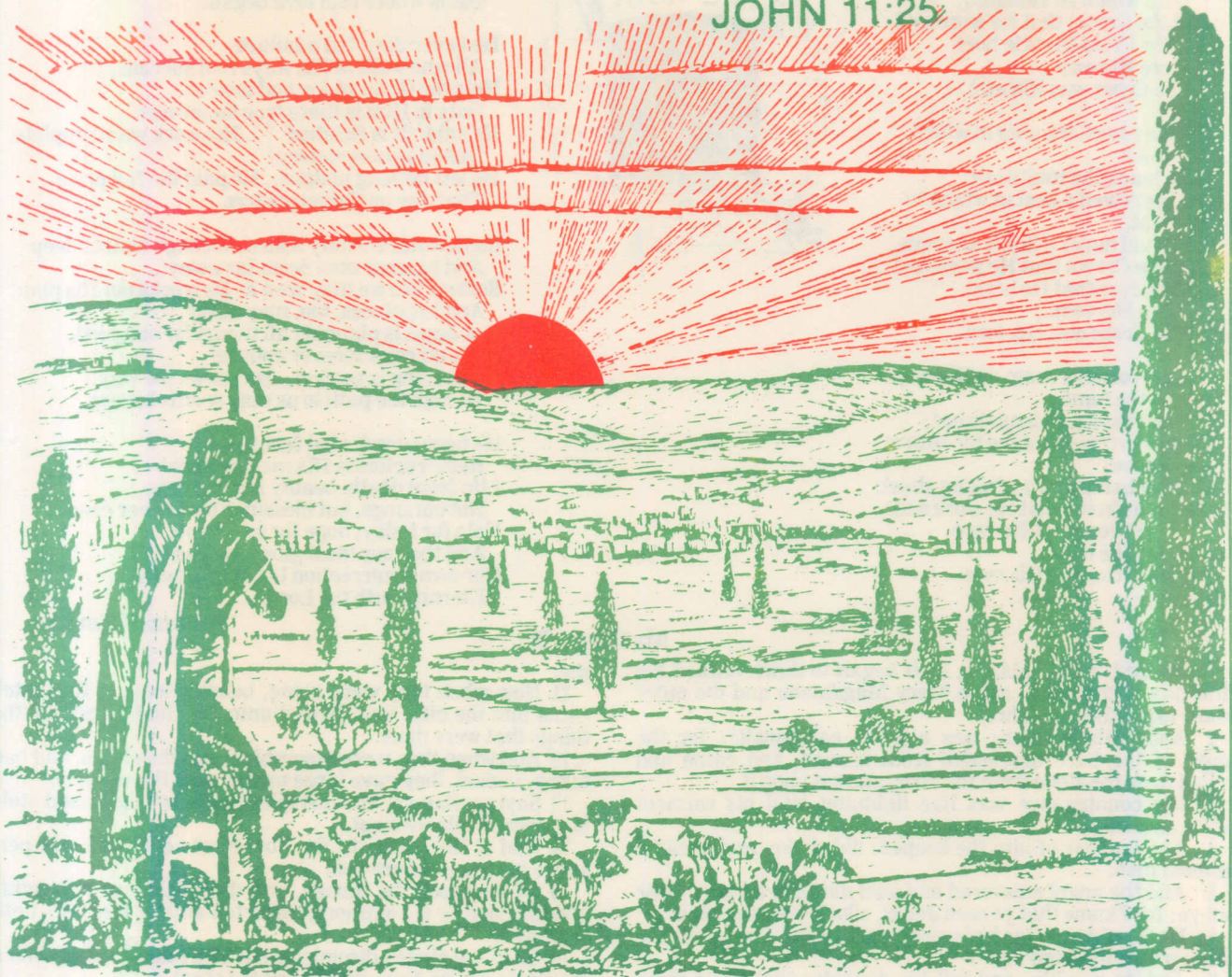


# “I am the Resurrection and the Life!”

JOHN 11:25



The

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THE CROSS WAS HIS OWN...

They borrowed a bed to lay His  
head  
When Christ the Lord came down;  
They borrowed the ass in the  
mountain pass  
For Him to ride to town;  
But the Crown that he wore and  
the Cross that He bore  
Were His own...  
The Cross was His own.

He borrowed the bread when the  
crowd He fed  
On the grassy mountain side;  
He borrowed the dish of broken  
fish  
With which he satisfied;  
But the Crown that He wore and  
the Cross that He bore  
Were His own...  
The Cross was His own.

He borrowed the ship in which  
to sit  
To teach the multitude;  
He borrowed a nest in which to  
rest,  
He had never a home so crude;  
But the Crown that He wore and  
the Cross that He bore  
Were His own...  
The Cross was His own.

He borrowed a room on His way  
to the tomb,  
The Passover Lamb to eat;  
They borrowed a cave for Him a  
grave;  
They borrowed a winding sheet;  
But the Crown that He wore and  
the Cross that He bore  
Were His own...  
The Cross was His own.



RESURRECTIONS

Jesus never conducted funerals...  
He conducted resurrections!  
His ministry is always positive,  
His creations all perfections!  
His gifts are good and perfect gifts,  
No confusion or despair from His hand;  
Sad hearts and shipwrecked lives  
Were not His blueprint for man.

He never engineered a broken part...  
But He mends, and parts are made whole.  
Sickness is not the work of His hand...  
But healing of body, mind, and soul.  
He never caused a broken home...  
Divorce and unkept vows were not His plan;  
He did His first miracle at a marriage...  
HE is where real love began!

He never directed a failure;  
All who walk in His ways find success;  
He's the Giver of joy and peace...  
Only in Him is there true happiness.  
He said "It is finished" ...His work was complete,  
Defeat is now victory!  
He left nothing undone...He paid the full price  
That day on Calvary's tree.

Sometimes He may lead us through waters deep  
And success may seem far away...  
Sometimes we may wait as He works out His plan.  
And happiness, too, may delay,  
But Jesus is planning all things for our good,  
His mercies forever endure!  
His leading is perfect...He knows the way,  
Though the path to us may seem obscure.

He never conducted funerals...  
Resurrection is His masterpiece!  
Life from death, beauty from ashes...  
Not cursings, but blessings that never cease!  
Help for today, hope for tomorrow...  
And then our most glorious reward...  
Our own resurrection to life everlasting,  
Eternity with the Lord!

Barbara Waterbury

Matthew 28

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead, and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy: and did run to bring his disciples word.

9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see

me.  
11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers.

13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.





# Over 40 Years

Mrs. Elma Alicia Greever  
319 S. Bernice  
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Friends the following is a brief story of my life. My parents were James Robert Teague and Alice Melva (Jenkins) Teague. I was born October 24, 1888 and raised in a humble country home 1½ miles north of Alba, MO., a rather small town in southwest Missouri. Perhaps to many it would be made clearer to say 10 miles northwest of Carthage, MO. At the age of 20 in the year of 1908 under deep conviction I repented with a godly sorrow for all sins I had committed and was given a "Peace" I had never known before. This took place at an inland town 3 miles to the northeast of the Teague home. This town named Preston was almost completely destroyed by the Civil War. My parents were members of the Methodist Church there but the meeting where my life was changed from darkness unto light was in the Presbyterian Church. For a radius of 3 miles in every direction (quite a distance in 1908) the community was stirred with the message of repentance. Many were saved. Well as was the custom my next move was to join the church and by being sprinkled for baptism I joined the Methodist Church. With such a marvelous peace impossible for me to describe, my soul from day to day was so hungry and thirsty for more of God's righteousness. At age 22 years I left my parents as the bride of Edwin Adams Greever going to the Panhandle of Texas to a home 15 miles from Ochiltree to the west and 15 miles from Hansford to the east. In 1919 when a railroad was built through our part of the country Ochiltree moved to Perryton and Hansford to Spearman. In 1919 Ed and I heard three sisters May, Bess and Eva Morton were in charge of a revival in the Baptist Church in Ochiltree, so we decided to go. The first sermon that fell from the lips of Eva Morton convinced me that was what I had been longing for and we were there every night. Oh such messages with the power of the Holy Ghost both in Word and song. The Holy Ghost fell at the beginning of the 1900's in Topeka, Kansas in a school under the direction of Charles F. Parham and the glorious news rapidly spread here and there. And you may be sure it was what I had been longing for. Ed and I asked these sisters to come our way for a revival. This they consented to do and were with our family for 3 straight months. The first month they held revival at Wawaka, 6 miles north of the Greever home held in a school house. The second month at the Black schoolhouse in our community and the third month in the theater building in Spearman. A place of worship was soon erected in Wawaka and Spearman. As for me the one important thing was to seek God until my hunger and thirst was quenched. At the Wawaka meeting I surrendered soul, spirit and body, the Lord accepted my offering, cleansed the sin nature with which I was born, sanctified and made holy and set me apart

for his glory and from that very night has been my Great Physician. (By the stripes Jesus bore Isaiah said "ye are healed" and in 1 Peter "by whose stripes ye were healed.) Oh praise God I've found it to be so. AND MY DEAR FRIENDS IT WAS IN THIS SAME MEETING after consecrating my life I began to tarry for the Holy Ghost, the gift of God and was at the altar 6 full hours. Generally speaking the audience remained and I was told some said she will be sick, but what does God say to that? Isaiah 40:31- But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary and they shall walk and not faint. I did not receive and for two years following at any altar service I was there waiting and seeking for this precious promise. In a tent revival on Paloduro Creek under the direction of Irene Dilworth I was there seeking, she came to me and said you are just as stubborn as one can be, go through today or not at all. Well whether that did the work or not I prayed through and all there for two hours listened to me testify, sing and preach in another language and thank God. Since living, walking and being led of the Spirit I have been able to surrender or let Him speak.

I was happy and rejoicing for awhile but awakened to the fact the Lord had equipped me for service and I said to the Lord, "look what Bro. Parham and many others are doing for you and I am doing nothing." At that time I opened my Bible to the book of Ruth and as she was told by Boaz to remain in that field to labor, so plainly I was told to remain where I lived to labor for the Lord. So definitely it came to me and by God's grace this I have tried to do. Oh it seems with all that has taken place throughout 67 years of communication with my Lord and striving to do his will if all could be written it would fill pages upon pages. I just can't find words to give praise due to Him.

Since Jan. 1931 by inspiration I have written 200 hymns or spiritual songs and 100 poems. The only effort on my part is to use my pen. When words for a song is written I go to the piano and the melody is given for them. "To God be the Praise." It is certainly wonderful while we are in the mortal body to live, walk and be led by the Spirit with our citizenship in heaven.

Now nearing the 100 milestone in my life (Oct. 24, 1988) my goings and comings are not what they were in years past but I am still listening to know what He would have me do. On Jan. 20th, 1985 I heard His still small voice waking me early that morning after a perfect night's sleep and this is what I heard. "Write an article every week and have it published in your home town newspaper. The title is to be "TO GOD A NOTE OF THANKS." This was one of the greatest surprises of my spiritual life but knowing the voice of God I lost no time in going to see the Editor and publisher to know what he had to say about it. His reply "Let the good work go on." The Lord bless him for without his cooperation it would not have been done the past 28 months. I have found it so good to labor in the same field with our dedicated pastors Leland and Edna Lee Grimmer for the past few years. With all of us wherever we may be in the world our part is to sow the seed and to water it but to God be the praise who gives the increase. Again I thank you Lord for your promise if we are faithful until the end we will hear you say "Enter thou into the joy of the Lord" immortality, eternal life.





## Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.

### 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 Savior Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Savior. 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 29:8-9.
  - Destruction of the Wicked.
  - Conditional Immortality.
  - Rapture of the Man Child Class.
  - Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.
  - A Ministry supported by tithes and offerings.
- 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 consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

**Pearls of Promise**  
I will not leave you  
comfortless: I will come  
to you.

**John 14:18**

## Alumni Banquet

Dear Alumni and A.F.B.C. Supporters,

Plans are well underway for our 2nd Annual Alumni Banquet and special fun times. We hope you are joining with us in planning to attend and will bring others with you. Our banquet and time together a year ago was indeed a great happening.

This year's banquet will be held May 13th at the same location (Holiday Inn) Joplin, MO. We'll begin registration and fellowship at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner to begin at 6:30 p.m.

We do hope you will be present for all the closing services and activities of A.F.B.C. Again this year we'll have a picnic and fun time starting at 12:00 noon (Friday, May 13th); there will be softball, volleyball and etc. So bring ball playing clothes and plan to join the fun.

Of course a big part of the fun is seeing your old classmates and friends. naturally they will all have aged more than you!

You need to send in your reservation immediately along with \$12.50 for banquet expenses to A.F.B.C., P O Box 110, Baxter Springs, KS 66713.

Our entertainment this year will be by former singing groups of the College. It will be good to hear them again.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Alumni and Friends Banquet.

A.F.B.C. Alumni President  
Jack Cornell

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## SIX TEACHINGS OF JESUS

Matt: 7:6-29

"Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you."

These are the words of Jesus as he taught his disciples on the mountain. Matt. 5:1-2. There are no greater words than those taught by Jesus. He was the Divine Son of God and understood all things about life. He took upon himself the form of man to be tempted in all points like as we are, so he would know how to help us in the every day problems of life. He knew hunger. He knew want. He knew satisfaction. He knew real joy. He knew tumult and He knew peace. In all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

I have six things from the lips of Jesus. (1) How to handle the gospel. (2) How to get our needs supplied. (3) How to choose life's path. (4) How to detect false prophets. (5) How to avoid hypocrisy and (6) How to build a Christian life.

"Give not that which is holy unto dogs—neither cast ye your pearls before swine."

Jesus does not promise to back anyone that goes out promoting the gospel. Yes, we are to tell the lost about God's plan of salvation. But we are to be directed by the Holy Ghost. There is a time and place to tell the good news. There are hungry hearts that need to hear the gospel. There are hardened hearts that are ready to rend when presented with the gospel. We cannot look into these hearts so we must rely upon the leading of the Holy Ghost and then be ready to tell the good news.

Also the good news—the gospel—God's plan of salvation is such a precious thing. Purchased by the Jewel of Heaven at a terrible price. God is not pleased with us wasting such a precious thing on hardened, unconcerned hearts. If the Holy Ghost cannot mellow their hearts with conviction we will only antagonize them with the simple truth.

I can assure you that some will trample the beautiful story of the gospel under feet, crucifying the Saviour anew and turn and rend you. They will take you to a verbal onslaught and even do you bodily harm. Jesus simply says—"Be careful with the precious Gospel."

Verses 7 through 12. (2) How to get our needs supplied. "Ask and it shall be given you; Seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."

I am impressed with the simplicity of Christ's teaching. A need appears. Ask God, in the name of Jesus. It is just that simple. This covers all the scope of life; spiritual; physical; large; small—what ever the need. The need is not supplied—seek. It still is not supplied—Knock. That's very wonderful. Just be honest hearted with God and do what he says. Ask; seek; knock. The answer will come.

To give us some assurance Jesus left a very emphatic illustration. Verses 9 through 12.—

(9) "Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?"

(10) "Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?"

(11) "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"

Jesus concluded this with a very special point. Verse 12, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets".

We are not to expect others to do something for us. We are to do something for others and then we can expect something nice to come our way. This is what it is all about.

Verses 13-14—item 3—How to choose life's path. "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

(14) "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

There are only two ways. The choice is ours. It is an individual choice. No one can choose for another. The crowd is going the wide gate and broad way to destruction. The few choose the strait gate and narrow way to life. Notice the narrow way has a strait gate. That means confined. Everything must be laid aside. We have to be honest with God and Jesus to get in the strait gate and only you and Jesus can walk the narrow way.

Item number 4—"How to detect false prophets." Verses 15-20.

(15) "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

(16) "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?"

(17) "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit."

(18) "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

(19) "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."

(20) "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

One of the main items is to love the truth. Be honest with God. The key is verse 18—"A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." There is no way deceit can prosper. Eventually the truth will win out. A good tree cannot bear evil fruit. It is just that simple. A corrupt tree cannot bear good fruit. The words of Jesus are so wonderful. And they are so simple.

Item number 5—How to avoid hypocrisy. Verses 21 through 23.

(21) "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." (22) "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?"

(23) "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

This is hypocrisy—professing to know God and not knowing God in reality. It takes more than belief in God. The devils believe—they know that Jesus is the Christ. It takes more than that. Anyone can say Jesus is the Christ. He rightly is but to say Jesus is the Christ by the Holy Ghost means much, much more. It means a cleansing of the heart. A personal knowledge and acquaintance with Jesus. You see without knowing Jesus they are hypocrites and Jesus does not know them.

Item number 6—How to build a Christian Life. Verses 24-27.

(24) "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock."

(25) "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

(26) "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand."

(27) "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and beat upon the house; and it fell and great was the fall of it."

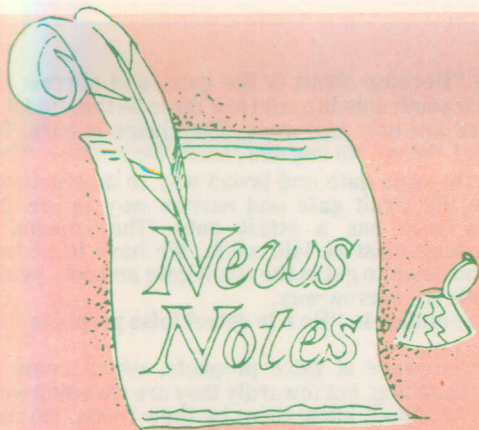
The secret here is to dig down to the rock—the Rock Jesus Christ. Then use good material, gold, silver, precious stone. Something that will stand the test. The test of fire. It is not difficult to understand that building on the sand and using wood, hay or second rate material is not good. Give God your best. Put your entire being into service for Jesus. The bottom line is this: time will tell how we have built.

Jesus had a doctrine. It was the doctrine of God. Jesus came to do the will of the Father. He did just that. His simple words hold the answer to life's problems. He still teaches with authority. I love the simple teachings of Christ.

Rev. Donald D. Dibbens

A.F. REPORT





## Guymon, Okla.

In August of 1987 I accepted the invitation to pastor the Panhandle Bible Center in Guymon, Oklahoma. These has certainly been exciting months for us, facing the challenge we found here. These are some of the most dedicated people that I have been privileged to work with.

The Lord has certainly blessed us with His presence. As a church, we have set our mind to the task of "...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

In September our church suffered a terrible loss when Larry and Susie Wolf were tragically killed in an automobile accident. They were foundation pillars in our congregation. They have been sorely missed. In September, the Watchmen Quartet visited our church and certainly were a blessing to us. On October 4, our church was blessed by the Apostolic Bible College Choir. It was so nice have this group. In the latter part of October, our church was so blessed again by Bro. and Mrs. Jim Fox in a wonderful revival. We felt so fortunate to have the Foxes. In January Evergreen was with us and needless to say, they were a blessing.

We are looking forward to the summer activities. We will have several from our church attend the Youth Camp at Laverne. We are in hopes at least most of the Apostolic Bible College Alumni from Guymon will be able to attend the graduation and alumni banquet this year. Some of our congregation has already expressed their desire to attend camp meeting this year.

We would love for the ministers of the Faith to visit us at any time.

May God bless,  
Ted Barker, Pastor

### Joplin Southside Trinity Apostolic Faith Church

The Lord continues to bless in so many ways and we give all praise and glory to Him.

In February we were happy to have Bro. E.K. Cornell, Laverne, Oklahoma in service with us. He brought a wonderful message to us. We also enjoyed having Kevin and Tena Cornell and children, Berryville, Ark. in the same service. Bro. Kevin ministered to us in song.

March was a busy month for us. Bro. and Sis. Neil Ragan were with us March 1-6 in revival. God blessed as the messages came forth each night and lives were drawn closer to Him. On the 19th of March several attended the District Alumni Banquet at the Bible School.

March 27th we enjoyed the ministry and fellowship of Evergreen. We are thankful for these that minister so beautifully.

As we think of the Easter season our hearts are filled with gratitude and thanksgiving for the price that was paid for our salvation. Without Jesus how lost we would be!

We invite any of you to come worship with us when you are in the area. Pray for us that we may reach the lost before it is too late.

O.A. Busch-Pastor

April - May 1988

## Ministers - Thank You

Thanks for another issue of the Report. I enjoy the older ministers sharing with us the forty years and more with us that they have given to the Lord in the gospel work. May the Lord continue to bless them in their retirement or semi-retirement years as they still hoist high the royal Banner of our coming King. And we trust it shall be soon.

Sincerely and Prayers,  
Mrs. M.C. Wallingford  
Franklin, Texas



### DODSON

Randy and Lori Dodson announce the birth of their daughter, Danielle Renee on Dec. 10, 1987. She weighed 7 lbs. 15½ oz and was 20 inches long. She has a two year old brother, Cody Wayne. Her grandparents are Roger and Thelma Ross of Granby, MO. and James and Betty Dodson of Neosho, MO. Greatgrandparents are Leslie and Vercie Reynolds and Ruth Ross of Granby, MO. Her great grandparents are Mary Childress, Aurora, MO. and Charlie Reynolds of the state of Arkansas.

### MORRIS

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Morris pastors of the Apostolic Faith Church in Pinehill, Alabama announce the birth of their first child, a son, Jeffrey Cade. He was born on Feb. 6, 1988. He weighed 9 lbs. 6 oz and was 23 inches long.

### Robinson

God has blessed our home with a son!

Drew Brennan Robinson was born Feb 28, 1988 to Danny and Rae Mona Robinson. He weighed 9 lbs. ½ oz and 19½ inches long. Drew has an older sister, Marissa. His grandparents are Danny and Pat Robinson of Balko, OK.

### 60th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Eiland celebrated 60 years of marriage on Nov. 19, 1987. Their children and spouses held a reception in their honor Nov. 28 at the Recreation Acres Full Gospel Church in Houston, Texas. Belva and J. C. Barron, Conroe, TX., Carolyn and Ronnie Hunt, Glendale, Arizona; Roland and Sherry Eiland, Pleasanton, Texas, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren welcomed about approximately 100 guests at the reception.



A.F. REPORT





Mildred Alicia Ditto, 69, of Ganado, Texas died July 27, 1987 in a Victoria Hospital following a short illness.

Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church of Edna with the Revs. O. A. Busch, Marcus Adair and Joe Webb officiating. Songs were sung by Buddy and Doris Stanberry and Norma Jean Doty, accompanied at the piano by Rita Scott.

Mrs. Ditto was born August 29, 1917 in Katy to the late Fred D. and Ruth Monigold Peck. She married Wallace E. Ditto March 26, 1939 in Katy.

She was faithful in worship and lived an exemplary Christian life. For many years she taught Sunday School and youth services. She also played the piano and sang special music. She was employed by Citizens State Bank in Ganado for 30 years.

Survivors include her husband, Wallace E. Ditto of Ganado; a daughter, Alicia Kay Mott of Austin; a son, W. Dale Ditto of Del City, OK; two sisters, Lela Kathryn Busch and Floy Ruth Stockdick both of Katy; a brother, Leonard Peck of Houston; and four grandchildren, Kaelyn Koch, Kevin Cook, Shandra Ditto and Sammy Ditto.

#### Thank You

Words fail to express our deep appreciation for all the prayers, calls, flowers, offerings of love, and words of encouragement sent to us during the loss of our loved one, Stella Cornell.

Your outpouring of love and concern helped to lighten our sorrow. And the many that travelled to be with us will never be forgotten. Below is a reading sent to us by a dear friend that helps to express our love for Mother and Wife. And we ask that God will bless each of you for your acts of kindness  
E.K. Cornell

Yvonna and Howard Whiteley  
Lachelle and Lynn  
Bill and Iris Cornell  
Rhonda and Ashley Woods  
Jacqueline and Butch Watkins and boys  
Yvonna and David Mallet  
Jack and Kathryn Cornell  
Tonya and Tony Weston and boys  
Kevin and Tena Cornell and family

#### Hands

I held her hands in mine and they were very thin and worn,  
But they held mine just as tightly as the day I was born.

Those tender and expressive hands etched by work and care,  
Have folded O'er my bedside many times in humble prayer.

They'd washed for me, they'd fed me  
They helped me be a man...  
There's a little of our LORD HIMSELF,  
In every Mother's Hand.

By Martin Baxbaum

April - May 1988

#### A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Make me a wise Mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life. Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf between my generation and that of my children.

Let me not be too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises. Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them. Let me refrain from preaching with words.

Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me. Make me humble. Keep my children close to me, O Lord, through miles may separate us. And let Thy light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive Thy glory. Amen.

#### FEAR

Fear is real. Most people suffer, either consciously or unconsciously, from fear. People fear many things. Old age, death, disease, and poverty are just a few of the things most feared. Dr. Harold Urey, who was a Nobel Peace prize winner and one of the physicists whose work led to the creation of the atomic bomb, wrote: "I write to make you afraid. I, myself, am a man who is afraid. All the wise men I know are afraid." There is fear of the future, fear of atomic destruction. People need to turn to God as the answer to fear. Over and over again Jesus said, "Fear not...let not your heart be troubled...neither let it be afraid." In Christ man can conquer fear.

#### IGNORANCE ABOUT THE BIBLE

Recently on a nationally televised TV program two couples (husbands and wives) were asked to name the first book in the New Testament. Neither couple could name the first book in the New Testament. Then the couples were asked to name the last book in the New Testament. neither couple could give the correct answer. One woman said that James is the last book in the New Testament. The other woman gave John as her answer. It is tragic that a person can grow to adulthood in so-called Christian America, graduating from high school and even college, and yet display such ignorance about the Bible. It has been said that the Bible is the all-time Bestseller. But when one sees such ignorance about the contents of the Bible, he is made to wonder just how much the average person reads and knows about it.

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"FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY"  
The Measure of the New Testament Church  
By Bob Taylor

The church is measured by answering two questions. "What is a mature Church?" and "How does the Church become mature?" There is only one source of information for finding the criteria for evaluating a church, that is the word of God. The maturity of the Church is measured in three ways: thru faith, hope and charity or love. Love stands out in the scriptures as the greatest mark of maturity in the local body of believers; however, faith appears nearly twice as many times as love appears in the New Testament or nearly 500 times.

Faith is foundational to christianity. Without faith, you have no true Biblical perspective. "Without faith it is impossible to please God" (Heb. 11:6). There are four types of faith spoken of in scripture; (1) saving faith (2) the faith, or the content and truth that comprises theology (3) the gift of faith (4) living faith, that which is visible and measureable. Allow us to give examples of each of these faiths: Eph. 2:8-9...saved by grace, not works; Gal. 2:16, Justified by faith; Rom. 5:1 "Therefore being justified by faith". THE FAITH or doctrinal or theology faith is represented in Acts 6:5...Steven; Acts 11:24...Barnabas; II Tim. 1:5-7...Timothy. Living Faith, reflex maturity because it is an on-going type of faith. It is actually the continuation and development of saving faith. Living faith is both personal and corporate. Corporate faith however reflects individual faith. Paul writes many times of the faith of the local body of believers. Not all members of the local body are strong in faith, yet they are included in the body of Christ. The exposure of faith in the local body of Christ, causes individual faith to grow. In II Thess. 1:3, Paul advises us that the faith of the local body of Christ is visible and must never be static; a mature church is always growing in faith. In I Thessalonians, Paul mentions five times his concern for these believers. He knew that if they failed at this level, they would not go on and develop hope and love. Many of the people around Ephesus, were in occult practices, therefore, Paul encouraged the Church believers to "take the shield of faith". Faith is a special key that unlocks the power of God against satan. We sing, "LIVING BY FAITH" but can we live up to Habakkuk 3:17-19, when things aren't going well at all, yet we will rejoice in the Lord, joy in the God of our salvation. God allows tests during our lifetime as we live by faith. Let's evaluate our attitude toward God's testings! Paul urges the church to "go on unto perfection" Heb. 6:1. "Let us draw with a true heart in full assurance of faith (Heb. 10:22). Developing and expanding their faith enabled the Hebrew church family to face the persecution with a positive attitude. It was a way of life for them. (Heb. 10:38). Living by faith is not automatic, it involves human responsibility. Faith will not grow in a vacuum.

"NOW FAITH" is being sure of God's promises. It involves being sure of something that we can not see at the time. It means we come to God in prayer without any fear or doubt about our receiving God's promises that he made us. Hope is the difference between what I see by faith and what God said I would receive in His word! Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen or realized as a reality but we hope until we receive what God said in His word we'd receive, regardless how little time or how long it may take to receive a confirmation of God's promises to us. When the mature body of believers reflect hope, they are confident of two things...(1) They know in whom they have believed (2) they are assured He is able to keep that which they commit unto Him until that day He shall return." (II Tim. 1:12). Therefore they know, without doubt, that God will sustain them daily plus they know that they have an eternal future with God.

Hope is visible (I Peter 3:15). This is the reason you are asked about your hope! People recognize your faith in God and your hope that you possess and they are impressed. This is why it's very detrimental to our Christian influence when we, as immature Christians, push the panic button during a crisis.

Hope reflects faith in a future resurrection; hope beyond this life. (Acts 2:26-27). "My flesh shall rest in hope (now) because thou (God) wilt not leave my soul in hell (or the grave). (John 14:19) Jesus said, "because I live, ye shall live also."

Paul declares what the mystery of all ages is, concerning Christians, and why they are so different than the average person (Col. 1:27), "Christ in you, the HOPE of glory."

Peter writes (I Peter 1:3-4) "Christ has begotten us again unto a lively (living) hope by His resurrection; to an inheritance, reserved in heaven."

Hope inspires deeper and more pure Christian living (I John 3:2-3). Because of their hope in Christ, Christians live a life-style that reflects the life-style that Jesus lived, as our example.

Hope produces joy and peace in believing, thus as we rejoice in the Lord, we abound in hope (Rom. 15:13).

Hope produces boldness to approach God in prayer (Heb. 10:19-22). Jesus opened up a new and a living way for mature christians to come in FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH!

Paul looked for all three characteristics of maturity in churches of his day. Unfortunately some were weak in certain areas. The church at Ephesus seemed to be weak in hope, thus Paul prays "that they might know what is the hope of God's calling." (Eph. 1:15<sup>1/3</sup>). Paul finishes his prayer (Eph. 3:14-21) "that the church might be filled with all the fullness of God." Why are some christians lacking in hope? Reading (Eph., chapter 3) we find the reason the Ephesian church was weak was because they thought that because they were Gentiles they had no hope, that hope was just for the Jews. People get discouraged and lose hope because the devil tells them, for various reasons, there is no use trying, they have no future. Paul declares to them this idea is false because they were fellow-heirs with the Jews (Eph. 3:6). Praise God! We need not acquire an inferiority complex! The devil wants us to feel defeated, but child of God, Paul declares (Eph. chapter 2) one body of Christ one hope (for all people). We were sinners, dead in sin and trespasses but now we have been quickened (made alive) with Christ and have been raised up together and made to sit together in heavenly places with Christ Jesus. We are no more strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God.

FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY (love) but Paul declares that the greatest of these is LOVE! (I Cor. 13:13). Love is more than feelings! Biblical love involves attitudes and actions. Biblical love will be expressed in spite of any feelings! Example: Jesus asked the HEAVENLY FATHER, if it be possible, let the cup of anguish and death to pass from him, yet, never the less He drank it because of love, regardless of feelings!

The CORINTHIAN CHURCH was the most gifted church of their day, but they were carnal because they lacked love. Love is kind and patient, they were unkind and very impatient with each other. Love always protects, trusts, hopes and preserves! Love is a profound conceit in the New Testament as it declares and describes the existing relationships in the local church. Love is the Christ-like behavior of the members of the local church as it relates to all men.

When John looked for a phrase to describe God, he said, "God is love" (I John 4:8-6). The very nature of God is that of love. Jesus emphasized that the two greatest commandments were "to love God with all your heart" and "love your neighbor as yourself." Fifty-five times love is commanded in the New Testament, some examples are: love your enemies; love your neighbor as yourself; love one



another; love as the christian philosophy of life; speaking the truth in love; husbands love your wives; just like Jesus loved the church. Paul advises the church to put on love over all other virtues. Love just doesn't happen, love must be pursued (II Tim. 2:22). Let us consider how we may motivate others to develop love (Heb. 10:24). Special emphasis is to be placed on loving our fellow-brethren in the body of Christ (I Peter 2:17).

Let us not just love with our words because surface love is verbal; deep love involves action. Love, in action, in the body of Christ unifies the church by each member walking worthy of their calling; being completely humble and gentle; being patient; bearing with one another (Eph. 4:1-3). Each member will walk in the spirit, not desirous of vain glory, provoking or getting on one another nerves nor envying one another (Gal. 5:24-26). The fruits of the Spirit will be evident in each member (Gal. 5:22-23).

Church? Individual members? Are we measuring up to God's maturity in all areas, FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY? It is so very important to our own spiritual welfare and very important to a good spiritual influence.

#### WHAT IS REVIVAL?

"Wilt thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice in thee?" - Psalms 85-6.

Exactly what is revival? Is it merely a feeling of belonging to a church, merely a profession of the name of Christ? No, it is not! To revive is to quicken, to restore or to preserve. To be revived is to live again!

Genesis 2:7 says, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul."

Adam was not a living soul until the Lord God breathed the spirit of life into him. So it is today with people who do not know the Lord as their personal savior. They have not yet begun to live because God has not breathed upon them the breath of life.

Only God can restore and sustain the spiritual life of his creations! Only God can give the peace to comfort the confused mind that doesn't know what to do! Everybody who is truly of the Kingdom of God is always in need of his help that can fully satisfy.

Everyone who really wants to live a Christlike life needs to be revived every day. Paul stated he died daily unto sin and self, but he had to live unto God. People can be renewed day by day with the sufficient grace of God!

Psalms 51:12 tells us, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation." True joy from serving the Lord, not outward happiness generated by the society without God, will be the result of a stable, established, confident life yielded to the Lord! It is by grace, not by works, that we are saved! Revival can bring joy that is so desperately needed in a world of false security.

How does one maintain his experiences in Christ? How can one expect to be "made alive" in a death-filled world? The answer is, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

Refreshing of a dry and barren soul can only be had by a recovering of his breath! Refreshing is a restoring of that life-giving breath; it is revival! In his presence is where the true Christian should want to be. No place else can offer the revival needed.

Ron Noble

#### ISN'T IT FUNNY?

Funny how a \$10.00 bill looks so big when you take it to worship but so small when you take it to the supermarket. Funny how reading the church bulletin is a chore, but reading a 30 page newspaper every day is a habit you have grown to enjoy.

Funny how long an hour is spent in worship, but how short it is when golfing, fishing, or attending a ball game. Funny how we applaud when the ball game goes into overtime, but we complain if the worship hour is over the regular time. Funny how laborious it is to read a chapter in the Bible, but how easy it is to read a 300 page novel.

Funny how much difficulty some have learning the simple Gospel well enough to tell others. but how simple it is for the same people to understand and explain more difficult subjects.

Funny how people scramble to get a front seat at the ball game, but scramble to get a back seat at services.

Funny how we cannot fit a Gospel meeting into our schedule with a year to plan for it, but we can adjust the schedule for other events at a moment's notice.

Funny that parents are so concerned about school lessons but are completely unconcerned about Bible lessons.

Funny how everyone wants to go to heaven provided he-she doesn't have to believe, or to think, or to say, or to do anything.

All of this would be funny...if it were not so tragically true!

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And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

Luke 21:34

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#### A PRAYER FOR THE HOME

Bless our home, Father, that we cherish the bread before there is none, Discover each other before we leave, and enjoy each other for what we are while we have time.



## The Language of Sign

Turn off the volume to your T.V. and watch the people talk. How much of it do you understand by watching their lip movements? A world filled with silence, of not being able to hear the sound of rain, or of children's laughter; also of not being able to hear daily sounds like an alarm clock, the door bell, or the ring of a telephone. These normal daily sounds are usually replaced by a flashing light in the home of a deaf person.

Deaf people are labeled "handicapped" because they don't usually use their voice to communicate with others; yet when a Chinese man comes to the United States and he does not know the English language, he is said to have a "language barrier" not a handicap. Just as the Chinese have their own language, so do the deaf. The language of the deaf is sign language—talking with their hands. Sign language is a distinct language—not just another way of speaking English. It ranks fourth in the languages that are used in the U.S. today.

A great misconception many hearing people have about the deaf is they are mute (a person that cannot speak). Very rarely is that true; deaf people have voices, but because they cannot hear their voice, their speech is not always like that of a hearing person. Many deaf will not use their voice in public, because they realize their voice is "different".

Never use the old saying "deaf and dumb". In the past, dumb meant cannot speak, but in today's society it means stupid. The deaf can speak and most certainly are NOT stupid! The deaf go to public schools that provide interpreters or a state residential school for the deaf and some go on to college.

Deafness itself does not affect a person's intellectual capacity or ability to learn. However, deaf children do generally require some form of special schooling to receive adequate education. Deaf children lack basic language skills that hearing children possess at a very young age without being taught. Hearing children have had the advantage of listening to people speak since infancy and by the time they are 4 or 5 they have picked up a very large vocabulary and the ability to send and receive messages by speech and hearing. This is not true with deaf children. They are like unprogrammed computers. Everything a deaf child learns is consciously taught to him.

Instead of spoken words to hear, you see sign language because of its visible hand positions. The different movements, placements, and position of the hands in relationship to the body help us tell one sign from another.

Signs stand for concepts and ideas, not just words. An example is the sign for "donkey" and "stubborn" are the same. The sign shows the downturned ear of an unwilling (or stubborn) donkey. The context of the sentence let the deaf know whether the sign is being used to mean "donkey" or "stubborn".



Many signs show visual images; the sign for deer show the antlers, elephant shows the trunk, and the sign for sheep pantomimes the shearing of sheep.



A lot of signs are represented by actions. The sign for milk is made by making a fist, then slightly opening and shutting it, as in truly milking a cow. The sign for live is made by crossing the hands at the wrist and pressing them to the heart, as if you are drawing the person toward you to hug them. The sign for Jesus is to have both hands open and slightly curved (palms facing) touch middle finger of right hand to left palm and then middle finger of left hand to right palm. This sign indicates the nail-prints in His hands caused by the crucifixion.



Other signs must simply be memorized because the reasons they are made are unknown.

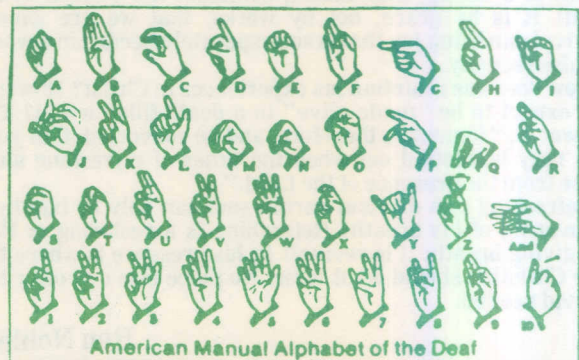
Fingerspelling is usually the first thing that a hearing person learns when learning sign language. There are particular handshapes that correspond to each letter of the written alphabet. Fingerspelling is usually used to augment sign language. Proper names and terms for which there is no sign are fingerspelled. However, if hearing people would take a couple of hours to learn the 26 hand positions for the alphabet, they could communicate through fingerspelling to the deaf.

Facial expression and body language are very important in becoming a good signer. A signer without facial expression, is like a hearing person talking in a monotone. BORING!!! Signs that express emotions, such as happiness or sadness should show appropriately on the face. When the sign for tired is made, the shoulders should sag to show that the body is ready to drop in exhaustion. The sign for strong shows strength by throwing the shoulders back and chest forward as clenched fists are moved down.

The language of signs used by Deaf Americans came from France. Dr. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, educator of the deaf, brought sign language to the United States in the early 1800's. Today this visual language is the deaf person's language—his way to communicate with other people.

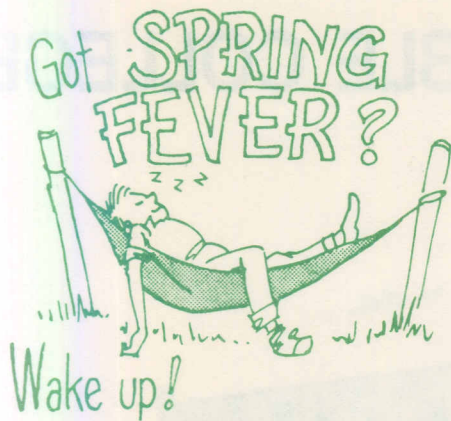
Many churches send missionaries to foreign countries where they must learn a new language. They're neglecting a mission field in their own community. Ministering to the deaf is the largest missionary field in the U.S. To minister to the deaf you need to know their language; and "before God can use your hand—He must have your heart."

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