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REV. BEN BARKER





Rev. Ben Barker, Rev. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon as appeared in
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IN MEMORIAM

The cause of Christ has lost a faithful soldier in the passing of Brother Ben Barker. His ministry began as an Evangelist and alternated to pastoral work, teaching, radio ministry, also physical labor such as church and Bible School construction and maintenance. During his active years he willingly did God's work at any time or place that his help was needed.

After dedicating his life fully to the Ministry of the Gospel, Brother Barker and his family began their labors as evangelists, preaching in churches, gospel tents, and rural schoolhouses, wherever God led. They helped in the first Apostolic Faith revival to be conducted in Center Point, Texas in early spring of 1930. This meeting continued four weeks and approximately 35 persons were converted, several sanctified and some experienced healings from the Hand of God. Later Brother Ben felt a burden to build and establish a church here, which he did with the help of others and the help and approval of God. He served this church as pastor at various times during the next few years.

Brother Ben also spent several years in evangelistic work, which in those days was a full-time ministry; churches then had many more revivals than they do now, and most meetings were of three-week duration, some as long as six weeks. In

this work Sister Barker's consecration was as great as was Brother Ben's; she kept the family at home and in school while he carried the Gospel to others. During the summer vacation months and at all other times when possible, she and the children were with Brother Ben in his meetings.

Beginning in the early 1930's Brother Ben and his brother, Jack Barker, conducted several Camp Meetings; two summers at Elmwood, Okla. and several summers at Laverne, Okla. Only those of us who were fortunate enough to have attended those old-fashioned "camp meetings" can fully appreciate and know the labor and toil that went into them. It was not unusual for a hundred or more small tents to be set up for dwelling places, as well as several larger tents for cooking and eating facilities, and for dormitories; also the large tabernacle tent. These were temporary tent cities set up in the country and to which the normal necessities for living must be supplied. Brother Ben, along with Brother Jack and others, spent many days and nights of hard work so others could be blessed. And how WONDERFULLY God did bless! Scores were saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Spirit, healed by Divine Power in these meetings. God's people came

by the hundreds from many states and were refreshed and encouraged in the things of God.

On Feb. 4, 1943 Brother Ben began a radio broadcast from station KGNO in Dodge City, Kansas called the "Words of Life Program," with Brother and Sister Floyd LaMunyon supplying the music and singing. This broadcast covered parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Colorado, and letters were received from as far as Montana and Florida from people who had heard the program. This radio ministry continued for something over a year and a half.

Brother Ben was one of the original trustees when the Apostolic Faith Bible School was established at Baxter Springs, Kansas in 1945, and he continued to serve faithfully in this position the next 12 years. Much of the building program of the Bible School was carried out in these years, and Ben labored with his hands, along with many others, in carpentry and all phases of construction work, as well as carrying the duties of a trustee. He also taught in Bible School several years, not only at Baxter Springs but also in Wichita, Kans. previous to Baxter Springs Bible School. He gave many Bible lessons at Camp Meetings and Convocations through the years, as well as Teaching Revivals in churches. He also spent many months of study and research in designing a large chart entitled "God's Plan of the Ages", which has since become standard equipment for many Bible teachers and Bible students alike.

It has been said that no man is totally dead until he is totally forgotten. Brother Ben Barker will long be remembered for his dedicated life, his service to God and to his fellow-man; for his life touched and blessed many hundreds of people. But when all human memory of him is gone the Final Record will remain, inscribed within the Lamb's Book of Life. Eternity alone will reveal all the good that came from this man's life as result of his full surrender to God.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

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Greetings for the year of 1969.

What are your resolutions and goals for a new year . . . a new challenge and a new deeper vision? Always we have before us the commandments of Jesus. "Go ye into all the world." Into that part of the world which He gives me power and the opportunity to go. I want to go. I want you as a movement to count me your evangelist at large. We must all work together, seeking unity and fellowship. The spreading of the gospel and the conversion of the lost are not a one man commission. All of us, every church, and all pastors as well as lay members must work for one common cause, that is to bring glory and honor and praise to the Lord, for He is great and greatly to be praised.

Not only must the lost be searched out, but the sheep of His fold fed and cared for properly. Let us proclaim the truth, all the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Are we doubtful of the glorious experience of sanctification as a second definite work, with a witness from the Lord true and strong? It was in my youth many years ago that I gave my life in full surrender

Pens



*of the
Editors*

EDITORIAL

In the past few weeks we have lost a real soldier of the cross. Bro. Ben's passing will be felt by many of us for many years. He was a man of great wisdom and his ministry was enjoyed by many.

Bro. Ben stood for the Apostolic Faith Movement in times of great adversity. He was interested in the Bible School to the very end. Let us pray that the Lord will fill the gap with men who are willing to pick up the cross and shoulder the responsibilities left to us.

In Hebrews 11:4b we find "He being dead yet speaketh". I am so glad that his work and labor will live on. His Bible lessons, charts

and consecration to do His will, and the assurance that I was accepted in sanctification is still vivid to me. (In those days the message was sanctification for spirit, soul, and body.

Does the message of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, with the blessed evidence of speaking in other tongues annoy you? No, don't use the Holy Ghost, but let the Holy Ghost use you. He filled me many years ago and His spirit still dwells within. Praise His Holy Name!

How about divine healing we all want strong healthy bodies. Healing and the more divine it is, the better it suits me. The Lord has never failed. He still supplies our every need. The gospel is our charge. Let us be true to it and our calling. If there is failure it must be on our part and not God's, for He is a perfect God.

Do we despise prophecy . . . if we do it's because of fear and dread and lack of preparedness on our part. The coming of the Lord draws

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and messages will speak out for years to come. There were many of us who felt free to call on him for problems that we were facing in our lives and ministry.

I thought of the missionary that had been on the field for many years. He had labored, lost his health, and was coming home for a rest. On the same plane was a movie star. When the plane landed the movie star was met by many hundreds and was carried off on the shoulders of many of his fans. The missionary was met by no one. After arriving at the home of a local pastor he made some remark about what had happened. The old pastor said that the movie star had his reward and home coming in this life. This was his reward but your reward and great home coming will come later. In Hebrews 12:1 we find "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses". We are not alone. We may not get much praise in this life, but if we stay true to the Lord He will welcome us home with a great homecoming such as the world has never known. The Bible tells me of a group of people who are going to be heirs of a great reward. Those who are pure and Holy will sing a song to which the angels will have to listen.

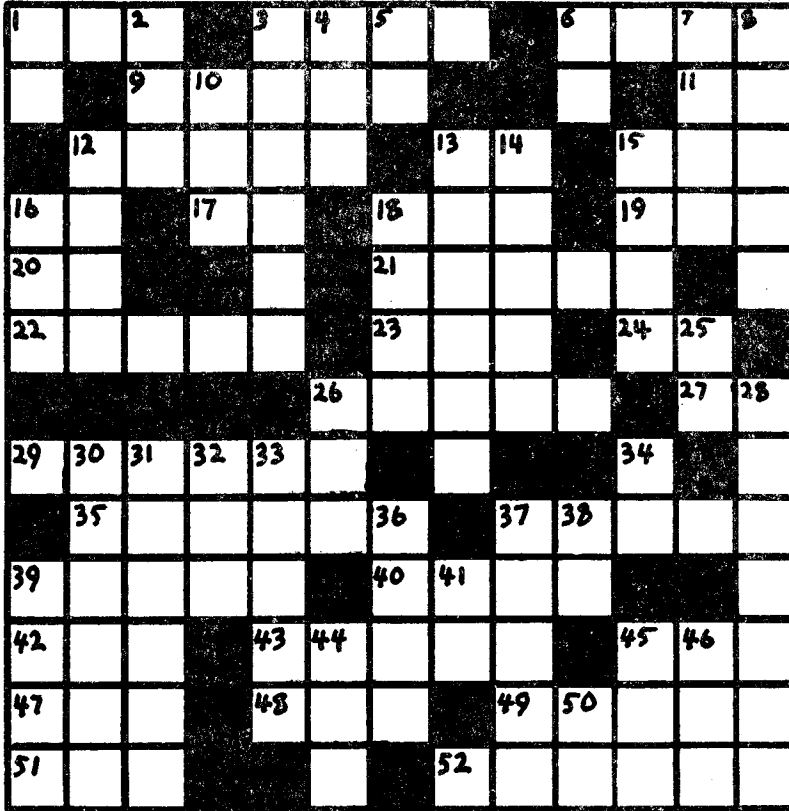
Let us look up and be ready as our brother in the Lord was faithful. He fought His fight and I believe kept the faith, therefore, the Lord will give Him a reward far better than the world could give.

Your continued prayers and support for the Report are appreciated. Our primary aim for this publication is that it will be a help to each of you. Thank you for your letters of encouragement. May God bless each of you as you live for Him.

Howard Whiteley

Crusaders for Christ

CHRIST OUR PATTERN Phillipians 2



Answer in next month's issue.

Clues Across

- 1 "_____ nothing be done through strife"
- 3, 6, 16 "Let _____ in you, which was also in Christ Jesus"
- 9 a bird unclean to the Israelites Lev. 11:19)
- 11 initials of two believers: one who compromised, and one who was faithful (I Kings 18:3, 7)
- 12 "the angels shall come forth, and _____ the wicked from among the just" Matt. 13
- 13 initials of two islands where Paul stopped on his journey to Rome (Acts 21:1)
- 15 a good king of Judah (II Chron. 14:2)
- 16 see 3 across
- 17, 18 "it is God which worketh _____

_____ both to will and to do of his good pleasure"

- 19 "as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus _____ them" Matt. 28
- 20 first and last letters of mountain from which Jesus was translated (Acts 1:12)
- 21 father of Moses (I Chron. 6:3)
- 22 "God hath . . . given him a name _____ is above every name"
- 23 "he longed after you all, and _____ full of heaviness"
- 24 "among whom ye shine as lights _____ the world"
- 26 "That he would grant you . . . to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the _____ man". Eph. 3.
- 27,35 "Because for the work _____ he was nigh unto death"

- 29, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the _____ of men" Dan 4
- 35 see 27 across
- 37 "For all seek their own, not the things which are _____ Christ's"
- 39 to frighten as Job said he was by dreams (Job 7:14)
- 40 a country peopled by descendents of Shem (Isaiah 11:11)
- 42 mountain where Aaron died Num. 20:27)
- 43 "If ye have faith as a _____ of mustard seed" Matt. 17
- 45 a son of Bela (I Chron. 7:7)
- 47 raw material from which iron is taken.
- 48 "Eye hath not seen, nor _____ heard, neither have entered into the heart" I Cor. 2
- 49 "Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaoh _____ king of Egypt" Jer. 46
- 51 "_____ thou not to his words, lest he reprove thee" Prov. 30:6
- 52 "in the midst of a crooked and perverse _____"

Clues Down

- 1 "_____, I come to do thy will, O God" (Heb. 10:9)
- 2 "took upon himself _____ form of a servant"
- 3 "he made a _____ about the altar, as great as would contain two measures" I Kings 18
- 4 a mountain forming the north border of the land the Isrealites would possess (Num. 34:7)
- 5 "as a son with the father, he hath served with me _____ the gospel"
- 6 "Fulfill ye _____ joy, that ye be likeminded"
- 7 "the wringing of the _____ bringeth forth blood" Prov. 30:33
- 8 "he humbled himself, and became obedient unto _____"
- 10 a king of Midian who was slain (Num 31:8)
- 12 son of Adam through whom Christ came (Luke 3:38)
- 13 "yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the _____" Acts 28

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- 14 "Christ hath redeemed us from the _____ of the law" Gal 3
- 15 a son of Hosea whom God had first named Lo-ammi (Hosea 2:1)
- 16 "That at the name of Jesus every knee should _____"
- 18 to open the mouth wide because of fatigue
- 25 "I have _____ man likeminded who will naturally care for your state"
- 26 contraction for it is
- 28 "being found in _____ as a man, he humbled himself"
- 30 "having the same love, being of one _____ of one mind"
- 31 what Epaphroditus did for Paul in the absence of help from the Philippians
- 32 "Ye do _____, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God" Matt. 22
- 33 "Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide in the _____ in Jerusalem?" II Chron. 32
- 34 "Let _____ therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded" Phil. 3
- 36 "Lest he _____ my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces" Psalm 7
- 37 the son of Joseph (Luke 3:24)
- 38 a printer's measure
- 39 a nation that will fight against Isreal (Ezek. 23:23)
- 41 initials of two brothers-in-law (Gen. 24:29, 67)
- 44 the son of Hezron (Ruth 4:19)
- 45 a French word meaning here
- 46 the 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 50 initials of two friends Paul sent to Philippi (Phil. 2:25,9)

OBITUARY

REV. BEN BARKER

Ben Barker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Barker, was born in Dade County, Missouri, April 8, 1900 and departed this life at Enid, Oklahoma December 30, 1968 at the age of 68 years, 8 months and 22 days.

He came with his family to Beaver County, Oklahoma in 1903 and grew to manhood there. In 1922 he was united in marriage to Hazel Groendyke, and this union was blessed with five children. It was also in 1922 that he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour under the ministry of Reverend Homer Coberly and the Morton Sisters, and became a believer and an advocate of the doctrines of the Apostolic Faith Movement to which he remained faithful until death. He was called into the ministry in 1924, and he and his wife worked untiringly in many phases of God's work during the 44 years of his ministry, promoting the Gospel of Christ in every way possible.

Brother Ben made his home at Enid, Okla. the last 15 years where he was faithful in attendance and support of the Apostolic Faith Church there.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, one brother and one grandson. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Barker; a son, Raymond, Katy, Texas; four daughters, Lorraine Fullbright, Boston, Mass., Euteva Gregory, Amarillo, Tex., Texanna Allen, Katy, Tex., and LaMoynne Fox, Balko, Okla. Also three brothers, one sister, twelve grandchildren and other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Apostolic Faith Church in Beaver, Okla. January 1, 1969 with Rev. Olen Bachler bringing the memorial sermon, assisted in the service by Rev. Homer Coberly and Rev. Marcus Adair. Fellow-ministers furnished the singing and served as casket-bearers A male quartet composed of the Reverends Ted Barker, Jack Cornell, Edwin Modrick, and Harrold Waterbury, sang "Going Down the Valley". Rev. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon sang "Wonderful Words of Life" and "It Will

Matter But Little At Last" Organist was Mrs. Olen Bachler. Pallbearers were the Reverends Ollie Kinser, Eugene Webster, Doyle Wiles, Paul Clanton, Bill Allen, and Roland Busch.

Interment was in the Beaver cemetery.

THANK YOU NOTE

We wish to express our deepest appreciation for each expression of sympathy extended to us during the recent loss of our loved one, Charley Menke. We ask a continued interest in your prayers that God will continue to guide us and give us needed strength for His work.

May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and prayers in our behalf.

Mrs. Charlie Menke
Mrs. Mariolyn Janzen

THANK YOU NOTE

We want to express our appreciation for the interest so many of you have expressed in different ways during my illness. God has been gracious to us and we have felt the touch of His hand.

Your continued prayers are desired that we might gain complete victory for the need of my body. May God bless each of you.

Sis Edna Schuttz,
Gail and Gaylon

**PRINTING OF BOOK
LIFE OF CHARLES F. PARHAM**

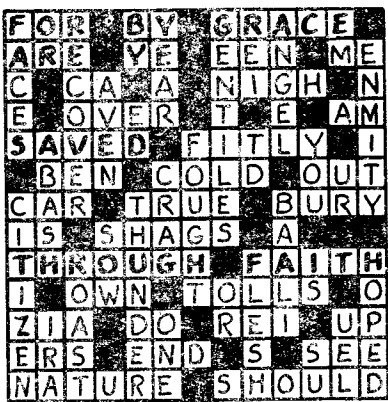
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Keep your light shining, and God will put it where it will be seen!

There is an impelling GO in the GOspel!

Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness!



Answer To Last Month's Puzzle

LETTER

From our Evangelists:

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the Lord for all of His wonderful blessings to us in our efforts to win Souls for Him. Also, we wish to thank each Church and Pastor who invited us to hold them a Revival.

January 15th we went to Enid, Okla., for a two weeks meeting with the Rev. and Mrs. Ollie Kinser. The first of February we were in Del City, Okla. with the Edwin Waterburys. February 15th we started a two and one half weeks revival with the Rev. and Mrs. Jim Arnall in Pine Hill, Ala. During this revival seven souls gave their hearts to the Lord.

Our next services were in Nettlesbor, Ala. for three nights with Bro. Leon Smith, and God blessed as 2 gave their hearts to the Lord. March 10th we began a week of services with the Rev. and Mrs. George Hingtgardt in Pine Crest, Mississippi. God's blessings were felt in each service.

We started a three weeks revival March 30th with the Rev. and Mrs. Lowell Long in Beaver, Okla. April 20th found us in a meeting with the Lealand Grimms in Gray, Okla., where we had outstanding crowds and good services.

After attending two youth camps and two camp meetings which we enjoyed, we began a two weeks meeting with Bro. Neil Ragan. October 2nd we started a two week meeting with the Jim Fox's at Balco, Okla. God gave us some wonderful services with one sanctified and many blessed of the Lord. Oct. 16th found us in a meeting at Galena, Kansas with the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Whiteley. God blessed with outstanding crowds and outstanding services each night. Real victory which was needed was gained in the hearts of several.

Midway Country Church at Logan, Okla. was the next revival beginning October 30th., with Bro. Doyle Wiles, pastor. God was good to us in the meeting with His power to bless in each service. Good crowds and God's power was felt in an old time way.

November 14th we went to Spear-

man, Texas, for a week of services with the Rev. and Mrs. Jake Regier. The services were enjoyed by all. November 18th found us in a week of services with the Harold Bollingers. God gave us some real good uplifting services.

Next we went to Snell, Mississippi for a week of services with Sis. Dorothy Anderson beginning December 8th. The meeting was a wonderful blessing to all. One was saved and the church greatly blessed of the Lord. We had real good crowds and the interest was wonderful. Then we had two nights of services again in the Pine Hill Church with the Arnalls.

Following this we were home for a few days before Christmas and were happy to be able to rest for a few days. Then we went to the Convocation at Del City and served as cooks. We did enjoy the meeting very much and thank the Lord for the good spirit that was felt by one and all.

So all in all we had a wonderful, wonderful year for the Lord and we do thank Him very much for His goodness to us. So may we say thanks to all of you wonderful people for being so kind to us while laboring with each of you. We trust that the Lord shall keep us busy for Him in the year 1969. May we all work while it is yet day for the night cometh when no man can work. God bless you one and all.

Yours in His service

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THE PARABLE OF THE KILLER

Hear then the parable of the killer. A certain man had a son. And the son said to his father, "Father, give me a portion of goods that fall-eth to me, that I may buy a 'rod' that will really 'scat'." and his father divided unto him a portion of his living.

And not many days after, the son gathered all his inheritance together, and took his journey to a car lot, and there bought a shiny heap with a motor that was really 'hot.'

And when he had spent all, there arose a great pride in his heart. And he spent his hours polishing and tuning until the time when he should show his friends with great rejoicing.

And it came to pass that he called together his friends, saying unto them, "Rejoice with me: For I have found me a 'rod' that will really 'drag'." And his friends joined themselves to him and they 'pealed out'. And the tires spun, and the stones flew, and the motor roared, and the speedometer needle rose, and great was the rise of it! And the driver said within himself, "Man, thou hast much skill laid up for many curves; take thy chances, dig, drag, and be daring."

And they thought within themselves, "This is smart! This is great! This gets attention! And the citizens of the country looked on in horror!

And it came to pass that a curve turned more quickly than expected!

The car crossed the center line and struck another car head-on, and great was the crash of it.

And when in the hospital he came to himself, the driver cried, "How doeth the others?"

And the doctor turned and spoke, saying "Two have given up the spirit, one may soon perish, and one will never walk again."

And the youth would fain have taken his own life in his great remorse. And he cried out in great anguish, "I have sinned against heaven and before all and am no more worthy to be called a man!"

Verily I say unto you, that even though he repented, the fruit of his recklessness permanently marred the lives of many.

Fortunate is the youth who profits by his experience.

The story above is two-fold in nature and neither is it confined to the younger generation!

NOTICE

It was announced by the board that tentative plans to begin new girl's dorm is set for April first.

NEWS from the CHURCHES

BEAVER, OKLAHOMA—

Our church hosted the annual Thanksgiving banquet for the young people of this area November 23. There were approximately 120 young people with their sponsors and pastors present to enjoy the good meal prepared by the Beaver and Midway church ladies.

The cornucopia theme was carried out in the decorations and devotion. We realize that we have much to be thankful for every day of the year if only we stop to count our blessings.

Leora Woodson, reporter
Lowell Long, pastor

BELLVILLE, TEX.—

We are thankful to the Lord for His manifold blessings to us, spiritually and physically; for giving us dedicated Gospel Workers, Janice and Ellen Orange and for the Rev. John Scruggs family who share our vision and strengthen our hands; for a closely knit group of believers whose spirit reminds us of Neh. 4:6 . . . "For the people had a mind to work."

A number of families from the town of Bellville who have attended services for many years seven miles out in the country at the Buckhorn church, have felt it would be good to have services here in town also. The population of Bellville is increasing rapidly, so there is great potential. With this in mind, last October we began having regular services in the Boy Scout Hall which is next door to the parsonage.

The Lord has met with us in a wonderful way each service. Several new families have attended services and two have been saved. The youth group is active and growing

under the leadership of Sis. Jeanette Crawford.

God has blessed with the purchase of a double lot in a good location on one of the main hiways in town and also a church building we are planning to move to this lot soon.

We covet your prayers for the work here.

Larry Welsh, Pastor

WESTMINSTER, COLO.—

Construction and remodeling of the house into a church began in July and by the middle of September we were able to move into it for services. The inside is pretty well finished but the outside work will have to wait until warmer weather arrives. Also we have 4 classrooms to finish as God makes it possible.

God has been good to us, giving us outstanding services, miracles being performed physically, temporally, and spiritually. We hope to have the dedication of the church and a revival soon.

We invite all ministers and laymembers to visit us here. If anyone has relatives who might be interested in the church please send names, addresses, and phone numbers. May God bless you in your labors for Christ until He returns!

Bob Taylor, pastor

SNYDER, TEXAS—

The Lord has been blessing in our services and we're praying for a real revival spirit to sweep over us. Recent visitors to preach for us have been John Blythe, Nonnie Ford, Hap Blythe, Danny Robinson, and Austin Sutton.

Louise Sutton, pastor

QUITMAN, MISS.— (Snell Church)

Our revival in December was a blessing and strength to everyone. We closed the year with such gratitude to the Lord for the blessings of our new church which is so much more than that which we could have asked. Recently we have added curtains to the stage which were needed and also provides for more beauty to the sanctuary. Most of all we thank the Lord for the three souls saved.

We have quit our job and consecrated our life entirely to the work of the Lord. This is something new for us so please pray that our faith won't fail and that we'll be a blessing.

Dorothy Anderson, pastor

HINTON, ALA.—

God has certainly been blessing us here recently. We would like to share a few of the high-lights of the holidays with you. Rev. Earl Morgan was our guest speaker for our Thanksgiving services. We had outstanding crowds. Thanksgiving night we broke the record attendance with 110. The Christmas program was a delightful treat to the Church. The young people did a splendid job with the presentation of our play entitled, "The Touch Of His Hand."

The present water supply proved to be insufficient and at the last board meeting we agreed to have a deep well put down. A local well company gave us a good bid and is to begin drilling in a few days.

Dec. 27th my brother, Robert was married to Sharon Hendly of Mobile, Ala. We want to welcome Shar-

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on into our community and most especially into our Church.

We are praying for a revival as soon as the water problem is taken care of. We desire an interest in your prayers in behalf of the work in our area.

Pastor, Myrtle Carney

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.—

We are now pastoring the People's Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and want to invite all the Apostolic Ministers and Gospel Workers by. We are still living at Granby and our phone number is 472-6617 or if in Fayetteville call Bro. Bob Lee; 422-6853.

Earl Morgan, pastor

APOSTOLIC STUDENT CENTER GOODWELL, OKLA.—

Greetings from the Panhandle of Oklahoma. During the month of December, the Panhandle District Youth Rally was held at the Apostolic Student Center. Several members of the A.S.C. presented a Christmas program entitled "Songs of the Nativity." Those who helped in the program included: Wilma Glidden, Connie Ollenberger, Cheryl Furnish, Carolyn Quesenbury, Mike Nine, David Lively, Gordon Karber and Bobby Randles.

There was also a Christmas Banquet held December 17th which was enjoyed by everyone attending. We owe special thanks to the ladies of the Balco Apostolic Faith Church who prepared and served all the delicious food for the banquet.

We're enjoying the blessings of the Lord here at the A.S.C. and appreciate the privilege to serve Him in any capacity. Remember the college students in your prayers. They are currently living in perhaps the most critical part of their lives, and we need each one of them in our congregations of today and tomorrow.

Roy Matthews
Student Director

SPEARMAN, TEX.—

Our church is planning a revival in January with the Rev. Keith Barker and party. Pray with us that God will bless and reach the needs of the people during this time.

Jacob Regier, pastor

Items of Interest

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings to you all in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

It is with thankful hearts and praises that we greet you dear ones at this season of 1968. The Lord has been good to us and He has blessed our ministry in many ways. There were occasions when we faced some trials and temptation. We were drawn closer to the Lord by undergoing such trials. Praise the Lord.

Our young people are on the zeal for the Lord. Visiting the unevangelized villages with thousands of tracts and gospels have been a regular feature during this year. We are glad to let you know that we get bundles of Gospel tracts and booklets for free distribution. Going on their bicycles to new homes with the gospel gives real joy and inspiration to our young folk.

We have been able to help financially some of our workers — new evangelists who have gone out to new stations. In two places church building construction is in progress and our contribution has enabled them to carry on their work this year.

Our Bible School is in its second term now and the Lord is blessing the teachers and the students. I was there teaching from the beginning of June till the end of August. The Bible Correspondence Course is entering new homes and schools and colleges of our country. We get letters of appreciation from many of those who find it a blessing to them. We want you to praise God for the souls saved through our humble ministry.

We appreciate very much your letters, prayers and financial help. May the good Lord bless and reward you for all that you are doing for us and the work we do. We do pray that the Lord may enable you to continue to remember us and the work here.

Our children are just fine and send their love and regards to you all, to the children there, in particular.

If you wish to help us you may

send the same to Rev. Marcus L. Adair, Box 844, Canyon, Texas 79015 or to the Follett Chapel, Box 278 Follett, Texas 79034. Thank you and may God bless and reward you.

With Christian love and regards,
Yours in His Service in India
Mrs. and Rev. T S Abraham
"Philadelphia"
Walker Town,
Secunderabad - 25,
India

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcing the arrival of our new daughter!

Name: Karri Malynn

Date: Dec. 28, 1968

Sat. 5:31 A.M.

Weight: 7 lbs., 4 ozs.

Happy Parents: Rev. and Mrs. Roy H. Matthews, Jr.

CONVOCATION REPORT

Convocation began on December 26 in Del City, Oklahoma, with the first service being that evening at 7:30. Throughout the entire week, the Lord graciously blessed us as we gathered to worship Him. Several ministers participated in the morning prayer service, which was always one of the highlights of the day.

The morning Bible Lesson speakers were: Bro. Jacob Regeir, Bro. Lowell Long, Bro. Winston Barker, Bro. Gene Cornell, and Bro. Paul Clanton. Sister Sandra Flock conducted a children's church hour at the same time of the Bible Lesson each morning.

Speakers for the afternoon services were: Bro. Doyle Wiles, Bro. Dewey Flock, Bro. Ronnie Martin, Bro. Darrell Sutton, and Bro. Neal Ragan.

Speakers for the evening services were: Bro. Amos Harris, Bro. Marcus Adair, Bro. Olen Bachler, Bro. Roy Wooster, Bro. Harold Bollinger, and the concluding service of the Convocation was a Watch Night service with the speakers being Bro.

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OBITUARY

CHARLEY GROVER MENKE

Charley Grover Menke, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Menke, was born in Kingman, Kansas November 12, 1892 and departed this life at Donley Osteopathic Hospital in Kingman on December 14, 1968, at the age of 76 years, one month and two days.

At the age of 14 years he moved to Luther, Oklahoma, where he made his home with an Uncle for several years. He was united in marriage to Pearl Walker at Paola, Kansas on August 27, 1914 and to this union one daughter, Marioline, was born.

Brother Menke and his family were converted in a revival conducted by Brother Robert Girouard in the year 1924. Soon after this meeting, Brother and Sister Menke entered the evangelistic work and have remained faithful to their call until the present time.

In 1948 they came to Kingman and established the Apostolic Faith Church where they have continued as pastors during the past 20 years. Brother Menke was well known and very much appreciated for his faithful and unselfish labors in God's work.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Pearl Menke of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Mariolyne Jansen of Kingman, Kansas; one grandson, Gerald Jansen of Des Moines, Iowa, and two great-granddaughters; other relatives and many friends.

Rev. Jack Barker officiated with Rev. and Mrs. Floyd La Munyon and the Reverends Jack Cornell, Ted Barker, Edwin Modrick and Harrol Waterbury singing.

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near, and Redemption ever nearer. Is this the year? Until He comes let us occupy and labor for that crown of Life which Jesus will give in His day.

God bless you one and all in 1969. Please note our personal Post Office Box number has been changed to 147 from 110.

Gail Schultz



CHARLEY GROVER MENKE

CONVOCATION REPORT—
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Eugene Webster, and Bro. Delvin Wiles.

Bro. Jackie Cornell directed the choir the first four nights, and Bro. Keith Barker directed it the two concluding evenings. Bro. Neal Ragan was in charge of the special singing, and Bro. Earlon Blades and Delvin Wiles were in charge of the youth services.

Our cook for the week was Bro. Roy Wooster.

We appreciate so very much everyone who had a part, whether great or small, in making the Con-

vocation a blessing to each one of us.

Ollie Kinser
Edwin Waterbury

TEACH ME TO PRAY

I often say my prayers,
But do I ever pray;
And do the wishes of my heart
Go with the words I say?
I may as well kneel down
And worship gods of stone
As offer to the living God
A prayer of words alone.
For words without the heart
The Lord will never hear;
Nor will He to those lips attend
Whose prayers are not sincere.

—John Burton

THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

By the Late Charles F. Parham

Perhaps the most interesting subject we may have to write about is the Battle of Armageddon. Many theories have been advanced as to how the battle would be brought about and fought. The following facts I consider to be the real Bible explanation concerning this struggle, and the events leading up to it, which will be fought in the valley of Esdraelon, northwest of Jerusalem.

The final governing powers of the world will resolve themselves under two heads; the coming dictator of Russia, as the King of the North in Phrophecy, governing all of the north of Europe and Asia, while the Anti-Christ, as dictator of the ten-toed League of Nations, virtually governs the rest of the world. These two rules, fired by the desire to rule the world seek each other's destruction. According to the Bible, they gather all of their fighting forces and push one against the other, until finally the dictator of the north comes down from the north like a whirlwind, driving southward east of the Jordan; he enters Egypt. There he gathers the gold and silver treasures of that land, and gains the favor of the Egyptians, Libyans, and the Ethiopians, who rise to his assistance against the Anti-Christ's power at Jerusalem. Hearing the tidings out of the north concerning the military preparations of the Anti-Christ at Jerusalem he hastily marches against Jerusalem, following the exact route taken by General Allenby in the late war. Laying seige to Jerusalem, he begins the struggle which culminates in the great Battle of Armageddon.

The following are the Scriptures concerning this great event.

"Therefore, Thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech (Moscow) and Tabal (Southern Russia). (See first map of International Teachers' Bible).

"And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and I will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Isreal.

"And I will smite thy bow out of

thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

"Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Isreal, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the fields to be devoured. Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

"And I will send a fire on Magog, (Siberia) and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the Lord.

"So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Isreal.

"Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord God; this is the day whereof I have spoken. (Ezek., 39: 1-8).

"Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. (Zec., 14: 1-2).

"For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to battle of that great day of God Almighty.

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. (Rev. 16:14-16).

"And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army." (Rev. 19:19)

About this time "appears the sign of the Son of Man coming in the heavens," the seige is lifted; and as Herod and Pilate were made friends a few days before Christ's ascension, so these two kings combine their forces to fight against the King of Kings.

They marshal them in the valley of Edsraelon, where Joshua destroyed the fire kings of Cannan.

The sun and moon standing still to aid; and later the army of Sennacherib was destroyed by angelic hosts.

Now stands the combined forces of the world, breathlessly awaiting their destruction at the descent of Christ. How fast the world is drifting today into infidelity, rebellion, and forgetting of God, paving the way for this marshalled force, who in terror and mad riot seek to destroy him whom justice sends forth to cut down the ungodly and stiff-necked people.

Christ's descent: "Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle." (Zec., 14:3).

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war."

"His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns, and he had a name written, that no man knew but he himself.

"And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called The World of God.

"And the armies which were in Heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

"And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords." (Rev. 19:11-16).

"For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the

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Children's Hour...

—By Lois Riley



GOD'S TIME

Dear Boys and Girls:

How often during the day do you think of TIME? In the morning your alarm clock tells you that it is time to get up. The kitchen clock tells you when it is time to eat. At night, the living room clock strikes the hour for your bedtime.

Do you know that TIME is a precious gift from God? He has told you in His Word, the Bible, that you should spend your time in working for Him.

Now imagine that in the beginning God set going a great clock. He had a perfect time and plan for everything.

Nearly all world time is taken from one master clock in Greenwich, England. But this clock must be checked constantly by the stars, which keep perfect time. In the same way, the Lord Jesus is the only One who ever kept perfect time with the clock of His Father, the great Timekeeper.

Jesus came to earth at God's set time. He knew that His time was short for telling people about God and heaven. So He prayed and worked hard.

God had set a certain "hour" when Jesus was to die, to take away the sins of all who would believe in Him.

The direction in which the hands of a clock go round is called "clockwise". The opposite direction is "counterclockwise".

People who put their time in God's hand go clockwise with His

great clock. Are they going in the right or wrong direction to get to heaven? — But those who never spend time for God are going counterclockwise. Are they going in the right or wrong direction to get to heaven? —

Certainly Jesus could say to His Father, "My times are in Thy hand" And Jesus made it possible for you to say this, too. If you take Him as your Savior, this verse is for you, and you too can start living by God's clock. Then Jesus, who always kept God's perfect time, will help you keep good time for God.

MEMORY TIME:

My times are in thy hand. Psalm 31:15

JUST FOR FUN:

Starting with the thumb, print one word of Psalm 31:15 on each finger, and the last one on the palm of the hand.



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Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord;

"Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (Thess., 4:15-18).

HIS ARRIVAL. "And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south." (Zech., 14:4).

Leaving the Bride in the valley made by the division of the Mount of Olives, He passes down to the battlefield alone, destroying the rebellious wicked with the breath of His coming, and casting the beast and the false prophet into the lake of fire.

"And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image." (Rev., 19-20).

These both were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

At the close of the battle the inhabitants of Jerusalem, surprised at their deliverance, not only from the onslaught of Gog, dictator of Russia, but also from the terrible reign of the Anti-Christ, send forth a delega-

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tion to meet him who make this inquiry: "Who is this that cometh up from Edom with dyed garments from Bozrah?—this that is glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

"Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel and thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine vat?"

"I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me; for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment."

"For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

"And I looked, and there was none to help, and I wondered that there was none to uphold; therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.

"And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I poured out their life blood on the earth. (Revised Version). (Isaiah, 63:1-6).

Where Christ declares that He trod the winepress alone, we are reminded of what John, the Revelator, said: The treading of the life of these millions would mean that the blood would stand to the horses' bridles (about four feet) for a thousand six hundred furlongs (about two hundred miles). (Rev., 14-20).

After the blood is subdued, the birds of the air and the beasts of the field are invited.

"And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven. "Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the Great God;

"That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. (Rev. 19:17, 18).

"And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth; and all the fowls were

filled with their flesh." (Rev. 19:21).

"And, thou Son of Man, thus saith the Lord God; **Speak** unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, **Assemble** yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Isreal, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

"Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

"And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

"Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord God." (Ezek., 39:17-20).

Following this feast all the people of Palestine proceed to gather the wood from off the battlefield, which provides fuel for seven years, so that nothing is taken out of the forests.

"And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years.

"So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire; and they spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord God." (Ezek., 39:9, 10).

Then again all the people in Palestine spend seven months in burying the bones, which was followed by hiring men of continual employment until all of the bones are gathered and buried.

"And it shall come to pass in that place there of graves in Israel, the day, that I will give unto Gog a valley of the passengers on the east of the sea; and it shall stop the nose of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call it, The Valley of Hamon-Gog.

"And seven months shall the house of Isreal be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.

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"Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord God."

"And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.

"And the passengers that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-Gog.

"And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land."

About forty years will be consumed in the arrangement and establishment of Christ's kingdom. (Ezek. 39:11-16).

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