

# The Apostolic Faith Report

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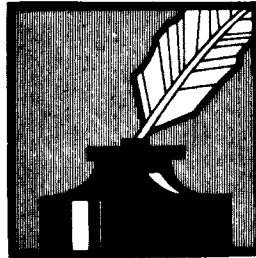
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## EDITORIAL VOICE

We as a nation have recently experienced a great accomplishment in seeing the first space shuttle sent to space and return. We all have felt a sense of pride that our nation was the first to accomplish this great feat of engineering and technology. A lot of time, money and energy has been spent in order to see the job done. As we witnessed the return to earth of the Columbia it made me think of another flight that will soon take place, one controlled by God not man and that being Redemption. In the fourteenth chapter of Revelation we read of those that have forsaken this present world and have made God first in their lives.

In order to be an astronaut there are many qualifications and not everyone makes it. Those that do must fully give of their lives for the goals they wish to attain. As Christians we too have goals to attain and greater heights to gain. Redemption will not include everyone even though there are those that would like to believe so. Redemption will include only the first fruits. As we read the qualifications for those who make redemption we realize that we will have to have God first and foremost in our lives. We cannot live as the world lives and make redemption for the redeemed class will be pure and holy, cleansed inside and out, spirit, mind and body, full sanctified and set apart for the Master's use, filled with the Holy Spirit of God and led of the Spirit in all things.

There is a great deception in the church world today that teaches that a person does not have to change their lives, but can continue to live in sin and still be called a Christian. According to God's word, not yours or mine, our lives are to be changed from the time He pardons us from our sins. No longer will you act the same way, or go to the same places or say the same things. We will be changed by the power of God my friend or we will never be entitled to be called a Christian. The redeemed will be pure, they will follow the Lord in all things, they will be the first fruits unto God with no deception or guile or worldliness in their mouths and they will be without sin and fault before the throne of God.

We have the qualifications set before us and we each one have the opportunity to make redemption, if we will only pay the price. It will be up to us. I don't want to miss it—do you?

—Karen

God, and His work is the most important part of my life. I have felt His calling in my life ever since I was a small child. At the age of ten, I gave my heart to the Lord. It was very real and serious to me. I realized I wanted no part of a sinful life after seeing what Satan had done in the lives of relatives and friends as a result of drinking and sinful living.

When the Adair family came to my home town of Follett, Texas, I started attending the Apostolic Faith Church around the age of 15. The first Youth Camp I attended was near Mangum, Okla. This was where I first heard the message of sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. After studying and searching the scripture, with the help of my counselor, Mrs. Bob Cooper, I was convinced that those blessings were for us today. After much waiting upon the Lord, He answered my prayers, and I received the most wonderful gifts ever given to me.

After graduating from high school, I attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College. There I was privileged to study under some of the greatest Bible teachers that ever have been or will be. Some of my teachers were, Brother and Sister Gail Shultz, Brother Robert Girourard, Brother Doc Methvin and Sister Eula Ray. There are some I haven't named, but all of them had a part in helping me become established in God's Word.

From Bible College, I went into the gospel work to Alabama and Mississippi. This was where my wish of someday becoming a preacher's wife, came true. When I was helping in my first revival at Hinton, Ala., I met the man who later became my husband. He wasn't a preacher at that time, but had felt God's calling on his life for the ministry. I am so thankful for the mate God chose for me. We will have been married 23 years in August.

I can assure you that being a minister's wife has a lot of trials, but the blessings and rewards far outweigh the trials. We were blessed with two sons who are now attending the Bible College. They have been a lot of help to us in our ministry. God has blessed us with places to labor for Him, and we have made many wonderful friends in different parts of the country. We pastored the church here at Crosses for two years in our early ministry, then came back around ten years ago. We are thankful God has given us a place to labor for Him. When we see the fulfilling of prophecy, and the world conditions, it makes us to realize the seriousness of our service to God. It shows us that time is drawing to a close, and we need to work harder than ever for the Lord. I love my Lord, and my desire is to win souls for Him, and to be counted among the Saints of God.

—Loretta Haney  
Crosses, Arkansas

#### DEADLINE!

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**Pearls  
Of  
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**FOR THE WAGES OF  
SIN IS DEATH; BUT  
THE GIFT OF GOD IS  
ETERNAL LIFE  
THROUGH JESUS  
CHRIST OUR LORD.**

**Romans 6:23**



# The Anointing Oil on the Beard

by  
**Myrtle  
Carney**

Ps. 133: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethern to dwell together in unity!!! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore." What does the beard mean? It speaks of a full grown man, a man of maturity. It does not indicate the feminine nature, or the immaturity of a child. The High Priest was not able to take office until he was 30. (Num. 4) This is not the anointing of the Spirit given to children nor the woman, the bride. This is an anointing given to the masculine, mature Manchild to govern and rule. It is for authority, for the Throne.

Joseph was 30 (Gen. 41:14, 46) when he shaved his beard and sat down on Pharaoh's throne. Jesus was 30 years old (Luke 3:23) when he received the authority of God in the fulness of the Spirit that came upon him at Jordan. David received a childhood anointing by Samuel for Kingship, however, he was 30 years old (II Sam. 8:4) when he was anointed king over all Israel with the anointing that ran down upon his beard. Thirty is symbolic of full stature, full maturity.

Yes, the Body of Christ has already received an anointing, the earnest of our inheritance (Eph. 1:14). With it we are able even in our immaturity to do exploits in His Name. But another anointing is coming. And it is coming upon the fully matured, those who have come to "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13) This anointing is for government. No more just killing bears and lions and giants.

Look at Jesus, after His baptism at Jordan, Divine authority was manifested in His life. The winds obey Him, the fig tree withers at His command. Devils flee at His word. Sickness and death bow in submission, for here is God's divine Government in the earth. The first one to truly have "oil on the beard". All others were shadows, types or symbols. He is the reality and He is the first born of many brothers (Rom. 8:29). Jesus was the first born of God's mature masculine company of rulers who make up His glorious Body. Praise God every day for the anointing of the Holy Ghost that you now have, it is the foretaste, the earnest of that which is to come. However, there most surely is another anointing of the fulness of God coming upon His elect, His chosen, the Manchild and they shall rule and reign with Him.

# A.F.B.C. News

Dear Readers,

This is the last time I will be writing while this term of school is in progress. Soon our 1981 Spring Term will be history. I feel that God has blessed all who have hearkened unto God's voice and applied themselves to His word. Many of the students are looking forward to working for the Lord in various types of ministries; some to preach, teach, work with children and some in singing. We ask that you earnestly pray for those who step out to labour in God's vineyard and open your church doors to them.

Due to Camp Meeting being in Baxter Springs this summer, I will not be traveling with a tour group. For the most part, I will be remaining in Baxter, pastoring the church and preparing the facilities for Camp Meeting. If you wish to stay at the school during this time, please contact us soon, as we are already reserving rooms. If you would include the length of your stay when you write, this would be most helpful in making full use of the rooms.

May I say thank you to you, our Movement, for making this semester financially and spiritually possible. You have been a part of this school year and are sharing in the investment of God's Word in the lives of these young men and women. I ask the Lord to bless you for the load you have carried. Continue to pray for the school and upcoming 1981 Fall Semester.

Sincerely,  
Lyndel Arnall



I praise the Lord for the many blessings He has poured out upon our family. God has been so good to us. I'm thankful that God loves us and takes care of us. He knows us so well that He knows our every need, even before we do. Even greater than He knows how to supply those needs.

I'm thankful for the family of God. I praise the Lord for all that He did to make it possible for me to be in His family. It's so wonderful to share with others the love of God.

It amazes me the way the Lord works in our lives. The Lord knows when someone else has a need in their life and He's able to impress upon us to pray for that person. They may be near or far away. We don't have to know the person very well or even know their circumstances to pray for them. Likewise, the Lord also may use us to pray for those around us. This past week the Lord had placed a burden upon me to pray diligently for someone in need. I had the burden for several days and it continued strong. When the need had been met, right away my burden was lifted. I praise the Lord for allowing me to be used by Him. It not only helps those we pray for, but sometimes it's just what we needed, too.

I desire to be yielded unto the Lord and molded by His hand. I want Him to always be in control of my life and lead me. I desire that my life would please the Lord and that I would be a blessing to others.

—In Christ's Service,  
—Kathy S. Arnall

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN

We are glad to be back on the job after a few days away from the routine of school. The students left on the choir tour with a great desire to reach people with the Gospel in song and to testify to the fact that they had something in their hearts that gave them satisfaction and a lasting joy. I hope that it enthused the young people of your churches to come to Bible College next year. It is wonderful to see these young people grow in the Lord; of course we know they won't learn it all here in the nine months that they are here but it is a start to help them to give an answer to whoever may ask them what their HOPE is in Christ.

All of the students came back tired but after a day of rest they are back in the routine of their studies and looking forward to the day when this term is over. Some are planning on coming back to school next year to further their knowledge in the Word of God. We hope that there will be many more see their need to let God have a greater place in their lives and come to school next year and see how God can use them in His service. We have a great need for dedicated workers in the harvest field of the Lord. I hope that every one of these young men in my dorm will find a place to work in their churches at home; I know God has a place for them. Everything in the Dorm is going very well and I appreciate the help the fellows have been to me this year; they are just "My Boys." I love them all, and I want to be a blessing to every one of them, as they have been to me. I also appreciate the parents of each one of my boys.

We hope to see all of you at the close of the school this year as well as the Convocation. Pray for us as we prepare our lives to go into His service. May God bless you all in my

—R.C.B.



## Friends in Christ,

As I think about Easter and what it means to me. I think back on what all the Lord has done for me. How He has helped me financially, He has healed me physically and emotionally and He has guided and protected me everyday. I could never thank the Lord enough for all He has done for me. But I think the most important thing He has ever done for me was that He cared enough to come and die for me. Oh, how much He cared. But He not only cared enough to die but He rose again that I might have life and that life more abundantly. The beautiful part about it is, He not only cares for just me but He also cares for you too. He loves us so much and wants us to show that love to others that they might know Him too.

As we were on choir tour this semester, we saw young people who were looking for answers to help them. But they were looking to the world for that help. Do we try to show them that Jesus is their answer? Have we told someone that Jesus loves them and that He will help them with their problems or do we just pass them by and say, "They can help themselves, or I don't care?" The Lord has called us to help. We have a responsibility to help those in need, to help them find the right way. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6.

Let us do our part for the Lord. He gave his best for us. Let us give our best back to him.

Love in Christ,  
Tony Bartel

Dear Friends in Christ,

It has been our privilege for the past 2 years to have been active as faculty here in the Bible College. It has been very enjoyable and rewarding. We are thankful for the opportunity to have been a part of this work.

We will be leaving Bible College this year, and will be available for pastoring, or whatever door the Lord will open. We desire your prayers that the Lord will lead us in whatever work He would have us to do.

May God richly bless each of you for your prayers and financial support for us, during our time here at the school.

**In His Service,  
—Austin, Shirley, Sharlynda,  
and Andy Sutton**



### SPRING CHOIR TOUR NEWS

Spring Choir Tour for 1981 is now history, but the memories will live on and bring us faith when we "think on these things!"

Thanks be to the Lord for blessing us with a safe choir tour. You can turn on your television set or radio and hear news of car, plane, or train wrecks and sometimes we never stop to thank the Lord for our health. Why did the Lord send 25 people on a Continental Trailway Bus and protect us while we traveled to Mississippi, Alabama, and South Texas? I can tell you why, because God knew what kind of help that our brothers and sisters in Christ needed, But God knew, He alone understands. Even now we may not know what you needs may be, but we do know that "Jesus, Is the Answer!" We did not conclude this tour as All Knowing students and faculty of the Apostolic Bible College, we were, and ARE, Clay in the Master Potter's Hands.

Choir tour did have its humorous times. As we were traveling the first day our journey consisted of about fifteen hours non-stop. One of the girls confessed that she didn't think we were ever going to stop. Another time (at Snell, Mississippi), we arrived about 45 minutes before the concert and we had the sound equipment to set up and test; and ourselves to get dressed and ready for a short practice in just 15 minutes. We noticed after a while that one of the guys wasn't there. After his arrival (5 minutes late) we learned that he had been locked in the bathroom on the BUS and had to crawl out the window to get to practice! Then there are the familiar sounds of the passengers, "what kind of pop is in the ice cooler?" "I can see the golden arches (McDonalds) up there!" We were so privileged to have Brother and Sister Dennie Oakes travel with us. Sister Karen tried to take real good care of us, she was always asking us if we needed a lemon drop or a "wet one" (towellette)!

One thing is certain, we received a blessing from the people with whom we come in contact. Sometimes we get so caught up in our everyday lives, that we forget there are other people who love the Lord and have things to share all over the country. We thank everyone for making us to feel loved and cared for by preparing fantastic meals and opening your homes. I suppose more than these, we appreciate you for sharing your lives with us. Without you this choir tour would never have been possible.

We sure do not want to forget to thank you for all of your financial support in tithes and offerings, we pray the Lord will bless you for your thoughtfulness. God Bless Your Everyone.

**—Rhonda S. Reese**

As we are nearing the close of this school term, I want to thank GOD that He has given me these past few years to work here at the school. It is a pleasure for me to be with the students each year, but I feel like this should be my last year. It saddens me deeply to leave, because I've learned to Love the church people and students so much. GOD has been very good to me. There is nothing He is not willing to solve for us.

I praise GOD and Love Him dearly; He is the one friend I can depend on and trust.

**—Mollie Lewis**

Dear Friends,

Several month ago the Lord laid a burden on my heart to organize a group of young people to travel in His service this summer. We have truly sought His leading in this matter and would appreciate your prayers as we take this step by faith.

The group consists of Danny Robinson, Balco, Ok.; Kevin Cornell and Tena Keith—who will by that time be Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Cornell; Rhonda Reese, Taneyville, Mo.; and myself. All these young people are currently attending our Apostolic Faith Bible College. Danny and Kevin both feel the call of God in their lives to minister and they will be alternately sharing the responsibility of preaching in our services. We will all be taking part in the music and special singing. I appreciate the dedication and willingness of each of these lives, for rather than devoting their summer to a secular job or other endeavor, they have committed this time to the Lord's use.

We plan to be traveling the major portions of June and July, as the Lord directs. We're praying He will open doors to be able to minister in revival services, special youth services, camps, or in whatever area He sees fit.

We ask an interest in your prayers.

**—Sincerely,  
—Janae Harris  
Music Director AFBC  
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**Rev. Tica Tabor**  
**Dean, Apostolic Faith Bible School,**  
**Baxter Springs, Kansas,**

Dear Brother Tabor:

It has been my privilege to be at the Bible School for a few days, and I am writing you, or any one who may be interested, a few of my thoughts concerning the school, its purposes and accomplishments. I was greatly impressed when I found you and your wife taking courses in music. However, when I heard of your meeting last summer from which the workers were called away, and there was no one to every pray or sing an altar call, I could easily visualize your position, and understood why a school of music would be necessary for some in our movement.

I will have to confess, Brother Tabor, that I had some preconceived ideas before coming to Baxter, and one of them I wish to express in this writing. I had an opinion that the school would be a benefit only to the young beginners, preachers and workers. But after attending many of the classes, my opinion is different, and I am convinced that any one, provided they were interested, could be benefitted by the school.

As you know, I am engaged in the production of rice at Katy, Texas. Each year the seed is planted, from it there always comes a crop of rice. A bountiful crop and an abundant harvest is the sincere desire of any good farmer. Wonderful crops have been produced during the last few years, mainly because of the efficient machinery that was available. In modern times nothing is more discouraging and fateful in the culture of rice than a lot of poorly made implements. Crops must go in and come out on time. The drills for sowing the seed rice should be equipped with sharp disc blades for the continuous planting of the seed uniformly shallow, medium, or deep, as the desire of the operator may be. Farmers are sticklers for good dependable tools because they produce results even when the elements are unfavorable. As in the planting season the same is true at harvest time. The combines are worked over, repaired, rebuilt, tuned up to a high point of efficiency for the purpose of gathering the golden grain the moment it is ripe. Getting ready proves to be the biggest job in the rice business. With good tools and implements the sowing and harvesting of rice becomes a pleasant experience.

In the Bible we read that our Saviour asks that His word be sown, and that someone should be interested in His harvest. What kind of implements would He enjoy using? What kind are we furnishing? If the instruments and tools are untried and weak, why not strengthen them? If worn, rusty and dull, why not sharpen and repair them for Him? Truly the Saviour should have the best available. We all agree that the greatest preacher of the gentile age was an educated and cultured gentleman. His sermons still live and are a consolation and joy to all. As an instrument in the Saviour's hands he proved a most profitable servant in sowing and harvesting for Him. His words have stood through the years.

I know, Brother Tabor, that you and your co-workers are helping our people with the School and I want to compliment you on the management. The house is kept clean from cellar to garret. Wholesome meals are served regularly and I noticed that without begging or soliciting, supplies came rolling in from seemingly unseen sources, beef, pork, canned goods, cases of eggs, canned fruits, vegetables and even home-made pies. Surely God has some faithful servants

somewhere who sense the need of a school and are supplying the where with to make it a success. Surely not all have quit or backslid. Surely some know the need for the Master's work today, and wish to have a part and fill a place in His great plan.

The Apostolic Faith Movement was cradled and nourished in a Bible School. I heard years ago how God wonderfully blessed in the school of 1900. Years later I also received some of the benefits in my own life. And now His word has been verified again in this school of 1946. He has anointed in the teaching and reading of the Bible. His presence and divine approval has been felt in the classroom where prophecy, doctrine, evangelism, English, speech and music have been taught and in addition some were sanctified, filled with the Holy Spirit, healed as shouts of joy to His praise filled the air. What more can we hope for or desire? I can only say, brother, let the good work continue until the Saviour comes and says, "Tis enough." May our people continue their support of this great institution, the Apostolic Faith Bible School.

**As Ever Your Friend,**  
**T. B. Tucker**

*Since this letter was written in 1946 there have been 1800 students attend the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas. Only eternity will reveal the real worth of our school. May we all do our best to see God's word taught in this place and workers go forth into the fields which are white unto harvest.*

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Karen,

This is my grandson's testimony. He was converted one day as he was reading the book of Revelation. I thought you might like it for the report. Sincerely, Frances Speicher, 510 S. Main, Smith City, Kansas.

Hi,

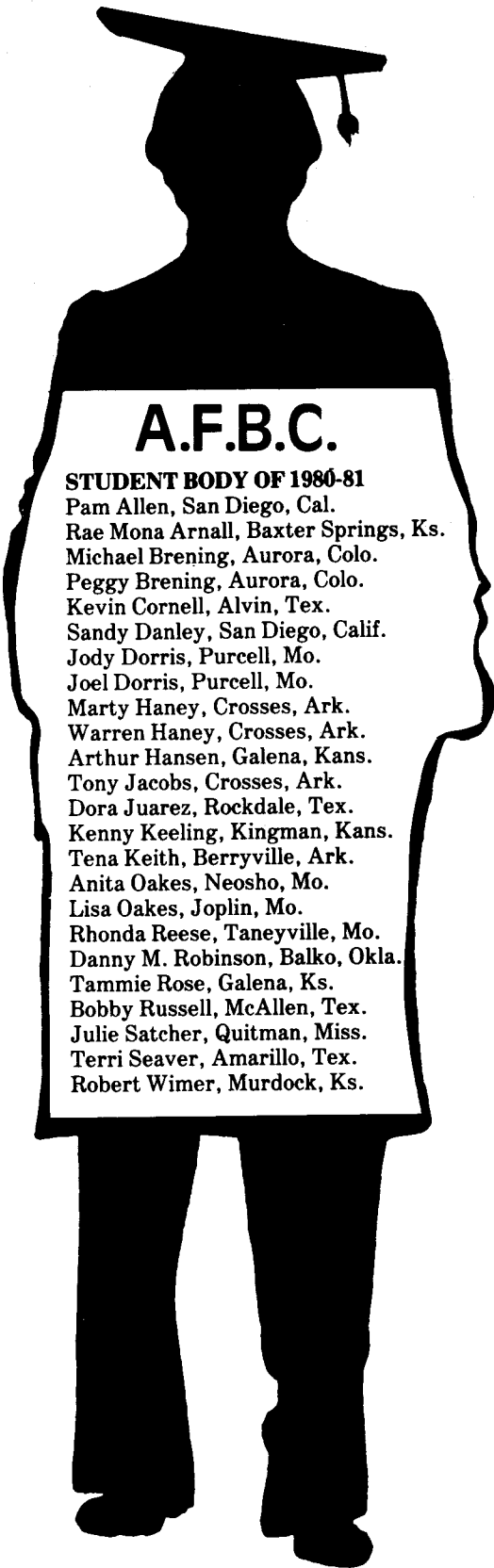
How are you doing these days? I hope everything is fine. I have good news for you. This month of January I became a Christian. It is the most wonderful feeling I've ever had in my whole life. I didn't realize how powerful the Lord could be until I accepted Jesus Christ into my heart and to be beside me the rest of my life. I have felt a peace in my heart and to be beside me the rest of my life. I have felt a peace in my heart these past few weeks.

One night I sat down and opened my Bible. I started reading Revelation and it got interesting; it got scary. Then after awhile tears started rolling from my eyes, but I didn't put it down. I read it until I was finished. I thought to myself, after I had read it, Hell is not a place that I want to go after death but rather, Heaven.

You know, if more people give of themselves, this country would solve most of it's economic problems. But instead, everybody is taking—"I want what I want, when I want it." This is the attitude that most people have.

Well, I have to go now. I just wanted to tell you that I have accepted Jesus Christ.

**Love,**  
**Randy**



## A.F.B.C.

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# JESUS SAVES

This year as the Apostolic Faith Bible College began to make preparations to go on spring tour to the Alabama, Mississippi, South Texas area, my husband Dennie and I were asked to go with them. We would like to thank each one that made it such a good trip. First, to Bro. Lyndel Arnall for extending the invitation; to the students, for their dedication to the Lord; to the churches that opened their doors to us; to each family that opened their homes for us to stay in; to all the great cooks for the wonderful meals that were provided; and last, but most of all, to our wonderful Saviour for His blessings to us, His presence in each service, His guidance each day, and a safe trip. It's truly a privilege to be able to labor for our soon coming King.

Thank you everyone!

**In Jesus Name,  
 —Dennie and Karen Oakes**

Dear Pastor,

The women's auxiliary of Trinity Apostolic Faith Church is endeavoring to compile a book of prose, poetry and song. We feel among the movement there are countless persons with God-given talent in these area. We also feel a book of this nature would serve as a tribute to our faith and be a lasting inspiration to posterity.

We wish to receive from your congregation any original prose, poetry or song for publication. We hope to receive all entries by the first of July.

Please send entries to: Trinity Apostolic Faith Church, 4th and Adoue, Alvin, Texas 77511.

**Yours in Christ  
 —Sandra White, co-ordinator**



### CONSIDER THE LILIES – CONSIDER YOUR WAYS

“Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” Luke 12:27.

Let us consider the lily. The lily, one of God’s most beautiful creations, comes forth with more splendor than even Solomon. Yet the lily bulb is planted three times its height below the surface of the ground. Too often so many of us want the beautiful appearance of the lily but we never come out of the mud of this world into a new life. Haggai 1:7 tells us, “Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways.” Prior to this rebuke, the children of Israel, who had been in captivity in Babylon, had been given permission to return to their homeland and rebuild the temple. However, for fourteen years they stopped work on the temple, becoming idle in God’s work, and began building their own houses and possessions. They were putting more emphasis on their own desires than on the will of God. Yet the people still expected God to bless them and protect them—they were in the mud but wanted to be as the lily. What are we doing to build our spiritual temples? Are we striving for the splendor of the lily or are we choking ourselves on the cares and desires of this life?

One way in which we are often choked is the love of money. Although we need money to live, we need Christ to have life. Too often we get caught up in our jobs, our possessions, and our routines as the children of Israel did. I Timothy 6:10 says, “For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” We need to take care that these temporal desires do not outweigh and take the place of our spiritual desires.

Another way in which we choke ourselves is in using, or mis-using the abilities and talents which the Lord has given to us. In the parable of the pounds in Luke 19:11-28 Jesus tells us of ten men who were given ten pounds. One man increased his pound to ten pounds, another increased his pound to five pounds; but another man kept his one pound laid up in a napkin. The two that increased their pounds were given authority over cities but the one who did not increase his pound had it taken away and given to the one with ten pounds. In this parable the Lord told his servants to “Occupy till I come”. We also are to occupy till our Lord comes. Occupying means more than just staying busy. It means to see an increase or growth in our Christian lives if we are to receive God’s blessings. If we fail to do what God would have us to do, we will not be used, but if we are faithful, He will entrust us with more work in His kingdom.

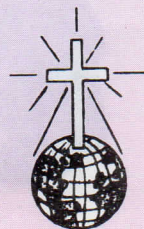
Finally, Paul exhorts us in Ephesians 4:1 to “Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.” Each one of us has a job to do and we can come forth in perfection just as the lily if we will consider our ways and be careful not to let this world rob us of God’s blessings and victories.

—by Mike Brening

### IF GOD BE FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?

We have often heard the statement, “If GOD be for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31b), and yet we as Christians fear many things in this life. Many of us as Christians tend to try to put limits on the power of GOD. Often times we tend to rank the problems and situations we face in terms of how we as humans could remedy them. We fail to realize that any knowledge, talent, or skill we have has been given to us by GOD. GOD as our creator knows our strengths and our weaknesses and will always meet us at the point of our need as we look to Him. “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but GOD is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” (I Cor. 10:13) In Romans 8:35-39 we read, “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for slaughter. Nay, in all things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of GOD, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” In light of these scriptures then why should we as Christians, true children of GOD, fear anything pertaining to this present world, however, we must remember the first part of our text, If GOD be for us. Luke 12:15 says, “But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear Him, which after He hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear Him.” This passage of scripture tells us that we must fear GOD, and Him only, as He has the power to cast into hell. Then, why do we as Christians fear the things of the world? I believe it is because we fail to, “Draw nigh to GOD, and He will draw nigh to you.” (James 4:8a) Many of us take our eyes off of our true goal of walking side by side with Christ, and look at the cares and troubles of this present world. Too often, we forget the formula for successful Christian living: “Submit yourselves therefore to GOD. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7) So many times we submit to every whim of Satan and resist every attempt of GOD to intervene and provide a way of escape. If we would but look to Christ, who is the author and finisher of our faith, He is willing and able to help us. My mind often goes back to the words of that familiar song which says, “Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry **everything** to GOD in prayer.” Truly, the grace of GOD is sufficient and His strength is made perfect in our weakness. (taken from II Cor. 12:9) In light of these scriptures with Paul we can truly say, “If GOD be for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31a)

—Kevin D. Cornell





# walk worthy

**CAN'T  
NEVER  
DID  
ANYTHING**

I don't know if you have ever heard the saying "Can't never did anything," but it is so true in our Christian lives. If all we ever say to the Lord when He requires a deed for us is "I can't," nothing will ever be accomplished. Christ spoke in Luke 10:2, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few..." There is a lot of work that needs to be done for the spreading of the gospel, but there are few that ever accept the responsibility of doing their part that God has called them to do. I believe today, that in order for a person to be a successful Christian, or for a church to be a successful body, willingness to do God's will is the key factor. God cannot use anyone that is not willing to work for Him.

We have the greatest example of one being willing to do God's will found in the New Testament. This was Jesus Christ Himself. Philippians 2:5-8 says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Then in Luke 22:42, Christ "Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thing, be done." Just think if Christ would have said "I can't" when the Father ask Him to give His life for all mankind. Would we be where we are today if Christ had not been willing to die for us? If we are truly Christ-like, we will do the Father's will regardless of what we want to do. Christ preferred the cup to pass from Him, but He did what the Father wanted Him to do. So must we today be willing to put aside our wills and do the Father's will.

Before a person can truly do the will of the Father, he must be willing at heart to do so. God doesn't want a people that He has to beg for them to do His will. God will not beg you to do anything. He only stands at the door knocking. He wants willing workers that are happy to do His will. If we will not do the work God has for us, He will find someone else to do the work for Him; but until we face up to God's will in our lives, we will never enjoy life and experience the fulness of living for the Lord.

When God gives a person a job to do, He always supplies the ability to fulfill that job also. Sometimes we as Christians feel that the job God has given us is for someone that is more capable than we are. God would not have ask you to do that job unless He knew that you were capable to handle the job. A lot of times we may be incapable of doing a job but that is where the power of the Lord helps us. I once heard an interesting quote that said, "God doesn't ask for ability; He only asks for availability." If you are available to do the job, God will supply the ability to complete the job. In Exodus 3:10-12, we find that Moses faced this very problem. It says, "Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I

should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain." Moses felt incapable of the task God wanted him to do, but God assured him that He would be with him and that he could do the job. The same applies for us today. God works today just as He did back in the time of Moses.

There are many jobs that the Lord would have us to do in the church: there must be willing teachers to teach classes; there must be willing singers to sing in the services; there must be willing janitors to help keep the church clean; there must be willing helpers to help in all the different activities of the church; and there are so many more different jobs that each of us can do if only we are willing to do them. If we all work together and each member does his part, everything runs much smoother. There are also many jobs that the Lord would have us to do in our own individual lives at home. Whatever job God has for you, He also has the ability for you to do that job. Don't be afraid to step out by faith. The Word tells us we live by faith, so let us put that faith to action. The next time we are asked to do a job in the church or any place where the Lord's work can and needs done, let us step out and meet the challenge by putting our faith in God. We can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us. He will always see us through.

— Danny M. Robinson



## BEATITUDES

Matthew 5:3-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Bless are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.



## WHAT KIND OF MEMBER ARE YOU?

Some are like wheelbarrows, no good unless pushed.

Some are like canoes, they need to be paddled.

Some are like kites, you have to keep string on them or they will fly away.

Some are like footballs, you can't tell which way they are going to bounce next.

Some are like balloons, full of wind and are likely to blow up if not handled with care.

Some are 100% members, regular attenders and very cooperative.

**What kind of member are you?**

# CHURCH NEWS

## **Pampa, Texas**

We are doing real fine in the church. We're just praising God for all His benefits to us. Our pastor has been giving us some real thought provoking sermons on "How to Live," "What real consecrated Lives Are," and "How to keep our experience in all the trials of life."

Pray for us as we begin a Revival with Brother Billy Sparks. Our Revival with Brother Methvin was wonderful.

— Ralph Denton, pastor

## **Range Missionary Group**

We are called Range Missionary Ladies and it is called a Community group. We meet every two weeks with the exception of the summer months. We meet all day and have a covered dish dinner. We have a devotional each time and special prayer. We tack quilts and get some of them hemmed. We also cut quilt blocks, and mend clothes and tear up old clothes for making quilts and insides for quilts. Our money for projects come from donations among our group and other interested people.

Here is a report of our work for the year of 1980:

We took lap robes, bibs, pajamas, robes and fruit to rest homes in Perryton, Texas and Guymon, Oklahoma.

To Cal Farley's Boys' Ranch we gave 128 quilts, 50 throw pillows and 4 big frog pillows. We made a special trip to take them. It was a special time for all of us. They have more than 375 boys.

To Girl's Town in Borger, Texas we gave 29 boxes of clothing, 22 quilts, pillow and bedspreads. We also took art and craft supplies, cookies, chips, crackers and popcorn.

We sent three Christmas boxes to Don Russell Orphan's Home. These contained candy, gum, puzzles, coloring books, storybooks, Crayolas and stuffed animals.

We gave clothing, 44 large quilts, 12 baby quilts, food and Christmas things to Missionary Naomi Saulter of Sells, Arizona. She works on Papaga and Navajo Indian Reservations.

We gave clothing to Salvation Army and to a mission in Guymon, Okla.

We also fixed 38 Thanksgiving plates and delivered to the elderly.

The total amount for the year of 1980 was:

Ninety-nine boxes of clothes, 194 packages of gum, 12 baby quilts, 22 lap robes, eight bibs, 37 packages of candy, 190 packages of gum and we made 23 stuffed kittens and frogs for Christmas boxes.

This is our 28th year. It started small but has grown. God has blessed our efforts and we are thankful for it. What a privilege to work for the Lord in a small way. We do give quilts to people who have fires in their homes or wherever there is a need.

April-May 1981

## **Kingman, Kansas**

We want to thank the Lord for all His blessings. Spring is officially here and we can see God's handiwork everywhere. Just as earth is reborn and renewed, so can man, through the precious blood of Christ. Let us renew our walk with God so that He can transform our minds.

We enjoyed a very special and sacred time in commemorating the Easter season.

We were happy to have Kenny Keeling and Pam Allen with us in service recently. We were also very happy to hear that Mike and Peggy Brening have a new baby boy.

We invite people to stop and visit whenever they are in Kingman.

In Christ's love,  
Phyllis Wimer, co-reporter

## **Galena, Kansas**

Dear Friends of the movement,

We come to you again with joy in our hearts because of the good blessings of the Lord. God has never failed us and we know He never will! We have just enjoyed a good revival with Bro. Barry Methvin. Young and old alike were blessed. Praise God because He is no respecter of persons. No matter what condition our lives may be in, when we ask Him sincerely, He always forgives.

Our area youth enjoyed, recently, going to the campground to rake and burn leaves, then having a weiner roast and fun time afterward. There were youth there from Galena, Joplin, Purcell, Prosperity and the Bible College. We appreciated help from Bro. and Sis. Christenson, Bro. Lyndel Arnall, Mrs. Wilton, and Bro. and Sis. Corky Hall.

As we look around today, we see so much trouble on every hand, but the Bible tells us that "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and are safe." Praise God, we can stand on His Word!

Remember the Galena church in your prayers and come anytime to be in service with us!

God bless you all!

— Elmer Christenson, pastor  
— Donna Kinser, reporter

## **LOVE OUTREACH**

The women of the Apostolic Church in Taneyville have reached out in Love and started a missionary group. They will be meeting once a month to have a work day, to work on projects for the outreach. Our first meeting was very rewarding, as we elected officers, sang choruses to our Lord, and made plans to make a friendship quilt for one of our mission families.

Carol Williams was elected President, Pat Crouch; Vice-President, Helen Souttee; Secretary—Treasurer, and Maxine Combs; reporter.

Pray with us that we will be able to reach out to those around us as well as our foreign missions, in the love of Christ. When we see so many in nursing homes, elderly alone, and those that are ill with no one to care, we can realize the need to reach out in the love of Christ.

### **Amarillo, Texas**

We feel that our work is over here at the church in Amarillo, Texas. We have resigned as the Pastor here, to become effective at Camp Meeting. We have enjoyed our labors with the church here. They are a fine group of people to work with. We are praying that the church will find the right pastor by Camp Meeting, and that the church will grow in numbers and in spiritual matters also.

After Camp Meeting, we plan to move into our home at Laverne, Okla., and do fill in work as we are needed. We will also hold special services or revivals. Pray for the church here and for us that we will be led of the Lord.

**Love and Prayers,  
Yours in the Master's Service,  
Gene and Stella Cornell**



### **Enid, Oklahoma**

The Apostolic Faith Report has been a blessing to me. Our church looks forward to it each month. The articles have been so much of a blessing lately to all who read them.

There have been some real hard trials lately but the Victory came. Sickness, heartaches, pain, sorrow, and death is all covered by the stripes and our Saviour's blood. Our good pastor was ill but the Victory was won. We have a wonderful leader in our Pastor. She never fails in all deeds of kindness, help, prayers, and service. The word of God is shared for our growth and as help to get the Victory over the spirit of the World. Our church is alive and growing in spirit and in numbers.

Our church lost a dear member, Mrs. Maudie Tickle. Her empty pew hurts our heart but we rejoice that her battle is over and her Victory won. Mrs. Tickle went to rest in the Lord March 3. Her memory will bless our hearts but her place can't be filled.

Our church will have a revival in the near future. We are praying for souls to be won to the Lord and Christians to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

May God bless all His dear children with love, joy, peace, happiness, health, and hope until we cross over Jordan to be with Him forever.

Looking forward to Camp Meeting in July, where the blessings we will share with you as God richly pours out His goodness. The time of the coming of the Lord is near—even at the door. Let not your hearts be troubled for the Lord cares for His own. He never fails. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God bless all of you dear people.

**—Sister Dorothy Cook, pastor  
—Mary Branham, reporter**



I'm feeling better each day. I have taken up part of my Gospel duties and will take more in the near future. Praise God for touching my body. I'm able to write some now, I thank God for everyone that prayed for me. I pray for the report each day. May God bless you and each one that helps you print the paper.

**Love and Prayers,  
Opal T. Ferry  
3300 Gibraltar Drive  
Riverside, Calif. 92506**

### **Crosses Arkansas**

Greeting from the "Beautiful Ozarks." Each day we can see God's handy works. Only recently as we had afternoon showers, we viewed the most beautiful rainbow with all of its colors so perfect. Only God could hang something so beautiful and give us a promise at the same time.

We are proud of three young men from our church who decided to attend the Apostolic Faith Bible College and deepen their lives in the things of God. They are our pastor's sons, Marty and Warren Haney and Tony Jacobs. These men with several other young people have been with us in services different times this year. We have learned to appreciate their lives. These are Dora Jaurez, Sandy Danley and Barbara Cooper. God bless you young folks as you put your trust in the Lord.

In the adult class here at Crosses we have been studying in Daniel and will soon go into Revelations. As we study in these books it makes us to realize how much more we need to study God's Word and also makes us to realize how we need to deepen our lives in the things of the Lord so we will be ready for the days that are ahead of us. We cannot go on someone else's experience or their shoulders to speak. We will have to have our own foundation. Have you put your trust in Him and have that firm foundation which I feel we will need to carry us through? Praise God for His promises. It will be worth it all one of these days. I'm looking forward to His coming. Are you?

We praise the Lord for our pastor who we feel preaches as God gives him the messages that is needed for the time.

**—Rev. Roland Haney, pastor  
—Winona Waggoner, reporter**



### **Spearman, Texas**

The Lord has blessed our country with a good wet snow in March and it made the air smell so clean and fresh. On February 15, Bro. and Sis. Jake Regier were in service with us. They ministered to us through their testimony.

On February 25, Debbie Grimmer was in our Wednesday night service. We appreciate her leading our song service.

On March 8, Bro. and Sis. Alvin Buschman and their family were in service with us. They are making a move from Big Spring, Texas to Hudson, Wyoming.

Bro. Alvin brought the morning message. His subject was "What are we doing for Christ right now?" He emphasized the need for workers for Christ.

The Buschmans also favored us with some special songs. We always appreciate the ministry of our young ministers and their dedication for the gospel.

We miss our precious friends Bro. and Sis. Tim Reardon from our church family. May God bless them in their home in Perryton, Texas. Bro. Tim's job needed them to move to Perryton, Texas. Our loss will be Bro. Waterbury's gain.

Our church is beginning to pray and carry a burden for a revival.

We extend a special invitation to all our ministers to come for service anytime. We always appreciate the encouragement.

**—Lealand Grimmer, pastor**

### **Taneyville, Missouri**

Greetings in the name of Lord and King! Our soon coming KING! We are praising God for His goodness to us and for the precious blessings He continues to bestow on His children.

We were especially privileged to Bro. Barry Methvin in revival on March 6, 7, 8. He ministered in song and message. We thank God for sending him our way and using him to bring encouragement to our hearts. Many expressed a closer walk with the Lord because of these services. As the preacher's wife, for one, I can say God truly blessed me. Sometimes it seems like we "sit, soak, and sour," in our relationship with the Lord. Then someone comes along, the Word is preached, the Lord revives, freshens, and sweetens His love in our hearts! I surely thank Him for renewing that precious first "LOVE" for my loving Saviour. We had good response for the revival. One night we had more young people than adults! It was a special time of fellowship for the young people, as Bro. Barry truly has a gift of working with the young.

On Feb. 15, we showed a very impressive film strip on an ancient shroud that could have been the cloth that wrapped the body of Jesus Christ. It was called "The Shroud of Turin." The most heart breaking scene was showing the stripes on His body. They not only covered the back of the body, but all the way down the body even to the ankles. When we think of what our Lord looked like after He was beaten and crucified, it makes us shudder. Oh, how much more we must realize His love for us, as He received those stripes for us. More than that, He received them for our healing. How can we deny divine healing, and divine health when Christ bought it for us? How can we say doctors and divine health go hand in hand? Wasn't the broken body of Christ enough? Do we have to lean on the arm of flesh? Oh, sweet Jesus, teach me to lean on you, for my salvation, my life, my healing.

We have enjoyed visits from Rhonda Resse and Bruce Perry, both students at AFBC. They ministered in song and Bro. Bruce brought the Sunday morning message on March 8. It is exciting to see God work in the lives of His people, form them, mold them and make them in His image.

Have you prayed for the Bible School? Have you asked God for a precious burden of intercession for the school? It's our school If we don't take the responsibility to support the school with prayers and finance, who will?

### **Midway Country Church**

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." I Samuel 7:12

We at Midway Country Church are praising the Lord for the opportunity and success of our fund raising efforts to attend the Passion Play at Eureka Springs, Ark., July 30 through Aug. 2, 1981. Our efforts have also been blessed by increasing interest as well as donations from people outside the walls of the church.

Our progress has grown from an ice cream sale at the Beaver County fair this fall, to an old fashion Halloween box supper, to a very successful garage sale Feb. 20 and 21, to a pie sale at the Laverne Stock show. Praise the Lord.

The Midway Country Church had a concert March 20 featuring the Earl Weatherford family. We were proud and excited to have the Adair family in revival April 9-12.

We, at Midway, ask for your prayers in our continuing growth and success.

—Keith and Dottie Daily  
Bob Taylor, pastor

### **TANEYVILLE YOUTH GROUP**

On March 8th, the young people of the church spent the day with Sammy Clemans! We helped celebrate Rex Clemans' and Buddy Williams' birthdays! It was great fun as we spent the day hiking, eating, hiking, and eating! There were about 17 young people enjoying the wonders of the Lord and His world.

We especially enjoyed having Bro. Barry Methvin come and share with us during our devotion time. Bro. Barry challenged us to live our lives for the Lord and to work for Him. We truly enjoyed the special services Bro. Barry had at our church. Many of us reached out for a deeper walk with the Lord.

With excitement and anticipation our young people planned a Sweetheart Banquet for Feb. 15. It was a great success! We chose candidates from each of the Sunday School classes, the church voted for their "Sweetheart". Everyone enjoyed the special services, as each candidate was dressed in red or white, and carried a long stemmed red rose. Each was escorted by one of our young people, and received special recognition from the entire church.

Carla Freund was our choice, escorted by Terry Haes. Carla is a senior this year and attends Forsyth High School. She was instrumental in starting the Youth for Christ work in the high school. She is an assistant teacher in our beginner Sunday school class. Carla is a beautiful Christian and lives her testimony before her friends. Her work for the Lord is appreciated and the love she shares has won her a place in our hearts. Thank you Carla for your life of love for others.

Mrs. Rick Turner, escorted by Kent Grady was the third runner up. Second runner up was Martha Clemans, escorted by Rex Clemans. Cassandra Perry was first runner up, escorted by Wade Taylor.

Other candidates and their escorts were: Nursery Class—Penny Williams, escorted by Rocky Turner, Beginner Class—Leona Sabins, escorted by Justin Williams, Primary Class—Tracy Brown, escorted by Wayne Stuart, Junior Class—Tracia Smith, escorted by Adam Perry, Young Married—Carol Williams, escorted by Buddy Williams.

Missy Stuart was the Mistress of Ceremonies. Paula Perry played "Let It Be Me", while the candidates marched down the aisle.

After the morning worship service the young people served a delicious banquet to the whole church. There was plenty for all, and everyone seemed to enjoy the special fellowship.

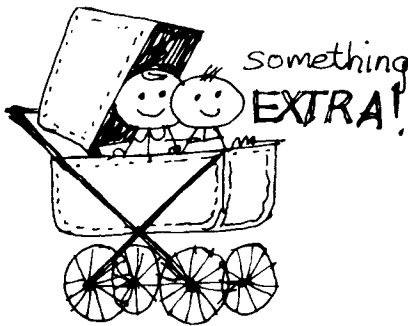
We, the young people, especially want to thank our sponsor, Judy Clemans. The banquet would have been impossible without her work and desire to show the love of the Lord to our church family.

—Missy Stuart  
—Karla Schelf



## **Anniversary**

Evangelist Homer and Pearl Coberly will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary June 6, 1981. Evangelist and Mrs. Coberly reside at 1307 30th Street in Lubbock, Texas 79405.



### JOHNSON

Eric and LaRhonda Johnson of Katy, Texas are happy to announce the birth of their little daughter LaErica D'Ann who was born February 12, 1981. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Alsop of Katy, Texas. Paternal grandfather is Mr. Gale Johnson of Modesto, California.

### KELLY

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kelly, Jr. of Pine Hill, Alabama are proud to announce the arrival of their new son Joshua Ted, born March 13, 1981. He weighed 8 lbs. 12 ozs. He was welcomed by brothers Tim and Travis. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Griffin of Fountian, Alabama. Paternal grandparents are J. D. Kelly of Pine Hill, Alabama.

### ARNALL

Fred and Debbie Arnall announce the arrival of their son Chad Wayne. He arrived March 20, 1981 at 5:34 p.m. He weighed 9 lbs 8 ozs.

### CROSTHWAIT

A tiny bundle of joy, Karl David, has come to bless the home of Kenneth and Sandra Crosthwait in Kerrville, Texas. He arrived February 20, 1981 at 8:32 a.m. and weighed 8 lbs. 8 ozs. Three year old sister, Keri Dawn also had a big welcome for him. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Lennons of Kerrville, formerly of Laverne, Okla. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Gladys Crosthwait of Corpus Christi, Texas.

### LARGEN

Bill and SuGerriben Largen announce the arrival of their daughter Songya Sunshine Rose March 10, 1981. She weighed 8 lbs. 8 ozs.

### BRENING

Mike and Peggy Brening of Baxter Springs, Kansas would like to announce the arrival of Jacob Michael on April 7, 1981. He weighed 8 lbs. 7 ozs. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul A Gray of Aurora, Colorado. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brening, also of Aurora, Colorado.

### CROUCH

Rick and Lisa Crouch are the proud parents of their son, Richard Warren Crouch. Born March 2, 1981 at 12:26 p.m. He weighed 9 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 21 inches long. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kline of Stockton, Calif. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Crouch of Baxter Springs, Kansas.

### MATTHEWS

Angela Lynette Matthews, daughter of Leonard and Carla Matthews was born January 7, 1981 at Big Springs, Texas. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 ozs. Grandparents are W. H. Blythe of Rockdale, Texas and Minnie Matthews of Snyder, Texas.

Praise the Lord the days of miracles are not over. After 4 miscarriages by 1974 and nearly dying twice, the doctors told us to never try to have a child because I would probably die the next time. They wanted me to have surgery to insure us never having children. I just never gave in to that. I had gotten away from church and away from the Lord. I went the ways of the world and didn't think I had any faith in anything anymore.

In the summer of 1979, I became pregnant again. The doctors here in Snyder advised an abortion. I couldn't face that so I went to a doctor in Big Springs. I feel like the Lord just led me to him. He started working with me. At four months he found my problem. I had a problem correctable by a minor surgery. He performed it on this pregnancy too late to save the baby. We lost a little boy at 5½ months. But, in the meantime, the Lord had been working with me. I had found my way back to Him. He had bathed me in His love daily and I couldn't become depressed over my loss like I had always done before. He started enlightening me with His promises and He showed me the thief was the one that came to steal, kill and destroy, not He. I discovered promises like "Delight thyself in the Lord and He will give thee the desires of thy heart." Psalm 37:4. After I got it in my spirit it was the Lord's will for me to have a child, I was ready to go. When I was about a month and a half along with Angela I was in a meeting in Rockdale. The Lord sent a man I had never seen before to pray with me about the baby. He told me after the service that in Hebrews chapter 1 it says that "God is upholding all things by the power of His word." If God can uphold the universe by the power of His word, He can uphold one small child for nine months in the womb. His word is alive and you can depend on it entirely. I stood on that scripture and the promise that none shall cast forth their fruits before season. The doctor told his nurses in the delivery room that I wasn't acting like someone with a problem. Praise the Lord I didn't have one. The baby developed yellow jaundice after birth and her bilirubin count went way high. They couldn't get it down and finally told us there was a problem. He started testing for spinal meningitis. Her spinal tap showed a definite infection somewhere and he started cultures to see if they would grow indicating meningitis. I went over to my husband and took his hand and we stood on Matthew 18:19, the agreement scripture, and agreed nothing would grow on the culture. I called my Church that was in service right then and the pastor told me later they stood on the same scripture. The baby took a turn for the better immediately. I knew she was healed. The doctor told us she started improving about that time that same day. She's a healthy, beautiful baby and we praise God for her. Oh, yes, the doctor never found where her infection was but that she had had one somewhere. She's truly our little miracle.

God is never in a hurry but spends years with those He expects to greatly use. He never thinks the days of preparation too long or too dull.

# Doctrinal Teachings

by **Dora Beydler**

## **TRI-UNITY OF THE GODHEAD**

We believe in the Tri-unity of the Godhead, consisting of God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost. These three are all eternally existent, separate personalities, working together as One. "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." I John 5:7. We believe God is the Supreme Deity, Sovereign of the Universe, creative and administrative; Holy in nature, attributes and purpose.

We believe Jesus Christ is the second person in the Tri-unity of the Godhead; that He was with God the Father in the beginning and has always been one of the eternal Godhead (John 1:1); that He became incarnate by the Holy Ghost (Luke 1:35) and was born of the virgin Mary. We believe that Jesus died for our sins, and that He arose from the dead and ascended into heaven where He is now our Intercessor.

We believe the Holy Ghost is the third person in the Tri-unity of the Godhead; that He is ever present and efficiently active in and with the Church of Christ, convincing the world of sin.

## **THE BIBLE**

We believe in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures by which we understand that the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, given by divine inspiration, reveal the will of God in all things necessary to our salvation; so that whatever is not contained therein is not enjoined as an article of Faith.

## **SIN**

We believe that sin is the corruption of the nature of all the offspring of Adam, and that "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23. Jesus said, "...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," Luke 13:3. But through the shedding of His blood on the cross, Jesus made full atonement for any or all of the human race who will forsake sin and serve a risen Savior, John 3:16.

## **THE GRACE OF GOD**

Grace is the unmerited favor of God brought to man through the supreme sacrifice made by Jesus on the cross, John 1:17.

## **ENLIGHTENMENT**

Enlightenment is the act of being enlightened or instructed by the Holy Ghost that we may see or desire the things of God, Psalm 19:8; Ephesians 1:18.

## **REPENTANCE [act of man]**

Repentance is a Godly sorrow for sin; a broken and a contrite heart, Psalm 51:7, 10, 17. It is a thorough change of mind and heart, Luke 3:8; Romans 10:10.

## **CONVERSION OR JUSTIFICATION [act of God].**

The first work of Grace. This is to be changed from a sinful state to the place of being justified before God and the blood of Christ cleanses us from all our sins, Romans 5:1; 6:23; I John 1:17. This is a regeneration—the beginning of a new life, Titus 3:5; John 1:12.

## **CONSECRATION [act of man]**

Consecration is the dedicating of a person, place or thing and in God's plan of our salvation, it includes the dedicating of self, our possessions and hopes to the will of God, Romans 12:1, 2; Hebrews 10:12.

## **SANCTIFICATION—THE NEW BIRTH [act of God]**

This is the second definite work of Grace. God accepts our consecration and sets us free from the carnal nature, or that nature to want to do the things of sin. This is the NEW BIRTH and the inner man is cleansed, John 3:3; James 1:18. This does not make it impossible to sin but it takes away the desire to sin. We are set apart to be His workmen and to give a life of service unto God. We are sanctified, body, soul, spirit, I Thessalonians 5:23; 4:3, 4.

## **ANOINTING OF THE HOLY GHOST**

Sometimes this is called the Anointing that Abideth. It is a unction or understanding, taught and led by the Holy Ghost, II Peter 1:21; I John 2:20, 21; 2:27.

## **BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST**

This is a gift of power upon a sanctified life with the evidence of speaking in other languages as the Spirit gives utterance. This experience is given for the edifying of the individual and also to edify the church through the interpretation. It is also a sign to unbelievers. Acts 2:4. John 14:16; Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:16-18, 41; Acts 1:8.

## **DIVINE HEALING**

We believe that Jesus suffered the stripes upon His body, at His trial, for the healing of our bodies as well as for the healing of our souls. James 5:14-16; I Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:5; III John 2.

## **NO DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE**

We believe when a man takes a wife they become one flesh in the sight of God. Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:31. Jesus said, "They are no twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." Matthew 19:6. To divorce and remarry is committing adultery, Matthew 19:9; Luke 16:18; I Corinthians 7:39. Anyone who is divorced and remarried cannot serve in any official capacity in the Church or Sunday School. Titus 1:16; I Timothy 3:2.

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

We believe that we should pay one tenth of all our increase to God and that it should be used for the spreading of the Gospel, and that we have given nothing until we have given an offering above the tithe. Offerings may be used for the building and up-keep of Churches and Church properties. Malachi 3:8, 10; Luke 11:42.

## REDEMPTION OF THE SAINTS

We believe that at the close of this dispensation, Jesus will appear in the clouds to catch away His Elect, Matthew 24:29-31; Revelation 1:7 and 12:5) and that this Elect number shall be 144,000 who are pure before God. Revelation 14:1-5.

## SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

We believe that Jesus shall come to this earth again and that after He has destroyed the wicked at the battle of Armageddon, He will set up His Kingdom and shall reign for 1,000 years upon this earth. Daniel 7:13-14; John 14:3; Acts 1:11.

## THOUSAND YEAR REIGN OF CHRIST

We believe that when Jesus returns to this earth to rule in His Kingdom that He will bring that 144,000 redeemed with Him and that the blessed and Holy dead will be resurrected—this is the first resurrection—and that they along with the living sanctified will meet Him and become Kings and Priests in His Kingdom. I Thessalonians 4:14-18; Revelation 1:6.

## FIRST AND SECOND RESURRECTIONS

We believe in two resurrections. The first resurrection will be at the time Jesus comes back to reign for 1,000 years upon this earth and the second will be at the end of that reign of 1,000 years, Revelation 20:4-6.

## CONDITIONAL IMMORTALITY OR LIFE THROUGH CHRIST

We believe eternal life will be given only to those who accept Jesus as their personal Savior and are living for Him at the end of this life, Matthew 24:13. When Jesus shall come back to this earth, those who are alive and remain shall be changed from a mortal body to an immortal body—this applies also to the 144,000 Redeemed at the time of their redemption—and the dead in Christ shall receive an incorruptable body at the time of their resurrection. Immortality applies only to the changed body—not to the soul. I Timothy 6:15, 16; I John 5:11-12; Romans 2:7; I Corinthians 15:50-54.

## CREATION AND FORMATION

We believe that 1,000 years of time, as we count time, equals one day of God's time, II Peter 3:8, and that in the sixth day of His creation week, He created—spoke into existence—both man and woman, Genesis 1:26-28. God rested the seventh day then on the first day of His second week—our present week—He formed Adam from the dust of the ground, Genesis 2:6-7. Later God took one of Adam's ribs and made Eve to be Adam's help meet, Genesis 2:21-24. We believe these two races of people dwelt upon the earth until the flood in the days of Noah but because of the wickedness of man, God sent the flood and all the offspring of intermarriages between the two races were destroyed and the created race were placed in a prison. After Jesus' crucifixion and before His resurrection, He went to preach to those people that they too might be judged by the same judgement as the formed race. Matthew 12:40; I Peter 3:19-20; II Peter 2:4-5; I Peter 4:6.

## DESTRUCTION OF THE WICKED

We believe there is only one way to eternal life and that is by justification through the Blood of Christ and that from the time of that experience we must continue to serve Him. All those people who turn back or do not even start to serve the Lord, do not have eternal life and will be destroyed in the lake of fire after the Judgment Day. Ezekiel 18:4, 21, 24; Matthew 7:13; II Thessalonians 1:7-9; Romans 6:23; Malachi 4:1; This is the second death.

## ORDINANCES

Water baptism by immersion:

We believe that water baptism is an outward sign of the inward work which has already been done and that to fulfill all righteousness we need to follow Jesus in baptism. It signifies or is a symbol of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. Matthew 3:13-15; Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:3-4.

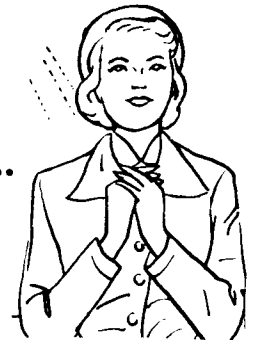
Communion; (often called the Lord's supper)

When we partake of the bread and the fruit of the vine (grape juice) we are taking them as a symbol of the broken body and the shed blood of Jesus and it is a service in remembrance of His death on the cross. Matthew 26:26-28; I Corinthians 11:23-30.

Feet Washing: When Jesus came to this earth, He took upon Him the form of a servant Philippians 2:3-8, and in keeping with His humbleness and willingness to serve, He washed the disciples feet, John 13:5, 14. Since Jesus gave that example we believe that in observing that ordinance we are showing humbleness and willingness to serve our fellowmen.

Her Children  
Rise Up and  
Call Her Blessed;...

Proverbs 31:28



I'm the only Mother my children will ever have! — I'd better be a good one!

I had only one Mother and she was a good one! The memories I retain of life at home are warm and good. She gave herself to the task of motherhood. My Mother penned in her diary, "Training my children is the most important task I have while they are under my care and nothing shall interfere with that training; the house work, church demands, social obligations — all must be subservient to my children's welfare". Despite the demands as a busy wife, she always found time to spend with us. She loved us and we loved her. Other children loved her also. As we grew, the Word of God was a part of our lives; taught to us by a precious mother. She spent hours shaping the futures of her children and her work is to stand for ages to come.

I only had one Mother and if she had not been a good one, my life would have been different now. I thank God for my Mother and for all precious Mothers. God bless all of you real good.

—Bertha Stimson  
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Warda, Texas

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TEENS June 1-6	JUNIOR AGE June 8-13
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