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TO GOD BE THE GLORY



Heather Dollins

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Editorial.....

Boomerang

The word Boomerang has been ringing in my ears for some weeks now, ever since I heard a sermon on our car radio sometime before the Holidays. I don't remember the minister's name and very little of his sermon but only one thought that he left. The word of God is a boomerang—throw it out with all your might—the Bible says "it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Is. 55:11b.

Has the devil ever told you that it is useless to keep praying and witnessing, (that is witnessing with prayer and at the spirit's direction); to someone close to you for whom you are deeply burdened? Does it seem that it all goes unheeded and falls on deaf ears? Remember the boomerang—it comes back. "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Ecc. 11:1.

I must share with you the following from "Our Daily Bread" Fall 1974; titled: "THE POWER OF PARENTAL WITNESS" Duet. 6:1-9 Prov. 22:6.

"When Dr. R. A. Torrey was a young man, he had no faith in God or the Bible. His mother, however, was a devout Christian who constantly prayed for his conversion and often witnessed to him. One day he said to her, "I don't want to hear about my sins and your prayers; I'm going to leave and not bother you any more." With tear-filled eyes the woman followed him to the gate and pleaded with him to change his mind. But he would not be detained. Frantically she cried, "Son, you are going the wrong way, but when you come to the end of your rope and everything seems hopeless, call upon your mother's God with all your heart and He will surely help you!"

After Torrey left home, he went deeper into the ways of sin. One night in a hotel room he was unable to sleep. Weary from the problems pressing in on every hand, he decided to take the gun he kept in his dresser and end his life. Just as he reached for the weapon, he remembered his mother's last words. Convicted by the Holy Spirit, he fell on his knees and cried out, "O God, of my mother, if there is such a Being, I need Your help. If you will give it to me I'll follow You!" In a moment his darkened heart was illumined, and peace filled his soul. Later R. A. Torrey became an outstanding evangelist who led thousands to Christ!

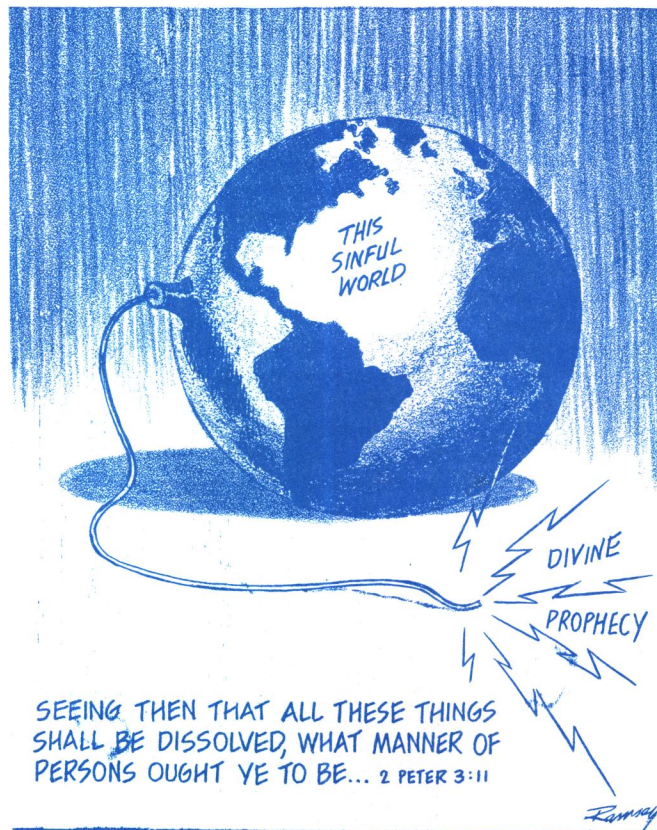
Are you discouraged because your children or teenagers aren't interested in the things of the Lord? Keep praying for them, loving them, and living a consistent life before them. NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF PARENTAL WITNESS!"—Henry G. Bosch.

There is nothing like having one of your own lost and traveling the ways of sin to teach you the lessons of intercessory prayer and carrying a burden for the lost. Every lost soul becomes somebody's son or daughter to you and you learn to help carry the burden as you wish others might carry the burden for your own till they are won to Christ. It seems to me that nearly 90% of our requests for prayer are for the healing of the sick and for the needs of our bodies. Jesus Heals today and he tells us to pray for the sick and they shall recover and it is for us today. I have been healed many times through prayer and seen many healings in my family and in others. But shouldn't we carry even a January—February, 1975

greater burden for the lost? We can go to heaven, if we are right with God, even though we die without healing for our bodies, but there is no hope for the one without Christ if he should die in that condition. The time is getting shorter—the end of time is at hand—the Coming of Jesus so near—and what if our loved ones and friends do not make it right with God in time? The urgency stirs my soul—How about you? I am convicted to "Throw Out The Lifeline". "Some one is drifting away. Someone is sinking today." Do we care enough? Have you prayed for the lost today? Will you pray for them each day? May we care and be more aware of the lost around us through this coming year.

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A. F. Report

JESUS IS COMING SOON!

ARE YOU READY FOR THIS?

The following Articles taken from a Newspaper and Moody monthly Magazine fully illustrates the times we are living in, Jesus must be coming soon!

Kissinger's World Plan for food, oil and money tells us in modern day terminology of the story of Revelation 13 of the coming Mark of the Beast Money System, Credit Card, as well as food stockpiling fitting into Revelation 13:17 where you must have the Mark in order to eat. It also tells us about famine in Revelation 6:5-7 and the need to store up now. When the Doctor finally talks of World Money Control then we see the Central Banking System of the Antichrist (Revelation 13:17-18).

Then he states that the U.S., without exception, will soon be in such a bad shape that we will be forced to cooperate. This is Biblical Prophecy!

KISSINGER'S WORLD PLAN ACCEPTABLE TO FORD

Whether he fully realizes it or not, President Ford has put his stamp of approval on Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's grand design foreign policy for the establishment of a loosely knit world government before the end of the 1970's.

By calling for the development of a global strategy and policy for food and oil within the framework of the United Nations, the President clearly signaled his acceptance of the "new international order" being sought by Kissinger.

In the linking the world's food and oil supplies together with his all-out public support for this Secretary of the State, the stage was set by the President to have Kissinger use the full prestige of the U.S. government to implement his emerging world order plan.

The decision to have the free-wheeling Secretary of State, rather than Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz, head of the U.S. delegation to the World Food Conference in Rome in November, shows the President's commitment to Kissinger.

Instead of using this nation's massive food production as a U.S. foreign policy tool for the development of freedom throughout the world, the President accepted Kissinger's plan of passing policy control over U.S. food surpluses—and eventually all U.S. food—to an international body through the establishment of an international food reserve.

Once this concept of international policy control over food is accepted by U.N. members, Kissinger then plans to move to establish this same concept over oil and eventually all energy in the world.

It is Kissinger's belief, according to his aides, that by controlling food one can control people, and by controlling energy, especially oil, one can control nations and their financial systems.

By placing food and oil policy under international control along with the world's monetary system, Kissinger is convinced a loosely knit world government operating under the framework of the United Nations can become a reality before 1980.

Government insiders say Kissinger believes that the major industrial nations, including the U.S., will soon be in

such bad financial shape, due to the four-fold increase in oil prices, and its related inflation, that they will have no other choice than to join in a united action plan.

HOW ABOUT THIS!

"Dr. Handrick Eldeman, Chief Analyst of the Common Market Confederacy, announced today from Brussels that a computerized restoration plan is already underway in the aftermath of the world chaos. In the crisis meeting which brought together scientists, advisers, and C.M.C. leaders, Dr. Eldeman unveiled the "BEAST". The Beast is a gigantic computer that takes up three floors at Administration Building of Market Headquarters. This "monster" is a self programming unit that has over one hundred sensing input sources. Computer experts have been working on a plan to computerize all world trade. This master plan involves a digital numbering system for every human on earth. The computer would assign each citizen of the world a number to use for all buying and selling to avoid the problems of ordinary credit cards. The number would be invisibly 'laser-tattooed' on the forehead or back of the hand. It would provide a walking credit card system. The number would show up under infra-red scanners to be placed at all check-out counters and places of business. Dr. Eldeman suggested that by using three six-digital units, the entire world could be assigned a working credit card number. Other Common Market Officials believe that the present chaos and disorder caused by the 'mystery' points to the need of a world currency—perhaps an international mark that would do away with all currency and coin. Instead, credit notes would be exchanged through a world bank clearing center. No member could buy or sell without having an assignment of a digital mark. Market directors are now convinced that world order depends on allegiance to an international program of peace and politics, as well as a new world trade and numbering system. One man could have at his finger tips the number of any man on earth. It could provide the most powerful lever known to mankind. He could have a solution bank for world problems. It could be a tool for peace, or a dictator's weapon."

When one of the Market leaders was asked what would happen if any person objected to the system and refused to co-operate, he replied rather pointedly, "We would have to use force to make him conform to requirements."

When we remember what the Bible says concerning the appearance of the Antichrist at the head of this organization, the following quotation becomes exceedingly illuminating. Henri Speak, early planner of the European Common Market, and Secretary-General of Nato, said in one of his speeches:

"We do not want another committee: we have too many already. What we want is a man of sufficient stature to hold the allegiance of all people, and to lift us out of the economic morass into which we are sinking. Send us such a man, and be he god or devil, we will receive him."

Quoted from the Moody Magazine, March 1974

A. F. Reports

AFBC EVANGELISM THEMES

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CAN JESUS USE ME? Evangelism 1974 Dale Stollings

The desire of every Christian is to be used of God. Yet, before that desire can be accomplished you have to be totally dedicated and committed to that purpose, cause or aim. Matthew 6:24 states it this way; "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." This scripture clearly tells us that we must be totally committed to either God or the world, for "no man can serve two masters". No straddling the fence or holding on to the world with one hand and to God with the other, it has to be all the way or none. Jesus told His disciples of this total commitment and self-denial in Matthew 16:24 when He said; "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Can Jesus use me? Am I able to make such sacrifices? Paul said if you are a true Christian you already have. He stated it this way; "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts". Gal. 5:24 Paul found that he must "die daily" in order to be in such a place for the Master's use. But is it really such a big sacrifice to deny self and live completely dedicated to God's will? In Romans 12:1 we find that we are to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." By this we learn it isn't anything big or unreasonable, just a tiny fraction of what we owe just for being a Christian.

A part of that dedication we have discussed is to be willing to go where the Lord wants us to go. Isa. 6:8 needs to be the burning desire of our hearts; "...the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me". God needs individuals to be as willing to go to the unpleasant places as the pleasant ones.

Many times we feel so inadequate to do the things which we are asked to do in the service of God. I just "Praise the Lord" for the lesson He taught me just recently, along these lines. It parallels to the account of the widow's mite found in Luke 21:1-4. If we give all that we have, like the widow, we have given more than those who only gave a part of their abundance. In man's eyes it may not be as great, but in God's eyes it will be greater.

The last point I would like to bring out is about studying. II Tim. 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Jesus can never use us to win others if we don't know what the Bible says and teaches. God's Word is so important, it encourages us as Christians, gives us strength and a weapon to fight Satan with, tells us of the time we are living in and the future, shows us how we as Christians are to live, and gives us authority in witnessing. The Bible is God's way of talking to us. Truly we need to study to be approved by God and learn to "rightly divide the word of truth."

Can Jesus use Me? Yes, if I have given Him my will, time, talent, money, my life; completely dedicated my whole being to Him. He can use me

THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSONAL WITNESSING

David Lively

Personal witnessing is the most important witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ. We as Christians are the light of Jesus to the world. Matthew 5:14 states "Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." Our light should shine very bright for the Lord. If we are as a light that is set on a hill then we will be brightly shining for Christ as His ambassadors. Personal witnessing is the best way to reach someone for God. A one to one basis is as direct as can be.

The Lord dealt with people on a personal basis. He dealt directly with them. Jesus was not afraid in any manner to confront people about their needs. He knew how, though, to deal with the people who needed Him. We must also know how to deal with people in our witnessing to them. If we do not use good judgment and are not led by the Holy Spirit, then we may be responsible for someone being eternally lost.

We are called to witness to people in many places, but the Lord never sends us without Him going with us. Mark 16:20 states, "And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following". The Lord works with us and through us and then follows with signs to prove His word.

People may hear the Word of God from the pulpit, but the Life a Christian leads is more of a witness of His Word. We must live the Word of God in our daily lives. Acts 22:15 states "For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard." We have heard the Word of the Lord. Now it is our duty to witness to the world of Jesus' saving grace. We are Christ's messengers to a world of lost souls. We must go forth to witness.

We often feel we cannot witness to anyone because we feel so inadequate. God gives us power to witness through the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8 states, "But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The Holy Spirit gives us the power to witness if we let Him guide us in our witnessing.

The Lord will direct us who to witness to and make situations arise for us to witness. There will be many and varied opportunities to witness to many different kinds of people. Acts 26:22 states, "Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:" We should be willing to witness to all. We should not think we are too good to witness to the poor as well as to the well-to-do person. We must treat all people the same in our witnessing to them of Christ. Personal witnessing has brought many to Christ, great and small alike. If we do our part God is sure to bless us. Let all praise go to God in our witnessing or whatever we do for Him.

ONE-TO-ONE EVANGELISM

Alvin Buschman

Today many people of our churches are wondering why the churches are not growing. They are asking, "Is the pastor not doing his work?" or "Maybe the song leader isn't having the choir sing the right songs?" But let each one of us, right now, ask himself, "What have I done, today to win a soul to Christ?"

We find there are two types of evangelism used by the early Christian church, mass, such as our church services today and personal on a one-to-one basis.

Acts 5:42 "And daily in the temple, and every house they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

This was work that all of the early day Christians did, not just a small minority that are known today as preachers.

Today's Christians way of getting new people into their church and new converts is just backwards. Today's way is to bring the person to church then teach them about Jesus; but, statistics show that 90% of the sinners will never enter a church. So, we need to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to them first so that they will be converted and want to attend church.

The meeting together of Christians shouldn't have to be the time when an evangelistic message is brought forth, but should be a time of teaching the Christians of the deeper things of the Bible. Doing this so they will be prepared to go out and carry the message of Jesus Christ in whatever they do and wherever they go.

As we look to Christ as our example we see He spoke to both large crowds and individuals. We find though that the large crowds seemed to go sour. After a while they were just following Jesus to see the miracles and to be fed. But we see as Christ ministered to individuals such as the woman at the well and Zacchaes. On these occasions souls and lives were really changed.

I used the word "Evangelism" instead of "Witnessing" in the title because people are needing more than just to be told about Jesus, but also need a ministering to their physical needs. We find on many occasions that Jesus healed the blind and lame, and cleansed the leper, before he spoke to them about their soul. In other words he met the individuals need at that time.

We must preach and teach the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone, but along with this we must minister to the individuals needs. We must pray for the sick, cast out demons in Jesus's name, clothe the naked, feed the hungry and visit the widows and fatherless. All of these and more are ours to do, because all of these, when done in the name of Jesus, will bring honor and glory to him. And when Christ is lifted up before men He will do the drawing, and as He does the drawing we then have a chance to minister to the spiritual need.

In closing I would like to give a scripture that will make us think and will challenge us.

Acts 2:47 "Praising God, and having favour with all people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

If our churches were added to daily as the early church was, we would increase a minimum of 365 persons a year. Think of a yearly increase in your church of 365 souls.

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Can Jesus use Me? Sometimes He can and sometimes He can't. I guess the most important thing about being used is to be willing.

Jesus never forces anything upon us, but instead is always seeking willing workers. "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us." Isaiah 6:8. Letting Jesus use me is much like becoming a Christian, and in some ways, the same thing.

Before I will be willing to be used I have to know that the one using me is worthy of my trust. Jesus is worthy of my trust for He wants only the best for me.

The next step is to become usable. This involves letting God do all He wants to, to me, so He can do all He wants to through me. This is where Jesus cleansing blood is so very important. God doesn't demand a beautiful, talented vessel to use, just a clean one, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalms 139:23-24. This surrender must be a complete surrender. For many years I tried to do what I thought God would have me do and I always failed! My failure came because I was in the way, I had one hand on the things of God and the other on the things of the world and I too, cannot serve two masters. Finally I realized my problem and after much inner struggle I gave everything to Jesus because I could not handle it. I believe you call that Sanctification, well a funny thing happens when Jesus gets a hold of something, He always cleans it up. I soon found myself not doing some things which I hadn't thought anything about before and then God began to use me. My self was finally out of the way and God could use me, I had "died" to myself. I died to my wants, attitudes, feelings, and desires. Jesus promised to meet our every need and with this I can be satisfied. This doesn't mean that I no longer have wants, attitudes, feelings and desires because I do, but they are all placed into subjection to Jesus.

A part of being usable is to be in line with, and filled with God's Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit shows the true dying to self. The "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" are all very important parts of dying to self.

When I am usable Jesus uses me, sometimes to comfort someone who is down and discouraged, sometimes to just listen, sometimes to witness, sometimes to sing or teach or preach, but it all depends upon how available I am.

God is in a constant process of using me and making me more usable. Each trial, each temptation, each hardship, is just a little more "heavenly sandpaper smoothing and shaping me in order to be a more usable vessel."

God is still on His throne, He still needs workers and we can only work if we're available, and so with this I say that "I'm available, Lord Jesus, use me as you see fit, until you use me up!"

New Arrivals

Bro. and Sis. Lee Brock, pastors of Hempstead, Texas have a new grandchild, Chauna Lanee', born December 7, 1974, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. Their daughter Elmajeane and her husband (Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stump) of Manteca, California are the proud parents. The Brocks also have a new great-grandchild Tonya Lyn Girouard born December 21, 1974 to their grandson and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Girouard of Stockton, California.



**Midway Country Church,
Logan, Oklahoma**

Our mid-week services have been well attended and seems like our entire church desires a closer walk with the Lord. Bro. Whiteley's Bible lessons on Wednesday night and timely messages on the times we are living in are inspiring to all. These kind of services help each one to realize what our doctrine really is and we Praise the Lord for them.

Our Sunday School is growing in number for which we are thankful. This time of year with the cold and snow we are glad to see people with such a desire to want to attend church. We had a young man saved in our Sunday morning services of late.

Over the holidays we were so glad to have several home from colleges and teaching school. Also on a Sunday morning in December we enjoyed having Bro. Duane Methvin and a group of young people from Goodwell college. Their singing was beautiful and their testimonies were a blessing to all.

Our Christmas program was presented December 22, at 7:30 p. m. This included classes from Beginners through Adult. Sis. Whiteley was in charge of the program.

Our Christmas Church supper was on Wednesday, December 18. It's nice for church people to get together at this time of year in a fellowship.

The year of 1974 is now gone and we have begun a new year. We know God has greater blessings for each one of us in 1975.

The later part of November we sure enjoyed having Bro. and Sis. Raymond Barker on Wednesday thru Sunday. Sis. Dona's ministry in song and her testimonies were a blessing to everyone. Bro. Raymond gave some very interesting and deep spiritual Bible lessons. It made everyone realize more and more the time we are living in and that our wonderful Lord will soon return for His own. Our church was blessed by having the Barkers with us.

Several of our church people went to Laverne for Watch Night service and enjoyed the good messages brought by Bro. Gene Cornell and Bro. Howard Whiteley.

We'd like to request prayer for some of the elderly ladies of our community who have been so faithful to our services. Now due to illness they are shut-ins. They'd appreciate all of us praying for them.

**Rev. Howard Whiteley, Pastor
Mrs. Deryl Lamunyon, Reporter**

Perryton, Texas

The ladies of our church had their Christmas party December 5th. They exchanged gifts and each brought a toy for the nursery. Sis. LaMoyne Fox from Balko brought the devotional which was a challenge and inspirational.

The young people had their party on December 15th at the home of Noveta Scroggs. They were in charge of our Sunday morning service on December 22. The "rhythm band" played for us, with Edna Scroggs directing. The Junior Boys did the ushering and passing out of treats.

An "Open House" was held on Sunday, December 15, at 2:00—4:30 p.m. at our pastors' new home at 1117 S. Indiana. Cake and coffee were served to all that attended.

Sunday morning, January 5th, a special service was conducted by Rick Piersall, Diane Pletcher, and Eric Waterbury, our young people who made the Mission Trip to Mexico over the holidays with the group from Faith Student Center. Their account of orphanage conditions there and the joyful sacrificial giving of dedicated workers in this field of labor for the Lord was a challenge to every Christian to give more unselfishly in our places of service.

Bro. Ted Barker preached for us Sunday night, January 5th. It was a pleasure to have the Barker family and Sister Dorothy Kinser. They were a blessing.

Harroll Waterbury, Pastor

Pampa, Texas

Greetings to all the Churches from Pampa, Texas. Our revival with Jimmy, Lavonda, and Randy Wallis was wonderful. Bro. Jimmy was led of the Spirit in each service and the morning services were outstanding. One lady was delivered from the smoking habit and many received spiritual blessings, encouragement and help.

Our Ladies Meeting has been much more spiritual and uplifting. Dovie Lou Rasco is our leader. All are praying more and really studying God's Word.

Our pastor has been having special studies on Wednesday evening of Bible Characters. The latest is Elijah and Elisha. This has been most interesting.

There is so much to be done and time is so short so pray for us.

Edwin Waterbury, Pastor

Alvin, Texas

Our Christmas program was presented on December 18th. We are thankful for all who took part.

We have started a new Sunday school class. It is called "Spares and Pairs". The Pastor will be the teacher and the age limit is 18-28.

Bro. Randy Wallis has been with us for some time now but, is now going to school at West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas. He has done a great job with the Youth Aflame and leading the singing along with other jobs he has done to help his father.

Recently 19 youth from our church along with Bro. and Sis. Wallis, Randy and Al Weeden went to Old Mexico. They all had a great time and enjoyed visiting with the Lord's children South of the Border.

Bro. Billy Sparks will be beginning a revival meeting January 20th. He will be assisted by the Son Rise Singers.

Jimmy Wallis, Pastor

Baxter Springs, Kansas

We especially miss all the Bible College students and faculty now that they have returned home. However we are happy to have David and Dale Stollings staying here to be our new youth directors. Also Sis. Dale is helping Sis. Cornell with her Joy Kids Club on Thursdays and is assisting her in visiting the families of those attending and in addition to that she is assisting Sis. Busch with the Report work. They are living in the house that the Jerome Crowhursts occupied during this past term of Bible School. Bro. David has a job with Youngmans here in Baxter. We are a privileged people to have enjoyed not only the school but all the visitors it brought in during Thanksgiving and the Closing exercises as well as at other times. We are so thankful for the Convocation here and for the blessing it was to this area. We've been happy to have Carolyn Quesenbury, Shari Cook and Delvin and Rita Wiles keeping this as home base.

We had a real good Christmas program on Sunday December 15. We as a church are grateful to our pastor's wife in sacrificing her time for it even with all the other duties of the Bible School closing just a few days prior to that time. We have been having a Ladies Missionary Group that meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in different homes. It has really proved a blessing. We had a Christmas Supper in the home of Ted and Joan Cooper December 1 and had our husbands as guests. Wednesday night December 18 we had our church Christmas Supper and worship time combined in the old home. The tables were decorated beautifully and the meal was superb. The Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Cornell has been bringing anointed, inspiring messages and our souls have been fed.

Jack Cornell, Pastor
Reporter nrb

Tomball, Texas

Our church is progressing nicely. We are running a Sunday School bus now which is a big help to our Sunday School. We have a wonderful church, but we are praying for a better one for 1975.

We enjoyed the choir from the Bible School and on October 20th, we enjoyed the Evangelism Class or a portion of it, in our church. Bro. Randy Dalton was our speaker and did a good job. Looking forward to a group again sometime—they are always welcome.

Bro. A.B. Stanberry, Pastor
Thelma Neff, Reporter

Katy, Texas

We had our Annual "Couples" Christmas Party Monday evening, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. There were 40 present and we all had a good time. The Young People had their banquet on Friday, December 13th at the Melvin Scott home.

Bro. Kenneth Elkins took care of getting our Christmas tree and Bro. Alsup and Bro. Ward Stanberry put it up for us. They did a wonderful job.

Our Sunday School Christmas Program was Wednesday, December 18th. The children did a real nice job.

G.K. Kerr, Pastor

Purcell, Mo.

We want to thank you all from the Bible School who were so good to come and help out in the services. Everyone enjoyed each one so much. We are so glad the services have built up both in number and spiritually. We thank God for all of His rich blessings.

The men of the church are in the process of putting in two new "rest rooms" in the back of the church. This was so very much needed and we thank all who have worked on this project.

Bro. James Hosler began a revival here January 2nd. We thank the Lord for His Spirit we have felt in these services. Alvin and Paula Buschman have been doing the singing and Sis. Paula has been having Children's Church each night before the revival service. We are also thankful for the visitors from the area who have put out the great effort to be in these services.

George Hintergardt, Pastor

Guymon, Oklahoma

We are very glad to have Bill and Vicki Patterson with us now. We had a special welcoming service for them Sunday morning, December 8th. They presented their testimonies in song and sermon during the morning service followed by a dinner and canned goods shower for them in the Activity Center. Their address is 1344 N. Canyon.

On Sunday night, December 15th the cantata "Love Transcending" was given. This cantata brought to us the most wonderful story of the ages, the story of the birth of Christ. Immediately following the cantata we had a Christmas Fellowship in the Activity Center. We had lots of goodies plus lots of good fellowship.

Edwin Modrick, Pastor

Crosses, Arkansas

We have been blessed by visits from some of the Bible College students. Those who have visited us are, Betty Carney, David Lively, Frank Arnall, and Rhonda Sanger of the Evangelism Class. We went to Mississippi and Alabama to spend Thanksgiving with friends and relatives. During our absence Bro. Gary Don Foster and Bro. Jimmy Russell were in charge of the services. The people really enjoyed their messages. Shirley Satcher has visited us twice.

We have resigned the church here. We have enjoyed pastoring here for over three years now, but we feel it is time for us to leave. The people here are wonderful and have been good to us. We feel sure the Lord has someone to replace us. We will be open for calls to hold revivals or to do fill in work after the 16th of December. Remember us in your prayers.

(At this printing this vacancy has been filled by Bro. and Sis. Bobby Russell. They were students in Bible School this past term.)

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FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN

Ollie L. Kinser

(From a sermon preached at camp meeting services on July 2, 1974 at Baxter Springs.)

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalms 133:1

As we examine the Word of God we find instruction to work together in our efforts for God and good. So much does God want His people to labor together that He said when the brethren dwell together, "there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore." I am persuaded, as full gospel believing people, we must bind ourselves together in this race for life, if we expect the Lord of Glory to send the blessings we need and want.

The Apostle Peter speaks of unity, by "obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren" because we have been "born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God." The enemy of our souls strives to keep God's children apart, lest they find the blessings God has promised and become strong against him. He knows that Jesus said, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven." Matthew 18:19 When God's people bind together for God's word to be done, the devil is defeated! This is why Satan has always tried to drive wedges of misunderstanding and jealousy and pride between the children of God. He knows, as Jesus said, "A house divided cannot stand." We have heard it said that the United States of America will never be defeated by an army from the outside, but her destruction will come from within. We have also heard many ideas as to how churches are going to be closed. Whether by the force of military or by the force of economic agencies or by some act of Congress. I am personally persuaded to believe that church doors will not be closed by an outside force, but because of a failure within to unite as brethren for the common cause of Jesus Christ our Lord. I speak not of joining in a National Council of Churches or a World Church, but I speak of us, The Apostolic Faith Movement, getting all our efforts together. Finite disagreements all too often become wedges that Satan is using to hinder our labors for God and push our brethren apart. Too often we think of ourselves as the Tri-State area, the Panhandle area, the South Texas area, the California Churches, the Mississippi-Alabama Churches. This may seem a small thing, but I feel there are times when considering ourselves from different parts of the country has become a wedge driven between God's people. I have been in all the sections of our movement except California and I've found all these people to be God-fearing and God-loving people. May we consider ourselves to be one body of full gospel Apostolic Faith believing people.

There are many who are seeking for experiences and blessings from God. As I read in the Word I find that when God pronounced bountiful blessings, the people were united for the benefit of one another. Acts 1:12-14 records that when the apostles and disciples of the Lord returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, they continued with one accord in prayer and supplication. Acts 2:1-4 goes on to say that on the Day of Pentecost they were all in one accord as they received the precious Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

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Acts 2:46-47 speaks of their continued daily living in one accord and the Lord added to the church such as should be saved. From this word and others I am persuaded to believe that unity is part of the setting required for men to receive the blessing of the Lord.

From the Old Testament we read how Israel went out against their enemies, "knit together as one man." Judges 20:11 Even so must the children of God go forth against sin and Satan. Being knit together in charity, which is the bond of perfectness, we can and will defeat the enemy. Certainly we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a time to come that will be a time of sweet harmony for God's people, "Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion." Isaiah 52:8 Jesus echoed that same message in John 10:16 when He said, "there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." Seeing that this is the condition that will exist in the Lord's Day to come, shouldn't we be striving even now to be joined together in our labors for God and souls. I think Apostle Paul, instructs us wisely when he says, "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called...endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

For a thought to close this essay, I again refer to Paul's words as recorded in his letter to the Hebrews 12:14, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." I feel that peace and holiness are a unit. There is no holiness if we are not at peace with all men. Likewise, there is no peace of mind nor peace among men without holy living. Without a holy life we have no promise of seeing the Lord. The conclusion we draw from this then is that the promise of a blessed eternity with Christ hinges on our being at peace and in unity with God and man.

SPIRITUAL TIMEPIECE



THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

By Rev. George Hintergardt

John 15:12 says: "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you." Today you see lots of things and many ways that people are trying to serve God, but without love for one another, it will never work. Faith is important. Love is greater. We must love the Lord with all our soul, our strength and our might. God is love. It is impossible to believe in God and have hatred in our hearts.

Without love, all are doomed, for in John 3:16 we find that: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life." God was willing to give His son because He loved us.

An expression of the workings of love is found in I Corinthians, chapter thirteen. Charity is love.

Verse 1. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." It doesn't matter what you say, nor how well you speak, without love it just as well be rocks shaken in a tin can. Without love it is only a noise.

Verse 2: "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing" Even though a person may have faith to move a mountain, or though he may pray for the sick, if he doesn't have love, it's no good.

Verse 3: "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing." It doesn't matter what you give or how much you sacrifice, it doesn't profit you anything unless love is there. You just as well never have done it, for you are still nothing.

Verse 4 & 5 "Charity suffereth long, and is kind, charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;" All of these things tell us that we must stay in the dust of humility. Whenever you step out of the dust of humility then love is not shown. It is easy to think evil thoughts, but where there are evil thoughts love is not there. You must keep your mind strictly on the things of God.

Verses 6 & 7. "Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth: Beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." Love shows endurance and will last. Love rejoiceth in the truth, and not in iniquity.

Verse 8: "Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away." If true love is there, it will never fail. There are lots of prophecies that don't come to pass. I am reminded of the time we lived in California and we knew of a man who rode in an airplane and said that while he was up there the Lord spoke to him and told him the day and hour the Lord was going to return. I suppose he believed this, but nevertheless it didn't come to pass. Prophecies will fail, but true love will never fail. Tongues and knowledge too shall vanish away.

Verses 9 & 10: "For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." We don't understand it all now. But we understand only in part.

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Verse 11: "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things." There are some people who never want to grow up. If you are building a new church and you squabble and bicker over it, it is not built in love. It doesn't matter how many you build, if it is not done in love, it's no good.

Verses 12 & 13: "For now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Love is the greatest of all. When things go wrong, we can still have love. I am glad and thankful for God's love to me.

CAN JESUS USE ME?

Gaylon Schultz

(Gaylon is the son of the late Gail and Edna Mae Shultz)

Yes, He can use you or me or anybody else that He chooses to use in the way He would have you work for him. As a minister or a song leader or an altar worker, deacon, a prayer warrior, a Sunday school teacher, youth worker, evangelist, or a vocalist he has a work for you to do.

It may not always be the job you think you are best qualified for but it is the job that God thinks you are best for and that it is His will that you do it and be happy in what you do, and not grumble about what you think you are best qualified to do. He knows what's best and so do your job to the best of your ability and you will be rewarded for it."

I Cor. 12:18 "But now hath God set the member every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him."

I Cor. 12:22-23 "Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

Of those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness."

I Cor. 12:28-31 "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teacher? are all workers of miracles?

Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I unto you a more excellent way."

Romans 12:4 "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:"

As these scriptures have pointed out there is a place for every one. It may not always be the one that we think we are best suited for but it is the one God has sent us to do. We should jump right in and do our best at the job God has seen fit to give us. We should do our best to fill our job to the best of our ability and be happy in what we do, in the work of the Lord.

It is not always how important our job is but it is important how well we do our job for God.

A. F. Report

CHURCH NEWS



Arnett, Oklahoma

Alvin, Texas,

In September Rev. and Mrs. Winston Barker visited our church in behalf of Missions to Mexico with whom they are now working and their service inspired our Youth Aflame group to begin a series of projects to raise money for the orphanage and a trip there for our group. This was undertaken with the leadership of Mrs. Alvin Barker and Randy Wallis. We owe a great deal of thanks to our church for making this trip possible with their prayers, offerings, and backing.

We raised \$1300.00 in six weeks and nineteen youth and left Alvin on November 20. We left our cars at Bro. Don Russells' and traveled the remainder of the trip on their orphanage bus. We had a nice sight-seeing tour to Monterey, Mexico. We shopped in the marketplace, then rode horses & burrows to Horse Tail Falls. The scenery and mountains were beautiful. Then we went to McAllen for a tour of the Missions to Mexico buildings. They had a service where our young people sang, and Bro. Wallis spoke. We learned a Spanish chorus. From the school we went to Reynosa to the Orphanage. We instantly fell in love with the kids, and we had a wiener roast with them. This was the first for some of them, but not a crumb of food was left.

On Sunday we all went to the Church of the Good Shepherd, while the Wallises and Bro. Don Russell drove to Reynosa to visit a new mission they have just started there. They meet in a doctor's office with about 70 people attending. Bro. Russell has started about twenty-five missions in Mexico and is responsible for the Orphanage there. We were blessed through his Christian work. Sunday night we all attended a Spanish mission in Reynosa. The Youth Aflame sang for the church and then they sang back to us in Spanish. That was one time we knew what they were saying. Bro. Wallis preached and Bro. Russell interpreted. We enjoyed it. On Monday, November 25, 1974 we arrived home again. The Lord was good to us and we had no accidents or car trouble and we are praising God for that. I feel this was one of the most thankful Thanksgivings ever for 23 people in Alvin, Texas. We all realize how fortunate we are to have a home, parents, friends and a church. We are looking forward to a return trip in 1975.

Those making the trip were: Cindy Allen, Diane Bachman, Laurie Broux, Obed Doty, Leta Foster, Dana Goodwin, Divonna Hold, Mike Hudgens, Shelly Hudgens, Tammy Hudgens, Carla Leflet, Jimmy Leflet, Edwina McDonald, Jorene McDonald, Kathy McLeod, Louey Rodriguez, Deme Urick, Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Wallis, Randy Wallis, Ned Wheeden, Sam Wheeden, and Mr. Al Wheeden.

Divonna Hold
Youth Aflame Reporter

Dickenson, Texas

Bro. James Hosler of Oklahoma, held a revival for us in November. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. We all gained spiritual strength, and deeper blessings in the Lord. God is pouring out His to those who still accept.

We so greatly appreciate the prayers and help God's people have given us. May He bless each and everyone. We do love our Lord and are persuaded He loves us even more. Praise His Name!

Mrs. Cecil Boles, Reporter

The Lord has been good to us and we thank Him so much for his graciousness unto us. It seems He has especially blessed us with visiting speakers or programs. We were especially blessed December 7th at 7:30 p.m. when a group of Christian Youth who attend Panhandle A. & M. College at Goodwell. These were Sharon Cates, Dusty Gower, Sam Ames, Darlene Webb, Lonnie Reed, Debbie Grimmer, Duane Methvin and their sponsors, Don and Fleta Werner. They brought songs and testimonies for this service.

Again we are in the remodeling spirit. The Lord has really helped in getting started in this project. We are remodeling our annex and hall to the classrooms by paneling, lowering ceilings by installing drop ceilings, and installing new doors to the classrooms. We are real happy about our continued building project. We want to say thank you to each person who has helped with this work and to our pastor, Rev. E.K. Cornell, who has been faithful in his work on this project.

Sister Louise Sutton and her husband, Sherman, spent December 15 with the Cornell's and brought the morning and evening message. We were all happy to again see Bro. and Sis. Sutton as they were pastors in the years past. past.

Our Christmas Program, under the supervision of Mrs. Raymond Hoskins, was presented Sunday evening December 22 and followed by a Church Christmas Party for all.

Pastor, Rev. Eugene Cornell
Reporter, Ruby V. Kibbe

Apostolic Faith Church Galena, Kansas

God has been good to our church in the year 1974. Oh yes, we have had our trials but our victories out-numbered them.

Our people enjoyed those who came from the Bible School to preach and to sing for us. We have learned to appreciate our school in Baxter Springs.

Our church is now completing classrooms upstairs over the classrooms on the north of our church. God has blessed our church down through the years and He has helped us to keep out of debt.

Our young people visited the sick and shut-ins and sang Christmas carols at Christmas Time. Bro. and Sis. Dwane Hansen directed and supervised the young people in these services.

The first Sunday of the New Year a good number attended church and we opened the year with a glorious, Holy Ghost Communion service. Bro. Clanton has been bringing some wonderful messages with the unction of the Holy Spirit.

Sis. May Rowland was elected to be the reporter for the Apostolic Report for the year 1975.

Yours in Christ,
May Rowland

Please include the following in the sick list for prayer.

Sis. Josie Webb
Sis. Tillie Hall
Sis. Lillis Adams
Sis. Alva Shamblin
Sis. Rita Robinson
Sis. Grace Myers
Bro. & Sis. Fred Smith

Spearman, Texas

As we start the New Year and look over the past year as a church we can say, the Lord has led us thus far, and with our trust in Him He will lead us safely through another year.

Bro. O.A. Busch held a weeks meeting here the first of December. We were all blessed to hear the Old-time Gospel messages he brought. There were several who attended from some of the other churches.

Bro. A. W. Ferguson was our pastor from September until the middle of December. Everyone enjoyed his ministry, and we appreciated him coming to help us.

Bro. and Sis. Jacob Regier have returned to the church as our pastors since the close of the Bible School. Cindy Berner, who was a student at Bible School has returned home and is helping in the church. She will be going to college in Canyon.

We appreciate people who are faithful to the call of the Lord and will minister to us. As a church we covet the prayers of God's people.

Jacob Regier, Pastor
Mrs. Irvin Delk, reporter

Hinton, Alabama

Ole man Winter has slowed the pace down a great deal in our area, but little by little we are seeing an increase in church interest here.

I accepted the church here again in July, I realized the challenge was great, but "If God be for you, the devil is defeated already".

We were privileged to have a group of Evangelism students from Bible College in charge of our services November 17. These students were chaperoned by Sis. Shari Cook and our services were just great. We thank these young people and would welcome their return any time to our church here.

With Bible College term ended, we are glad to have our three students, who attended, home to work in our church. We feel these young people are very dedicated and capable and will be placing a number of responsibilities in their care.

We are planning a revival in January and ask an interest in your prayers in behalf of our work here and we welcome all ministers and workers of the Faith.

Myrtle Carney, Pastor

Revivals

Hinton, Ala.—Myrtle Carney, Pastor

Ted Barker, Evangelist. January 19

Gospel Workers: Shari Cook, Carolyn Quesenbury, Joe Randolph, and Rick French

Spearman, Texas—Jacob Regier, Pastor

Youth Revival, Evang. Marlin Sparks

Dates Feb. 2-9

Gospel Workers: Shari Cook, Carolyn Quesenbury, Sharyl Cox, and Frank Arnall.

Cave Springs, Ark. Onal Nunn, Pastor

Paul Clanton, Evangelist

Feb. 2

Sharolyn Cox is working in the church at Arnett, Okla. and Steve Davis is living in Amarillo, Texas and is a new member of the Group "Vicki, and the Royalheirs"

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Snell, Mississippi

It has been a while since a report was sent in from Snell. The Lord has blessed us in so many ways. We are so thankful to Him.

As of October 1st., Bro. and Sis. John Blythe are the new pastors at Snell. The church welcomes the Blythe family. They are a blessing to the church and community. We have had some wonderful services and the Holy Spirit has been so real in our lives.

The young people met Halloween night for a cook-out and supper with a large number of young people and the old alike had a wonderful time together.

November 17 we had some of the AFBC students with us. We had a good morning service, and dinner was served after church. After a wonderful meal, we had singing in the afternoon and a wonderful Sunday night service. We enjoyed these students so much.

The restrooms and Sunday School rooms are completely finished. They are very nice. We are so proud of this new addition. The church is debt-free even after these new additions and we Praise the Lord for this.

We say in closing, that we appreciate the paper so much, and may the Lord bless you Sis. Busch in your work for Him.

The church here at Snell welcomes visitors and gospel workers to come by and be with us any time.

John Blythe, Pastor
Janet Culpepper, Reporter

Hardesty, Oklahoma

The Lord has been good to us and we thank him for sending Bro. Dewey, Sandra and Kristy to us.

We are beginning to see prayers answered. The youth of our community have been a real concern to us, but the Lord is opening doors. In September we had a river party that was sponsored by all the churches and also a Halloween party. It is good to see God's people working together in the interest of our youth.

Our church has acquired an activity bus and we are also in the process of buying an organ. It is beautiful and adds so much to the service.

We were happy to have Bro. Barry Methvin in our services on December 29th.

Our new youth director and assistant pastor is Bro. Marlin Sparks. We welcome him and pray God's blessings on his work.

Sunday we started an attendance contest. We are expecting wonderful things in 1975.

Bro. Dewey Flock, Pastor
Mary Loraine Jones, Reporter

NOTICE

Since the later part of 1973 we have had two \$50 monthly raises in the cost of having our paper printed. We have been informed that beginning now in 1975 there will be another \$25 raise in cost. This makes us have to pay \$125 more just for the printing of the paper alone each month than we did just a little over a year ago. The Editorial board asked us to make you aware of the rise in cost. We feel sure that the Lord will supply for us to print the paper for His glory. He has never failed us and He never will. Thanking you for your faithful support in the past for this His work.

Yours in His Service,
Your Editor



OBITUARY OF MRS. LUCILE ELEANOR SUTTON

Mrs. Lucile Eleanor Sutton was born on March 24, 1922 at Houston, Texas. On March 21, 1943 Lucile married Darrel E. Sutton, the ceremony taking place in Houston. They made their residence Katy and church the Apostolic Faith.

On December 20, 1974 at the age of 52 years, 8 months, and 26 days, Lucile passed away. The survivors were: her husband, Darrel E. Sutton of Katy, her daughter, Peggy Ellen Sutton of Katy, and her son Darrel Eugene Sutton of Wimberly. Also her mother, Mrs. Melissa Ellen Durham of Granby, a brother, Everett A. Corl of El Paso, two grandchildren, Gene and Terry Sutton and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held in the Katy Apostolic Church at 3:30 the 21st of December with Bro. G. K. Kerr as the minister, assisted by Bro. Stanberry. The Stanberry family sang. Burial was at the Memorial Oaks Cemetery, in Houston, Texas.

The following poems, written by Sis. Lucile, were read at the service for her:

MY PRAYER

Lord, hear my prayer and sincere plea,
May new health be speedily returned to me,
May I, in every way be strong and well,
As on your earth, I continue to dwell.

I know that a mind that is tormented and at unrest,
Can never for thee, be their very best.
God grant that the peace of God, in my heart and mind shall
abide,
Until, I have safely and securely reached the other side.

Each person, born into this world, is expected to prepare for
the following one.

Lord, may we be ready, when our final call shall come;
But, in our struggle to be what we should, Lord, help me,
not to be selfish,
and think of only me.
But may we be the means of leading other souls to thee.

Lord in our trials, help us to wear a cheery smile,
Even if it seems, we are at the end of our last mile;
For smiles are contagious — then others will smile too.
If we can be a blessing to others, that's the most worthwhile
thing we can do.

March 31, 1967 — 3:10 a. m. — Lucile Sutton
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FAITHFULNESS TO GOD

Can we write a letter to God, and truthfully sign it,
"Faithfully yours"?
Have we been busy about the Master's business, and have
we performed the Master's chores?
Have we been doing all that we can, to see the advancement
of God's work?
Or, have we been so involved with our own desires, that we
God's work did shirk?

To each Christian, God has given at least one talent, to some
He has given more.
He wants us to be just as faithful if we have one talent, as if
we had four.
God has a special individual work, for all of His children to
do.
Let us try to work for Him more each day, and to His call be
true.

No one else can do the work, that God has planned for us to
do.
Let's be diligent and perform our task, until our earthly life
is through.
God's word says, that in the last days, men shall be without
natural affection or love,
Let's not have our hearts set on things of this earth, but set
them on things above.

There will be many tests and trials come our way, and we'll
have to fight "manfully" in this race.
But the tests and trials, will seem so insignificant and as
naught, when we look upon the Master's face.
The thing that really counts, when our days on earth are
through;
Can we say we have been faithful to God; and always to
God's will been true.

March 11, 1967 — Lucile Sutton

The family of Lucile Sutton would like to express their
deep appreciation and thanks to all the wonderful friends
and acquaintances, who were so kind, thoughtful and
helpful during the illness of our loved one. Also for the way
you stood with us in our hour of sorrow and bereavement.
Your many expressions of sympathy through cards, letters,
phone calls, and most of all, your prayers in our behalf were
a great encouragement to us. May God richly bless you for
everything. Thank you so very much.

Darrel, Darrel Eugene , and Peggy Sutton

OBITUARY OF MR. CHARLIE CURTIS SEBER

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these
my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Mr. Charlie Curtis Seber was born October 22, 1889 in
Oiltrough, Arkansas. Charlie passed away on December 28,
1974 in Tomball, Texas at the age of 85.

His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Estelle Seber, his
daughter, Mrs. R. W. Weindorf, and his sons; Archie C.
Jimmy O., Irvin C.; also 16 grandchildren, 16 great
grandchildren, and one great great grandson.

Services were held in the Apostolic Faith Church at
Tomball. The ministers were A. B. Stanberry, Joe B.
Deweese, Olen Bachler and the "Stanberry Singers". The
interment was at Waller Cemetery.

A.F. Report

OBITUARY OF ARTHUR V. WHITAKER

Whitaker Services Held:

Services for Arthur V. Whitaker were held Tuesday, November 26, 1974, at 2:00 p. m. in the Apostolic Faith Church of Laverne, Oklahoma. Rev. Jack Barker and Rev. Doc. Methvin officiated at the services.

Interment was in the Laverne Cemetery. Arrangements were conducted by the Seeger Funeral Home, Laverne, Oklahoma.

Obituary:

Arthur V. Whitaker was born November 5, 1905 to George and Ella Whitaker in Beaver County near the former town of Madison.

At an early age the family moved to Laverne where he attended and graduated from Laverne High School in 1926.

For a number of years he was associated with his father in the produce business. He was also engaged in the trucking freight business in Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma until 1934. After his father's death in 1938 he continued in the farming and ranching business.

He married Eva Smith Coffman in 1940 and they resided on the ranch until 1968 when he retired due to ill health and they moved to Laverne.

He gave his life to Christ in 1930 and was a devout and dedicated Christian in the Apostolic Faith Church until his death, November 23, at the Woodward Memorial Hospital.

Art was a very special man who was much like Will Rogers, in that he "Never met a man he didn't like" and in return was a man who had the love and respect of the entire community and surrounding communities.

The streets of Laverne will be quieter for the passing of Art Whitaker whose hearty laugh, quick wit, and cheery greeting will be greatly missed. But it can, he hoped, that the contagion of this man's zest for life, his love of people, his concern for the elderly and lonely, will have found rootage in the lives of others so that a living memorial will be perpetuated in this city in his memory, where the only true memorials can be built — in the hearts of men.

Survivors are: his wife, Eva, one sister, Helen Banker, of Hobbs, New Mexico, and two children, Gary Whitaker of Compton, Calif., and Wilma Pebbles of Newton, Kansas, seven grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

OBITUARY OF MRS. LILLIAN COOKE MEAR

Mrs. Lillian Cooke Mear was born at Wharton, Texas, November 29, 1898 and died at 5:30 a. m., December 1, 1974 at Leggett Memorial Hospital in Cleveland, Texas near Houston. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 3, 1974 at Shiloh Church and burial was in the Shiloh Cemetery near Hempstead, Texas by the side of her first husband, Will Cooke. Bro. Joe B. DeWeese, minister of the Apostolic Faith, of Hempstead, Texas officiated at the services assisted by Rev. Lee Brock of the church. Funeral arrangements were by Forrest Hill Funeral Home of Conroe, Texas. Survivors include three sons: Robert, Earl and David Cooke of Houston. Four daughters: Mrs. Grace Fisher of Houston, Mrs. Janet Adams of Cleveland, Texas, Mrs. Norma Williamson and Mrs. Sarah Hubble of Hereford, Texas. Also two sisters, Mrs. Ralph Crockard of Seguin, Texas and Mrs. Mary Chamberlain of Victoria, Texas, also a host of relatives and friends.

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OBITUARY OF REV. JOHN PEACOCK

Rev. Joseph Peacock was born April 26, 1902, and passed away December 30, 1974.

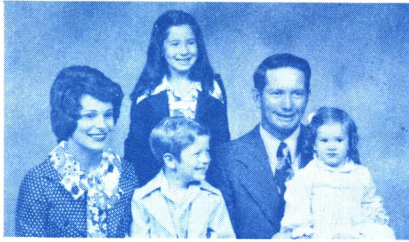
He was born in Pratt, Kansas, to Nahum Osgood and Mary Elizabeth Bower Peacock, and spent his early childhood in Bucklin. He moved to Cheney at the age of seven and was a resident for 65 years. He was married to Mary C. Rutkowski, May 25, 1927. To this union was born five children, Virginia Crouse of Wichita Falls, Texas, John Wesley, who preceded him in death in 1937, Donna Mae Bishop of Cheney, Glenn Arthur of Metairie, Louisiana, and Gerald Dee of Cheney.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Mary, two daughters, two sons, 19 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and a brother, Harry Peacock of Miami, Florida.

His life was one of the greatest examples of the Apostolic Faith. Throughout the area of Kingman, Cheney and Wichita are many testimonies of spiritual enrichment, special victories and gifts of healing. Several full time Gospel preachers and workers can account their beginning to the ministry of Bro. Johnny as he shared his faith in home prayer meetings and evangelistic services. No request for prayer went unheeded. No person was too small or too great for his complete attention and concern. He will be missed by his loved ones and friends but we will be inspired by his memory and faith. His continuing testimony is taken from Timothy 4:6,7.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day; and not to me only but unto all them that love his appearing."

Funeral services were conducted Thursday morning, January 2, at 10:30 a. m. at Livingston's Funeral Chapel in Kingman by Sis. Pearl Menke, former pastor of Apostolic Faith Church in Kingman, and Sister Louise Sutton, pastor of Apostolic Faith Church of Roswell, New Mexico. He was laid to rest in Waterloo Cemetery. Pallbearers included two grandsons, John Crouse of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Marcus Bishop of Cheney; other pallbearers were John Wimer of Murdock, Byron Opdyke of Cheney, Kans., Kenneth Downey of Kingman, and Sherman Sutton of Roswell, New Mexico. Songs, "When the Roll is Called up Yonder", and "I'll Meet You in the Morning", were sung by Mrs. Byron Opdyke, Cheney, Kans., Mrs. John Wimer and Mrs. Alvin Watkins of Murdock, Kansas.



(Picture on the left)
Dollins family, Raymond Jr.
Elizabeth, Polly, Joey,
and the baby, Heather

A Modern Day Miracle

Katy, Texas

Days come and pass; many times hardly noticed, even though it's a miracle of God's that we even exist.

Last November 12 was a day we will never forget. For you see—God sent our family a special miracle, a miracle of healing.

Since last May, our baby, Heather, only one year old at the time, was diagnosed with a congenital hip disclosure. She was placed in an orthopedic abduction hip brace. You see, her left ball and socket had not formed since before birth. After 3 months in this brace little growth progress was detected, surgery was anticipated. However her doctor prescribed wearing the brace 3 more months hoping to correct the ailment with pressure points. This was his only alternative to surgery.

We as a family had witnessed God's power many times, and suddenly about a week before her 6 months check-up, we all became heavily burdened. Not only family, but our whole church family, was asking God for a definite work.

The Lord led and we had special prayer for her during our revival.

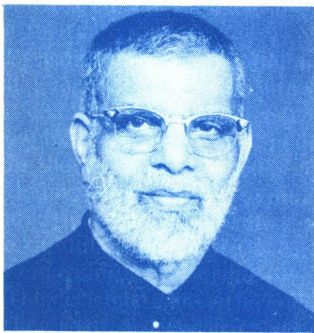
The next day I took her in for x-rays. The doctor was totally appalled. After securing all her previous x-rays and records, and checking with the technician, his words were "I just can't believe it—this just could not be". I was so over-joyed, I could hardly contain myself. I immediately told him of our belief in God and he agreed that it truly was a miracle. The socket was suddenly there and the ball formed. He called it "perfect alignment". Certainly when God does a job it is unquestionable.

In a few weeks the brace will be removed and she will be dismissed. It truly is wonderful what the Lord has done!

We do send this testimony in humbleness, for we feel so undeserving, hoping that perhaps someone might gain strength through it's words. And to God be all the Glory.

In Christian love,

Raymond, Elizabeth Dollins and family



K. E. ABRAHAM India

The Pentecostal Church in India has sustained a great loss in the home-call of the Rev. K.E. Abraham, a great exponent of the Bible and a leader among full gospel ministries.

In the early decades of this century the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith, such as regeneration and believer's baptism had hardly made any impact on the churches in India. Born on March 1, 1899, in the State of Kerala, India, Rev. K.E. Abraham grew up in the traditions and rituals of the Orthodox Syrian Church. Rev. K.E. Abraham was born in answer to his mother's prayer for the gift of a son. According to the mother's promise the son was dedicated for God's service in the Syrian Orthodox Church. But God chose him as an Apostle. He was only seven when he became a child of God. And in 1912 he rededicated his life to the Lord. In 1915 he received believer's baptism. As a layman he was actively involved in evangelical campaigns. In 1923 Abraham was baptized in the Holy Spirit. Subsequently he became a zealous preacher of the full gospel truth.

During the height of Britain's imperial rule over India, Christian work was largely aided by western missionary organizations. Christians in India lacked the initiative and burden to support their own work. God raised up K.E. January-February, 1975

Abraham to rouse the lethargic Christians of Kerala from their slumber and assume their responsibilities to support their Christian work. It was truly a unique calling—by example and precept K.E. Abraham was instrumental in establishing several self-supporting churches in India.

As a writer Rev. Abraham's contribution among Pentecostal authors is unparalleled. As an author of 15 books, he was widely read. The book *Babylon the Great* is a scholarly treatise exposing the false cults and heresies that have crept into the Roman Catholic Church. His book on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit was a key weapon in convincing many a staunch orthodox Christian that the Holy Spirit was for today. Several of his books have been translated in-to English and Swedish.

The founding of the Hebron Bible College in Kerala has supplied a steady stream of gospel workers for India's needy cities and villages. New Testament truths of apostolic life were truly ingrained into the fabric of the church in India. Rallying a faithful band of Christian workers around him and the Cross was a true measure of his success.

As Editor of *Zion Trumpet*, he proclaimed the truths of the full gospel fearlessly. Christians in non-Pentecostal Churches, and even non-Christians became great admirers of K.E. Abraham as they were convinced of God's anointing upon him.

The existence of nearly 1000 flourishing independent Churches in India is a living testimony and monument to Rev. Abraham's divine call. We were highly privileged to enjoy his unusually gifted ministry as a heaven-sent Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher, Apostle and Guide. He was a bold Reformer and Prophet of God. Popularly known as the "golden-tongued Pentecostal Preacher," the multitudes were blessed and moved by his anointed messages. He exalted Jesus Christ as Saviour, Healer, Baptizer and Coming King. The Lord confirmed his word with signs and miracles. To know Rev. K.E. Abraham was to love him.

T. Valson Abraham

A.F. Report

CONVOCATION 1974

The Blessings of the Lord were once again felt in a glorious way in the closing days of 1974. The annual Convocation convened Friday evening December 27 and the next four days were filled with wonderful singing and inspired messages, concluding with Watchnight service.

We would like to thank everyone for their labors and support toward the Convocation that contributed to making it a success. A special Thank You is extended to all the ministers who presented the Gospel at the various services: George Hintergardt, Van Earl (Hap) Blythe, Edwin Waterbury, Keith Barker, Garold Oakes, David Lively, Alvin Buschman, Ted Barker; Bible Lessons were delivered by Paul Clanton, Jack Barker, Doyle L. Wiles; the evening messages were presented by A. W. Ferguson, Neil Ragan, O. A. Busch, Gene Waterbury, Ollie Kinser, M. D. Methvin. Others contributing their talents were: Johnny Arnall, youth services; Shari Cook, arranging special music; Paula Buschman, conducted Children's church. An excellent job of cooking was done by O. A. Busch during the week.

It is our prayer that, 1975, will hold greater blessings from the Lord than you received in '74 and may we look forward to more times of fellowship and worship together in the New Year.

THE COMMITTEE: Lyndell Arnall, Ollie Kinser, Delvin D. Wiles.

Thank You!

Our thanks to the following Churches who sent in offerings in 1974 to the Apostolic Faith Report. May God bless you for your faithfulness to this His Work.

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Apostolic Faith Bible College Report

Greetings from the Apostolic Faith Bible College. The past term of school was a great success. As we look back and see the many lives that were touched by the Word of the Lord and changes that God himself made in these people, we are caused to rejoice because the day of miracles is not over. Praise the Lord. These young people have departed now to enter their work in the many places God has led them. We miss them here at the school but pray daily that God will lead them by His Spirit and make them spiritual blessings to the lost.

The closing services of the school were well attended and the spirit of the Lord was in each service. Bro. Jerome Crowhurst brought a wonderful sermon for the Dedication-Ordination service. We had one minister return to be ordained this year, Bro. and Sis. Johnny Arnall. These people are now pastors of the church at Kingman, Kansas. There were 11 young men and women dedicated as ministers and 4 dedicated as gospel workers. We praise the Lord for these who have answered the call to the work of God. We hope and pray that these who were dedicated will later return to be ordained. Pray for them. Those who were dedicated are as follows: Ministers-Randy Dalton, Alvin Buschman, Lois Harper, Bobby and Mikki Russell, Kathy Judd, Frank Arnall, David Lively, Marlon Sparks, Garold Oakes, Debbie Davis. Gospel Workers-Rick French, Dennis Graham, Gayle Kendrick and Sharolyn Cox.

The Homecoming service held in the afternoon was well attended by a lot of former students and faculty members. Bro. Harold Bollinger brought an inspiring sermon and afterward we all enjoyed visiting and renewing old times.

Bro. Ted Barker brought a challenging sermon at the graduation service. Each student must now take the word given and go out to do their best for the Lord.

Our "THANKS" to each of these ministers and others who had part in these services.

Our special thanks again to the members of the faculty who served with us this year. They did a tremendous job and I can only say God bless them.

Thanks to all of you who prayed and supported the school. Words of thanks seem so small in view of the job you did in responding to each need as it arose, so again "thanks" and most of all God Bless You is my Prayer.

I ask for your prayers as we begin to make plans for the next term of school. There are many decisions to be made and once again putting together a faculty. Please pray with us that God will lay a burden on the hearts of those whom He wants to fill these jobs. This is a great task so don't take it lightly!

Please remember the school and continue to pray and support it during these off months. There are many bills that continue through the winter plus monthly insurance payments that must be made. May the Lord bless you as you do your best for Him.

Pray for us and visit the school when you can.

Jack Cornell, Supt.
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