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If, For Christians

If you can trust when every one about you
Is doubting Him, proclaiming Him untrue,
If you can hope in Christ though all forsake you
And say that it is not the thing for you to do.
If you can wait on God nor wish to hurry
Or being greatly used, keep humble still,
Or if you're tested, cater not to worry,
And yet remain within His Sovereign will.
If you can't 'tis well when sorrow greets you
And death has taken those you hold most dear,
If you can smile when adverse trials meet you,
And be content e'en tho' your lot be drear.
If you can be reviled and never murmur
Or being tempted not give way to sin.
If you can fight for right and stand the firmer
Or lose the battle when you ought to win.
If you can really long for His appearing,
And therefore set your heart on things above.
If you can speak of Christ instead of sneering
Or to the most unlovely one show love.
If you can hear the call of God to labor,
And answer, "yes" in yieldness and trust,
And go to tell the story of the Saviour
To souls in darkness o'er the desert dust.
If you can pray when Satan's darts are strongest,
And take the road of faith instead of sight;
And walk with God, though His way be longest,
And swerve not to the left hand nor the right.
For Him alone you care to live and be,
Tis then not you, but Christ who dwelleth in you,
And that O child of God is "VICTORY".

Over 40 Years

This is Donald D. Dibbens, youngest child of the late A.R.J. and Jessie C. Dibbens' nine children. I remember the late Rev. Charles F. Parham visiting in our home near Cheney, Kansas and attending the Camp meeting, he conducted, in Kingman, Kansas in 1925. He and my father were young friends.

I was converted, at age 19, in 1933. I felt a definite call of God to work in the great harvest field to win souls to Jesus. I consecrated my talents to the Lord's work. I played the slide trombone in bands and orchestra's. I laid this aside and took the guitar, as my instrument, so I could lead singing and sing specials.

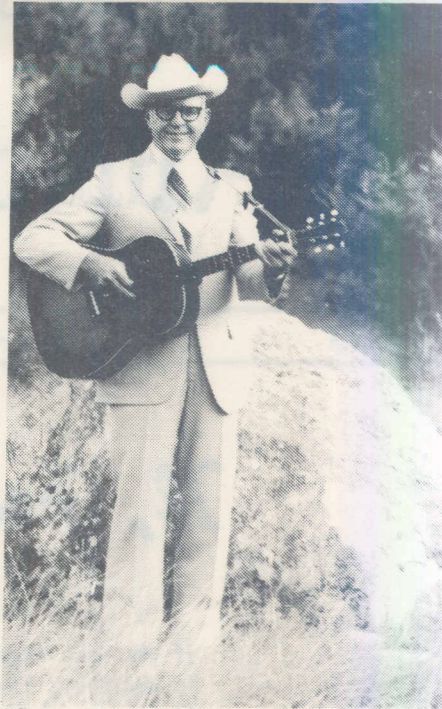
I attended Camp meeting in August 1933 at the old Elmwood, Oklahoma site conducted by the late Rev. Ben Barker and the late Rev. Jack Barker. Helped in revivals in school houses, brush arbors and small churches 1933 through 1944. Led the singing and sang specials for the late Evangelists: Jennie Evans; Ben Barker; Alford Whiteley; Chester Jackson; and Gail W. Schultz; also for Evangelist Albert Durham. These were hard times right after the depression. There were times we did not have groceries for the next meal but God always had someone to see that food came and sometimes we had to postpone a meal or fast and pray. The good part was the hungry souls we found in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, New Mexico and Texas. I remember several times closing a revival and having no invitation for another revival. We'd head out and have prayer at intersecting roads and ask the Lord which way to go. In every occasion we came to a school house or deserted church and were able to begin a meeting in three or four days.

In 1940 I started conducting singing classes, during Camp Meeting, to help singers in Bro T.B. Tucker's choir. They began using Stamps-Baxter song books and the singers were having difficulty with the new songs. That same year we started the Camp Meeting Quartet that sang at every night service and for the street meetings on Saturday afternoon in surrounding towns. After Bro T. B. Tucker and sons tragic plane crash, I started directing the Camp Meeting Choir.

I was ordained as a minister at the 1945 Convocation in Center Point, Texas conducted by the late Rev. Ben Barker. I had conducted services now and then through the years and pastored the Seneca Mission in Wichita, Kansas until they could obtain a pastor. My first pastorate was Hardesty, Oklahoma where we stayed 6 years, finishing the church building, started by the late Bro Fount Copeland, and built a parsonage; also saw the church attendance increase.

Through the years of our first pastorate until our last pastorate, we served 6 congregations. On our 72nd birthday, we resigned as pastor of the Vanderpool Community Church; May 7, 1986, having pastored 40 years and been active in the Gospel Work 53 years in the Apostolic Faith Movement.

I look back over 54 years, singing and preaching, and readily admit, "I should have done more." By the same token there is a deep satisfaction that I have done my best for the one that did so much for me. I have not begged and I have not merchandised the Gospel. I promised the Lord I would work for Him expecting Him to see that my needs were supplied by those of His servants that support the Gospel. I have never passed the collection plate or preached for salary. I am not a pauper and I am not a millionaire, by the worlds standard. I've kept my consecration to the Lord and He has kept his part of the bargain.



Just a few accomplishments that I humbly submit: Camp Meeting Choir Director (20 different years); Convocation director; Youth Camp Director; Music instructor in the Apostolic Faith Bible School; Singing School Teacher; Editor of the Apostolic Faith Report; Bible Teacher; Preacher; Singer in quartets, trios, duets and solo's; Have been on the radio and TV; Have two long play sacred albums; Known as "The Old Man Of The Hills and Guitar"; and conducted revivals. Most of all I am a servant of Jesus, by choice, and therefore I serve my fellowmen. I have written many articles that have been printed in the Apostolic Faith Report.

Today I am at home 4 miles north of Vanderpool, Texas on highway 187. At 73 years I have slowed down. My health is good. I conduct revivals, as I am invited and sing for nursing home residences; shut-ins; and sick folks.

When I started in the Gospel Work, you could go to school houses (old country school houses) and conduct revivals. This is no more. They have been consolidated and torn down. It was not uncommon to build a Brush Arbor. This I have not heard of in years. You could set a tent (30 x 50 feet or larger) and draw a crowd. Now tent meeting conductors are considered on a very low profile. It was common for preachers to make a tour visiting churches. This is almost unknown. We need to pray for young Gospel Workers and Ministers. They have a harder task starting than I did. In fact we all need to pray one for another. We need each other.

In the early years, of my ministry, the emphasis was on evangelism. Go out and win souls to Jesus. Many times we had revivals, in small communities, with 20 to 50 people being converted. Some sanctified and some praying through to an experience in the Baptism of the Holy Ghost: speaking in other languages, as the Holy Ghost gave utterance. The meeting would last 2 to 4 weeks. We'd leave them and drive on to another meeting. This is the reason I turned to pastoring. There needs to be a coordination of revival and church home. Evangelism is needed. A church home is needed. Souls need to be converted. Souls need to be shepherded.

Today there is an emphasis on pastoring and church building and less emphasis on evangelism. Most revivals are for one week. Revivals were for 3 or 4 weeks in the early years of my ministry. There needs to be a reasonable, God called time of a revival: not too long and not too short.

Now my effort is in singing sacred songs for individuals and small groups. There is nothing as comforting and inspiring as sacred songs sang with the anointing of the Lord. Along with this, I answer calls for revivals. My ministry is in singing and preaching: living a simple Christian life which is most beautiful and rewarding. Simple sincerity and faithfulness are especially blest of God.

This is kept in my Bible and I refer to it often. It is my philosophy of life.

LITTLE PLACES

"Master, where shall I work today?"
(my love flowed warm and free)
He pointed to a tiny plot,
And said, "Tend that for me."
I answered quickly, "Oh, no, not there;
Not anyone could see,
No matter how well it was done--
Not that little place for me."
His voice when He spoke-it was not stern
He answered me tenderly,
"Little one, search that heart of thine,
Are you working for them or me?
Nazareth was just a little place
And so was Galilee."

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This is the second of a series of articles which will be written by ministers and gospel workers who have been with the Apostolic Faith Movement for 40 years of more. We are looking forward to receiving your article about your ministry. Please include a photo if possible.

To each of you - thank you for being so faithful in your labors for the Lord.

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Some of the ways the Holy Spirit works

By the late Gail Schultz

WE ARE CHOSEN BY HIS SPIRIT John 15:16.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained by, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

WE ARE INVITED BY HIS SPIRIT. Rev. 22:17.

And the Spirit and the bride say, come. And let him that heareth say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.

WE HAVE THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT. Ro. 8:16.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God, 17. and if Children, then heirs: heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

WE ARE SEALED BY THE SPIRIT. Eph. 4:30

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

WE ARE LED BY HIS SPIRIT. Rom 8:14.

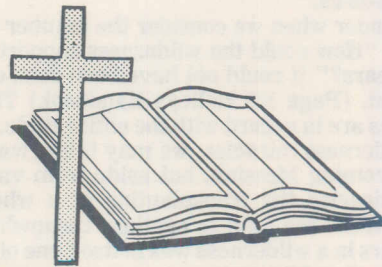
For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

By THE SPIRIT INTERCESSIONS ARE MADE. Rom. 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

WE SHOULD KNOW THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT Rom. 8:27

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.



Our Miracle Working God

by Dora Beydler

We serve a miracle working God, The creation story is about the first miracle ever preformed on the earth. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1. The word create in this verse comes from the Hebrew word, "bara" and means to speak into existence; to bring into an entity from non entity. All God had to do on each day was to say, "Let there be." and name the creation of that day and it was done. all things which God created in this first week or the creation week were good. A miracle is a wonder or marvel deviating from the known laws of nature; something transending our knowledge of these laws.

Then there is the miracle of the burning bush. "Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt." Also read verses 4:10. Certainly it was a marvel deviating from the known laws of nature. Moses was instructed to take his shoes off. This was only a symbol for you and I to know we must remove the things of earth which we have collected from day to day as we walk through this world. We cannot stand clean before God with particles of dust and dirt from this earth upon even our shoes. But Moses desired to look into this fact that the bush was not consumed by the fire. When he got rid of the world contaminated shoes he could hear the Lord from the midst of the miracle. So many people see and hear of miracles often but fail to understand because of strings still holding to something on this earth. A miracle often doubted by people who do not know the power of our God is of the Red sea crossing. Many think the water at the crossing was not over knee deep but just a look at the other parts of the story in scripture would change their views. The water was deep enough that when the Israelites came to it they were afraid. The sea was before them and the Egyptians were behind them. God parted the waters of the Red sea (read Exodus 14:23-17) "And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on the right hand, and on the left." Exodus 14-28-29.

We might wonder when we consider the number of people who left Egypt "How could the wilderness support 3,000,000 people for 40 years?" It could not have been done except by the hand of God. (Page 146 Halley's Handbook) These continuous miracles are in accord with the entire Bible. The purpose of the Wilderness miracles, we may think, was to pave the way for a coming Messiah, but aside from various accompanying miracles the transplanting of a whole great nation, bodily, from one land to another, meanwhile maintaining it 40 years in a wilderness was in itself one of the most stupendous miracles of the ages.

Another outstanding miracle of the Old Testament happened at Jericho. As Joshua led the people of Israel around the walls of that city for the sixth time in one day those walls were as strong as when they went around on that first time. I can just imagine some one saying "Oh, no, not again" then when that time around was finished and the walls still stood as before don't you suppose some of the people could have murmured "My feet are tired; all that walking for nothing." Well, they were just people like we are today but their task was not finished. The Lord had said "And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, "and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him." (Joshua 6:5) Joshua 6:20 says "The wall fell down flat." An archaeological note in Halley's Handbook pages 159-161 says evidence shows the walls indeed fell down flat; "The two walls were about 15 feet apart; the outer wall about 6 feet thick, the inner wall about 12 feet thick, both were about 30 feet high and linked together by houses built across the top." The archaeology shows the outer wall fell outward and down the hillside, dragging the inner wall and houses with it. The streak of adobe bricks gradually get thinner down the slop.

God saw the weakness and willfulness of man soon after He made Adam and it was apparent of the need for a sinless One to be a sacrifice to buy back the creation satan had stolen from a merciful God. But the miracle of preforming this great task was not instantaneous. The nation of Israelites first had to be formed and in so doing they had some growing pains to cope with and learn to lean on God for the knowledge to outgrow their difficulties.

As a part of their education God gave them the law at Mount Sinai and the Levitical Priesthood, but this was a time of learning the lessons of obedience.

Then the time came for the Messiah to come and make the supreme sacrifice for the man He had helped to make of the dust. There was a young virgin Jewish Maiden, a descendant of David, though she was very young she was engaged to a young carpenter in Nazareth, also a descendant of David. Read Luke 1:23-35. According to verses 34-35 Mary was perplexed. The word "overshadowed" pictures a cloud; perhaps like the Shekinah-glory of God that appeared to be His train filling His temple, Isaiah 6:1. John saw in his vision in Revelation 15:8 the glory of God filling the temple and it appeared to be smoke, as young as Mary was she understood this and knew it had to be the power of God. In the culture of Mary's day, young girls were betrothed as soon as she entered womanhood and married before the year was out. She probably was not over 14 or 15 years old when Jesus was born. (This was taken from a short article by Marjorie Holmes written for a Christmas folder.) This indeed is a miracle — a marvel deviating from the known laws of nature.

Jesus did many outstanding miracles while He was on earth and of those the greatest in my estimation was His resurrection from the dead and the grave. In John 11:25 Jesus was talking to Martha and said, "...I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." What a glorious promise "Because I live, you shall live also." This Jesus who gave over thirty-three years time away from His place at the throne in heaven then suffered death on the cross that He might prove to mortal man "Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of My Father." (John 10:17-18). Yes, if we serve Him in this life we can expect to live again with Him through eternity.

John writes of an amazing sight brought to his attention when he and Peter came to Jesus' grave on that resurrection morning. John outran Peter so he was first to look into the empty tomb. He saw the linen grave clothes there on the shelf where Jesus body had been placed. When Peter arrived they both went into the sepulchre then John saw the napkin that had been around Jesus head but it was rolled up in a place by itself. One writer expressed in Beacon Commentary that the meaning of "wrapped together" means turbin like just as it had been wrapped around the head. This is another evidence of resurrection. If someone had taken or stolen His body as was reported, they would have taken clothes and all.

When John saw all this he believed; Thomas said he would not believe without seeing Jesus wounds. Jesus answered, "...Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." (John 20:29).

There are some people of today who say the day of miracles is past and still others who say "How come we don't see miracles today like they did in the Bible times?" Many do not see miracles because they are not expecting to see one. Others do not see miracles because they have not asked God for one—perhaps because of unbelief.

We read in Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Many miracles come from the hand of God today and we could see more if we just learn to lean completely on Him instead of turning to Him only as a last resort. There are miracles of various kinds depending on whatever the needs of the recipient. Sometimes we may need a healing for the body but we may need a special healing for the soul. But a very special miracle just as real today as it was many years ago is the changing of a heart of sin to one governed by the Christ.

"Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." II Corinthians 3:3.

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Isreal after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people." Hebrews 8:10.

Members of the Body

The nose itched, "Hand, will you scratch me?"

"No, I'm a hand. I'm to important to scratch you."

Soon the eyes began to water because the nose was itching. Eyes Said, "Hand, won't you please help the nose so I will quit watering?" "Don' bother me, can't you see I'm busy?" Soon the eyes could no longer see because they were so watery, but still the nose itched.

The Feet cried out, "Watch where you're going, you almost made me trip." The eyes replied, "I'm sorry, but I can't see because the nose has an itch and the hands are to busy and important to help. Can you help?"

"No, I am too busy going places and besides I can't reach the nose. I would look pretty silly trying to scratch the nose. Thats the hands job anyway, let them do it."

The Ear said, "Talk, talk, talk, so much talk and no ones doing any good. You're making me hurt. Be quite awhile."

And the Mouth said, "If there wasn't any talk, no one would need you, so you had better be quiet about being quiet."

And still the nose itched.

Kay Wheeler

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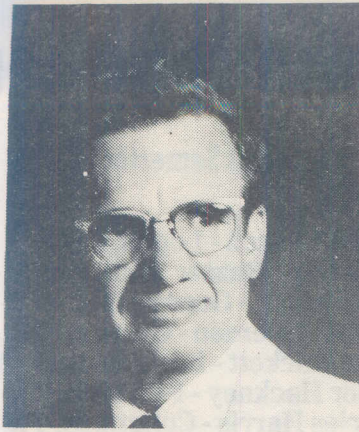
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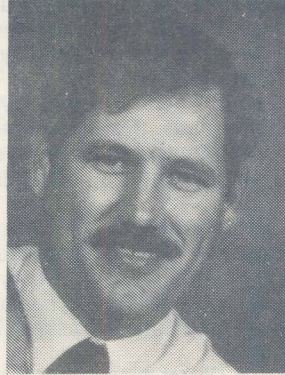
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Music Department

The 1987 Fall term of Bible on August 17th. As of that students as well as part time rejoice in the Lord for this great train them to follow Him.

We are thankful for Bro. Ross help us during work week. folding chairs from the Mid classroom and dining hall. The coat of paint which matches the was done on the eves and gutting was done inside the building scheduled over the next few weeks to renew the interior of both doors areas for better appearance.

Bro. Roger Ross from Grand conditioning units to restore them from the heat.

Some of the churches of our providing a vacuum cleaner needed item as we have several used daily. Without the help of different ways, our school could we praise the Lord and say thank you.

Our computer project has begun. We are purchasing phase programming information. We are in phases 2 and 3 until our computer chosen is the IBM Executive share this vision of progress.

We enter into this semester supply all of our needs according to semester we have some new members is a list of all who will be ministering:
Lyndel Arnall-Superintendent
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Janis Brening-Assistant Cook
Ron Brening-Dean of Men
Karen Hackett-Music Department
Pat Jarvis-Head Cook
Bev Karber-Instructor
Kim Mathis-Dean of Women
Danny Robinson-Instructor
Rae Mona Robinson-Bookkeeper
Howard Whiteley-Instructor

Our doors are always open know when you're coming and Please pray for the school, as always.

Sincerely,
Lyndel

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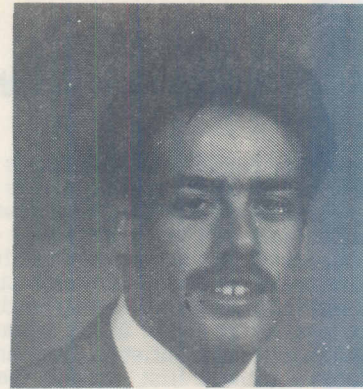
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The Letter Killeth - The Spirit Maketh Alive

Deception is a very powerful weapon. Sin is as a fog or a mist, hindering the eyesight, causing people to lose their way. Some people only see what they want to see. People try to justify their actions with any excuse they can think of. Even within the Scriptures, people only use the parts that they like most and use the Word out of context. When taken out of context, the Scriptures can be interpreted many ways.

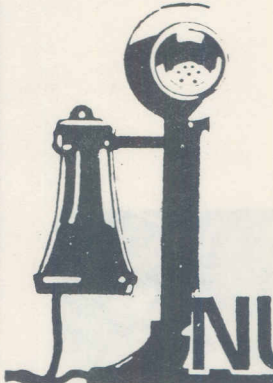
Others may look so far ahead at the reward, that they forget the present duties of a Christian. One cannot expect to receive the crown without first bearing the cross. Consequences of a sinful life are hidden by the deceitfulness of satan. The immediate situation is the only scene which the wicked one wants to portray, not the further outcome of sin-death. As a mist can hide or distort the ahead path, satan has hidden and perverted the eyesight of many, making sin look as if it's not dangerous. II Thess. 2:8-12 explains why people will be led astray during the anti-Christ reign, as today-the people received not a love for the truth. It seems that most people don't really want to know the truth and of the ones that say they do, are they willing to put forth the effort to search for that truth? Man's goal for the society is simplicity, not effort; luxury, not discomfort.

The answer and problem of man is the same word-man. Man without Christ is bound to perish and cannot survive. He cannot create the 'perfect' environment in an effort to create the 'perfect' man. Man must be right with God before any changes in his surroundings can be affected. Only Christ can thoroughly change man in his entirety. Man, without reliance on the Omnipotent, can create nothing really more than failure. The trying fire of God shall test all the works done by human effort and great will be the fall of that which is not done with the Lord. The ways of people are from the ways of God, and as mankind still pursues his evil way, death is certain to follow. Pro. 14:12. Without the Lord's strength, people fall to appearance of the seemingly happiness of sin, unaware of the destruction to follow. The false front of the sinner and hypocrite will be burnt off one day. The end of outward happiness is depression and sorrow...the end of mirth is heaviness. Pro. 14:13

Pro. 14:14 speaks of the backslider in heart. Is it possible that our works "For the Lord's sake, can deceive us? Can one become so involved with the mechanics of study of the Law and it's memorization that the True Word is neglected, not fully being understood? Obeying the written law of God certainly is important, but we must not forget the spiritual application to our lives. Our actions may be in accordance with written law, but God looks upon the motive in which the actions are done. We are to serve and obey Him because we love, not because we have read that we ought to do so. Thinking that doing the works of the law is all that is necessary is wrong thinking. The most important work is that which happens within the heart. Confessing the Lord with the mouth and from the heart are two separate issues. The passage in Matt. 7:21-23 shows that often, the flesh can be more than willing to do many wonderous works, to prophesy, to cast out devils-all done 'in the Lord's name'! Our attitude, the feeling of the reins can be quite the opposite of the flesh. We can say, 'Lord, Lord,' but if not spoken from the abundance of our innermost desire, we have really taken the name of the Lord in vain. Let us examine our lives to see whether the tongue or heart is speaking. Whatever lies within the heart, good or bad, will eventually be reflected on the outside. Lk. 6:45. Even if everyone else is deceived by a person's apparant stand for Christ, He isn't. God knows the heart better than we ourselves. Jer. 17:9,10. Today, the words of Isa. 29:13,14, are as correct as they ever were. Man is teaching instead of listening to the Teacher. The wisdom of man com-

pires nothing to that spiritual insight of God. Man has no right to claim dominion or even equality with God because man is only the creation, made of dust, soon to return. The clay does not instruct the potter how to be molded. One day, the self-made wisdom of sinners and Christians alike, will be revealed as folly. Let us not be adamant as to not listen to the Voice and accept the Truth. Are we guilty of having eyes, but don't see? Having ears that hear not? I Cor. 2:9-16, explanation of blindness. Man cannot see what hasn't been revealed to him. The Holy Spirit comforts us with His teaching, while natural man can't understand why the Christian acts as he does. The Godless society see foolishness praying to an unseen Being or denying oneself for the sake of spreading the Gospel. The reason for being a truly dedicated Christian: realizing the reality of Christ and His fullness and knowing the destination. Spiritually discerning the things that are freely given to us by God is done by having the mind of Christ. The plain, fundamental truths of the Bible are the more important issues. Arguing the Bible genders strife among the body. Study the facts instead of always studying issues of lesser importance to the Christian. He judges the actions according to the motive. Be not deceived, for the adversary is seeking to destroy and kill by any means possible, even by deceiving us with thinking that all done in the Lord's name is for the Lord. We are not fighting the battle today with a hidden or distorted view of the way of the Christian. Through the power of God, you can oppress and defeat the enemy, knowing the ahead goal. Read the Bible on your knees, prayerfully. Faith is caused by spiritual hearing and seeing. Do as he did.

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DIVORCE ILLNESS DEATH WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A BURDEN?

What are the major worries of the man on the street? Taxes? Crime? War?

According to Yale psychiatrist, the worries which lead to despondency are much more personal. Dr. Eugene Paykel asked 373 people to rate the events that would upset them most. Heading the list were: the death of a loved one; going to jail; an unfaithful spouse; financial difficulty; separation; divorce; unwanted pregnancy; and major illness.

Perhaps your heart is aching and you say: "What can I do with this burden?" The Bible gives a three part answer.

Psalm 55:22 tells us, "Cast your burden on the Lord and He will sustain you." Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ." And Galatians 6:5 says, "Each man must bear his own burden."

Three apparently contradictory statements! Yet taken together they add up beautifully to God's prescription for a burdened heart.

First, there is the principle of divine dependability. Psalm 55 was written by a man who was crushed by life. Out of trouble, betrayal, a broken heart, the Psalmist turned to God and said, "Give your burdens to the Lord. He will carry them." God cares. Turn your burden over to Him and leave it there.

The second principle is that of mutual charity. Some people so overspiritualize everything they believe that "if you have the Lord you don't need anyone else." They overlook the fact that often the way God carries our burdens is through other people! We carry out that law of love as we bear each other's burdens.

But we can't bear one another's burdens unless we know one another's burdens. Too little sharing of this kind takes place among Christians. Sometimes our churches are so impersonal that people come, sit through a service or class and never have a place where they can unburden their hearts. We've also tried to hide the fact that Christians have problems. We need to be honest enough to tell a brother or sister. James says, "Confess your sins one to another and pray for one another" (James 5:16). Perhaps you're carrying around a burden that you haven't shared with someone else. How can they help unless you share?

However, we can't merely socialize our problems away by loading them on others, any more than we can spiritualize them away by putting them on God. Some people run constantly from one preacher or counselor to another because they are unwilling to face up to their own problem. That is why the Scripture lays down a third principle; personal responsibility. "Each man shall bear his own burden."

When Paul says, "Bear one another's burdens," he uses a word that means the staggering load that is too heavy for any one person to carry. But here he uses a different word which means "every man shall shoulder his own pack," That is, each of us has a personal share of responsibility that we must not shirk.

Often God allows us to have burdens to exercise our faith. People who run from problems-who try to fill the valleys of their lives with drugs, for example-are really missing a blessing. Faith grows under pressure, in disappointment, trial and difficulty, far more than when things are comfortable.

Perhaps you're thinking as you read; it's easy for you to talk like this; you don't have to carry my burden. And, of course, you're right. But I know someone who does understand; His name is Jesus Christ. He knew what it was to be despised, rejected, deserted by His friends. He knows how to bear a burden, for He prayed alone in agony in a garden before they crucified Him. "It was our grief He bore, our sorrows that weighed Him down. For He died in our place" (Isaiah 53:4). Jesus promises, "Come unto me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Today, trust your burden to your heavenly Father to carry. Give to Him your burden of guilt, for His forgiveness; your burden of worry, for His peace. And He will sustain you by the power of His Spirit; by the love of His people; and by the strength you need to live one day at a time.

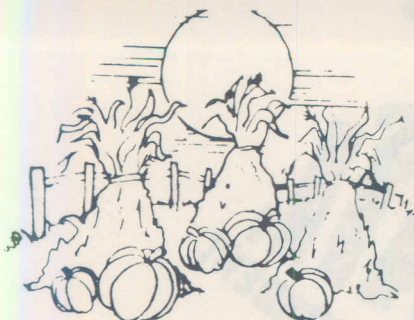
Cast your burden on the Lord and you will find, as a great Christian once said, that your burden will become as wings to a bird.

Condensation of an address on the Hour of Decision radio broadcast.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.

I Peter 5:6-7

NEWS



Columbus, Texas

Dear Friends,

We are thankful to the Lord for His hand of protection over us in our recent move from Arkansas to Texas. We are now getting acquainted and settled here in Columbus.

Columbus is a town of approximately 4,000 people on the banks of the Colorado river, 70 miles west of Houston on Interstate 10.

The Lord has called us here to pastor the Christian Gospel Church. A small but faithful group of people have been working for the past 3 years to establish a work here in Columbus. Presently we are meeting in a rented building just off the square in town, but have a piece of land just off Interstate 10 to build on.

We are excited about the potential here, for Columbus is a field white unto harvest.

We desire the prayers of all our brothers and sisters of the movement. As this is a new work, we know our success will be in direct proportion to the prayers prayed on our behalf.

We invite everyone to come and visit us when they are in the area.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Alvin and Glenda Buschman and family
P.O. Box 533
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Christian Gospel Church

Galena, Kansas

Praise the Lord, He is still on the giving hand. The precious Holy Spirit is doing his work in a marvelous way. A young lady gave her heart to the Lord and was saved on Sunday August 9. We had several follow the Lord in water baptism in July. We've had some recent visitors in our services who ministered the Word to us. They were Bro. and Sis. Bobbie Bishop from Kansas City, Mo. Bro. T.S. Abraham, India, Bro. Clint Shannon and Bro. Wayne Freeman from Baxter Springs, Kansas. Bro and Sis Freeman are working with our youth now and are living in our parsonage. August 17 was the date of the opening of our V.B.S. We are so thankful for the way that God blesses our children. We thank God for the good camp meeting that we enjoyed. Continue to remember us in your prayers.

Howard Whitely-Pastor
May Rowland-Reporter

NOTES

Arnett, Oklahoma

Greetings from Arnett. We are pretty well settled here and are enjoying our new community. We were able to have Vacation Bible School July 20-24th. It was the first one for us and we were very excited about the opportunity to have one.

Our son Michael was in the hospital for a few days but is fine now. We were truly blessed by the outpouring of love and concern not only by our church but also by the whole community.

Bro. Ron Noble preached for us in June. His messages and ministry of song truly blessed us.

We appreciate and ask your continued prayers for us in our service to the Lord.

Lee Nelson-Pastor
Shirley Nelson-Reporter

Liberal, Kansas

We are pleased to announce that our new pastors, Ron and Linda Siex, arrived on June 21st. Ron and Linda come to us from Tulsa, Oklahoma. They have three children. Their sons, Neal and Kim are married and reside in Tulsa. Their daughter, Rhonda will be attending Oklahoma Christian College in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma this fall.

Pastor Ron and his wife were quite active in a Singles Ministry while in Tulsa, and we are glad to have them in our church family.

In addition to our new pastors, we have also given our church a new name. We are now known as Trinity Faith Church. We hope you will stop and worship with us anytime you are in the Liberal area.

Deadline!

Copy must be in by the
15th of the month to be
in the next month's
issue.

"Thank You"

I want to say thank you to each one of you that have prayed for me and for all of the cards that I have received. God has been so good to me. May God bless you.

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Available for service

Janae Harris is currently available to help in ministry of music for revivals and special services. She may be contacted through Amos Harris P.O. Box 292 Scottsbluff, NE. 69361. Ph. 308-586-1148.

1987 Camp Meeting Tapes

Tapes are available of the music and preaching of Camp Meeting 1987. If you are interested in these please contact Rev. Eugene Webster, Box 68, Hudson, Wyoming 82515: Phone 307-332-2609.

If any tapes that have been purchased are faulty, they will be replaced by contacting Bro. Webster.

Thank you Bro. Webster for your ministry in this way.



Mathis - Hackett



Karen Mathis and Steve Hackett were united in marriage on April 18:1987 at 1:30 in the afternoon. Rev. Charles Hackett, grandfather of the groom performed the ceremony at the Apostolic Faith Church in Hempstead, Texas. Attending the bride were; Kim Mathis, Janis Brening, Valerie Oakes and Traci Snyder. The grooms attendants were Troy Childers, Ron Brening, James Brown and Delvin Kinser. April Buschman was the flower girl and Scott McPhetridge was the ringbearer. Karen and Steve are currently making their home in Baxter Springs, Kansas where she is a faculty member of A.F.B.C.

Majors - Forbes

Cheryl Majors and Douglas Forbes were united in marriage on July 17, 1987 at the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO. Rev. Danny Mac Robinson performed the ceremony. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Majors of Webb City, MO. and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Forbes of Riverton, Kansas. Doug and Cheryl are making their home in Joplin, MO.



Cornell

Rebekah KaLyn Cornell was born June 2, 1987 at 2:36 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 1¼ oz. and was 19 ¼ inches long. Rebekah has two brothers, Joshua Dean and Jonathan David. Her parents are Kevin and Tena Cornell. Grandparents are Jack and Kathryn Cornell of Laverne, Okla. and David and Carolyn Keith of Berryville, Ark.

Mullins

Mr. and Mrs. Don Mullins, Baxter Springs, KS announce the birth of their first child Dustin Matthew on July 11, 1987. He weighed 9 lbs. ¼ oz and was 22½ in long. Grandparents are Neva Jean Mullins, Joplin, MO. and Jim and Ellen Slagel of Tulsa, Okla.

OBITUARIES

Dean Spencer

Dean Allen Spencer was born on December 31, 1922 in Ringold, Neb. and passed away on June 14, 1987 in Farmers Branch, Texas.

He married Vera Lou Watkins on Nov, 16, 1941. they farmed for 20 years near Clearwater, KS and Dean worked for Frontier Chemical. He was a loving father, devoted Husband and a faithful Christian. His love and Godly influence will be missed by all who knew him.

Survivors are his wife, a son, Raymond Spencer, DeSoto, Texas two daughters, Shirley Bender, Carrollton, Texas and Sue Malone Farmers Branch, Texas. Two brothers and two sisters also survive. They are John Spencer, Mound Valley, Kansas, George Spencer, Carrollton, Texas, Dora Beydler, Enid, Okla. and Ava Janzen, DesMoines, Iowa. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Jim Bender, Kenneth Spencer and Kristy Spencer. He was preceded in death by his parents Leo and Sarah Spencer, a daughter Dora and a brother Dee Wayne Spencer.

Jasper Arnold

Memorial Services for Jasper E. Arnold, 87, of Modesto, Calif., were held at 10 a.m., Wed., June 17, at Salas Bros. Chapel, with Revs. F.E. Waterbury and Austin Morgan officiating.

Jasper E. Arnold was born in Chriesman, Texas, April 23, 1900. He grew up in that area, attended Chriesman High School, was active in local sports and was a catcher in the Chriesman baseball league. Jasper was a Sergeant in Company E, 143rd Infantry of the Texas National Guard. He married Lillie Kellar, on Jan. 20, 1931, in Caldwell, Texas. They were introduced to the Apostolic Faith Church during a revival in their farming community of Hoskins Springs, that was conducted by Ed and Francis Stork in 1941. Jasper and Lillie lived on the farm until they moved to Rockdale, Texas, in 1950, where he worked in construction at the Alcoa Aluminum Co. Then in January, 1973, they moved to Modesto, Calif., to retire and be closer to their family.

Jasper is survived by his wife, Lillie; three daughters, Helen Maker of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Marie Briles and Laura Galloway of Modesto, Calif.; one brother and one sister from Texas; three grandchildren - Troy Galloway, Cheryl and Jan Briles; many friends and other relatives.

'Dad' Arnold will be remembered for his "GREAT LOVE" for God, love for family and friends, sense of humor and easy going personality. He loved God's nature—to plant and see things grow. He enjoyed flowers, gardens and farming the soil.

The Arnold's were active in the Apostolic Faith movement. They worked in the Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas, in Youth Camps, and in their local churches in Rockdale, Texas, and Modesto, Calif. Their home was open to gospel workers and ministers. 'Dad' Arnold Loved God's people and was interested in giving of his time, energy, and money to help others. His family remembers many special days and times.



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**ARTICLE VII
Doctrine**

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Saviour. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine.

These common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows:

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Creation and Formation

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation

Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.

Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body. A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by speaking in other languages.

Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.

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These basic doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teachings approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

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