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The Unspeakable Gift

By Evangeline Booth

When vital issues are at stake, we speak in simple terms. The bride at the altar says, "I will." It is enough. The foreman of a jury says, "Guilty" or "Not guilty." It is enough. The doctor at the bedside says, "The child cannot recover." It is enough.

God's words pertain to eternal values and are short words: Joy—sorrow—right—wrong—life—death. Not a syllable need be added. God's law is expressed in a single note. It echoes in the human heart. From it spring all the harmonies of life. It is love. God is love. And Love is all in all.

Christmas is the day of Life's supreme gift. "Christ is born." The Divine Babe lies in a manger. What is so helpless as a new-born babe? It cannot walk. It cannot talk. Unless it is fed, it dies. Love is a babe—love of a mother's heart, cradled in a mother's arms.

The Babe of Bethlehem is omnipotent. The swaddling clothes that they wrapped around Him are the destinies of the universe. The rude stable that housed and protected the stranger in her delicate predicament became prophetic of the protection and defense His advent was to bring to the outcast, the shelterless and the lonely. And through the centuries, with undimmed brilliance, this crude building shines in the hearts and minds of countless multitudes with the glory that fell upon it when Divine Love opened His eyes upon the shepherds and the Wise Men, proclaiming to all nations that the ignorant and the wise, the lowly and the great, are forever one in His heart.

Many and precious indeed are the gifts that come to us. Health is a gift. Old age is a sweet gift, when the fruit is fully ripened. Wealth is a gift. Joy is a dear gift. Friends are a priceless gift. But the worth of each gift can alone be proved by its proper use. The world would be at a standstill if the artists and musicians, the preachers and scholars and scientists, the statesmen and captains of commerce failed to use their gifts or so hugged them to themselves

that others could not profit by them.

But no gift will profit us, or others, anything unless accepted and used to the fullness of its purposes and powers. The Christ must be received in my heart, and all the powers of His saving grace be given full expression in my life, or the breaking of "the Light of the World" over Bethlehem will profit me little.

Grievously often we fall into the error of permitting religious custom and form to take the place of religion in the heart. We give more thought to the casket than to the jewel. We fasten our gaze upon the frame rather than the picture.

In this Bethlehem story I see that the Unspeakable Gift is given to the world without benefit of ceremonial, as though to make clear to men that no particular form is essential to the religion of Christ. Christianity has forms because forms are essential to order. Christianity adopts a ritual because rites are an expression of reverence. It calls forth magnificence in architecture as an expression of man's adoration. But when imposing ceremonial and the display of magnificent architecture take the place of religion of the heart, Christianity is emptied of Christ.

Christ is the Unspeakable Gift because He is without comparison.

No other influence—whether of education, finance, art, philosophy, or environment—can approach the high triumphs over the breaks and weaknesses of human nature that are recorded in the red lettering of the Blood of the Lamb.

Christianity refines as well as purifies the heart. It is the very essence of civilization. It imparts clarity of perception. It enables the man of obscured and limited vision to see life whole. It inspires the highest sentiment. It creates tenderness of feeling, the gentleness that makes great, and a thousand shades of thought that give refinement and courtesy to the behavior, and culture to the most uncouth.

The gift of Jesus Christ is unspeakable because it is incompara-



ble in its triumphs. It lifts its greatest trophies from the tomb—the tomb of buried character, buried hope and buried virtue. It takes up its St. Augustines, its Bunyans, its John Newtons where the world and sin and folly and fortune have left them, and at the very gates of hell drives back the forces of their ruin, and in the very jaws of spiritual death unfurls the conquering banners of Love Victorious.

Here we are again at the loveliest season of the year. I say the loveliest because it is the most heavenly and Christ-like season—the season when the domestic festivities and social beneficences and generous gift-bestowing deeds of our merry Christmastide make the bells to chime, and the organs to peal, and the choirs to sing, and the children to carol, and the ministers to proclaim, "CHRIST IS BORN!"

Let us cast off the old man—his disagreeableness, his selfishness, his depression, his irritability, his cowardice, his unkindness — and put on the new man: joy, faith, service, loving obedience, in God's Unspeakable Gift to the world, Jesus Christ!

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Thou Shalt Call His Name Jesus

By Pauline Parham



The prophet Isaiah prophesied hundreds of years before the birth of Christ that a saviour and redeemer would come. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Even the place of His miraculous virgin birth was prophesied in Micah 5:2. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

The prophets, the priests, the sages, the kings of the earth with a multitude of people were looking expectantly and watching for the annunciation of His coming, of Him who would bring peace and righteousness and in whom the whole world would acknowledge a rightful King.

Little did the world realize that the King they were anxiously awaiting would come as a babe of lowly birth, in a manger, back of an Inn in the little town of Bethlehem. The world thought the promised Saviour of the world would be ushered in as a King in royal garments with a sceptre in His hand to execute judgment and put to naught the wicked reign of the kings of the earth. But that was not God's all-wise plan. Man's ways are not God's ways, nor man's thoughts His thoughts. Even so, was the coming of the promised Saviour of the world. The appointed time was past for the coming of the Messiah. The rulers, the Kings, the Shepherds and the Wise Men were all anxiously awaiting the hour when the Redeemer would appear on the scene. They knew from the prophets, from the sacred scrolls the time of the coming of the promised Saviour was over-due. Wonderment filled their hearts as

they discussed the many changes they expected Him to bring about, not knowing His kingdom would not be of this world, but a Heavenly Kingdom wherein He would reign as Prince of Peace.

On that first Christmas night, as the shepherds were sleeping, the angels of heaven announced His coming. The very air was filled with the presence and glory of God. The heavens rejoiced, the elements of the earth sang, and God's creation joined in the glad song. Even the lowly cattle bowed in reverence before the manger throne of the Babe of Bethlehem. The Babe of Bethlehem has become the most potent force in human history. Blessed are thou Bethlehem!

JESUS

The angel of the Lord appeared unto Joseph, the husband of Mary, and said, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins." Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet saying, behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

Even though a tiny babe, born in Bethlehem of Judea, without comfort or convenience, He Was and He Is the Saviour of the world. The governments and the reigns of the world shall rest upon His shoulder, but that's not all; your burdens, your sorrows, heartaches and pain and your every sin He will gladly bear and carry for you. Even as the arms of the old rugged cross extended over Golgotha's hill that day of His supreme sacrifice, those everlasting arms are reaching today from sea to sea to gather in the broken hearted, the wounded and the unloved and at His feet you can lay every burden down, and find rest and peace in Him. Neither is

there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

In His infancy, in the manger at Bethlehem all heaven and earth were moved by His coming; in His boyhood in the Temple He astounded the learned men of His day; in His manhood, as He stood beside the river Jordan, they knew He was Divine, as John proclaimed, "Behold the lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." As He stood in Pilate's judgment hall, Pilate said, "Behold the Man." As He was crucified on the cross the Centurian soldier fell to his knees and said, "Truly this was the Son of God."



The Virgin Birth of Jesus, is one of the outstanding fundamental facts of the gospel. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was the only virgin in all the world that ever gave birth to a child. Many today are denying the Virgin Birth of Jesus, and if you take that out of the Bible you might as well do away with all of it. It is all or nothing, for on this rests the entire plan of redemption. Jesus, the Son of God, came down, took upon Himself the form of flesh, identified Himself with us, took our blame, took our shame, stood by our side that He might lift us to the throne of God. Though the whole world may say they no longer believe the old story, we believe it. We dare say to you that Christmas without Christ is unthinkable. It is like a body without a heart. It is like an ocean without a tide. It is like an organ without the pipes.

Christmas without Christ is as the day without the sun; the night without the light of the moon and stars; and mountain climbing without a staff to lean upon. Christmas without Christ is as a well without water. It is a hollow mockery and an emptiness.

Do you know Jesus, our Lord, our Saviour, Jesus the Son of God? Friend, He knows you and loves you and is tenderly calling you to forsake the ways of sin, unrighteousness and ungodliness and follow Him, who willingly and



gladly gave His life for your eternal redemption. Make this the happiest Christmas of your life. With a humble heart bow at the manger throne of Bethlehem and claim Him as your Saviour and King.

The babe of Bethlehem is Jesus, your Saviour, the very Son of God.

The name of Jesus is the sum total of delight.

It is the music with which the bells of Heaven ring.

A song in a word, a drop for brevity.

An ocean for comprehension, the gathering, of the Hallelujahs of eternity in five letters.

TO ATTEND BIBLE SCHOOL

The following is a list of some of the ministers, and gospel workers who now plan to attend the Bible School which will convene in Wichita, Kansas, on January 16. Many more are contemplating coming, who have not made definite plans as yet, and the number will no doubt be greatly increased on the opening day. Those who have thus far notified us they plan to attend are: Albert and Ava Janzen, Gladys Nichols, George and Jean Bollinger, Olen Bachelor, Audley Hervey, Lula A. Parham, Bob and Twanda Palmer, Otto Busch, Floyd and Grace Lamunyon, Earl and Ruby Neilson, Bill and Madolyn Handley, Harold and Cleo Cooper, R. J. and Gladys Eaken and several from the Dumas, Texas church. Sherman and Louise Sutton, Amos and Maxine Watkins, Brother and Sister Grady Adcock, Willie and Mary King.

WICHITA, KANSAS. Evangelist Otto Busch and Brother and Sister Floyd LaMunyon are in a successful revival at the New York Tabernacle, 209 New York St., in Wichita. Interest and attendance have been especially good and the entire church is on fire for God. Rev. Albert L. Durham, Pastor.

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This is a faith school. No tuition will be charged. The school will be supported by the Free Will Offering Plan.

LODGING

Sleeping rooms and apartments may be rented. For further information about rooms, write Albert Durham, 308 New York, Wichita 7, Kansas.

A hall will be leased for a dormitory and mess hall, with each individual or family doing their own cooking and caring for themselves.

All those that are interested should write in as soon as possible, in order to give a better idea of how to plan for a better school.

FACULTY OF BIBLE SCHOOL

SUPERVISION

The school is under the supervision of the directors:

BEN BARKER,
Laverne, Oklahoma, Chairman.

GAIL W. SCHULTZ,
Laverne, Oklahoma,
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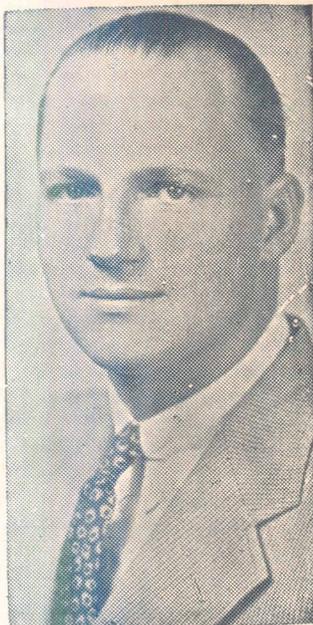
ALBERT DURHAM,
Wichita, Kansas, Member.
Other ministers and evangelists will assist in teaching and promoting the school.

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Mr. Harvey A. Lewis

MUSIC

There will be a night session of about two hours of music taught by Mr. Harvey Lewis, a graduate of Stamps-Baxter Normal Music School of Dallas, Texas, and a post graduate of the Southern Normal Music School of West Milton, Ohio.



Rev. Albert L. Durham, Teacher

EVANGELISM

Rev. Durham will be in charge of the management of the School and also assist in the teaching.

PROPHECY

Events of this day, The Second Coming of Christ, The Anti-Christ Reign, The Millenium, The Judgment Age, and other prophetic lessons will be given.

CHAPEL

A time of prayer, testimony and song. Visitors or the student body will be in charge. "Without me, ye can do nothing."—Jesus.

"And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then the end shall come."—John 15:5.



ITEMS OF INTEREST



WHY DO WE KEEP CHRISTMAS?

CHRISTMAS commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. The religious event is observed by the Protestant, Catholic and Greek churches on diversified dates in different parts of the world. The festivities of the day may be traced to the ancient rites celebrated in Scandinavia, Rome, Greece and Egypt, where the pagan people feared, as the days shortened in the darkest month of the year, that the sun was dying, and observed a time of rejoicing when the sun began to stay with them a little longer each day.

The leaders of the early Christian Church endeavored to adapt the harmless features of the heathen sun festivals as a conciliation to those who had broken with their old beliefs and vowed their allegiance to the new faith. But, despite their effort at control, Christmas resulted in orgies not to be countenanced by the Christian Church. Revelry continued in England, until, some years after the coming of the Puritans to America, the Roundhead Parliament abolished Christmas for twelve years, and in America the Court of Massachusetts followed suit. But Christmas must be kept, and it was later re-established in more sane fashion by law in both countries, because the people were unwilling to do without the festival.

WHY WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS ON DECEMBER 25TH

Nobody knows whether that is the exact date on which Christ was born, or what people first celebrated the festival on that date. After the triumph of Christianity the prejudice of the early Christians against the celebration of birthdays as heathenish died out. Some time between 337 and 352 A. D., Pope Julius directed Saint Cyril to ascertain the correct date.

He reported that the Western churches observed it on December 25th, although other churches kept the day in January, April, May, March and September. Pope Julius was so satisfied with Saint Cyril's report that he set December 25th as Christmas Day, and our observance of that date has come down to us from that decision.

ARNETT, OKLA. Brother Raymond and Sister Etta Mae Peters and Brother Allen have recently closed a meeting at Arnett. Two were sanctified and one received the Holy Spirit. An invitation is extended to all ministers for services at any time. The Lord is blessing in the regular services and progress is being made. Rev. and Mrs. Harold Cooper, Pastors.

WHY WE SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Singing Christmas carols is a custom so old that even the origin of the word is in doubt. The first carols were modeled on the songs written to accompany the choric dance and caroling—a combination of dancing and singing—which found its way from the pagan rituals into the Christian Church.

In the year 589 A. D., the Council of Toledo forbade dancing in the church on certain days, and in the following year all secular dances in the church were forbidden. However, the custom did not die out until about the year 1209.

The earliest printed collection of carols was issued in 1621. It contained the famous "Boar's Head" carol, which is still sung every year at Oxford College.

The carol exists in France, where it is known as "Noel," and it is also existent in Germany and Italy, although the custom has died out in Scotland and some of the Continental countries.

The Neglected Guest



*I do not know the reason—false or true,
Which ruled the heart of him who kept the inn.
It was enough howe'er to shut the door,
And answer that there was no room within.
How little did the keeper realize
What privilege and honor waited there,
Brought by the strangers to his very door,
If he but open it and room prepare.
It was not that he sought to do them harm;
In turning them aside he had no plot.
His time of visitation waited him,
But dead to heaven's touch he knew it not.
What reason rules the keeper of thy heart?
Are all the doors unbarred and opened wide?
Is room prepared for Him who waits without?
Or do you answer still, "No room inside"?
It is not that you wish to do Him harm;
It may be that you hold Him in respect.
But even so, if He remain outside,
You suffer fatal loss in such neglect.
Then open wide the door and make Him room.
He comes to give thee peace where woe has been,
Let open hearts be made His natal place,
That He might reign as King within the inn.*

—John Wright Follette.

HOLIDAY CONVOCATION

A Holiday Convocation of the Apostolic Faith will be held at the beautiful new Bethel Church, 812 W. Monroe St., in Magnolia, Ark., on Highways 82 and 79, beginning December 26, through the 31st, closing with a great watch night service.

Daily schedule will be:

- 8:00 Breakfast,
- 9:00 Morning Prayer,
- 10:00 Bible Study,
- 12:00 noon lunch,
- 1:30 Children's service,
- 2:30 Preaching service,
- 5:00 Supper,
- 6:45 Young Peoples service,
- 7:30 Evangelistic service.

All ministers, musicians and singers are invited to take part in this great Convocation.

Plans have been made for rooms at one of the dormitories of the A. & M. College at reasonable prices. Steam heated, bath, nice lobby. Those coming must bring pillows, covers, linens and towels. A dining hall next door to the church and a common table for all as the Lord provides. Bring your sugar stamp and ration books. VISIT A NEW CHURCH AND A NEW PEOPLE. For further information, write J. M. and Vera Scott, Route No. 1, Magnolia, Ark. Phone 12J3.

CHRISTMAS BEATITUDES FOR THE HOME

Blessed are the parents who know how big is Christmas and how small. Blessed are they who lead the way to the manger, rather than the toy counter at Christmas time.

Their children will follow them.

Blessed is the mother who stops in the midst of the cookie making and the turkey stuffing and the card addressing to hear the angels sing.

Her children will hear heavenly music.

Blessed is the father who bring a share of his possessions to the cradle of the Christ Child.

His children will follow him—none of them empty handed.

Blessed is the family that knows how big is Christmas and how small. Their whole year will shine with happy memories and a zest for living.

GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT OF IMMORTALITY

By Herbert H. Holland

The idea of giving is easy to understand at Christmas. We try to give our children and friends something they want or don't already have. We often mark packages, "Not to be opened until December 25." The gift is usually the result of a cherished friendship.

Immortality is always presented in the Bible as a gift of God. See John 3:16; Rom. 6:25; 1 John 5:11-13. Hence these three facts about Christmas giving may help us to understand the circumstances of God's great gift.

From 1 Tim. 6:16 and Rom. 2:7 we learn that only God has immortality, while man must seek it diligently. 2 Tim. 1:10 teaches that Christ brought immortality to light through the Gospel. The Good News of the New Testament is the simple message that God who is the only source of immortality has promised to bestow this precious boon upon all who believe in Jesus Christ.

The gift of immortality will be made on the Resurrection Morning according to 1 Cor. 15:53, 54. From 1 Thess. 4:16, 17 we learn that this will take place at the Second Advent of Christ, see also Phil. 3:20, 21; Col. 3:3, 4 and 1 John 3:2, 3. 1 Peter 1:3-5 also states that our incorruptible inheritance is reserved for us until the Last Day. How eagerly Christians should look forward to that day, even as children anxiously await the coming of Christmas!

For the relationship upon which God's gift of immortality depends see John 3: 16, 36; 6:40, 54; 11:25, 26; 17:2, 3; 20:31, etc. These texts and others cited above indicate that only those who are Children of God through faith in Christ will receive the gift of immortality. Others will never enjoy this advantage. How important it is that we keep our relationship with God clear by exercising constant faith in Christ as the only Life-giver!

Friend, although you are not immortal now, you are a candidate for immortality. You may receive eternal life as God's gift when Christ comes if you want it. Or you may sing into eternal death,

complete extinction of being. The choice is yours and the condition of eternal life is simple faith in Christ. Follow St. Paul's advice: "Fight the good fight of faith; lay hold on eternal life."

THE FAITH

1. Miracle of Christ's Incarnation (Luke 1:35; 1 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 2:9-14).

2. Majesty of His Deity (Heb. 1:3; Rom. 1:4; Luke 8:28; Matt. 27:54).

3. Music of His Life (Acts 10:38; John 20:30, 31; Acts 2:22).

4. Manifoldness of His Atonement (Matt. 20:28; 26:28; Rom. 3:24, 25).

5. Meekness of His Priesthood (Heb. 7; 8:1-5; Rom. 8:27, 34).

6. Manifestation of His Glory (Col. 3:4; Phil. 3:20, 21; 1 John 3:2).

"The faith" is the truth of the gospel. It is important to distinguish between "the faith" and faith. Faith is the act of believing. "The faith" is what we believe.

—Philippine Evangelist.

Rev. A. B. Stanberry has been on an evangelistic tour and visited many churches which were blessed and greatly benefited by his ministry. Brother Stanberry was in special services in Magnolia and Fayetteville, Ark., Joplin, Granby and Webb City, Mo., Galena, Kansas, and also Wichita, Kansas.

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Brief Mentions

Dear Ones:

Greetings in Jesus' Name.

We wish to report victory in our services. God is blessing our work here in San Francisco. We have just completed our platform painting and hanging of our curtains. We extend an invitation to all ministers and workers of the Faith. We are praying and believing the Lord for a revival in the near future. Will appreciate your prayers.

Pearl Thomas Yeakley, Pastor.

BAYARD, NEBR. Evangelist and Mrs. Gail W. Schultz are now in a revival at the new church in Bayard. Ed. and Frances Stork, Pastors.

GRANBY, MO. Evangelist Otto Busch and Floyd and Grace LaMunyon have just closed a good revival at the Gospel Tabernacle in Granby. The church is being blessed and numbers are increasing under the able ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Darrell Sutton.

CENTER POINT, TEXAS. God is graciously blessing the church at Center Point under the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bailey. In a recent Sunday night service 10 were saved and one sanctified and the entire church prayed through to shouting victory. Rev. Charles R. Dale is now in a Revival meeting there.

LAVERNE, OKLA. The work of the Lord is progressing nicely and the entire church is working in unity, and as a result the Lord is blessing in a special way. The church will have their regular Watch Night service on New Year's Eve, a service which they have held every year for the past fourteen years. Rev. Ben Barker, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANSAS. The Lee Brock Evangelistic party have just closed an old time revival at the Hoover Orchard Church in West Wichita. Brother James Ahrens assisted in the meeting. The meeting was good in every way. Sister Ava Durham, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS. Brother A. B. Corl, writes, The work of the Lord at the Apostolic Faith Church, 909 Knox St., Houston, Texas, is going forward under the leadership of Rev. Bill Handley. The church is growing spiritually and in numbers. God is meeting with us in every service and manifests His presence whereof we are glad and do praise Him for it. We covet the prayers of God's people, you pray for us and we'll pray for you. Sister Eloise Clifton is directing the Young People's work and Mrs. Bill Handley the Children's work.

KINGMAN, KANSAS. The Lord is blessing and the work is progressing in Kingman. Services are being held in the Lutheran Church. Evangelist Eugene K. Cornell has just closed a good revival there. Wonderful messages were given each service. One outstanding message on the Holy City thrilled the hearts of the people as they caught a vision of what awaits God's people. Services have been changed, and they are now held every Sunday afternoon. The Sunday School at 2:00 p. m., Devotional service, 3:00 p. m., and Evangelistic service at 8:00 p. m. Sister Pearl Menke, Pastor.

OLATHE, COLO. The entire church at Olathe have worked and prayed all summer for a God sent revival and it began on Nov. 5 with the Glayron Rees Evangelistic Party, consisting of Brother Rees, Brother and Sister Grady Adcock, Paul Harbin and Joe Lilly. An evangelistic spirit prevailed and great victory crowned each service. The closing Sunday a Dedication of the new church was held and a burning of the mortgage, as every indebtedness has been lifted. Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and many blessed and the church greatly encouraged. The Olathe church has a great vision of the gospel spreading throughout the western slope that other churches may be established and have fellowship one with another. Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Schrimpf, Pastors.

Rev. and Mrs. Bob Palmer have accepted the Pastorate of the Glen Rose Community church near Guymon, Okla.

ALVIN, TEXAS. Evangelist and Mrs. E. W. Dickson and Evelyn Dearing have recently held an old time revival in the Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin. Good crowds attended the meeting. Street meetings were held with a good response. God blessed in every way and the Alvin Church was greatly encouraged with the spirit and blessings of the Lord that prevailed. Rev. Alford Whitely, Pastor.

BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS. The 5th St. Church is in an old time revival with Evangelist Jennie Evans, Wilma Lilly and Catherine Lewis. A number of souls have been saved, good interest and attendance manifested. Leota Chitwood and Lucille Robinson have been pastoring the work for several months. On December the first, Rev. and Mrs. George Bollinger will take over the work as Pastors.

PERRYTON, TEXAS. Work on the new church at Perryton is progressing nicely, everyone has a mind to work, and are cooperating and praying as the beautiful new church is erected to the glory of God. Rev. Ralph Durham, Pastor.

BYRON, OKLA. Sister Mary King, Pastor of the Byron church writes, they enjoyed a successful revival with Rev. and Mrs. Bill Handley with four saved and one sanctified and the entire church blessed. Brother and Sister Gail Schultz have been there in special services, also Brother Olen Bachelor and Brother Tony Drachenberg.

CHICAGO, ILL. Sister Opal Ferry, Pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church reports great progress in the work of the Lord there. The Sunday School is growing, eight new ones have been added and the Sunday night services have greatly increased in attendance. The entire church has a vision for greater things in Chicago and all are working and praying to that end.

Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Turner have been in a revival meeting at the Union Chapel Church at Bethpage, Mo., and will continue on as Pastors there.



Greetings

May Your Heart Be Glad

By W. B. McCafferty

May your heart be glad with singing
 Holy anthems—songs of peace;
 May your soul be filled with raptures,
 And with joys that never cease,
 As you see the Christmas splendor
 In the evening star that shines
 O'er the mountains and valleys,
 O'er the cedar and the pines.
 As you view the flaming sunset
 Painting with its last bright ray,
 All the western clouds with glory
 At the dying of the day,
 As you look upon the beauty
 Of the holly berries red,
 May you think of Him who suffered
 Pain and sorrow in your stead.
 May your heart be glad with singing
 Songs the angel minstrels sing
 In the presence of the Father,
 In the throne-room of the King.
 May your heart be filled with glory
 And with heaven's holy light
 That the shepherds saw in Judah
 On that first glad Christmas night.



MAGNOLIA, ARK. Evangelist and Mrs. Homer Coberly and Euteva are now in an old time revival at the new Bethel Church in Magnolia, Ark. God is blessing and special services will continue on until the Convocation. J. M. and Vera Scott, Pastors.

Sister Laura Thompson, pastor of the work at Camp Wood, Tex., writes encouragingly of the progress of the Lord's work there. Sunday School attendance is increasing as more are becoming interested. Brother and Sister Murphy Barnes have been in special services there.

Rev. and Mrs. Tica Tabor and family have returned to Seneca, Mo., to Pastor after several months of evangelistic work in the panhandle area.

GRAY, OKLA. Evangelist and Mrs. Sidney Rees have recently held a soul stirring revival in the Gray Church. The George Sisters assisted in the singing and the Pipkin Sisters of Spearman also helped through the revival. Brother Rees and party have been in evangelistic meetings in the panhandle this fall and a great harvest of souls has been gathered in and a spirit of evangelism has prevailed.

Sister R. E. Feagin of Hempstead, Texas, has special services every Thursday night, also the second and fifth Sundays at the church in Bellville, Texas. Sister Feagin is also in services every Wednesday night and the fourth Sunday night in every month at the church in Waller, Texas. Her faithful untiring work is greatly appreciated in both churches.

DEDICATION OF CHURCH

The beautiful new church, recently built at Snyder, Texas, under the direction of Rev. Earl Morgan and Rev. Elvis Bishop, was dedicated with an all day meeting, Sunday, November 5th. The services throughout the day were splendid and the attendance was good, with the church filled to capacity. A bountiful table was spread at noon and the day of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Rev. Elvis Bishop brought the dedication message in the afternoon. The out of town ministers present were: Evangelist and Mrs. Gail W. Schultz, Brother and Sister R. J. Eaken, Brother Earl Whited, Brother Sol Getz, Sister Frances Stork and party, Sister S. W. Ditto, Rev. Jacob C. Regier, Brother and Sister Vester Clanton, Brother and Sister Allen Broyles, Rev. and Mrs. Earl Morgan and Rev. and Mrs. Elvis Bishop. Brother and Sister Earl Morgan have served faithfully as Pastor of the church and in the building program too. They expect to be in Evangelistic work now.

Rev. Lyle West, is now pastoring the new work at Goodman, Mo. Brother James Ahrens has been assisting in the services there also. The attendance is increasing with services on Sunday and Tuesday nights. Brother West is also filling appointments in four other communities in that vicinity.

Rev. C. E. and Imogene Orendorff and Sister Idress Fidler has just closed a good meeting at Colony, Kansas, and several there are being established in the Apostolic Faith. The Lord has blessed as Brother Orendorff has brought the messages from night to night. The chalk drawings of Sister Orendorff were greatly enjoyed by all. Special services have also been held at Altoona, Kansas.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Girouard and family have been in evangelistic work and have recently held a successful revival at the church at Hardesty, Oklahoma. They plan one more revival in the Panhandle area before the Holidays and will move into their home and make their headquarters at Perryton, Texas.



CHILDREN'S PAGE



HOLY NIGHT

It was night. It was dark on those hillsides. Wolves and other animals and enemies hid in the shadows.

Gentle, innocent sheep ranged in the open spaces by day. But someone had to watch them. A sheep is tame, and does not know how to defend itself. So the owners hired men called shepherds to care for the sheep.

At night time these shepherds drove their sheep together and took turns watching their flocks. Some would sleep, and some would watch and keep a little camp fire at time for warmth.

Suddenly a great light shone all around the shepherds, and an angel appeared. Those watching awakened the other shepherds. They had never seen anything like this before and they were all very much afraid. Then the angel said, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." The angel also said they would find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. Then a multitude of angels appeared and praised God. And then they all disappeared. The shepherds were excited and began talking one to another. "A Saviour Born." They had read in the old testament that He was to come. Could it be true. How glad they were. They all said one to another, let us go find him. They did not do like many today, when they hear that Jesus, a Saviour is born. If all the world would do like the good shepherds and go seek the Saviour what a happy world we would have. The Bible says, "They came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in



a manger." They were so happy and all rejoiced at having found a Saviour. They told everyone they saw, what they had seen and heard.

Boys and girls, Christmas is Jesus' birthday. The birthday of the King. All of you enjoy having a birthday and receiving presents. As Christmas is Jesus' birthday, let's all give Him a present. The present He would like most, boys and girls, would be your own heart and life, that you might serve Him and love Him.

So let us all be glad for the "Holy Night", when He was born, that the world might have a Saviour.

*"Silent Night, Holy Night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and
child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Rests in heavenly peace, rests in
heavenly peace."*

Viola Modrick.

FOR YOU CHILDREN

(Christmas Greetings to all you children. Below are 10 questions about Christ's birth. Each question counts 10%. We hope you can all make 100. May God grant you all a happy Christmas season, and don't forget to pray for our unhappy boys and girls overseas.)

1. What Book in the Old Testament tells where Christ should be born?
2. What city was the home of Joseph and Mary?
3. Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem?
4. To whom did the angels first appear, telling of Christ's birth?
5. Where did the Shepherds find the baby Jesus?
6. Why did the angel tell Joseph to name the child "Jesus"?

7. Who was the king when Jesus was born?

8. What gifts did the wise men bring Jesus?

9. Why did God warn Joseph and Mary to flee with the child to Egypt?

10. When Herod knew he was mocked of the wise men, what did he do?

Viola Modrick.

(The answers to these questions are found on page 15)



O, LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

At this season of the year, millions of devout worshippers will be thinking of that little town among the Judean hills, and a vast multitude, whom no man can number, will be singing:

*O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless
sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the
years
Are met in thee tonight.*

*How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him,
still
The dear Christ enters in.*

*O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us today.*

*We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us;
Our Lord Emmanuel.*



CAUSE FOR SERIOUS THOUGHT

Solemn thoughts are contained in the following admonition which one sees warning the faithful in the Cathedral of Lubeck in Germany:

Ye call Me Master and obey Me not;
Ye call Me Light and see Me not;
Ye call Me Way and walk Me not;
Ye call Me Life and desire Me not;
Ye call Me Wise and follow Me not;
Ye call Me Fair and love Me not;
Ye call Me Rich and ask Me not;
Ye call Me Eternal and seek Me not;
Ye call Me Gracious and trust Me not;
Ye call Me Noble and serve Me not;
Ye call Me God and fear Me not.
If I condemn you—blame Me not.

—Grit.

Evangelist and Mrs. Albert Janzen have just conducted an old time revival at Mountain Gap, 5 miles west of Greenland, Ark. Sister Gladys Nichols assisted in the meeting. The Greenland and Fayetteville church attended and were a great help in the meeting.

Brother and Sister Joe Hampton, assisted by Brother and Sister Lawrence Clay have been in an old fashioned revival at the Love school house in Beeman Hollar, 10 miles west of Anderson, Mo. God blessed, over 10 were saved and many blessed in the services. Interest was good and splendid crowds attended.

Evangelist and Mrs. Murphy Barnes are now in a tent meeting at Utopia, Texas.

The Lord is blessing the ministry of Brother and Sister Earl Neilson at the church at Cave Springs, Ark. Recently one was saved, one sanctified and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.



To My Friends:

This is our Christmas issue and through it I wish to express pleasant and happy greetings.

A rare pleasure it would be could I, at this glad anniversary of our Savior's birth, meet every one I prize as a friend, and, while feeling the warmth of a friendly handclasp and looking into friendly eyes, greet with this glad season's best wishes. Since this is impossible I can only use this method of spanning the intervening distance and conquering all circumstances, that I may give my message. I sincerely wish you, my friends, all Christmas joy—and for the New Year the best, happiest and most successful twelve months of all.

Let us ponder in our hearts all that the joyous Christmas day commemorates—the gift of the Savior and Friend of all, the blessed Christ, the Hope of Life to you and to me.

May our cup of gladness be full and may we sing and re-echo the angels' song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men."

I offer you a friend's devotion, and fellowship, a co-worker's loyalty.

YOUR EDITOR.



WHAT PRAYER CAN DO

Prayer can obtain everything, it can open the windows of Heaven, and shut the gates of hell, it can put a holy constraint upon God, and detain an angel until he leaves a blessing. It can open the treasuries of rain, and soften the iron ribs of rocks till they melt into tears and a flowing river. Prayer can unclasp the girdles of the north, saying to a mountain of ice: "Be thou removed hence and cast into the bottom of the sea." It can arrest the sun in the midst of his course, and send the swift-winged winds upon our errand. And to all these strange things and secret decrees, add unrevealed transactions which are above the clouds, and far beyond the regions of the stars. All these shall work for the praying man or woman.

—Bishop Taylor.

TUNE IN

KOAM—Pittsburg, Kansas to the Fellowship Hour every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P. M. Different churches of the Tri-State District having program each Sunday. Secretary, Rev. Olen Bachelor, Box 336, Webb City, Mo.

KANS — Wichita, Kansas, to the "Lights of Home" program every Sunday morning, 9:15 to 9:30 A. M. Rev. Albert L. Durham in charge.

KPDN—Pampa, Texas, to the "Gospel of the Kingdom" program every Tuesday 2:00 to 2:30 P. M. Rev. Ralph A. Durham, director.

KGKY—Scottsbluff, Nebraska, every Sunday evening, 6:00 to 6:30 p. m. Rev. Frances and Ed Stork in charge.

OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Dear Mrs. Parham:

I received the beautiful New Testament, which you sent me and I can't help but express here my appreciation for it. I am a great lover of the Word of God and I can't go without it. It has become a part of my life.

I have several New Testaments now in my possession, but of course, I always love a new one, and give the others to my buddies. There are quite a few Christian boys here and they also love to read the Word of God.

I wrote to you about three weeks ago, thanking you for your Church Paper, which you sent me. I haven't heard from you yet, but I hope your answer is already on the way.

Will you please tell me where you got my address? I am interested to know, so I could also write to that person or group of Christian friends. In fact I am always glad to meet or write to any Christian brothers or sisters in Christ anywhere, regardless of creed or denomination. I believe in the Word of God rightly divided, as St. Paul says in 2 Tim. 2:15.

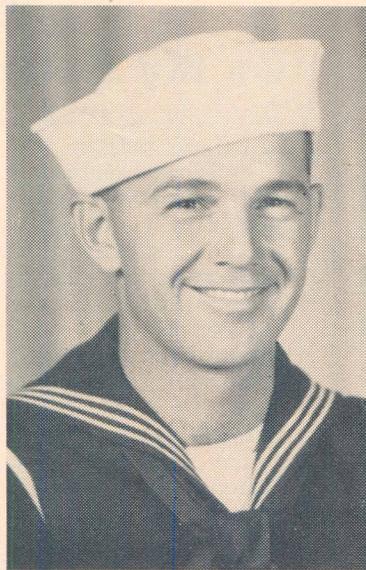
For God so loved the World that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (Jn. 3:16). Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth and the life, no man cometh to the Father except by me. (Jn. 14:6). Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:12). These are just a few of the scriptures that I stand for in the way of salvation of the soul of man.

I also believe in all the ordinances of the early Church recorded in the New Testament, especially in the Book of Acts and all the epistles of the Apostles. There is nothing better than to believe in the teachings of the Apostles and Christ, Himself. If we do that, we shall never fail.

Well, I must close now, hoping to hear from you soon. May God bless you and I thank you again for this precious gift.

Your brother in Christ,

P.F.C. Felix Sibayan, Jr.



Kenneth Clifford Nelson, S-2/c

Kenneth Clifford Nelson, S-2/c, now stationed in the Pacific, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson of Laverne, Okla. Kenneth is a Christian and always attends the Full Gospel Church in Laverne.

THE SONG OF ANGELS

*"Peace on earth"—the angels sang,
O'er Bethlehem the message sang;
"Peace on earth, good will to men.
God has blessed the earth again."*

*Nineteen centuries have rolled on—
Can we hear the angel's song?
Over bomb and cannon roar.
May the words be heard once
more?*

*Peace, sweet peace—through God's
own Son,
Shall this greatest blessing come.
Allegiance to the Prince of Peace
Alone can make all hatred cease.*

*Men, accept your Heavenly King!
Earth, lift up your voice and sing!
"Peace on earth, good will to
men,"*

*The Prince of Peace will come
again!*

—May H. Clutter.



*Season's
Greetings!*

Our thoughts are with you this Christmas Season and our hearts go out to God in prayer and supplication that He will hasten the day of your return, and let His Peace reign from pole to pole and sea to sea. May the eternal Star of Bethlehem shine round about you and light your pathway in every dark hour. May He give you grace for the day, strength for the journey and Peace that passeth all understanding. You are remembered this Season, not only by the fireside, but at the throne of Grace.

Dear Editor:

As I am one of your subscribers of the Apostolic Faith, I received a leaflet through mail telling me of your book, "The Voice Crying in the Wilderness." I enjoy reading your Paper. In reading the Paper I find lots of encouragement. I pass the Paper on to my friends and they seem to enjoy reading it. I am sure I will like your book and I am enclosing \$1.00 for it. I hope I will get it soon. May the Lord bless you in your good work.

A friend in Christ,

P.F.C. Elmer L. Smith.

EXTRAORDINARY ANNOUNCEMENT TO SERVICE MEN

We have recently looked over our mailing list and feel that many of our papers are going to old addresses and we request you to send your latest address *at once*, and we will be happy to mail you the Apostolic Faith paper.

The folks at home can cooperate in a great way by sending us the latest address of your boy in service.

This is very important and we trust you will send the latest address at once.

ENGLAND

Dear Sister Parham:

Here is a line to say, "hello" and that I received your nice letter. I was glad to hear from you.

I often think of you and your family, and I am praying that God will bless you as you continue to work to help build up the Faith. And I am happy to know the people back home are praying for the boys over here. The Lord is blessing those who call on Him, and I was glad to see a greater number of boys in Church over here than I figured there might be. Every Sunday morning the Church is pretty well filled. Pray for me. God bless you.

Sgt. Robert D. Fisher.



Charlie Johnson

Charlie Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Johnson of Nevada, Mo. He has been stationed in Brisbane, Australia, with General MacArthur's General Headquarters, as guard of the building containing General Offices.

Dear Friend:

I think about you and the children a lot. I received your letter and I'm always glad to hear from you and there is real God-sent inspiration in each of your letters. God has been blessing me and keeping His hand of protection over my life, how I praise Him.

I am looking forward to the next issue of the Paper. I need your prayers.

Gerald Murray.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

Dear Sister Parham:

I received the little magazine and I read every bit of it; it sure was an enjoyment. I am only depending on Jesus to lead me and guide me and keep me strong and healthy that I might do something for my Lord some day. I have a dear friend that wants to receive the paper too, I have already sent his name in. As long as I have been in this organization I have only found three boys of the protestant faith, who are interested in religious literature or religious services. I often wish it were possible for me to attend a good religious service where you can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. God has been good to me and I intend to be true to Him. I have always been taught it doesn't pay to mingle and do the things that the people of the world do. I find negligence of the Bible and ignorance of the truth is responsible for a lot of sinfulness. I love God and am a true believer and my trust is in God. I want to continually receive the wonderful little magazine and the messages to those who don't know Jesus in the free pardon of sin. God help you and your staff of workers. Let us all be for Jesus and Jesus will be for us. May God continue to bless you.

Sincerely,

O'Dell Justice.

Dear Friends:

Recently I found a book entitled, "In His Steps." On the fly sheet I noticed the name, "Robert and Pauline Parham," with the above address.

I read the book and as an officer in our Armed Forces, I wish to say, "Thank you" so much for contributing such books to our men. We need more such books. Men usually follow their leader. My earnest desire is to lead such a life as my men can see something of the Saviour in my living.

May God's blessing be upon you good Christian people. America needs more than ever, clean living Christian people to pray for the boys now engaged in war. May we always work towards peace and love.

Sincerely,

Capt. Theodore B. Ertle.



Cpl. Glenn B. Smith

Cpl. Glenn B. Smith of Galena, Kansas, has been in combat in Rome and northern Italy for several months. His wife, Mrs. Delores Smith, is an active worker in the Spring Grove church and is President of the Tri-State Young People's Rally.

ITALY

Dear Friends:

Just a few lines to let you know I received the Paper, and enjoy reading it very much. I also received your nice letter a few weeks ago. It sure was a blessing to me as well as the Paper. I want to thank you very much for sending me the Paper. I get lots of good out of reading it, and I have lots of friends who say the same. I'm here in Italy in combat and I'm on the move a lot, so therefore I don't get to write as much as I would like to. I need the prayers of all you Christian people, and I want to thank you again for the Paper. May God bless you.

Yours truly,

Cpl. Glen Smith.



"The Word of God"

By Evangelist Eugene K. Cornell

The WORD of God is the Book of the Ages. It has stood through all the ages, past every acid test and is the greatest book of the shelves of the world to be sold today. David said in Psalms 119:89, Forever, O Lord Thy word is settled in Heaven. Then in Isaiah 40:8, The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the Word of God shall stand forever. Jesus said in Matthew 24:35, Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. This old world will pass away and Heaven will pass away, but the Word of God will stand forever.

Word For The Soul.

Surely the Word of God is food for the souls of the saints. It brings new hope, new faith and courage as we study it. We find in Job 23:12, Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the Words of His mouth more than necessary food. Too many of us make our physical appetite our God, never take time to fast and pray, to read and study the Word. Yet Job said, he esteemed the Word of God more necessary than food for the body. Jesus said, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. David said in Psalm 119:103, How sweet are thy Words unto my taste, Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth. May God help us to have more of a desire to read the WORD. May God increase that desire, and may it become greater than the desire for food for our natural bodies. We eat three times a day and many people eat more than that. I wonder how many Christians read or (eat) God's word three to five times a day. Many Christians think they don't have time to read the Bible once a day. We find these words in 1 Peter 2:2, As new born babes desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby. We all know a new baby desires milk, even cries for milk. Peter says we as Christians are to desire the sincere milk of the WORD of God that ye may GROW. No wonder Christians that have been saved 20 or thirty years are still babes in Christ. Try

reading the WORD of God that you may Grow. May God help us to drink the milk of the Word and grow in the grace knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. God intends for us to grow and expects us too, that we may be strong to eat the meat of the WORD. Isaiah 28:9, Whom can he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand Doctrine? Then he answers them saying, Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breast. God help us to grow until we can be weaned from the milk and learn doctrine and eat meat from the WORD, the real manna that comes down from Heaven that the world knows nothing about.

Word Is Divinely Inspired.

The Bible is not just an ordinary story book or magazine that is sold over the counter today, but the Bible is Divinely Inspired of God. Many Christians will spend hours reading all kinds of magazines, but spend very little time reading God's Word. If you as a Christian do not find the Word of God interesting, even more so than any magazine you need to pray through until you have a desire and a hunger for the living bread. The Word is inspired of God and if the spirit of God is in our hearts then we have a desire to read the Word. II Tim. 3:16 says, All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for Doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness. All scripture is for our profit and for our instruction, it may reprove us, but that is for our profit. If you go into a new kind of work or vocation you will first be instructed in your work. May we study the Word of God to show ourselves a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. In II Peter 1:21, we find these words, For the prophecy came not in the olden times by the will of man: but Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the HOLY Ghost. The Bible was written by Holy men as they were moved upon by the Divine spirit of God. The Word you and I hold and handle and have the privilege to read is

not just another book, but it is the Inspired WORD of God.

Word Furnished Light In Dark Places.

The word of God will be a light to you in your Christian walk as you continue to serve God in these days when darkness is upon the world. Thank God there shines a light to every one that loves God and studies His Word. War clouds are close to every one and hanging low over the entire world, the darkness is dense, sorrow, heartaches, pain and grief is upon all nations and people, but in the midst of all these things, thank God for His holy inspired Word, that still lights the way to the old rugged cross and shines as a beacon light to guide humanity to eternal peace. In II Peter 1:19 we read. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; where unto ye do well that ye take heed as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts. May we take heed unto His Word for it is a light that shines and leads the way as we enter into every dark test or trial. David said in Psalm 119:105, Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet; and a light unto my path. The Word will lighten your path as you walk with God. Again in Proverbs 6:23, For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is a light, and reproofs of instructions are the way of life. If we keep God's commandments they will bring light to us, as a lamp they will brighten our path to righteousness.

Word Loved By The Saints.

Any individual who really loves God will delight himself in the reading of God's inspired Word. It will be a pleasure and not a duty to study the Word, and a love of the truth will be deep in their heart. Psalm 119:47, And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved. Also in verse 97, "Oh how I love thy law, it is my meditation all the day." We should love God's law and commandments. David says, Psalm 119:140, "Thy Word is pure; therefore Thy servant loveth it."

Word Mighty In Its Influence.

The Word of God is mighty in power. The Apostle Paul says in

You Can't Keep Christmas Alone!

By Henry Van Dyke



It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are; to try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

But you can never keep it alone!

And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek." The Word of God is our weapon of warfare to fight with against the powers of Satan. "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the WORD of God." Eph. 6:17. Again Paul says in II Cor. 10:4, "Our weapons of warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." We as Christians do not fight flesh

and blood, yet we are in a warfare against the devil and all the works and spirit of the devil. We don't fight with guns, tanks or with our hands, but by the spirit and power of God, and by the Word of God. For the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of Soul and Spirit, and of the joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. God's Word is all the weapon we as God's children need. It is mighty and powerful, a sharp

two-edged sword, it cuts going and coming. It will keep us all on the straight and narrow way that leads to Glory. Let us read His Word and profit thereby.

Evangelist and Mrs. M. E. Brown have just held a revival at the Apostolic Faith Church in Katy, Texas. Splendid gospel messages were brought every night and many were stirred and moved by the spirit and power of God.

Rev. and Mrs. Harvey L. Smith, missionaries from Central America have returned to their home in Mississippi because of the ill health of Brother Smith. Special prayer has been requested for his complete healing.

Brother Raymond Cox, pastor of the work at Norwich, Kansas, reports God is blessing the work there and they are expecting a Revival soon.

Rev. Alford Whitely of Alvin, Texas, is in a good revival meeting at the Apostolic Faith church in San Leon, Texas.

The Alvin Church is planning a special Christmas program, and the Galveston, San Leon churches will gather there for a Watch Night service on New Year's Eve.

Sister E. A. Greever of Spearman, Texas, is assisting in the different missions of the panhandle district and a fast and prayer service is held in her home every Thursday from 10:00 to 4:00 p. m. The Lord is blessing in these services and they will be glad to pray for any request sent in.

FOR YOU CHILDREN Continued.

Answers to the questions found on Children's Page.

1. Micah, 5:2.
2. Nazareth.
3. To be taxed.
4. The Shepherds.
5. Lying in a manger.
6. "He shall save His people from their sins."
7. Herod.
8. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.
9. "Herod will seek the young child to destroy him."
10. Slew all the children in Bethlehem and the coasts thereof.

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IN MEMORIAM



Pfc. Thomas Lee Patty

Pfc. Thomas Lee Patty of the United States Army Infantry, a son of the late Rev. Tom Patty, was born November 15, 1922, in Badger, Kansas. Entered service March 7, 1943, went overseas August 16, 1943. Wounded at Anzio beachhead, May 23, 1944, awarded Purple Heart. Transferred to South France, August 15, 1944. Died from wounds received in battle on September 14, 1944, in hospital in France. Memorial services were held at the Gospel Workers Church of Joplin, Mo., October 15, with Rev. Dow Booe in charge, assisted by other ministers. He is survived by his step-mother, Mrs. Louise Patty, and seven sisters: Mrs. Retha Kitrell, Mrs. Ruth David; Mrs. Macy Ames; Oletha, Lois, Bobbie and Mary Patty.

OBITUARIES

Margarett Francis Webb was born Nov. 11, 1875, at Richmond, Mo., and departed this life Sept. 5, 1944, at Norwich, Kansas. After her Mother's death, she, with her father and sister moved to Elk City, Okla., in 1903, where she met and married John W. Gannon Oct. 18, 1908. To this union were born two children, Mrs. Geneva Armstrong of Dallas, Texas, and Marvin Gannon, now in the U. S. Army.

She was saved and came into the Apostolic Faith at Cheney, Kansas, Sept., 1940, and lived a good Christian life to the end.

Surviving besides her husband and children are two granddaughters, Eula and Euteva Armstrong; one brother, Thomas H. Webb of Richmond, Mo.; two sisters, Miss Nell Webb and Mrs. Fred Hall, both of Elk City, Okla., and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at Norwich, Kansas, with Brother Johnnie Peacock and Brother Raymond Cox officiating. Interment was in Argonia Cemetery.

I. G. Felton, 61 years old, passed away at his home in Bulah Community in Gulfport, Miss., Oct. 7, 1944. He was born in Bedford, Pa., May 21, 1883. He leaves besides his wife, six children, Mrs. Virginia Smith, Mrs. Lorraine Brock, Mrs. Geraldine Peirce, Louis H. and Harlan B. Felton of Gulfport, and Gerald W. Felton, now in service in U. S. Army in Italy; and 17 grandchildren.

Rev. W. T. Miller and Rev. Moore conducted the funeral services. He was laid to rest in Cole Ville Cemetery.

PRAYER LIST

We have been sending out many anointed and blessed handkerchiefs and we will be happy to send you one if you are in need of healing. No matter what your need may be—God is able and willing to grant your request. May we hear from you.

Barbara Nell Cooper
 Mollie Horn
 Mrs. H. C. Marshall
 Mr. Sutton
 Mrs. Hattie Riddle
 P.F.C. R. Earl Rich
 Mrs. J. V. Simpson
 Mrs. H. Kerst
 Mrs. J. W. Brake
 P. E. Bianco
 Mrs. M. J. Corl
 Sgt. Paul D. Wall
 Mrs. Betty Wall

Mrs. W. H. Bowen
 Harvey L. Smith
 Louise Mulanox
 Cole Child
 Mrs. Lola Pearl
 Mrs. Earl Knight
 Mrs. Harold Cooper
 Mrs. R. A. White
 Our Soldier Boys
 George F. Owen
 Lionel B. Wall
 Charles H. Wall
 Dean Douglas

ALL DAY MEETING

An all day meeting will be held on Sunday, December 17, at the Spring Grove church in Galena, Kansas. The entire church has been newly decorated with new paint inside and out, floors refinished, new isle runners, new pews, lights, shades and drapes, and all the church is looking forward to a rededication of the House of God and a reconsecration of all.

Morning, afternoon and night services will be held, and extensive plans are being made for this day. Basket dinner at the noon hour. Everyone is urged to come. Rev. Lula A. Parham, Pastor.