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In Memoriam . . .



Rev. Alford A. Whiteley

*"Death is not extinguishing the light but putting out the lamp
because it is dawn."*

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EDITORIAL

Since the last issue of the Report we have laid my father to rest... another soldier of the Cross. He stood strong and firm for the Gospel to the end. He loved this gospel and gave his life for it. To the very end our Bible School held a very special place in his heart.

He loved his fellow-ministers. This made it so hard to decide who to ask to be in charge of his Memorial service. Many of them have stood together in the thick of numerous battles against the devil. These prayers... their faith and tears will live on in the lives of many influenced for Christ by their Christ-centered lives.

In the past few years we have lost my father, Bro. Ben Barker, Bro. Robert Girouard and others. As I stood there and watched my father pass on, I made a quiet vow to the Lord, asking Him for strength and grace to carry on for the things for which my father so loved and died.

We, as a family want to thank each of you for the many cards and money sent to the Bible School in his memory. Also, for the many prayers for him and his health, and the prayers for us that God would give strength. May the Lord bless you.

We have been gone from Hardesty for the full month of March. This has made us behind on sending you receipts for your contributions for the paper. We have also missed mailing an issue of the Report. We hope you understand.

Our special thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Cornell for staying in our

home, caring for our children and filling in as pastors during our absence. Their ministry was a blessing to the church and we ask God to bless their lives. We also want to thank Rev. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon for filling in for us the last Sunday we were gone. May God bless them and make their lives a special blessing to many people in His vineyard.

Bro. Bill Hollis, Baxter Springs, Kansas, has been chosen by the board to fill out the term of my father, Alford Whiteley. Let us stand behind him and support him with our prayers. We do appreciate his life and his stand for the gospel. During our six years of labor at Galena, we really appreciated his work and burden that he carried to see the church progress. He has so ably filled the leadership vacancy which was left by Bro. Wade in the church at Galena. I feel he will do the same in this position. Our prayer is that God will continue to lead and guide him as he faces the many decisions placed before the Bible School Board.

Let us all renew our dedication to the Lord to serve Him first in our lives and place our own desires second. This will bring a real revival in our lives that will spread to others and fill our churches. Christ's second return is on the horizon; let us trim our lamps NOW and be ready.

Howard Whiteley

D.C.C. Youth Rally

(Editor's Note: Due to so many requesting we discontinue using rally reports, it has been our policy not to print them. However, this report was more on the work in the Mississippi - Alabama area so we decided to use JUST THIS ONE. Please understand our policy in not using rally reports.)

The Dixie Crusaders for Christ met on January 16, 1971 at the Hinton Church. There was a total of 107 representing the Apostolic Faith Churches of the South for the first rally of the New Year.

The interest and attendance of our rallies have grown over the past few years from the low 60s to the 100s because we have put

them back into the hands of the young people themselves. In our rallies each church is represented by its young people group with a song. The remaining part of the service is left in the hands of the hosting church youth group. This has proved to be a great blessing to the young people as well as to the old.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year ahead of us in our youth rallies and desire the prayers of everyone in the movement.

Our rallies are held the third Saturday night of each month, rotating each service among the five churches in the Alabama - Mississippi area in alphabetical order. We still take our rallies to Nettlesboro, Alabama, where we have the service in the old one-room schoolhouse each fifth month.

Pray that the Lord will continue to shower His blessings upon the young and old of this area.

Lynette Long
Sec. for the D.C.C.Y.R.

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

Complete the ones below with "faith, hope and love".

1. The Lord will be the of his people. (Joel 3:16)
 2. is the substance of things hoped for. (Heb. 11:1)
 3. is the fulfilling of the law. (Rom. 13:10)
 4. suffereth long and is kind. (I Cor. 13:4)
 5. Which we have as an anchor of the soul. (Heb. 6:19)
 6. The hypocrite's shall perish. (Job 8:13)
 7. covereth all sins. (Pro. 10:12)
 8. cometh by hearing. (Rom. 10:17)
 9. Perfect casteth out fear. (I John 4:18)
 10. And for a helmet the of salvation. (I Thess. 5:8)
- Key: 1. hope. 2. faith. 3. love. 4. love. 5. hope. 6. hope. 7. love. 8. faith. 9. love. 10. hope.

ETERENITY will be appreciated only in the measure that we have rightly handled TIME!

Over against a demanding Sinai stands a redeeming Calvary!

SERMON OF THE MONTH

By Gail Schultz

EASTER

Eternal, and forever. God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost. And His eternal saints made so because they believed on the eternal Son and faltered not at His word. Faith knew and understood and bore witness of an experience so precious and deep and rare that the faulty ones could not laugh away for them or deminish.

Sometime on God's footstool, by full repentance they had acknowledged Him as Saviour. It might have been on the lonely road, on the high sea; it could have been in the brush-arbor of the hills or the tent by an evangelist set, or yet again in some beautiful church. But somewhere they said, "Thou art the Christ, fair Son of God and I shall witness for Thee." They did and He never forgot.

About the Father's business they went... His offspring, His creation, His chosen. Sure some had one occupation and another, yet another; some were almost unknown, yet they served. Some were well known yet they witnessed, carefully and wisely. Some knew all the letters of men, some had to live by the X for their name, but He loved and cared for both alike. Some were placed in one vessel and in one land another in another, but there is no respect-or of persons.

If you are really saved, you know that and as a servant fear one common Master and Father, abiding in love and obedience. Walking not to fulfill any desire of the flesh or your will, but His will and for you Heaven is cheap at any price. For some the road is long, difficult, the powers of the enemy stacked about them, but they are still about the Father's business. Because He lives, they shall live also.



Some God has given a special calling. They are His living ministers and prophets. They preach of His word, not their achievements. They sing of His glory, not the wordly song of the flesh and Satan. They are His scribes and write from a full heart: the love of Christ, and His second soon return. They are not ashamed to witness, to leave record.

Greater is the open door of church and cottage as a stage of action. Greater still the home whose doors open for them and gladly they wait on them and share with them the much or little they have. These men walk with kings and keep humble still... they tail with the poorest and gladly serve the task.

They resist sin, pray for the sick and minister to the dying whose work is finished. For they know that unless the Father sends Jesus, they too will taste the same. Sin and sickness and death is part of the curse. Children of light are they who follow the Son wherever He calls and of His Spirit and working power they are not ashamed.

Together they have labored, heat or cold, friend nor foe has stopped their message. By this foolish method it has pleased God to save many. The convicting word has not returned to Him void. Anointed lips are voices of power, they speak not by mind of men, but the command of the Spirit. They often marvel at their own words.

People swear they have been told of certain sins and outline of cunning devil traps, but they didn't... only God knew. He revealed that some precious soul might be saved. The ear that hears, the heart that confesses are golden in His sight.

O, if I could repent for every lost soul, but I can't. If I could consecrate for every one who needs that closer walk or tarry

again for His Holy Spirit, but You are the one that must obey His voice.

Whose is this the Man of Galilee, Who is He but the prince of my life? He is rightful heir to the Kingdoms of this world and shall soon come for them. Let us all be ready.

Evening tide or morning light finds me at my post of duty. The night cometh when no man can work. Years count little if anything in eternity, but now they do. My step is slower and I know for me time is short and if the coming of the Son of Man does not intervene, I'll be called to rest. I have asked for 50 years of ministry and I graciously hope that it is granted. I cannot and will not ask for more. I am in the vine, I am on the rock and the rock holds me.

I have tasted and His wine is best. The fold embraces me. The precious Blood of Jesus covers my sins and faults and failures. He gives me a title to a mansion. Please come and share it with me. I shall knock and He will open... I shall hear His call and willingly come. All I have left now is heaven and it's in view. That city, not made with hands is soon coming down. I want to walk its streets of Gold.

Resurrection... some deny it, they hate it, fear it, because their sins have not gone on before. They know, but they think (by Satan's suggestion) that the price is too high. Others scoff... the never answered question, "Where is God... who is God? By natural birth I'm here and like the beast shall die. My hope is nil. My soul is dead, I would not come to Christ that it might live." What a shame.

But... prove the day, the year of Easter... you prove it. I need no proof. All I know is that the Holy One of Israel tasted death; He died in my place, but it did not please God for Him to see corruption, so He raised Christ from the dead and gave undeniable signs, witnessed and wonders.

Because He lives, I shall live also. With prophets I shall stand. The dead will hear His voice. I know there are two resurrections. That Bible lesson I cannot give
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THEY ALL SLUMBERED AND SLEPT

Mrs. E. A. Greever

There are scriptures in the word of the Lord that stirs my innermost being and makes me to realize we must awake from sleep and gird ourselves with strength that we may go to meet the "Prince of Peace."

In 1900 when the latter rain fell in Topeka, Kansas, so soon it began to fall everywhere. The Holy Ghost filled messengers went forth with the soul stirring message, "Jesus is coming soon. Be ye therefore ready."

Jesus knowing the time had come that he must go to the cross, took Peter, James and John and went to the garden. His soul was exceedingly sorrowful even unto death, so he asked them to tarry and watch with him. Going a little farther he fell on his face to pray. When returning from prayer he found them asleep. Now, hear his words of disappointment. "What, could you not watch with me one hour?" The victory he needed to go through the suffering of the cross had not yet been reached so He went for prayer again, and again He found them asleep when He returned. Going the third time to pray, He was made to know He was to drink of the bitter cup and came back to the disciples who still slept and said, "Sleep on and take your rest, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."

They had a "watch" to keep and failed. The spirit was willing but the flesh was weak.

And now we as disciples in the closing days of the gospel dispensation have a "watch" to keep.

Jesus tells us in St. Matthew the 25 chapter that the kingdom of heaven is as ten virgins who went forth to meet the Bridegroom... five were wise and five foolish. While He tarried **they all slumbered and slept**. And at midnight (a very dark time) there was a cry, "Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him."

They all arose and trimmed their lamps but the foolish virgins who took no oil with their lamps found they had gone out; and asked the wise virgins to give them some of

their oil. Their reply was they only had enough for themselves and told them to go to them who sell and while they were gone, the bridegroom came and the door was shut.

Another scripture that should stir everyone of us is found in I Peter 4:18. "And if the righteous scarcely be saved where shall the ungodly and sinner appear?"

Now, in I Thess. 5:6 we read, "Therefore let us not sleep as do others but let us 'watch' and be 'sober'." Remember we are no more of darkness but children of the day, no time for sleep...time to be wide awake and work for again the night is coming when no man can work. We must be up and about our Father's business warning the unruly, comforting the feeble minded, supporting the weak and being patient toward all men, loving friend and foe, when persecuted for righteousness sake, leaping for joy...carrying our cross.

They who live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. "Must Jesus bear the cross alone, And all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone, And there's a cross for me."

We find recorded, "Woe to them who are at ease in Zion." We have everything so easy and comfortable at this time. I'm wondering if we can stand the test of a real soldier of the cross, forsaking all, enduring hardships. We may not really know what it means to be hungry and thirsty and in need of other necessities but we must be sure we have standing grace for adversity for the word tells us there is a time of trouble ahead such as we have never known.

"Must we be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease while others fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas?"

Now hear the words of the prophet Isaiah 21: 11-12. "Watchman what of the night. Watchman what of the night. The morning cometh and also the night."

He, through the spirit, saw the darkness before Christ's coming as a Saviour and tells us of the new day. The day of grace; and

then darkness again. That time of trouble before mentioned ... the terrible falling away and the man of sin revealed.

My heart's cry is "Oh Lord, may we all be among the number who have been awakened and can fulfill the prophecy of Joel." "Blow the trumpet in Zion and sound an alarm in my holy mountain. Let the inhabitants of the land tremble for the day of the Lord cometh for it is night at hand. A day of clouds and thick darkness as the morning spread upon the mountains." Joel 2:1,2.

With blowing the trumpet we need to sanctify a fast and call a solemn assembly. The ministers of the Lord weeping and saying, "Spare thy people O God and give not thine heritage to reproach. Joel 2:15-17. O let us "watch and pray" lest coming suddenly he find us sleeping." St. Mark 13:33-37.

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here, only the first one is my goal. The entire creation awaits this day.

That Day, meaning the day of Christ's Return is nearing. The witnessing is not in vain. Our old earth groans and yearns for a change. Youth feel it, unrest proclaims it. At His coming the graves of the buried saints will open and they in a new body shall arise to meet Him in the air...in a sinless, sickless, deathless temple reflecting His glory and Image.

O glorious day that fixed my choice on such a Saviour. For 1,000 years we'll live and serve Him. Walk into judgment to be given eternal rewards and step into a new earth. The glory of Old Jerusalem in the 1,000 year reign will be glorious.

But the new Jerusalem, my future home, has no comparison. By the side of the river of life I shall abide. Come with me, dear soul. There is room for everybody.

Invite someone to Sunday School this week.

Introduce someone to Jesus Christ this week.

Involve yourself with others this week.

Include God in your every hour this week.

TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK



Youth Camp Counseling

What is a Counselor? Can just anyone be a Counselor? Does it carry much responsibility?

Youth Camp is a wonderful place and it can be a wonderful experience for you as a counselor. It can broaden your vision, open new doors of service, give you insights in working with people, and contribute to your own spiritual growth and maturity in Christ.

No matter what your background...college student, housewife, businessman, or pastor, the Holy Spirit wants to use you to accomplish His purpose in the lives of your campers.

Camp exists for the camper... that young person you are to watch over for a week. You must be mature and living victoriously in Christ in order to help campers with their problems. It's not that you don't have any problems... everybody does. But you are ON TOP of your problems; they are not on top of you. You must be free from needing to be ministered unto, in order that you can be free to minister to campers. Mark 10:45.

Counseling is hard work. You have a 24-hour-a-day responsibility for your campers. Many times you are tired physically. You need to know your own limitations. You need to discipline your time and your hours of sleep, so you are physically fit to give your best to God each day.

You need to guard jealously your time alone with the Lord each day. Many legitimate duties can easily crowd out this important time. But no amount of services or Bible messages can take the place of your own quiet time. You need a daily infilling from the Lord, so that the life of Christ may flow out through you to your campers.

There will be constant demands made on you. The time you had set aside for writing a letter may be the time when Joe or Tim wants to talk with you. So, you set aside

the unfinished letter to engage in conversation because God has trusted you with the life of this 10 or 12 year-old for the week. By example, you are showing the child that God has time for him too.

You may be called on to improvise, to substitute in an activity, or to try something entirely new to you because of some emergency. There may be sacrifices of your time, or self, of personal pleasure. But the rewards far exceed the sacrifice. To see the glow on Jan's face after a service, to see the change in Jim's life, are worth it all a hundred times. "For even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to . . . give. . .". This verse may come back to you often as you minister for Him.

God-Given Responsibilities

A. To your director:

You are responsible for your job of counseling. This means you are to live up to the responsibilities of a youth camp counselor. You are to be PROMPT at all meetings and you are to observe all camp regulations CHEERFULLY and encourage others to do the same.

Keep the welfare of your campers uppermost and the objectives of your camp always in mind. Show a friendly, cooperative spirit and demonstrate enthusiasm. Ask for no special favors or considerations. Be a good advertisement for your camp...and for the Lord.

B. To other staff members:

Be friendly, helpful, and loyal to each co-worker. Some are quite different in personality from you, but show appreciation for everyone's contribution. To help insure that camp will be an enriching experience for you, refrain from unfavorable discussions of personalities and from complaining. Demonstrate oneness and unity in Christ. "By this shall all men (and all campers) know that ye are MY disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35.

Avoid cliques. Be friendly to all.

Avoid competing with other leaders for popularity among the campers. Often the most popular counselor does not have the most lasting influence on campers. Sometimes it's the quiet, conscientious staff member, who spends time with each of his campers, who is remembered long after camp ends.

C. To parents:

Many parents have fears when they send a child to camp for the first time. They want to know that their child is well, enjoying himself, happy, making friends, eating well, and having a good time. Christian parents are concerned also about their child's spiritual progress. Your reassurance will mean much to parents.

D. To campers:

They are your responsibility for a week or more. They are looking for a friend. They want a counselor who will help them grow, become independent, and make wise decisions. They want a counselor who will enjoy camp experiences with them. They are looking to see if Christianity works...if it is demonstrated in your life...if what you say agrees with what you are. They want a counselor who is friendly without partiality. They want firmness with love, for this is security. They want to be noticed, to belong, not lost in the shuffle of a large crowd. Your campers want someone to understand them, to listen to them, to give encouragement for a job well done. They watch your every move. Nothing you do will go unnoticed. You are teaching continuously by your attitudes and example.

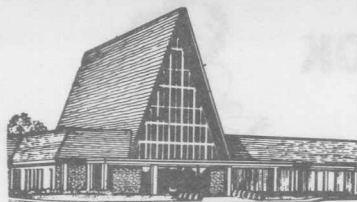
E. Serving your Saviour:

At camp you lead a varied existence. You are mother, dad, instructor, friend and pal, all at the same time. You set the pace for the camp period. You try to be alert and sensitive to each child's individual needs, realizing that all of camp is a learning experience.

You are alert to the health and safety of your campers. Watch for signs of fatigue, shown by irritability. Perhaps Mary needs rest or Jim needs to be pulled from activity period for an extra rest hour.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



Enda, Texas

As we stop to consider what to write, the joy of God floods our soul. On February 21, we started a revival with the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Barker. The revival was only a week long but brought forth blessings that should last forever. We were unable to see any souls saved but people were stirred and conviction was there to sinners and Christians alike.

We counted it a real privilege to attend the Minister's Seminar in Del City. We want to thank again both Rev. Waterbury and Rev. Long for their efforts in having this seminar. It was very beneficial.

Earl Malone, pastor

Westminister, Colorado

God blessed us with a wonderful service Febraury 14. At the close of the Bible Story time conducted by Sis. Lois Riley, a little girl made her way to the altar followed by her sister and mother. Another couple and eight of their children also made a decision for Christ. Also, another young girl gave her heart to Christ. This has really thrilled our entire church and made us all feel our efforts were worthwhile.

Continue to remember us in prayer that God will bless our church with more finding Him and Christians deepening their lives in God.

Bob Taylor, pastor

Pine Hill, Alabama

We are happy to report that we are fortunate indeed in having Bro. Gary Barrett as our able and inspired co-pastor. In the short time that he has been here, this dedicated young man has won the love and admiration of all. We're grateful to the Lord for sending him our way.

February 28, the Rev. Delvin Wiles and gospel workers began a revival with us. In our cottage prayer meetings held before the

Revival, several have prayed through to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We trust that this will only be the beginning of a Real Revival in our hearts and in our church.

We're so thankful for Bro. and Sis. Arnall and their work for the Lord. Their never-ceasing love and concern for others is truly a blessing to those round about them. Hopefully, they will soon be moving into the new parsonage which the Lord so graciously made possible for them.

Mamie M. Kelly, reporter
Jim Arnall, pastor

Galena, Kansas

Our church is still doing very well for which we give thanks to God. The Sunday School attendance averaged 125 for the last six months.

Sis. Bonnie Clanton directs our Junior Choir which sings for about 15 minutes before Sunday School. Becky Cole serves as pianist and Terry Rowland as organist.

The Tri-State Youth Rally was held at our church on February 15 with an election of officers conducted. President for the coming term is Dennis Collins of Galena; Sis. Fran Waterbury, vice-president; Glenda Turner of Prosperity, secretary; and Carol Bard of Joplin, assistant secretary.

We're praying for a revival and trust that God will direct the Evangelist that is needed at this time.

Rita Robinson, reporter
Paul Clanton, pastor

Enid, Oklahoma

We're very happy to report victory in the beginning services of our revival with the Rev. Delvin Wiles and gospel party. They are doing a very fine job and we believe that God is doing great and marvelous things for us.

Some others who have ministered for us during the past few weeks are Bro. Leon Webster and

Bro. Bob Stubblefield. We certainly appreciate these young people and their desire to work for God.

We wish to invite ministers and workers of the Faith to come by anytime. May God help us to labor together for His glory.

Ollie Kinser, pastor

Alvin, Texas

Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Kerr, Gary Kerr, Roger Denton, Duane and Barry Methvin conducted a revival in our church Jan. 27 through Feb. 7. Bro. Duane led the choir each evening lending an inspiration for the service to follow. Bro. Gary was in charge of the special music. Besides the male quartet, our church young people provided special music. God blessed the efforts and talents to inspire the hearts of all.

God anointed the ministry of Bro. Kerr and brought 16 to the altar for Salvation. The last night five were baptised in water. We thank God for His many blessings upon our church and ask that you remember us in prayer that God's work will continue to go forth.

Winston Barker, pastor

Kingman, Kansas

We enjoy the Report every month and can't find a place to stop until we have read it all. I resigned as pastor of the church here at Kingman. We are in need of help and are praying for God to lead in filling this place. Please remember us in prayer and pray that God will send the right pastor for our town.

Pearl A. Memke, pastor

Hempstead, Texas

We are pleased to report some progress in our church at Hempstead. The Lord has blessed in our services and we are enjoying a series of Bible Lessons on Wednesday nights.

The remodeling of the church and parsonage is taking shape nicely under the direction of Bro. Roy Wooster.

The South Texas Youth Rally met in our church for the February Rally. The theme and message brought by Bro. Roland Busch centered on the "Heart". Refreshments were served after the service by the ladies of the

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church.

We feel that some are making some spiritual growth for which we are thankful.

Beginning April 7 Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Cornell will begin a revival with us. Bro. and Sis. Melvin Scott will be in charge of the singing. Everyone is invited to attend.

Doneva Mathis, reporter
Roy Wooster, pastor

Guymon, Oklahoma

All is continuing well at Guymon. We have set an attendance goal of 175 for Easter. We are also planning to have an Easter Cantata on Palm Sunday, and we are making a concentrated effort to be a three digit church every Sunday.

We are conducting monthly meetings with all teachers and assistant teachers hoping to become more efficient in our soul winning effort. Each Sunday School class is having a class project. Our Ambassadors class (teen-agers) is doing exceptionally well under our youth director David Lively and Sunday School teacher Mrs. Jackie Flynt. They are presently involved in a number of projects the latest being a poster contest. The posters were judged and a Bible was presented to the winners by Mrs. Flynt. The Bible will be inscribed with the winners name. The winner of the Junior High Division was Polly Castorena and the winner of the High School Division was Tena Werner.

We are enjoying our new activity bus very much. We were able to take 50 to the last Youth Rally at Gray, Oklahoma and have since sponsored an activity trip to Amarillo with the college students. We are scheduled to take the college students on a snow skiing trip in March and have tentative plans to take our teen-agers to Deer Valley, Colorado to a Christian winter camp for a week-end outing.

We have had several new families in attendance during the month of February and covet your prayers for our labors here.

In a recent board election J. M. Osborne was retained as a board

member along with C. D. Spradling and Wayne Stump. He will serve as chairman for the coming year. Ronnie White was elected Sunday School Superintendent with many new members occupying teaching positions.

The young married class is having three signs painted with the name of our church and our slogan "Smile God Loves You" painted on them. They will be placed on the incoming highways to Guymon.

We all miss Bro. Les Morgan who passed away Jan. 30. He was one of the oldest members of the church and had served as chairman of the board several years ago. He will be remembered by many as the father of the Rev. Austin Morgan.

Edwin Modrick, pastor

Pine Crest Faith Chapel

We are rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord and the hope of His second coming. We believe the word which states the Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever and we experience the same joy and hope that our forefathers knew in their christian service.

The Lord blessed us recently with several services conducted by Bro. Gary Barrett with the help of Donnie Harwell, Jimmy and Ellis Rivers and Terry Ann Maxwell, who played the piano for them. The Lord sanctioned every service with His presence and we were all refreshed at His hand. These young people are from the Pine Hill Chapel.

The Dixie Crusaders for Christ Youth Rally met at Pine Crest for their March meeting with 85 present and the Lord blessed with His presence.

We want anyone of the movement to feel welcome to stop and visit at any time. If you are in the area and want to call the youth camp the phone number is 601 776 2058. Remember us in your prayers.

Jr. and Bernice McLeod

Wichita, Kansas

Greetings from Faith Chapel in Wichita, Kansas. We are in the process of a building program and the completion of our new church is near at hand. The Lord has been very good to us as a group in many

ways. Our men folk have been working two nights a week and all day Saturday for several months. The new church is a beautiful structure and we are very anxious to get into it.

Rev. Paul Baily, our good pastor, has worked very faithfully at the new site, along with his regular duties as a pastor. We appreciate his efforts so much. We have enjoyed some good old time fundamental preaching.

Recently Rev. and Mrs. Keith Barker, Jerry Barker, J. E. Jones, Doug Hibbs and Glen Fullbright were here for the youth Sweetheart Banquet. Everyone enjoyed the quartet and Keith's preaching. They were a real blessing to our young people. Their stay was extended a few days due to the blizzard we had and the Spicer family enjoyed them very much in their home.

Everyone is invited to come by and visit us. A notice will be put in the paper about the dedication. Tentatively now it is set sometime after May 15.

Pampa, Texas

We had a good attendance Sunday and several attended the Youth Rally which was in Dumas. The services were very good and we are thankful that we are beginning to see Our Youth become concerned in the things of Christ.

We have had some outstanding sermons by our Pastor the last several weeks and we are fasting and Praying for the Revival we are looking forward to in April.

The Ladies' group have bought some trees and shrubs for the Church yard and they look beautiful, we got them set out just before the snow.

The ladies of the Pampa Chapel are trying to help the Pastor in every way we can. And one way that we are trying to help is to mention the Daily Vacation Bible School that we usually have in the first part of June each year. As of this time we do not have anyone contacted to hold the School for us. Will anyone who feels that God would have you come to Pampa and conduct a DVBS, write to Mrs. Paul Simmons, Secretary of the Ladies Prayer Group, at 1818 Beech Lane, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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CHILDREN'S HOUR

By Carolyn Quesenbury

The Angry Boy

Allen was angry. He was sure it was all George's fault, and he told George so. "You borrowed my bike and then you ran over a tack and the tire is flat. Now the bicycle is no good.

"I'll fix the tire," said George, "and then the bike will be as good as new."

"It won't either," said Allan, "It will still be just an old bicycle with a patched tire. It's all your fault."

Just then Mother came to the door. "What is the matter, Allan?" she called.

"George wrecked my bike," said Allan. "He has to get me a new one. I never want to play with him again." He turned to George. "I hate you. You old bike-wrecker!"

"But Allan," Mother said, "how can George buy you a new bike, or even fix the tire when you have just killed him?"

"Killed him!" exclaimed Allan. "I haven't even punched him on the nose like I ought to."

"No," said Mother, "but you wanted to, and the Bible says that if we want to do a wicked thing in God's sight it is as though we had done it. If we are angry with someone, we would really like to hurt him, and in God's sight it is as though we had killed him and God will judge us. God is not at all pleased with you now."

Allan was so angry with George and so surprised by what Mother had just told him that he didn't know what to do. He ran out into the yard crying.

George said, "I'm sorry I ran over the tack, Mother, but I couldn't help it. I'll fix the bike now."

"All right, said Mother, "that's the best thing to do."



"Mother," said George, "Is Allan not a Christian now, because he is angry?"

"I think he is a Christian," said Mother, "but he has let Satan get a grip on him instead of letting Jesus tend to Satan as only Jesus can. I think he still loves the Lord Jesus although he is doing wrong by being angry. We must pray for him so that he will tell God that he is sorry".

That night the supper table was not a very happy place, and Allan went to bed as soon as he could. He felt terrible. He didn't know what to do. He knew that God was displeased and grieved with him.

After he had gone to bed, Father went to talk with him.

"Allan," he said, "don't you know what to do when you have done something wrong?"

"Yes," said Allan, "I say I am sorry."

"Yes," said Father, "and also you should tell God that you are sorry and ask Him to help you to be truly sorry. Remember the verse in the Bible that says that if we confess our sins He will forgive us?"

Allan got down on his knees beside his bed with Father and said, "Lord Jesus, I am sorry that I was angry with George."

Then Allan did an even harder thing. He went downstairs and found George and said, "George, I'm sorry I got mad."

George said, "Aw, that's ok," and all of a sudden Allan felt better. God had forgiven him, and George had forgiven him.

"Thank You," he said in his heart to the Lord Jesus, "for forgiving me, and please help me not to be angry again."

Questions

1. What did George do to Allan's bike?

2. What did Mother mean when

she said Allan had "killed" George?

3. What two things did Allan do that made everything all right again?

HOW OTHERS DO IT

For a spring or summer contest, in a class or the church as a whole, use a trellis purchased from the hardware store. The upright pieces of trellis should be used for teams or classes—each having their label over the section assigned to it.

Paint the trellis white and place it where it can be seen. Starting at the bottom of the trellis, wrap wire in green crepe paper and entwine it around the trellis. Construction paper flowers or small artificial flowers can be attached to the wire to show the gain of points.

One idea of points given would be to each Sunday add a yellow flower for a class with all members on time; a pink flower for a class with perfect attendance; one lavender flower for every visitor present. The class or team whose flowers reach the top of the trellis first are the winners.

This can be adapted to fit the need of your church or class.

Teacher's Notebook . . .

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Be alert for such signs as sore throats, watery eyes, and runny noses. Some of these are often preludes to childhood diseases.

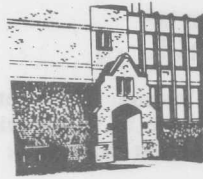
Is all this part of counseling? Ready to quit before you start? Evaluate your God-given abilities honestly. Then recall Paul's words: "I can do everything God asks me to, with the help of Christ, who gives me the strength and power." Phil. 4:13, Living Letters.

Don't get in the "harness" with anyone who refuses the "yoke" of Christ!

No affliction would trouble the child of God if he knew God's reason for sending it.

Apostolic Faith Bible School

BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS



Dear Bro. Whiteley:

Greetings from the Tri-State area and from the Bible School. It is a real pleasure to be able to report to the Apostolic Report that plans for the coming term of the School is progressing real fine as of now. Seems like everything is falling into place real well and a lot of work is going into the physical plant here to make it far more comfortable for the students and faculty.

As no doubt most of you know, we have installed a new central heating and cooling system in the chapel and the boy's dormitory which will not only be so much more comfortable, but certainly will be so much safer. For example, when we removed the old furnace at the front of the chapel, we found where a 2x4 had been burned almost completely up. It often makes me feel weak in the knees when I consider what might have been if it had not been for the mercies of the Lord upon us. The heating system consists of two, 150,00 B.T.U. furnaces, one on each side of the building, with insulated duct work coming through the floor to warm the chapel, and also heating into every room in the basement.

The air conditioning system consists of two five ton units on the outside of the building which will go through the same duct as the heating. This will heat and cool the building in first class shape, so the engineers tell us.

With every stride of progress we make, it costs money. We feel that we have made an excellent buy on the units and they have been installed completely by donated labor from the church at Baxter Springs under the leadership of Bro. Paul Williamson of our Church. We now ask the

movement to back this effort of progress by helping with the financial load. There has been money received for this project but as of now, not nearly enough to take care of the bill.

The present air conditioning unit in the chapel will be installed in the new dormitory, with no cost at all. This will give us new heating systems and cooling systems in all of the buildings, except the old home.

It is our hope and prayers that the movement will push the work of the Bible School, as it is no doubt one of the best tools with which we have to equip the young people to face the troubled world.

May God bless each and every one of you people.

Ted Barker, Supt.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We have a Baby Boy!
Our happiness—our pride and joy,

Has just arrived and It's a Boy!
Name: Austin Howard
Arrived 6:08 A.M. February 15, 1971.

Weight: 6 lbs., 14 ozs.
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Volley Rose, Baxter Springs, Kansas.

A sweet new Tot
We're proud to say
Has brought a lot
Of Joy our Way!
Name: Travis Wayne
Weight: 8 lbs., 3 oz.
Length: 21 in.

Born: January 12, 1971
Parents: Mark and Iletha Bard
Rt. 2, Box 173 A
Joplin, Mo. 64801

The real measure of our wealth is how much we would be worth if we lost our money!

CARD OF . . . THANKS

Words simply can't express our deep and sincere appreciation to all the people of the movement for your many prayers during the long illness of our loved one, Rev. Alford Whiteley. Your many acts of thoughtfulness you expressed in cards, phone calls, flowers, and visits (many coming for miles), helped us so much.

May God bless each of you in a very special way.

The family of Alford Whiteley
Ruth, Mrs. Opal Pianalto,
Major Joel Whiteley, Dr. Ted Whiteley, and Rev. Howard Whiteley

To our many friends and loved ones in Christ, our sincere thanks for everything you have done for us in this time of trial in our life.

The loss of our precious loved one has been made a little easier to bear because so many of you cared. Your prayers, your cards, flowers and words have helped us so much.

We feel that at this time God has given us so much to be thankful for because of you and your help.

May God return all these things to you someday, somehow.

Your Brother in Christ
Rev. Onal Nunn
Rt. 5, Box 147
Neosho, Mo. 64850



Answer To Last Month's Puzzle

August 23-December 9, '71

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dear Bro. Howard:

Thought I had better send in a list of some of the revivals held since entering Evangelistic Work. I am enjoying this work very much.

Last September I went to Lovington, New Mexico for a weeks revival. There are some wonderful people there and the Lord did bless. Our crowds were very small but the Lord was always there. We very much appreciated the Roswell, New Mexico folks coming over several times. Bro. and Sis. Jerome Crowhurst were a real blessing with the music and singing and they brought several of their church people who were a blessing to all. Bro. and Sis. Christenson are laboring faithfully and God is blessing their labor.

Later we went to Gray, Oklahoma for a revival. Sis. Marilyn Lemons helped us there and we appreciated her consecration. The people seem to be hungry for the old fashioned gospel and it was a real pleasure to be with them. Bro. and Sis. Leland Grimmer have done a good work there.

We began a revival in Cave Springs, Arkansas on January 10. This was one of the most enjoyable two weeks revival I have ever been in. The people were very gracious and the Lord did deal with the hearts of those that came. We did not see the move we wanted to but the seed has been sown and we feel sure there will be a harvest time. Bro. Duane Methvin, Bro. Kenny Barker, Sis. Donneva Mathis and Sis. Dona Blythe helped in this revival. It was very good to be with Austin and Shirley and we appreciate the burden they have for the work there. There was one elderly man that gave his life to the Lord in his home while we were there. He had not been to the revival but Austin had been witnessing to him about the Lord since he had been in Cave Springs. His testimony was a blessing to all of us as he came to the revival for the first time that night and told us what the Lord had done for him. We appreciated the ministers of that area that visited during the revival

and also the laymen from other churches who came to the services.

God bless you as you work for Him.

In His Service,
Sherman and Louise Sutton
3781 Avondale
Snyder, Texas 79549

OBITUARY

ALFORD A. WHITELEY

Alford A. Whiteley, Fayetteville, Arkansas, passed from this life, Saturday, March 13, 1971, at 4:20 P.M. in the Fayetteville City Hospital where he had been a patient two months. He had been in ill health for the past five years.

Born in Belton, Texas, March 23, 1904, Bro. Whiteley was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Whiteley who preceded him in death. He was united in marriage to Ruth Heinrichs, on April 15, 1927, in Roswell, N.M. and to this union were born four children.

Rev. Whiteley was converted at an early age and entered the ministry when he was 19. During his 48 years of service to God, he served on many committees for youth camps, camp meetings and convocations. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Apostolic Faith Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas for 12 years, and was one of the committeemen selecting the Bible School site. He also served as one of the school's first trustees.

During the Bible school terms of 1960, '61, and '62 he taught Bible Doctrine and also served as Business Manager during the terms of '61 and '62.

Pastorates served by Rev. and Mrs. Whiteley included Silverton, Texas; Hassell and Roswell, New Mexico; Ralls, Texas; Greenland and Cave Springs, Arkansas; and 10 years at Alvin, Texas. For the past 11 years they served the Baptist Ford Community Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Whiteley; three sons: Rev. Howard Whiteley of Hardesty, Okla.; Major Joel Whiteley, stationed with the U.S. Air Force in Thailand, and

Dr. Alford Theodore Whiteley of Corpus Christie, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Opal Pianalto of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Eight grandchildren, one brother, Homer Whiteley of Greenland, Arkansas; two sisters: Mrs. Clyde Jones of Brownfield, Texas, and Mrs. Charles Musick of Fort Worth, Texas.

Memorial services were conducted in the Nelson Funeral Chapel in Fayetteville, Arkansas by the Rev. Olen Bachler, assisted by the Reverends Doyle Wiles and Roland Busch. Mrs. Dona Barker sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Some Day He'll Make It Plain to Me". A male quartet, the Reverends Jack Cornell, Ted Barker, Jim Morris and F. E. Waterbury sang "God Will Take Care of You." Organist was Mrs. F. E. Waterbury.

Graveside rites were conducted by the Rev. Jack Barker. Pallbearers serving at the Chapel were fellow-ministers, the Reverends Roy Wooster, Marcus Adair, Floyd LaMunyon, E. K. Cornell, Edwin Waterbury, and Bill Yeakel. Pallbearers serving at the grave site were men of the Baptist Ford Church, Oren Andrews, Paul Mattke, Hubert Burnett, Sherman Maddan, Wathen Kirkpatrick, and Ervin Hutchins.

Scripture Cake

3½ cups 1 Kings 4:22
2 cups Jeremiah 6:20
2 cups 1 Samuel 30:12
2 cups Numbers 17:8
2 tablespoons 1 Samuel 14:25
½ cup Judges 5:25
(last clause)
2 cups Nahum 3:12
½ cup Judges 4:19
2 teaspoons Amos 4:5
Season to taste with II Chronicles 9:9

Pinch of Leviticus 2:13
6 of Jeremiah 17:11

Follow Solomn's advice for making a good boy and you will have a good cake. Proverbs 13:24

A little word in kindness spoken
A motion or a tear
Has often healed the heart that's broken
And made a friend sincere.

The best way to BREAK a habit is to DROP it!

IN QUEST OF LIFE

By Pearl A. Menke

In the book of Job chapter 23 and the 3rd verse we find the words of Job as he cried out in anguish of soul, "Oh that I knew where I might find Him!" It is so vital that we find Him in power unto salvation.

It isn't always in our beautiful churches that we find Him—Saul found Him on the road to Damascus as he journeyed to Damascus to persecute the Christians, Acts 9.

The dying thief found Him as He hanged on the cross, Luke 23:42. And many others have been like the soldier boy in the beautiful poem "And God Was There":

"Look, God, I have never spoken to you,
But now I want to say, "How do you do?"
You see, God, they told me you didn't exist,

And I, like a fool, believed all this.
I wonder, God, if you'd take my hand;
Somehow I feel now, you understand.
It's funny I'd come to this hellish place
Before I had time to see your face.

Well, I guess there isn't much more to say,
But I'm sure glad God, I met you today.
The 'zero hour' will soon be here,
But I'm not afraid since I know you are here.

The signal! Well God, I'll have to go!
I love you lots—This I want you to know.
This is going to be a horrible fight—
Who knows, I may come to your house tonight.

Though I wasn't friendly to you before,
I wonder, God, if you would wait at your door.
Look, I'm crying! Me, shedding tears!
I wish I had known you these many years.

I'll have to go now, God, goodbye!
Strange, since I met you, I'm not afraid to die."

This is a prayer of some unknown soldier boy. May the soldier's prayer encourage someone whose boy is in service to remember that God is there. Can this be your prayer today?

Jeremiah 29:13. "And ye shall seek me, and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

CHURCH NEWS

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We are fasting and praying as a group to know God's will for our Daily Vacation Bible School, as well as all of our Church Services.

We know that unless God leads that any thing we try will just be another effort, but we want to see our Church grow because Jesus is the head of the Church and we are only co-workers with Him.

Anabel Simmons, reporter
Amos Harris, pastor

Arnett, Oklahoma

We were very happy to have Brother and Sister Carl Jelsovsky, who are working with the church at Centerton, Arkansas, visit us on January 24, 1971 during the morning worship hour.

Another victory was won as we finally reached our goal of 50 in attendance on January 31, 1971 with an attendance of 52. We are not idly sitting down but have set a goal of 70 to be reached by May 1971.

Much work has been done in cleaning and redecorating our church for which we are all very appreciative.

Our ladies continue to have their Friday afternoon prayer meetings which are held in various homes from week to week.

We are happy to report the Ioland Bible Study is very active. It is good to know Christians can gather together regardless of whether they call themselves Baptists, Methodists or whatever, it might be to study God's Holy Word. All prayers in behalf of this work are greatly appreciated, and we want each of you to know that you have had a part in making this possible.

Due to the snow storm our Sunday School Workshop was postponed until Friday, March 12, 1971.

This was conducted by Reverend Bill Allen of Beaver, Oklahoma, who presented a lesson on "Preparation and Presentation." These services have been a help to our new people, especially those who have recently found the Lord as their personal saviour and as they attempt to work in the Sunday School for their Master.

Our Tree Club has reached its goal of members as we are well surrounded with trees and shrubs. It makes us to know that God's children still love the house of the Lord where they gather to worship and want to be in appearance, which is pleasing to all who may pass by or gather to worship in the House of the Lord.

Our souls are made to rejoice again at the opportunity of sitting in revival services and feeding upon manna from above. These services are being conducted nightly by Reverend Ronnie Martin and his Gospel Team at 7:30, March 21 through 28.

Ruby V. Kibbe, reporter
Rene A. Heil, pastor

Vanderpool, Texas

The church here is progressing well. We have had one lady saved and others have been blessed spiritually. We're also thankful to God that He still heals and makes this known among His people. My sister, Erma Harbin, was wonderfully healed of a mouth infection recently. Pray for the work here that we might see it grow to glorify God.

George Polvado, pastor

FAITH CHAPEL CHOIR IN ALVIN

The Alvin Ministerial Fellowship will sponsor a concert of Sacred Music in the high school auditorium April 5, 1971, 7:30 P.M. given by the West Texas State University Faith Chapel Singers. They are from the Faith Chapel and Student Center of Canyon, Texas.

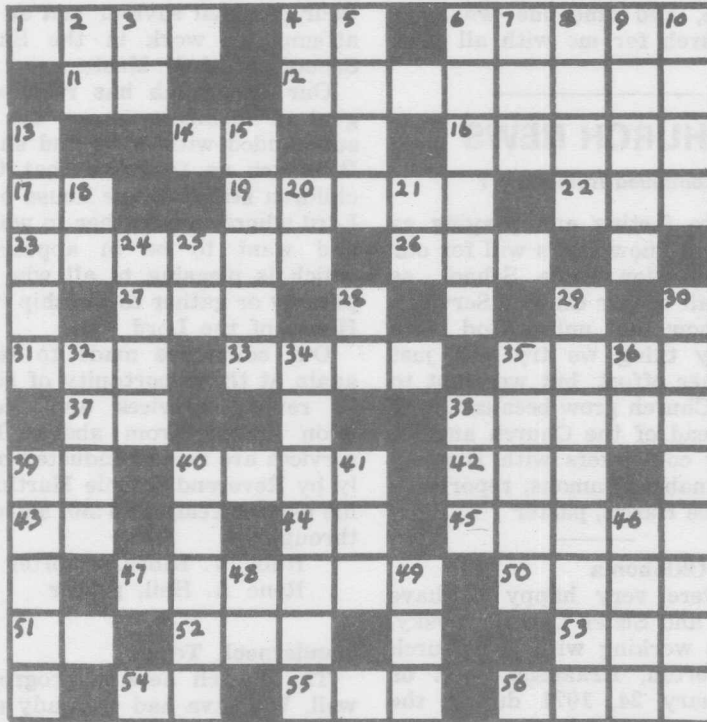
Many who have tons of RELIGION, haven't one ounce of SALVATION!

Begin at either end of "SIN" and you'll always find "I" in the middle.

CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST

THE SAVIOR DIES FOR THE WORLD

Luke 23



Answer Next Month

Clues Across

- 1. "Ye have brought...man unto me, as one that perverteth the people"
- 4. "forbidding to give tribute to Ceasar, saying that he himself...Christ a King"
- 6 "Then said... , Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do"
- 11 "there followed him a great company...people"
- 12 "And the writing was, JESUS OF ... THE KING OF THE JEWS" John 19
- 14 king of Bashan (Num. 21:33)
- 16 angry
- 17 small town which defeated Israel (Josh. 7:4)
- 19 "the horse and his...hath he thrown into the sea" Exod. 15
- 22 "as they...him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian"
- 23 invisible
- 26 "we receive the...reward of our deeds"

- 27 "Sir, come down...my child die" John 4
- 31, 33 "Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou... of the Jews?"
- 35 valley of weeping (Ps. 84:6)
- 37 a memorial (Josh. 22:34)
- 38 "he which converteth the sinner from the...of his way" James 5
- 39 exclamation of anticipation (Job 39:25)
- 40 "they parted his raiment, and ...lots"
- 42 "worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the..." Rev. 14
- 43 same as 37 across
- 44 "rested the sabbath day according...the commandment"
- 45 son of Aaron who offered strange fire (Lev. 10:1)
- 47 "And...gave sentence that it should be as they required"
- 50 initials of four tribes of Israel in Gen. 49: "serpent by the way" "a strong ass couching down" "a hind let loose" "shall ravin as a wolf"

- 51 "one of the malefactors which were hanged railed...him"
- 52 a period of time
- 53 "Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the ..." Luke 17
- 54, 55, 56 "offering him vinegar, And saying, If thou be the king, save thyself"

Clues Down

- 2 "... , every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters" Isa. 55
- 3 "For...they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?"
- 4, 29 "To day shalt thou be with me..."
- 5 "he... , Father, into they hands I commend my spirit"
- 6 ruler whose daughter was raised from the dead (Luke 8:41)
- 7 "They do always... in their heart" Heb. 3
- 8 "the...of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord" I Cor. 9
- 9 "My lips shall...praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes" Ps. 119
- 10 "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is... for you" Luke 22
- 13 "I find no...in this man"
- 15 one of the languages in which the sign over the cross was written
- 18 "Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou are...the same condemnation?"
- 20 "I have found no cause of death...him"
- 21 same as 37 across
- 24 "It was added because of transgressions, till the ... should come" Gal. 3
- 25 the father of Elmodam (Luke 3:28)
- 28 "and...him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus"
- 29 see 4 down
- 30 the murderer whom Pilate released in place of Jesus
- 32 "when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his ..." Matt. 27
- 34 "And they were...with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified"
- 35 "how he was known of them in breaking of..." Luke 24
- 36 initials for: high priest who condemned Christ (Matt. 26:57)

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CROSS BEARING

By Gail Schultz



Turner - Wiles Wedding

Mrs. Jo Turner, Decatur, Arkansas, and the Rev. Doyle Wiles of Logan, Oklahoma, were united in marriage on February 13, 1971, at 2 p.m. in the home of the bride by the Rev. Glen "Ted" Barker.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Thressa Jones, Hardesty, Oklahoma and the late Earl E. Jones, and Alonzo Wiles, Laverne, and the late Mrs. Wiles.

Attending the couple were Mrs. Fay Wilcox, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and Robert Howard of Laverne, Oklahoma. Children of the couple also attended the wedding.

The Rev. and Mrs. Doyle Wiles

are making their home in the church parsonage at Logan, Oklahoma where he has served as pastor for the past seven years. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible School.

Mrs. Wiles is not a newcomer to the ways of minister's wives as her late husband, the Rev. Leonard Turner, faithfully served God in many pastorates, with Sis. Jo always faithful by his side. Rev. Wiles' late wife, also faithful in the service of God, was taken from this life four years ago in a car-train wreck.

The old rugged cross upon which Jesus was crucified has long since decayed. That form of execution has too passed from the law books, to the best of my knowledge around the globe.

However, there is a Cross symbol that we dare not forget. In Matthew 10:38 Jesus said, "and he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me."

Cross bearing and burden sharing is not the idea of a happy way to live. The world has turned so much religious thought into form, that a real deep experience with God is often difficult to find and some times still more difficult to contain and hold. Of course, men look on the outward appearance, only God can look at a heart. What anybody will do under certain circumstances remains to be seen.

Do we even know our own heart or the weakness of our flesh or the strength of our spiritual self in God? The old tract said, "others may—you cannot." He that taketh not his cross. Our achievements and successes must be measured by talent, ability, and opportunity. The open door, the kindled faith and God-given vision must be observed.

"And followeth me." That following has great worth and power. Some look only for an easy street. This is always not the leading of the Master. To be His disciple, we must be His student. Ever willing to learn, obey and walk as He directs. I think the mile posts and corner stones that Christ gives must be kept.

I remember well the day of my conversion many years ago. Still fresh and vivid is my consecration and dedication and His blessed work of sanctification. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues is still blessed. Man does not live by bread alone. Matthew 4:4. Having thus been qualified and chosen, Jesus said, "ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you..." John 13:16.

It behooves us to walk in the

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BIBLE PUZZLE

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- mount where Jesus was betrayed (Luke 22:39)
- 38 initials of three Old Testament mothers:

 - mother of Abel (Gen. 4:2)
 - mother of Isaac (Gen. 21:3)
 - mother of Mahlon (Ruth 1:2)

- 39 ruler with whom Pilate made

- friends after trial of Jesus
- 40 "the voices of them and of the...priests prevailed"
- 41 small child
- 46 "thou shalt be called by... name" Isa. 62 (two words)
- 48 "I sent you to him; and, ... nothing worthy of death is done unto him"
- 49 the first woman

I DON'T BELIEVE IN TITHING

By Ruth I. Johnson

All of my Christian life I have heard that a Christian should be a tither. Well, I don't believe it! Does that shock you? Then read on.

Take yourself: you've just earned a bit of money on a part-time job. Actually the reason you've been working is so you could get that certain something. Now you've finally earned enough money and you decide to run out and buy it. Suddenly you stop yourself. That's right, you're supposed to take out ten percent for God.

As you try to reason it out you wonder if your measely tithe will really do that much for the Lord anyway. By giving it, will you become a better Christian? Is it right that you should feel so convicted about keeping your own money? If not, why all this fuss about tithing all the time? Why not just forget it? Or, why not put it off until you finish school, get a full-time job and are really able to give?

Should this tithing obligation be nagging at you all of the time? You know that the reason the people in the Old Testament gave a tithe was because they were under the law; you've heard your pastor say that 100 times. But, as a 20th century young person, do you have to live that way? With expenses about as high as they can go, should you have to take a part out for God every time you get a small bit of cold cash?

No, God doesn't ask you to be obligated to Him. He doesn't even ask you to come across with that begrudging ten percent. Frankly, He is neither begging for, nor does He need your tithe. What God actually wants is your entire income—everything—100 percent. In other words, what He wants is YOU. And shouldn't He have this? Doesn't anything that belongs to you, actually belong to Him first? It came from Him, and He bought it and you with His life. Yes, He wants all of you and everything that affects you—your time, your thoughts, your mind, your standards, your ethics, and naturally,

your income, however small or big it may be.

But God will never force you to return anything; not even when it is already His. He knows that the Christian who has everything straightened out spiritually will find that giving is just another part of his Christian life. He knows that when you have turned over all of the minute details of your life to Him, everything, even all of your money will naturally be His—not just ten percent.

But sometimes Christians, especially young people or new Christians, need a little help in getting started in the pleasure of worshipping the Lord through their gifts. This happened to me when I was a teenager. Before I ever received any money on that first job, I promised God that as my business partner He'd always get His share. I knew after making a promise like that, I'd either have to come through or realize that God wouldn't have to live up to His promises either. He was no more obligated in this business venture than I was.

So, I started keeping records. If I earned just so much, I'd give Him a share. Right then, the percentage wasn't the important thing. It was my heart attitude. My records were kept on a small piece of paper, but little pieces of paper in a teenager's room (and one shared at that) have a way of getting lost. With that piece of paper gone, my financial agreement with God was not being conducted in a business-like manner. Then one day I saw a booklet entitled, "God, In Account With Me." It was set up like a book-keeping page and I realized that this was what I needed to record my personal business account with God. I got myself a copy and began keeping careful records of both my earnings and giving. It had to be kept accurately, for after all, I was dealing with the greatest business Partner in all the world. No computer could outdo His reports, for He not only knew what I gave, but what I wanted to give even when I couldn't.

Each week I wrote down what I earned and what I had given to Him. Often, as I looked at the page, I wished I could have recorded a bigger amount on God's side. When I saw in black-and-white the difference in what I had kept for my self and what I turned over to Him, it made me ashamed. I vowed it would be better the next time. Month after month my earnings, though small, were written in the books, and opposite them, the amount given to the Lord. As I increased my gifts, the Lord seemed to increase the amount on my side of the page. Without realizing it, I was putting myself through an "on-the-job" training program. God provided the job and the money; all I had to do was record my "heart condition" in the form of gifts.

Now, after years of this kind of record keeping, it has become automatic. The first business transaction cared for each payday is the part that goes to my Partner, the Lord. It's His share—not an obligation of a tithe, but a tithe, plus—plus whatever my heart dictates. It's already His; He just lets me keep the books.

But, if you should decide to follow this plan, don't think for a minute there won't be times when Satan won't try to make you "reason" that it would be all right to skip it "just this once." He'll do it, especially when there are unexpected expenses; when something special comes up and you can't see how you can give God His part right then. But believe me, that's the time to give—RIGHT THEN. When Satan tells you that God is a reasonable God and doesn't expect you to give beyond your means, tell him you are in business; and you and your Partner share in everthing. The Lord delights in showing what He can do for those who will trust Him and put Him first.

No, I don't believe in tithing—that is in tithing only. I believe the person who has accepted God's 100 percent gift—His Son, Jesus Christ—should not consider being pinned down to a mere ten percent. As children, belonging to the family of God, we should give and give and give, and when we do,

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FORWARD AND BACKWARD

By Ruby V. Kibbe

We are living in an age when people are turning from the Lord and His precious word and becoming entangled with the things of the world.

Wake up! Take heed my friend, for in II Thessalonians 2:11-12 we find where the Apostle Paul said, "And for this cause God shall send strong delusions, that they shall believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." Down through the years man has been taught the ways of God and the price for transgressing God's laws. Therefore, man's only hope for life beyond this life is in Jesus Christ. In order to obtain this life we must submit our lives to God and resist the devil so that our hearts will condemn us not. We find in II Timothy 3:16-17 that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." We do not need someone to tell us our mistakes for God's word will guide us daily if we will but accept, believe, and study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, and one that can rightly divide the word of truth.

We are all aware how a soldier for his country stays and endures at his post of duty regardless of the price he must pay. We, also, are soldiers who have a greater responsibility, because we are Soldiers of the Cross and must tell the good news that Jesus Saves. We may have to endure many hard words spoken by those to whom we speak about Jesus; however, we must not let the things of this life entangle us but we must strive to live for Jesus who has chosen us to be a soldier in the army of God. As be our faith in Jesus Christ, so will He keep His promises to never let more come upon us than we are able to stand. He is truly our refuge and will deliver us.

Look up for your redemption

draweth nigh. We must stand steadfast in the work of the Lord, for we know when we serve the Lord our labors for Him are not in vain. Works alone will not save us, but it takes works to round out our lives for Christ. For the Lord we can find work on every hand. The fields are ready to be harvested. Won't you find time to reach out and rescue some soul before it is too late? The Lord wants each individual to be a worker in his vineyard. Won't you be one?

Cross Bearing

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light, being fruitful unto righteousness. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24. To be taught of Jesus and led of God's spirit is wonder. Some are taught of men, others are taught and led about by the Devil. You see them, note their fruit. Lives whose very purpose has been foiled. Children of the night and darkness. They have no hope in Christ. His soon return in these the closing days of time seems impossible to them. But the children of light have an anointed understanding. "We have not shunned our cross." When our vision is blurred, faith takes over and gives us the desire to follow Christ all the way. Every man must abide in the calling, wherein he is called.

If I seek justification out of Divine Order, I shall not find it. Divine Order is success... it is the bond of peace and the delight of every Believer. Abiding in Jesus, in time, in place, and in action. Guide lines I may give to another, but true Spirit leadership comes from the Lord. The tone of life must have the right sound. It is said, "They perceived they had been with Jesus."

Cross bearing may begin at a very tender age. Salvation introduces our cross. Often the weight of our cross varies in our estimation according to our emotions. One may feel sorry for themselves. Another rejoices in a new found

freedom. The number of days and months or even years we are to carry our cross is not known to us. But be sure you do not deny it. Be sure you are faithful, for faithfulness has a great reward.

In this day of the critic, know well that God is real, that there is a heaven and a hell and the resurrection awaits every man. Scoffers of these last days cannot override these facts. It is easy to reach the dead-end road of man made trails, but the everlasting eternal love of Jesus Christ, Son of God, who said, "follow me", makes a way in this life, through death and beyond. The cross has a great trade-in value, and is good enough for me.

Young Christians take stock in good older Christians. They know many answers and the weight of the cross has seasoned deep, the souls that knows its worth.

LITTLE THINGS

A penny is a very little thing, but the interest on it from the days of Cain and Abel would buy out the globe.

The acorn is a little thing, but the black bear and his family live in the oak that springs from it.

A word is a little thing, yet one word has been many a man's destiny... for good or evil.

A kiss is a very little thing, but it betrayed the Son of God into the hand of His enemy.

A spark is a little thing, but it can start a poor man's fire or set the world burning.

An egg is a little thing, but the huge crocodile creeps into life out of it.

The tongue is a little thing, but it fills the universe with trouble.

Faithfulness to God in little things will save us from big troubles.

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we'll find that He will GIVE and GIVE and OUT-GIVE us every-time.

"Jealousy is a horse which the devil likes to ride."

The trouble with little sins they don't stay little.

W. T. Hollis to Replace Rev. Whiteley on Bible School Trustee Board

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