918, to Lula Ann Wene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wene of Baxter Springs.

Since entering the Apostolic Faith ministry six years ago, he had traveled in many states in the union and was widely known as a minister and evangelist. He was pastor of the Apostolic Faith church in Alvin, Texas, for more than a year.

The Apostolic Faith movement has reached every state in the union as well as foreign fields. Many churches and missions have

been built since the movement was founded 41 years ago.

Reverend Claude Parham had a growing ministry because of a life devoted to the faith which he loved so dearly and which won him many friends in all states which he had visited. Many persons adopted the faith because of his devotion to its precepts.

Survivors are: His wife, Mrs. Lula Parham; a sister, Mrs. Esther Rardin of Columbus; and three brothers, Philip A. Parham and the Rev. Robert L. Parham of Baxter Springs, and the Rev. W. C. Parham of Pasadena, California.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Bethel Community church, Twenty-first street and Military avenue.

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MANY ATTEND PARHAM RITES

Out-of-Town Ministers Take Part in Services for Well Known Evangelistic Minister

A large crowd of relatives and friends from the district and from a distance attended funeral services Wednesday afternoon for the Rev. Claude Wallace Parham, 43, minister of the Apostolic Faith movement, who died at his home last Saturday morning following an illness of several weeks.

Final rites were held at the Bethel Community church at Twenty-first street and Military avenue.

Preceding the services at the church, a brief service was held at the home, with the Rev. Albert Durham of Stella, Missouri, offering the prayer.

The service at the church opened with a song "Just a Little While," sung by a group of 50 ministers who were on the platform during the service, and led by the Rev. Ralph Durham of Granby, Missouri.

A prayer was given by the Rev. Roy Wooster of Eagle Lake, Tex., and was followed by the obituary, read by the Rev. Vera Scott of Magnolia, Arkansas. Telegrams

and a poem were read by the Rev. J. W. Depew of Perryton, Texas, followed by another song by the group of ministers. Another prayer was given by the Rev. Tica Tabor of Seneca, Missouri.

The Rev. Gail W. Schultz of Laverne, Oklahoma, gave the sermon, and the closing prayer was given by the Rev. Homer Coberly of Roswell, New Mexico. A duet was sung by Mrs. W. B. Wooster of Alvin, Texas, and Mrs. Audley Hervey of Joplin, accompanied by Mrs. Lena Wilson of Columbus.

At the close of the church service a brief service was held at the grave in the Baxter Springs cemetery. The Gospel quartet composed of the Rev. Ralph Durham, Harold Cooper and the Brown brothers, of Granby, Missouri, sang a song, followed by a song by the congregation, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye." The committal service was given by the Rev. Olen Bachelor of Joplin. The Rev. Jack Barker of Laverne, Oklahoma, gave the final prayer at the grave.

Active pallbearers were W. B. Wooster, Alvin, Texas, C. O. Smith of Joplin, Harry Moore of Galena, Will Wall of Columbus, T. R. Murray of Perryton, Texas, and Ray Kirkendoll of Baxter Springs.

Honorary pallbearers were: the Rev. Gene Cornell, Cave Springs, Arkansas; the Rev. Tom Patty, Galena; the Rev. Loyd Schrimpf, Seneca, Missouri; the Rev. John Hockersmith, Purcell, Missouri; the Rev. Audley Hervey, Joplin; Fred Salter, Baxter Springs; Otis Wade, Galena; the Rev. Albert Durham, Stella, Missouri; the Rev. Wayne Huff, Perryton, Texas; the Rev. Marcus Adair, Perryton, Texas; the Rev. Ed Durbin, Bentonville, Arkansas; the Rev. Millard E. Brown, Lowell, Arkansas.

Flower girls were: Miss Betty Palmer, Webb City; Mrs. Phyliss Bachelor, Joplin; Mrs. Opal Carmack, Baxter Springs; Mrs. Fern Graham, Eureka; Mrs. Arthur Townsend, Mrs. O. H. Tallman, Mrs. T. R. Murray, Perryton, Tex.; the Rev. Pearl Menke, Cheney, Kansas; Mrs. Roy Wooster, Eagle Lake, Texas; Mrs. Ralph Durbin, Granby, Missouri; Mrs. T. N. Dranchenberg, Webb City; Mrs. Floyd La Munyon of Laverne, Oklahoma.

Bob Palmer of Webb City was head usher, and the Rev. Walter Michener and Ray Michener had charge of flowers.

CLAUDE WALLACE PARHAM

Claude Wallace Parham, the eldest son of the late Charles F. and Sarah E. Parham, was born in Baldwin, Kansas, September 22, 1897, and departed this life at his home in Baxter Springs, Kansas, on February 22, 1941, at the age of 43 years and 5 months. He moved here with his parents as a boy, and this had been his home ever since. However, his busy life as an evangelist has taken him many miles over many states.

Brother Parham's education was obtained from schools in Baxter Springs, Kansas. He graduated from the high school with the class of 1916. During this time he met Miss Lula Ann Wene of Baxter Springs and their friendship consummated in a beautiful marriage on February 20, 1918. The next several years of his life was devoted to business.

Much of his time through these years has been spent in church work, as a result of an early and sincere conversion. But now came the call to devote all his time to the Gospel work and like the prophet of old he said: "Here am I, Lord, send me." Thus over six years ago he and his wife entered into the evangelistic work as a part of the Apostolic Faith Ministry. He preached his first sermon at the Fifth Street Mission in Baxter Springs, and held his last revival at Temple City, California, with Brother and Sister Reuben Davis. He preached until the last, having filled appointments in this district since his return from the West. He was devoted to his Faith and calling, sincere in his love and worship toward God. This attitude gave him a large and fast growing ministry, so that he was known and loved by many people in the arena which he served.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lula Parham; a sister, Mrs. Esther Rardin, of Columbus, Kansas, and three brothers, Phillip A. and Robert L., of Baxter Springs, and Wilfred C. Parham of Pasadena, California. Also other relatives and a host of friends and brothers and sisters in Christ.

We all say, "Amen Jesus," "Thy will, O God, has been accomplished," and this our brother rests from his labors, but the trail of sunshine that

he left in memory's field, lives on. Many souls were gathered to God by his work. He told of the saving and sanctifying power of God so that many walked in this light, and the glad news of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit caused many to seek this gift. Faith and love with every truth revealed to this man, was not kept under a bushel but became a lighted candle, that shone in a dark and dreary world, the way, the truth, and the life through Jesus. His vision was far reaching so that truthfully we may say, "What a soldier he had been."

CARD OF THANKS

Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated.

MRS. LULA A. PARHAM
MRS. ESTHER M. RARDIN
PHILLIP A. PARHAM
WILFRED C. PARHAM
ROBERT L. PARHAM

**MY REFUGE
AND STRENGTH**

With a grateful heart I want to thank God, who has indeed been my refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. I wish also to thank my dear friends everywhere who have so faithfully held me up in prayer to God, during the last few weeks of trial and sadness.

With a tear-dimmed vision, I look out upon "the life that now is," and realize it can never be the same again, and cannot clearly see the next step before me. But with an eye of faith, I look at the "life which is to come," and it looks nearer, and dearer, more real and precious. I feel that my loss has drawn me nearer to God, and as a family made us nearer and dearer to each other.

The years I have spent in the Gospel work have been very dear and precious to me. There is no joy like the joy of seeing souls saved and born into the kingdom of God. I feel the burden and responsibility of the work of the Lord, and by His grace and strength shall continue in the service of the King, and endeavor to tell others the story of the Cross and a resurrected Christ. Without

your prayers and cooperation this would not be possible. I am depending on you to hold me up to the throne of Grace. "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

I shall always remember with deep gratitude your comforting expressions of sympathy, your letters of encouragement, floral offerings, free-will offerings and prayers. They have given me strength to go on. My earnest prayer is that God will make me worthy of my Christian friends. May God bless you.

MRS. LULA A. PARHAM

**A THOUSAND YEARS
OF REST**

A thousand years of rest with Jesus. In that day shall the branch be beautiful and glorious and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that escaped from Israel. Isaiah 4: 2. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: And his rest shall be glorious. Isaiah 11: 10.

And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fears, and from thy hard bondage where in them was made to serve. Isaiah 14: 3.

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox and the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice den.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all thy holy mountains; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Isaiah 11: 4-9. What glorious time that will be; when we have lived the life, endured the trials and pain, and have obtained our right to the thousand years of rest.

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: And I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Revelation 20: 4.

Why do we have the thousand years of rest? Because God promised David as long as there were earthly kingdoms he should have an heir; and Jesus is coming back to reign a thousand years, as Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

And thy house and thy kingdom shall be established forever before Thee: Thy throne shall be established forever, II Samuel 7: 16.

And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulders so he shall open, and none shall shut, and he shall shut and none shall open. Isaiah 22: 22. This wonderful rest, a thousand years of rest with Jesus our Lord; it's worth working for; it's worth suffering for; There has so much been written on the tribulations—but not enough about the wonderful rest.

And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places. Isaiah 32: 18. But be ye glad and rejoice ever in that which I create; for, behold I create Jerusalem, rejoicing, and her people a joy. Isaiah 65: 18.

Wonderful thought that Jesus our Lord is creating a place where we can rest in peace a thousand years! And I will rejoice in Jerusalem and joy in my people; and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. Isaiah 65: 19.

And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant

vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another eat; for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine that shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the good of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock; and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord. Isaiah 65: 21-25.

I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my Mountains; and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there. Isaiah 5: 9. In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of Glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people. Isaiah 28: 5.

Cry out and shout, thou inhabitants of Zion: for the great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee. Isaiah 12: 16.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace: that bringeth good tidings of God that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, "Thy God Reigneth!"

The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Isaiah 52: 10.

Who was God's salvation? Jesus, Simeon called him that when he beheld him. For mine eyes have seen thy Salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Luke 2: 30-32. Won't that be a glorious time when our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, comes to bring peace to this old world, that is in such a terrible condition?

And they shall see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great Glory. And when these things begin to come to pass—look up, and

lift your heads for your redemption draweth nigh. Luke 21: 27-28.

What is redemption? Ransom in full. For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed by corruptible things, such as silver and gold from your vain conversation, received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as a Lamb without blemish and without spot. 1 Peter 1: 18-19. So redemption is when Christ comes for what he has redeemed with his blood—what he has paid for in full.

What change then takes place? We then put on our robe we shall wear while we are having our thousand years of rest. When Jesus arose from the dead, he arose with his robe of redemption on, and as he was, so we shall be. For as he is our pattern, so shall we be like him. Behold my hands and my feet that it is I, myself: handle me and see, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have. Luke 24 :39. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have you here any meat? And they gave him a piece of broiled fish and of an honeycomb. And he took it and ate before them. Luke 24: 41-43. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took the bread and blessed it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were open and they knew him, and he vanished out of their sight. Luke 24: 30-31.

And as they thus spoke Jesus stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them; Peace be unto you! Luke 24: 36. Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you! John 20: 19.

So that was how Jesus with his redeemed body traveled; he could appear and disappear at will, being as he is our example; so can we, when we are redeemed. Glory to God! What a wonderful time awaits the faithful!

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and becomes the first fruits of them that sleep. For since by man came death, by man came also the

resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order, Christ the first fruits: afterwards they that are Christ's at His coming. 1 Corinthians 15: 20-23. So when Christ comes for his chosen people we that are here, on this old earth, shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, then of a truth can we say, "Death is swallowed up in Victory; for we have obtained that we have worked for, that we have suffered for, that we have endured for, the privilege of being among them that shall rest with Jesus, where there will be no sorrow nor death. I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death; O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction; repentance shall be hid from mine eyes. Hosea 13: 14.

When I think of all Jesus is preparing for us, I want to shout and tell the world what they will miss if they do not obtain that rest.

Sing, O daughter of Zion, Shout, O Israel: be glad, and rejoice with all thy heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy. The king of Israel even the Lord is in the midst of thee. Thou shalt not see evil anymore. Zeph. 3: 14-16.

Beloved children of the most High God—think what it will be like to be with Jesus a thousand years to enjoy the wondrous love he has for us

For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, either hath eye seen, O God, beside thee, what He (Jesus) hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. Isaiah 64: 4.

A thousand years Jesus shall be our King of Kings and Lord of Lords—and then what? When the thousand years are over which we shall enjoy on this earth, comes the second judgment. And I saw a great white throne and him that sat on it from whose face the earth and the heaven fade away, and there was found no place for them, and I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God. And the books were opened and another was opened — which

is the Book of Life and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works. Revelation 20: 11-12.

Now these that were with Jesus in the thousand years of rest, were not in this resurrection, but those that slept on through the thousand years.

Then after this resurrection, what? And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven, and the first earth were passed away and there was no more sea. Revelation 21: 1. Now Jesus' reign is over he will give back the throne to God; then Jesus will become our elder brother. And I, John, saw the Holy City New Jerusalem coming down from God, out of Heaven prepared as a bride for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of Heaven saying, The Tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away. Revelation 21: 1, 2, 3 and 4.

And I saw no temple in it for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb (Jesus) are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb (Jesus) is the light thereof. Revelation 21: 22.

And he said unto me, these sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must be done shortly. Revelation 22: 6.

Dear Followers of the Lamb, isn't it wonderful what the Lord has in store for us if we are faithful unto him.

For the Lord shall comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places, and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of Melody. Isaiah 51: 4.

Dear one, keep your garments washed in the blood of the Lamb,

and oil in your lamps and the vessel full, for we do not want to miss this rest.

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. They shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. Isaiah 51: 11.

I have written this to help someone to see what awaits those that stay true to our Saviour: to those that are getting weary in well-doing, take courage! We are near the end. Remember what Jesus said in Luke: "Take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life and so that day comes upon you unaware. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth."

"Watch ye therefore and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man. Luke 21: 34, 35 and 36."

Don't you want to enjoy this rest? If you are a child of God—keep praying—for according to the master's own words, that is the only way. Jesus says, "Pray always" for we want to be worthy to stand before the Son of Man and to enter into that rest. May God Bless every honest heart that reads these words and grant them that rest!

By Mrs. Ida Van Dorn

FLASH!

Great Britain and Italy are not turning out to be allies as some of our Futurist friends had planned. It is evident that God had some plans of His own for the future course of the world. As a prelude to Armageddon the present conflict will decide the destiny of mankind, but not in a way either the Futurists or the Dictators think.

The hosts of Hitler over London are giving "the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof" a foretaste of what to expect when they meet the hosts of God in the final phase of the present worldwide conflict.

—Charles O. Benham

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OBITUARIES

Mr. Jack Pattison of Brookshire, Texas, passed away Tuesday, April 15. Funeral services were conducted April 16 by Reverend J. K. Seber of Katy, Texas. Burial was in Pattison Cemetery, Pattison, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Effie Pattison.

Elba Myrtle Fullbright was born June 26, 1902, and received her summons December 12, 1940.

She was converted early in life and spent her life in christian service which was her delight. Nothing delighted her home than to sing the Gospel at which task she so ably performed. Her singing and devout christian living was a great blessing to many people.

She was united in marriage to Mr. Dewey Faus June 16, 1931, at Spearman, Texas, where she has lived most of her life.

There remains to mourn her going, her husband; father, G. W. Fullbright, and step-mother, (her mother having preceded her in death); also five sisters and three brothers.

Those who were present of her immediate family were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fullbright, three sisters and their families; Mrs. John Dillion, Mrs. Ernest Sluder and Mrs. John Smith and a brother, R. R. Fullbright, also many other relatives and kind friends.

Her life was beautiful and God shall beautify heaven with another sweet singer. May heaven bless her memory.

(Editorial Not: This obituary did not arrive in time for the last issue of the paper.)

Mrs. Lena Swihart of Pond Creek, Oklahoma, passed away January 9, 1941, while visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bill Leverage, in Ventura, California. She was brought back to Pond Creek for burial.

Mrs. Grace Surface Pennell, of Purcell, Missouri, passed away Friday, February 21, 1941, at Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Funeral services were held at Purcell, Mo., Sunday, February 23, at 3 o'clock. Surviving are her husband, John Pennell, and her daughter, Imo Jane.

In Loving Remembrance of My Husband,
Claude W. Parham, by Lula A. Parham

SHOULD YOU GO FIRST

Should you go first, and I remain
To walk the road alone,
I'll live in memories garden, dear,
With happy days we've known.
In spring I'll watch for roses red
When fades the lilacs blue.
In early Fall, when brown leaves fall,
I'll catch a breath of you.

Should you go first and I remain
For battles to be fought
Each thing you've touched along the way
Will be a hallowed spot.
I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile
Though blindly I may grope;
The memory of your helping hand
Will help me on with hope.

Should you go first and I remain
To finish with the scroll
No lengthening shadows shall creep in
To make this life seem droll.
We've had our cup of joy;
Ah, memory is one gift of God
That death cannot destroy.

Should you go first and I remain
One thing I'll ask of you
Walk slowly down the path of death
For soon I'll follow you.
I'll want to know each step you take
That I may walk the same:
For some day down that lonely road
You'll hear me call your name.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The late Claude W. Parham purchased a new picture machine which was used only a few times before his death. The machine is for sale at a reasonable price. Also the car rack is for sale. For further information write to Mrs. Lula Parham, Box 6, Baxter Springs, Kan.