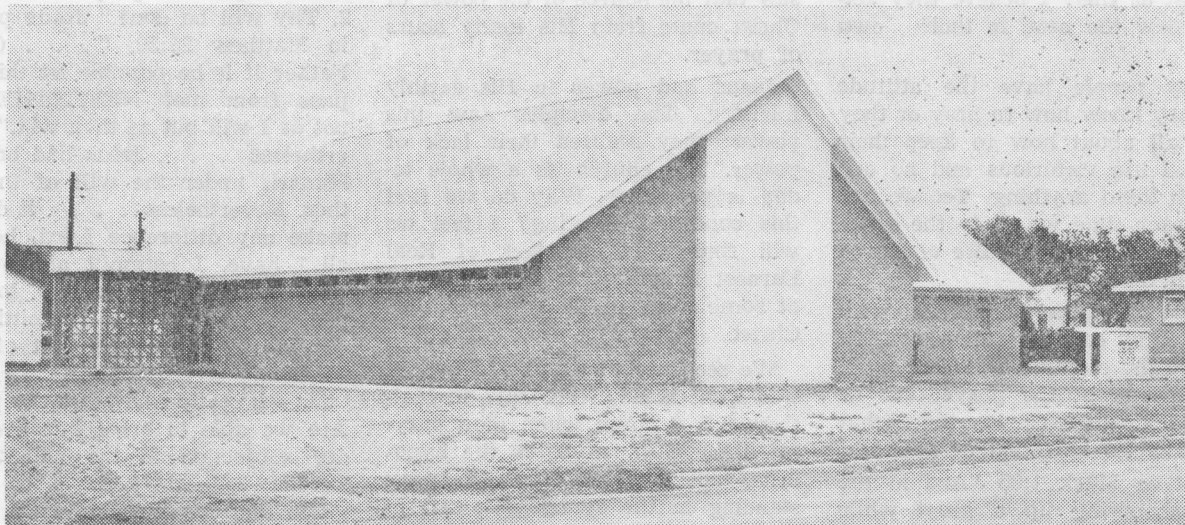


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DEDICATION

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork." Psa. 19:1.

The congregation of the Apostolic Faith Church in Amarillo, Texas, are enjoying the Sanctuary the Lord has made possible for them to worship in.

The dedication service was held June 16, 1967. A number of friends from surrounding churches assisted in the special singing, and the reading of the church history. The introductions of the participating guests were given by former pastor Rev. Louise Sutton, Snyder, Texas.

The dedication of the entire church building and the parsonage was performed by the present board of trustees, Rev. Jack Barker, Laverne, Okla., Rev. Mitchell Modrick, Enid, Okla., and Bro. Carl Hutson, Ama-

rillo, Texas. The dedicatory address was given by Rev. Edwin Modrick, Guymon, Okla.

This new Sanctuary, 36 by 60 feet in size, was begun in the spring of 1966. Rev. Roy Wooster, Alvin, Texas, spent several months as overseer of the construction of this building. Led by the untiring and faithful efforts of the pastor, Rev. Neil Ragan, the congregation of both men and women gave wonderful cooperation in assisting in every way possible.

A number of ministers and laymen from the Panhandle churches came at different times to help in the work of the building, and these labors are much appreciated by all the Amarillo church. The church is located at 634 North Bivins Street.

Lord, Teach Me to Pray

By Howard Whiteley

In Luke 11:1 we find "And it came to pass that, as he was praying in a certain place when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." why did His disciples make such a request as this? I believe they actually saw the need in their own lives.

Many people have the attitude that they know how to pray or they know all about how to keep their spiritual life victorious and no one can tell them anything. Yet we can learn each time we go to the scriptures and observe the life of Christ and his disciples.

These disciples had been with Jesus. They saw the fullness of His life and the emptiness of their own. Let us look at the prayer life of Jesus and discover together what the disciples saw and desired.

First in Mark 1:35 "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." Why? First of all Christ saw the great need in man. There was the lost man (sinner), the sick, the blind, the helpless. The great heart of Jesus was moved. Are we really troubled when we see the great need of mankind? Does it move our hearts to long hours of prayer? Then Jesus felt the pressure of His great ministry. He said, "For this cause came I into the world."

Why am I Christian? Am I serving the Lord just for the hopes of keeping me out of hell? I hope this is not the reason. We are saved to reproduce. Can the world see the joys of salvation in my life?

In Luke 6: 12 we read, "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." After this all night prayer meeting he called His twelve disciples. This again was a real responsibility. He needed men on whom he could depend; men who would stand with Him and who would carry on after He was gone.

"And when He had sent them a-

way, He departed into a mountain to pray." Mark 6:46. Jesus had spent the day preaching to the people, healing their sick, and feeding the 5,000. He needed refilling. When we give and give we need to be filled ourselves. The disciples saw that the source of the power of Christ came from His many hours of prayer.

Jesus had power in His earthly ministry. The disciples saw this power; they realized their lack of power. The church as a whole today is powerless. Why do we find this condition existing? I feel we will find it in our lack of Real Earnest Praying. Let us look again at some more of the prayer life of Christ.

We see a solitary life. Much time was spent alone. Jesus says in Matthew 6:5, 6, "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to the Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Here we find the real secret to praying.

Matthew 14:23 Jesus prayed alone; Matthew 26:39 He prayed alone; in the 17th chapter of John He prayed alone. Real praying is done alone with no one around to hinder our communion with God. When you tell your closest friend a secret, you're alone with that person. Often we're prone to want people to know how much time we spend in prayer and the success of answers to our prayers. This causes us defeat; we must keep our eyes on Christ.

Bro. Schultz made the remark one day as we were visiting about this subject that there will be people who will be sitting on the front seat of heaven who are strangers to many people as far as earthly fame is concerned while others making the most noise here will miss

heaven by miles. Jesus will say to them, "Who are you, depart I never knew you."

When ask the secret of his success, Billy Graham said it was in the power of prayer of many dear saints of God that spent hours in prayer for him each day, many not even known to him.

Back to Luke 11:1,2, Jesus taught His disciples to pray as in verse 2, Thy will be done." Jesus prayed in Matthew 26:39, ". . . O my Father if it be possible let this cup pass from me! NEVERTHELESS not as I will but as thou wilt." Nevertheless . . . Jesus had brought Himself under the will of the Father. Nevertheless . . . it doesn't make any difference Lord, here is all I have, I committ all to thee. This word, nevertheless, in this verse is not only the committing of the life to the Father but of submission.

Do we really know how to pray? Are we able to bring our lives under subjection to the will of the Lord?

Our churches need revivals, more than just a week of services. We need an old time outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our churches. Our people need to move up in the Lord. There needs to be real fire in our pulpits. Our sermons need to move people to their knees for more of the Lord in their lives. My dear preacher friends, how is our prayer life? When we are called on to pray for the sick, are they in the same condition when we leave as they were when we entered? When people call on us for spiritual guidance can we give it to them? I see a great need in my own life. I see more and more every day how little I am and how powerless I am.

Paul in Romans 8:26 says, ". . . for we know not what we should Pray for as we ought" . . . "But praise the Lord for this little conjunction "but" . . . "But the spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

If we will give the Lord a chance He will do something for us. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He has not changed. His

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EDITORIAL

We have come to a very busy time of the year, the summer. Packed in these three months are vacations, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Youth Camps, Camp Meetings, plus outings with our families. We are very busy with pleasure at the lake, at the ocean, on the river, and many more varied activities.

There is a scripture that comes to me in the book of Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." About what day was this writer speaking? I wonder if he didn't have reference to II Thess. 2:3. "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first" . . .

In our busy summer do we neglect assembling ourselves at the House of God? Do we spend our Sundays in pleasure or fulfilling the desire of our inner man?

If I would get up next Sunday morning and say to my family, "Let's go to the Ozarks today," my church would be unhappy and very many Sundays of this and they

would be hunting a new pastor.

Yet the most important thing about all this would be the affect on my spiritual life. The Bible says first of all "to neglect not." I wonder why the people of our churches do not feel the responsibility of being in the house of the Lord? I feel that we as pastors have not stressed the great importance of service in the House of God.

You can watch a man that starts staying out of church, service after service and you can watch his spiritual life decline. It is absolutely impossible to maintain a Christian life outside of the church. Don't get me wrong, the church does not save us but I feel our attendance in the House of God is where we receive our spiritual food.

The Bible then says let no man deceive you. We are in the time of falling away. Men are being inveigled into activities that destroy their faith. Don't let the enemy of our souls steal our experience this summer through pleasure.

Another summer problem that each church and each pastor must face is, "Should we keep our pastor another year"? or "Shall I stay another year"? This is a serious matter and should be taken to the Lord in prayer earnestly.

Many problems and adjustments face both the church and pastor. As I take a new church I have to adjust to new people, new surroundings and new customs. Every church is different and is governed in a different manner. Am I willing to be flexible enough in my ways to accept the new church?

Then we have the other side . . . the laity must accept the new pastor. He will have an altogether different personality from the last one.

Pens of the Editors



His ways and mannerisms will be different but probably just as good as the last one if given a chance. We as churches and pastors are going to have to work together or we will ALL fall.

After I had been here for some time Bro. Wade told me one day that his prayer for me had been that the people of the church would accept me. I so much appreciated that. When a church calls a new pastor they should pray that God will help them to accept him and the pastor must pray for the Lord to help him to work with the church. I feel if we will pray this way our churches will grow and we will see less trouble.

We all realize that sometimes a pastor comes into the church and the two just don't seem to fit. Now . . . perhaps this happens because someone didn't pray enough, either the church or pastor or both . . . because if God truly sends a pastor to a church it is for the good of all. But perhaps God sent the pastor but the church people are in a rut of picking at each pastor . . . one after another. Then the people need to take "honest" inventory (not sincere as some believe or are sincere but are wrong) to see wherein the difficulty lies. If a church continually picks at each pastor, then after a few years you will see the doors of the church padlocked.

If true love abounds, it will cover a multitude of sins (or faults) both in the pastor and in the church people. Let us pray that as this season of the year approaches in our churches that God will give each of us a GREAT LOVE one for the other that our churches will go forth with new zeal and many lost people will see the love of

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Children's Hour . . .

—By Lois Riley



HERIMAN GOES TO A MISSIONARY SCHOOL

by Dorothy Johnston

(The story so far — Missionary Johnson has come to the village of Dindori, India, where Heriman lives with his father and his cruel stepmother. For the first time in his life Heriman hears about the love of Jesus. Then he learns that his father is going to send him away with the missionary to a mission school for boys!)

Heriman didn't mind leaving his stepmother at all. That cruel stepmother! She was always screeching at him, it seemed. And if he went to the school, perhaps they would tell him more about Jesus who loves boys.

Before Heriman went to sleep on his mat that night, he prayed to the tiny clay idol that sat in a hole in the wall. It was a clay cow that his father had bought at the market. Heriman prayed to the clay cow, but he did not feel any better after he had prayed. His family and friends prayed to idols too.

Two weeks later Missionary Johnson came to Heriman's house with big news. Heriman's father was very excited.

"We must give Missionary Johnson a cup of tea," Heriman heard his father say. Heriman saw his stepmother hurry to the other room. A goat was drinking water from the pan on the floor, but she shoved the goat away and picked up the pan. She set the pan on the fire that

smouldered in the corner of the hut. When the tea was boiling, she poured it into the only cup the family owned. While the missionary sipped tea, the father talked.

"I will sign the papers at once," Heriman's father said. "You may take Heriman with you. You will treat him well, I know."

Heriman did not really want to leave home, even if he was not happy there. But when he saw the presents the missionary had brought for him, he decided that it might be a good idea. He took off his dirty brown shorts and shirt and put on the new shorts and shirt that had just been given to him. The missionary gave him a shiny new tin suitcase, too, which was to be his very own. He tucked his other new suit into it, and on his arm he carried the little mat he always slept on.

With tears in his eyes, the father patted Heriman's shoulder. Missionary Johnson squeezed Heriman's little hand tightly as the boy limped out the door, leaning on his cane. They got into the missionary's jeep and started off.

Heriman tried not to cry. "A big nine-year-old boy must not cry," he thought, "even if his father has given him away to strangers to keep for the rest of his life."

Mr. Johnson and Heriman drove several hours in the jeep. Then Heriman made the last of the trip on a train with a Bible woman. A 100 miles in a train! Heriman was ex-

cited! He thought it was lots of fun.

At the Mission school, Heriman went to school with the other boys. He wanted to learn to read and write better—he had gone to school for only three years. But most of all he wanted to learn more about Jesus. And he did.

Every day there was a Bible class. The teacher said the Bible was God's Book. "We have all sinned," he said. "There is none that does good. No, not one!"

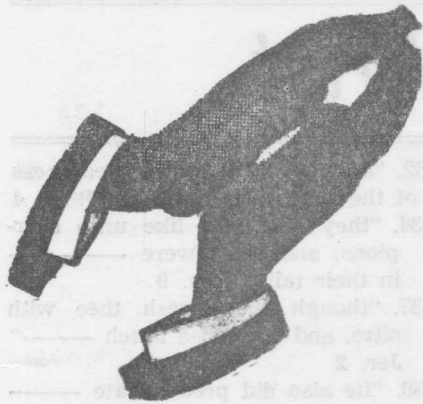
Heriman knew it was true. Did not his stepmother hate him, and did not he hate her with all of his heart? Something seemed to tell Heriman that it was a sin to hate.

"God loved you," the teacher said. "God loved you so much that He had Jesus, His Son, die for you."

The teacher looked right at Heriman and said: "Jesus never sinned. He was God's Son, but He took the punishment you deserve for your sin. If you really believe He died in your place, then your sins will be gone. God will take them away—as far as the east is from the west."

Heriman listened. All his life he had prayed to a little clay cow or a tiny wooden idol, but they had not helped him. They had not loved him. They had not taken his sins away or given him peace. Yes, Heriman would do as the teacher said. Right now, today, he would believe in his heart that the Lord Jesus Christ had

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Teacher's Notebook

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP YOU CAN BE A LEADER.

Christian leadership is the most prized asset of the Church. This is as it should be, for God carries on His program and work through His children. Did you know that Leaders are not born? They are developed. Leadership success is not given; it is earned.

What do you expect from yourself as a Christian? How are you investing your life and ability in God's service? Are you using what God gave you and living up to His purposes for you? Every child of God has some talent or ability that can be used in Christian leadership. Each person **MUST** Develop, Train, and then Use their talent or talents which God has given to them.

Our responsibility is **GREAT**. A wise Christian does not look with envy at the talents of others and excuse his own inactivity because he has not those gifts! God does not hold you responsible for what you **do not** have, but He **DOES** hold you responsible for what you have. It is well to acknowledge your actual limitations; then **FORGET** them and concentrate on those talents or abilities and innate interests with which you have been blessed.

Christian Leadership is an **INVESTMENT** of one's heart, talents, time, and energy in some part of God's program. It is a giving of service, not a taking of glory; a forgetting of self rather than an expectation of honor. **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IS LIKE CHRISTIAN GROWTH A LIFE-TIME PROCESS**. Even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. Matt.

20:28.

AN IDEAL CHRISTIAN LEADER IS: one whose heart is kindled by a conviction that the message, work and honor of Jesus Christ are of utmost importance.

One who is reliable. He accepts responsibility though he does not seek an office. He can be depended upon at all times. He follows through to completion any task he undertakes.

A leader, not a boss. Instead of driving his people, he coaches them; rather than using his authority, he gets their good will; instead of **KNOWING** how, he **SHOWS** how.

A Student of those matters and methods which will increase his usefulness to his Master.

One who has a vision. He sees

How Others Do it

A MATCHBOX BIBLE LIBRARY

Help your class master the books of the Bible with this project; Paste four processed cheese or similar size, boxes (minus lids) together on their sides to make a "bookcase". Let your Juniors collect empty pocket size safety matchboxes to represent the 66 books of the Bible. Paste construction paper around each box, choosing a color for each of these divisions: 5 books of Moses, 12 books of history, 5 books of poetry, 5 major prophets, 12 minor prophets, 4 gospels, 1 history, 14 letters of Paul, 7 general letters, 1 prophecy. Label each "book" for a book of the Bible. Before and after class let students take turns arranging the books in order on the shelves.

possibilities in people and situations.

A good follower. First he is a follower of Jesus Christ. "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men, Matt.4:19. Then he shows gracious submission and willingness to take direction and cooperate.

A Hard Worker. He is not afraid to work. He does more than is expected . more than he asks others to do. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." Ecc. 9:10.

An Example. A leader leads more by what he is than what he says. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

True Leadership Spirit. Study this as pictured in Romans 12:9-21. To be a true leader of God's work, we must show forth the same spirit of compassion, love and concern which Christ demonstrated in His life while here on earth.

Humility. Serving others for reporing others, looking neither for reputation, appreciation nor honor. Matt. 20:26-28.

Love for each co-worker and member. "That ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind, let nothing be done through strife and vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." Phil. 2:2,3.

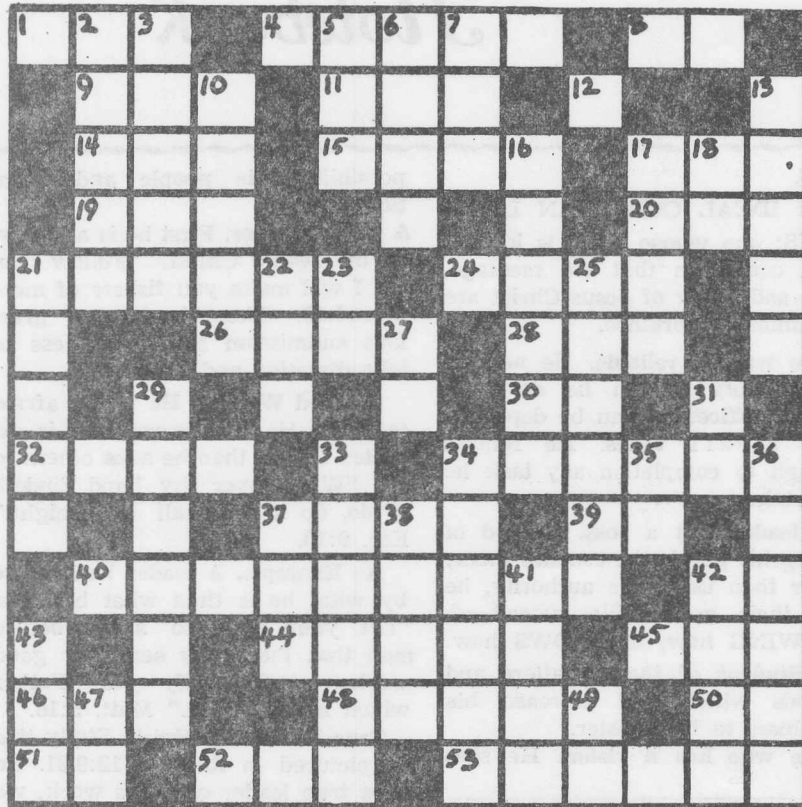
Gentleness that expresses itself in understanding, forgiveness and faith. "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose them-

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Crusaders for Christ

The Delights of The Spirit-Filled Life

ROMANS 8



Answer in next month's issue.

CLUES ACROSS

1. 21,24 "_____ shall he not with him _____ us all things?"
4. "Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature _____ be able to separate us"
8. "For whom _____ did fore-know, he also did predestinate"
9. "_____ shall separate us from the love of Christ?"
11. "as by _____ man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of _____" Romans 5
12. "For _____ reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared"
14. "what the law could _____ do

- in that it was weak through the flesh"
15. "The Spirit itself beareth witness _____ our spirit"
17. "if the Spirit of _____ that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you"
19. "Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua and Abinadab, and _____ baal" I Chron. 8
20. a period of time
21. see 1 across
24. see 1 across
26. "What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A _____ shaken with the wind? Matt. 11
28. the seventh son of Jacob (Gen. 30:11)
28. initials of an ungodly son and his godly father (Gen. 9:22,24)

CLUES DOWN

32. "a _____ of the righteousness of the faith which he had" Rom. 4
34. "they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were _____ in their tails" Rev. 9
37. "though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much _____" Jer. 2
39. "he also did predestinate _____ be conformed to the image of his Son"
40. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our _____" (except singular)
42. initials of the father of Abraham and the Son of Abraham (Luke 3:34)
44. "I may tell all my bones: they look and _____ upon me" Psa. 22
45. "He that spared not his _____ Son, but delivered him up for us all"
46. "it shall be an excellent _____, which shall not break my head" Psa. 141
48. half a farthing (two words) see Mark 12:42
50. "then do we with patience wait for _____"
51. "That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in _____"
52. 53 "Nay, in _____ these _____ we are more than conquerors through him that loved us"

2. "The ox knoweth his _____, and the ass his master's crib" Isa. 1
3. "Let us do evil, that good may come? _____ damnation is just" Rom. 3
5. "for to will is present with me, but _____ to perform that which is good I find not" Rom. 7
6. one of the cities of the inheritance of Judah (Josh. 15:50)
7. "test at any time, we should _____ them slip" Heb. 2
10. "nor any _____ creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God"
13. "predestinated to be conformed to the _____ of his Son"
16. "nor things to come, nor _____ nor depth, nor any other crea-

- ture"
17. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest ——— to the things which we have heard" Heb. 2
 18. father of Shuppim and Huppim (I Chron. 7:12)
 21. "For if ye live after the ———, ye shall die"
 22. "For as many as are ——— by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God"
 23. "But ——— are not in the flesh but in the Spirit"
 25. "For the creature was made subject to ———, not willingly"
 27. "if we hope for that we see not, then ——— we with patience wait for it"
 29. "Because the ——— mind is enmity against God"
 31. king of Bashan (Num. 21:33)
 33. "he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your ——— bodies"
 34. "the ——— itself maketh intercession for us with groanings"
 35. "There is therefore now ——— condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus"
 36. "because he maketh intercession for the ——— according to the will of God"
 37. nickname for sister
 38. another of the cities of the inheritance of Judah (Josh 15:26)
 41. Hebrew letter just before Psalm 119:65
 42. "He cropped off the top of his young ———(s)" Ezek. 17
 - 43 "if Christ be in ———, the body is dead because of sin"
 - 47 "if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he ——— none of his"
 - 49 initials of Jacob's brother and father (Gen. 25:25, 28)

Editorial

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God abounding in each of our lives and churches. Then and only then will God be able to work in our midst.

Continue to pray that our Camp Meetings will be blessed of God and that each service will be crowned with the victory of the Lord. Pray also that as the Youth Camps convene that the Lord will reach the

hearts of our Youth and they will become mature Christians.

May the Lord bless each of you as you remember the needs of the Report . . . in prayer and support. Our only desire is that the Word of God in its printed pages will reach the needs in the life of each reader . . . helping Christians to deepen their lives in the Lord . . . and helping the lost to see their need of their Saviour.

Howard Whiteley

Associate Editor

Dear Readers of the Apostolic Faith Report,

I wish I had time to write about the "Fire of the Lord." In Duet. 4:23,24 we read, "Take heed unto yourselves . . . for the Lord thy God is a consuming fire." Heb. 12:29 relates the same message.

Consider what an evidence flowed forth to all concerned when God, in His mighty wisdom and power, consumed the sacrifices offered unto Him in the days of old.

The sacrifice of Abel was a witness to him and also to all future generations. Heb. 11:4. The fire that accepted the offering of Elisha, offered unto God, before the priests of Baal was an undeniable evidence that God does answer by fire. The offerer knew, the well wishers knew, and the enemies knew. Black and white were in stern array. Watch out for compromise. God gave Elisha victory in evidence. On lookers had to admit and haters of God were completely subdued.

The outpouring of the Fire of the Holy Ghost, as recorded in Acts 2, set the early church aglow. The light of this flame was to send its glow to all the world. He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire, was the testimony of John. Matt. 3:11. O for the true falling fire of God. Let it fall on me, let it fall on the entire church. Herein sin and dross will be burned out and fire and glory renewed. Our God is a consuming fire.

May God bless you one and all, keep the love-light of His grace burning brightly in your souls. Pray for us. In the name of Jesus, we shall conqueror all.

Gail Schultz

CHILDREN'S HOUR—

HERIMAN GOES TO MISSION SCHOOL

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died for him.

Heriman bowed his head and thanked God for loving him so much. After Heriman took Jesus as his very own Saviour, he loved to sing. Someone said that Heriman was the happiest boy in the whole school. He was always smiling and always singing. He was so happy that he was now a Christian.

But Heriman was glad about something else, too. He no longer needed a cane when he walked. God had made him well. "I threw my cane away," he told one of the school boys, while he rested a minute in his work. I'm glad I don't need it any more. God saved me, and He helps me walk without a cane. I limp a little yet, but I don't need my cane."

Then Heriman picked up his broom and went on sweeping. While he swept he sang: Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so . . ."

That was two years ago. Heriman is 11 years old now. He studies hard because he wants to be a preacher when he grows up. He wants to go back to Dindori to tell his family and his friends about the Lord Jesus Christ who loved them and died for them, too. He hopes, too, that some day his father and his stepmother will be saved. Won't you remember to pray for Heriman in faraway India?

LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY—

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power is the same. If there are changes we have made them.

"Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire when ye pray, BELIEVE that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7.

"Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time." Col. 4:5

NEWS from the CHURCHES

SPEARMAN, TEXAS—

We send greetings from the Apostolic Faith Church in Spearman, Texas. We're not a large church but we still meet regularly for services and find God always meets with us. Our pastor, Bro. Girouard, is a very able teacher and preacher and always has food for souls which is needful these days.

Our Vacation Bible School convened May 27 to June 9th under the direction of Sis. Lula Parham. Sis. Lois Riley and Sis. Peggy Sutton assisted her and about twelve ladies of the church were teachers and helpers. We had 60 enrolled and about 45 with perfect attendance. For our missionary project we chose Willow, Alaska with an offering of \$ 70.00 sent to Bro. and Sis. Priest.

The last week of school we had a good altar service with a number of children praying through to salvation and victory in their souls. On Friday night the school closed with a picnic on the church grounds for all the children and parents. The parents then viewed the children's work. We feel we had a good school and trust it will be a benefit to some.

Mrs. Irvin Delk, reporter
Robert Girouard, pastor

PROSPERITY, MISSOURI—

As we stop to write a few lines the blessings of God are so great we can never begin to count them. Indeed OUR God has abundantly pardoned and given His unspeakable gift.

We were privileged to make a trip just after Memorial Day to Western Oklahoma. We wish to thank Bro. Bill Turner for taking our services in our absence. He is

a faithful layman in our church here.

Prosperity is looking forward to a good DVBS and the rich blessings of God upon the students and teachers that take part.

On Sunday morning, June 16, we had a wonderful service and that night one testified to receiving an experience of sanctification. We're looking forward to some wonderful blessings during the summer's activities and pray that all of the camps will be blessed of God.

Earl Malone, pastor

SNYDER, TEXAS—

God has been good to us; we've had several visiting ministers the past few months and all were a blessing. Bro. and Sis. Lealand Grimmer, Bro. Jake Regier, Bro. and Sis. Hap Blythe, Bro. John Blythe, Bro. Olen Bachler and others have been with us for services.

April 7th, Palm Sunday, marked the beginning of a two week's revival with Evangelist Ronnie Martin, Mike Nine, Gary Kerr and Sis. Sheri Cook in charge of the music. The revival was a blessing to all of us. Several were reclaimed, some saved, some sanctified, and many victories won.

We're happy to have Bro. and Sis. Vester Clanton home after a series of revivals that had called them away.

We have given our resignation as Pastor of the Snyder Church. We have had four wonderful years here and these people will always be dear to us. We feel, however, that our work is done here for this time. Pray for us that we will be led of the Lord.

Sherman and Louise Sutton

(Ed. Note: for your parsonage and church directory, please mark this change in phone number for the Snyder, Texas, parsonage: from HI3-6158 to 573-6158. Thank you.)

PINE CREST, MISSISSIPPI—

We're so very glad for the goodness of our God and for His great mercy and love for each of us. He gave us a real good youth rally here during May with 87 in attendance. We praise Him for it.

We appreciate the Apostolic Faith Report so very much and pray the Lord will bless each one that works so faithfully on it.

Camp time will soon be here and we are expecting the Lord to bless in a special way. Everyone be sure and bring their own bed linens, towels, and personal items.

George Hintergardt, pastor

BEAVER, OKLAHOMA—

The Lord is good to those who trust Him. We are thankful for His continued blessings in our church at Beaver.

We have just closed our Daily Vacation Bible School with a program Thursday, June 6. The school was attended daily by an average of 36 students. Total enrollment was 42. Each teacher reported that they were glad for the opportunity to teach boys and girls about Christ. We pray that through this vacation Bible School there will be some lasting results in the lives of these children. Mrs. Lowell Long directed the school. Marilyn Lemmons along with others of the church helped with the music and teaching classes.

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Bro. Dewey Flock preached for us Sunday morning, June 2.

Now that most of the closing of public school activities are over with we are looking forward to everyone getting back to church regularly.

Leora Woodson, reporter
Lowell Long, pastor

PINE HILL, ALABAMA—

We're so grateful for the wonderful VBS God permitted us to have. We had 63 enrolled this year and a fine group of dedicated teachers and workers. Several of the children gave their hearts to the Lord and it was a time of spiritual refreshing for all who worked in the school.

Remember us in your prayers for God's guidance over our lives and our people here.

Jim Arnall, pastor

PAMPA, TEXAS—

Work is progressing well on our new church building. The bathrooms and Pastor's Study have been roughed in, and the interior is taking form. We have decided to put Miami Stone on the exterior, and the stone masons are going up rapidly with the stone work. In a matter of about two or three weeks the outside of the building should look fairly well finished.

The church is attracting quite a lot of public attention as work progresses. We had a wiener roast for our congregation at the church site recently, and we noted a lot of interest in the number of cars that were driven by. We hope that the interest created will bring its reward of renewed fervor in our present church congregation and greater attendance when we can actually move into our finished building.

We have also voted to have a fund for the purchasing of pews for the new church. The different families in our present congregation have shown a good interest in buying one or more pews per family at an estimated cost of about \$120.00 per pew. If anyone in our movement would be interested in buying or donating money toward the purchase of a pew, we will, of course, be happy to have them contact

Brother Harris about such a desire.

We are still without a loan for the completing of the church, but God has been good to us in causing the local bank to be willing to loan us enough to finish the exterior of the church. We are moving forward as He makes it possible, and are trusting God for the future.

We are in need so much of a real revival spirit in our midst. We thought we were going to be able to have the Seventh Day Adventist Church for long enough to have a series of services, but they are continuing with their services on Friday and Saturday nights at this present time. We are praying that God will make it possible for us to have not just a series of services, but a real old-fashioned Spiritual revival soon. Do pray for all our efforts here.

We are happy that Brother and Sister Harris have consented to stay with us for another year. The Pampa congregation stands solidly behind them, and we thank God for their labors with us.

Mrs. Paul Simmons, reporter
Amos Harris, pastor

AMARILLO, TEXAS—

God continues to bless in the church here in Amarillo. In the past months we have been blessed with a revival conducted by Bros. Ronnie Martin, Mike Nine and Gary Kerr. Several people were saved and many received strength from God. Sis. Sandra Bachler also helped in these church services.

Bro. Dewey Flock and Sis. Sandra Bachler helped in the church services during the last semester of College. Their work was greatly appreciated.

We are thankful for the presence of the Lord that continues with us. Our desire and prayers are that the church may move forward for Christ.

Neil Ragan, pastor

ARNETT, OKLAHOMA—

Our item of interest this month was the D. V. B. S. which was held June 10-21. The church worked faithfully to make the school, materially and spiritually, a success. The school was conducted by Bro.

Hap Blythe, pastor; Sis. Lula Parham, director; Lois Riley; Peggy Sutton; and 6 others served as teachers. The school had an enrollment of 60 with good attendance every day.

The Blythe family and gospel party deeply appreciated the noon meal that was served every day at the parsonage by Sis. Huff, S's. Killion, and Sis. Crouch. The thoughtfulness of these ladies was a real blessing to us.

The close of Bible School was held Thursday evening with a supper followed by a display. Friday morning an assembly was held to close the school. The lessons, refreshments, and handcraft were enjoyed by all. We thank the Lord for a good school, and we feel the entire church was blessed.

Lois Riley, reporter
V. E. Blythe, pastor

GALENA, KANSAS—

God has been blessing in our services and we have seen one man saved during the past two months. Our VBS during June under the direction of Mrs. Howard Whitley was a successful one with 85 enrolled. For our closing program Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thompson and family of Liberia, Africa, were with us. Some will remember them from their services 10 years ago in the Cave Springs' Church where Alford Whitley then pastored and the Hardesty Church with the E. K. Cornells as pastors. Many unchurched families attended our program and we feel that God gave them the gospel through the program and the missionary presentation from the Thompsons.

We will be staying another year in Galena as pastors. God has certainly been good to us during the past four years, yet we desire to see even more accomplished during the next year.

Howard Whiteley

Special Notice ! !

**FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE
WE NEED YOUR MATERIAL
BY JULY 15, INSTEAD OF BY
THE 20TH AS IN THE PAST
MONTHS. THANK YOU.**

ARTICLE III Con't from last month

REDEMPTION

GAIL SCHULTZ

In Revelation 12:1-5 we have a word picture of the Church and coming Redemption. Not all of the Church will make Redemption, but the first-fruits. The woman is the Church, clothed with the Son of righteousness, and with the law under her feet, the shadow of good things of grace that was given her, and the crown of twelve stars represents the twelve apostles, and their doctrines that brought about the victory and the glory of a blood purchased Church.

The birth travailing is the great persecutions of the last days in which upon bended knee and with bowed head but rich in faith, unity prevails and the desire of Christ is fulfilled in His Church. The red dragon is Satan in power working on a spiritual place going about to destroy the Church. This no doubt will be seven kings and ten nations helping to destroy righteousness from the earth. The powers and trusts of Satan are growing stronger. About a third part of believers will fall under the wave of trouble, but out of all this there will come the man child or redemptive people to rule with Christ for one thousand years.

There is another picture of these people in Revelation 14:1-4. Here we find that the number of them is 144,000. These are spiritual saints, not literal Isreal. They are chosen by grace and not race. They stand on the highest place of victory in Christ. They have the name of the Father and they sing that new song of Moses and the Lamb, that only they that have reached this mighty goal of Redemption can ever sing. They are not bound by the organizations of this world. They are free in Christ, serve Him only and walk worthy of His cause, as first-fruits without blame. The first-fruits are spoken of in Romans 8:22-23. Here we are told that all creation is waiting that great change when the curse is lifted and Redemption takes place.

REMEMBER LITERAL ISREAL

Here is a place for close study, in order to avoid confusion. In Revelation 7: 1-8 there is a sealing. This is a literal seal of a literal people, 12,000 of each of twelve tribes according to the promise given to the men of old. These people are chosen by race, not grace. They are elect according to the flesh. Because some people can see this, they forget the law of sin, the price of Calvary and turn to natural promises in place of spiritual ones. For us, this will not, cannot do. For we are saved by grace, by faith, not by works. God is no respecter of persons, all the way through His hand of justice shows.

To the created race before the flood who did not have the promise of a Savior, Christ went and preached to the spirits in prison that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the Spirit, I Peter 4:6. To the ones that are gathered to Jerusalem in the last time, they who have not the promise of the Spirit, but are of literal lineage to the promises of God, a literal seal is given. Ezekiel 9th chapter gives the story of the man with the inkhorn by his side, who sealed as he was commanded and reported the work as finished. So during the Anti-Christ's reign, where there is no protection by other means, the natural seal is given to a natural people.

Why can't I wait for the natural seal then? How foolish. Can you begin in the spirit and end in the flesh? Paul answered that question long ago. Grace is grace, law is law, spiritual is spiritual, and natural is natural, each in its class, time and place must remain, Galatians 3: 1-4. There are two 144,000 groups. One is literal Isreal, the other Spiritual. The literal is by race and involves Isreal, but the Spiritual includes all races.

IMMORTALITY

We hear the prayer "God bless our immortal souls," and again the plea for a never-dying soul. But close scripture investigation will

prove that neither exists. For the soul that sinneth shall surely die, and the wages of sin is death, and there IS a second death. Genesis 2: 17; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:14. The word Immortal refers to this natural human body after it is changed into Redemptive Glory, and does not refer to the soul. The Immortalized body is not subject to natural laws, sickness or death. Matthew 24:40-41 tells us about this being caught away, two in a field, two at a mill, one taken the other left. The ones here taken are the Redemptive class that put on immortality.

Do not confuse the 144,000 ruling Redemptive class with the bride class of Christians that too put on Immortality, at the second coming of Christ. For they are caught up, and the dead are raised simultaneously. I Corinthians 15:51-55; I Thessalonians 4:13-18. Many do not take note of the fact that Redemption is one thing, and the Bride fleeing to the wilderness, then being caught up to meet Christ at His return to the Mt. of Olives is another.

SERMON ON REDEMPTION

You have read how Redemption has taken place in its time, that is seven years before Jesus comes again, but at His coming, the Ruling Redemptive class returns with the Lord from Heaven, the Bride class is then caught up from the wilderness. This is a sanctified group, no special number and could be thousands. They do not prevent, at the sounding of the trumpet, the dead of the first resurrection. Where the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together, Matthew 24: 28. Christ alone has Immortality, and in due season will bring this blessed gift to men, I Timothy 6:14-16. It is Christ that has abolished death and brought Immortality to light, I Timothy 1:10.

CONCLUSION

Some day this vile body will be changed and will have one like that of Jesus, Phil. 3:21. We know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, I John 3:2. Let us fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on

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REDEMPTION—

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eternal life. As the nations head for that great time of trouble, Jeremiah 30:7, let us not trust in man or earthly powers but in the great God of the ages. Be glad in the Lord and strong in His might, so that Redemption may be your hope. If your heart is not stirred with this blessed desire, it is time to seek the Lord until you have this vision, "Jesus is coming soon, and Redemption is my goal."

SCRIPTURES FOR YOUR STUDY

- Luke 21:28
- Revelation 14:1-5
- Romans 8:11, 22-23
- I Corinthians 5:1-5
- Ephesians 1:13-14
- Romans 2:7
- Philippians 3:21
- Ephesians 4:30
- I Timothy 1:10
- Revelation 12:1-5
- I Timothy 6:14-15
- Revelation 7:1-8

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selves." II Tim. 2:24-25.

YOUR SPIRITUAL POWER

"Without ME ye can do nothing," says Christ. Christian leadership has one essential point of difference from secular leadership. It is a PARTNERSHIP with God in His work. Christ describes this Partnership as a life union: "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me." John 15:4.

TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK CON.—

God has provided every needed spiritual resource for your success. This provision, however, is not given you as a bequest; it is the dynamic of God imparted to you as you walk in fellowship with Him.

SALVATION. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as God's sacrifice for your sins brings you salvation and you are then in position to fellowship with God and receive His blessings. John 1:12, 3:16.

SANCTIFICATION. Surrendered to God. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto

God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1. Even weak men become strong when controlled by a mighty God.

FAITH. Matt. 17:20. You can have this "mountain moving" faith. God gives more faith as you use what faith you have. Believe His promises for your needs: changed lives, new recruits, funds, buildings, enthusiasm, etc.

FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. This is an experience which gives you all the power you need for your work as you keep it alive and a vital part of your life. The Holy Spirit is your special Teacher and source of power. He is waiting to fill and empower you as you yield your life to Him.

BIBLE STUDY. Read the Word of God every day! Let His ways, wisdom, commands, pervisions and promises, His very Self fill your heart and mind. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding of its truth. Obey whatever He commands or reveals. Memorize verses which will be useful in your witnessing and other leadership.

PRAYER. Prayer is practical! ! The more a leader has to do, the more He NEEDS to pray. Man never accomplishes so much with so little time as when he is praying. Make a prayer list of those you lead or serve.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Danny and Zinnia Clanton announce the birth of their daughter, "Tamara Lachelle" Tammy weighed 7 lbs., 9½ oz. was 21 inches long upon her birth, May 15, 1968

**4-STATE YOUTH CAMP
BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS**

JULY 14 — 20

**ENROLLMENT BEGINS AT
2:00 P. M. SUNDAY - DISMISSES
AT 12 NOON ON SATURDAY**

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OBITUARIES

Funeral services for Emmett Richardson, 81, of Big Springs, Texas, were held at the Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Vester Clanton, Snyder, officiating, assisted by Rev. R. D. Wooster, Alvin, Texas.

He was born January 22, 1887, in Ruston, Louisiana and married Alpha Jeter, June 19, 1913, at Lovington, N. M. He came to Howard County in 1929 and farmed until his retirement in 1943.

Mr. Richardson was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church. He had served for many years on the church board and was very faithful to God in every way and to his local church. Many ministers of the gospel will remember Bro. Richey as he was called and his faithful service to his fellowmen. Another staunch Christian has left us a gap to fill.

Survivors besides his wife include one son; E. R. Richardson, of Big Springs, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Robert James, Arlington, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Sullivan and Mrs. Mary Ramsey both of Shreveport, Louisiana; four grandchildren and six great-grand children.

NEW MINISTER'S DIRECTORY

A new Minister's Directory will be issued in the September issue of the Report. Will you please send in your new address if you have moved. If your mailing address, phone, etc. have been changed even though you're not moving, please notify us so that this will be correct on the new list. We will appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

The Editors

Whatever dims thy sense of truth
Or stains thy purity,
Though light as breath of summer air,
Count it as sin to thee.

God requires a spiritual "whole" man for His "holy" service!

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

Claude McLeod, Jr.

Christ told His Apostles when He went away that He went to prepare a place for us that where He was there we may be also. John 14:3. An angel stood by them when Christ ascended and said, "Why stand ye here gazing into the heavens? This same Jesus, which was taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:10-11

In Matthew 24, Christ was asked about the signs of the times and

gave several by which we know today that we stand on the threshold of eternity. One important sign was of the fig tree putting forth, Matthew 24:32-33. The fig tree representing the land of Israel. This has happened and God is with them as in days of old. Another startling sign is written in Luke 21:24, Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled." In the light of current events, I believe we can say the "time of the Gentiles" is fulfilled. This is the time for all spirit filled Christians to look up and lift up your heads for the time of your redemption draweth nigh. Luke 21:28

As we see the spirit of hate, deception and unconcernness envelop people, we can understand more fully the scripture, "Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine vain things?" Acts 4:25

God help us to be rooted and builded on the solid rock Christ Jesus and be able to say with John the revelator, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

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Many Thanks.

Editors

ITEMS OF INTEREST

LOVINGTON, N. M. At the present time and for a whole year we haven't had a pastor or any religious service in our church here. I would appreciate it very much if you and other ministers, and members of the Faith would make it a matter of special prayer.

We have a nice brick church, free of debt, but we need someone with a real "burden for souls" and for the church here to come and have services, to pastor the church. It will have to be built up again from scratch as many of the members have moved away or are going to other churches now.

The pastor would have to work to supplement his income until such a time that it could be built up to support one fully. It will be a real challenge to anyone who accepts it. Please make this a matter of prayer now, and at the camp meetings this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Caudill

Birthday Calendar
JULY

- 1. VENT PHARES
- 3. KURT ROLLINS
- 5. COLEEN MESSNER
- 5. CYNTHIA POOL
- 17. MARK HESS
- 19. MARK HARRIS
- 21. TERRY HOWARD
- 26. SAMMIE WARFORD, JR.
- 29. BRAD BUSCH
- 29. PAM CASSITY
- 29. BECKY BRUCE
- 30. DAVID HANLEY

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LAVERNE, OKLA.

FIRST CAMP—Ages 9 through 12
JULY 7-12

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JULY 14-19

Committeemen: Rev. Jim Fox,
Rev. Jack Cornell, Rev. Ted Barker
and Rev. Edwin Modrick

CAMP MEETING
LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA
JULY 26 — AUGUST 4



Answer To Last Month's Puzzle