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STRENGTH, SWEETNESS AND SHARING

"Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10.

In Ezra's day revival was built around the Word of the Lord. He read the word of the Lord in the street which was before the water gate from the morning (in the margin of my Bible it reads from the light) until midday and all the people were attentive. When he opened the book they all stood up and Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God and all the people said "Amen, Amen" and worshipped the Lord. The Word of the Lord being read at the water gate is quite different from the scandal connected with the word in our day. Without a doubt if this had have been done the deceit and dishonesty would have been greatly diminished, if not done away with completely—according to how the individual hearers received and practiced the Word. The Gospel is neither a funeral or a frolic but a feast and our duty is three fold. We are "To eat the fat", feed on the solid and substantial doctrine of the Book. We are to also "drink the sweet". The Word is not only strengthening, but sweetening, Psalms the 19th chapter says, "sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." Some believers are strong but not sweet. It takes both to bring about true revival. Then we are to "send portions to them for whom nothing is prepared." We are to share—like Samson with his hands full of honey fresh from the encounter with the lion. The Apostles said "How can we but speak the things which we have seen and heard." If strength and sweetening have come to our hearts through His Word then it must be shared. We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. "We are witnesses!"

So the Gospel means Strength, Sweetness and Sharing. We do not fully experience what God has provided for us until we participate in all three—God's family are participators not Spectators. There is no telling how far this kingdom of God and His Gospel would have spread if only those who claim to be one of His would share with those they meet daily of the strength and sweetness His Word has provided for all who will partake.

He also said "the joy of the Lord is our strength". Oh, what joy there is in feeding upon the Word of God; feasting at the table of God that is full of all the spiritual food that our souls cry out for. Undernourished children are cranky, listless and weak. So are undernourished Christians. We can't blame all that on the teachers, the preachers and others, for we all have access to the Word for ourselves. And we cannot have the joy, and sweetness to share with others without the strength of the Word. If you can't find it from the pupits around you—dig into the Word for yourself. However, I feel very strongly about the need of a church home and Christian fellowship. Go to church regularly somewhere. If you feel it disagrees in some portions with the true Word of God—still go "eat the fish and spit out the bones"—"take the good and leave the bad". Worship God from your heart in the singing of the spiritual songs—feast upon the Word of God that is given. You can't afford to starve spiritually—You have to get your spiritual groceries somewhere or you will die of malnutrition. There are no perfect churches! Only a perfect Saviour, Jesus Christ the

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Lord! Keep your eyes upon Him. The end of all things is at hand. We've come too far to turn back now.

So "eat the fat", "drink the sweet", "neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength" and then we are ready to share, share, share and share again, by "sending prtions unto them for whom nothing is prepared." The world needs our strong, sweet, joyful witnessing!

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Pansy Miller

Pansy Beatrice Victor, daughter of Benjamin and Melinda Victor, was born May 31, 1888 in Carterville, Mo., departed this life June 28, 1975 at her home in Carterville at the age of 87 years and 28 days, following an illness of 9 days.

She was united in Marriage to the late Rev. Elmer Miller, March 13, 1905 in Jasper County, Mo. To this union was born 2 sons: Howard V. Miller of Carterville, Mo. and Leonard E. Miller of Eagle Rock, Mo. who survive.

Other survivors are 3 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held July 1 in the Hedge Lewis Funeral Home Chapel, Webb City, Missouri at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Albert Durham officiated, assisted by Rev. George Hintergardt. Sis. Dorothy McCance sang accompanied by Sis Kathryn Cornell. Burial was in Purcell Cemetery, Purcell, Missouri.

Notice!

Due to the increased cost in box rent at the P.O. We had to get a smaller box. Our new no. is nearly the same. It is 653 instead of 658.

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A. F. Report

TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

by Mary Dewees, Hempstead, Texas

In a recent service a minister told of a visit to a lay minister's home. When they went to the table for a meal, a Bible was laying by each plate. Before asking the blessing, each person read some Scriptures from the Bible. He didn't say whether the host choose the verses to be read or whether each person read a Scripture of his own choosing.

Since hearing of this incident I have thought that it was a very profitable "ritual" for both young and old. I am sure there would be less indigestion, and also, each one would be better prepared for the tests and trials of the day.

Then I thought of the old hymn by Thoro Harris.

TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

1.
Take time to be holy, Speak oft with the Lord,
Abide in Him always And feed on His word;
Make friends of God's children, Help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Refrain

Take time to be holy, Let Him be they Guide,
And run not before Him, Whatsoe'er thy path betide.

In joy or in sorrow Still follow thy Lord;
Look up to Jesus, trusting His unchanging word.

2.

Take time to be holy: The world rushes on,
Spend much time in secret With Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus Like Him thou shalt be:
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

3.

Take time to be holy; Be calm in thy soul,
Each tho't and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

During the time of Moses, the Israelites were told to set aside a time for meditation.

Deut. 6:4-9

4 Hear, O Is'ra-el: the Lord our God is one Lord:

5 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Daniel prayed three times a day. Dan. 6:10.

10 Now when Dan'iel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Je-ru'sa-lem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

In Ephesians 1:4 and 5:27 Paul tells us that we must be holy. Eph. 1:4- According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love;

Eph. 5:27-That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but

that it should be holy and without blemish.

Also in Hebrews 12:14 we are told that we must follow holiness. Heb. 12:14- Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

I am glad I was taught these Scriptures, and that God gave me a believing heart so that I can prepare myself for His Soon Return.

HE TOUCHED ME by Melvin Shepherd

When I was a child I accepted Christ into my heart and I served the Lord during my youth. After going into the armed forces I began to let my Christian experience slip away, and before long I found myself deep in Sin. For several years I lived in sin, but no matter what I did or where I would go, I could never escape the committment I had made to God. I became very selfish and tried to find happiness in gaining material things but the more I would get, the more I wanted. I was a man most miserable.

For the greater part of my life I had experienced back trouble and in 1970 I suffered crushed discs which resulted in deterioration of the spine. These conditions and God moving upon my life brought about a great change of direction for me.

In the course of my illness I underwent surgery on five different occasions. The first three surgeries involved transferring bone from my hip to my spine and were extremely painful. The last two operations involved the nerves and left me partially paralyzed. Following these surgeries I still lived in constant pain in spite of braces and electrodes to help control the pain.

During this time I had decided to work for God and serve him, in spite of the condition my body was in. He had been doing a marvelous spiritual work in my life and I had been able to spend a great deal of time in Bible study and prayer.

During the 1975 Baxter Springs, Kansas Youth Camp I began to feel the symptoms of a recurrence of the disc problem. The condition worsened quickly and I hardly was able to get around at all.

I had been prayed for at the camp, but on Wednesday evening I felt a special need to get to the meeting and pray at the altar service. While I was praying one of the brethren who had a special burden for me came over and began praying and weeping. I felt the tears fall on the back of my neck, though at the time I didn't know what it was. At the moment I felt this, the pain began to leave my body.

By the next morning I could climb up and down hills and even walked among the rocks along the river. (I do want to mention that the devil attempted to bring the pain back, but I began to pray in The Spirit and satan was repulsed.) At this writing I am still well and enjoying God's blessing of health. I have not worn the braces or the electrodes and have felt no need for them.

In addition to the obvious work God has done, I now have the use of organs which were partially incapacitated by my condition. My legs even became sore because I have the use of muscles that have been in disuse for some time.

I praise God that His Word has proven true. We had decided to rely on God's Word instead of the disheartening opinions of the doctor, even before the healing work took place. I am confident that we will not be disappointed as we stand on the Word and give the glory to God.



CHURCH GROWTH

DECISION magazine has just brought to a close its extended report on "Great Churches of Today," which involved a survey of 18 outstanding local churches on three continents over a period of several years. It has been an enlightening and heartening assignment. We found that certain characteristics were common to all of these churches:

PRAYER. All the churches studied placed so much emphasis on prayer that it could be said that nothing of importance took place in the church life without prayer. Half-nights of prayer, prayer breakfasts, staff prayers, prayer retreats, daily regular prayer sessions, healing services, laying-on-of-hands, were all part of the pattern, depending on the church. I Thes. 5:17.

WITNESSING. A good proportion of the congregation was actively engaged in sharing a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ with others. This was done by individual activity, through small groups, visitation and penetration teams, or in the body life of the church. Acts 1:8

CONVERSIONS. People were actually being saved in these churches, weekly and even daily (Acts 2:47). In many of them a holy expectation was present whenever the congregation gathered. People wondered, "Who will be next?" Teams of laymen and young people were leading others to Christ not just in the neighborhood, but as far away as Hawaii, Korea, and Japan.

JOY. The people liked to walk through the church doors; it was a good place to be. But it was more than a clubby atmosphere; people were talking about the Lord, telling of answers to prayer, praising God. Nehemiah 8:10

PREACHING. Messages delivered from the pulpit were well prepared, Bible-based, with good outlines and effective use of illustrations. The preacher did his homework.

OUTREACH. Each church was investing heavily in national and international mission activity. Some were involved in inner-city work, some in special ministries to the deaf, the retarded, senior citizens, vacationers on the beaches. All were budgeting up to and even beyond 50 per cent for missionary causes.

FAMILY LIFE. Each of the congregations cultivated a warm church family atmosphere. Even though the membership was growing by leaps and bounds, the pastoral team managed to convey the impression of ministering to a small, intimate family.

LEADERSHIP. The prima donna complex was absent from the church's leadership. A gracious reciprocal spirit permeated staff relationships filtered through the congregation.

LOVE. The most important quality common to all the churches was the spirit of love that embraced everyone who walked through the church doors, regardless of background, status, skin color, or life-style. There were no walls or false faces people seemed eager to bear each other's burdens. The pastors' love for the people was expressed, accepted, and returned. I Cor. 13

SCRIPTURE. The entire educational program of the church was built around the Bible. Not only did the pastors preach from Scripture, the people were learning to use it through discipleship training. The absolute authority of Scripture was accepted in every one of the churches. 2 Tim. 2:15.

No doubt other factors (e.g., music, stewardship) were also responsible for the astonishing growth of the 18 churches studied by DECISION. These ten points, however, compel our attention. We believe further that if any church seeks to pursue them with determination, it will find God blessing its own congregational life with solid, Spirit-filled growth.



Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Graham, who attended Bible School in 1974 are living at 4436 Juniper, Wichita, Kansas and they are the new Youth Directors at Faith Chapel there. They are also proud to announce the birth of their new little son, Timothy Paul, born May 8, 1975. He weighed 9 lbs. 15 oz. They send greetings to all their Bible School friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cloke are the proud parents of a son named Gary Scott, born March 24, 1975. He weighed 7 pounds and was 18 inches long. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Thomas of Choctaw, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Charles Thomas of Choctaw and Mrs. Dora Fry of Oklahoma City. Mrs. Adrian Thomas is the former Alice Fry of Galena, Kansas.

Roger and Kay Denton of Pasadena, Texas are the proud parents of a son, Chad Edward, born May 22.

Grandparents are Rev. & Mrs. Ralph E. Denton, Pasadena, Texas; and Mr. & Mrs. Claude E. Price, Galena, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller are the proud parents of a baby girl, Paula Jo Miller, born June 12, 1975. She was 19½ inches long and weighed 7 pounds. The proud Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willis Zuck of Del City, Oklahoma.

GOD'S PERFECT

LOVE

by Yvonna Whiteley

Logan, Okla.

The storms rage...fear arises in the heart...it beats faster and faster. Where is safety? There are many storms raging today...storms of all kinds...physical ones, emotional ones, mental ones, and spiritual ones. Each storm carries with it fear. Where is safety? It's found in God's Word which first of all tells us that "perfect love casteth out all fear". Let's discuss this "perfect love" as safety in spiritual storms.

What is "perfect love"? It's God's love. Eph. 4:32, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Jer. 31:3, "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, yea, I have loved thee with an EVERLASTING LOVE...". Col. 3:10, "And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge AFTER THE IMAGE of Him that created him." Phil. 2:5, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

From these scriptures we can readily understand that to have "perfect love" we must have the REAL LOVE of God in our hearts...to have the mind of God in us. We must be tenderhearted and forgiving in spirit. Can we look at someone we think is repulsive...unloveable...full of the devil...sinful...and then honestly and sincerely pray for God to bless them and help them? If we can't, then the mind of God is NOT in us and we're in the midst of a spiritual storm. And this storm saps our spiritual victory.

Recently I read a book which portrayed the real love of God. It's a true story. In all the accounts written, the most vital to me was how God can enable us as humans to really have HIS LOVE...His Forgiving Love.

In THE HIDING PLACE, Corrie ten Boom clearly opens for all to see that Christ forgave us...hideous in our sins as we were to Him...and will then through us give that forgiveness to others. I wish to tell one striking example of this in her book.

Miss ten Boom tells how at prison camp Ravensbruck in Germany, each woman as she was being processed into camp, upon reaching one desk had to lay her blanket, pillowcase, and whatever else she carried onto a growing pile of such things. A few desks further along, she had to strip off every scrap of clothes, throw them onto a second pile, and walk naked past the scrutiny of a dozen S.S. men into the shower room. They came out of the room wearing only a thin prison dress and a pair of shoes. Nothing more.

This process had humiliated Corrie but was far worse ordeal on her older sister, Betsie. This angered Corrie and in the deep recesses of her mind had lingered for a number of years. Following her release from prison, Corrie had worked helping people to learn again how to live among free people.

She was often called to speak at different places. One such speech was made in Munich, Germany. Here she saw for the first time one of the actual men where the heaps of clothing had been stashed and she saw again Betsie's pain-blanching face.

This man went to Corrie following the service...beaming and bowing...saying how grateful he was for her message. "To think that, as you say, He has washed my sins away."

His hand was thrust out to shake Corrie's. She was the one who had preached so often to the people of Bloemendaal the need to forgive, yet now her hand remained at her side. She states how even as the angry, vengeful thoughts boiled through her, she knew they were sinful. Jesus had died for this man...was she going to ask for more? So she prayed (Silently) for Jesus to forgive her and to help her forgive him. Smiling she struggled to raise her hand but could not...and felt not the least spark of warmth or charity.

So again Corrie prayed silently...telling Jesus she could not forgive him...so please give to her Jesus' forgiveness. And as she then took his hand, through her, from her shoulder through her arm and through her hand a current seemed to pass and into her heart sprang a love for the stranger that seemed to overwhelm her. Miss ten Boom then states that it is NOT on our forgiveness any more than on our goodness that the world's healing hinges...but on Christ. When he tells us to love our enemies, He GIVES, along with the command, the love itself.

Real Christian Victory comes only then as we FORGIVE FREELY. And this forgiveness comes only through Christ. The disciples were taught by Christ that the world would only see His love for sinners as they saw the love of Christ working through the disciples. In other words...as you show

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

We can't have this love...this forgiving love...within our hearts(and so could not really be clear before God) if we have strife or malice in our hearts, I Cor. 3:3 states, "For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"

Philippians 2:2, "Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, or of one mind." John 14:15, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Therefore, we find to have the "perfect love" of God in our hearts, we're to keep God's commandments, and part of those commandments include that we NOT allow strife, malice, bitterness, or hatred to dwell in our lives. Satan may put such thoughts in our minds or hearts...but Christ will take them away if we ask Him to do so for us just as He did for Corrie ten Boom.

Eph. 4:31 gives us this command, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice." Another such command is recorded in Col. 3:8. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. (10) And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him."

To be eligible for heaven we must walk in righteousness, obey God's command, even if it means turning HIS searchlight into OUR OWN hearts (not our neighbor's) and making restitutions to those we've harbored ill feelings against. Maybe we're not in the wrong but Christ says if we KNOW that our brother has ought against us...for us to go to him.

James 3:16, "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion, and every evil work. (17) But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality (wrangling) and without hypocrisy. (18) And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

Does a spiritual storm rage now within us? It is raging there if there are such feelings within. These destroy our spiritual lives and will send us to damnation if Jesus' love is NOT applied. The return of Christ is TOO NEAR for us to allow such little things to stand between us and God. As Betsie told Corrie..."they took his (Jesus) clothes too when he hung on the cross."

It is Satan's business to make you feel that you're mistreated or being abused in some way. But it is GOD'S BUSINESS to shower upon you the victory to overcome as Romans 8:37, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Christ's strength is sufficient no matter how hard the test may seem.

I Cor. 10:13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

While in prison Betsie was always praying for her jailers as well as the other prisoners. This love spilled over to those around her and soon changed their attitudes and outlook. But it was not within herself that Betsie found this true love...it was given to her by God. We're not worthy...yet through prayer, we can find we've conquered Satan. "Be ye not hearers of the Word only, but doers also."



The picture appeared in the Enid Morning News, Sunday July 14, 1974, under the title, "Doctor Pronounces Mrs. Kreger cured" Multiple Sclerosis. Submitted to us by Mel Shepherd, Enid, Okla. →



Hinton, Alabama

Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow. We thank God for the spiritual blessings that were poured out upon us at Camp Pine Crest this year. One of our young people prayed through to a beautiful experience in Sanctification and two others received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost while at camp. Three of our church members were baptised in water.

Sunday afternoon after camp one of the ladies was visiting another young couple of the church and she received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. We just praise the Lord, and pray that He will continue to bless in His gracious way.

We had a wedding in our church July 1, Miss Shirley Satcher became the bride of Randy Richardson and they will continue to be with us in our services. We also had a small addition to one of our families June 17, Charles and Billie Lucas became the proud parents of an 8 lb. 6 oz. boy, named Eric Lynn.

Our pastor will be attending Bible School this fall as a member of the faculty, she will be House Mother in one of the girl's dorms. And as a church we request an interest in everyone's prayers for the church in her absence and for her work there for God.

**Myrtle Carney, Pastor.
Betty Carney, Reporter.**

Roswell, New Mexico

Our Roswell church is still rejoicing over our revival we had in May. Bro. and Sis. Roland Busch came and Bro. Busch's sermons were real good. The Holy Spirit anointed in a great way. Sis. Shari Cook, Glowanda and Carolyn Quesenbury came and their music just made the revival complete. Praise God again for being so gracious to us.

We are in need of a pastor. Bro. and Sis. Sutton will be leaving as Sis. Sutton will teach at our Apostolic Faith Bible College. We are thankful that they came and helped us out and they have been a real blessing to all of us.

In June our young people enjoyed a youth revival with Bro. David Lively and Bro. Randy Dalton. These young men were a real blessing to our Young People and also we older folks enjoyed them being here.

Three of our Young People went to Baxter Springs for Youth Camp. They enjoyed the Camp and received so many spiritual blessings. As a parent, I would like to express my thanks to all who labored so hard to make Youth Camp a success.

Remember us in your prayers that we may stay up and about the Masters work.

**Sis. Louise Sutton, Pastor.
Joann Hall, Reporter.**

I Saw Myself Walking

My story begins in January 1965—at that time I had been married for seven years, and we had a little girl (Cheryl) five years old. When I became ill my first symptoms included double vision and intense tremors. For awhile I had partial sight in first one eye and then the other.

When I entered St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City, the entire left side of my body was semi-numb. A neurologist, who gave me a thorough examination including X-Rays and finally a spinal tap, told me I had multiple sclerosis. A team of doctors gave me more tests. They told me that I could expect to be in and out of bed and hospitals the rest of my life. They also told me that for three to five years the symptoms would come and go, giving me times when I would think I was fine. An experimental medication, a Cortisone derivative, worked for me. Two years after I was diagnosed as having multiple sclerosis, I had no feeling in the left side of my body but I did have the use of it. For the past eight years I have had no feeling in the left side of my body.

Different things have happened over the years. It was like the doctors had told me, except that each time they came up with a new medicine for me I was able to be on my feet for longer periods of time. There is no cure for multiple sclerosis. So when I felt better after a lengthy period, I began to hope I was in a remission; but repeated spinal taps never showed a remission.

In the past five to six years I have been on and off crutches. By the last of April of this year I was rapidly getting worse, and most of the time my legs were just dead weight. It seemed I was doomed to a wheelchair, and that was a fate I could never accept.

My husband, Glenn, after spending 19 years in the funeral business in Lamont, Oklahoma, decided in late 1973, to quit that work and go into business for himself on a farm near Tonkawa, Oklahoma. So on April 1, 1974, we moved to the farm. My husband believes now that this was part of God's plan. I now wholeheartedly agree with him.

We transferred our membership to the First Christian Church in Tonkawa, the church in which we were married 17 years ago. Sometimes after the evening church services, we

have what we call Afterglow Fellowship where we discuss the sermon, have refreshments and fellowship. On May 26th, 1974, at Afterglow the minister, Rev. Joe Wilson, was just ready to say the closing prayer when my husband stood up and started to tell the people that we were happy to be back in our home church and that we appreciated the welcome they had given us. Instead of saying what he had intended to say, he said, "Witnessing is all new to me, but within the past two weeks Kay and I feel we have enough faith to believe she will be healed."

I just sat there stunned, as he and I had never discussed healing at any time. We had never even talked about miracles. Then I raised my hand and asked, "Those who have been praying for me please pray for me to have more faith; because I guess I lack the faith I need."

At that time a woman in the group asked if I could be put in the prayer chair. Brother Joe said, "If she wishes." I did not reply but attempted to raise myself upon my crutches so I might go to the prayer chair. My husband and others helped me, because I had become so bad that I literally dragged myself along on my crutches. When I made it to the chair, someone took my crutches and I dropped like dead weight into the chair. On my way to the chair I had said to God, "If you don't desire to heal me, please help me accept the fact I am an invalid." I did not say this out loud, only to God.

Brother Joe had never had anyone in the prayer chair for the purpose of physical healing, but he followed the admonition of the book of James as nearly as he could. Brother Joe placed his hands on the back of my neck and asked all of the elders and past elders to gather about me and touch me. The congregation of more than 100 people were asked to gather around the elders, with every hand touching someone else. There were numerous short prayers for my healing. At the end of the first prayer, I felt intense heat from the minister's hands and from the hands of others. I do not know who all the others were, and I had never heard of heat like that; therefore I didn't know what to think. The heat continued throughout the entire prayers and stopped when Brother Joe closed with a prayer. When the prayers stopped, I COULD SEE MYSELF WALKING IN GREEN GRASS. I didn't understand it but I felt the presence of God, and I began to cry.

The minister touched my elbow and asked me if I could move my legs. I kicked out first one leg then the other; but I just sat there as I said, "I saw myself walking, but in grass." I took this to mean that my healing would take place on the farm where there is grass, but Brother Joe said, "Kay, I believe you can walk here, now. Take it easy and get up. Let's see." He took my elbow and I stood and began to walk. As soon as I had taken a few steps he let go and said, "Now walk to Glenn." I felt as tho I ran but was told later I just walked. Brother Joe then asked me to walk the full length of the fellowship hall and back. As I turned around to start back I saw Cheryl, my daughter. The minister's wife had summoned her from outside. I shall never forget the look on her face, she was crying with happiness as she said, "Mother, you are walking and you are not limping." You see, she could not remember having ever seen me walk without limping or the aid of crutches. I feel sure she will never forget God's wonderful works that night.

About that time I became excited and wanted to tell my parents; I believe I said, "I have to go tell my Mother." We made many stops that night on our way home and made

many telephone calls after we were home. Even though it was very late we could not wait to tell the people what God had done for us.

Since then I have talked at great length to Brother Joe and he told me "The service itself was spontaneous. This is all a new experience for me. It really did not come as a surprise—because we all, as a church body in Christ, expected something to happen."

The week before my healing I had taken a terrible fall in Brother Joe's home. He said he had felt such deep compassion for me that he had studied and spent much of the week in prayer and scripture reading.

James 5:14 "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:" stood out in his mind; and if he had had oil the night of my healing, he probably would have poured it on me.

When asked how he felt about the healing, Brother Joe said, "We feel that the result was miraculous and not out of line. I believe gifts of the Holy Spirit are gifts to the church. They are meant to edify Christ and make believers. When miracles were performed at the time of Christ and by Christ and the apostles, they brought great strength and joy to the followers. Kay's healing has given us a tremendous amount of strength, joy and elation. I can't explain about the service. I do think the matter of touch was involved along with concern and prayer. I did not heal Kay. Basically, in the Christian Church I am no more than an elder. We have used the prayer chair only one other time when we prayed for a newly elected representative. She sat in the prayer chair so that we might be able to gather around her." He also commented, "People ask me if it frightens me. No, it doesn't. It awes me. I saw the visible power of God. They ask me if I am prepared for a failure. I am. I didn't count that I had anything to do with Kay's healing. It is God's work. We don't know why some are healed and some are not. I don't think God wills anyone to be sick. I am very impressed with the book, "Prison to Praise," by Merlin Carothers, an army chaplain. I agree with him that we must learn to live with and accept the condition we're in and thank God for that condition before he can do anything for us. I think Kay's complete surrender to God was a part of her healing."

I had no idea when I went to the prayer chair that God's healing would be instant. I expected any healing that might take place would be a long slow process. I never thought myself of God's healing hand; and I guess we never really are worthy.

When my doctor in Oklahoma City, examined me, I asked if I could get some definite proof of my healing for the sake of the non-believers. He said that he could put me through all kinds of tests that would neither prove nor disprove anything. The he said, "God only knows."

I know I was healed that night. I felt God's mighty power when he restored my health. I have all the feeling back in my left side, the feeling that had been absent for eight long years. I no longer have any tremors and not even one symptom of multiple sclerosis. I know what God can do if you'll just let go and let him have his way. I just cannot say PRAISE GOD! and THANK YOU GOD! enough.

**Mrs. Glenn [Kay] Kreger
R. R. 2, Box 144
Tonkawa, Okla. 74653**

Spring Grove Apostolic Faith Church

Thanks be to God for his counseling us through his word. We are grateful for the blessing of our Lord because we are so unworthy.

On May 11th Bro. Calvin Clouse preached in the evening service, and on May 28th Bro. and Sis. Winston Barker were with us. Bro. Barker brought the message and Sis. Barker brought us a song, which we enjoyed very much.

June 1st, Bro. Doyle Wyles preached both the morning and evening services in the absence of Bro. Paul Clanton who was called away for a funeral of his cousin in Snyder, Texas.

June 8th, Sis. Debbie Davis of Joplin, Mo., preached in the evening service.

Oh yes, we just closed our D.V.B.S. which was a very good school this year. Our closing program was given on Friday, June 6th.

On June 22, Bro. Alvin and Sis Paula Buschman were with us for the night service. They sang two beautiful songs and Paula gave her testimony, after which Alvin brought a good Holy Ghost filled message.

We just closed our Tri-State Youth camp. God really blessed with a good group of youth this year, and lots of good help. We had a good number from our church to attend camp and also those who worked in camp, Bro. Duane Cox, Bryan Cox, May Rowland as counselors and Sis. Ann Cox as teacher. Sis. Margaret Rogers was the camp cook.

Saturday, June 28, our young people went to the rest home to sing and pray for the church folks there. This was a blessing to the sick and shut ins who can't come to church.

Please remember our sick folks in prayer:

Sis. Josie Webb	Bro. John Shira
Sis. Tillie Hall	Bro. Fred Smith
Sis. Rita Robinson	Sis Alva Shamblin
Sis Lillus Adams	

Also, remember our church in prayer. Know thou the God of thy Father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. I Chronicles 28:9.

July 20 is our pastor's last Sunday here. He will be working in AFBC. We need your prayers for a new pastor.

Paul Clanton, Pastor
May Rowland, Reporter.



Pine Crest, Mississippi

So many months have passed since we've reported of the work here at Pine Crest. Our church family has given our "inside church" a face-lift. We have drapes, carpet, and Sunday School rooms fixed up except for the tile on the floors. So much has been done and the Lord has also supplied an air conditioner for our church. The church family has grown over the months.

The Church enjoyed the College Vibrations in March. Cliff and I weren't able to attend but from all accounts we missed a special blessing. We just closed a Revival June 14-20 with the Jake Pletcher Evangelistic Party. Each night was filled with God's wondrous blessings from the songs, drawings, testimonies, and wonderful God-sent messages. We saw our church gain ground spiritually. We are so glad to report several were saved and sanctified and one filled with the Holy Spirit. Many Christians deepened their lives in the Lord. We praise the Lord for His many blessings.

We desire the movements prayers in this work. We also extend an invitation to the evangelists, gospel workers, and anyone of the faith to visit our church.

Dorothy Anderson, Pastor.
Lynette Barker, Reporter.

Guymon, Oklahoma

The Youth of our church are sponsoring Duane Methvin's trip to the Holy Land. The Youth plan to take a trip to Arkansas this summer to view the Passion Play at Eureka Springs. The college students recently took a trip to Dallas about 28 made the trip. We will miss all the college kids this summer while they are at home.

We have two new babies. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Newman have a new baby. Nick and Carol Ramey have a new baby girl.

A class of youngsters and their sponsors cooked dinner for their fathers on Father's Day at the Activity Center.

Bro. Edwin has shared with us his special visitation of the Spirit of God and how he feels it is God's plan for us to pay off our \$68,000 indebtedness on our existing buildings by December 25, 1975 which will save us \$47,000 in interest, which otherwise would have been paid on that sum in the next 15 years. This will go a long ways toward our new sanctuary which he feels is God's will to build in the future after we are debt free.

Edwin Modrick, Pastor.
Bill Patterson, Assistant Pastor.

Purcell, Missouri

We are very glad for the blessings of the Lord in our midst and so glad we can say truly it pays to serve the Lord. For He is so very good to us all and such a very present help in every time of need. If we keep His commandments and His statues and His promises are surely ours.

We are very thankful for an increase in the S. S. attendance recently. We are glad to have our granddaughter, Paula Buschman, with us and helping in the services. She is also helping Sis. Naomi on the Report now.

We will all miss Sis. Miller from our midst. But her battles have all been fought and she is at rest in the Lord.

George Hintergardt, Pastor.

Perryton, Texas

In May Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gipson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. May 25 our high school seniors were presented new Bibles. Our pastors were privileged to lead a "Couples Retreat" at Lake Wedington near Fayetteville, Arkansas for Trinity Temple Church May 16-17; 15 couples participated and this was a blessed experience for them. Gary and Lori Kerr are working in this church. Ralph Depew recently spoke for us on Wednesday night while our pastor attended a prayer counselling Seminar.

Our young people had a grand time in Bro. Elrick Wilson's canyon the last Saturday in May. They had broiled steak and all the trimmings. We're glad to have our college kids home. David Stollings is home and doing fine after surgery. Maxine Brown is home from the hospital and doing much better. Sis. Pearl Parks writes that she is feeling well again and has her own apartment. Her address is 951½ S. 4th St., Cottage Grove, Oregon 97424.

Our V.B.S. was great. With 86 enrolled and we had 31 teachers and helpers. Our Missionary offering went to Sis. Evelyn Randolph's cousin Evangeling Castillo, a missionary to Peru. Sis. Molly Johnson did a fine job as director this year.

We're happy to have the cement block fence on the church parking lot completed. Eric Waterbury is working again this summer in Bradford, Pennsylvania for the South-western C. Our pastors will be with us for another year. May God bless our work together. June 15 Bro. Valson Abraham and Gaylon Shultz were visitors for the weekend. Valson preached Sunday morning in Balko. We are so happy that recently Dempsey Coon, V. R. Coon's brother, gave his heart to the Lord. He made a public confession on Sunday morning and was baptized that night.

Harrol Waterbury, Pastor.

Del City, Oklahoma

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord and Savior. We are so thankful for answered prayer for a pastor for our church. Bro. Ken Priest resigned in February and they held their last service May 11. Bro. Kenny brought a wonderful message from Luke 11:9, "I say unto you ask and it shall be given; seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened," We thank God for Bro. Kenny and Sis. Ladonna's dedicated lives in the work of the Lord. We pray the Lord will bless them in their work in the Youth Camp in Alaska.

Bro. Barry Methvin came the 1st of June to pastor our Church. We thank God for sending him as we were very much in need of a pastor. We covet your prayers for Bro. Barry as this is a new experience for him as a pastor and a great challenge. He is doing a wonderful job and has a unique way of winning people's confidence. Thank God for young men who are willing to step out by faith to a challenge for God. We would appreciate any minister coming by for services. Thanks to Sis. Naomi for her faithfulness in her work and to the Lord in putting out the paper. May God richly bless her.

**Barry Methvin, Pastor.
Dora Fry, Reporter.**

Alvin, Texas

Our pastors had a wonderful trip to California. They covered 4,600 miles in 10 days. We're glad to have them back. Judy Wooster has recently returned from her trip to Israel. The Stacy Botters and crew have gone to Mississippi for Singing School. We miss all of them. Anna Ruth Barker has been gone to Big Spring, Texas for a visit. Our newly weds, Max and Carol James are making their home in Austin, Texas.

We enjoyed having Winston and Alberta Barker with us recently on a Wednesday night. Our pastors are returning for another year. We are continuing our monthly Saturday 6:00 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast and our "Extended Hands" Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; also our Sunday night "Youth Aflame" 6 p.m. services and our Wednesday night "Prayer and Share" groups in the homes. The week of July 7-11 had our V.B.S. in the mornings with Bro. Duane Methvin and his puppets. Then each evening we had a Youth Inspiration with Bro. Duane and the Sunrise Singers.

James E. Wallis, Pastor.

Canyon, Texas

Valson Abraham was able to visit part of his family in Seattle, Washington this month. It was a wonderful Spring Semester for Valson and the Student Center as they worked for Christ on the campus at West Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barker and family of Katy, Texas visited Canyon in May. Congratulations to Miss Donnis Barker as she received her degree from West Texas. Karl and Lynn Fullbright have gone to Boston, Mass. this summer where Karl will continue his study for his Master's work. Karl Fullbright has served as graduate assistant in the History Department at West Texas. Karl and Lynn have been a tremendous help in the Bible Center and Faith Chapel. Joy Bollinger, Marcia Longan, Eugenia Fish, and Susan Herman traveled to Mexico in May to serve in the Mission to Mexico Orphanage at Reynosa, Mexico. Marcia Longan will attend the missionary training school this summer before she leaves for Rhodesia, Africa to work in the Journeyman Missionary Program of Africa. Congratulations to Mrs. Maxine Long of Taneyville, Mo. for her completion in the school of Correspondence of Old Testament Survey. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beydler celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary June 2, 1975. May God continue to bless, provide and guide this family in their labor for God.

**Marcus Adair, Rene Heil, Bob Hogue, and
Ron Martin
Faith Bible Center and Faith Chapel.**

Katy, Texas

We are so happy to report the salvation recently of a man and wife during our revival at Guase. Youth Camp was a big success over 100 registered and 94 stayed to the last day. There were 34 teachers and counselors. We had a great spiritual refreshing. Our V.B.S. was June 16-20. Closing program was Friday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m. Bro. and Sis. Roland Busch recently closed a good revival in Roswell, N. Mexico.

**G. K. Kerr, Pastor
A. F. Report**

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Shattuck, Oklahoma

We want to praise the Lord for His many blessings which He has bestowed upon us since we've been at Shattuck. When the Lord first dealt with us about coming to Shattuck the future of any progress for the church looked very dim as such a very few were attending—but, God began to encourage us through His word with such promises, as; Heb. 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please Him (God); for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.", Phil. 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengthenth me." and Mark 9:23 "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe all things are possible to him that believeth." He showed us that we could accomplish nothing in ourselves but if we would allow Him, He would do a work here through us. So by putting our complete trust in Him, we've seen things in a different light and we now have seven times the original number coming to church and we've only been here six months: but the greatest blessing has been to see the spiritual needs met. Several have been saved; sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit. God is still able to accomplish the necessary things if we allow Him to.

We want to thank all of those who have helped us in our ministry here. We appreciate it very much. Also, thanks to those who have come and helped us in the church. We are glad to have Dave and Sharon McCance here helping us and the many others. Pray for us here at Shattuck.

Jim Russell, pastor.

Spearman, Texas

Our church enjoyed a good Vacation Bible School directed by Mrs. Bill Watson and assisted by Mrs. Jacob Regier. Ladies of the church were teachers, and helped with other duties. Forty children attended every day and enjoyed Gods word taught as well as crafts and songs. Several children were saved at the close of the school. They were happy to contribute to the Missionary offering that was sent to the Las Vegas, Nevada Church.

Some of the young people will be going to Youth Camp at Laverne, Oklahoma in July.

Bro. Rene Hiel of Canyon, Texas gave a Bible lesson here on Wednesday night, June 25. Bro. Elbert Pool and family visited here and conducted services the last Sunday in June. Their ministry was a blessing.

We are thankful for the ones that minister to us, and for Gods word that is a blessing to us and for the privilege of worship. God is blessing and we believe the work will grow as we prove faithful.

**Jacob C. Regier, Pastor
Mrs. Irvin Delk, Reporter**

Hempstead, Texas

The first part of April I came to Hempstead to pastor the Church until Camp Meeting time. From there it will be as the Lord leads, whether I should stay here or go somewhere else. There are wonderful people and I am enjoying my work here.

Had a wonderful youth camp, and we had a good Vacation Bible School that began June 23.

I am looking forward to Camp Meeting. Pray for me that I might know the will of God.

A. W. Ferguson, Pastor.

Pharr, Texas

Greetings from the Rio Grande Valley, Pharr, Texas. The last part of May and first part of June we were in Missionary Services for Missions to Mexico at Tannyville, Mo. Apostolic Faith Church, Goodman, Mo. Full Gospel Church, Baxter Springs and Galena, Ks. Apostolic Faith Church, Frisco Church, Webb City, Mo. and the Full Gospel Church at Anderson, Mo. also in service at Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin, Texas on the way back home.

We are in Pharr, Texas for about two weeks getting ready for a benefit concert for the Orphanage in Reynosa, Mexico by Vicky and The Royal Heirs. We thank the Royal Heirs for this concert. Praise God for these wonderful people.

The Faith Chapel of Wichita, Ks. has been down building on the Chapel at the Orphanage in Reynosa, also the Church from Magnolia, Ark. was over for a week of work. We are now finishing up the chapel. We really Thank God for this building, and thanks for those that have worked on it, and the Church at Wichita who furnished the money. God Bless all of you.

We need some more building done at the Orphanage and the Bible School, so pray for this work of God.

At the King's Way Missionary Institute which is a Full Gospel Spanish language school serving Latin America in McAllen, Texas. Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Price who served as Director and secretary have resigned in order to follow God's leading in their life and have moved to Dominican Republic. Rev. William Arensman has been elected as the Director. Bro. Gene Beaver has been installed as the new registrar. Bro. Don Russell is President of the Board of Directors.

Our Missionary work across the border is progressing as the Lord leads. Pray for all our works in Mexico.

The Lord willing we will see all of you at the Camp Meeting in Baxter Springs, Ks.

**Pray for us,
Winston & Alberta Barker
A. F. Report**

Midway Country Church Logan, Oklahoma

We are real happy to report that Bro. Whiteley has accepted the church for another year. Our church has really enjoyed having the Whiteley's working in our community. This family sure keeps busy working for the church, visiting the sick and elderly. They visit many families in our community who don't attend church anywhere. This makes us glad they are going to continue on as our pastors. We just pray God's richest blessings will be on them and our church as we work together this coming year.

Our D.V.B.S. which was a "Kids Crusade" the last week in May was enjoyed by the children and grown ups alike. We all enjoyed having it at night. It was different. This way some of our women who work were able to attend. We had 44 enrolled. These were between the ages of 3 and 12 years of age. One highlight the children looked forward to was the King or Queen for a day. The one who answered the Bible story question got to wear the crown and pick a gift from the treasure chest.

We were very fortunate to have Rhonda Sanger, Glenda Bensch and Bonita Custer help out in our D.V.B.S. as these are former Bible College students. Some of our Young People helped out in the different places. Several of the church women helped in memory work, craft and of course refreshments.

We are glad to have Lois Harper home for a few services before she left to work in the church at Bellville, Texas. Dean and Shirlene Harper have also been home visiting and have been in our services. These three are also former Bible College students. All these people help in our regular services and encourage us all.

Bonita Custer is in charge of our special songs for a few months. Good to have her helping us out as she's gone in the winter teaching school.

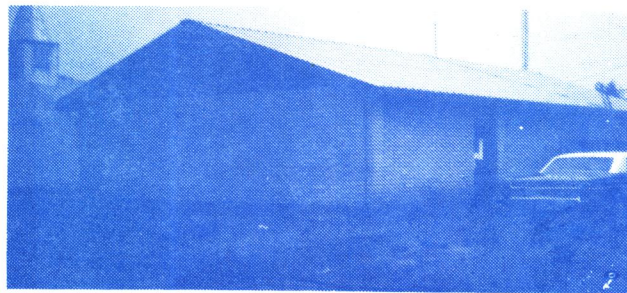
In our Wednesday night services we are having lessons on the created and formed races. Bro. Whiteley has been doing a real good job giving these lessons. The people are really enjoying the study.

**Howard Whiteley, Pastor
Edith Lamunyon, Reporter.**

Liberal, Kansas

Recently our church was blessed by the Gospel in song from Vicki and the Royalheirs. One Young lady accepted Christ. June 8th the SonRise Singers ministered to us in both services. We had dinner at the church and Bro. Frank Arnall did an excellent job in preaching Sunday morning. Our V.B.S. was held June 9-14 at night. Bro. Eldon Bollinger taught an adult class. A 16 passenger bus has been purchased by the church and is already half paid for. Praise God! A new paint job has been done on it. Our pastor has been teaching on the gifts of the spirit on Wednesday nights. June 15 we began an additional 8:45 a.m. service; Sunday School at 10 and the regular Sunday morning worship at 11. Our youth took a trip to Six Flags June 19-21. This was great fun with 18 attending. We thank the Lord for a successful Youth Camp at Laverne, Oklahoma.

Harold Bollinger, Pastor.



Progress of the New Dumas Church

Dumas, Texas

The Dumas Church is happy to get the roof on their new church building. We are beginning to work on the inside now. We lack the air conditioning and heating. We are thankful for all who have shown an interest in seeing the Lords work go forth. Pray for us that we will be ready to move in before fall.

**Austin Sutton, Pastor.
Robert Trayler, Reporter.**

Enid, Oklahoma

Bro. Barry Methvin held a Jesus Youth Song Festival, Saturday, July 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Chaplin Park here. He shared with us in Word and Song of the mighty works of God in his life. Other groups and singles joined the celebration of God's life and love in song. This meeting was a real success and many people were blessed.

Bro. Mel Shepherd, Reporter.

Anchorage, Alaska

The Ray's gained a new son on May the 2nd. The wedding was exciting and beautiful. Something really neat was the fact that Grandpa and Gandma Ray got to come to Alaska for the wedding, plus the fact that Grandpa Ray escorted Joni down the isle. Paul and Joni Phillips are making their home at 4719 Malibu, Anchorage, Alaska, 99503.

The Priest's arrived in Anchorage on May 29th. They will be assuming their duties as camp director, at Chugach Christian Camp. We have camps booked all through the summer and that spells lots of w-o-r-k for them. Remember to pray for them.

Johnny Ray (Pastor Ray's Oldest son) was injured in a fire the last week in May. He was in the family camper when it caught on fire. He was burned on the face and hands and suffered 1st degree burns on the face and 2nd degree burns on the hands. There will be no scars and skin grafting will not be required. It was necessary for Johnny to stay in the hospital for about four days though. The two younger boys, Jeff and Jim, were in the camper too, but escaped unharmed. Praise God for taking care of all things.

Plans have been made to start a 5 day week-4 hour day Bible School in September. Remember us in prayer.

J. D. Ray, Pastor

A. F. Report



**FOUR STATE YOUTH CAMP
of the APOSTOLIC FAITH
Baxter Springs, Kansas**

We are happy to report the Lord was with us in a special way as so many of our campers received spiritual help. There were many who were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit during the camp. It was great to see the youth fill the altar and pray as our campers did this year.

We had 112 enrolled in the camp with half of this number being teenagers. From the opening night until all had left on Saturday, the camp was trouble free. This was a great group of kids.

Our thanks to everyone who helped in the camp. There were too many to begin to mention names but a special word of thanks to our young ministers who brought the message in each night's service. They did a great job and we say the Lord bless them. So many good helpers and all doing their job that it certainly made our job as committeemen lighter.

Committee:
Ollie Kinser, Danny Robinson,
Jack Cornell.

Mississippi Camp

The Camp meeting services opened on Saturday night, June 21, with Bro. Carl Jelsovsky leading the choir and Bro. Johnny Scruggs preaching. Other ministers preaching during the week were: Terry Mathis, David Lively, Neil Ragan and Roland Busch. Each one did a wonderful job of bringing forth the Word of God.

There were 63 students enrolled and around 40 workers in the Camp. I do not know the exact number that was saved but I think there was about 15 saved, several sanctified, and 8 filled with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I felt that we had a very spiritual camp. On Wednesday night the Spirit of the Lord was so great that we did not have any preaching and the altars were filled to overflowing with much victory gained. It did not stop there. In the Teen-Age music class the next day the young people filed into the altar and stayed until past the Noon hour. The Rally for that day was dismissed because of young people praying. The Lord was certainly very good to us.

On Friday we had a Baptismal service which was beautiful. Bro. Jim Arnall brought a message to us and 20 young people were baptized. Bro. Terry Mathis and Bro. David Lively did the baptizing with Bro. John Blythe and Sis. Myrtle Carney baptizing some from their respective churches.

I thank God for each person that made this camp possible this year. Each of the committee worked hard and I heard them say that it was worth it. May God bless each of them.

Carolyn Quesenbury

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh..." Joel 2.28.

We are just prising the Lord God for all that HE has performed in the first week of Youth Camp here at Laverne, Oklahoma. Fifteen young people accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. Many more teenagers dedicated their lives unto the Lord in sanctification. And, just as God foretold concerning the last days, HE poured out His precious Holy Spirit upon 62 of the 78 teenagers enrolled at camp. Healings of eyes, legs and arms also took place in the lives of some.

Brother Edwin Waterbury of Pampa, Texas and Brother Billy Sparks of Gause, Texas ministered in the evening worship services. Many teens were also touched by the presentation of the film "The Gospel Road" on the second night of youth camp.

We just praise the Lord for the way that HE moved last week and we would also like to extend a word of thanks to all workers and concerned people who supported the camp with their prayers.

Youth Camp Committee
Pastor Harold Bollinger, Liberal, Kansas
Pastor Dewey Flock, Hardesty, Oklahoma
Pastor Jim Russell, Shattuck, Oklahoma

Open for calls: Frank Arnall
Rt. 2 Phone: 417-742-6410 Granby, Mo. 64844

Special Prayer Request

Sis. Ruth Laeger, of Bayard, Nebraska, has recently undergone surgery again and has requested the prayers of every believer.

25th Wedding Anniversary

A reception honoring the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lealand Grimmer was held on Sunday, June 15, 2:00-5:00 P.M. at the Gray Community Building, Gray, Oklahoma.



WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cates and Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCance announce the marriage of their children Sharon and David on Saturday, the seventeenth of May nineteen hundred and seventy-five at seven o'clock in the evening at the Balko Apostolic Church, Balko, Oklahoma. The new Mr. and Mrs. McCance are now living in Shattuck, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrance Terrel and Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Methvin, both of Follett, Texas, announce the marriage of their children, Judy Terrel and Ron Methvin. The afternoon ceremony took place on May 24, 1975 in the Follett Apostolic Faith Church. The father of the groom performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Methvin live in Guymon, Oklahoma where Ron has his own business, R & M Saddle Co.

Correction

Howard Whiteley's phone No. has been changed from 837-2291 to the new no. 837-5595. This is a Logan, Oklahoma no. and should be changed in your directory.



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August 18-December 11

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK!

Dear Friends,

We greet you again from the Apostolic Faith Bible College. The Lord has been good to us and we rejoice in Him for every need has been met. Praise His Name!

August 18 will soon be here and we anxiously await the opening of school. We still receive applications and inquiries to the coming term of school so it looks like another good year awaits us. If you are planning to attend this term of school let me remind you that enrollment begins at 6:00 p.m. on the 18th of August. Please do not come before then unless you have cleared it through the Superintendent.

Our staff is now complete and we thank the Lord for these dedicated people who feel a burden to work in the school. I feel each of these people are well qualified for their job. They are as follows:

- Supt. & Choir Director..... Jack Cornell
- Bible Doctrine and Business Mgr. Paul Clanton
- Prophecy..... Jerome Crowhurst
- Evangelism Louise Sutton
- History..... Lyndal Arnall
- Child & Youth & Sunday School Training
- Kathryn Cornell
- Head of Music Department Shari Cook
- Head Cook Mollie Lewis
- Cook's Helpers Kathy Arnall
- Bonnie Clanton
- Dorm Mother's #1 Myrtle Carney
- #2..... Glenda Bensch
- Men's Dorm Jerry Barker
- Secretary Carolyn Quesenbury
- Nursery..... Peggy Crowhurst

Please pray for these people every day. We need wisdom that only God can give. Remember also to support these people. They are not on a salary income, we ask you to do your best by each of these teachers. If you wish to support the teachers please send your contributions to the "Teacher's Fund". It will be divided to them as the Lord supplies.

This school is run entirely by Faith. Your help and support is needed so do your best. If you have a beef or pork to donate to the school we sure would appreciate it very much. It takes a lot of food to feed so many people four months.

Also remember the Building Fund note is due August 22 in the amount of \$2,000.00. This is on the new building and property. Thank you for all your help and the burden you carry for this work.

Please pray and spend days fasting for the spiritual need of the school, students and faculty. This is needed more than anything else.

NOTICE!!
THE BIBLE SCHOOL
WORK WEEK IS August 11-16, 1975.

God Bless You,
Jack Cornell, Supt.

Pharr, Texas

I would like to say that God has seen fit for my family and myself to attend the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas. The School begins August 18th. The Lord willing, we will be leaving the Valley around the 19th or 20th of July. We will go to Houston to visit friends and relatives including my Grandmother who has recently undergone several eye operations. At present, we are trusting GOD to bless her physically and, also, Grandad. Leaving that area by the 21st, we will go to Fort Worth to visit my brother, Keith, and family. With God's help, he is striving to acquire a Master's Degree in Bible. Do you know the importance of having Bible teachers in our Colleges and Universities today, who know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and the subject they are teaching?

From Fort Worth, the Lord willing, we will travel back to Amarillo and Canyon way which is sort of our home land. If GOD had no say in our lives, we would be living there now. We love you dear friends there and appreciate your love for us. We are hoping to see some of you as we travel. Leaving there, Baxter Springs is our next stop, hoping to arrive by the first service of Camp Meeting on Friday, July 25th. We are praying for the Camp that God will pour out His Spirit in a special way that which has never been before. Hoping and desiring to be fired up for Bible School is our prayer. Thanks to God's provisions, we will be dean of men and will have our quarters available for us at Camp Meeting time through the school term. Praise GOD! Isn't HE wonderful? We plan to do our best for HIM and HIS glory and to help out in any way we can during our stay at Baxter Springs. Also, most important, the study of GOD'S Word is first place. I hope you are jealous of us.

GOD is so wonderful! Praise HIS holy NAME! Thank you again so much for your concern through prayers and offerings.

Love,
Jerry, Lawanda and Kristal Barker

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I Believe in MISSIONS



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On one occasion, Jesus came to a village of the Samaritans and sought accommodation there.

Now, most people who study the Scripture know that there was enmity between the Jews and the Samaritans, but not everybody knows why the enmity existed. It had, as many of these racial enmities have, its roots in history. It went back to the year 722 B.C. when Sargon, the King of Assyria, over ran Samaria and carried away the ten tribes of Israel into captivity. The wholesale deportations of ancient times were never absolutely complete, for always, when a people were carried away, a remnant of the population was

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left upon the soil. And so it was in Samaria. When Sargon sowed that devastated area with his Assyrian settlers, they found a remnant of the Israelites and the Assyrians intermarried and made one people who were called "Samaritans".

The Jews said, "They are not of the pure stock of Israel". Nor did the Samaritans improve their position in the eyes of the Jews when they developed a religion which was closely akin to Judaism. They took the Pentateuch and said, "This is our holy blood as well" and because they were excluded from Mount Zion (from Jerusalem) they said, "We

Can you imagine various church meetings in Europe, particularly in England, Scotland, Germany and in the Scandinavian countries about 1700 through 1900? They held meetings discussing what to do about North America and the people who had come to the United States to make a new way of life. Some no doubt were saying, "We must help these people by sending missionaries". Others had the attitude, "Well, they went over there, let them worry about themselves." Fortunately, for you and me, the missionaries were sent to North America. Even those who came to Old Mexico brought a priest on the ship with them, and yet, bringing a priest was not enough because these people came seeking gold. Gold was their primary concern. Those who came seeking material possessions have not increased their wealth as those who came seeking the freedom of religion and a better life through Jesus Christ.

The religion of the United States, as we know it today in our churches, is much different from the religion in the churches from which they came because they were looking for a new way of life. They were not looking for a church patterned by men but were looking for a place they could seek Jesus Christ as the Lord of their lives. Christ is a personal Christ; Salvation is a personal salvation. Anything less is just another form of religion. It is not Christianity. Therefore, we must take Christ as a personal friend and a personal Christ. I discuss these happenings because I BELIEVE IN MISSIONS.

I BELIEVE IN MISSIONS because Jesus commanded it. The heavenly body rejoices over the repentance of one sinner. The stories of the lost sheep and the lost coin as told in Luke 15:3-10 emphatically portrays Christ's concern for the one who is lost. "I say unto you, that likewise, joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance." (Luke 17:7); "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." (Luke 15:10). These parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin teach that Christ is interested in all people. Every individual is important to God. Just as the shepherd seeks the lost sheep and the woman seeks the lost coin, so Jesus is seeking all people throughout the world that they may come to know Him as their Saviour and Lord.

Consider the last words that Jesus spoke in Matt. 28:19-20. Jesus said "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Jesus told His disciples to be witnesses by the power of the Holy Ghost in Jerusalem, in all Judaea, in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. This is a fair command that as they received power from the Lord, they were to witness in Jerusalem, in Judaea, and also in Samaria.

will have a holy mount of our own" and they fixed it at Mount Gerizim in Samaria.

Both national and religious sentiment nourished in the Jew a resentful bitter contempt for his cousin, the Samaritan. It was not unlike the feeling which the pure bred Greek entertained for the Macedonian. Jewish legislation reflected many marks of this hatred. If a Samaritan, for any reason, wanted to offer a sacrifice in the temple at Jerusalem, he had to come in on the same level as a slave or a heathen. If a Samaritan witnessed a Jewish bill of divorce-ment, that simple fact alone invalidated the bill.

Among the Jews, the word "Samaritan" was about the nastiest term that could be used. It meant "dog"; It meant "devil"; It meant "illegitimate".

Among the Samaritans, the term "Jew" meant "snob", "stiffnecked", and "haughty".

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well for a drink, she was astonished. She said, "How is it that thou, being a Jew, asketh drink of me, a Samaritan Woman?"

Before Jesus was caught up into heaven, He said, "Be a witness in Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth". So, wherever there is a place to witness for the Lord, wherever doors have been opened by the Lord, there we shall be witness for the Lord. Be a witness, be a true witness.

Another parable is found in Luke 14:15-24. Jesus uses this parable of the great supper to show that the kingdom of God demands real purpose, not casual approval.

According to custom, the invitation was issued some days or weeks in advance, but courtesy required that when the time came, a personal invitation should be extended by the call of a messenger. To refuse an invitation at the last moment was an unpardonable breach of etiquette. The master of the house being angry at the refusal of the invited guests sent the messenger to invite beggars and still there was room. Oriental etiquette required that the feast should not begin until all places were filled. The servants were commanded to invite even the travelers in the bypaths of the surrounding country.

The application of this parable centers on the rejection of Jesus by His nation. When the chosen guests for the kingdom of God refused to heed the call of the Messiah, He turned to others who normally would not have been invited. "He came unto his own, and His own received Him not." "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." (John 1:11-12). Jesus came to the nation of Israel and was not accepted. Because of His crucifixion, the Gospel was extended to all people that "whosoever will, may come and take of the waters of life freely", and come under the wing of His protection. The grace dispensation began when Christ made the sacrifice on the cross. Jesus Christ seeks to reach all people everywhere—out of the city, into the lanes, into the hedges, into the highways, that all men may hear and know of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we consider these things, we become aware that the idea of missions is inherent in all that Jesus said and did. When all we have is poured inwardly we become stagnant. We need to be flowing like the River Jordan. As the River Jordan takes in, it gives out. The Dead Sea takes in and keeps everything that it receives. The sun shines brightly upon it and dries out the water. So it is with a Christian who

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takes in what the Lord has given unto him yet never gives out.

A story has been told about a church that had quite a bit of property. They were a thriving church and the people were making sacrifices to see the work of the Lord increased. Oil was struck on the property. The oil wells created so much wealth that church members felt they no longer needed to contribute money. The end of the story is not so beautiful because the church attendance declined. People quit coming because they were not asked to help. Today the church is still there and there are oil wells on the property but nobody goes through the doors to worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

You see, it's important that we become givers of what God has given unto us; That we tell others what we have been told as we share what others have shared with us.

I BELIEVE IN MISSIONS because of the spiritual benefits received from mission work. What then is the value of Christian religion? In Matt. 13:45-46, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a pearl of great price. We regard the merchant man as Christ who came seeking men and women (goodly pearls) who would respond to Him and His message. Eventually, He gave His life (all that He had) to purchase one pearl of great price (I Cor. 6:20). The one pearl depicts that other great company of men and women who are made one in the Church (I Cor. 10:17-12:12-13).

The kingdom of Heaven is the greatest of all things. The Psalmist describes the things of the Lord with their value in this way: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The Statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether (Ps. 19:7a-9).

Our attitude toward our neighbor is important to our salvation. The more we are able to do for others, the more we will receive. It has been promised that "we shall prosper even as our soul prospers". It is important to our Christian fellowship with Christ that we have a genuine Christian concern for our neighbor. "And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted Him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said unto him, "What is written in the law? How readest thou?" And he answering said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength and with all thy mind; And thy neighbor as thyself. And He said unto him, "Thou hast answered right: This do and thou shalt love."

Even the Samaritan changes his status when Jesus told a story one day about a robber infested road, a bleeding victim, a callous priest and Levite, a despised Samaritan, a wondering innkeeper, a receipted bill. If you were to call me a Samaritan today it would be one of the highest compliments you could pay me! I would be flattered. You could only mean that I was full of the milk of human kindness and bursting with practical zeal. No longer is the Samaritan a despised outcast but he has become a symbol of benevolence and love. Just to think that the entire connotation of the word changed when a Samaritan showed love for a neighbor!

We're often too critical. We see missionaries and say, "I don't know just exactly what they're doing. If we knew a little bit more about this we might be concerned". It is

important that we learn about missions and the things that are happening in various places at different times. Never be the one that sits in the seat of the scornful, judging those willing to give of their time and talent and sacrificing means. A missionary once went to a missionary field and was there for a long time. Someone from the headquarters wrote back and said, "How are you doing?" He replied, "Zero". Their reply to him was that you never do zero when you are working for the Lord. A time came soon when many people were brought to Christ through his ministry.

Sometimes our missionaries have to gain the confidence of the people in order to show the people that there is a better way. I heard of one man who felt the Lord had called him to be a preacher in Old Mexico. He didn't know how to begin but reasoned that the Bible says Jesus heals so he decided to go to the drugstore and watch and see when people get a prescription. He did this and as they came out of the drug store, he asked the people if they would like for him to bring the very best physician to see the person who was ill: They agreed. When asked who the physician was, he said the Lord Jesus Christ and said Jesus heals those who are sick. Would you like me to pray to Him? Today many churches are established in Mexico because of the ministry of this man. There are many ways we can reach into the lives of people. With the power of God and prayer, much can be done.

I BELIEVE IN MISSIONS because of material benefits received from mission work. People have been educated in special ways. Their culture has been enlightened and changed. There has been a wide understanding of various languages. Some have been taught agricultural methods. Some have contributed to the peace between countries. Honesty, sincerity, and sharing have been taught. Missionaries are doing many things to teach the people as well as spreading the message of Christ. When they do these things, they are coming into a better way of life.

All people everywhere have a soul that is seeking after something. The only thing that will fill the vacuum in their lives is Christ. What the Lord has given us freely we should, in return, give freely. Our financial giving and prayer for others are credited to our account in Heaven.

As we approach the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ we need to be alert to the fact that there is a harvest field to be reaped. We must spend time in prayer, in study, in carrying out the work of the Lord, and in becoming acquainted with missionary work. Too many just live on the edge of Christianity. Reach out from the edge and come into the center where Christ is the hub: Become deepened in your spiritual life. The gift of money may seem to be the obvious thing that we can give yet that is not all that is required: Prayer, fasting, giving of ourselves and giving of our sons and daughters into the mission field.

And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: But he that believeth not shall be damned. (Mark 16:15-16).

Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live? Ez. 18:23.

"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land that I should not destroy it: But I found none." (Ezekiel 22:30). Could it be that you are the man to fill the gap?

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Pampa, Texas

Our fine pastor has accepted our church for another year. The young people, under the leadership of Sis. Ione Simmons, have been very active this summer. We are happy to welcome the Rays home from Alaska.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May God Bless each of you for your prayers, cards and all of your kind deeds, during my recent illness.

Thanks again to each of you who helped me financially with the doctor bills and etc. I know God will bless you for your faithfulness.

Continue to pray for me that I will be faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thanks again!

In Christian love,
Dorothy Kinser Rt. 2, Box 385 Ashland, Alabama

Dear Friends,

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the Churches who prayed with us and for us during David's recent illness.

It's so comforting to know that there are others who care and will help us carry our burdens.

David is out of the hospital and recovering nicely.

God Bless Each of You,
David and Edna Stollings and family

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