



The

Apostolic Faith

Report

AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From ev'ry mountain side
Let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our King!

—Smith

Five Key Words
—Ken Harris in "Vital Christianity"

SURRENDER isn't giving up something you don't want...
It's giving up what you do want.

VICTORY isn't walking across the goal line...
It's struggling through opposition to the goal.

TRUST isn't going just where the lights are...
It's following through the dark valleys.

LOVE isn't giving when others are giving...
It's giving when others are not giving.

FAITH isn't overflowing to others...
It's emptying itself to others.

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IF WE LIVED THE CHRISTIAN WAY

Said Dr. William Sadler, renowned specialist in nervous diseases, "If people lived in a truly Christian way, half the diseases would drop off tomorrow morning, and we would have a new, superior race of human beings."

The joy of the Lord is the strength of God's children. "He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast" (Prov. 15:15). "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (17:22).

How miserable are God's children who live in unconfessed and unjudged sin: "When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me" (Ps. 32:3-4).

MOST SACRED RELATION

Peter Marshall said, "The marriage relation is the most delightful and the most sacred and solemn of human relations. It is the blending of lives and the union of hearts that two may walk together up the hill of life to meet the dawn — together bearing life's burdens, and sharing its joys and sorrows. It is more than moonlight and roses. It will ever remain in the sight of God an eternal union: 'Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder' (Matt. 19:6)."

Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.

ARTICLE VII

Doctrine

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

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Creation and Formation

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation

Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.

Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body. A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by speaking in other languages.

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

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

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

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

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

FROM THE



SUPERINTENDENT

The spring term of 1983 Bible College is past and we are glad to report great victory. The Lord was so good to us with many spiritual victories.

Our students have gone their way and we trust will stay busy working for the Lord. Keep each of these people in your prayers and open a door for them to work whenever possible.

Plans are already underway for the fall term of school. The dates are as follows: Fall Term, Aug. 22 - Dec. 16, 1983; Spring Term, Jan. 9 - May 10, 1984. The closing services will be planned for the two days, May 9 - 10, 1984.

Please be in much prayer for us as we need the Lord's wisdom to put everything together for the year. Many decisions will have to be made and biggest of all putting together a faculty.

We will not be able, due to time, to visit your church before school so we will expect each of you to be an ambassador for the Bible College. Tell those you see to be a student this year. They need the school. This is an important place. Send us names of prospective students and we will contact them.

Please pray for the school and then remember to support it will all you can.

God bless you,
Supt. Jack Cornell

TEN MOST WANTED

1. The man who puts God's business above any other business.
 2. The man who brings his children to church rather than sends them.
 3. The man who is willing to be the right example to every boy he meets.
 4. The man who thinks more of his Sunday school class than he does of his Sunday sleep.
 5. The man who measures his giving by what he has left rather than the amount he gives.
 6. The man who goes to church because he recognizes his need, not to impress someone.
 7. The man who has a passion to help rather than to be helped.
 8. The man who can see his own faults before he sees the faults of others.
 9. The man who stands firm in his convictions based on the Word of God.
 10. The man who is more concerned about winning souls for Christ than he is about winning honor.
- Western Messenger

Deadline!

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

CONCERNING OLD HOME

The Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible College Inc. has decided that it is not economically feasible to try to maintain the Old Bible School Home. It would cost a minimum of \$25,000 to do presently needed repairs, and another several thousand to maintain it.

The Board feels that the property should be offered to any member of the Movement that might be interested in buying it. If no response has been received by August 1, 1983, it will be placed on the Open Market. A Price will be quoted upon request. Contact Roland Busch or Jack Cornell if interested.

—Ward Stanberry



A MYSTERY

By Mrs. E. A. Greever

The entire Bible to me was one time a mystery (unknown, unexplained) as it is to the whole world. The mystery of the Kingdom of God was made known by Christ and by the disciples to the world, so as followers or disciples of Christ we are still proclaiming the glad story. (The gospel) I love to talk it, I love to sing it, I love to write it, and above all I love to live it by God's grace.

We are told by Jesus (Matthew 10:27) what He tells is in darkness to speak in light and what we hear in the ear to preach upon the housetops. Webster's dictionary tells us from the housetops means publicly and widely as being told by the Lord many years ago. My work for Him until the end was in and around Spearman, Texas. So, for this article to be known publicly and widely the only way I know would be to ask Sister Karen Oakes to have it printed in the Apostolic Faith Report.

Hebrews 1:1-2. God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His son, So beyond a doubt in the year 1983 it must be the last of the last days. And it's time to look up for our redemption draweth nigh and not only redemption from the grave but from among men. Revelation 14:4. This is the message I heard from our Apostolic Faith Movement ministers in the 1920s, and they not only preached it but acted as if they believed it.

Now a message from the Old Testament. Hosea 6:2. After two days (God's 1000 year days) will He revive us, in the third day He will raise us up and we shall live in His sight. The resurrection and 1000 year reign with Christ.

Of the day and hour knoweth no man. Only the Father. Matthew 24:36. "But of the times and seasons brethren ye have no need that I write," I Thessalonians 5:1. O Lord, may we not sleep as others but watch and be sober. I Thessalonians 5:6. Be ready and anxiously awaiting the day. Jesus made this possible. We must not only repent with Godly sorrow but completely surrender, soul, spirit, and body. Godliness, our whole being devoted to God and for this to be done He needs no help from man. The word tells us not to put our trust in man nor in princes but in the living God who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

Now to the mystery recorded in I Corinthians 15:51. "Behold I shew you a mystery. We shall not all sleep (die) but we shall all be changed. Changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed." I Corinthians 15:52. O what a day that will be!

We are told of the living at the time of the change in Revelation the 12th and 14th chapters. I certainly would love to be one of that number. What is your goal or that you attain to?

Changed from mortality to immortality has been a blessed thought to me since hearing it preached many years ago and more so since studying the word myself. Evidently whosoever will may run in the race knowing some are going to pass the test worthy of the change. And this we also know righteous judgment will be given all.

Now I relate some scriptures I have been given in the ear to preach upon the housetops.

Psalms 118:17, "I shall not die but live and declare the works of the Lord."

Ecclesiastes 9:4, "A living dog is better than a dead lion." Though our work for the Lord might seem very small compared with what others might be doing or have done, let us remember our work is finished when we go to the grave but if still among the living, toiling on, doing our best that we are capable of doing. The song writer sings. "We'll work till Jesus comes." To me that would be wonderful.

Now the words of Jesus. St. John 11:23-26. This was a conversation with Martha when her brother Lazarus died. Verse 23 says, "Thy brother shall rise again." The words of Jesus. Verse 24, "Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Verse 25, "Jesus said I am the RESURRECTION and the LIFE. He that believeth in me THOUGH he WERE dead yet shall he live."

One time dead in trespasses and sins with no hope in God, but through Jesus Christ was given life and the hope of the resurrection before death.

Verse 26, "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?"

A two-fold promise by believing when alive naturally and spiritually. We notice Martha didn't say she believed that but answered, "Yea Lord, I believe that thou art the Christ the son of God which shall come into the world." All things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:23. Perhaps at times we who are in need, need to be honest with God and should cry out with tears, Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief as the father of a child we read about in Mark, the 9th chapter.

Won't it be a wonderful day when the last enemy (death) is destroyed? I Corinthians 15:26. "Death is swallowed up in victory." Jesus snatched the victory from the grave, and rose again our souls to save. Praise His wonderful name. I now write a portion of a song I heard my mother sing when I was a child that is my prayer.

When He shall come with joyful sound

O may I then in him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone

Faultless to stand before the throne.

CORRUPTING GOD'S WORD

How interesting and rewarding is the study of words, their etymologies, and their uses!

The word "corrupt" describes what the street peddlers of ancient Greece, who sold wine and other things, used to do. These hucksters were notorious for adulterating their wine and thus cheating their customers.

Paul had in mind the unscrupulous practice of those peddlers when he wrote, "For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God" (II Cor. 2:17).

Great havoc is wrought by those who compromise or adulterate God's eternal Word. The inspired writers of God's Word spoke most severely of such persons. "For there are certain men crept in unawares ... ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 1:4). "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (II Cor. 11:13-14).

NO DISHONOR TO FATHER

The great missionary to the South Sea Islands, John G. Paton, came from a godly family. Memories of his family stayed with him throughout his life.

He often thought of the little room they called "the closet." There was only room for a bed, a small table, and a chair; and there was a diminutive window shedding light on the scene. This was the sanctuary of their cottage.

Many times a day they saw their father go into this little room and close the door. Often they could hear his trembling voice pleading with God.

The children learned to pass the door on tiptoe, feeling it was a sacred area. When their father came out, a reflection of the divine presence illuminated his face.

When the time came for John to leave home, he had a 40-mile walk. His father walked the first six miles with him. The father and son loved each other dearly, and the parting scene was full of sorrow.

"God bless you, my son! May your father's God prosper and keep you from all evil," said the tenderhearted father.

After going some distance John climbed a knoll to get a last glimpse of his father. At the same moment his father climbed a dyke to get a last look at his beloved boy. "I watched," John said, "with blinding tears until his form faded from view and then, hastening on my way, I vowed to live and act so as never to grieve or dishonor such a father."

John G. Paton kept his vow. His father's godly influence no doubt had a great deal to do with it.

Our Heavenly Father is watching over His children and is yearning to see us remaining true to the end. May the Lord help us to walk worthy of His name and bring honor and glory to His cause.

I WAITED FOR YOU, DAD

An evangelist was preaching in a southern city when he noticed a handsome young man of about 18 attending the services. Apparently this young man was under deep conviction.

For a number of nights he came to church and listened intently as the Word was preached.

Then suddenly his attitude changed. He seemed to lose interest in the sermons. The conviction lifted; his hardened countenance spoke volumes.

The evangelist was troubled, and he asked the young man why he had changed. The reply was slow in coming; but the evangelist was persistent, and finally the young man said:

"My father is Doctor ---. He is my ideal. He never attends church, and yet he is the cleverest and strongest man I know. I've decided I'm going to be like my dad."

The evangelist decided on a course of action. The next morning he called at the doctor's office and found him alone.

"Why, you don't look like a sick man," the doctor said. "To what am I indebted for this early call?"

The evangelist answered, "I have come to talk about your boy."

The father's eyes sparkled with pride. "You know my boy? Isn't he a fine fellow?"

"Yes," said the preacher, "I never saw a finer lad and I am much interested in him. I want to talk to you about his future.

"I have been preaching in your city for nearly two weeks, and your boy was showing a deep interest in the meetings. Then he deliberately changed his attitude.

"I was greatly disappointed to see this, and asked him why he changed. At first he wouldn't tell me, for he respects you very highly; but at last he said to me, 'My father is my ideal. He is not a Christian, and he never attends church — and yet he is the greatest man I know. I've decided I'm going to be like my dad.'

"Doctor," the evangelist went on, "don't you think there is too much involved to let the matter stand like this?"

The father was stunned. He walked the floor under great emotion and said, "This is the heaviest blow I have ever received."

"What do you think you ought to do about it, Doctor?"

"When is your next service?"

"Ten o'clock this morning."

"I cannot be there; I have an operation to perform. But I will be there tonight."

That night the evangelist preached the gospel under an unction from the Holy One. The doctor was there.

The call was made: "Is there someone here who, for the sake of his own soul, for the sake of those dear to him, will surrender to Christ?"

The doctor stood and walked down the aisle. The people in the congregation, looking on, were deeply stirred, for they knew and respected him.

The doctor grasped the preacher's hand and said, "What you told me about my boy got me. When you left, I locked my office door and got down on my hands and knees. I said, 'O God, forgive me. I am not only staying out of Thy kingdom but I'm keeping my boy out too. Forgive me. I will not wait another hour. I surrender now. I take Christ to be my Saviour and will let Him save me in His own way.

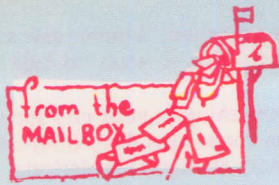
The evangelist said, "Doctor, look who is coming down the aisle."

And there came the boy, with a tear in each eye. He threw his arms around his father's neck and said, "Oh, I'm glad you've come, and I come too. I wanted to come but I waited for you, Dad."

CONFESSION

—Author Unknown

Last night my little boy
Confessed to me
Some childish wrong;
And kneeling at my knee,
He prayed with tears—
"Dear God, make me a man
Like Daddy — wise and strong.
I know You can."
Then while he slept,
I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins,
And prayed with low-bowed head,
"O God, make me a child
Like my child here—
Pure, guileless,
Trusting Thee with faith sincere."



Spearman, Texas

Greetings from Spearman, Texas! During February, we had our share of snow. There were about two weeks we were unable to have services. The Lord has been and is good to our church family. We just praise the Lord, for all his many, many blessings.

Feb. 13, Bro. and Sis. Gene Cornell from Laverne, Okla., were with us in service. Bro. Gene Cornell brought the morning message.

March 6 was Gideon Sunday. Our speaker was Ron Hilbig from Booker, Texas. His wife, Virginia, was with us.

March 27, Edna Lee and Lealand were invited to come to Gray Community Church, Balko, Okla., for the special day. Gray Community Church has new carpet and furniture. The church really looked nice. The pastor, Bro. Howard Stone, and the congregation have every right to be proud of the church. Bro. Stone asked Lealand to preach at the morning service. In the afternoon service was singing. Thanks to Bro. Jacob Regier for filling the pulpit for us in Spearman, Texas.

April 7, our church family took supper to the Hansford Manor rest home. For entertainment we all sang gospel songs. The people of the home love to have a part.

April 13, Wed., Bro. and Sis. Jacob Regier were with us for service. Bro. Regier brought a good Bible lesson.

On Sunday morning, April 17, Bro. and Sis. Marcus Adair surprised us by visiting our service. We appreciated their testimony very much.

There has been quite a lot of sickness in our community. May 4, Lealand missed the Wed. night service because of sickness. We appreciate Sis. E.A. Greever taking the service.

Sunday, May 8, MOTHERS DAY. Three ladies were especially honored with decorated cakes. They were Sis. E.A. Greever, Ethel Byers and June Edwards.

We are looking forward to a revival with Bro. Howard Whitely. We need your prayers.

Love and Prayers,
The Grimmers

Midway, Oklahoma

Praise the Lord, and we do have much to praise and thank the Lord for each day.

We were blessed with a week of services in March by Bro. and Sis. Jim Arnall and daughter, Shawna. The preaching was good, also the singing, and most of all the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

April 16, several of the ladies from the church attended the Women's Retreat at Perryton, and were blessed in song and word, and with a delicious lunch by the Perryton ladies. Thanks, ladies, for everything.

We are enjoying the spring weather, as we've had some bad weather of late, and of course this caused our church attendance to be down because of muddy roads, but do thank the Lord for the moisture.

Our church has been blessed by lay-members of our church having night services two different Sunday nights lately, everyone was willing to do their part. Praise the Lord for willing workers.

The Midway Church was blessed with a musical concert by the Weatherford Family on Easter Sunday. All enjoyed it very much, it was a real blessing and a spiritual uplift.

Steve and Kathy Arnall were blessed with another baby girl, Linsay Leigh, born on April 23. She weighed 8 pounds 15 and one-half ounces. Congratulations, Steve and Kathy, and to Grandpa and Grandma Winton Jetts', and Jim Arnalls!

Bro. Gene Cornell had our service for us today, April 24, and it was another very timely subject on the "Coming of the Lord." We are always glad to have him to visit our church along with other ministers. We have changed our evening service time to 7:45 p.m. as of April 24. The door is always open, so please come by and visit us anytime you can and wish to.

Bro. Bob Taylor, pastor

JOPLIN, MISSOURI

For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 2:12

I praise the Lord for the Word that has gone forth in the services here in Joplin. I have felt the presence of the Lord touching hearts and lives and I appreciate God's word touching and dealing with my life.

We thank the Lord for the visitors that have come to be with us in Church. The Bible School choir came and presented their choir concert for us. The word went out through song and word. We thank the Lord for the students and faculty at the Bible School this past semester. May God bless each one of them.

Also Richard Morris and Tony Jacobs, students from Bible School, came and ministered the Word to us. We thank the Lord for these young men and their lives for the Lord.

Well, the summer is here, school is out and plans for the summer have already begun. We are looking forward to a great summer and many blessings from the Lord.

Neil Ragan, pastor
Tony Bartel, reporter

Pine Hill, Alabama

Friends in Christ,

We have been blessed so very much by God's Word coming our way. In the past few months we have had the Bible College Choir come our way and also revival with Bro. Jacob Regeir.

There are several new families that have entered our doors. With their talents that God has given them they have added to the many places that were slack. We like being part of the family of God and only a small part of a great promise.

We ask that the movement would remember us in your prayers as we are seeking a youth director to work in the church.

The welcome is always extended to those to come our way and share in the Gospel. May God bless you.

Frank Arnall, pastor

Amarillo, Texas

The Apostolic Faith Church in Amarillo praise the Lord for His many blessings. We have really felt the moving of the Holy Spirit in our services.

During the month of April our church was busy with many activities. We had a weekend of special services with Rev. Joe B. DeWees as our guest speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mathis provided the special music along with several members of the congregation. Those services were a blessing to all who attended.

Most of the congregation participated in a spring cleaning of the church building and grounds. Sister Blythe provided a picnic lunch for everyone. The labors of each person were appreciated and their efforts did not go unnoticed.

The young adult Bible class had a potluck supper recently before their Bible Study Class. Our young people enjoyed an afternoon of fun and fellowship also. We all need to remember to pray for the young people of our churches.

We have been praying for a revival and pray the Lord will guide and direct us to the right person. Please come and worship with us anytime you are in the Amarillo area.

Brent Blythe, pastor
Marietta Heisch, reporter

Bro. Homer Coberly is now living with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dunn. Their address is South Route Box 12, Coahoma, Texas 79511.

Homer would appreciate hearing from you.



Ames

Sam and Rhonda Ames of Baxter Springs announce the birth of their daughter, Cassandra Diane, on March 6, 1983. She weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and measured 19 and one-half inches. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Junior Earl Reese of Taneyville, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Ames of Baxter Springs, Kans.

Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith of Amarillo, Texas, announce the birth of their daughter, Shea K'Lee, on April 19, 1983. She weighed 7 pounds 9 and one-half ounces. She joins a sister, 2-year-old Keisha Malyn. Maternal grandparents are Wally and Myra Berner of Spearman, Texas. Maternal great-grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Dickson of Spearman and Bill Dearing of Kerrville, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Fred and Mary Crawford, LaVeta, Colo., formerly of Perryton, Texas.

Buschman

Mr. and Mrs. David Buschman of Hempstead, Texas, announce the birth of their first child, April Lynn. She was born on April 19, 1983, weighing 8 pounds 2 and one-half ounces and measuring 20 inches. The Buschmans, David and Joyce, were both former students of A.F.B.C.

JUNE-JULY 1983

Golden Anniversary

Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Bailey of 147 S. W. 116th, Seattle, Wash. 98146, are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 7, 1983.

May God Bless
Them Both



Obituary of Sarah A. Crouch



Sarah A. (Tanner) Crouch was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee M. Tanner in the Indian Territory on Nov. 25, 1899. She moved with her family at the age of five years to Lincoln County, Okla., where she grew up. She went to school at Stroud, Okla., attended college at Edmond, Okla., and taught school for four years near Chandler, Okla. She was united in marriage to William a. Crouch on Sept. 26, 1924, and to this union was born two children. Alwilda Ellen Crouch and Louis A. Crouch. Moving to western Oklahoma in 1927, they settled on a farm 23 miles southwest of Arnett. In 1950, they moved into Arnett, Okla.

Sarah Crouch accepted the Lord as her personal Saviour in 1924. She worked in the church as teacher until her health wouldn't permit it.

She leaves one son, Louis A. Crouch, Arnett, Okla.; one nephew and one niece; and one great-nephew and one great-niece. Her father, mother, four brothers, husband and daughter preceded her in death.

Sarah passed away on April 20, 1983. Services were held on April 22, 1983, at the Arnett Apostolic Faith Church with Rev. Leland Grimmer and Rev. Francis Dearing officiating. Internment was in Higgins Cemetery, Higgins, Texas.

TEACHING CHILDREN



By Richard Morris

As Sunday School teachers we must realize that the students we are teaching are at the most reachable and teachable levels of their life. We must also realize that the message they receive from the Bible scriptures and teaching is very important to their lives.

In the Book of Mark, the tenth chapter, verses fourteen through sixteen, Jesus tells His disciples to leave the children alone as they came to Him. Christ told them that whosoever would not receive the Kingdom of God as a child, will not enter into the Kingdom of God. As Sunday School teachers it is our responsibility to guide and teach the children how to become members of the family of God.

Because the lives of the children today are so different and the problems at home are so much harder, the teacher's responsibilities are so much harder. So many children today are being raised in homes that have been broken up by divorce. This can cause a child to have an attitude to "get back at someone" which can make the responsibility of the teacher hard. Children today are being raised in homes where both parents are employed and they haven't got the mother at home to help guide them and discipline them. Studies show that about 35 million Americans move every year. This can also put pressure on the children because they have to adapt to new environments, new friends and also new Sunday School teachers. The teacher in these cases has to make a special effort to reach out to these new students and get to know them and their interests.

As a teacher of young children, we must possess several characteristics and responsibilities that are essential in helping a child grow and learn about God. The first characteristic a teacher needs is being able to grow ourselves. If we are going to guide children on how to grow we need to be willing to grow ourselves. We can do this by attending church, studying God's Word and have materials relating to children and Christian fellowship.

We must be teachable or be open to new ideas and teaching methods. We can attain these by reading in present magazines containing Christian writings, be willing to listen to others and visit other Sunday School classes.

Because the children have different situations and different interests, we as teachers must be flexible in our teaching. We need to be able to change our teaching methods to meet the needs of the child at a certain point or time.

We must also have a very caring attitude toward our children as we guide and teach them. We must realize the reality of Christ in our own lives and care enough to share it with them. As a teacher we should always be neat and well-groomed with a smile on our face. The children we teach are really looking up to us, so we must be a good example for them.

It has been recorded that children learn a lot more through firsthand experiences than just sitting and letting the teacher do all the work. We need to guide the children in Bible learning lessons where they can create and accomplish things for themselves. We need to let the Holy Spirit guide us.

Listening to the children and their problems is essential. We must listen attentively to the child and respond to him by rephrasing what he says. This makes the child realize that you are listening and are interested in what he has to say.

A teacher must be aware of the children's needs, how they grow and develop and how all these are going to affect the children's attitudes and actions.

We have to show the children that they are loved and accepted by us. By doing this the child can build on his love toward others. He learns to love by being loved. When a child feels loved and acceptance from adults he then feels accepted by God. It also gives the child a form of security.

Giving a child a choice to learn in different ways and challenging him with different learning methods, we can help motivate him to study and learn more about God. It makes the child feel like he can be trusted and lifts his self-esteem.

When a child is doing something good, we need to be sure and recognize it and compliment him. They can feel that you are sincere about them and care for them. This can also motivate and build a child's self-esteem.

As teachers, we must understand that no two children are alike. We know that they are made in the image of God but their interests and abilities are going to make them different. Each child will grow and develop at his own rate. We need to be able to relate to the children and adapt to different situations because of this.

Unless we live what we are teaching, studying God's Word, praying and translating it to our learners to where they can understand it, all is in vain.

CAN YOU HELP?

Sis. Barbara Waterbury is trying to collect as many poems that she has written through the years to compile them into a book. Some of them she did not keep copies of. If you have some of her poems would you please send her a copy so that she might get them all together. Her address is:

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Thank you so much for all of your help. Barbara, let us all know when your book is complete. Thank the Lord for your talent that you use for Him.

THE WATCHMEN

A pastor asked a young lad what his father did. The boy replied, "He watches."

"You mean he's a night watchman?"

"Oh, no," the boy replied, "He just watches."

"Well, what does he watch?" the preacher asked.

"He watches TV. He watches Mom do the housework. He watches for the paperboy. He watches the weather, and I think he watches girls too," he said with a grin.

"He watches mother spank us. He watches us do our homework. He watches all the sports shows. He watches the stock market.

"He watches us go to church. He watches Mom write the letters and pay the bills. He watches me mow the lawn. He just watches," said the little fellow sadly.

This dad has the mistaken idea that earning a living is the sum total of his responsibility around the home. He thinks he's the only one who's had a hard day. He never watches for opportunities to be helpful. He seldom asks himself, "What actions will help the people at our house know I love them?"

According to the Scriptures, the core of love is giving. It is never simply a feeling. Giving is fundamental to the Biblical idea of love. To love we must give ourselves, our time, our substance, whatever it takes to show love.

Listen to this: "God so loved the world, that he gave" (John 3:16). "He loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). "If your enemy hungers, give him something to eat" (Romans 12:20).

It is always with giving that love begins to show. This spirit of giving will bring a new atmosphere into any home — including yours.

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YOU DO NOT WALK ALONE

You do not walk a lonely road
For God is always near—
He shares your heartbreak and your pain
And knows the things you fear.
His hand will guide you safely,
For His love is always there
To give you strength and courage
If you ask for it in prayer.

By Authula Hults

DON'T FORGET DAD



While praising Mother, kind and true,
For all her loving care,
Pray don't forget dear Father, too,
But let him have his share.

For he it is who earns the bread,
And many bills must pay,
Who sees the family clothed and fed,
And cared for day by day.

Perhaps he toils from morn till night
In field or mill or mart,
That he may make the burdens light
For those so near his heart.

By seeing all their needs supplied,
Or working to this end,
He longs to see them satisfied
And strives to thus attend.

His hands, perhaps, are hard and tough;
His garments may be soiled;
Of hardships he has had enough,
But for your good he's toiled.

He's traveled much o'er rugged road,
And carried burdens great—
So cheer his heart and lift his load
Before it is too late.

Ah, vain is all that you may say
When Father's gone from here.
Or all the flowers you may lay
Upon his grave or bier.

Then do the better, wiser thing—
I'm sure it is worth-while:
Your flowers give, your praises sing,
That you may see his smile!

BUT IT WAS . . .

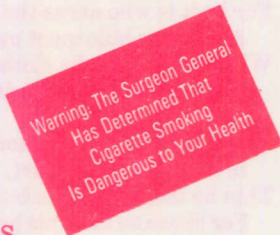
When he was six, his father dropped him off at Sunday School on his way to the golf course. When he was eight they bought him a BB gun and taught him to shoot sparrows. He learned to shoot out the streetlights by himself.

When he was ten, he spent his afternoons loitering at a drugstore newsstand reading comic books. His mother wasn't at home and his father was busy. When he was thirteen, he told his parents other boys stayed out as late as they wanted to, so they said he could too. It was easier that way.

When he was sixteen, they gave him a deadly two ton machine, wangled a license for him to drive it, and told him to be careful. When he was seventeen, the police called his home one night and said "We have your boy. He is in trouble." Screamed his father, "It can't be MY boy!" But it was!

—Selected

WHAT THE CIGARETTE ADS DON'T TELL



L.C. LEMONS

IT ALL STARTED with cigarettes!" was the plaintive cry I heard from this stranger on the hospital bed next to mine in a semiprivate room.

For several days he had been suffering intense pain which no amount of medication could entirely alleviate. Now in the after-midnight hours several nurses were working over him trying to make him comfortable. I learned that for five straight days a needle had been in his arm through which an expensive medicine was being injected. All the while he was receiving oxygen through a tube in his nose. Having to be there and listen to him suffer was a disturbing experience. It would be mighty hard, I concluded, for any thinking person to hear and witness such a scene and ever light another cigarette.

His pain-filled words, "It all started with cigarettes," kept haunting me. I thought of the more than 300 million dollars spent annually to impress people, especially young people, with the "joys" of smoking. My mind visualized the TV and magazine ads which picture a healthy, happy young man and a beautiful young lady skipping along lightly, pausing to light a cigarette and remarking how wonderful this particular brand tastes. But of course, the ads would not dare show the delayed, tragic and deadly-painful effects of smoking or few would buy their product.

Forty-six thousand, nine hundred seventy-three persons died of lung cancer in the United States in 1963-an average of 129 deaths a day. This was 19 times as many as the 2500 deaths from lung cancer in 1930. And statistical studies indicate that ten times as many smokers as nonsmokers die of lung cancer. The heavy smoker is 64 times more likely to die of lung cancer than the nonsmoker. Yet all we hear about it is when some nationally-known personality dies. The average "little guy" suffers and dies in comparative obscurity in scenes like I had witnessed which are being reenacted hourly in thousands of hospitals and homes all over the land. That is what the cigarette ads do not tell!

We view with alarm the fatalities from automobiles on American streets and highways which two years ago killed an average of 81 passengers and an additional 38 pedestrians each day. But do we realize that the combined total is still ten less per day than the daily deaths from lung cancer? And in comparing these figures it is important to remember that nearly 100% of the population will ride in a car or walk across a street during the year to help account for those 119 deaths per day, while less than 38% of the total population are smokers.

The tobacco companies are working desperately to discover new gimmicks, invent new and "better" filters, while if we would only read "between the lines," each effort is an admission of the harmful effects of smoking. Vested interests now are spending vast sums of money trying to convince the public that air pollution from car exhausts, factories, chemical plants and the like are the real culprits-and many will believe them. But whatever they come up with cannot change the facts, because smokers and nonsmokers alike breathe the polluted air, but only the smokers become the victims of cigarettes ten to one over the nonsmokers.

Later, when the miracle of medicine and expert professional care had eased his pain, Walt told me his story. He lived with the usual hacking cough common to smokers, but the first real warning came when his vocal chords had to be scraped in an attempt to eliminate the smoke-seared effects. At that time his doctor had said he should "let up" on smoking, which he interpreted to mean "smoke less." But when he returned for a check-up the doctor made it clear he had meant "stop smoking."

His reluctance to give up such a pleasurable habit brought this sharp warning from the doctor, "All right, if you want to be stubborn about it, go ahead and smoke. Or you can put a gun to your head and pull the trigger. Either one will accomplish the same results."

"That was enough for me," said Walt. "I threw my cigarettes in the doctor's waste basket and haven't smoked since."

But it was too late! A malignancy already was at work in one lung, requiring its removal a year ago. When Walt left the hospital that time it was with the high hopes that he was done with the effects of smoking. But it was not that easy. Three times since then he has been back in the hospital with complications, a part of which I was witnessing. The "pleasures" of smoking long since have been stripped of their disguise and the real effects are being painfully felt in the life of this man.

"Walt, when and why did you start smoking?" I asked him.

"About the age of 16," he replied. "I did it to be like the rest-you know, 'a big shot'. That's ridiculous! I kept on smoking. No one enjoyed it more than I. However, several years during Lent I did stop. I realized that I felt better and my food tasted better. But when someone offered me a cigarette after Lent, like a fool I would take it and was hooked again. It is really just a matter of nerves. You come to feel you must have something in your hand and something in your mouth. The easiest way is never to start."

"May I pass on your testimony as a warning to others, especially young people?" I asked Walt.

"If it will help to keep even one person from having to go through what I have it will be worth it," he replied. "I don't hesitate to tell people who smoke, 'Look at me! You don't enjoy smoking any more than I did. But if you want to be stubborn, go ahead-maybe you'll live through it, maybe you won't!'"

Even after I had returned home, the memories of his intense suffering seemed like a nightmare. I looked up a statement of the United States Surgeon General who had definitely concluded: "Cigarette smoking is causally related to lung cancer in men . . . The data for women, though less extensive, points in the same direction." The report went on to point out that the mortality rate of cigarette smokers over nonsmokers is particularly high for bronchitis and

emphysema, cancer of the larynx, oral cancer, cancer of the esophagus and peptic ulcer. Smoking cigarettes was also cited as a factor in heart and circulatory diseases. The American Cancer Society tells us the "death rates for cancer of the oral cavity, larynx, pharynx and esophagus are five times as high for the cigarette smokers as for nonsmokers."

Dr. Luther L. Terry, former U.S. Surgeon General recently stated, "Studies of mortality ratios of smokers and nonsmokers indicate that 240,000 men will this year die prematurely from diseases associated with cigarette smoking. A reasonable estimate of excess deaths among women, would bring the overall total to 3000,000. I consider this total to be a reasonable estimate."

This is an average of 822 deaths per day, one every minute and three quarters.

While searching for further information on the effects of smoking, other alarming facts come to light. 1. Cigarette smokers who inhale retain in their lungs 90% of the tar and other substances in the smoke. There is no evidence that filters can or cannot prevent lung cancer.

2. If taken in a single dose, 70 milligrams of nicotine, one of the most powerful of all poisons, is sufficient to kill an average person. For some brands know to contain 2.5 milligrams of nicotine per cigarette, the smoke from 28 cigarettes taken at one time would form a lethal dose. But when smoked over a period of time, fortunately, the healthy body is able to gradually dispose of much of the poison.

3. Cigarette smoke contains carbon monoxide gas. This is the deadly odorless gas found in automobile exhaust fumes which if inhaled direct would kill in 90 seconds.

4. The linings of the bronchial tubes of most heavy cigarette smokers who died of causes other than cancer, closely resemble the linings of persons who died of lung cancer. Few, if any, such cells are found in the bronchial tubes of nonsmokers.

5. The American Public Health Association says that one million of today's school age pupils are expected to die of lung cancer before they reach 70!

"It all started with cigarettes!" The supposed pleasures of smoking all seem like hollow mockery now to Walt who has endured such agonizing pain these past few years. And the end is not yet! Right now he still is fighting to be one of the 5% who survive lung cancer. In addition to his own suffering, one must not overlook the long hours of worry and anxiety brought to his wife and loved ones by what he considered his own "personal pleasure." No one is an island unto himself.

What are the symptoms of lung cancer? A persistent cough, shortness of breath, a chronic tired feeling, blood in the sputum, a lingering infection of the lung or pain in the chest. However, by the time these appear the disease usually has progressed too far to be cured.

But is it necessary for each of us to learn life's lessons the hard and painful way? Not if we heed the warnings coming to us from modern medical research and the counsel of men like Walt who already have suffered much. "The easiest way is never to start!"

EDITORS NOTE:

In addition to all these pertinent facts, there are Scriptural reasons why Christian young persons should not smoke. God's Word says, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy" (I Cor. 3:17), and tobacco defiles the body. Your body is the temple that houses the Holy Spirit and anything that defiles it must not be allowed. Paul said, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the

Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's (I Cor. 6:19,20).

Cigarette smoking has made slaves of thousands of people and John 8:36 states, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Finally, does it glorify God? First Corinthians 10:31 says, "... whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." When you know it defiles and harms your body, when you know the world considers it a "dirty habit," and when you know it makes you a slave, does it glorify God?

As a "new creature" in Christ, these "old things," these filthy habits cannot be a part of your "redeemed" life.

My Three Sons

by

Don Nash

God gave me my three sons
To teach, to help, to guide,
It didn't come easy for me
To spank and know they cried.

I thank God for trusting me
To be worthy of being their Dad,
For I know I can't measure up
To the one I had.

He was kind and forgiving
Even to those who betrayed his trust.
I watched with awe wondering if ever
I could be that just.

I failed the test when I was tried
To stand and forgive the wrong.
If only I can be counted OK
When I take that journey long.

I've learned some lessons from this life
And the job of raising a lad.
May I be only a fraction to my sons
What I saw in my dad.

THE HERO

—Author Unknown

There's many a battle fought daily the world knows nothing about.

There's many a brave young soldier whose strength puts a legion to rout.

And he who fights sin single-handed is more of a hero, I say,

Than he who leads soldiers to battle and conquers by arms in the fray.

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