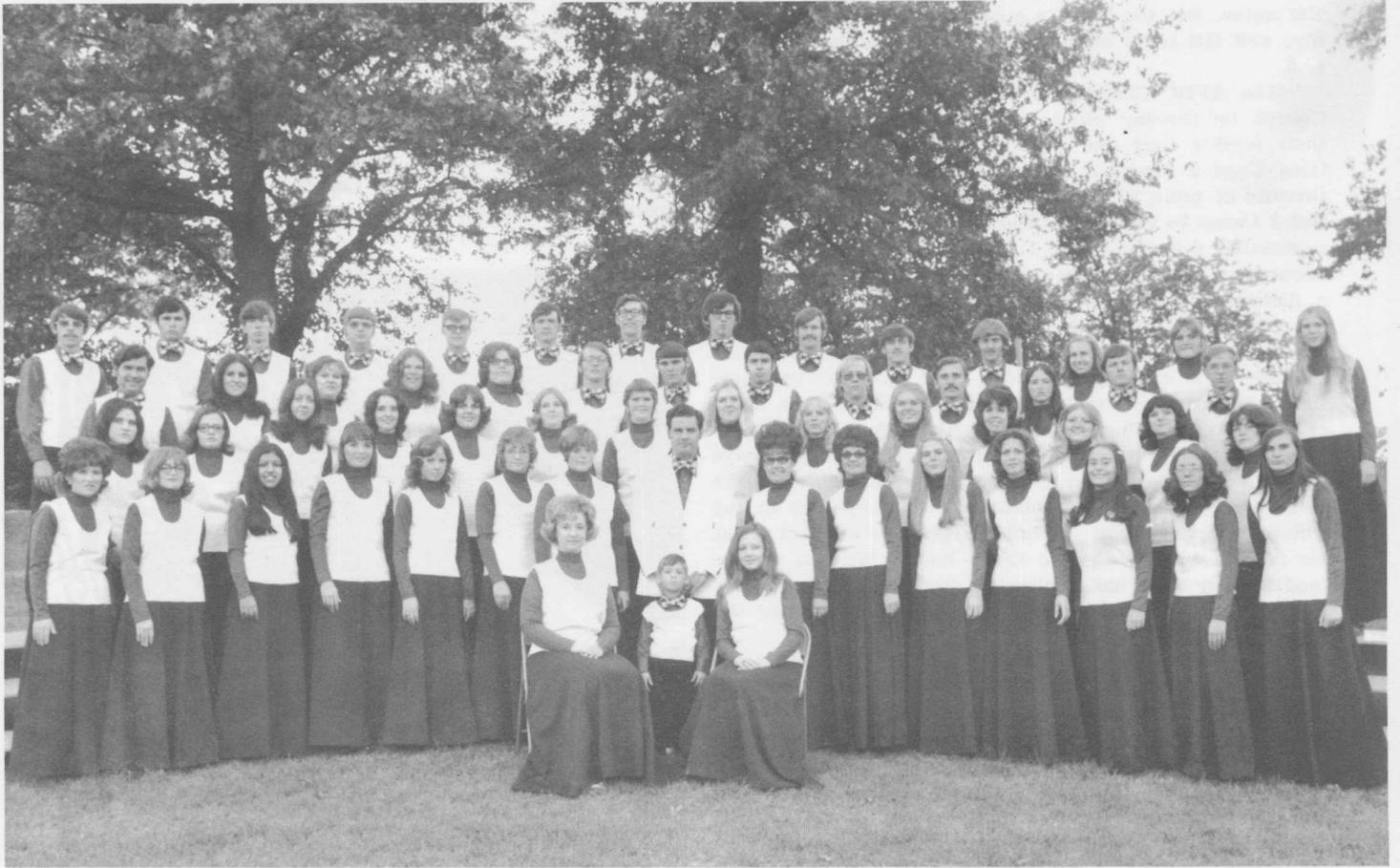


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I CAME TO PRAISE THE LORD!

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is ever-lasting; and His truth endureth to all generations. Psa. 100: 4, 5.

The AFBC Choir gave their concert for the Baxter Church on Sunday night, October 14, before leaving on their week's tour the next morning. One of the girls trios sings a song by Bill and Gloria Gaither that is a favorite of mine, "I Don't Know What You Came To Do But I Came To Praise The Lord". I have Gaithers' album containing this song and I play it often as I work about the house. It never fails to bless my soul. What a difference it would make in our church services if everyone came to praise the Lord. Some come out of habit, some to perform their painful duty it seems, some because it is expected of them, and most of us come tired and worn out with our minds so full of the cares of the day that there isn't much room for thankfulness and praise. The majority of church going people leave it all up to those in charge of the service and enter God's house only as spectators, instead of participators in the worship service. Our attitude largely determines what we receive when we go to God's house. We can receive food for our souls and a blessing from the Lord, regardless of what others do if we really come to praise the Lord.

We are living in a confusing world where it seems everything is failing and falling all around us. But we need not be confused for the Bible says, "His truth endureth to all generations." And Jesus said, "I am the Truth". We have something to be happy and joyful about. We can praise the Lord; we can enter into His gates and courts with thanksgiving and praise regardless of the circumstances about us, if we're looking in the right direction — to Jesus and not to surrounding conditions and people. Nearly every song in our hymnals has enough gospel in it to meet our needs if we believe it and sing it from the heart. Nearly every sermon we hear has enough scripture to thrill our souls if that was all we could glean from it. My husband says, "Eat the fish and spit out the bones." That's good advice. But you'll have to study God's Word to know the fish from the bones. Look for the good and try to minimize the bad. We usually find what we're looking for. So if we come to church to praise the Lord we'll find plenty to praise Him for and likewise if we come to criticize we'll find fault with even the good if we're not careful.

So many people only exist spiritually on overflow blessings. They have never known the joy of having a heart so full of the praises of God that they can't help but overflow to others. Some may say how do you get to that place? Elsewhere in this issue is Peggy Hill's doctrine theme from this term of Bible School. She quotes a poem that really got my attention. "Who Does God's Work Gets God's Pay" — its just about as simple as that. Delight thyself in the Lord and He will give thee the desires of thy heart. If we talk to Him and

listen to Him in prayer (it is a two way communication, we aren't to do all the talking), then read His Word daily and follow His instructions, we will be doing His work and we will receive His pay. Yes, the ultimate pay is eternal life in His presence, but more than that He pays off every day with joy, peace, glory and satisfaction in this life. And His pay scale is just. He knows exactly who does His work and He'll see that they get His pay. It's more precious than diamonds and better than gold. It can't be bought or sold, and it cannot be stolen by another. We determine the kind and amount of our pay by our attitudes and relationship with God and others. Well, **I Don't Know What You Came To Do But I Came To Praise The Lord!!** Let's make Thanksgiving Day an everyday experience this year.

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THE APOSTOLIC FAITH REPORT

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!!Attention!!

Propositions to be Voted On

AT THE CLOSE OF BIBLE SCHOOL

In the very near future, the Bible School Board of Trustees faces a building program for the school. We feel we must take this opportunity to express ourselves concerning this project. The following propositions are for your consideration and you are asked to express yourselves by voting your desires at the Business Meeting of Ministers and Laity at the close of Bible School term, December 14, 1973. The Trustees will be guided by your vote and your response.

This is a very serious step for us, and the spiraling inflation makes a net cost of building very elusive. Therefore, we urge every minister, pastor, church board and interested layman to pray and discuss these propositions thoroughly.

PROPOSITION I REBUILD OLD BIBLE SCHOOL HOME

There is diversity of opinion on this. Some feel the home is too far gone to be repaired. Others feel the home is structurally sound. Nevertheless, the building is not suitable for use as it is. All heating, plumbing, and wiring should be replaced now. Also, in order to use the building in summer, it needs to be air conditioned. Much repair is necessary inside and outside — perhaps a complete new roof. Plumbing in the second floor has been a problem for years. An educated guess as to the cost of remodeling this building to make it serviceable for another ten years, would be \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00.

PROPOSITION II DESTROY OLD BUILDING AND BUILD ON ON SAME SITE

Preliminary plans for a new building were displayed at the camp meeting. These plans must have revisions, but there has to be a starting point in planning — hence the sketches. There are many pros and cons in regard to building on our present site. We own the land. It is close to the existing chapel, dormitories and teachers' apartments. And the entire complex has much sentimental value to many people. The City of Baxter Springs welcomes the school and feels it is an asset to the town and community. Nevertheless, it is quite crowded. Parking has been a problem for years and adjoining property has been impossible to obtain. Some feel that a playground is a must. All of the playground facilities of the city are open to our use, but complaints from neighbor residents are a constant damper on our students.

We have discussed building a two-story steel structure, well insulated, centrally heated and air conditioned, partially brick veneer building to supplant the old school home on the same site. In all probability, with present inflation, the cost would run around \$100,000.

PROPOSITION III MOVE THE ENTIRE SCHOOL TO A NEW LOCATION

This would be the most desirable and romantic proposition of all. We could dream on and on as to the great possibilities our school could have for our youth and for God. The Trustees and a number of ministers have looked at some land that we have been told would be available for this project. It is a beautiful location on a hill just out of Galena, Kansas. The quoted price for 30 acres is \$600,000 per acre.

This, of course, would be an even greater step by Faith than the other propositions. Land, dormitories, chapel building, cafeteria and reception building, class rooms, recreational facilities — we have only a rough guess, but we look at one-half million dollars. Certainly we could sell some of our property in Baxter Springs, but it would put only a small dent in the cost of this project.

We do not hesitate to ask people for money to support any worthwhile project for the work of God. We feel it is our duty to promote the Gospel in every way within our means. All of these propositions are a great amount of money, but we feel the Bible School has been, and is, the lifeline of our movement.

Financing any of these building projects (whichever one it may be) will be a very real thing. We hope and pray that enough donations come in to cover all costs. The practice of free-will offerings is still the best and only way to promote the gospel. We hope that every family will take part and get involved in this venture.

We feel as though we may have failed as Board Members for the last few years, in not promoting the Bible School in more activities. Investments such as we have should be used more than 15 to 20 weeks per year. To justify the increase of our investment, we must also use our facilities more. We think a two semester term of school would work well with new facilities and the faculty could plan a full years work for God in Bible School.

The Bible School Board of Trustees

!!!!!! REMEMBER !!!!!!!

Gene Hibbs of Liberal, Kansas and Roland E. Busch of Katy, Texas have been nominated as candidates for Bible School Trustees in the recent primary election. Vote for one of these men. Each minister has one vote; and each church board has two votes. YOU MUST WRITE TO THE BIBLE SCHOOL FOR YOUR BALLOT. These ballots will be counted December 14, at the business meeting following the present term of Bible School.

Official Ballot

of THE APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE SCHOOL TRUSTEES

I cast my ballot for _____
as Trustee for one 3 year term.

Ministers 1 Vote

Church Boards 2 Votes

A. F. Report

The LAST Days and The END of time

Hempstead, Texas
by Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Dewees

When the Bible speaks of the **Last Days** it may mean a space of time of almost 2,000 years. Acts 2: 17-21 "But it shall come to pass in the **Last Days** saith God, I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit: and they shall prophesy: and I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

When the Bible speaks of the **Last Days** we usually think of the last 50 to 100 years. Another scripture that sets forth the beginning of the last days is found in Heb. 1: 1-2 "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these **Last Days** spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds;" All that has happened in this grace age can be considered "**in the Last Days**".

God has poured out His spirit in a mighty way. He has given the early rain on the Apostles and the early church. He surely poured out His Spirit in the latter rain beginning with the 20th century at Topeka, Kansas. The latter rain has been falling all this century. We needed the early rain to give the crop a good start, and the latter rain to mature the grain for harvest.

I feel that we are living in the "**End Time of the Last Days**". I look at the condition of the world. Luke 17: 26 "At it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man." God destroyed everything on the earth except Noah and his family. Gen. 6: 5 "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his

heart was only evil continually. This age is to close, not with a great revival, but with the conditions being like they were in the days of Noah and Lot. Luke 17: 28- 30 "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

Some preachers and teachers of God's Word can be so contaminated with the world that they cannot see the difference between the **Last Days**, and the **End Time** which is drawing near. They are preaching and teaching a great spiritual awakening is coming, not realizing what Jesus said about the **End Time**. Luke 18: 8 — "Nevertheless when the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Jesus asked the question because spirituality will be at such a low ebb.

Luke 21: 29 - 32 Tells us of one of the greatest signs of His soon coming. "Behold the fig tree (Israel) and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of yourselves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh, at hand. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled." 2 Thess. 2: 3 "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." Not a spiritual awakening, but a falling away. Matt. 24:12 "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Not a revival atmosphere, as many are saying.

Dan. 12: 4 "But thou, o Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the **Time of the End**: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." I have lived from the horse and wagon days to men traveling to outer space, from the cannon to the atomic

bomb and the laser beam. No one knows what man will undertake next, but God will call a halt when the time comes as He did with the Flood and the tower of Babel.

Matt. 24: 14 Jesus said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come."

In Luke 21: 34 - 36 Jesus tells us to watch lest this day come upon you unawares and we have our hearts overcharged with surfeiting, drunkenness, and cares of this life. You can be so taken up with the ways of the world, cares of life, doctrines of men or what wise men of the world say, until we can be drunk on these things and try to worship and act like every other religious group and be blind to the fact that we are in the **End Time** and the day when the Son of man is to be revealed.

If the coming of the Lord is near, as we believe it is, there will not be a great spiritual revival, but a holocaust of sin. Homosexuality is being practiced as never before since the days of Lot in Sodom and Gomorrah. Rom. 1: 21 - 32

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers.

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Especially notice verses 25 - 28. Also in verse 31, we can be deceived and under a delusion if we don't have "understanding".

Some are going to claim that I am saying God does not save, sanctify, baptize, nor heal any more. God is the same and hungry heated people can still receive any blessing God has promised. God has not changed but people have changed in their trust and belief in His Word. Faith is at a low point in the hearts of humanity.

Many people and many preachers have followed the ways of the world, spending more time seeking pleasure and talking about sports and worldly events, than in seeking after God and holiness.

They are trying to win the young people by bringing worldly things into the youth services and not taking sufficient time to read and study God's word. Serving God is not fun, but it brings peace and joy to our hearts and lives. What would Paul say about omitting the preaching of God's Word? He certainly thought it was necessary and even preached so long that a man went to sleep and fell out of the window. Read Acts 20: 7 - 11. Tim. 3: 1 - 5 describes modern day professing christians.

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

If the experience you have does not cause you to turn from these things, you need to repent and seek the Lord until you get the victory because we are drawing near the end of the **End Time**. 2 Tim. 4: 1 - 5.

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

We are living in the conclusion or **End Time** of the **Last Days**. Brother, Sister, believe me when I say this world is bankrupt morally, spiritually, physically, and mentally; and soon will be bankrupt financially, so lift up your eyes for your redemption draweth nigh. I Thess. 5: 3 and 4 "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief."

TWO DOCTRINE II THEMES — 1973

YOUTH'S ROLE IN CHURCH TODAY

by David L. Turner

The youth of today has a tremendous role to play in the contemporary church. Exactly what is that role for the younger christian generation? And, can it be said that the "baby christians" (i.e. youth) work is in one specific area or, is it comprised within a circle of various and combined ministries? The possibilities will be briefly explored.

It appears there are three areas of youth service relating to coetaneous church labor. These would be: (1) an outreach to the youth; (2) an outreach to the older generation; and (3) a completely physical servitude. (Included in each possible division would be a spiritual subdivision.)

There are many different possibilities concerning the youth's personal service to other youths. Perhaps the foremost of these would be the effort put forth in personal witnessing, evangelistic work and direct counselling. Statistics relate to us that perhaps as high as 95% of all converts are won over by personal witnessing. Consequently, in the ranks of the church world there is an ever-increasing need for evangelists. Such work is made to-order for youthful christians. Whether as an actual "preacher-evangelist", singer, musician or a prayer warrior, a young person has a valuable position to fill.

Included also in the realm of witnessing per se, there is an immediate need for counsellors. Countless numbers of our brothers, fallen or otherwise, are searching for an eager ear that will listen to their problems and a soul that is not too busy to help bare their burdens. This is important to the troubled, discouraged, young persons. Secondly, concerning work directed toward our nation's youth, would be actual work in which they share the bulk of the load. Included in this area would be various tasks such as assuming leadership responsibilities of youth groups, partaking in youth rallies and church sponsored activities. The list could forever travel onward.

Lastly would be the simple task of living, before our peers, the pure, undefiled life of a christian. To be an able example of Christ living within us should be the aim of every christian young person. **TO PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH** We are often reminded that christian talk can never replace a christian walk. So, walk on!

Because we are exhorted to respect and honour our elders, the youth has a great responsibility towards them. To list every aspect of youth ministry to the older christians and deacons would consume more space than is feasible. So, briefly, we should uphold them in our prayers. I Thessalonians 5:12-13. No spiritual life, no matter how long a righteous relationship with God has existed, can thrive or flower without daily prayer. We should bare our brother's burdens and pray one for the other. James 5:16b. The Word of God puts no chronological limit on it.

We should also be a reminder of infant christianity. By this I mean that, by our young lives, they should see what, at one previous time, they went through. We can then expect their prayers and help.

Too, today's youth has an opportunity to encourage discouraged older persons. Again, by living a wholly sanc-

tified life, we can exhibit that there is still a strong glimmer of hope for the world through christian youth. To be an able example of Christ living within us should be the aim of every christian young person.

A christian's duty to the youthful and older generations of the coeval church of Jesus Christ convenes with a definite physical service in which all younger persons can have a part. There are vacancies in today's church that can be filled with young persons. We can be teachers and preachers, visitors of the sick and the bedridden, lawn mowers and janitors. I feel very strongly about this. Maybe it seems minute and insignificant, but, if the Lord calls a person to mow the church yard, his reward is as great as a soul winning evangelist.

And perhaps, just perhaps, we as the church youth and the church of tomorrow can be only an able congregation of listeners. After all, to what effect is the most ardent of orators without listening, eager ears.

Because of the perilous and perverse day in which we live I understand the reluctance of the older generation to recognize the value of the younger world. It is, however, my personal opinion that within the youthful church of tomorrow . . . no, the youthful church of today, lies an extremely unheard of amount of wealth and talent. I do not believe that, because of the chronological factor involved, a young person must sit still in a state of limbo and play religion or, take a back seat to an elder christian in his personal service to the Lord. We all have a purpose, so to the work!

Who Does God's Work Will Get God's Pay

by Peggy Hill

Who does God's work will get God's pay
However long may seem the day,
However weary be the way.
Though powers may thunder "Nay!"
No human hand God's hand may stay,
Who does God's work will get His pay.
God worries not, nor makes delay,
Who works for Him will get His pay,
Some certain hour, some certain day.
He does not pay as others pay
In gold or land or raiment gay,
In goods that perish and decay.
But God's high wisdom knows a way,
And this is sure, let come what may,
Who does God's work will get God's pay.

—Author unknown

Every person whether young or old must work for God. For faith without works is dead (James 2:17). When we work for God we are working for a heavenly cause as we are told in I Corinthians 9:24 "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain." Many young people are afraid to work because they feel that older people with more experience could do a better job. However in I Timothy 4:12 we are admonished to "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." Going by this scripture we see that young people should

work, and there are many jobs to be done. We should never be weary in well doing.

One of the main jobs of a Christian young person is to witness to the unsaved. In Acts 22:15 we are told "For thou shalt be his witness unto men of what thou hast seen and heard." The witness should be of all the marvelous things that we have seen including healings, and spiritual blessings. In the second chapter of Titus we are told of the way that Jesus purchased our salvation so that it might be freely given unto every man and then in the fifteenth verse we are admonished "These things speak and exhort, Not only are we told to be witnesses but in Proverbs 11:30 and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee." we are told that "he that winneth souls is wise."

To be an effective witness there must be a lot of time spent in prayer and study and if we do this we will have burdens. One of the jobs that a young Christian has is to share each others burdens. In Galatians 6:2 we are told "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." If we become so self-centered that we do not help others bear their burdens, then we will not grow spiritual-ly.

One of the best places for a young person to start working is in his own church. If a person can find the joy of the Lord in his own church he can then spread that joy outside of the church. One of the best ways to be joyful is to sing. In Psalms 95:1 it says "O Come, let us sing unto the Lord let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation," and in James 5:13 it says, "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms." If a Christian is happy the joy will show on the outside.

Throughout the disciples and Paul's ministry we are shown that time after time they were teaching the people of Jesus. One such time in Paul's ministry is Acts 28:31 where it speaks of Paul "Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him." Just as Paul was a follower of Jesus, so are we and we should also be teachers of the gospel. Also in Ephesians 4:11 we are told how some will be prophets, and evangelists and pastors and some will be teachers. So we ought to be prepared to do those things which God calls us to do through prayer and study. One of the most rewarding ministries is teaching the children. Matthew 19:14 "But Jesus said suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." All the Christians of tomorrow are started in the children of today. The greatest responsibility of any teacher is knowing that you are molding a child's ideas which will shape his life.

Witnessing, carrying burdens, singing, and teaching only start the work that a Christian young person can do, there are many more jobs that can be done. Some of these are to visit the sick and unsaved, help older people that need help around their home, give rides to church to people that do not have a way, and lend a helping hand where ever it is needed. I think the most important thing to remember is that "Who Does God's Work Will Get God's Pay."



David Turner



Peggy Hill

Additions and Correction on Minister's Directory

These three came in too late to get in last month:

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PORTRAIT

How often do you think of God
In anything you do?
Are you quite conscious, first of all
That he created you?
Or do you feel your talents are
The ones that you have learned,
And all the glories you have gained
Are those that you have earned?
Suppose you never had been born,
Where would you be today?
You would be non-existent, as
The world goes on its way;
And as each moment of your life
Is one he lets you live,
So are your talents those that God
Was good enough to give.
Then use them well, and as you gain
Some glory on this earth,
Give thanks to God, and credit Him
With all that you are worth.

James J. Metcalfe



Roswell, New Mexico

Brother and Sister Crowhurst accepted the pastorate of the Roswell church for another year. We ask that you pray for us as we work together in the service of our Lord.

The ladies of the church have started meeting on Thursday nights for study, visitation and fellowship. We sincerely desire to be a blessing to each other and to reach out for the lost.

Our young people, directed by Dwayne Wilkerson, formed a choir and call themselves "The Faith Singers." They sang for us the first time this morning and then again this afternoon at the local singing convention which was held at our church. They were a real blessing to us and we expect to hear from them often.

God bless all of you. We enjoy receiving the paper and hearing about others in the Movement. Keep looking up — surely He's Coming Soon!

Jerome Crowhurst, Pastor
Helen Hammock, Reporter

Hempstead, Texas

We had a wonderful revival in August, conducted by Evangelist Otto Busch. We had nice crowds each night, and were very happy for the many visitors. We thank God for Bro. Busch, and we enjoyed each message so very much. We were favored nightly with special singing by Bro. Andy Qualls and family, and Bro. and Sis. Garry Hammack.

On September eighth our church had the Youth Rally with 52 present. Bro. Ray Fulkerson brought a timely message.

There was a singing at our church September 28th.

Bro. Norman Parish and son, Kenneth Parish were with us September 16th. They brought good news from the missionary field.

Recent visitors at our church were Bro. and Sis. Ham Kendrick, Bro. and Sis. Robert Hammack and Tracy from Buckhorn, Bro. and Sis. Hervey Oliver from Big Spring, and Bro. and Sis. Ben Phillip from Eudora, Arkansas.

Rev. John Scruggs, Pastor
Pattison, Texas

Arnett, Oklahoma

We want to express our appreciation to Reverend Hosler of Laverne, Oklahoma who came so faithfully and filled in for us while we were without a pastor during the summer. Also to the other ministers who came when Reverend Hosler was not available.

The Lord has blessed and Reverend Eugene K. Cornell consented to come as our pastor. We appreciate Reverend and Mrs. Cornell coming to be the shepherd of the Arnett flock.

Youth evening services have been reorganized with Sister Shirley Hoskins in charge. Her helpers are Sister Sarah Crouch, Sister Cornell, and Sister Ruby Kibbe.

In August the youth had a swimming party at Woodward Crystal Beach followed by a picnic supper on the recreation grounds there. Sister Shirley Hoskins and Sister Ruby Kibbe furnished the transportation to 12 anxious but happy children.

Our Sunday School election has been held and only a few changes were made and everyone is on the job now that vacation time is over.

The messages have been centered around God's Plan of the Ages and The Second Coming of the Lord. This is very timely due to the things that are taking place in Israel.

We are planning a revival in the near future. Pray that the Lord will send the right person to conduct this revival.

An invitation is out for all ministers to come by and be with us in services as the Lord opens up the way. You are always welcome.

Reporter: Ruby V. Kibbe
Pastor: Eugene K. Cornell

Perryton, Texas

We all enjoyed this summer and got many blessings from all the camps. But, now that school has started, our youth group is having a prayer and share meeting once a week. These meetings have been a great blessing to each one of us. We get together and share our problems and try to work them out through talking and praying about them. We can feel God's presence in each and every meeting. Through these meetings our love for each other has grown stronger than it has ever been before.

We have also been trying to raise money in various ways, such as bake sales, to help furnish our church with more song books and Bibles. What better thing can you invest money in than a Bible?

God loves everyone of you and I can truly say that we at Perryton love you too!

Marsha Neely, Reporter

Perryton, Texas

I wish to thank every one for their prayers and for all the lovely cards I received since my heart attack. I feel the Lord has completely healed me. Every day I feel God is restoring my strength. Praise His Holy Name. I am still convalescing at home. I hope to return to work around November 1. God bless every one of you for your prayers. Remember God loves you and I love you too.

Bill Cornell

Original Apostolic Faith Church 700 E. 4th, Joplin, Missouri

We want to take this opportunity to thank the Lord for all His many blessings. We feel we have seen much spiritual growth in the last few weeks. It seems that the signs of the times are helping many people to see their need of walking closer to God. Our church has enjoyed the ministries of Bro. Bill Patterson Sr. and Bro. Carl Pitts, who have visited in our services.

Rev. and Mrs. Jack Cornell conducted a revival for us October 3 thru October 8. Each service seemed to be engulfed by the sweet presence of the Spirit. One young lady was reclaimed and one received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. There were several at the altar every night seeking greater blessings and experiences from the Lord. As we live in these last and closing days of time it is so good to see God's people preparing themselves for the end and the coming of the Lord.

We are also glad for the addition of a new public address system to the church. I'm sure it will be a benefit to those who have difficulty hearing the singing and the preaching. Again we want to say, "Praise God" for all his bountiful blessings.

Ollie L. Kinser, Pastor

Amarillo, Texas

Another summer season has ended with everyone of the church enjoying the many church activities.

Shari Cook and Carolyn Quesenbury directed a very successful D.V.B.S. at the beginning of the summer.

Youth Camp, during the month of July, was a great inspiration to the young people and children that attended.

The people from the church that were present at the Camp Meeting were blessed.

During the month of September Rev. and Mrs. Paul Clanton, with the assistance of Paula Bushman, held a revival. These services were a blessing with souls accepting Christ and people drawing near to God.

Recently Vicki and the Royal Heirs presented a concert. This was greatly enjoyed as the gospel went forth in song.

We are now looking forward to the Bible College Choir being here in the near future.

The Lord has blessed the church in many ways. Our desire is that we shall be His people and He shall be our God.

**LaVonna Mitchell, Reporter
Rev. Neil Ragan, Pastor**

Lubbock, Texas

We are grateful for the prayers of the many friends God has given us for our physical needs. Everyone is still going but we still need complete victory. Sorry I could not be at the Camp Meeting, but it didn't turn out so we could make it. We're thankful for the good report, and pray that the power and spirit of it will go on to bless multitudes.

Pearl and Homer Coberly

San Diego, California

Our new Sunday School year started with a special promotion to reach new people. Everyone worked hard to assure success and by the time September was over, we had brought in 32 visitors. The highlight of the month was a Quartet Concert on the last Sunday night. The church was packed out with 72 people that enjoyed the blessings of the Lord in song.

Homer Allen, Pastor

Apostolic Faith Church
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Snyder, Texas

It has been quite some time since our church has made a report, and much has happened since then. Bro. and Sis. Sherman Sutton moved to Dumas (and on to Bible School) and Bro. and Sis. Bill Blythe to Rockdale. We miss their prayers, presence, and work in the church.

The church has been able to panel the walls, buy new pews, and refinish the floor in the sanctuary. We are thankful for these improvements to the Lord's house made possible by Him and His moving upon the people to give of their time, talent, and money. His blessings of fellowship and strength during the workdays were felt by each volunteer.

We had a spiritual uplift with the College Vibrations on their tour in behalf of Bible School. They gave a wonderful testimony in song during the Sunday morning service, and we enjoyed visiting with them during dinner in the park.

For Wednesday night service we have been taking turns being in charge of the service and bringing the Bible lesson. Many good thoughts and testimonies have been shared in this way.

After Camp Meeting, Bro. James Hosler held a week and a half revival. His annointed messages were full of Bible truths and the church was strengthened by them and the prayer times around the altar.

Sis. R. C. Hoyle passed away September 8 after being in poor health for quite a while. She attended church faithfully for as long as she was able. We all miss her thoughtful ways.

Bro. S. V. Clanton is now our pastor. We welcome him and Sis. Clanton in their official capacity, and appreciate them for filling in during the time we were searching for a pastor. We thank the Lord for supplying our need.

Several in the church have expressed their appreciation for the fine work Sis. Busch has been doing on the Report. We are pleased to learn that she will continue as editor.

All members of the Faith, laity, gospel workers, and ministers, are welcome to come and worship with us at any time. Please remember our church in prayer.

**Kay Shifflett, Reporter
Vester Clanton, Pastor**

Alvin, Texas

Our Pastor Jimmy Wallis just closed a good revival in Perryton, Texas at Bro. Harrol Waterbury's church. Bro. J. D. Ray from Anchorage, Alaska will be holding us a revival in January. We use our old parsonage for a meeting place for class meetings, fellowship times and for our Ladies group meetings. Our Ladies Group is named "Extended Hands". Bro. Wallis calls the old parsonage the Omega House. Sunday, October 21st the Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir had our service. Two of our kids, Jimmy Botter and Jenny Rodriguez are singing in this choir. God is blessing in our church.

Jimmy Wallis, Pastor

Snell, Mississippi

Our Church has asked Sis. Anderson to pastor the church for another year. She has carried a burden for this community and has done a good job. We have added two Sunday School classes and two bathrooms onto our church. Our primary class has grown so in the past year we had to expand. We would like to thank Sis. Opla Ferry for her help in this project. We would appreciate any of the movement to come be in special services with us. We need men and women of God to share The Word with us.

Sis. Busch, we enjoy the paper so much and pray for you as you do this job.

**Dorothy Anderson, Pastor
Lynette Barker, Reporter**

Rockdale, Texas

We enjoyed a revival August 26 through September 7 with Rev. Jake Pletcher the Evangelist. He brought some good messages, and Sis. Demi Pletcher contributed much to the services with her beautiful chalk paintings. We are thankful to report that the organ our church purchased a few months ago is now paid for. Bro. Tim Pitts is working hard with our young people. Continue to remember him in your prayers. Bro. Van Blythe has had a physical need for sometime. He is improved but still needs your prayers.

**Mrs. Jerry Hosek, Reporter
Rev. Van Blythe, Pastor**

Spring Valley, California

Sis. Etta Mae Peters is filling in as pastor for our church and we appreciate her work. We are in need of a permanent pastor and would appreciate your prayers with us in this matter. The church has purchased property to be used for a parsonage. The present parsonage is being used for classrooms. We have also purchased a 40 passenger bus to be used for Sunday School and church. May God bless you and your family. Anyone interested in pastoring our church please contact either: Etta Mae Peters 4009 Oregon Dr. San Diego, California 92115 PH. 741 582-1487 or Lois Schornhorst 10366 Elmdale Dr. Spring Valley, California 92077 Ph 714 465-1475.

Dumas, Texas

May we begin by saying, Thank you to everyone for your prayers and concern during Austins' sickness. We have a praise in our hearts for the victory we received. Austin is feeling well now, but still requires a great deal of rest. We just finished a week's revival at Gray, Oklahoma with the Lealand Grimms and their fine congrega-

tion. We felt that the Lord blessed in these services. Our church is doing real good and we see prospects for new ones. Remember us in your prayers. We extend an invitation to all ministers and gospel workers of the faith to come and be with us in service anytime.

Austin Sutton, Pastor

Granby, Missouri

We are praising God for His rich blessings. Bro. and Sis. Billy Sparks were with us in revival in September. Bro. Sparks preached anointed messages each night that inspired us to draw nearer to the Lord. We did not see great results at the moment but are still expecting God to answer our prayers for spiritual and physical growth. We were especially happy to have the Bible College Male Quartet with us for our weekend services. Their singing really blessed our hearts and added to the spiritual atmosphere of our services. There were many other visitors who helped in the services and we appreciate all of them.

**Ronnie Martin, Pastor
Faye Lawson, Reporter**

Guymon, Oklahoma

Our pastor Bro. Edwin Modrick is in the hospital in Amarillo. We earnestly desire your prayers for his recovery. We were saddened at the passing of Sister Sharon Jamison. May God strengthen and comfort her family.

LaParsha Modrick has been directing our Junior and Children's Choir. She is doing a fine job. We all enjoyed the services at the high school auditorium with Bill Leach and his chalk talks. Bro. Modrick's class is studying the Mini-state, Israel. Our Missionary Society packed kits for Vietnam and sent an offering to Bro. Abraham, our missionary in India.

Elwin Modrick, Pastor

Katy, Texas

We recently had a very good service on Sunday night with our high school coach and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Our special music was furnished by the high school choir that evening also. We are thankful that the Lord has been with Bro. Richard Barker when he was seriously burned recently. His hands and face were burned in an explosion. He is doing good at last report. Bro. and Sis. Joe B. Dewees and Kenneth Elkins are coming along fine after their automobile accident recently. Sis. Dewees sustained a broken hip but is in great spirits.

G. K. Kerr, Pastor

Pine Crest, Mississippi

A Youth Retreat was held Friday night and Saturday morning, September 14 and 15 at the Pine Crest Youth Camp. Young people from all the churches of the area attended and some of the students from the Apostolic Faith Bible College were present for the week end. About 130 attended the banquet on Friday night. A film titled "666" was shown after the meal. There were classes and rallies after breakfast the next morning and then all were dismissed after a lunch of hot dogs was served to about 75 kids. Bro. and Sis Jack Hopson were in charge of the retreat and Bro. and Sis. Jimmy Long were home to help in it too.

Obituary -



J. A. Depew

James Aaron Depew was born May 10, 1892 near Bonham, Texas. He was the son of William and Priscilla Depew. He lived near Bonham as a young man. He was married to Bessie Wade on July 5, 1914 near Bolivar, Texas. To this union two sons were born, Wade and J. W.

He was converted as a young man and joined the Baptist Church near his home town; after moving to Ochiltree county he changed his membership to the Full Gospel Church.

He and his companion lived in several places including Miami, Texas, the Huntoon, Waka, and Farnsworth communities before establishing their home east of Perryton.

One of the highlights of their married life was "The Golden Wedding Celebration" in July, 1964 at the Full Gospel Church in Perryton. Mr. Depew has been a board member of the church for nearly 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, two sisters, one brother, and one step brother.

He leaves his wife, Bessie; sons, Wade and Dora of Beaver, Oklahoma, J. W. and Ethel of Fayetteville, Arkansas; seven grandchildren — six grandsons, and one granddaughter; eleven great grandchildren; one brother, Grover Depew of Sanger, Texas; one half brother, Glenn Depew of San Antonio, Texas; a step sister, Claudia Lee of Lawton, Oklahoma; several nephews and nieces; and a host of friends.

Mr. Depew was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, a devoted church and community worker, and a friend to all.

Services were conducted for Bro. Depew Monday, October 15, 1973 at 2 p. m. in the Full Gospel Church at Perryton, Texas. Bro. O. A. Busch officiated, assisted by Bro. Harrol Waterbury. Burial was in the Ochiltree Cemetery.

Bro. Depew will long be remembered by His love to God, and to his fellowman. Many miles were driven, and at all hours of the day, to minister to the sick, and those in sorrow, by Bro. and Sister Depew. One of God's Faithful Servants has been called Home.

November 1973

OBITUARY OF MRS. R. C. HOYLE

Mrs. R. C. (Alice Margaret) Hoyle, 84, a Scurry County, Texas resident since 1924, died September 8, 1973 in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder, Texas. Funeral services were held September 9, 1973 in the Bell-Seale Funeral Chapel with Bros. Vester Clanton and Ken Andress officiating. Burial was in the Snyder Cemetery.

A native of Montgomery County, Arkansas, Mrs. Hoyle was married in 1905 at Mt. Ida, Arkansas to Robert C. Hoyle. He preceded her in death in 1949.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. J. B. Patterson of Snyder, Texas, Mrs. Cecil Butts of San Angelo, Texas, Mrs. Carlas Ford of Stephenville, Texas and Mrs. Earnest Lee Newsom of Hamilton, Texas; three sons, Johnie Hoyle of Snyder, Texas, and Robert and Henry Hoyle, both of Colorado City, Colorado; a brother, Hamp Edwards of Mena, Arkansas; 25 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Mrs. Hoyle lived in Polar, Texas a number of years and was faithful to the church there. She then moved to Snyder, Texas and was faithful to that church till her death.

OBITUARY OF MARSHALL STONE

Services for Marshall Stone, 63, were held at the Full Gospel Church in Perryton, Texas, September 19, 1973. Marshall was a retired Perryton school system employee. He passed away, Monday, September 17, 1973 at the Senior Village Rest Home where he had been for some time.

Officiating at the service were Rev. Harrol Waterbury, pastor and Rev. Marvin Kelman, Nazarene pastor. Rev. Marcus Adair offered the prayer.

Mr. Stone attended many camp meetings and is remembered by many of the old timers. He had been in failing health for several years. Many visited with him when he was in the Houston hospital on several different occasions.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred, of Perryton, Texas, one daughter, Mrs. Cullen (Twyla) Neely, also of Perryton; two grandchildren, Marsha Cullene and Ron; three brothers and two sisters.

OBITUARY OF EDWARD BURGAN

Funeral services were held for Edward Burgan, 54, Sunday, September 30, 1973, in the Cason-Knickerbocker Funeral Chapel in Fredonia, Kansas at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Clyde Davolt of Independence, Kansas officiated. Burial was in the Altoona, Kansas cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Margie of the home; one son, Bobby of Wichita, Kansas; one daughter, Mrs. Joyce Smedley of Thayer, Kansas; his mother, Mrs. Jessie Burgan of Altoona, Kansas and six grandchildren.

DEADLINE MOVED UP!

As of this issue, copy for the Report must be in the Editor's possession by the 15th (instead of the 20th) of the month preceding the date of the issue it's to be in.

OBITUARY OF DAVID J. REGIER

David J. Regier was born to George and Kathrina Thiessen Regier near Fairview, Oklahoma, May 16, 1908. He died at the age of 65 years and 38 days on June 23, 1973.

He was the third of nine children. His parents, his youngest sister, Mary Esther and his oldest sister, Elizabeth preceded him in death. The George Regier family migrated to Ochiltree county Texas in 1921. Ochiltree county was David's home thereafter with the exception of 1933 and 1934 when he and his family lived in Dumas, Texas and near Stratford, Texas.

David attended public schools at Fairview, Oklahoma; Enid, Oklahoma and the Enterprize school 15 miles west of Perryton, Texas. His parents were of strict Mennonite faith until they heard the preaching in Full Gospel revivals. David first gave his heart to God when he was about 18 years old in one of these Full Gospel revivals. A deep appreciation for the teachings of the Full Gospel came to David Regier through the ministries of men such as the late Rev. Eldon Bollinger, the late Rev. Tommy Manning, and the late Rev. Robert Girouard. He was a member of the Full Gospel Church of Perryton, Texas.

On July 10, 1933 Miss Lena Rahenkamp of near Farnsworth, Texas became the bride of David J. Regier. On May 9, 1934 their only son, George Cecil was born in Dumas, Texas. The David Regier family was a farmer-family until 1961 at which time they established The

Eighth Avenue Cleaners in Perryton, Texas. He operated this business until his death. When his son, George Cecil was in 4-H club work, David worked hard as leader in this field, helping his own son and the sons of others the value of agriculture and animal husbandry. David loved all boys. He was an avid supporter and booster of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.

After surviving a heart attack in 1961 his health never again was truly good. The last six months of his life were spent in pain. Three weeks before his passing it was discovered he was suffering with an incurable lung malignancy. He died in St. Anthony's hospital, Amarillo, Texas at 2:30 in the morning of June 23, 1973. His last prayers were pleadings for the Lord to take him.

His survivors: His wife, Lena Regier of 1914 Grinnel Drive, Perryton, Texas. His son and family, George Cecil and Mary Grace Regier and their son, David Ray and their daughter, Patti Beth, of Etter, Texas.

His brothers: Frank Regier of Reedley, California; George Regier of Reedley, California; Jacob Regier of Perryton, Texas; Henry Regier of Springfield, Missouri.

His sisters: Mrs. Susan Delk of Spearman, Texas; Mrs. Julianna Huff of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and many other relatives, neighbors and friends.

The body of David J. Regier was laid to rest in the Ochiltree Cemetery beside his mother's grave.

MUSIC THEORY 1972

THE HISTORY OF MUSIC

Bertha M. Maddux

In the Beginning God, the Creator of the Universe, all things. Psalms 19:1 "The Heavens declare the Glory of God; and the Firmament sheweth His handywork." God created the world and all its beauty for the enjoyment of mankind. From the very beginning God gave gifts, talents, and abilities to pursue different arts and Sciences. Music is classed as one of the arts. Music has a powerful influence in the lives of individuals, in the home, in the community, in the affairs of State and Nation.

While Adam was yet living his descendents learned the use of copper, and iron, and invented musical instruments.

Notice Genesis 4:21 "Jubal was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ." Music became part of life's important events, marriage, birth, death, religious worship, victories and feasts. Long before history was written, man had discovered all the basic reasons for making music.

The early generations learned to make sounds that expressed their emotions, including pleasant sounds by using their voice. They discovered some strange power within as they clapped their hands, or stamped their feet in a repeated rhythm. They also discovered, while doing hard, or monotonous labor, that singing together made work lighter.

Music was used in family circles for rejoicing. Genesis 31:26-27 Jacob departs secretly for Canaan. "And Laban (father-in-law) said to Jacob, What hast thou

done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword?"

"Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp."

Music was as important in ancient times as it is today. What the music of ancient people was like is largely a matter of speculation, and conjecture. Musical instruments have been found, and on surviving pottery, sculptures, and paintings, there are representations of people playing these instruments.

Proverbs 15:3 "a merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken."

The earliest drum consisted of a hollow log, or a piece of wood placed over a hole in the ground. Finally when animal hides were stretched over the ends of hollow logs, the ancestors of present-day drums came into being.

Drums of all sizes, shapes, and materials became sacred objects. Only chiefs, and warriors were allowed to play them. The music of peoples, who still follow a primitive way of life, is often a simple drum rhythm, repeated many times. If there is a melody it may be in a three-note, or five-note scale.

Moses and Miriam were musicians. Exodus 15:2 "Then sang Moses, and the children of Israel this song

unto the Lord, and spoke, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea." A victorious time, the singing of the songs of Moses and Miriam after the passage through the Red Sea. Exodus 15:20-21.

"And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances."

God revealed His plans to Moses, concerning his brother Aaron and his sons being chosen for the Priests Office. Exodus 28:2-3.

"And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty.

"And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office."

Exodus 28:33-34 A new musical instrument. "And beneath upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem therefore; and bells of gold between them round about."

'A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about."

Aaron became high priest in charge of the national worship, and the head of the hereditary priesthood.

The Aaronic priests had to meet very rigid standards. The bells were put on the priests robes for a purpose. It was a very dangerous act to enter the Holiest of Holies. If a high priest entered unworthily, he would die. The High Priest had to have a rope attached to him. As long as he was moving about performing the priestly duties, the tinkling of the bells could be heard. But if the bells could not be heard, the rope was used to remove the body from the Holiest of Holies.

Leviticus 25:9. The year of Jubile, the Fiftieth year. "Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the Jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land."

This was to be a time of restoration, against the rule of oppression. Governing the purchase, and redemption of land and houses. The Levites could redeem their possessions at any time. A time of relief for the poor. The redemption of servants. The first part of the eleventh verse, "A Jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you."

The Israeites journey from Sinai to Paran. Numbers 10:1-4. Silver Trumpets and their purpose.

1. "And the Lord said unto Moses, saying,"
2. "Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them; that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps."
3. "And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation."
4. "And if they blow but with one trumpet, then the princes, which are heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee."

Numbers 10:9-10

"And if ye go to war in your land against the en-

emy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the Lord, your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies."

"Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginning of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the Lord your God."

Joshua 6:20 Shofar, horn or trumpets.

"So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets; and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city."

Through obedience to God's commandments, the walls of Jericho fell down, the priests sounded the seven shofars, made from ram's horns. The Shofar is the oldest musical instrument still in use. It is still sounded in the Synagogue on high, holy days. The Shofar is sounded every Friday evening at sunset to begin the Sabbath. A Rabbi sounds the Shofar to announce the New Year Celebration.

Judges 3:27-28 and verse 31

(The King of Moab smote Israel and passed the city of Palm Trees)

27. "And it came to pass, when he (Ehud) said unto them, Follow after me: for the Lord hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordon toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over."

31. "So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years." Judges 6:34 (Gideon blew the trumpet)

"But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him." Gideon started to call an army to go against Midian, and Amalek. He received signs of God's favor. His small army was victorious.

Judges 11:34

"And Jephthak came to Mizpeh unto his house, and behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter."

Jephthok vowed a vow unto the Lord, if the Lord would without fail deliver the children of Ammon into his hands, he would offer as a burn offering whatsoever came forth of the doors of his house to meet him, when he returned in peace. The Lord gave him a great victory, Ammon was subdued before the children of Israel.

When his daughter came forth to meet him, he rent his clothes. He told her of his vow. In verse 36. "And she said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the Lord, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the Lord hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the children of Ammon."

She asked for two months of time, that she and her

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companions could go up and down on the mountains. The bewailed her virginity upon the mountains. At the end of time the daughter returned to her father, and he performed his vow. And it was a custom in Israel that the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah, the Gileadite four days in a year.

I Samuel 10:5 Samuel's Prophecy to Saul

"After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them: and they shall prophesy.

The Lord blessed Saul and gave him a new heart, and he prophesied also.

I Samuel 13:3

"And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear."

This was only a temporary victory. A large host of the Philistines gathered against Israel. The people were scattered from Saul. While Saul was waiting for Samuel to come, he became impatient and offered a burnt offering unto the Lord, He was not qualified to do this. He did not keep the Lord's commandment, and his Kingdom did not continue. The Lord chose a man after his own heart to be captain over Israel.

I Samuel 16:23 (Saul asked for a man that could play well, and sent for David)

"And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him."

I Samuel 18:6-7 (10-14) The importance of music in the lives of individuals.

6. "And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistines, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of music."

7. "And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands and David his ten thousands."

This displeased King Saul, and he became very jealous of David, and eyed him from that day forward.

10. "And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house; and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand."

11. "And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice."

12. "And Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saul."

13. "Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand: and he went out and came in before the people."

14. "And David behaved himself wisely in all his

ways; and the Lord was with him."

David became Saul's son-in-law. Jonathan, Saul's son was a friend to David. The friendship and love between Jonathan and David is very commendable. No doubt this inspired David to write many of the Psalms.

11 Samuel 6:5

"And David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on comets, and on cymbols.

David starts to move the ark of God to Zion. verse 15 . . . "So David and all the house of Israel brought up the Ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet."

This required some time. At last the Ark of God was brought safely into the capitol City of Jerusalem.

The Jewish harp was the instrument of the home, and the instrument of the poets. David was an outstanding musician. He made many musical instruments. David, both as favorite to King Saul, and as King himself played the harp, and composed and sang beautiful songs. These songs, the Psalms of the Bible were chanted, in the Synagogue and later in the early Christian Church. However, David wrote only seventy-three of the one hundred fifty (150) Psalms.

The history of Hebrew music, as well as the history of Israel's higher civilization in general, and the organization of the musical service in the Temple, began with King David's reign.

To King David has been ascribed not only creation, and singing of the Psalms, but also the invention of musical instruments. II Chronicles 7:6 mentions . . . "Instruments of Music of the Lord, which David the King had made to Praise the Lord". I Chronicles 23:5 David himself said, to the princes of Israel, to the Priests and Levites, "Four thousand praised the Lord with instruments which I made to praise therewith."

King David chose the Levites to supply musicians for the Holy Temple: Out of the 30,000 who were employed at this time, the impressive numbers of 4,000 was selected for the musical service. I Chron. 15:16.

"And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be singers with instruments of music, psalteries and harps, and cymbols, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy."

David was also a man of war. His military victories influenced the writing of many of his Psalms. I Kings 1:34 (King David names Solomon his Successor).

"And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there King over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say God Save King Solomon."

I Kings 3:12-13 (God was pleased, when Solomon asked for an understanding heart to judge the Nation of Israel).

12. "Behold, I have done according to thy words: Lo, I have given thee a wise and understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee."

13. "And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honor: so that there shall not be any among the Kings like unto thee all thy days."

I believe the splendor, and majesty of Solomon's

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Kingdom is a type and shadow of Christ's Kingdom to come.

I Kings 10:11-12

11. "And the Navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones."
12. "And the King made of the Almug trees pillars for the house of the Lord, and for the house of the Lord, and for the King's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees nor were seen unto this day."

Solomon was wiser than all men, and his fame was in all nations round about.

I Kings 4:32

32. "And he (Solomon) spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five."
33. "And he spake of trees, from the Cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes."

King Solomon was a musician, and a composer. Remember he wrote 1,005 Songs. He encouraged and promoted music in the Temple, in the Palace, and in the homes. King Solomon had multitudes of singers, plus trumpeters and string players, in his orchestra. He started the first Conservatory for the training of musicians.

Years later, when King Solomon had finished all work for the Temple and brought in all the things David his father had dedicated, the priest and the Congregation of Israel assembled before the Ark, and the musical service was begun by the Levites. I Chron. 25:6-7 and I Chron. 5:12-14. Notice the singers were all dressed in white linen.

I Chron. 7:6 When the King and the people had offered their sacrifices, the Levites began to play, "And the Priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood."

In Solomon's Temple, the choir formed a distinct body. They were furnished homes and were on salary. The choir numbered 2000 singers and was divided into two choirs. The Psalms, according to the Mishna were sung antiphonally. The first examples in the Bible of Antiphonal or responsorial.

Egypt:

The presence of music in the life of ancient Egypt, the first great nation, is abundantly documented in many tomb paintings. Music was a part of the daily lives of the people as well as an adjunct to the festival, and the Ceremonial. The farmers sang as they planted the fields and reaped the harvest. Large Orchestras of flutes and stringed instruments entertained at Royal parties and festivals. The army marched to the sound of trumpet and drum. The Egyptian harp, seven feet tall, was played in the temples by priests who were also musicians.

Assyrians:

The fierce neighbors of the Egyptians, the Assyrians, went into the battle with their instruments strapped to their bodies. Their armies were welcomed home by large choruses, and orchestras of hundreds

of singers and players. For quieter music, the Assyrians used an instrument of many strings struck with small beaters, like a dulcimer.

China:

In the Orient, the Chinese thousands of years ago had royal orchestras of drums, bells, gongs, Various tribes or cities of the ancient world. The Greeks invented a system of musical notations, so that their songs could be recorded and remembered. Unfortunately, few of the Songs still exist.

The ancient Greeks had comparatively few string instruments. The most important by far were the Lyre, and the Kithara.

Rome:

The cruel Romans did little for the advancement of Musical art. They invented a kind of army trumpet, which they called the tuba. This they carried with them on their mighty conquests. Generally, their music was that of Greece. However, they did bring the Bagpipe into Europe from India. It became a great favorite with the Romans. It is believed by some to be the instrument Nero played, while Rome burned. This brought on the great persecution of the Christians.

Scotland:

Later in Scotland, the Bagpipe became the favorite National instrument.

When the early Christians began to compose hymns, they fell back on the only music they knew, that of Israel and Greece. From this developed the chants of the Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches. And upon this foundation of ancient music was built, in turn, our own Western European musical system.

The musical service in the temple at the time of Christ was essentially the same as that in King Solomon's Temple, with the exception of a few minor changes in certain forms of singing. There were two daily services in the temple — The morning and evening sacrifices. Music has been an integral part of Hebrew and Christian life since its inception.

Mark 14:26 (Jesus sang with His Disciples)

"And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives."

Music and hymnody became an important part of the Christian life.

Ephesians 5:19

"Speaking to yourselves in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord."

Colossians 3:16

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

James 5:13

". . . Is any merry? Let him sing Psalms."

Revelation 14:2

"And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps."

The earthly music, that we enjoy is a type and shadow of the Heavenly music that the Redeemed will sing around God's Throne. God will be in the End.

Revelation 22:13

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the End."

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