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BLESSED HANDS!

They were hands that healed the leper.
They were hands that healed the lame.
They were beautiful hands of mercy
That took away my shame.
They were punctured so that I
Might live blameless here on earth.
They were blessed hands of love and grace.
I am not near their worth!
O, blessed hands that clothed the lily.
O, blessed hands that fed the sparrow poor.
O, beautiful, blessed, beckoning hands
Are the wounded hands of my Saviour!
They are beckoning now for you to come
You, who know not of His saving grace.
Put your hand in His nail-scarred hand
And look into your Master's face!
Yes, they are hands that came to save you.
They are hands that came to heal.
They are blessed hands of mercy.
They — Your destiny will seal!



—Alberdine Wilhite
Follett, Texas

FAITH

Harold Bollinger

The basic results of all Christian experiences are credited to faith. Without faith man cannot be realistic with himself or with those he desires to influence, neither can he please God. A constant building up of faith is always operating in a fruitful, growing Christian life, and is ever flexible to reach out in possession of the present crisis or need. There is no substitute expressing the reality to which faith points. Only through spiritual guidance of the Holy Scripture and the direction of the Holy Spirit can an understanding of faith become a united part of the believer.

Faith is the believers ultimate concern. Like every living being man is concerned about many things, especially those which condition his very existence, but if faith claims ultimacy, it demands the total surrender of him who accepts this claim, and promises the ultimate fulfillment. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." (Duet. 6:5.) In every act of faith there is cognitive affirmation as an inseparable element in a total act of acceptance and surrender.

How then may we obtain the ultimacy in faith? ". . . Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Romans 10:17). The importance of the ministry to a life of faith cannot be over emphasized. "For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10:13-15)

When men trust Christ they call upon him. Without hearing, there can be no belief or trust. There can be no hearing without preaching. There can be no preaching unless

preachers have a commission. Then through preaching, hearing and trusting, men are brought to call upon the name of the Lord. The beauty of the feet of the messengers depicts their readiness to carry the glad tidings.

After trusting Christ for salvation, there follows a desire to walk in service to Christ with continuous faith. "For we walk by faith and not by sight." (II Cor. 5:7.) "The just shall live by Faith." (Gal. 3:11). Faith then is not temporal. It cannot be removed by the crafts or devices of men. The works of faith are eternal, yet should be added to with Christian endeavors to possess every explicit blessing attainable to the cognitive functioning of human comprehension. ". . . And to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they made you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." (II Peter 1:5-8.)

NEW ARRIVALS

Rev. and Mrs. Jerome Crowhurst are the parents of a baby girl, Melanie LaKaye, born July 21, 1966, at 11:01 a. m. weighing 6 lbs. and 5 ozs. and was 19 inches long. Melanie's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bard of Joplin, Missouri.

We have twins: Kelly Maloy, weighing 4 lbs. 6½ ozs. born at 12:03 p. m. July 23, 1966. His sister Shelly Malen, weighed 5 lbs. and 12 ozs. and was born at 12:14 p. m. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. David Stevenson of Big Spring, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Mathis of Hempstead, Texas, announce the birth of their daughter, Janis Lynn Mathis, born August 18, 1966, weighing 7 lbs. and 12 oz. Her playmate is joyce Elaine who is 5.

OBITUARIES

MRS. EVA DELORA ADDLEMAN

Mrs. Eva Delora Addleman, wife of James Harvey Addleman, was born July 17, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Chitwood near Adrian, Missouri.

She was converted at a very young age. On July 26, 1938, Eva married J. Harvey Addleman. A son and a daughter were born to this Christian union.

Eva Addleman passed away on June 24, 1966, after a long battle for health. Many Christian friends and neighbors mourn her passing.

Survivors include her husband, her son, J. Darrell Addleman and family, and her daughter, Mrs. Delores Shannon and family, 2 sisters and one brother.

CHARLES TUCKER BECKMON

Charles Tucker Beckmon, son of Newton and Sarah Beckmon, was born March 7, 1882, in Monroe County Missouri, and passed away in May 1966, at the K. U. Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas.

As a boy he spent most of his childhood in Missouri, later moving to Curtis, Okla.

On May 24, 1906, he was united in marriage to Anna Marie Christenson. Born to this union were 7 sons and 2 daughters, of which one son, Alvin, preceded him in death in 1914, at Collinsville, Oklahoma.

Mr. Beckmon was baptised at Laverne, Okla., in 1936, in the Apostolic Faith Church, and remained a faithful witness for Christ until his death.

He is survived by his wife Anna, of the home; 2 daughters, Mrs. Hellen Starkebaum, Carbondale, Kansas; Mrs. Florence Knoll, Overland Park, Kansas; and 6 sons, Alfred of Ferriday, La.; Melvin of Topeka, Kansas; Charles of Kansas City; Cecil of Caldwell, Idaho; Bill of Colony, Kansas; and Ralph also of Colony.

There also survive 33 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren besides other relatives and many friends.

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Associate Editor

Greetings to readers of the Report:

Praise the Lord, because He is great, and greatly to be praised. August so far has been a full busy month for us, but a happy one as well. The Laverne Camp Meeting gave us many pleasant hours and fellowship with the brethren of the Faith. How blessed it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Psa. 133: 1. From the camp meeting we came to California and I am writing from this point now.

It is a joy to minister to the folk at Spring Valley (Fair Oaks Chapel). Several visitors have come for the special services from Tuesday through Friday which has given us a nice size group to whom we could preach. There is indeed a work for the Lord here and it is going on. The Lord has not left Himself without a witness. Bro. Bill Allen and family will take up their duties as pastors here within a week.

The Lord willing we will be returning to Baxter Springs in a few days. The work in our own home church at Joplin, Mo., weighs heavily upon us, plus the coming term of Bible School. Isn't it wonderful that each of us has a work—sound

By the time this paper reaches the hands of you, our readers, the 1966 term of Bible school will be under way. It does not seem possible that the summer is over. Our Youth Camps and Camp Meetings are history. If we failed to receive the blessings from God which we needed, that time is lost. They are gone forever.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year in our Bible School with a good group of students again. We hope and pray that the Lord will give us another outstanding year.

Bro. & Sis. Waterbury did an outstanding job as Superintendent of the School but their time is over and we now have Bro. and Sister Paul Clanton. Let us stand behind them in our prayers for this is a Big load; a Big responsibility. They are going to need our prayers. Let us lift up their hands to the Lord.

There is one thing I would like to say in the interest of our Superintendent and that is I feel that more of us should stand behind him even after the Bible School term is over. He has the responsibility of the school for the complete year, after the doors are closed behind the students and all have gone home. I feel that we as a Movement should help support him through the year. Let us listen to the Lord and do as he directs us. I feel if we will do this, the Lord will bless us.

and solid, laid out for us to do. We are told to "work" because the night is coming when no man can work. John 9:4.

I wonder if we have even considered the worth of able men? There are some termed "able" because they hear His work. Matt. 13: 18-23. Again able men are rooted and grounded in His love. Eph. 3:17-18. All men, including ministers

Pens



of the Editors

Let's not forget the need for a Girl's dorm. The land has been given and now it is up to you and me to see that the work of the Lord progresses in this need. We have a lot for which to be thankful, so let us give back to the Lord as He has given to us.

Bro. Edwin Modrick has started a Student Center in Goodwell, Okla. I feel here is another need we as a movement next to remember. Pray that the Lord will meet the needs of this work. It will be of great help to our college young people spiritually to have a church of their faith to attend while away from home. This is needed in more of our areas as the Devil is at work to snatch those whom he can, and His Evil Forces are at work on our college campuses.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish:" (Prov. 29:18). Let us keep ALIVE the vision of seeing Souls brought to Christ and stand behind the needs of those working to gather in the Lost before Night is fully come.

Howard Whiteley

Thank you for your patience with us in this issue being a few days late due to the illness and death of our printer's mother, Mrs. Mina Gowens. May the Lord bless them and give them strength during this hour of sorrow.

must be able to subject themselves to Christ. 1 Cor. 9:27. Able men must be strong and steadfast in the Christ and His gospel. 1 Cor. 16:13.

The power to comfort and admonish others is of able men. Rom. 15: 14. The keeping of His ordinances and commandments lies in able men. 1 Cor. 11:23-26. A constant vigil must be kept. II Peter 3:1. because the

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WHAT WE NEED IS DEDICATION

To accomplish anything for any purpose, a person must be dedicated to the cause. Of course many fail in their undertaking even with dedication because of the purpose being a wrong one or a weak one. The cause of Christianity is right and strong, so a real dedicated Christian will not fail.

All over the world people die for some belief or cause. A hard shell communist is wholly dedicated to communism. He considers not his life but uses himself and his talents to further this evil work of satan. It is said that around ten thousand people in our country are card carrying communists. This does not seem like many compared to the population of the United States. However, this number would not include the communist sympathizers and non card carrying members. Small groups in their desire and determination many times change the outcome of history.

In the Bible we are told of some spies who were sent to spy out the land of Canaan. Only two out of the twelve men saw the possibility of possessing the land. The others were scared and decided their God was not quite big enough to help them in conquering the foe. The two that believed the land could be brought under submission were Caleb and Joshua. They trusted in the Lord to be their Guide and were given up wholly to their God. If only there were more Calebs and Joshuas in the world today.

Millions of people all over the globe are listed as Christians. Of course, we realize that not everyone attending church is a born again Christian. Many just sign a membership card and never experience the new birth. Some are dedicated to a religious group when but a baby and not capable of understanding the Word of God. A True follower of the Saviour goes to church for Spiritual food and fellowship with other Christians. This person is the one equipped with real qualities to carry out the work of the Lord. He dedicates himself to a service that will never be defeated. God's work will go on though man is dying all around us. First Peter 24th and 25th verses:

"For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." No other cause on earth can qualify such as this.

Thank the Lord for all the dedicated Christians, but we need more and more. Many just sit and wait for some one else to spread the word and render service. How wonderful it is to think of the men and women who have wholly sold out to the cause of Christ. Like Caleb and Joshua of old, they do not look at the giants in the way, but they look beyond and see the glory of the God who made them for a purpose. They have trials and temptations, but with divine help from above those obstacles melt away and leave them conquerors for Christ.

My days on earth are very short;
My flesh soon dust shall claim,
What I accomplish or neglect,
Will surely be my blame.

How precious are my fleeting
hours,
Soon time shall cease for me.
What I say or what I don't
Will for the record be.

And when I stand before my God,
My life will be revealed,
What I have done with all this
time,
Will with my fate be sealed.

Associate Editor

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"stirring up" is necessary. Faithful men are able to carry His word on. II Tim. 2:2. May each of us be able in our calling. Eph. 4:11.

Pray for us, for the "Report" and for the Bible School. Come and be with us if you can.

May God richly and fully bless you, so that His Word and work and wisdom in all freedom of the spirit constantly abides. Write us.

With Christian love,
Gail Schultz

SOUTH TEXAS APOSTOLIC FAITH YOUTH CAMP

From June 6th through 12th of 1966, there were 127 students in the South Texas Apostolic Faith Youth Encampment at Lost Pines Camp, Warda, Texas. Roland E. Busch, assisted by helpers from the Apostolic Faith Churches of the area, directed the activities of the Camp.

It was a short week of fellowship, where students found inspiration to follow in the footsteps of Jesus; thereby, preparing themselves to be a blessing in their home churches. Many were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit. Some were baptized in water at the campsite, while others chose to obey this commandment at their respective churches. A wonderful spirit of unity prevailed among all these young people.

This gospel endeavor included Bible study, prayer, handcraft, and evangelistic worship services. Efficient teachers conveyed messages of truth from lessons entitled, "The Prophets". Special times were set aside for prayer and counselling. Dormitory devotionals were also held daily. Many were blessed by the beautiful singing from the choirs as well as the special numbers.

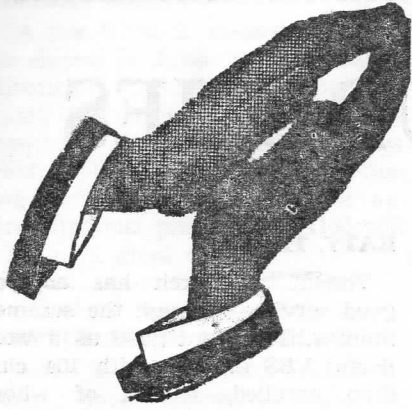
One of the most unusual worship hours was that of a campfire service. It was most impressive; the theme being consecration.

A tri-weekly newspaper entitled "The Camp Yap" was printed at the office. This paper contained very serious devotional material as well as some lighter reading. A quote from one of the classes and used in print was: "Ask not for tasks equal to your powers, but rather ask for powers equal to your tasks".

The kitchen facilities proved very adequate for the daily serving of about 200 persons for each meal. That number was greatly increased on Sunday, the closing day of camp.

Play period activities each week day afternoon included handcraft, baseball, table tennis, horse shoes, and visiting the concession stand where sno-cones, cold drinks, ice cream, and candy were available.

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Lesson Preparation

The greatest need in our church today is trained teachers who put their whole mind into their preparation, their whole soul into their presentation, and their whole life into their illustration. This thought does away with teachers hurriedly looking over their lesson on Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

FULL PREPAREDNESS calls for definite plans and definite plans demand properly selected materials. God will NOT accept or bless a teacher's efforts that doesn't give enough time to God's Service to be fully prepared. Furthermore, He will hold the teacher accountable for failing to do His Will.

Any teacher's major source of material is the Bible. It is the recognized Sunday School Text; the inspired Word of God. Each teacher should have the largest possible acquaintance with the contents of the Bible, its historical, geographical, and social background, and the Truth it imparts.

Good teachers will help their students learn to be investigators of God's Word using the Bible References, Bible dictionary, concordance, and commentary. One must be extremely cautious in selecting a commentary making sure it is one of fundamental belief.

STUDY

In beginning the lesson preparation the teacher reads the Bible FIRST for the story, SECOND for the incidents, THIRD for the persons mentioned, and FOURTH for the doctrinal and practical truths.

Teacher's

Notebook

After this then consult the teacher's manual and other lesson helps. These helps supplement the teacher's knowledge but are NEVER used as a substitute for the Bible.

Helps are used to clarify difficult passages, provide apt illustrations, and information on ancient manners and customs. Using this knowledge and applying it in the lesson presentation will make the lesson more meaningful and interesting to the class.

Maps will show the journeys of the patriarchs, the wanderings of Israel, and the Footprints of Christ.

Pictures may be used to vividly present and illustrate the truth being imparted. These may include ones of current magazines, newspaper, bulletins, etc. revealing to the class that God's Word is being fulfilled today and is UP-TO-DATE.

Go to the Bible for all things; to newspapers for present things; to books for past things; and to human nature for a point of contact. Be alert at all times for thoughts, happenings, pictures, items etc. that concern the Bible whether it is prophecy being fulfilled or some item for illustration.

The teacher who can present facts vividly will appeal to the imagination of the pupils but he can't show them somethings HE doesn't see. Ninety percent of imagination is memory. So . . . reproduce the lesson material in mental pictures. During the lesson preparation, stop frequently, close the eyes, and form vivid pictures of the scenes and persons in the lesson. This will develop the ability to visualize and make the lesson more alive to the

pupils. Constant practice on this will enable the teacher to see new pictures vividly and to develop a "sanctified imagination" — and the pupils will receive a permanent impression.

PLAN

Each lesson should be related to those preceding and to those following. Begin each quarter by knowing the overall view of each lesson. This will enable the teacher to present the Bible truths systematically and in a way to enable the students to have a continual spiritual growth.

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How Others Do It

A Fishing Contest

1. Provide an ordinary fish bowl.
2. Cut out paper fish at least 2 inches in length.
3. Print the reference to the verse to be reviewed, or print the question to be answered. Put the fish in the bowl.
4. Give each pupil a straw. To draw up a fish the pupil sucks in on his straw.
5. Whatever question or reference the pupil catches, he must answer or throw the fish back in the pool for someone else to catch.

(This game may also be played with other materials. Cardboard fish, with paper clips on their noses, can be drawn up by a dime-store magnet on the end of a string and pole.)

NEWS from the CHURCHES

PAMPA, TEXAS—

We are very nappy to welcome Bro. and Sis. Amos Harris as pastors of the church here. They will take up pastorate here on Sunday, August 21st, and we are praying that the Lord will bless their ministry and that we will in turn be a blessing to them. We hope to be able to reach out and see some new people saved and our congregation grow. Bro. Roy Wooster has consented to fill the pulpit on Sunday, August 14, while Bro. and Sis. Harris are preparing to move here.

We appreciate the 2½ years of Bro. and Sis. Girouard's ministry among us. They have been a help and blessing to us. May God bless them and use them in their work at Spearman.

We are very sorry to report that Bro. and Sis Wayne Neff have been transferred to Borger and will be leaving our church. We will miss them from our congregation, but know that they will be a blessing wherever they work for the Lord. Their son, Henry Wayne, is serving in the Army in Viet Nam, and both he and they will appreciate our continued prayers in his behalf.

Shortly after our congregation moved to Pampa we were able to purchase six lots for the purpose of building a church. The city is now in the process of paving the street running along the front of this property, and the cost of paving has been absorbed in return for the right-of-way which the city required. We have now purchased a three-bedroom house for a parsonage located only two blocks from our property. We feel very certain that the Lord has worked things out for us in a marvelous way, and

that He will continue to do for us more than we can ask or think if we continue to trust Him.

We appreciate the prayers of each of you for our continued success and blessing.

Mrs. Paul Simmons, reporter
Amos Harris, pastor

MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH LOGAN, OKLAHOMA—

We are so thankful for the Report and that we have it coming our way each month. It's a blessing to read all the good reports and know God is still blessing His people.

Some of the young people of the church attended both youth camps at Laverne for which we are glad. Then our church people were so thankful to have camp meeting at Laverne. Many were able to attend. God is so good to us. Praise His Wonderful Name.

Bro. and Sis. Wiles will remain as pastors for another year. We are praying for victory in Jesus these coming months as we all labor for Him.

Mrs. Deryl Lamunyon, reporter
Doyle Wiles, pastor

WAYSIDE CHAPEL, Edna, Texas—

We certainly enjoyed Camp Meeting and the wonderful messages from God and the inspired singing, along with all our good friends we saw once again. God is being good to us at home; our Sunday School attendance has grown and lots of interest is being shown. We plan a DVBS in late August and hope and pray to touch souls in this manner. Our desire is to win souls for the Master and labour fervently while there is yet time.

Danny Robinson, pastor

KATY, TEXAS—

The Katy church has enjoyed good services through the summer months. The Lord gave us a wonderful VBS in June with 104 children enrolled, several of whom were saved during the school. We were happy to have some young people enrolled, and helping in our VBS from the Wayside Chapel at Edna, Texas, and the church at Hufsmith.

Bro. Bill Patterson taught our youth group and his ministry was a real blessing, and a boost to the school.

Our young people were also blessed by having attended the youth camp at Warda. We have baptized 8 people in water in recent months. Quite a large representation from our church were present at the Laverne camp meeting, and all of us enjoyed the services there. The Lord has been good to us.

Remember our church in your prayers.

Harrol Waterbury, pastor

WILLOW, ALASKA—

God has been working in our little group. A lady was saved after Sunday School this past Sunday (July 31). Others have raised their hands desiring to know our Saviour. We are just overjoyed! It makes us to know that our efforts are not in vain. Our VBS enrollment was 20. Half of these had never attended our church and several that attended say they will come to Sunday School. We are praising God for this also. Continue to pray with us that we will see souls born into the Kingdom of God.

Ken Priest, pastor

Copy Deadline 20th of Each Month

DUMAS, TEXAS—

A fine V. B. S. blessed the Dumas church in June. Kaye B. Regier directed it. The interior of the sanctuary has been renovated, nothing new, but nice and clean. A new roof is planned soon. We are praying for a Revival and would appreciate your prayers that God will send us a great one.

Jacob C. Regier, pastor

NETTLESBORO, ALABAMA—

After much prayerful consideration, I have resigned as pastor of the Full Gospel Church in Nettlesboro, Ala. The Lord has richly blessed the work here in the last year, but I feel that the Lord would have me move on to another work at this time.

Dennis Huff, pastor

SHATTUCK, OKLAHOMA—

Rev. and Mrs. Homer Allen were with us for services Sunday, August 7. We are all very thankful for the privilege of attending camp meeting and for the way the Lord blessed in the services.

Plans are now complete for a Revival meeting beginning August 21st with Rev. Jack Barker as evangelist. We are trusting the Lord for a time of spiritual refreshing. Pray with us that souls will be won to the Lord.

An invitation is extended to all churches of the area to attend these services.

Mrs. Earl Malone, reporter

L. J. Ehrlich, pastor

SNYDER, TEXAS—

We are happy to report victory in the Lord. We had one junior and six teenagers in youth camp at Laverne this year as well as one in the South Texas Camp. They all enjoyed the rich blessings of the Lord.

The majority of our church folk attended at least part of the camp meeting. God has been so good to us. We will be in Snyder another year as pastors. We are always happy when ministers of the faith come by.

Sherman and Louise Sutton, pastors

ENID, OKLAHOMA—

We have enjoyed the blessings of God and good fellowship of the

people here. We have accepted the pastoral work for the coming year and desire all of your prayers that we might just do God's will and be a blessing to the church. We are always glad to have ministers of the faith come by for services whenever they can.

Youth camp and camp meeting have been a great blessing to us this year. May God bless you all in our prayer.

Carl Pitts, pastor

ARNETT, OKLAHOMA—

We have taken up our duties as pastors here and desire an interest in everyone's prayers that we might be used of the Lord to see His work go forth in this place. We invite all of our ministers to come and visit us anytime.

Hap Blythe, pastor

GRAY, OKLAHOMA—

Just a few lines to say the Lord is so good to His people. We had our farewell service at Arnett, Oklahoma, August 14, 1966, with the attendance of 47. The Lord gave us 4 good years at Arnett and it seems like home to us with our son, Savoy, starting his first year of school there. We appreciate so much the many, many friends we made while there.

August 28 we took up our new pastorate here at Gray and I'm sure we will love these people and enjoy working with them. Above all we want the Lord's will to be done. There is no time to play, the time is precious and we need to be busy for Jesus. We desire your prayers for the work here. An invitation is extended to all ministers of the faith to come by and see us anytime.

Lealand Grimmer, pastor

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO—

We are very happy to report the arrival of our pastor and his family. We feel we are most fortunate to have Rev. and Mrs. Jerome Crowhurst, and daughter, Melanie, to minister among us. Rev. and Mrs. Vester Clanton were with us to fill-in before their arrival and we enjoyed them.

Recently we have enjoyed having Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Huff visiting in our services. They have brought

us several wonderful songs and sermons. It thrills us to have young folks labor so humbly and earnestly for our Saviour. May the Lord bless them as they endeavor to work for Him.

Sunday we also had an impressive and spiritual dedication service. Daniel and Joan Hall dedicated their new baby daughter, Penny Danette, to the Lord. Rev. Jerome and Peggy Crowhurst also dedicated their new baby daughter, Meleni LaKay to the Lord. It was indeed a time of spiritual blessing to all.

Leona Hale, reporter

Jerome Crowhurst, pastor

HUDSON, WYOMING—

It is our privilege to report that God is still blessing His people. In one of our recent Sunday morning services, we had six people come forward and receive the Lord as their personal Saviour, and many have testified to the fact that they have received many other definite blessings. We ask that all the readers of the Report pray for the church here; we have endeavored to buy a church about thirty miles from here and move it to Hudson. We have completely outgrown our old church, and it is expedient that we enlarge our borders. So please help us pray that God will supply our every need, and that we will see much accomplished for him.

Paul Wilkerson, pastor

HINTON, ALABAMA—

We are so thankful for the great love of God and all His rich blessings here at Hinton church. We are glad for the good services He has been blessing us with. We appreciate Bro. Leon Smith and Sis. Myrtle Carney and Sis. Dorothy Anderson filling in for us while we were gone.

George Hintergardt, pastor

GEM OF TRUTH

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

James 1:12



Crusaders for Christ

12 INCH ANSWER

QUESTION: What is meant by being a peculiar people?

ANSWER: Among other phases used to define the word "peculiar", is this one I especially like: distinguished in nature or character from others.

Exo. 19:5, "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine." (Also read Duet. 26:16-19.)

Israel was not chosen because they were great in number for they were the fewest of all people. They were peculiar in that—as long as they obeyed the voice of the Lord—he fought for them in miraculous ways; greater nations feared them.

Joshua and his band saw the walls of Jericho fall as they followed the commandment of the Lord. Gideon with three hundred fearless men, put the host of Midianites to flight. David, with his peculiar weapon, slew Goliath.

These and many other Bible records stamps upon our mind the ways in which God's chosen people were peculiar.

They were distinguished from the nations about them by trusting in the true invisible God, while others worshipped Gods made with hands. Their God stopped the violence of fire, closed the mouths of wild beasts, gave superhuman strength, sent the death angel to quell their enemy. Surely these people were peculiar to the nations about them.

While we are thrilled with the accounts of victory in the Old Testament, true to human nature, we are interested in the things that belong to our day. Are we supposed to be a peculiar people and how?

I Peter 2:9-12. Quoting Verse 9. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a PECULIAR people: that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marveleous light".

A chosen generation. If a person or persons are chosen, doesn't it stand to reason it is because they are different from those about them? From our schools to our nation we choose the best to represent us.

It is not the outward appearance that makes them different but the force within. The star in the athletic or entertaining world has gone through rigorous training and self denial to reach his goal. Military victories are won after the soldier has been trained to endure hardships and fight under difficult circumstances. It isn't everyone who can be an astronaut. There are characteristics peculiar to men who are able and willing to be subjected to the conditions that surround the space explorers. A novice does not travel through space.

If rigid training and self sacrifice are necessary for the ones chosen here, then how much more for those who are chosen of God to inherit the new heaven and new earth. Training and discipline are neces-

sary to be a part of the chosen generation.

Royal priesthood. The commoner may look at those of royal blood with envy and feel they are a privileged people. In many ways they are. They live in palaces, eat delicacies many of us cannot afford and are idolized by people in general. These things are glamorous yet with them comes a responsibility.

From childhood they are reminded that they are of royal blood and as such must be trained and disciplined for the place they will fill. They must never forget they are living before the public eye. If they are of royal blood it behooves them to look, talk and act like royalty.

This is very much like the royal priesthood of the Lord. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." We have a place to fill in the great kingdom of God and it will take training and discipline to prepare us for that place.

Holy Nation: To be holy is to be dedicated or devoted to the service of God. A nation is defined as a group of people who are bound together by common heritages of the past and hope for the future.

We as children of God are bound together by the heritage handed down to us by the early church and the hope of seeing the Lord and being like Him. If we are dedicated to His service then we truly are a holy nation.

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Children's Hour . . .

— Kathryn Cornell



ZACCHEUS CLIMBS A TREE

Luke 19: 1-10.

In Jericho lived a rich man named Zaccheus, who was the head tax collector. When news came that Jesus was passing through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem, Zaccheus wanted more than anything else to see this wonderful man.

Zaccheus stood with the crowd gathered beside the road, but he could see nothing. He was too short to see over the heads of the people. Down the road he ran and climbed into a sycamore tree. Now he could surely see Jesus.

Soon travelers going to Jerusalem came along the road. The people of Jericho watched eagerly to catch a glimpse of Jesus. On the travelers walked until they came to the sycamore tree. Here Jesus and his disciples stood still. Jesus looked up and saw Zaccheus.

"Zaccheus," called Jesus, "come down at once, for today I must stop at your house."

How surprised Zaccheus was! Now he could take Jesus home and talk with him.

Joyfully Zaccheus led the way. As they went, others followed. Some found fault because Jesus was stopping in the home of a tax collector whom they called a sinful man. The Pharisees would not enter such a house. They hated sinners.

Zaccheus' heart was changed by Jesus' kind words. He told Jesus,

"Behold, Lord, I will give half of my goods to the poor. And if I have taken more from any man than I should. I will give back four times as much as I took."

Jesus was glad to hear Zaccheus say that. Jesus answered, "Today salvation is come to your house, for the Son of man is come to seek and to save those who are lost."

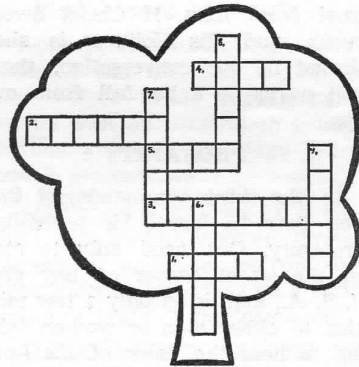
5. Jesus, the Son of man, came to seek Zaccheus who was lost to _____ him (verse 10).

DOWN

6. Zaccheus was the _____ among the Publicans (tax collectors) (verse 2).
7. His greatest desire was to see _____ (verse 3).
8. Wanting to help Zaccheus, Jesus went to his _____ (verse 5).
9. Zaccheus was very happy that Jesus would be his _____ (verse 7).

ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1. rich 2. little 3. sycamore 4. down 5. save
DOWN: 6. chief 7. Jesus 8. house 9. guest.



UP A TREE

First read Luke 19:1-10. All of the answers are found in that passage of Scripture.

ACROSS

1. Zaccheus was a very _____ man (verse 2).
2. He wanted to see Jesus but was too _____ (verse 3).
3. So he ran and climbed up a _____ tree (verse 4).
4. Jesus looked up and saw him and said, "Hurry and come _____ (verse 5).

Birthday Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 8 BRENT MOREHEAD
- 9 KEVIN BARTEL
- 12 KATHERINE TUCKER
- 15 LISA WATERBURY
- 15 PATTIE WATERBURY
- 17 DAVID LYNN REYNOLDS
- 19 JAN WELSH
- 28 CARLA ALLEN
- 29 CHERI ALLEN

Do not bite at the bait of pleasure till you know there is no hook beneath it. Thomas Jefferson

When "killing time" be sure you don't shoot opportunity full of holes.

The Poison Of The Tongue

By Edwin A. Waterbury

James 3:8 "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

Do you have trouble controlling your tongue? Most people do. The Bible says that it is the most uncontrollable member of our body. Oh, so often, words slip from our lips which we wish a thousand times could be recalled, but there is no way to gather again the things said. It is as water that is poured into the desert sand, never to be reclaimed.

In the light of the Bible, we wish to deal with some of the deadly poisons of the tongue. I am sure many could be named, but we have chosen only five for your consideration.

INSINUATION

Insinuation is a tool that Satan often uses to mar, deface, and harm the character of innocent Christians. Insinuation draws upon the imagination of the hearers, and Satan is always there to make sure that they are the most degrading thoughts. There are people who would never say a willful word to harm the character of anyone, but through their insinuations, the Devil will cause imaginations to start rolling and harm results. I had someone to say to me some years ago that if I knew what they knew concerning Brother So and So, I would really watch him. What was I to watch? Was he a liar, a woman chaser, a church stealer, or a trouble maker? When our insinuation falsely infringes upon the character of others, sin lieth at the door.

CRITICAL

It is often said, that constructive criticism never hurts anyone. That may be true in a large sense of the word, but a critical tongue, always ready to criticize at the first opportunity, only opens the door for the Devil to put his foot in a little further. It is easy to criticize. Just like it is easier to tear down a lovely house than it is to build it. Anyone can tear a house down, but it takes skill and hard work to build one. There are people who never put

forth an effort to see God's Kingdom advance, but are always critical of those who are working and endeavoring to further the the Gospel. How many times has undue criticism caused a struggling Christian to slip, fall, and go back to serving sin.

LYING

God hates a lying tongue. (Proverbs 6:17). "There is no room for doubt concerning the rewards of the liar. Their reward is plainly death in the Lake of fire. In the New City John beheld coming down from above, he tells us, "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, or maketh a lie;" Satan is the source of all lies; He is the Father of all liars. Modern society has the tendency to classify lies into white, gray, and black. God has only one classification of lies and that is black; black sin. Lying and deception are almost synonymous. People are deceived by the tongue that lies.

God is a God that cannot lie; not one time has His word failed. His promises are true, always the same. He desires the same mutual trust from man. If Christ dwells in us, and His Holiness is shed abroad in our conversation, there will never be a lie fall from our lips.

PROFANITY

In the third commandment that God gave to Israel, He prohibited profanity. One need only to stop on the street corner of any city, U. S. A., and listen only a few minutes to either men or women talking to hear the name of the Lord being taken in vain. Through profanity man blasphemes the name of God; bringing judgment and damnation upon his life. The Bible says that the fountain cannot bring forth both bitter and sweet. Neither proceedeth from the same mouth blessing and cursing. (Mark 7:21, 22, 23)

"For from within, out of the heart of man, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness; All these evil things come from within and defile the man." One only needs to carry on a conversation a very few

minutes to tell what is in the heart of man. "From the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh."

GOSSIP

Some years back we were in the home of some friends who began to tear apart, criticize and gossip about some mutual acquaintance. The people that were being slandered were very good friends of ours, and we were not interested in any of the gossip that was being spread. We told our host that they were our friends and would remain our friends, so the conversation ended there. Under the law, he who stands by and sees another commit murder without giving in an alarm is accounted an accessory to the murder. How many times do we idly sit by while the gossip flows and lend an eager ear, never thinking of the harm which may result. Many a person has been harassed by gossip concerning a small mistake so that they have gone on into despair and hopelessness. Every word spoken in gossip concerning a fallen brother only adds fuel to the fire that must be brought under control. Through our gossiping, we give Satan a handle by which to pull a sinner or Christian into despair.

How necessary it is for us to control our tongues. If we are able to control our words, we are able to bridle the whole body. (James 3:2-3) "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man."

NOTICE

At the request of our pastor, Bro. Robert Girouard, I am in charge of the service of the prayer group who fast and pray at the church every Thursday.

This service is from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. We will be glad for any one who is burdened to be with us on that day, or if miles away, at your request, we will be glad to pray with you helping to bear your burdens.

God answers prayer. Praise His name.

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TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK—(Continued from page five)
NOTEBOOK

Keep a notebook or a file to retain information for future use. To illustrate why:

"I thought a thought, but the thought I thought was not the thought I thought I thought. So when next a thought I think I think . . . I'll write it down with pen and ink."

Never read without thinking and never think without writing. Anything worthwhile should be copied in the notebook or a notation made of its location so it can be found quickly.

Contents of this notebook should include facts as statistics, quotations, etc; experiences include answers to prayer, demonstrations of God's power, so on; and illustrations.

By using this material a teacher can survey the entire lesson series of the quarter, strengthening each lesson with information on hand.

ORGANIZE

"In the teaching of every class someone must suffer. If the teacher doesn't suffer before the lesson, the pupils will suffer afterward."

This old adage is true in our Sunday School classes too. Lesson material needs organization which includes elimination as well as accumulation. Well organized, carefully outlined materials will fit into the lesson period so that every precious moment will be turned to the best advantage.

A lesson plan should be brief, simple, and practical, aiding the teacher in directing and organizing the lesson. Below is a sample lesson plan:

Lesson Title:
 Scripture:
 Memory Verse:
 Central Truth:
 Lesson Aim:
 Teaching Methods:
 Visual aids and other materials needed:
 Lesson Outline:
 Approach:
 Body:
 Conclusion:
 Possible assignments for the following lesson:

My Evaluation of this class session (to be filled in after the lesson has been taught):

Inexperienced teachers may use the manual's outline but should soon learn to prepare their own.

All preparation should center around the aim or purpose of the lesson which is geared to meet the need of the pupils. Does the lesson teach faith, obedience, love, and duty to God and man? Does it stress the Christian graces of humility, kindness, and generosity? Is Bible study, prayer, and Christian fellowship encouraged? Does it present and explain the "call of God" for Christian service at home and abroad? Does it deal with the Gospel . . . God's plan of salvation?

Plan enough time for reports, assignments, questions, Bible memory work, etc. **LEARN TO SIMPLIFY YOUR TEACHING AND FOCUS IT MORE UPON A FEW FACTS AND TRUTHS.** Think mainly of what the students are receiving.

If the lesson is to be developed by questions, the facts and truths should be brought into prominence so the pupils will recognize the train of thought being developed.

Appropriate illustrations must be selected and included in the outline before hand. Introducing the lesson with an illustration gains attention and sets the stage for the lesson presentation.

Assignments that can be given to the pupils include research projects, question to be answered, comparing Bible references, report on a certain phase of truth of the lesson, etc.

ALWAYS CONSIDER THE STUDENT'S ABILITY WHEN GIVING AN ASSIGNMENT.

Let us consider this thought in closing: **Only as a teacher extends his own vision, increases his own knowledge, deepens his own spirituality, and vitalizes his own faith will his pupils drink from rivers of Living water' rather than from stagnant pools.**

The "straight and narrow way" leads through the stations of self-denial and sacrifice, but terminate in the Canaan of reward and victory!

12 Inch Answer

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A peculiar people are different, not in a physical, for the difference works from the inside out.

There is always the question of dress. The Word says to dress as becometh a saint. It does not give us a definite style, however, according to its teaching, anything indecent or suggestive is off bounds for a Christian. I am sure this is peculiar to the girl who glories in thigh skirts, shorts, etc. and the boy who goes for the beetle look.

The speech isn't different in accent or pronunciation, but the vile language used so commonly in the world will disqualify one from being one of the chosen generation.

It will take training, self-denial, sacrifice, remembering always that we belong to the royal household and a life dedicated to His service to be among His peculiar people.

If you remember and do these things you will not need a list of don'ts. If one is interested and busy enough obeying the voice of the Lord and keeping His commandments, there won't be time nor inclination to be disobedient.

Titus 2. The entire chapter is good for one who desires to be peculiar unto the Lord. Above all remember that Christ gave himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

A WISE WISH

In the Wall Street Journal, Gordon H. Taggart expresses a wish that many of us would gladly echo. "I wish," wrote he, "I were big enough to honestly admit all my shortcomings; brilliant enough to accept flattery without it making me arrogant; tall enough to tower above deceit; strong enough to treasure love; brave enough to welcome criticism; compassionate enough to understand human frailties; wise enough to recognize my mistakes; humble enough to appreciate greatness; staunch enough to stand by my friends; human enough to be thoughtful of my neighbor; and righteous enough to be devoted to the love of God".

SOUTH TEXAS APOSTOLIC FAITH YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

(Continued from page four)

Though the encampment is past, the dedicated teachers and counsellors are continuing to carry a burden for the spiritual health of those with whom they were so closely associated during the session of the camp. Maintaining spiritual life is a daily duty and privilege. Help comes from Bible study and prayer. Help can also come from Christian friends who carry a burden for the young people of our churches, especially those who respond to the call to work in youth camps.

An expression of special thanks goes to Mrs. T. B. Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barker, for so graciously furnishing the facilities of the Lost Pine Camp for the use of the South Texas Apostolic Faith Youth Encampment of 1966.

Also let us take this means to thank all of you who helped support the 1966 Youth Camp in any way. Thanks to all of you who attended. By banding our talents together, and asking God's blessing upon our efforts, we have been able to see His glorious approval. We have seen spiritual advancement, the supply of physical needs, and financial sufficiency. May God richly bless all of you who helped make the camp possible.

Your co-worker with Christ,
Roland E. Busch
Camp Director, 1966

It is better to spend the TIME on your children - - - than MONEY!

As long as a mule is "a kicking" he ain't "A pullin'!"

MY FRIEND

I would like to have a moment of time

To tell you of a friend of mine.
Once I was lost; I had no goal;
I was paying an awful cost.
I had no joy, no peace, no rest;
Satan was giving a great big test.
My sins were many, dragging me down;

I knew a better life could be found.
Twas then I humbly bowed my knees;

I asked my friend to forgive me please.

After a moment of earnest prayer,
I thought I was walking in the air.
Since that time my friend is near;
Each day I live I have no fear.

He gives me blessings beyond compare.

He even hears a whispered prayer.
Oh yes, my friend is rich indeed.
He supplies my every need.
My friend and I never have a fuss;
He is one I love and always trust.
His word was left for us to read;
It is life to all, its scriptures heed.
Sometimes when there is sorrow along my way

My friend is near and I hear Him say;

Look up, rejoice, the victory is near,
Then I have new strength and no more fear.

My friend is the very best;
He helps me stand the acid test.
He shed His blood on Calvary's tree
Just for people like you and me.
Someday He is coming again in power;

I want to be ready for that wonderful hour.

I want to see Him face to face,
And thank Him for His love and grace.

My friend is easy to be found;
He hears every little sound.

So if you need a friend like mine it will only take a moment of your time.

Just kneel a while in earnest prayer,
And Heaven's glories you can share.
MY FRIEND IS JESUS

By Bryant Mathis

PRESSED

Pressed out of measure, and pressed to all length,
Pressed so intently, it seems beyond strength,
Pressed in the body, and pressed in the soul,
Pressed in the mind till the dark surges roll.

Pressure by foes, and a pressure by friends,
Pressure on pressure till life nearly ends.
Pressed into knowing no helper but God,
Pressed into loving the staff and the rod,

Pressed into liberty where nothing clings,
Pressed into faith for impossible things,
Pressed into living a life in the Lord.
Pressed into living a Christ-Life Out-Poured.

Don't neglect the higher levels of living . . . the "holy of holies" of meditation, and worship!

We always want the Lord to work THROUGH us, but He wants to work IN us. If we let Him do the latter, He will also do the former!

The most rewarding faith is the ability of God to choose what is best for us!

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