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In Memory Of:



Sister Mary Lou Wiles

Paul's Valedictory Address

—By Harrol Waterbury

The most moving events recorded about Paul are those which surround his last arrest, imprisonment, and final execution. The new charges against Paul were vicious and dangerous. No longer could the Christians find any shelter under the privileges granted by Roman law. Rome had been burned, the Christians had been blamed. It was matter of public knowledge that Paul had been in Rome not long before it burned. It would be easy to charge that his absence was only temporary and that he had returned resentful because of his long imprisonment. Charges of disloyalty could also be added because of his language at Thessalonica about Jesus being King (Acts 17:7). The irony of it all is that all the while that the wheels of Roman law were grinding out his condemnation he was urging prayer for kings and all in authority (I Tim. 2:1), and urging obedience and orderly behavior on the part of all Christians (Titus 3:1).

The freedom enjoyed during his first imprisonment was gone. He had probably been cast into some dungeon, history says the Mamertine Prison, at any rate he is under close military custody (II Tim. 1:16). The only relief that Paul could find in those dark moments was the inward light of the spirit.

Paul was very much alone at this time. Many Christians had already been martyred, others had wisely left the city. Some had simply deserted the Christian cause, such as Demas (II Tim. 4:10). He suddenly found a pressing demand for his services in Thessalonica and Paul felt the desertion keenly. Crescens had gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia (II Tim. 4:10). Paul had sent Tychicus to Ephesus (II Tim. 4:12). Prisca and Aquila were absent, probably with Timothy in the East. The simple words of II Timothy 1:16 tell the story of the difficulty of finding Paul and the danger of being known as his friend. Formerly it was an honor among Christians to be Paul's friend, but now they could easily lose their life for such friendship. Onesiphorus was one

who did not count the cost, he gladly rendered comfort to the lonely Apostle.

There probably was a great audience at Paul's trial because he was the most famous Christian in the world. In that great crowd, however, he said "no man stood with me" (II Tim. 4:16). Had Luke failed to be present on that day too? Paul's thoughts probably went back to all the peril that he had risked for other Christians. "May it not be laid to their account", he said (II Tim. 4:16).

There was another person present at that trial whose dignity was far greater than Nero (II Tim. 4:17). Paul said his name was Jesus. It seems that all of Paul's Christian friends forsook him, but Jesus did not leave him. With Jesus at his side who cares for Nero? Let him do his worst. He hungers for sympathy and finds his need met in his friend Jesus. In spite of his dreadful circumstances, his faith never wavered. He could feel the sweet companionship of Christ who stood by him. He was comforted by the consciousness of having fought the good fight, a fight that he knew was all but over; true, he may linger for months or maybe a year, but he never expects to be free again. He has run his course. He had longed to do this years before (Acts 20:24). He was cheered by the promise of the crown of righteousness which was awaiting him. God has been good to him. His work is finished. He indulged in no self-pity. He knew that death was near, and because of his faith he could face death unafraid. The only note he sounds is triumph. He has no regrets. He made no mistakes that day when he turned to Jesus on the Damascus Road. Not one sign of surrender is seen, not one note of defeat. Indeed, he speaks of spiritual victory; "I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion". (II Tim. 4:17). It is clear that Paul was not referring to a physical deliverance from death, but he was describing an inner spiritual victory. Could we say that he had "prayed through" in the last moments of his

life? He still had an interest in earthly affairs, but his heart is in the hills on high.

The noble old soldier of Christ had stood by his guns, and finally he fell at his post. He urges those that remain to carry on the fight. Listen, you can still hear that call today. His most urgent advice to those who remained was to study so that they could be unashamed workmen, accurate in proclaiming the gospel. He said to deal lovingly with people who are ignorant and foolish in the error of their ways. "Preach the word; do the work of an evangelist; make full proof of thy ministry." Right up to the last Paul had not lost his hold upon the workers nor his interest in their work.

The end finally came. At last one day he heard the sentence of death pronounced upon himself. It was nothing really new for he had faced that peril many times before (II Cor. 1:9). It was finally a reality though. Paul is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. He had once strongly rejected a crucified Messiah, but now the Cross had come to be his glory (Gal. 6:14). He will bear his own cross, he had already borne the brand marks of Jesus (Gal. 6:17). The details of Paul's death are all wanting. Tradition affords a few which may or may not be true. This we know, as a Roman citizen, he would be spared a slow, torturing death. He was not burned or cast to the lions, but according to Roman law he must be beheaded. The executioner's axe fell and the head of the greatest preacher of all the ages rolled upon the ground. It makes little difference about the lack of authentic details, be that as it may, we can be sure that no matter how he died he bore his martyrdom as a Christian hero, bearing good witness for his Saviour.

God bless his memory! We stand deeply indebted to him. If the stamp of Paul were removed from Europe, if he had failed to answer the Macedonian call, Christian history would not have run the same course. Indeed, the gospel history in America might have been a different story. I say, we stand deeply indebted to him.

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Dear Readers of the Apostolic
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The richness, the fulness and the nearness of God gave me a desire to walk and talk with Him over and over again. The way, the power, and the glory of the Son keeps me in tune with a power much higher than I. The leading, the filling, and the sealing of the Holy Spirit gives me a hope of seeing Jesus one of these days. The trinity all adds up to a God-head that spreads love and freedom to those that believe. All the blessings they give are mine. They are yours too. God is no respecter of persons and calls yet to whosoever will. I know that some day the door of mercy will close—just as the flood brought an end to that world, we too can go only so far, the rest of the way is a way of deliverance by the Ark way, the Faith way and the Jesus way. Let us all seek to walk in the light of God, no darkness can abide in His sight. We are traveling on to a sinless, sickness, and deathless plane.

The outstanding theme of the camp meeting this year was the soon Return of Jesus to this old earth and our need to be ready. To get and maintain sure firm experiences in God. To be led of the

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We find a scripture in Jeremiah 8:20 that says "The harvest is passed, the summer is ended and we are not saved." Daily Vacation Bible Schools and Youth Camps are over and camp meeting has passed. The vacation season is ending. We can look back over the summer and say it has been wonderful.

However, there is one thing in all this that touches my heart. There are some of us that had a real spiritual need in our lives. This need was great. We thought to ourselves that during the Youth Camp night services we would get in and pray until this need was met. Youth Camp came and then passed—still our need was with us. Then we thought we would pray through at Camp Meeting. Now that too is history.

What happened? First of all we over slept each morning and missed morning prayer at 9:00 a. m. After the Bible Lesson we were too hungry to pray as it was lunch time. It was just too hot under the tabernacle to pray after the afternoon service. Then the evening service was inspirational and we wanted to pray but we were afraid we would miss getting to visit with some of the people we hadn't seen in a long time if we stayed at the altar more than five or ten minutes.

Do we see how the devil works? We had an outstanding Camp Meeting this year at Baxter Springs. I wonder, good people, if we received

what we stood in need of spiritually? If we failed to gain the victory, it was our own fault. Now Camp Meeting for 1967 is just a memory-

Let us avail ourselves of each opportunity that comes our way to gain that Victory from the Lord to enable us to live victoriously for Him. May we realize and understand the "writing on the wall" that such opportunities will soon be taken from us and we need to make the most of our golden days. Some day we shall give an account for these services and how we responded to the messages of God. How will it be when we stand before Him?

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Doyle and Delvin Wiles and the other relatives. Let us hold them up in prayer as they face the dark days ahead. Let us look to God and put our trust in Him as He never makes a mistake. As Bro. Wade said the day before his death, "I would not rearrange any thing that God arranges. Perhaps I would not have arranged it like this, but then I would be doing it wrong.." God knows all things and does all things well.

May the Lord Bless you all for your continued support in this work. It takes your 100 per cent backing to keep this work going. Thank you again and don't forget to pray for us.

Howard Whiteley

Spirit of God and to stand sound in doctrine. We dare not be unstable, we dare not look back, we cannot draw away. This old world and all of its affairs are spinning toward that great day of the Lord when the second coming of Christ will brighten and fill the earth with His glory. What on earth do I have

to serve, love and obey, save Jesus my Saviour and Lord. The world is blinded by Satan, they cannot see the way of salvation nor the blessings of the fruit of repentance and righteousness. But the Christians have the answer, that is to keep their eyes on the Bright and
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Children's Hour . . .

— Kathryn Cornell



BARNEY'S RADISHES

BARNEY LOOKED at his own special row in the plowed garden plot. He thought about his own package of seeds with a picture of bright red radishes. They would plant the seeds tomorrow, Daddy had said.

But that soft brown earth just seemed to be begging for radish seeds today. Besides, if he planted them today they would be ready to eat a whole day earlier.

Quietly Barney sneaked his package of radish seeds from the shelf on the porch. He poked little holes in the soft brown earth. He put one seed in each hole.

Poke. Poke. Poke. It took a long time to plant so many seeds.

The next day Barney stayed in his room and peeked out the window while Daddy planted the other seeds. Did Daddy notice that the radish seeds were gone? Would he call him to come and plant his radishes? Barney wondered. But Daddy didn't say anything at all.

The days few by.

One day Mother said, "I think some of our radishes are big enough to eat."

"Oh goody!" Barney exclaimed. He pushed a little dirt away to see which ones were ready. "It's like playing hide and seek with radishes, and I'm it," he said.

"Wash them off with the hose before you take them to the kitchen," said Mother.

As the dirt washed off, some of

the radishes shone like little red jewels.

But many of the radishes were a dirty, brownish red.

Mother got a knife and cut one of the bright red radishes in two.

"Yummy," said Barney as he popped the crisp red and white pieces into his mouth.

Mother cut a brownish one in two.

"Oh, Mother!" wailed Barney. "There's a worm in my radish."

"Worms like vegetables, too," said Mother. "When Daddy planted his seeds, he put some powder in the rows that kills worms."

Barney almost cried. "Why didn't Daddy put some powder with my radish—"

Suddenly Barney remembered He hadn't waited for Daddy.

Mother put her arm around Barney's shoulder. "That's why he wanted you to wait, dear. You know, Barney," she said gently, "the worms remind me of sin. There are always naughty thoughts trying to get in our hearts and grow into naughty deeds. But Jesus can guard our hearts from sin—"

"Why didn't Jesus guard my heart?" Barney cried. "I believed He died for my sins and let Him come into my heart."

"The powder wouldn't do any good sitting in the sack," Mother answered. "And Jesus can help us only when we let Him, when we listen and obey His Word."

Barney hung his head. He knew that God's Word said "Children obey your parents." And Barney knew now Daddy hadn't scolded

him because he wanted him to find out what happens when we don't do things right.

Mother gave him a hug. She popped a bright red radish into his mouth.

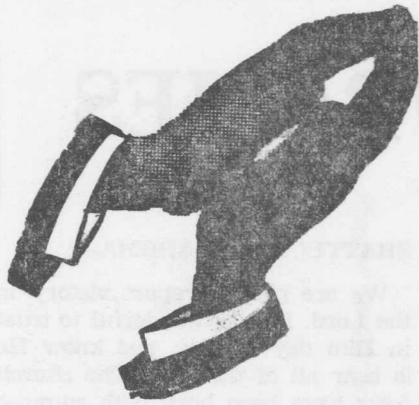
"The Bible says in Proverbs 20:11 "Even a child is known by his doings, whether it be right," she said softly.

"After this I'll try to listen and obey, and then Jesus won't let sin sneak in," Barney said seriously. Then he laughed. "I don't want to be a wormy radish."

Birthday Calendar

AUGUST

5	JOANNIE RAY
6	BILLY HOWARD
13	DEBRA FLOCK
13	CINDY SANGER
15	JAYNE PLETCHER
15	GARY WARFORD
16	VONDEL SIMMONS
16	BETH CAROL DEWEES
17	DEANN FOX
17	BLAINE WOFFORD
18	JANIS MATHIS
20	MELISSA KAY DEWEES
21	DARLEEN POOL
22	T LYNN EHRLOCK
22	DOUGLAS HINSHAW
23	LESLIE HIPPO
25	LYN PLETCHER
26	BRADLEY PHARES
27	ANNETTE BRANHAM
27	CLIFFORD ANDERSEN
28	DONNA ANDERSEN
30	ROBERT MAYES
30	PRESCILLA HELMS



Teacher's Notebook

HOW CAN WE TEACH THE BIBLE TO PRESCHOOLERS?

Isaiah 28:10 and Proverbs 22:6. Our primary aim is to: lead a little child in his limited world to a consciousness of God with a trustful, loving response to His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

- I. Why is example important?
- In every classroom the behavior and attitudes of the pupils are being formed by the behavior, methods, attitudes and skills of the teacher. II Cor. 3:2.
 - The preschool child is an imitator. **He will learn happy attitudes, reverence, prayer, joy in song and worship through the example of the teacher.**
 - One half of his character traits are formed by the time he is 3.
- II. How can we Teach at the level of the child?
- Know the age level with which you work.
 - Use the language of the child.
 - Consider the need of the child.
 - Use methods that guide him to the truth.**
 - Make the Bible their special Book.
- III. How can we make the setting conducive to learning?
- The room or space should be light, airy, pleasant, well heated, enough space and near toilet facilities.
 - The atmosphere should be quite, unhurried and meaningful.
 - The equipment should include—chairs or benches 8" or story rugs, toy shelves, supply cupboard, bulletin boards, clothes racks, piano or record player, pictures, and toys that are used

for teaching.

- Interest areas where children can choose or observe should include pictures and puzzles, objects and growing things, house-keeping corner (with telephones, sink, stove, pans, dolls) play toys; all of these should be supervised. See V-A.
- IV. How can we teach through sight?
- Use an open Bible.
 - Use touch and feel. Sight involves fingers and eyes.
 - Use pictures and objects to teach spiritual truths.
 - Secure his interest with bulletin boards, books, puppets, paper-doll character and other visuals.
- V. How can we teach through conversation?
- Pre-session is the period before Sunday school starts. The teachers should be present to greet the first child and to guide him through conversation to a meaningful activity which he will choose. This is the time to use items in III-D.
 - Give him an opportunity to talk about himself or to respond when you tell him a truth, to learn his needs and interests; to give information, correct wrong impressions and for motivation.
 - Use Bible phrases and sentences, short enough for him to repeat. "Children obey their parents." Ep. 6:1 "Let us love one another." John 4:7 "Let us sing unto the Lord," Psalm 104:33.
- VI. How can we teach through meaningful activity?

A. He is very active. **Do not try to change his nature, capitalize on it!** Change activity frequently—interspersing the mental and the muscular to achieve the purpose of the day.

B. Use action rhymes that are simple, handwork that is large and simple, marching, rhythm band, story play and other activities interesting and within the ability of the preschool child.

VII. How can we contact the home?

A. Present the pupil book to the parents and guide them in the use of it.

B. Conduct a parent-teacher night.

C. Send news letters to parents.

D. Invite the parents to Sunday school.

E. Provide a lending library for parents.

VIII. How shall we evaluate our work?

A. Was I ready to greet the first child to arrive? Unhurried?

B. Did I know the aim of the lesson and consciously seek to accomplish it?

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How Others Do It

Review can be fun. Repetition is the key to memory. Print each memory verse on the inside of a 9"x12" file folder. Close the folders, and on the outside front print the reference to the verse. Hold the reference before the pupils. The successful pupil may open up the folder and hold it for the rest to repeat in unison. Keep up the pace of the activity so that many verses can be repeated in just a few minutes

NEWS from the CHURCHES

JOPLIN, MISSOURI—

You might say, that by faith, we resigned from the Joplin church as pastors several weeks ago effective August 13th, and it has proven out that this is the Will of the Lord for us.

We wish to thank these fine people for five beautiful years of ministry. They are loyal to their God, their church and their convictions and are ever considerate of their pastors.

In leaving may we say, God bless you abundantly and keep you faithful in worship . . . we bid you farewell only as pastors because we hope to minister to you in other ways as the Lord leads, in writing, in Bible School, or perhaps a service now and then and a revival, for you are still dear to our hearts. We also wish to express our thankfulness to the Lord for sending you Bro. and Sis. Nunn for we know that they too will look unto the Lord for your welfare.

Rev. and Mrs. Gail Schultz

GALENA, KANSAS—

A large number of our children and young people attended our Youth Camp with the adults attending the evening services. A number of these received definite experiences which will prove a blessing in the months to come. Now our people are enjoying the camp meeting and God is blessing in every service.

By the time Camp Meeting is over our new air-conditioners will be installed in our church. We're looking forward to many blessings of the Lord to be poured out upon His people as once again we settle in the school routine and vacations

come to an end. Let each of us renew our zeal in the Lord for His return is Soon.

Howard Whiteley, Pastor

MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH, LOGGAN, OKLAHOMA—

We are glad to have some of our young people and children able to attend the Youth Camp at Laverne. We know they will have help and instruction in God's Word that it takes in this day and time.

In our last Sunday School election Bro. Jerry Howard was elected our new Superintendent. He has urged us all to help build our Sunday School. Our number is in the summer slump but we do pray for the Lord to give people a desire to attend the house of God.

Our pastors plan to stay another year with us. They took a few days vacation and Bro. Jack Barker preached for us Sunday and his sermons were very inspiring to us. We welcome Bro. Barker anytime to preach for us. On Wednesday nights Bro. Jerry Howard had our lesson. He brought some good lessons on temptation and success.

Mrs. Deryl Lamunyon, reporter
Doyle Wiles, pastor

BOYS IN SERVICE

A2C Joel W. Karber joins our Apostolic Faith boys that are in service overseas. He is stationed at Naha Air Base, Okinawa. Those desiring to write and encourage him should use the following address:

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SHATTUCK, OKLAHOMA—

We are glad to report victory in the Lord. It is so wonderful to trust in Him day by day, and know He is near all of the time. The church folks have been busy with summer activities, beginning with VBS in June. Sis. Mary Adair, of Canyon, Texas, directed our school this year. We are thankful for her dedicated work in this measure. Bro. Marcus Adair, along with Ann and Linda were also with us to help at various times during the school. There were 24 children enrolled in VBS.

Bro. and Sis. Ehrlich and family, along with Bro. Walter Johnson were privileged to attend the youth camp and camp meeting in Mississippi. They report a wonderful time of fellowship with Christian friends, and a refreshing in God's blessings.

At the present time, several from the church are attending the youth camp services at Laverne. God is richly blessing. We are looking forward to a revival in the near future. Please pray with us that the will of God may be accomplished.

Rev. Earl Malone, Asst. Pastor

L. J. Ehrlich, Pastor

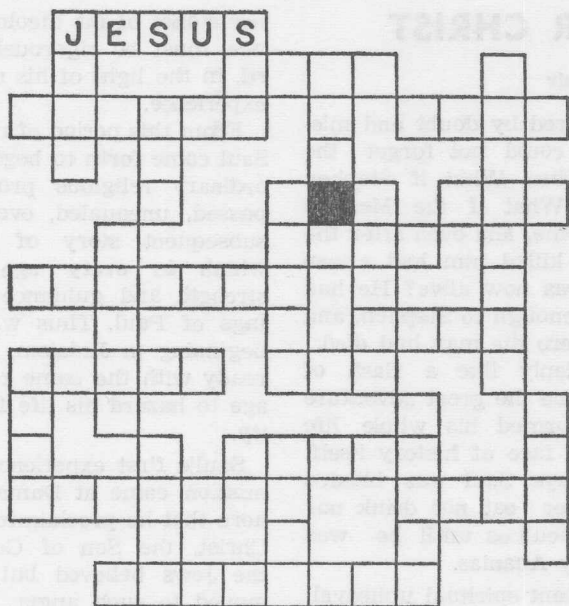
WOODWARD, OKLA—

We have been pastoring the church here since Bro. George Vassar resigned in May. We certainly enjoy working with the people here. The Lord has been blessing and our number is increasing. We had 38 in attendance last Sunday.

We're planning a VBS for the month of August and are praying that the Lord will send a revival in the near future. Sis. Lois Riley has been staying with us since February and has been a blessing.

Roland Haney, pastor

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OBITUARY

Mary Lou Wiles

Funeral services for Mary Lou Wiles, 40, who was killed in a train-car accident Tuesday afternoon, August 1, 1967, were conducted by Rev. F. E. Waterbury in the Guymon, Okla., Methodist church Thursday, August 3, 1967, at 2:30 p.m.

She was the daughter of Roy and Minnie Gaston and was born July 4, 1927, at Sharon, Okla. Mary was united in marriage to Doyle Wiles March 4, 1947, at Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

Mrs. Wiles has been the faithful companion to her husband helping untiringly in his ministry. Rev. and Mrs. Wiles moved to Guymon, Okla., in 1960 from San Diego, California, when he became pastor of the Guymon Chapel. The past three years they have lived at Logan, Okla., where he is presently pastor of the Midway Country Church.

Immediate survivors besides her husband, Doyle, include 1 son, Delvin, of the home; her father, Roy Gaston of Sharon, Okla.; 4 sisters, Mrs. Jim Osborn (Kattie whom they raised), Mrs. Earnest Marwan, Mrs. Erma Shearer, Mrs. James Lively; six brothers: Harold, Donald, Harlo, Lester, Garland, and Clayton Gaston.

Assisting Rev. Waterbury with the service were Rev. Jack Barker and Rev. Edwin Modrick. Music which included "Led By The Master's Hand" and "What A Day That Will Be," was furnished by Rev. Jimmy Wallis, and a quartet composed of Rev. Jack Cornell, Rev. Ted Barker, Rev. Neal Ragan, and Rev. Edwin Modrick. Mrs. F. E. Waterbury was organist.

Casketbearers were: The Revs. Jim Fox, Marcus Adair, M. D. Methvin, Lowell Long, Winston Barker, and Bill Allen.

Church ushers were: Rev. Jake Regier, and Rev. Eugene Cornell. Interment was in the Elmhurst cemetery, Guymon, Oklahoma.

"Just the same," exclaimed Noah's wife, "I'd feel much safer if those two termites were locked up in a metal box." — Mike Burk, Falls Church, Virginia.

JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH

All the words listed below are related to Jesus Christ of Nazareth and are made up of the letters found in that phrase. Can you fit them into the correct spaces in the puzzle design? JESUS is already included, to get you started.

THREE LETTERS

- EAT (on the seashore)
- SEA (sailed on Galilee)
- SON (He was the beloved)
- TEN (lepers came to be healed)
- RAN (Peter and John ran to the tomb)

FOUR LETTERS

- ACTS (This Book speaks of Him)
- EARS (He healed one of the servant's)
- JOHN (His disciple)
- OATH (He made promises)
- RACE (He saved the human race)
- REST (He looked for it at Bethany)
- SENT (He was sent by God)
- STAR (Over Bethlehem)
- TEAR (at Jerusalem)
- TORN (His robe was torn at the cross)
- TREE (The Cross was made from it)

FIVE LETTERS

- CROSS (He died there)
- JESUS (Son of God)
- RISEN (He was this at the tomb)
- TEACH (He did this)
- THREE (His ministry was this many years)
- TRUST (His follower's had this to-

ward Him)

- TRUTH (He taught this)
- STONE (This was rolled away from the tomb)

SIX LETTERS

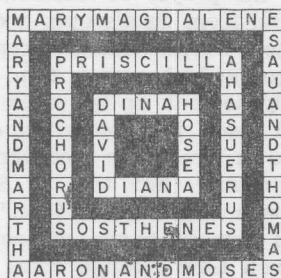
- CHOSEN (The disciples were this)

SEVEN LETTERS

- JERICHO (He told a story about this place)

EIGHT LETTERS

- NAZARETH (He lived here)
- TREASURE (He was this to His followers)



Answer To Last Month's Puzzle

GEM OF TRUTH

"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.

SAUL OF TARUS — PAUL FOR CHRIST

ARTICLE II

By Marcus Adair

Saul's background of Jewish learning and Roman and Greek culture made him a fit-vessel to bear the Gospel to the Gentiles. He appears in Jerusalem, possibly drawn there by the attacks of Stephen on the religion of the Pharisees.

It was at the stoning of Stephen when Saul "tasted" blood. This form of statement may shock one a bit at first. It suggests that he became blood thirsty in his persecution. That is true. He was, indeed, a most respectable persecutor, but blood was on his hands, and he afterwards recognized it with shame and humiliation. "And when they were put to death I gave my vote against them." "And I persecuted this way even unto death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. He could never forgive himself for this lapse from the true moral standards. Saul was led by nature a gentleman, and to think that he had led even lovely women to prison and death "For I am the least of the apostles, that I'm not meet to be called an apostle because I persecuted the church of God." The only consolation about it all that he could get was that he "did it ignorantly in unbelief," but he could never think of himself as aught but the chief of sinners. If Christ could save a sinner like Saul, he felt that no one else need despair.

Saul was horrified at the way in which these followers of Jesus were breaking the law and leading many others into their false teaching. He had longed for some great work which he could do more than merely keeping the Law, some noble service which he might render, and thereby help to bring in the Kingdom and save his own soul. Here was his opportunity. From the high priest he would get authority to stamp out this false teaching. Saul thought that he was coming now into the noblest work of his life. He knew of no higher service which he could give.

That day as he journeyed over the hot dusty road, the young Pharisee was strangely uncomfortable.

He was tortured by doubt and misgivings. He could not forget the face of Stephen. What if Stephen was right? What if the Messiah really had come, and even after the leaders had killed him had arisen again, and was now alive? He had seemed real enough to Stephen, and how like a hero the man had died.

Then suddenly like a flash of lightning came the great adventure which transformed his whole life and even the face of history itself. For three days Saul was blinded and did neither eat nor drink nor regain his faculties until he was prayed for by Ananias.

By this violent spiritual upheaval, Saul the persecutor, became Saul the believer. One of the greatest human figures in Christian History. He was called and destined to spend his life in jeopardy for the sake of the Gospel.

Called as an Apostle born out of due season he was possessed with zeal, courage and deep understanding, equaled by few men.

At last Saul found peace. Trying to put out the fire of the Gospel, he himself became a blazing fire-brand, burning with the desire to carry the Gospel everywhere.

After the prayer of Ananias, the scales fell from Saul's eyes and he saw a new world, with the greatest challenge he had ever known. Immediately he took up his cross and followed Jesus. No history has ever recorded a religious conversion more dramatic than that of Saul. This was a "right about face." He that had wrought havoc, persecuted them even unto strange cities and even consenting unto their death, was now to preach Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

To be alone with God he went for a time to a nearby oasis in the Arabian desert to begin a tremendous inner reconstruction of his religious thinking. For he had not just lightly added Jesus to his Jewish theology, as the Messiah foretold by the prophets; he had seen in Him the transformation of his whole religious world. Law, Scripture, tradition, ceremonial, the cor-

ner stones of his theology and practice must be rigorously re-examined, in the light of his new religious experience.

From this period of re-adjustment Saul came forth to begin that extraordinary religious progress unsurpassed, unequalled, even in all the subsequent story of Christianity, which in every age has found strength and guidance in the findings of Paul. Thus with a stormy beginning in Judaism, he was now ready with the same zeal and courage to hazard his life for Christianity.

Saul's first experience of his new mission came at Damascus. It was here that he proclaimed Jesus to be Christ, the Son of God. Some of the Jews believed but some were moved to such anger, that counsel was made to kill him. It was probably here that Paul found that this way of the Nazarene was to be a way of jeopardy and sacrifice.

While his enemies watched the Gates of Damascus to kill him, he was let down over the wall by friends and escaped with his life.

Without being daunted he hurried on to Jerusalem. Violent foes and devoted friends were to be his fellow-travelers as he launched the most dangerous; yet the most militant and victorious of all Christian missions.

(To Be Continued)

ORGAN FUND

A fund has been established for the purchasing of a new organ for the Bible School Chapel. The \$240.97 in the Verna McKinney Memorial Fund will be used for this fund.

Anyone wishing to donate money, either as a memorial to a loved one or just in giving, may do so by sending it to "Organ Fund—Apostolic Faith Bible School, Box 110, Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Also let us not forget the Fund for the New Girl's Dorm. This fund stands in the amount of \$470. As we give unto the Lord to see His work go forth, He will reward us with many blessings.

"A good sermon consists in saying all that is necessary and nothing that is unnecessary."

ARTICLE V

THE DREAM OF HISTORY

By Robert Girouard

The Revived Roman Empire

As a result of the destruction of Russian military might by the Lord Himself one can expect political uprisings and wars by her satellites and also among other nations. As a result of these wars there will arise in the territory once occupied by the Roman Empire a confederation of ten nations. These ten nations are represented in Daniel 2:40-44, as the feet and toes of the image. This same kingdom is represented in Daniel 7:7, 8, as having ten horns. The ten horns are said to be ten kings. Daniel 7:23, 24; Revelation 13:1; Isaiah 17:12-13; Revelation 17:15.

The scriptures strongly indicate that the World Federation of Churches will have a decisive voice in organizing the revived Roman Empire. This is seen in Revelation 17:3-6 where the false church is seen sitting upon a scarlet colored beast having seven heads and ten horns. The fact that "Mystery Babylon" sits upon the beast indicates that she is a state church supported by the Beast Kingdom or that she exerts a dominating influence in the affairs of the Kingdom, or both.

Notice the color of the woman's vestments. Purple and scarlet. Verse 4. Scarlet is the distinctive color of the Roman Catholic Church. The inner cloak of the Pope is scarlet, the carriage in which he rides is scarlet, the carpet that is placed for him to walk on is scarlet. The cardinal's hats, cloaks and stockings are scarlet.

Archbishops wear a purple robe. Her riches, verse four. The Pope's vestment at enthronement is incrustated with precious stones. The Pope's miter is heavy with gold and precious stones. Some of her cathedrals are treasure houses of gold, silver, pearls, and precious stones. She possesses vast income producing properties. Madison Square Garden in New York City is owned by the Roman Catholic Church.

The Pope aspires to unite all churches into a world church of which he will be the head or Chief

Daniel 2:31-45

Bishop.

We quote, "In urging a unification of all Christians the pontiff said, we lay no snares. If we are in any way to blame for the separation (of Christians) we humbly beg God's forgiveness and ask pardon, too, of our separated brethren."

"Such a universal church, the Pope said, could permit a great variety of expressions of faith and forms of worship while maintaining the organic harmony of a single ecclesiastical control." The control of course of the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church.

It is our belief that the wars that will follow the destruction of Russia will so exhaust and prostrate the nations of Europe that only the voice and influence of the Pope as head of the World Federation of Churches will be able to bring order out of chaos. It seems that for a short time the Pope and the World Church will practically rule the world. But not for long, the ten kings will turn against her and destroy her. Revelation 17:16, 17. That will probably take place at the beginning of the reign of Anti-Christ. Revelation 13:5.

The Reasons For The Formation Of This Federation

Until Russian power is destroyed by the Lord the greatest threat to peace in the world will be Russia. Once Russia is eliminated as a threat to peace the ten nations that will arise in Europe will unite their strength for mutual protection and we believe to promote peace. Revelation 17:12, 13.

We are giving two suggested interpretations of the opening of the first seal in Revelation 6:1, 2. Bible students differ as to who the white horse rider will be. We are not sure enough in our own mind to be positive in our teaching on this subject. We give the first suggested interpretation:

Revelation 6:2. White horse. The color of peace or righteousness. "A bow." The bow is a symbol of God's word. Habakkuk 8, 9. "He went forth conquering and to conquer." The expression denotes continuous

action. After the rapture many people will realize what has taken place and will begin to testify about it even unto death. Verse 9. Multitudes will take a stand for the Lord. Revelation 7: 9-17. Revelation 7:14 literally translated reads: "And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, these are they which came out of the tribulation the great one." The Bible tells us that "when thy judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." Isaiah 26:9. The white horse rider with the bow symbolizes the conquest of God's word during the first part of the tribulation period.

The second suggested interpretation: Christ is the one who takes the Book and opens the seals, and when the first seal is broken by Christ the rider goes forth. Christ cannot be the opener of the seals and the seal itself. The rider is the personal Anti-Christ who is given a crown as the head of the ten federated kingdoms.

A horse is a symbol of war-aggression. White is a symbol of peace as well as of righteousness. The Anti-Christ will lead a vigorous peace crusade. He will wage a campaign for peace. Most positive assurances of peace will be given. The cry will be peace and safety. I Thessalonians 5:3. The gospel preached by the white horse rider will be peace through world federation. We know from Revelation 6:3, 4 that this campaign of Anti-Christ will fail and that the world will be bathed in blood.

We believe that both interpretations contain elements of truth.

A second reason for this federation is to promote trade and commerce. The present common market in six of the nations of Europe is a small sample of what may be expected. Revelation 13: 16, 17; Revelation 18:9-19.

(To Be Continued)

There is no totally satisfactory substitute for brains—but silence does very well.

The preaching of the Apostle Paul always had results. Wherever he preached, he either had a revival or a riot—usually both.

How To Treat Your Pastor

By Marilyn Heiliger

Pastors have so many duties forced on them that it is almost impossible to find enough time to study, pray and counsel those in need.

IS TODAY'S MINISTER under too much pressure? As a director of Christian education and a pastor's assistant, I say "yes." And not the least of his burdens is the fact that so few in the average congregation appreciate the kind of pressure he faces.

For one thing, his time is not his own. At any time of the day or night his phone is apt to ring—and usually does. It may be a simple request for information or it may be a real emergency. A would-be suicide pleads for help, a distraught wife has just been beaten by a drunken husband, someone has been rushed to the hospital for emergency surgery. And always the plea, "Pastor, can you come right now?"

He must be all things to all men. A minister today must be able to handle a staff and manage an office, write articles, serve as consultant for weddings and funerals, and counsel his parishioners on topics ranging from vocational guidance to marital and premarital problems. He may be called on at any time to entertain as master of ceremonies at a banquet, teach a Sunday School class or coach the church softball team practicing on a vacant lot. In every other profession a man is a specialist. But in the ministry he must be a jack-of-all-trades.

And somewhere in the midst of it all he must remind himself that his real calling is to preach the gospel. That involves time for study, preparation and prayer.

Emotionally, this jack-of-all-trades profession can be very difficult. One pastor remarked, "Sometimes I find it hard to shift gears. I visit in the home of a family that has just lost a child. I offer comfort to the distressed parents, but I also grieve with them for I, too, am a parent. A few minutes later I drive to the church where some of the men are redecorating the Sunday School rooms. They are laughing and jok-

ing and I'm expected to join in. But my feelings are still back with those grieving parents: and I have no right to burden my men with what I've just been through. It's hard to shift gears."

The counseling ministry today is consuming an ever increasing amount of the minister's time. Few pastors are trained to do counseling in depth. In many cases the best aid they can give is to refer people with serious psychological problems to a psychiatrist or psychologist. But there are many problems, particularly those in the spiritual realm, with which the minister can and must deal. He recognizes this an important part of his ministry—but it is a time consuming one.

Conflicting standards for the ministry, and also for the minister's children, can be a real source of frustration. A minister is expected to live an exemplary life—and this is right. But don't forget he's human.

On the vital issues of life it's a pretty cut-and-dried matter. But on some of the lesser issues, who is to be the final authority? In one area a minister spends his day off relaxing on the golf course: In another part of the country playing golf is considered "worldly." Is the parishioner always right in condemning?

The same question applies in regard to the minister's children. If the attitudes of church people toward them could be narrowed down to two, it would probably be those who love 'em to death and those who expect too much from them. Some will pamper and spoil the children because "they're the preacher's little darlings." But others will hold them up for public example at every opportunity and raise an I-told-you-so-eye-brow when the PKs do something wrong.

A better solution would be to expect no more and no less from them than you do from any other child. The more any person is forced to be an example, especially a child, the more likely he is to want to rebel.

Discouragement is no respecter

of persons and it probably strikes your pastor more often than he would like. A minister's job consists, in essence, of moving other people: to work, to pray, to serve, to give. And what if those people refuse to be moved? A pastor can only be as effective as his people let him be.

Because of the minister's close relationship to God he is expected to have within him the resources and the strength to overcome evil, to combat discouragement and to avert temptation. But isn't it possible that his church people subject him to needless pressures that the Lord never intended him to have? The ministry is a two-way street. A minister has a right to expect cooperation and help, not just criticism. From my vantage point as a church worker where I have seen first hand the interaction between a pastor and his people let me share some ways that you can help your minister.

HOW TO HELP YOUR PASTOR

Don't call his home unless you have a good reason. If you do don't hesitate to call. He wants to serve you. But calls to inquire what time a meeting starts or what somebody's address is, are often needless. If the same information can be obtained from the church office or another church member, try jingling their phone for awhile. Answering the phone a Zillion times a day can be hard on the minister's wife, too. If she had wanted to be a switchboard operator she would have married another man.

Give him adequate time off each year, and don't make him feel guilty for taking a vacation. Remember how much getting away from it all helps you keep your head above water. Not to mention the new enthusiasm for the job at hand that comes when you've gotten away for awhile. Two weeks vacation per year should be the very minimum. Three weeks or a month is even better. Send him off with your blessings. If he feels guilty for leaving, he might just as well stay home for all the good that vacation will do him.

Don't ask the pastor to do things that are your responsibility. Mrs. Andrews calls up and says, "Pastor, my neighbor is not a Christian.

Would you go and call on her?" With a little probing he discovers that Mrs. Andrews has never once talked to her neighbor about spiritual matters, and obviously she feels a little guilty about this. So instead of doing the job herself she tries to push it off on the pastor.

But that's not his job. He is called to train Mrs. Andrews—and every other member of his congregation—so she will be equipped to witness to her neighbors. After that, if a call from the pastor would really be helpful he'll be glad to go. But not until.

Allow him the privilege of saying no. It's Friday night. The older adult class is having a fellowship dinner. The church softball league is playing its final game of the season. The building committee is meeting to discuss repaving the north end of the parking lot. "Pastor, will you come? Speak at the dinner . . . cheer the softball team . . . help decide which asphalt company to contact. No? But, Pastor, aren't you interested? Don't you care?"

Obviously he can't be everywhere at once. Besides, Friday night just might be the only night he has free this week to take his family on the outing he's been promising them for the past several months.

And remember this. Most people attend church services, socials and committee meetings by choice. The pastor is expected to want to attend everything. Let him do or not do something once in awhile because he enjoys it or wants to attend, and not always because it is his duty.

Respect his day off. Whether it is Saturday, Monday, or some other day, he needs that day off. Sunday, for the minister or any other church staff worker, is not a day of rest. It is probably the hardest day they work all week in terms of the strain involved in preaching, teaching, conducting choirs, playing the organ, of being constantly before the public. The following day the "minister's letdown" sets in!

If an emergency arises on your minister's day off, don't hesitate to contact him. He would be sorry if you didn't. But it's those needless little unimportant phone calls (the things that could wait until tomor-

row), stops by the house just to visit, or meetings that could be scheduled another time that make his day anything but a day of rest. Most people get two days off per week. See to it that your minister gets at least one.

Let him just be a Christian. He loves people and is called to serve all people, not just the good ones. Don't expect him to take sides or to favor one group over another. Avoid jumping to conclusions about some of his actions. Often there are specific reasons behind those actions that you know nothing about. His concern must be for the good of the whole church and of individuals in particular.

Lay people can minister to their pastor. One pastor tells of a man in his church who ministered to him in a unique way. Occasionally he would call up and say, "Pastor, how about going out to lunch with me?" Then as they talked together over lunch he would say, "Is there any thing on your heart you'd like to share with someone, Pastor?" And he—the layman—would prepare to listen. Once they even went away for a couple of days and just rested and prayed together.

This same pastor reports that sometimes that same layman, or another, would say, "Pastor, I think you should know how the people feel about things." And he appreciated his people leveling with him too.

In another church for many years the minister had a special group of three men with whom he could sit down at any time and discuss anything that was on his heart. Whether it was a suggestion for improvement or a complaint, this minister could talk to these men heart to heart and in confidence. Such rapport with his people is of inestimable value to a minister—and to the congregation as well.

Remember, the pastor has no pastor. But there are times when he, like you, needs to just talk to someone. If the lines of communication are open a lay person can be a tremendous help to his minister in this way.

Don't fail to uphold him in prayer. Effective praying for your minister is much more than, "Lord, bless the pastor." It means anticipa-

ting his special needs, asking God to enlighten his mind and renew his spirit as he prepares his sermons, then praying for the Spirit's power as he stands to preach. And as he counsels people in their problems, remember that he needs the wisdom and discernment God will give in answer to your prayers.

A minister is just as human as you are—and his personal devotional life isn't maintained any easier. Pray for his day-by-day spiritual refreshing. And when you recognize particular pressures which he is facing, pray about them. Many a struggling, mediocre pastor has been lifted to a higher plane of service—and his church has been blessed—simply because his people prayed.

Wherever a church is what it should be spiritually, you'll see the pastor and people pulling together. You expect a great deal from your minister. Are you helping him? After all, the ministry is a two-way street.

Taken from the Good News Broadcaster —

Open For Calls

I hardly know if this is the title that I want but at least it will make possible what I want to say. Both of us will be teaching in the Apostolic Faith Bible School here in Baxter. We would like to minister to you for week-end services and later on in revivals as the Lord leads and time permits. We are to be in Denver, Colorado, for one service Wednesday night, August 16th, and for one week in Liberal, Kansas, August 20th to 27th. Please open your doors for us, and let us know when we can help you. Pray for us that the Lord will give us what we need to help you most.

Rev. and Mrs. Gail Schultz

There's the Devil to brave, and a world to save,

There is work for us all to do; Yet we sit and complain, and scarce breathe His name,

While His service is done by the few!

—Anon.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We've adopted a Boy!
His name is Richard Todd
And he was born April 27, 1967
Richard Todd became a member
of our family July 7, 1967.
Rev. and Mrs. Homer Allen.

Announcing my Arrival!
Mother's mighty happy—
Daddy wears a grin
Both are feeling mighty proud
Since the stork dropped in!
I arrived June 5, 1967
My name is Curtis Neal
I weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz.
My folks are:
Mr. and Mrs. Glenford Bensch.

**WORK — STUDY TOUR
OF MEXICO**

August 29—September 4

This will be a tour designed for Educational and Spiritual Development. You will travel with young Christian people and visit places of Mission projects and points of interest.

Anyone interested in this tour leaving from San Antonio may contact Marcus Adair, Box 844, Canyon, Texas, for more information. A \$25 deposit will make your reservation. Total tour fee of \$125 includes transportation from San Antonio, Texas, to Mexico City and return, sight-seeing trips as indicated in itinerary, lodging in Mexico, (meals included).

WHAT IS A YOUTH?

A youth is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is going to sit where you are sitting and, when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends on him. He will assume control of your cities, states and nations. He is going to move in and take over your church, schools, universities, and corporations. All your books are going to be judged, praised or condemned by him. The fate of humanity is in his hands. So it might be well to pay him some attention.

—Freedom Club News

Teachers Notebook

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- C. Did I know the songs and use them naturally?
- D. Did I use illustrative materials to clarify the truth?
- E. Did the children respond to the lesson by making new discoveries, expressing ideas by story play?
- F. Did I honestly enjoy being with the children?
- G. Did each child receive individual attention?
- H. Did I know the needs of each child and prepare the lesson to meet the need?
- I. Was I familiar with the Scripture background and the Bible story so I could talk the background?
- J. Did the lesson become part of their learning experience now?
- K. Did each child have an opportunity to express himself?
- L. Were truths experienced by the children?
- M. Was the language of the child used to avoid confusion?

PAUL'S VALEDICTORY—

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Paul, the matchless servant of Jesus, finished his earthly course, but his work did not cease. He is definitely more influential today than while he was on earth. He lives on and on through the lives he has influenced. He lives on through the New Testament books that he wrote; books that interpret Christianity. Successful Christianity of the twentieth century owe their success to the ideals of Paul and Paul's ideals were the ideals of Jesus and his methods were his Master's methods. We can find Christ more easily because Paul saw him so clearly. His highest hope was realized when men turned to Jesus with all their heart. Won't you turn to Him today? Paul's last words for posterity form his final benediction: "The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen." (II Tim. 4:22).

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and Morning Star.

My hope in the Lord is great this day. Look up these Scriptures and rejoice in them.

Acts 24:14-15. Have hope toward God.

Rom. 5:1-5 Rejoice in hope of the Glory of God.

Rom. 8:24 Things for which we hope.

Rom. 15:4 In the Scriptures we have hope.

1 Cor. 13:3 Now abideth hope.

I Cor. 15:19 We have a hope beyond Phil. 1:20 According to my hope.

Titus 1:2 Hope of eternal life.

Heb. 3:6 Have hope firm unto the end.

I Pet. 1:3 A lively hope.

There are many more of these but ten is an abundant witness, so let us all have hope till He comes again.

With Christian Love
Gail Schultz