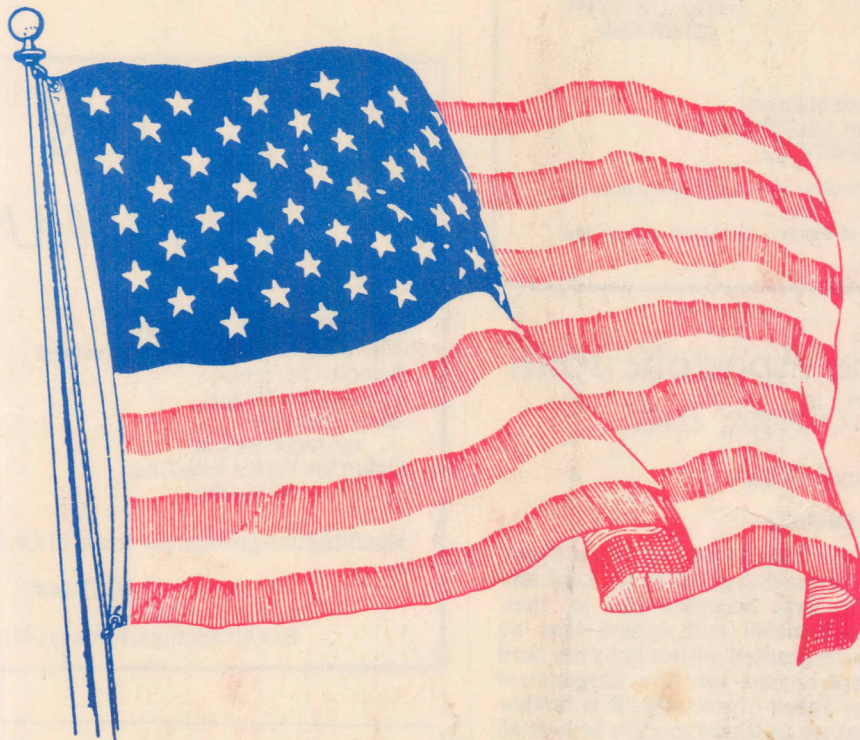


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Thou hast given a banner to them
that fear thee, that it may be displayed
because of the truth.

Ps. 60:4

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Doctrine

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

July, 1987

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

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

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

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

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

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From the Board of Trustees

At this time there is an indebtedness of approximately \$1,500 for printing, postage and office expenses. It was decided at the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible College that until this indebtedness was taken care of, no further issues will be printed. It is not the desire of the editor or Board of Trustees that the ministry of the Apostolic Faith Report be hindered in any way but feel this must be taken care of. Your support in the past has been appreciated very much as also your future support will be.

May God bless each of you as you make this a matter of prayer.

Apostolic Faith Bible College Closing for 1987

From the Superintendent:

All is quiet at A.F.B.C. The three days of closing exercises are now history. We were thrilled at the response of the Movement in turn-out and with the sweet spirit we felt throughout those days.

I would like to express my appreciation to those who were of the faculty this past year. Their 'working together', and 'praying together' was an important contribution to a successful year of ministry. My thanks also goes to the people of the movement and to the fellowshipping churches outside the movement who make possible the work of the school. And most of all, I am thankful to God for designing this ministry. May God Bless Each of You.

Sincerely,
Lyndel Arnall

Advisory Board Meets

The Advisory Board Meeting of the Apostolic Faith Bible College was held May 6, 1987 at 2:00 p.m.. There were approximately 35 people present. Bro. Ted Barker, president of the Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, officiated over the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Bro. Barker. The first order of business was the Revision of the Bylaws. For the present time the Board of Trustees has tabled the revisions but Bro. Barker stated he appreciated the work done by the bylaws committee so far.

Bro. Lyndel Arnall, superintendent of the Bible College, then brought a short synopsis of the financial position of the College and gave an overview of the financial statements. He stated the financial support of the School had been excellent in the last year. "It's a miracle," Bro Lyndel stated "that a movement of our size can operate a school the size of ours. We should feel proud."

He went on to describe areas of improvement needed at the Bible College. These areas included boxing in the bus barn, siding the girls dorm, new carpet for the girls dorm, and other areas of physical improvement around the campus.

After a short break, Bro Arnall resumed the meeting with information on purchasing a computer and a five year projection for the Bible College.

The projects he hopes to see in the next five are:

1) to see the school run to capacity, stating that he felt capacity to be 50 students, 20 single men, 20 single women, and 5 married couples.

2) The start of an Alumni Assoc.

3) The availability of Correspondence Courses for classes offered at AFBC. Bro. Arnall then stated that the purchasing of a computer would help in the projects. He felt the computer would also cut the cost of printing the Report almost in half. A Demonstration of the proposed computer system was announced for the General meeting Friday May 8. After discussion by various advisory board members and the Board of Trustees, Bro. Olan Bachelor closed the meeting stating the same spirit that started this school was prevalent in this meeting and then closed in prayer.

Ordination - Commencement Service

The people of the Apostolic Faith Movement met in Baxter Springs, Kansas on May 6, 7 and 8th for the commencement of school, business meetings, and a fellowship banquet. The closing services were attended by a large representative of all area of our fellowship. On Wednesday night, the Bible School gave their last concert to a capacity crowd. As always, the ordination service is one of the most sacred times of all. There were three young men who were ordained for the ministry. They were: Ron Brening and his wife Janis, Lee Nelson and Shirley Nelson, and Ron Noble. There were three dedicated for the ministry: Karl Nelson, Wayne Freeman, and Larry Arnall. Also Dedicated were the Gospel Quartet who will be traveling this summer with Sister Janae Harris; Kelly Stevenson, James Brown, Todd Allen and Larry Arnall. Other gospel workers dedicated were: Louis San Miguel, Mark and Carrie Reed, Lyn Turner, Twyla Martin, and James Brown. Brother Otto Busch brought a very inspiring message to the young people that morning.

The Advisory Board meeting and the Annual business meeting were both well attended, and both incumbent board members were reinstated from the primary election, as they received a majority of the votes. These were Brother Ted Barker and Wayne Messner, and these men both accepted. Board Chairman Ted Barker presided over both meetings. Discussion was opened on ways that the school could be improved. Brother Lyndel Arnall addressed the meeting and encouraged us to set some long range goals for the school.

One of the most interesting items discussed at both sessions was the possibility of purchasing a computer to be used at both the school and the publishing of the Apostolic Faith Report. It was the desire that this dream might become a reality.

The sermon for the close of Bible School was by Brother Ross Briles, and again a great crowd was present to attend this commencement. The banquet on Friday night was a special thrill to everyone as we gathered to greet one another and listen to the inspired music of the Royalheirs Quartet. The 1987 close of Bible School and the Alumni meeting will long be remembered as a special time of love and fellowship with God's people.

Edwin Waterbury
Secretary of the Board

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The Holiest Of All

Ron Noble

I Cor. 5:7—"For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us." Christ-the paschal Lamb, the source of Life, the torn veil. The atoning blood of Christ is the covering for sin. Let us forget, let us be reminded that the Gospel is not bloodless. The very life is in the blood. Lev. 17:11 "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls- for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." Atonement is making amends for wrongdoing, a reconciliation for iniquity. The iniquity of mankind, disobedience, has caused the position in which people are today. Simply, not obeying the Word of God has resulted in a state of rebellion of people everywhere.

In the Old Testament, people living under the temporary Mosiac law made sacrifice for sin by the shedding of the blood of animals. These were types and shadows and were imperfect. Types and shadows are symbols; images of lesser things representing the greater. They can be imaginary visions of the reality to come. Many are used throughout the Bible.

For the tribe of Israel while traveling in the wilderness, the Lord appointed priests to be the intercessors to perform the sacrifices for the errors of the people.—Heb. 5:1,2. These priests were for a divine service, but still 'compassed with infirmity,'-the sinful nature. Because of sin and the separation from God it causes, the wilderness tabernacle was built as a place for the presence of God to meet among men—Ex. 25:8. These worldly objects—the animals, the priests, and the tabernacle—all were shadows and types of that which is to come. Heb. 8:4,5 states that '...there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things,...' and Heb. 10:1,2-'For the law having a shadow of good things to come,' could not with the annual sacrifices, perform the perfect forgiveness. If they could have, then the sacrifices wouldn't have had to continue and the conscience of the people would be purged. Imperfect sacrifices of man can result only in an imperfect atonement. The works of man alone are insufficient for salvation. Heb. 7:19-'For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.'" How then is there any hope to man? What are the 'heavenly things' and the 'good things to come,'? The answer lies within the sanctuary of the wilderness tabernacle, the shadow of the heavenly temple. The wilderness tabernacle consisted of the court which was 150 ft. long, 75 ft. wide—Ex. 27:9-19. Within the court was an inner structure—the sanctuary consisting of two rooms. The sanctuary was 45 ft. long, 15 ft. wide and 15 ft. high divided into the Holy Place (30' by 15') and then separated by a veil was the Holy of Holies (15' by 15').

Ex. 26:33—'...and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy.'

In later years when king David reigned, he wanted to build a house for the Lord, not one made with curtains—II Sam. 7:2,3. He was forbidden by God because he was a man of war. Solomon, David's son, was commissioned to build the temple—I Kings 6:1. It was finished (v. 38), but was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar—II Kings 24. In the first year of Cyrus's reign as king of Persia, he made a decree for the restoration of the temple—Ezra 1-2,4. Zerubbabel did the building of it but the book of Haggai records that the temple was neglected and abused. After hearing the voice of the Lord, the people repented and feared the Lord—Hag. 1:12,14. Approximately 19 b.c. Herod the Great added to the building, but with much more splendor and wealth than previously. Each of these temples

contained the holy place and the Holy of Holies, separated by a veil. Priestly overseers were to do service in the holy place 'accomplishing the service of God,' Heb. 9:6—"But into the second went the high priest alone once every year....," only to be able to postpone the forgiveness of their errors until the day of the Messiah, which is Christ. How can men then be saved if the blood of bulls and goats were insufficient? There had to be a perfect inward sacrifice, a sinless offering of the spotless Lamb, that better hope by which we draw nigh to God. Sin has separated man from God. Sin had to be done away with to be able to have access to God. Man could not enter behind the second veil, the Holiest of all, except the high priest once a year; thus signifying that the way into the access of God without an intercessor was not yet manifest.

Christ, in the form of man, came to 'seek and to save that which was lost,' and took on himself the sin of the world. The awful corruption of the society without God covered the Son of man. The time of bloody rituals was over. The most important event in history had to be. The cross of Calvary bore the broken and marred body of Christ. From the very beginning of His life to the end, He never threatened, nor reviled, but 'committed himself to him that judgeth righteously.' Herod had given the final permission for the crucifixion and it was the veil in Herod's temple that was torn. Matt. 27:50,51—"Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the Ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom..." Mark 15:37,38—"And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom."

Christ's blood flowed from His wounds to cover the sins of His people, that because God cannot look on sin, when we are covered by the blood, God sees us as partakers of His Son. Acceptance and belief in the Name of Christ makes us to be spiritually adopted to be joint-heirs with Christ. We are allowed this privilege to stand before the throne that we may find help in time of need. We have cleansed by the purging fountain, made free by the atoning blood of Christ. Christ has become our High Priest forever after the order of Melchisedec and intercessor between God and man. The blood washed through can now enter directly before the throne without needing an earthly priest interceding for the people. Heb. 10:19—"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water, 11-22. Where are we to draw nigh to? "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you..." Jm. 4:8. Access into the Holiest of all, the presence of God, was made possible by the torn veil, that is, Christ's marred flesh being opened through the ordeal of the crucifixion. Stripes were laid upon His back for our healing and the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. A new way into the Holiest is now manifest by the high Priest of the true sanctuary. Heb. 1:1,2—"Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man." A minister is a servant just as Christ is, but also is the judge of all mankind. Christians are bought with a price. We are not our own, but temples of the Holy Ghost—(II Cor. 1:19,20) and are kept by the service of the Lord.

With a renewed conscience, faithfully striving we can draw closer to the likeness of Him and boldness with God. The Body was given, a perfect sacrifice, slain at the persistence of an angry mob, yet slain because that was His mission. The blood poured forth, covering the seekers of life, making them a living sacrifice, to be acceptable to God.

Walking in accord with Christ is simply following the Lord-The Holiest of All. Christ, after having suffered the cross, being the final sacrifice, obtained the position of the high priest. He brought the ministry of reconciliation; the bringing together of man to God again. Christ was the sinless offering for He is 'holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens...' The facts of a Christian's life; one has to be holy, without guile but pure. To be harmless is to be with no malice but meekness, always willing to help rather than destroy. One has to be separated from the godless society and not be polluted with blemishes of sins. Christians are to be a distinct people, set apart for a

sacred and holy use. The reward is that whosoever has been to the cross and partakes, shall also some day, be made 'higher than the heavens.'

Christ, who knows our needs by experience, can give us strength to hold fast the profession of our faith. The testimony of God are His people, living among the lost as lights to shine in a crooked and perverse nation. Christ died that man could live eternally with Him. The glorious Gospel will make an imprint on the tablets of the open heart. The enemy is ever-deceiving people but soon shall cease. No one can serve two masters. Stability has to be! Is inconsistency perhaps the problem today, as in the past? Having boldness will result in a stable life, and you can have assurance in the fact that when a person dies in the Lord, he will be raised to live again in the sight of the risen Lamb. People will no longer stumble in the dark as the Son is revealed to them. "and unto then that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation."-Heb. 9:28.



THE LOST SILVER

LUKE 15:8-10

The pictures of mortals are taken best in the shade but Christ's always improves in the loveliness as the light increases. This little parable of the lost coin has been lightly esteemed because its true meaning and value have not been generally understood. In the first parable in this 15th chapter of Luke we have the love of the Son (Christ shown in seeking the lost sheep) in the third parable of the same chapter we have the love of the Father shown in seeking the lost son. But the second parable we understand as representing the Holy Spirit in search of a lost but precious thing that might be put to honorable use. The small silver coin referred to here was a drachma, about the value of a shilling, a days wages, which according to Matt. 20:2 was worth a penny. As representing a soul we would point out that it is indeed precious.

To a poor woman whose fortune consisted of ten shillings it was a great privation to lose one. It was a loss that was well recognized. It also bore the image of the king and so it was good currency. Such are souls redeemed by Christ in the estimation of the Holy Spirit. They are precious to him and fit for circulation in the interests of the Kingdom of God. In the parable the silver had slipped out of the woman's hand so that now she had no control over it. It is very sad for anyone who have tasted the power of the Holy Spirit to slip out of touch with him through pride or unbelief. To be so close and yet so far from Him. Sampson was an individual that had known the power of God's spirit but because of unbelief and teasing with God's word the Spirit departed from him. The fall may have been in a moment but the grief created was intense. Grieve not the Holy Spirit whereby ye are sealed until the day of redemption. (Ephesians 4:30)

The silver that was lost was lost in the woman's home. It was not like the sheep lost far away from home (15:4). It was in the house but as utterly useless as if it had been a million miles away. It is possible to be in the house of God's salvation, in the place of safety, and yet be lost to the management of the Holy Spirit. It is one thing to be justified by faith before God, but quite another to be ready for service

in the hand of God. We may be in the home of the spirit for salvation and yet not be in the hand of the spirit for service. The gift of Jesus himself was that he gave himself that we might be sanctified. Also in John 17:17 that through the truth we would be sanctified. All of this is getting the silver back into circulation.

As long as the silver coin was not in the hand and disposal of the woman it was lost to all the good it might do. So it is with our lives after we have been brought into the household of God. If we are not in the hands of the Holy Spirit that he might use us to be spent for the glory of God then our lives are lost and wasted. Christ seeks to save but the Holy Spirit goes further seeking that he might use. No one is able to get so much out of our lives as he is. Be assured he will spend you to the best advantage.

In seeking to find the silver the woman had to light a candle and sweep the house. Then light of God's word is needed before he can get a hold of the lost treasure. The dust of sin and the darkness of unbelief always hinder the Spirit of God. Through the sweeping process the dust of our unconfessed sin gets stirred up and the covering of our guilty darkness is being taken away. There must be disturbance in the house of the soul if the Spirit is to get possession of his lost treasure.

There is great joy in the Spirit being reunited with his vessel. "Rejoice with me for I have found the piece which I have lost" (Verse 9) As Jesus the shepherd rejoices over the saving of a sinner so the Holy Spirit like this woman rejoices over the recovery of a precious soul that has been lost to its leaders. We might note that the second parable is different from the first and third PARABLE of this chapter by a small word I. The woman does not say "my piece of silver which was lost" the very omission of the word my is strong evidence that the work of the Holy Spirit is indicated here. Believers are the property of Christ but are to be used of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8)

Frank Arnall

A.F. Report

Ministry with Charles F. Parham 1924-1927

It was in May 1924 on a Saturday eve, in a service at Joplin, Mo. 12th St Mission. The second year of my fathers ministry, at this place. An open door mission with service every nite of the year, in came a Brother Parham. He was well known to the congregation, but to my father and I, he was a stranger. People knew him as a friendly person and a great minister of the gospel. The founder of this Mission was H.H. Mace. Owner of the Seneca Mo. flour mills. He loved to sing, with his wife at the piano, we had many hours of songs composed by Thoro Harris and R.E. Winsett. Songs of the "Coming of the Lord" were so inspiring. I played the violin each evening and had to memorize over 100 songs. I sang for a solo "The old fashioned Meeting". Bro Parham liked that and ask me to sing several songs before he preached that eve. After the service Bro.Parham ask my father, would he permit me to go with he and Fred Campbell to Cherryvale Ks. to dedicate a Mission built by a Bro.Durbin. My father consented so this was my first introduction to the Apostolic Faith Movement. Monday a.m. I caught the street car, from Baxter to Joplin, and I felt like 'a child of the King' doing the only thing I knew to do. The next Sunday Chas. F. Parham birthday dinner was in Baxter, where the library is now located. Here we met many people and got better acquainted with the people who have been my 'Life and stay' to this day. In the mid of July Bro. Parham ask my father if I could go to the north-east for summer campaigns. Our first visit was in Detroit, with Bro. Thoro Harris. We visited Bro.Willie Bacon and C.R. Swanson who were graduates of the "Moody Bible Institute". At Lansing we held a City Wide Tent meeting. This was well attended. We held revivals and a nite or two visitations in Three Rivers and Chicago, Port Huron where Mrs. Lang was faithful. Fall was upon us, so we headed for home and on to California for the winter. Our first meeting was in Compton, Immanuel Tabernacle, Los Angeles, (Where I received the Holy Spirit, Jan 26 '26-it was a good eve for me) Burbank Calif. Friends came from Riverside, Colton, Pomona (where my folks lived). Uncle Toms midnight Mission was a regular for us. Here we relocated a Mack Wyatt, who regained his confidence in the Lord. He met Phill Kerr and the two made religious history, winning souls for God. Heading back to the middle states we had revivals, visits of a nite or more at Tuscon Ariz. In the Armory Hall. (I still have a Bill that states 'Hear the boy wonder in song') We stopped in Phoenix, Amarillo, Waka, Spearman, Perryton, Booker, Kingman, Buffalo Ok. and many more before we got back to Baxter. 1926 was our greatest year of fellowship..Now fall was upon us so Bro Parham made plans for a So. Texas tour. Our first, was in Colorado Spgs. Colo, Then to Waco Tex, Gay Hill Texas, Hempstead, Belville, Katy, Taverer community, (I served as pastor here in 1937) Alvin and Galveston. All these visits were to establish relations in favor of the Houston Tent campaign held in the 1100 block on Heights blvd in the Heights. As people from surrounding cities joined in, you may very well know the success of this great christian fellowship..I could name many names, incidents, inspirations that has balanced my 'scales of decision' and I think you believe God has been good to me. From this campaign, I asked permission to go to Moorefield Neb. to see my folks. A few months with my father in his church, where I was ordained as a minister. A Bro T.E. Howard and my



father, laid their hands amid His showers of blessings, and have served as Pastor at Alief, Texas 15 yrs..Bayard Neb. 3 yrs. Tomball 23 yrs. Built two new churches one in Alief, and one in Tomball, Texas. Brother Parham and the 1927 Camp meeting seemed to me the greatest. Sis Abbey Morrow Brown 90 yrs of age gave the Bible lessons. One afternoon Bro Jack Barker and Johnny Modrick came in and really blessed the camp meeting. Just before Bro.Parham set sail for the Holy Land, he held a revival at Moorefield Neb. in My fathers church and I was with him. He ask me to sail with him, that he would furnish one half the expenses, and my folks wanted to furnish the other half. If you know why I didn't go with him, I wish you would tell me. O well, I've missed the 'Boat' a few times in my life, but it wasn't when I had the privelege of becoming a traveling companion to one of the Worlds Greatest, the Founder of all Pentecost for this latter day...

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

To each of you - Thank you for being so faithful in your labors for the lord.

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A blaze of color, an emblem, a symbolic meaning,
a respected banner, this is

Your Flag and Mine

by Gale Harris

To some people a flag may merely be a piece of cloth displaying specific colors and designs, but if that flag represents your country, chances are it means far more to you than any other.

The flags of the nations of the world stand for ideals, governments and people; rich and poor, young and old. When you see your flag unfurling in the breeze or waving proudly in the sky, there's a tug at your heart that is different from any other experience you may have. You believe in your flag, because you believe in your country. You are proud of it, and when you read of men who have given their lives for their country and its flag, you are not at all surprised, because you know that those men stood for the same freedoms that the flag stands for.

Many years before the time of Christ, Egyptian soldiers carried streamers on poles which were topped by a Pharaoh's fan. These could possibly have been the first flags. Greeks carried banners paying honor to the gods of war, and the Roman army carried standards, using them to determine the wind-direction which helped the soldiers accuracy in aiming. Officers noticed that the morale of the men was boosted when their standard advanced against the enemy.

Denmark has probably had a national flag longer than any other country. In the year 1219, their flag, a white cross on a red background became their national symbol. Even though Austria used a form of a flag as early as 1191, it was not adopted nationally until 1918.

Most national flags include in their pattern one or more of these seven colors; black, white, red, blue, yellow, green and orange. Many flags also carry a definite symbol. For instance, Israel uses the star of David, which is the symbol of the Jews; Moslem countries use a star and a crescent symbolizing life and peace. Both Ceylon and Ethiopia display "Lion Flags," with Ceylon featuring the yellow lion holding a sword. The United States displays 50 stars, one for each state.

Flag codes differ from one country to another, and some do not even have codes, but the flag itself seems to command respect and honor. In England the personal flag of the queen flies only from the building where she is present. However, in the United States the flag flies over the capitol in Washington, D.C., every day whether the President is there or not. In time of extreme emergency a flag is often flown upside down as a distress signal.

Canada adopted the red ensign of the British and applied the national arms of the dominion in 1921. Each part of the arms represents some country from which Canada was colonized. England is represented by three lions, a long standing national symbol; Scotland by a lion in a decorative background; Ireland by a harp; France by the fleur-de-lis (lily flower) emblem; and Canada by three maple leaves. As their motto states, the flag flies "from sea to sea."

In 1898, a group of Philippine refugees in Hong Kong staged

a war against Spain and carried a flag which was adopted nationally, but fell three years later in a war with the United States. In 1919, permission was granted to hoist their national flag with the United States flag. However, since the Philippines gained their independence on July 4, 1946, their flag has flown alone.

The flag of Jamaica has a gold cross reaching from corner to corner, representing the natural wealth and beauty of the sunrise. The green tri-angles formed at the top and bottom of the flag speak of the agricultural resources of the land. This flag, which was first flown when Jamaica became independent on August 6, 1962, is unlike other flags, in that it is twice as long as it is wide.

Australia and New Zealand both chose the blue ensign of the British. The government of Australia sponsored a contest in which about 30,000 suggestions for flag designs were received. The flag chosen was the ensign with stars added to show the position of the Southern Cross constellation in that hemisphere. The large star has seven points to represent the states and territories. The New Zealand flag is much the same, but uses only four stars of the constellation.

"Old Glory," the honored flag of the United States, was created in the days of the colonists. It was believed that Congressman Frances Hopkinson designed the first flag, and Betsy Ross made it. The colors—red for courage, blue for justice and white for purity—have given it the name the "Red, White and Blue."

In many churches in the United States two flags, rather than one, are displayed; the Stars and Stripes on one side, and the Christian flag on the other. The Christian flag is in no way limited by boundaries. It is universal, and carries a special meaning to those who know Christ as their personal Saviour.

The idea for a Christian flag came into existence on Rally Day, September 26, 1897, while a Sunday school superintendent, Charles Overton, spoke to his group about the American flag. As he told of the inspiration it had been to him, the thought came that it would be good if Sunday schools and churches had a flag of their own. Keeping the colors of the American flag, it was designed with the white to be a sign of purity, innocence and peace; the deep blue for faith, trust and sincerity; and the cross in red as a reminder of Christ's sacrifice on the cross of Calvary.

A flag maker in New York made the first Christian flag and Ralph Diffendorfer, secretary of the Young People's Missionary Movement, is credited with introducing it to many people at conferences both at home and in foreign countries where he was called on to speak from time to time.

While the Psalmist had probably never seen a flag such as our Christian flag, he knew the importance of allegiance to Christ. In Psalm 60:4, he wrote, "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth."



Alvin, Texas

In our last report we said that we were praying for revival in our church and praise the Lord he has sent us two since then. Bro. and Sis M.D. Methvin, Follett, Texas were here the week of Jan. 18. Then the week of April 27 Bro and Sis Edwin Waterbury from Granby, Mo. were here. These evangelists brought some tremendous messages and these have been times of refreshing.

Sis Margaret Methvin passed away Dec. 23, 1986. Her services were held in League City, Tx. with Rev. Neil Ragan, Rev. M.D. Methvin and Rev. Jay Morris as minister.

March 1 we had a beautiful baptismal service. Four people followed the Lord in water baptism. March 22 we enjoyed the ministry of the Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir. Easter Sunday our church presented an Easter Cantata with songs, the Easter account, a communion and a very touching scene of Jesus carrying the cross. This was truly a blessing and a very beautiful service. We thank Bro. and Sis. Ragan, Bro. and Sis. John Deaton, Sis. Sissie Urick, the choir, Bro. Jay Urick and all who helped with this program.

We have a lot of talent in our church for which we are thankful.

We have had two new additions to our church family. Fredrick Bejarano was born to Freddy and Kim Bejarano on Dec 27 and Trenton Doty was born to Obe and Carla Doty on April 12.

Please remember us in your prayers and we invite you to come and worship anytime.

Corrie Coats-Reporter

UNION CHAPEL

Once again our church is touched with sorrow. Another precious saint has been called home. Bro. Charley Cox passed away May 23, 1987. We miss his smile and warm greetings that he had for everyone. But in our sorrow there is also joy and peace as we once again think of the words of Paul in II Tim. 4:7 and 8-"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Bro. Charley has won his crown. And his life has shown us that through unwavering faith, we can win ours too. Our prayers are with his loved ones.

May 10 thru 17 we had a revival with Bro and Sis Jacob Regier from Perryton Texas. It was a good time of refreshing in the Lord. One was saved and many found renewed strength in the Lord. We were glad to have Sis. Sherry Cook and Sis. Cindy Trowbridge with us to help with the music. We pray for God's richest blessings for all these good people.

Once again remember us at Chapel in your prayers, as our prayers go out to you. God bless you all.

Frank Arnall, Pastor
Beth Williams, Reporting

Trinity Apostolic Faith Church
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We have a busy summer schedule and we are happy about that. A very good Youth Camp was held in Baxter and we had a good number of campers and helpers from our congregation there. July 6-10 are the dates for our "Youth and Kids Crusade" with Bro. Randy Dalton and Sis. Shari Cook. Sis. Shari will be teaching the little ones through the primaries in the fellowship hall while Bro. Randy will be teaching the juniors and the Teens in the sanctuary. The theme of the smaller children will be Sis. Shari's own lessons on the Wordless Book while Bro. Randy will be zeroing in on "Peer Pressures" and the things our youth have to combat daily in school and society. Their lessons will be held simultaneously and then we'll gather in the sanctuary together for a regular preaching session for the last 45 minutes or so. We're really excited about these services. Then camp meeting is in Baxter this year and we're looking forward to that.

We are sorry to lose the Gary Hammett Family as they have moved to the Taneyville area. But we are happy to have the David Lively Family moving to our area in the next few days and becoming part of our congregation. We are also happy to have Jim and Ellen Slagle, Shelly Mullins parents, in our church now, too!

God has poured out so many blessings on us in the passed few years and months that we'll never be able to thank Him sufficiently. Bro. and Sis. Busch have accepted the church for another year. We are looking forward to even better things in the future.

O.A. Busch
Pastor

Charlie Cox



Charley Sylvester Cox, son of the late Thomas and Mary Cox, was born July 27, 1906, in McDonald County, Missouri, and departed this life on May 23, 1987, at Sale Memorial Hospital in Neosho, at the age of 80.

Mr. Cox was a lifetime resident of the Bethpage Community, where he was a retired farmer and sawmill worker. He was a member of the Union Chapel Full Gospel Church.

On May 8, 1921, he was united in marriage with Lona Beatrice Moore, at Bethpage Community. She survives. Other survivors include four sons: Howard Cox of Rocky Comfort, Bill Cox of Ritchey, Bobbie Cox of Anderson and Cecil Cox of Stella; two daughters: Shirley Kerr of Stella and Ruth Hughes of Oak Harbor, Washington; one brother: Ernest Cox of Medford, Oregon; 18 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Cox will be sadly missed by his family, his friends, and all those who knew him.

Mary E. Clanton



Mrs. James C. (Mary E.) Clanton

Mrs. James C. (Mary Elizabeth-Aunt Lizzie to many) Clanton, 92, Kerrville, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, Texas, died Wednesday, May 20, 1987, at Hall-Bennett Memorial Hospital, Big Spring.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Howard Whiteley, assisted by the Rev. Paul Clanton, on Saturday, May 23, 1987, in Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel, Big Spring. Burial was Monday morning, May 25, at the Trinity Memorial Park, south of Big Spring. Mr. Don Howell Haney provided music singing "I Will Meet You In The Morning," "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," "How Great Thou Art", "The Lord's Prayer". A tribute from the grandchildren was given by Mrs. Ely Clanton as she read from Proverbs 31.

Mrs. Clanton born Jan. 8, 1895 in Griffithville, Ark., and married James C. Clanton Jan. 7, 1912. They celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary before he preceded her in death June 1, 1981. To this union was born 3 sons and 4 daughters. Opal Williams passed from this life in 1946 and Laverne Rogers in 1983.

Mr. and Mrs. Clanton came to Howard County in 1925 and purchased land from the C.C. Slaughter Ranch and raised stock in Howard and Borden County. They moved to Kerrville in 1946 where they owned and operated Kerrville Courts. Later they ranched in Kerrville and Real Counties.

Uncle Jim and Aunt Lizzie were converted to the Apostolic Faith teachings under S.W. Ditto's ministry and remained faithful till death. They were an inspiration to many ministers and fellow believers of the faith. The last thing the children heard from her lips were prayers to her God.

Survivors include her three sons: John (Jay) of Kerrville; Clifton and Auldon both of Big Spring; two daughters: Lucille Roemer and Geraline both of Big Spring; 3 sisters: Helen Frazzille of Bandera, Texas; Mabel Jones of Snyder, Texas; and Mable Hendricks of Gail, Texas; 1 brother, Bill Blythe of Rockdale, Texas. 17 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 9 great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Robert E. Rogers, Roger Stallcup, Johnny Roemer, Kenny Clanton, Jimmy Clanton, Ely Clanton, John Clanton, Jr., James Rogers.

Deadline!

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

MUTUAL CONVENTION Friend, Nebraska Sept. 15-17

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July, 1987

"My Country Tis Of Thee"

by David J. Fant

Over a century and a quarter ago our national hymn "America" was born. Written by Samuel Francis Smith, a Baptist clergyman, it was first publicly sung in Boston at a Fourth of July celebration. It has since sung itself deep into the hearts of free men everywhere.

No one was ever great who did not possess a degree of inspiration. This was inspiration at white heat, for at the time of writing the author was only 24 years of age. When the fire fell, he seized a scrap of paper and within a half hour placed upon it the verses substantially as they stand today.

Not every author lives to see his work approved, but this one did. "I have heard it sung in many languages," he said, "more than halfway around the world, the last in Hebrew."

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Harvard classmate of Smith, attributes the genius in "America" to its very first word "My," a personal possessive which instantly strikes a silver chord in every patriot's heart.

"MY country, 'tis of thee."

"That little pronoun did it all, and will forever do it," said Holmes, brilliant poet and keenest wit of his generation. "Why couldn't any of the rest of us have thought of that? That puts 'America' in the hearts of the people, and because of it Sam Smith will live when Longfellow and Whittier and all the rest of us have gone into oblivion."

Holmes was close to a great truth. God is like that. There are many people who know Him only in a remote, objective, impersonal sense. They acknowledge Him as Creator, and admit that the world offers abundant proof of a Master Workman. But they have never acquainted themselves with Him so they can say, "MY God."

Such relationship is by no means unusual. There was doubting Thomas (John 20:25-28). He had sat at the feet of Jesus, listened to His marvelous words, witnessed His miraculous works; yet he did not really know Him. For when the Saviour was raised from the dead, he said, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails...I will not believe." "Reach hither thy finger," but believing." Convinced, the doubter exclaimed, "MY Lord and MY God."

What does it matter though the world be filled with gold, if none of it belongs to you? What though all your friends enjoy abounding health if yours be gone? What though God fills all the world with His Spirit, if you possess Him not?

The glorious truth is, you can make Christ yours—a personal, priceless eternal possession. The promise is, "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12). Focus the telescope of faith, and the distant God will be brought near. Believe, accept, obey. Then you can sing from your heart.

"My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine.

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HOW YOUR FAITH CAN GROW

The suspension bridge over Niagara Falls was begun by a thread attached to a kite. When the wind blew, the kite went across. Then on the thread they attached a string and pulled it across. Then to the string, they attached a rope and pulled it across. By this slow, but sure method, the bridge was built.

Our faith may be just a little thread, or no larger than a mustard seed, but we must act on that faith (James 2:14-18). For through action our faith will be strengthened (Colossians 1:23), as it moves us to do even greater works of faith for our Lord (II Thessalonians 1:3). And in this way, our faith can grow exceedingly (Ephesians 4:15-16).

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FALL & SPRING SEMESTER
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Entrance Requirements

1. In harmony with the Spirit and purpose of the school.
2. Be willing to accept detailed work.
3. Abide by school regulations.
4. Each student will be required to take at least four subjects. Two of these must be Bible subjects.

All students are required to maintain a passing grade.

General Information

This is a Faith School, made available to all who want an opportunity to study God's word in a spiritual atmosphere.

A high academic, college level standard is maintained through 9 months of concentrated study.

If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

99 Timothy 2:21

Accommodations

This school is supported entirely by free will offerings and gifts, without solicitation of collections.

Meals are served to all as the Lord provides.

Students furnish personal effects including linens.

Dormitories for single students provided.

Dormitories will open Aug. 17.

Enrollment is Monday, Aug. 17, 4:00 p.m.

Classes start Tuesday, Aug. 18

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM A.F.B.C.

It is our desire to purchase a computer to help with the curriculum and correspondence of the school. It is also needed to further develop the Alumni Program in the recording of names and addresses and the contacting of them. Another major use of the computer will be in the lay-out and printing of the Apostolic Faith Report, which would reduce the cost possibly 50%. A demonstration of the Macintosh computer was held May 8th at the General Business Meeting with good reviews from those present. To date, \$2,100.00 has been given toward the projected cost of \$10,000.00.

It is the consensus of the Board of Trustees that this computer system be purchased without debt. If you are interested in being a part of this project please respond.

Thank You

A L U M N I

B A N Q U E T



The First Annual Alumni Banquet was held May 8th, 1987 at the Holiday Inn of Joplin, MO. Master of Ceremonies was Bro. Ted Barker, president of the Board of Trustees. Business was conducted to elect officers. Those elected were: Jack Cornell, National President; Ross Briles, National Vice-President; and Carol Malone, National Secretary. Area presidents were appointed in six districts:

Homer Allen
Kathy Huckabee

Mike Brening
Earl Malone

Barbara Crouse
Roberta Methvin



The Royalhiers from Tulsa Oklaoma entertained with music, which was enjoyed by all. The highlight of the evening had to be seeing former classmates. There was a wide range of years represented and many reviewed the photograph collection of graduating classes from 1937 to 1987. There were over 250 people present and we trust the number will continue to grow. Next years banquet is scheduled for May 13th, 1988.

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FOR THE FAMILY

APOSTOLIC FAITH CAMP MEETING - 1987

July 27-Aug 2

Baxter Springs, Kansas

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Camp Meeting 1987 Schedule

Breakfast 7-8 a.m.
Morning Prayer 9 a.m.
Bible Lesson 10:30 a.m.
Noon Mean. 12 Noon
Afternoon Service . . 2 p.m.
Evening Meal. 5 p.m.
Youth Service 6:30
Night Service 7:45

HEBREWS 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, A RESEARCH PERSON WAS ASSIGNED TO VISIT 18 CHURCHES AT RANDOM. On Successive Sundays, the evaluation of the friendliness of each congregation was reported. The researcher was always on time, sat near the front of the sanctuary, and walked slowly to the rear, neatly dressed. Each Sunday he asked at least one person to direct him to the social hall, Sunday School class area, pastor's study, restroom.

HERE IS THE SCALE THAT WAS USED TO RATE THE RECEPTION OF 18 CHURCHES VISITED:

- 10 - Points for a smile from a worshipper
- 10 - Points for a greeting from someone nearby
- 100 - Points for an exchange of names
- 200 - Points for an invitation to coffee or dinner
- 200 - Points for an invitation to return
- 1000 - Points for an introduction to another worshipper
- 2000 - Points for an invitation to meet the pastor

ALL OF THE 18 CHURCHES VISITED EARNED FEWER THAN 100 POINTS EACH.

THE RESEARCHER'S CONCLUSION: "The preaching may be Biblical, the singing inspirational or the sermons uplifting, but when a visitor finds no one cares whether he-she is there, he-she is not likely to return."

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